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TO SERVE AS
GRACELAND'S
18TH PRESIDENT
AND KEENLY AWARE
OF THE GREAT
RESPONSIBILITIES
THAT GO WITH
THAT POSITION.***

Dear Graceland Friends,

Sitting on the stage at the inauguration ceremony and facing a full Shaw Center auditorium was an exciting, challenging and humbling experience. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have extended to Jeff and me with your calls, visits and support of Graceland. I am especially grateful for the many alumni who came to share in the inauguration. I was quite moved and assure you I will do everything in my power to live up to the university's strong traditions and core values, while meeting the needs of today's students.

I want to extend a special thank you to the Alumni Board for the collegial and engaged support as I transitioned to the Graceland community. The alumni partnership with the administration, faculty and students helps make a great education possible for current and potential Graceland students.

Thank you again for being a special part of an inspiring inauguration and energetic homecoming weekend. It was great to meet so many of you, and I look forward to seeing more of you next year!

As we look to the future, we will be guided by our strategic direction:

Exceptional Academics, Experiences and Value through Growth

This direction will be realized by growing our academic programs and student life experiences and measured growth in our student body, while improving our fiscal strength to ensure Graceland's longterm impact on the world. In addition, we need to share the value of a Graceland education and the ways it prepares alumni for strong careers and rewarding lives. We will be calling on some of you to share your story and hearing about the ways you value your Graceland experience.

In 2017-19, we seek to make progress on our strategic direction, following six strategic pathways, which will reflect our priorities.

POWER OF TOGETHER Strategic Pathways

1. Academics for the Future
2. Holistic Student Experiences
3. Strategic Enrollment and Retention Growth
4. Financial Stability and Learning Environment
5. Distinctive Value
6. Collaborative and Innovative Community

Patricia H. Draves



Dr. Draves brings the experience, energy and spirit needed to lead the university on our continued path of growth and success.

—Harry J. Ashenhurst, PhD
Chair, Board of Trustees



Patricia H. Draves, PhD, was inaugurated as Graceland University's 18th president Friday morning, Oct. 13, 2017.

The event was the culmination of a week of inaugural celebrations and opened the annual homecoming festivities for members and friends of the Graceland community.

Honored by many, President Draves' sister MaryBeth Holland O'Hearn, Esq, delivered a humorous yet impressive story of Draves' journey to become Graceland's 18th president, offering the ways her sister has created her own success. O'Hearn highlighted Draves' life rules to work hard, have fun, show up early and enjoy curiosity and adventure.

"Pat's values are eternal values: hardworking, preparation, balance, service, sharing, kindness, family, generosity and love," said O'Hearn. "My sister — your president — does not just have these values, she lives them. She does them. She performs them. She practices them ... every single day."

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Brian White, spoke of Graceland's history to create an environment in which people come to be educated as a

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION **PATRICIA H. DRAVES, PhD**

means to change the world, and offered President Draves an emotional welcome home.

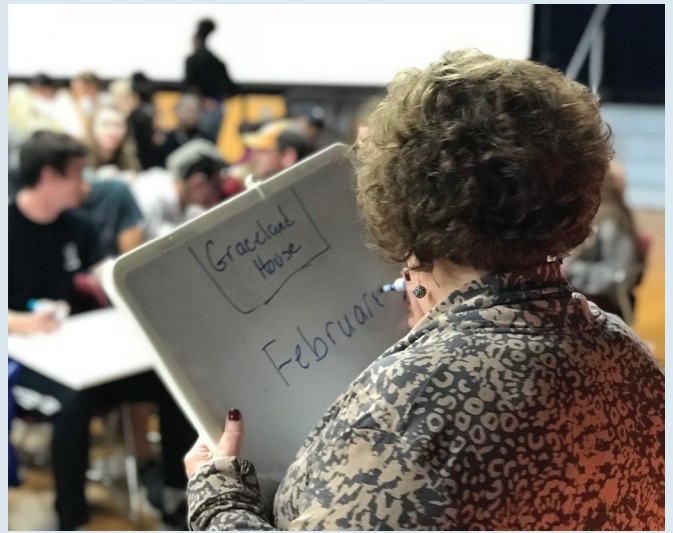
"A wise person once mentioned to me that in the midst of all of this really important work we do, we might as well have some fun, and that person was you," shared White as he turned to President Draves. He then welcomed her to "The Power of Together" with two breakdowns of the word together: the old English origin of the word, gather, with fellowship and community, and then a simpler version in his final statement, "the word together is just made up of three basic words — to, get, her — and we got you, and you got us, and we are incredibly fortunate."

The service was emotional at times and often filled with laughter, a sentiment to the personality President Draves has brought with her to her presidency, and this sentiment is echoed by other Graceland leaders.



An on-demand video of the inauguration and a copy of President Draves' inaugural speech are available online: graceland.edu/inauguration

Inaugural Events



SHARING THE GRACELAND JOURNEY TOGETHER

A program and reception were held at Graceland's Independence campus Oct. 9 at noon. The program in the Carmichael Auditorium featured a video presentation, "The Power of Together: Past, Present and Future," along with a history of the Independence campus led by Interim Vice President for Independence Campus and Dean, School of Nursing, Claudia Horton, PhD, RN.

President Draves gave an address titled "Mapping the Graceland Journey Together."

BEING TOGETHER: A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH STUDENTS AND THE PRESIDENT

With the mission to give students a chance to get to know President Patricia H. Draves in a little different way, **the Graceland Student Government (GSG) officers hosted a fireside chat with the new president** during the inauguration and homecoming week events.

Joining students in the MSC Main Room Tuesday night, President Draves participated in a game in which Brother and Sister Houses competed by guessing details about her. President Draves offered a few words on her choice to come to Graceland and solidified her commitment to the university. She ended the evening of togetherness by chanting "Go Yellowjackets!"

LEARNING TOGETHER: FACULTY-LED ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday's event was **a group of 25 university staff, faculty and students who gathered in Carol Hall to observe a roundtable of seven faculty and two students exploring the meaning and lasting impacts of the Protestant Reformation** at its 500th anniversary. They brought their expertise in art, European and American history, English literature, theology, philosophy and critical analysis to the conversation.

The hour-long discussion offered participants a rich tour of this religious, cultural transformation, which began with the nailing of Luther's 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Regarding Luther's action, one panelist noted that the Reformer didn't set out to start a revolution. But revolutions start when someone does something little and it lights the fuse.



An on-demand video of "The Power of Together: Past, Present and Future" is available online: graceland.edu/PresidentDraves



For full review of Reverend Father Martin Luther's 95 Theses, visit: **Uncommon Travel Germany**



RAISING OUR VOICES TOGETHER: SPEECH, SONG AND SOUND

Continuing the inaugural events for the week, on Thursday, Oct. 12, alumni, students and faculty gathered in the acoustically-perfect Carol Hall to hear **a combined performance featuring words and music in many different forms.**

Graceland's combined choirs, conducted by Sara Blessing, Director of Choir/Vocal Activities, performed four songs. Spoken word pieces were interspersed throughout the event and performed by students from Graceland's Black Student Union. Performing in their new uniforms, Graceland's Marching Yellowjackets were on top form for a full house.

LEFT TO RIGHT President Draves greets Graceland faculty member Dr. Debbi Leialoha following the Independence program (top); the Draves greet Jac and Sherri Kirkpatrick (bottom); President Draves enjoys the Independence reception with Gretchen Booz (bottom); President Draves plays along during the fireside chat (bottom); the roundtable discussion gets interesting (top); Graceland's combined choirs perform (top); Christopher Potter '20 shares a spoken word piece



Graceland is doubly fortunate to “get her” and “him” too.

The Draves doctors have a powerful impact on Graceland's future.

Last summer, Dr. Jeff Draves was chosen to participate as a mentor for the Summer Leadership Institute

offered for more than a decade by the Association of American Colleges & Universities Project Kaleidoscope (AAC&U PKAL). Since its founding in 1989, PKAL has been one of the leading advocates in the U.S. for transforming undergraduate STEM teaching and learning. It has, to date, empowered an extensive network of over 7,000 STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) faculty and administrators committed to the principles, practices and partnerships that advance cutting-edge, integrative STEM higher education for all students.

The intent of the leadership institute is to equip STEM faculty with the skills to effectively overcome the politics of change. The week-long training includes mentors and mentees and an exhaustive application process for both. Draves has participated in both roles, most recently as a mentor. This highly competitive leadership training helps university STEM leaders overcome the hurdles of change and “helps to make the changes palatable,” explained Draves.

For instance, how do leaders and faculty change the curriculum in their department to make it more modern and ensure that students get a quality education in STEM disciplines? Changes in curriculum are difficult for universities to accomplish. So, how do you get faculty on board and offer the resources? “The STEM fields move so fast that we need to be nimble — more able to change,” Draves explained.

How did you get started in your field?

I got interested in chemistry from a little chemistry set that I got when I was a kid. That's where it really started: Mr. Wizard's experiments in chemistry. (The vintage 1973 set can be purchased online.) I debated over industry versus teaching, and when I got out of graduate school (University of Illinois) with a PhD in chemistry, I went into the industry for a while — environmental consulting for Radian Corporation in Austin, Texas. As time went on, I recognized that I liked the teaching aspect of the job more than anything else, so that's when Pat and I both moved into academia.

What's the best part of your career?

Working with the students is easily the best part of the career. I teach some hard stuff, and I like it when they finally figure it out. Plus, how many jobs are there where you teach and learn more yourself? Really, I get paid to play with cool toys — bigger chemistry sets!

Initial thoughts on Lamoni living?

I've heard some grumblings that Graceland might not measure up to other schools and that Lamoni is too small. There is some specific Graceland culture, but in terms of teaching classes, Graceland is not so different. Things are what you make it. We were welcomed with open arms and are really enjoying life at Graceland.



SEVEN
GRACELAND
STUDENTS,
SEVEN
DIFFERENT
STORIES

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

When a student learns through their involvements outside of the classroom, they receive a different and very valuable learning experience.

The next several pages spotlight a handful of current Graceland students who have seized opportunities available to them through **experiential learning**. Graceland recognizes these experiences as an important piece of students' liberal arts education. Faculty, staff, alumni and friends all play an integral part in opening doors for experiential learning. Classes abroad, internships, job shadowing and mentoring are all learning components that make significant contributions to student success.

Sharing stories of Graceland student success is the icing on the cake!

COMPUTER SCIENCE

All six of the Maloku siblings have come to Graceland from Kosovo. The oldest came when President Emeritus Ambassador Menzies opened the door, and the others have followed. **See the Maloku family story >>**

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BARDHA MALOKU

"The club is very welcoming for women who are majoring in computer science, or minoring, or just want to be friends and want to know more about the field. We now have 10 women in the club. It is a hard field that has been dominated by males, so the pressure as a female can be difficult."

The club meets every week. They support each other and have fun too. "As a senior, I know how hard it is — I've been in those classes, and I want them to know that I'm there for them and will encourage and help them."

Club members will attend a conference in Kansas City this fall called MINK WIC (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas Women in Computing.) The faculty advisor, Kevin Brunner, has coordinated the registration and lodging, and they are sponsored by the Ackerley Foundation with all expenses covered. Bardha and the Graceland ACMW will network with successful computer science women from all over the Midwest. "It is such a great opportunity for us!"

Bardha shared that the best thing about Graceland is the people — the community. "Since I am an international student, I don't have anyone here except my little brother — the youngest of the Malokus. Graceland has become our new home, and we have so many host families who have opened their homes. Faculty too — they are there for us. We get to talk with them, and they really care about us; they want us to succeed in life." ■

> Bardha Maloku '18 is a senior in Khiyah House, majoring in computer science and technology with minors in business administration and mathematics. She is a smart, determined woman who wants to help other women reach their goals — to slap the stereotypes that keep them out of the computer science field and claim the success that comes from the world of technology.

Bardha knows the benefits from experiential learning and has four internships racked up already. Her freshman year, she interned with McClain Enterprises, working with their businesses on the Independence Square. "It helped me so very much — opened my eyes to the business field. The second year I interned with Smith and Associates in Houston in computer science, programming for seven weeks, and then I worked again for the McClains. It made the summer go so fast!"

Twice for the McClain Enterprise business internship in Independence and twice with Smith and Associates computer science internship in Houston, Bardha said every experience was different. She worked on different projects with different people, and each internship had its own challenges. "They welcomed us, offered housing, paid us well and taught us so much. The connections we made are really wonderful. I was awarded the Ackerley Scholarship as well, and I am so grateful."

An ambitious advocate for women, Bardha is determined and making the best of her time on campus. There are not as many women in the computer science field, and she is set on helping other women claim their talents and recognize that computer science and math are where more women should focus their attentions. She has reinvigorated the ACMW (Association of Computing Machinery for Women). The club used to exist but died out due to a lack of membership, and Bardha has reorganized it on the Lamoni campus.

"Bardha is a quiet and reserved young lady. But don't let that fool you, because she has a deep desire to succeed and do her best.

She took the initiative to apply for a Grace Hopper conference scholarship. She won the scholarship and attended an inspiring event. She leads with a quiet strength."

- Kevin Brunner, PhD
Professor of Information Technology



ZACARY STETZEL

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

➤ **Zacary Stetzel '18** from Panora, Iowa, came to Graceland for a college visit during homecoming. Jerry Hampton '52 found out Zac was interested in criminal justice, so he introduced Zac to Kansas City Police Department Deputy Chief Bob Kuehl, who was attending homecoming with his wife, Bobbie Hampton '78 Kuehl. Kuehl offered to introduce Zac to the KCPD, and he was able to do a few "ride alongs," where he really got the feel of what a day in the life of a police officer is like. Those experiences shaped his decision to major in criminal justice and set him on course to be one of the two students chosen to participate in the new internship program.

"Dr. Bradley Brewster, Assistant Professor of Sociology, told me about the internship, and I did the background check and paperwork for it. It was two weeks jam-packed full, and I learned a lot. It was a blast. Because of the previous ride alongs, I knew the basic rules, so the police officers were able to share with me their feelings and hopes of things they'd like to change. I actually stayed at Deputy Chief Kuehl's house, so it never shut off; I saw what affects it has on the family environment."

The internship gave Zac opportunity to see the wide array of specialty areas within the KCPD and the criminal justice system. "The sociology part of it really came into context — like the culture there and the demographics of people, and how that affects community policing," explained Zac. "There's a lot of things I hadn't thought about, even during the ride alongs, like the politics behind policing and the bureaucracy and things like that. It made me aware of other positions; not just being a patrol cop or a detective — they have SWAT, K-9, helicopter, bomb and arson ... We got to see a lot of different places there, and we got to talk to them about their jobs."

"I've always wanted to help people, whether it was a firefighter or police officer, or counselor or whatever, and when I came here and learned about the criminal justice program, I jumped on it. I'm glad I'm getting minors in psychology and sociology — that will round out my education for any other related careers."

Zac is an executive board member of Graceland's Student Athletic Advisory Committee. He is on a subcommittee focused on connecting Graceland athletes with Lamoni schools. One of their new initiatives is the School Bus Walk program: It is a mentoring and safety program where student-athletes meet with elementary students two days a week and walk with them to school.

With a major in criminal justice and minors in psychology and sociology, Zac plans to graduate in just three years with a solid base. His internship experience moved him forward, exposed him to new experiences, and helped him understand the field of criminal justice in a way the classroom alone could never do. ■



HUMAN SERVICES

KINZEY NICKLAUS

> **Kinzey Nicklaus '19** from Griswold, Iowa, is good friends with Camryn Kuehl '19 and Cameron told Kinzey about the KCPD internship possibility. Kinzey contacted Dr. Brewster for more information and began the application process. The internship was during May, was for two semester credits, and gave her two weeks of intensive exposure to the KCPD and its possibilities for her career.

"I loved the internship! We were the pilot program, and I would say that two weeks wasn't long enough. It was so concentrated — all summer would have been better!" said Kinzey. "We did something different every single day. The schedule was packed — one night we were supposed to be done at 5, but we didn't get done until around 11. I really liked learning about the many different departments and units. I learned a lot in those two weeks."

Kinzey is on track to graduate with a double major in criminal justice and human services. She got a head start and came to Graceland with 15 college credits she earned while in high school.

Police work as an option for a caring career was an idea instilled in Kinzey when she was young. "I wanted to be a cop when I was little. When I was about six years old, my dad knew an Iowa State Patrolman, and he gave me a ride around the block in his police car. I got a T-shirt and was obsessed with being a cop," explained Kinzey.

"As I got into high school I wanted to be a counselor, but I wanted to still be in the criminal justice area. I volunteered with the Salvation Army and worked with an after-school program in a rough neighborhood in Waterloo that provided food from the food pantry. All these underprivileged kids were able to go to fun places and get food, and it was well organized." These experiences have instilled a purpose for Kinzey and have directed her decisions for higher education.

"I want to be in a juvenile setting, where I can really make a difference in their lives. I want to be that person who helps them turn their life around. I know I can't affect all of them, but even if I can help one or two get on a better path ... I hope to one day become a juvenile probation officer." ■

Graceland's Division of Social Sciences redesigned the criminal justice program and added

a concentration in criminology to the sociology major. To help support this, Graceland hired Assistant Professor of Sociology Jessica Ziegler. Her areas of concentration include violent victimization, neighborhoods and crime, corrections, substance use, families and crime, mental health, and quantitative methods and statistics.

In addition, a pilot internship program was initiated in May. Kansas City Police Department Deputy Chief Bob Kuehl has been a Graceland supporter for years and knew an internship with the KCPD would be a valuable experience for students. Kuehl and Bradley Brewster, PhD, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Graceland's Lamoni campus, collaborated to design the internship, and two students were selected to pilot the program, providing experiential learning.

"The internship pilot was really successful. Zac and Kinzey were excellent students to begin the valuable opportunity for Graceland students to experience careers that can help them make a difference in the world."



- **Bob Kuehl**
Deputy Chief, KCPD

"I was very impressed with the journals that Kinzey and Zac kept as part of the program. They really were able to transfer knowledge that they learned in the classroom and apply it to their internship experiences.

We were fortunate to have outstanding students to put through the pilot program. I hope the internship program finds the support to ensure it persists well into the future."



- **Bradley Brewster, PhD**
Assistant Professor of Sociology

EDUCATION



STEPHANIE HERMAN

Stephanie will student teach in the spring in Mount Ayr, adding another experiential learning opportunity to her skillset — one that is built into the education curriculum. “Practicum is a guided experience toward professional development, and I’ll be doing my student teaching at the same time. My classes were set up so that I could play volleyball and still fit everything in. I’ll have my coaching endorsement for volleyball as well.”

A senior from Las Vegas, Nevada, Stephanie is an elementary education major with a minor in communication. “I fell in love with the community — I met a House President when I came to visit, and she gave me the low-down on the House system and encouraged me to be involved as much as I could.” Stephanie took her advice and was on House Council, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and is a captain of the volleyball team.

“The best part about Graceland for me is the education I’ve received. The professors have really shaped the person that I am today. They have challenged me academically, given me new perspectives and shown me who I am capable of becoming. They’ve invested so much time and energy in me. I had no idea that I would actually be a partner with all these professors who really care about my future, who do whatever is necessary for my development. I am so grateful to Graceland’s professors who have modeled what a great educator is like. They really encourage me and give me hope.”

Stephanie is in Honors classes in English, humanities and U.S. government. Her junior Honors seminar was about how to enhance student learning with historical fiction.

With students like Stephanie in Graceland’s lineup, our future looks bright. ■

> **Stephanie Herman '18** was part of the Graceland University group that traveled to Dunfield House in England for May Term 2017. Graceland has a tradition of providing life-changing opportunities to experience intercultural learning, one of the high impact practices the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) has determined to help bring about student success.

Traveling to another country in itself is a learning experience that broadens the perspective and contributes to a global outlook. Stephanie took Dr. Steve Glazer’s class on European history. It was the first time she had ever traveled outside the United States.

“Stephanie is an extraordinary student who, in everything she does, models professionalism, high achievement and poise. Her enthusiasm, creativity and diligent work set the standard for my class at Dunfield, although, in her modesty, she would probably insist it was a team effort. It has been a privilege to work with Stephanie, from her first semester at Graceland in my World Civ. class to her senior year, as she completes her senior Honors seminar.”



“It was an amazing experience to see the differences in customs and dialects,” shared Stephanie.” Dr. Glazer’s class gave me the opportunity to see WWII in a different way; he presented viewpoints from the European lens. I’m passionate about social studies and excited about being able to provide my future students with a different perspective and outlook from another country. Traveling with the group also helped me branch out and make friends with people other than the volleyball team and my housemates. It was such a great opportunity.”

- **Steve Glazer, PhD**
Professor of History



OMAR NAVARRO

of the campus made college life less personal and caused distraction. Omar has an appreciation for Graceland's small class sizes, incredibly helpful faculty, and friendly and personable student body to be the best positive learning environment helping him remain focused on his studies and goals.

Omar admits it seems like he is overloaded at times, but he gets through it. He has turned several times to Cathie Hosie and the TRIO Center for help or just support. He expresses, "Ms. Hosie and her team are wonderful — amazing. I honestly don't know what I would do without their guidance. They have helped with finances, books, classes and personal stuff."

When he graduates, Omar will be a first generation college graduate.

"That's very cool, and I feel very proud about that. When times get tough, I just remind myself of that, and it gets me through."

Omar is a recipient of a Leadership Grant from the Bruch Family Scholarship Fund for Agricultural Business majors. Graceland is proud to shine the spotlight on Omar and his accomplishments. ■

> **Business administration and agricultural business major Omar Navarro '20 completed his first internship over the summer with Sierra Gold Nurseries in Yuba City, California, just 15 minutes from his hometown of Nicolaus. The nursery has been providing top-quality fruit and nut trees to orchardists throughout the western United States since 1951.**

Omar was able to secure the four-month-long internship through family friends, and he gained experience in both the agricultural and business/sales departments. In the nursery's test plots, Omar completed field work by taking inventory. On the business side, he learned the importance of building client relationships by shadowing a sales person on visits to current customers. The internship made such an impact and helped Omar discover what he truly wants to do when he graduates.

Omar admits it was a little tough at first finding a university that would accept his ACT scores. He had a rough start in high school, but with a state championship his senior year and the desire to continue playing football, Omar received several scholarship offers from recruiters in the Midwest. Discovering the high ratings in the C.H. Sandage School of Business and national qualification of the ENACTUS program, Omar and his family believed Graceland was a good fit. Not only did Graceland offer better academic and football opportunities, the small community was also a plus. The transition was easy.

He credits being a member of the Yellowjacket football team with teaching him how to transition and adjust to competition throughout all aspects of his life. It has helped with prioritization. After a visit to a much larger university to see some of his friends, he discovered that though they have very nice sports facilities, the class sizes and size

"Omar Navarro is a leader and is becoming a global professional in agricultural business and business administration.

Omar's consistency in the classroom and in athletics has earned him the respect of his professors, his classmates and his teammates. Most importantly, Omar is using Graceland's Essential Education to build confidence in himself to be a global professional who makes the difference in our world — one action at a time."



- Max Pitt, MBA
Associate Professor of Business

BRANDY BACHTEL

NURSING

> **Brandy Bachtel '18** always knew she wanted to go into the health care field, but she didn't know exactly where she wanted to focus. After high school, tragedy hit. She lost her dad and made the decision to spend a year with her mom, helping her through the transition.

Life continued, and she met her husband and had two beautiful children. "When I was pregnant with my daughter, the nurses were so helpful, and the care they gave me was inspiring," shared Brandy. "I knew I wanted to go back to school and become a nurse. I realized how personable it is and how much you get to spend time with people — you get to care for the patient as a whole rather than just treat their medical diagnosis."

When her daughter started kindergarten, Brandy took some prerequisite science courses from Truman State University. "When I started looking at nursing schools, my advisor at the community college told me about Graceland. I loved that it was an accelerated program at a faith-based school and not a huge campus. When I went to the interview, I knew I didn't want to apply anywhere else."

Brandy's favorite class is pharmacology, and she really felt a connection with her professor, Sharon Little-Stoetzel. "I've always loved chemistry, and I thought I'd be a good pharmacist, but you don't really get a whole lot of time with people, and I crave that," explained Brandy. "Later, I would like to get my doctorate and become a nurse anesthetist."

Talking with people, connecting on a therapeutic level is her forte. She just finished a four-week mental health clinical experience at Research Medical Center in Kansas City. "It was such an amazing experience. Not ever being in the health care field, starting off in psych was great because I got to figure out how to make that therapeutic communication with patients. It was once a week for 10 hours; we were in different parts of the hospital every week. I found my niche talking with people in those therapeutic conversations."

"Brandy is a very serious student and is always engaged in class. I really appreciate her work ethic, and she is a pleasure to have as a student. She is motivated and will make an excellent, caring nurse — one Graceland will be proud to graduate."

- **Sharon Little-Stoetzel, PhD**
Associate Dean,
Professor of Nursing

Brandy plans to travel with the Graceland nursing group to Guatemala next summer, adding another experiential learning opportunity to her skillset. Professor Sharon Little-Stoetzel has participated in the trips to Guatemala for several years, cementing the connections between Graceland and the people who live there. The experience has made a difference in the lives of Graceland nurses and hundreds of people in Guatemala, and has become a valuable connection for Graceland's nursing program. ■



Graceland University's nursing program has been providing the world with well-equipped nurses for generations.



HANNAH MILLER

➤ While searching on the internet for nursing schools, **Hannah Miller '18** asked a friend about Graceland, who said it was “a great program that was intense.” That sounded just right for Hannah, who shared that Graceland’s nursing school is perfect for people who are ready to focus. “There’s no time to be lazy or undecided; it is intense and fast paced.”

Hannah’s original plan was to be a doctor, but she really wanted to have more time actually caring for patients. “I definitely knew I wanted to take care of people, so I went to UMKC for three years and took all my prerequisite classes. I was ready to get into something specific.”

“I’m in a sorority at UMKC, and I’ve already recommended Graceland to the undergraduates, especially if they live in the KC area. Why would you go anywhere else? There’s so many great things about Graceland — the fact that the campus is small and it just feels like the whole place is ours. The staff is so focused on us; we feel pampered and have support in so many places. I can’t see myself being anywhere else, and I tell everyone that!”

When asked about a favorite class, Hannah said she really likes her fundamentals class because “it is so hands on, and we are actually learning nursing skills as opposed to the theories and bookwork. Both are necessary, but I’m a hands-on learner,” explained Hannah.

Favorite teacher? “They really are all great teachers” she shared, but she listed her clinical instructor, Assistant Professor John Wood, as her current favorite. “We’ve been in the hospital clinicals together, and we’ve been able to sit and talk about experiences that are real-life situations.”

Hannah shared that Clinical Fundamentals of Nursing teaches them how to put in catheters, how to give a shot and other needed nursing skills. A group of six nursing students go to

Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence with Assistant Professor Wood once a week.

“We are there for a 12-hour shift, just like the nurses working there. We get assigned a nurse and a patient for the day, we give them a head-to-toe assessment and then chart what we find. We create care plans for them, check diagnoses, learn their medications and why they’re taking them, and try to create nursing interventions to help them feel better while they are in the hospital,” explained Hannah.

Hannah hopes to work at a Kansas City area hospital for a while and then go back to school and become a nurse practitioner specializing in dermatology. ■

“A dedicated student, Hannah Miller will be the type of nurse that Graceland can be proud of. She cares for people and is determined to do her best.”

**- John Wood, MSN
Assistant Professor
of Nursing**

Nursing is one of the Graceland majors that requires experiential learning; students are placed in hospitals to learn and experience the very jobs they’ll be doing after graduation.

Getting beyond the theory in classrooms and textbooks and into real-life situations provides students with critical thinking and psychomotor skills. Graceland graduates are highly regarded and sought by local health care facilities across the nation. There is an urgent need for nurses in our nation's health care system, and that need continues to grow. Graceland University School of Nursing offers the highest quality nursing education to prepare students to meet new and exciting roles in the health care field through experiential learning and an amazing academic program.

We Are Graceland.



THE POWER OF TOGETHER

HOMECOMING '17

A rainy Saturday couldn't put a cloud over all of Homecoming 2017.

The Memorial Student Center and the Floyd McDowell Commons accommodated a dedicated crowd as traditional outdoor events moved inside.

"The Power of Together" was strong throughout the entire weekend, beginning Friday with the culmination of a week of events celebrating the **inauguration of President Patricia H. Draves** as the university's 18th president. Alumni in attendance were able to enjoy a reception and meet the new president after the ceremony.

Throughout the weekend, visitors enjoyed performances by the **Graceland Choirs**, **Ergo and Friends**, an **art exhibition** by Anne Simpkins '82, and the **Graceland Theatre's homecoming performance** of *Lend Me a Tenor*. **The Unpredictables** also played for a second year in a row on the Memorial Student Center stage for a large and energized crowd.

At the **18th annual Emeriti and Alumni Award Banquet**, Dan '61 and Beth Whittemore of Denver, Colorado, received the prestigious **Distinguished Service Award**, and Beth was also officially received as an **Honorary Alumni**, along with Bob Kuehl of Kansas City, Missouri. Gretchen Booz '55 of Grain Valley, Missouri, was honored with the **Graceland Award of Recognition**. The alumni board offered their own honors: John James from the Independence campus and Paula Anderson of Lamoni were presented with the annual **Behind the Scenes Award**, which goes to staff who work tirelessly each and every day on behalf of the university.

The Graceland **men's volleyball program** was honored at this year's homecoming as they celebrated 50 years of success, and legendary head coach Rod Schall '50 was the guest of honor. Other student-athlete alumni showed off their talents in games versus current Graceland students. **Alumni games** were held for women's and men's basketball, baseball and softball, women's and men's soccer, as well as women's and men's volleyball. Also honored this year were dozens of alumni couples who met at Graceland and took part in a special **recommitment ceremony** led by Community of Christ President Stephen M. Veazey.



Save the date for
Homecoming 2018:

Honor Class Years

*Classes of 1958, '68,
'78, '83, '88, '93, '98
and 2008 will be invited.*

OCTOBER
5-7
2018



A photo gallery of Homecoming '17
events is available online:
graceland.edu/homecoming



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Graceland provides a healthy, positive environment to create meaningful relationships while belonging to something greater than yourself.

- Bryan Courtney '98
Head Coach, Men's Soccer

For many at Graceland, sports are a very important part of the college experience.

This year, the football team found themselves in a difficult position; they didn't have any kickers. The team needed help, so they put out feelers all over campus. As luck would have it, they found exactly what they needed on the JV men's soccer team.

Carlos Coello and **Will Graef**, both freshmen, decided to lend a helping hand, or foot, rather, and kick for two Yellowjacket teams.

Graef (right) is from Canyon, Texas, and has been playing soccer since he was four years old. He also used to play football, although as wide receiver and corner back. For Graef, Graceland is somewhat of a family tradition; both his father and uncle are alumni. After being introduced to Graceland by his father and going to SPEC, Graef decided he would attend and play soccer.

Coello (left) comes to Graceland from a little further away. He is from Ecuador, South America. Coello also began playing soccer at the age of four, learning how to play with the help of his grandfather. He admits he took a bit of a break from soccer to learn taekwondo, but after earning his black belt, Coello returned to soccer, and Graceland recruited him after seeing a highlight video of him playing.



DOUBLE
TWO ATHLETES

TROUBLE
PLAY TWO DIFFERENT FALL SPORTS

CARLOS COELLO AND WILL GRAEF
SOCCER PLAYERS TURNED KICKERS FOR FOOTBALL

BY TABI MILLER '17

OUR SOCCER COACH CAME INTO THE LOCKER ROOM ON THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE AND ASKED IF ANY OF THE JV GUYS WOULD LIKE TO TRY OUT FOR FOOTBALL AS THE KICKER. ME AND CARLOS – WE KIND OF LOOKED AT EACH OTHER – EH, WHY NOT.

Playing two sports keeps both men pretty busy, but they do find ways to relax and have fun. Graef enjoys doing things with his House, and Coello really enjoys anything with music, whether it's singing or playing an instrument.

While time management is a major factor for everyone, Bryan Courtney, head men's soccer coach, is happy the two Yellowjackets have chosen to participate in both soccer and football. ■

Caleb Thomas, a freshman wide receiver, is catching everyone's attention.

In the game against Baker, he had 27 receptions – the most in NAIA history and more than anyone ever in all divisions of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Head coach Marc Kolb says, "Our goal in practice is to run three plays per minute. It's constant motion. As a team, we have already set NAIA records for most plays in a game (124) and most plays by an individual (103) as well. If things go according to plan, we will set three All Division records, six NAIA individual records and one NAIA team record."

Graceland football is moving forward!

14.3
RECEPTIONS
PER GAME
AND COUNTING

27
MOST
RECEPTIONS
IN A GAME

RECORDS

ALL DIVISIONS RECORD



➤ The **women's soccer team** has marked their best season since 2013. The Jackets have compiled a 13-4-1 overall, qualifying for the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament.

Megan Kimrey (offensive), Jady Polson (defensive) and Manaia Siania Unutoa (defensive – twice) each earned Heart of America Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors. Five players earned Heart Conference accolades with Siania Unutoa leading the way. Unutoa was named First Team All-Conference goalkeeper, while Megan Kimrey earned second team as a forward. Bethany Koutsouridis (midfielder), Jady Polson (defender) and Suzune Sato (forward) rounded out the accolades with third team recognition. National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) awards will be released at a later date.

"RESULTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR MANY REASONS, BUT **THE PROCESS, THE SPIRIT, THE CAMARADERIE, THE COMPETITIVENESS AND THE OVERALL ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC AND CAMPUS EXPERIENCE IS THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE. WE WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO BE A TEAM, TO REPRESENT OURSELVES, THE WOMEN'S SOCCER PROGRAM AND GRACELAND UNIVERSITY.**"

- Ozzie White
Head Coach, Women's Soccer

The women's soccer program will continue in the Heart Tournament with hopes of earning a bid to the NAIA National Championships. Graceland earned the fourth seed in the Heart Tournament and defeated Grand View University in the quarterfinal contest. The Yellowjackets won the semifinals and advanced to the conference finals on Nov. 11 against Benedictine College.

Then & Now

Do you have any old photos or a favorite spot on campus to compare to current campus settings?

Send your requests or photos to:
communications@graceland.edu or to
1 University Place, Lamoni, IA 50140,
attention Horizons



1 The campus' second **FOUNTAIN**, located near the east door of the administration building, was constructed in 1939. The fountain was dismantled in the summer of 1972 and replaced with a sidewalk after becoming the constant victim of campus pranks. **2** In August 2003, the first brick was purchased for the **ALUMNI BRICK PLAZA**, which is now located in the space the fountain once occupied. All profit from the sales of bricks boosts the Alumni Endowed Scholarship. To date, \$63K has been raised simply by the sale of personalized bricks. **3** KGRA was Graceland's longest-lasting campus **RADIO STATION** from 1949-75. **4** **KBUZ** began as a SIFE (now Enactus) project in 2005. It is now available around the world from any internet browser thanks to the passion of Paul Davis '77, the current sponsor, and several student DJs. **5** Basketball was one of only two sports available to women during Graceland's initial years and was only offered as an exercise activity. Formal organization of a women's basketball team came in 1912 and finally achieved intercollegiate varsity status in 1965-66. **6** Graceland **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** now recruits student-athletes from all over the country and competes against 93 teams in the NAIA Division I. **7** **PATRONESS HALL (I)** was a women's dormitory that was erected in 1908-09. It was destroyed by fire Jan. 2, 1927, while most of the residents were at home for Christmas break. Heat from the fire was so intense that it melted bricks on nearby Briggs Hall. **8** **PATRONESS HALL (II)** was built in 1952 and served as a women's dormitory for more than a quarter century. Fire also twice threatened the new Patroness Hall during its dormitory years, but it survived and now houses the financial services department, the CAP Center and Human Resources. **9** The campus **POST OFFICE** was relocated from the administration building as part of the 1961-62 east-side addition to the MSC. **10** Today, the **ORIGINAL MAILBOXES** remain in the same location in the MSC. While technology has changed how we communicate, Graceland students still enjoy getting real mail from friends and family. Join a new Graceland tradition and send a note of encouragement to your old mailbox number, and make a current student's day! **11** In 1913, Frederick M. Smith presented Graceland with a **SUNDIAL** in recognition of the 15th anniversary of his graduation. The sundial sat in many places through the years, until it was removed during the 1970s due to vandalism and natural deterioration. **12** In 1990, donations funded a new casting of the sundial's pointer, in addition to a new pedestal and base. The **SUNDIAL** was placed west of the MSC, where it is today. **13** The **UNITS** were student housing facilities built in 1975 and alternated between residence rooms and office space throughout the years. **14** The **SMALL & THOMAS APARTMENTS**, named after Richard Small and Norma (Thomas) Small, opened in Fall 2011 in the location of the old Units. The apartments offer 48 two-bedroom unfurnished apartments, have a full-size kitchen, two full bathrooms and private laundry, and are available to upperclassmen only. **15** The Playshop was built by students in the Industrial Department in 1911 to serve as the campus' first central heating plant. With the construction of the new physical plant, it was remodeled in 1949 as a small **THEATER** and was demolished in 1982. **16** An integral part of the original Shaw Center, the **SHAW FAMILY AUDITORIUM** has been a center for student life since 1982. Renovated in 2012, it remains one of the largest spaces on campus where students can gather and enjoy the fine arts.

GRACELAND
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SOCIAL MEDIA

EXPLODES

Colleges and universities use **social media** in many ways:

to attract and recruit future students, share student experiences, connect with alumni and friends, connect students with answers they need and to highlight student and alumni success.

Graceland University uses social media in all these ways. We are loyal to the tried and true forms of this medium (such as Facebook) and have embraced new platforms to engage our followers as things in the social media world quickly change.



#GracelandGallery

Graceland Volleyball @GUwomensvball · Sep 3

One of our very dear alumni got married last night and had a bunch of players and coach (officiant) there to support her! 💕🎉 #GracelandForever

#GracelandForever



#WeAreGraceland



#Grateful4Graceland

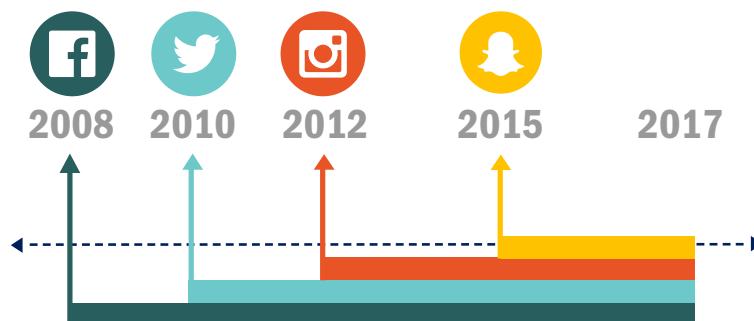
REACH, IMPRESSIONS AND VIEWS IN ONE MONTH



HOW MANY FOLLOWERS?



WHEN DID GRACELAND JOIN SOCIAL MEDIA?



REMEMBERING GRACELAND LEGENDS

Velma Ruch



Dr. Velma Ruch, longtime faculty member and Graceland legend, passed away July 20, 2017. Born in Lamoni, Iowa, on Jan. 28, 1921, both of her parents were enrolled as Graceland students when she was born. She returned as a student herself in 1939 and graduated in 1941 with the Gold Seal for scholarship.

She completed her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Iowa in 1943, and at the invitation of Acting President A. R. Gilbert, Velma joined Graceland's English faculty in 1946. She completed her master's degree in 1947 at the University of Michigan and her doctorate at the University of Wisconsin (majoring in English and minoring in Scandinavian studies) in 1957.



A 40-year faculty member, Ruch's influence on Graceland and hundreds of students cannot be measured. She became the first woman on Graceland's faculty to hold a PhD, was chair of the Division of Language and Literature, and was the first woman to lead the college when on July 1, 1974, she stepped in as acting president for a year. Ruch retired in 1986 as Graceland's first distinguished professor emerita and chose to devote her post-Graceland years to work with Community of Christ.

An accomplished author, Ruch compiled and edited a new Norwegian hymn book, *De Helliges Salmer (Hymns of the Saints)*. She later wrote *The Signature of God*, *The Transforming Power of Prayer* and two volumes of *Summoned to Pilgrimage*. Then, at the age of 84, she wrote another book published by Herald House entitled *We Journey with Christ: Lenten and Easter Meditations*. She went on to write *Transformation: A New Creation in Christ* and, finally, *Finding Home: The Hospitality of God, Meditations for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany*. All three books were written and published in 2006.

A profoundly devoted member of Community of Christ, she described her devotion as the "joy of her life." Dr. Ruch continues to inspire through generations of student's memories, as well as her authored books. She was a worthy example of one who devoted herself to seek wisdom "by study and also by faith."

Contributions can be made to the Velma Ruch English Endowed Scholarship Fund at graceland.edu/giving.

Nancy Wallace



Nancy Steinke '74 Wallace passed away October 16, 2017. She came to Graceland College from Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1970. She has filled the hearts of many who have also come to "the Hill" with kindness, friendship and inspiration.

Wallace obtained her master's degree in social work from the University of Iowa, which prepared her for a career in counseling and teaching. She worked for Graceland for over 30 years — as an academic advisor, career counselor, professor and as alumni director. Her dedication and service to the university was remarkable. After retiring from Graceland, Wallace continued to teach part time but also had time to enjoy antiques, furniture and gardening.

Wallace was known for laughter and sparkle as well as her ability to sincerely listen. She made connections, reaching students from all walks of life, changing lives for the better. When friends and family gathered in Lamoni this October to celebrate her life, Michael Lewis '90 shared these beautiful words about his dear friend.

"In the lush symphony that was Nancy's life, she was sometimes the piccolo, dancing like a lambent fairy about the score. She was sometimes the rich, intimate voice of a viola or an oboe, sharing her deepest joys and woes with authenticity and risk. And when she was at her very best, when the symphony got to its most intense and austere, Nancy was a cowbell, clanging and banging along with no concern for the score except she knew it needed her bell. Because her music was her own, and if you didn't like it, you most likely had wandered into the wrong recital.



"Her approach was peace through mischief, and she was Ghandi-like in the generous blessings of mischief she bestowed upon the world ... The life that was Nancy moves back now into star-shine and firecracker, living as it always did as a throbbing, continuous beat within the cosmos of energy that enwraps us all."

Contributions can be made to the Nancy and Jon Wallace Relief Fund at graceland.edu/giving.

A NEW COVENANT



***THE PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION
WAS A CEREMONY
OF COVENANT,
A DECLARATION
OF OUR SHARED
COMMITMENT TO
GRACELAND AND
TO EACH OTHER.***

On behalf of the board of trustees and the Graceland community, I made the following collective comments:

“We commit ourselves to honor and respect Dr. Draves in the office of president of Graceland University and support her leadership to sustain and advance the values of Graceland in a rapidly-changing world;

“We commit ourselves to lifelong learning and respect for education – in the classroom, in our careers, and in our public and private lives;

“We commit ourselves to respect the worth of all persons and to recognize the blessings of community that enable us to achieve our full potential;

“And finally, we commit ourselves to the support of this institution, Graceland University, the home of the worldwide family it has nurtured and inspired to invest ourselves in causes that enrich and dignify human life.”

This past Graceland homecoming, we had the honor to experience the investiture of **Dr. Patricia Draves** as the new president. It was a ceremony of covenant, a declaration of our shared commitment to Graceland and to each other.

The worldwide Graceland family renewed our commitment to the mission and core values of Graceland University — to learning, wholeness and community, to a nonsectarian pursuit of truth as we best understand it, and to the creation of communities of joy, hope and peace.

► **Cassandra Fronatt '17** learned more than she expected when she began her study abroad program. Cassandra traveled to Athens, Greece, with the Atlantis Fellowship Project, a medical internship program that originated in Washington, D.C.



BOTTOM LEFT Cassandra poses with fellow Atlantis medical interns

While there, she had the opportunity to shadow many different doctors in hospitals over the course of a month.

“We shadowed in the hospitals, both private and public ones, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. every weekday and then had free time to explore and for group activities on our days off,” Cassandra recalled.

This program allowed Cassandra to observe a number of diverse areas and specialties within the hospitals. It also gave her a glance into the discrepancies between the public and private hospital sectors.

“EVERY DAY WE SWITCHED SPECIALTIES SO WE COULD GET A GLIMPSE AT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. SOME DAYS I SAW CARDIAC SURGERIES, BRAIN SURGERIES, GENERAL SURGERIES, ORTHOPEDIC SURGERIES AND OTHERS WHILE I WAS IN THE ER OR ER PATHOLOGY.”

Currently, Cassandra is working as lead medical assistant at Rapid Med Urgent Care in Double Oak, Texas.

WEDDINGS

Eric and **Melissa Roesner '04 Fancett**, Midland, Michigan, Sept. 2, 2017.

Jake '16 and **Laurie James '16 Hendricks**, Houston, Texas, June 17, 2017.

Justin '15 and **Allie Krabbenhoft '16 Kaminski**, Rogers, Arkansas, Sept. 2, 2017.

Zach and **Brittany Atwood '06 Thomas**, West Des Moines, Iowa, March 25, 2017.

Donald '16 and **Nicole Spisak '14 Wong**, Mesa, Arizona, Aug. 11, 2017.

ANNIVERSARIES

Don '54 and **Huberta (Bert) Ellithorp '55 Eisele**, celebrated their 60th anniversary Aug. 25, 2017.

Kevin '79 and **Geri Joice '79 Phillips**, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, celebrated their 40th anniversary Sept. 24, 2017.

Ken '49 and **Joyce Beitz '47 Swails**, will celebrate their 68th anniversary Dec. 27, 2017.

BIRTHS

Benjamin Brummit '10, Unionville, Missouri, Savanna Sadie, born April 30, 2015, and Vivian Rae, born Nov. 11, 2016.

Cesar and **Diana Jensen '01 Diaz**, Stockton, California, Mackenzie Lanae, born Aug. 23, 2016.

Christen '05 and Nicole **Hartnett**, Street, Maryland, Gabriella, born Aug. 7, 2017.

Zac '08 and **Katie '09 Harmon-McLaughlin**, Walnut Creek, California, Emma, born July 8, 2017.

Clayton '09 and Makayla **Hines**, Beaumont, Texas, Aubrey Ann, born July 6, 2017.

Travis '03 and **Rachel Lamble '03 Johnson**, Brooklyn, New York, Everett Travis and Elizabeth Viola, born July 16, 2017.

Joseph '03 and **Crystal Mahoney '03 Oxenreider**, Chariton, Iowa, Beau, born Nov. 2, 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

Carnie Anderson '67, Jonesboro, Arkansas, July 20, 2017.

Doris Allen '47 Benson, Deer Lodge, Michigan, Nov. 7, 2016.

Maxine "Tex" Moore '42 Boardman, Fort Worth, Texas, July 22, 2017.

Lewis Booker '55, College Station, Texas, Dec. 16, 2015.

Norma Sintz '47 Bryn, Independence, Missouri, July 14, 2017.

Lois Luing '42 Cerka, Colo, Iowa, Aug. 7, 2017.

Ognen Cemerski '00, Skopje, Macedonia, Aug. 24, 2017.

Carolyn Hawley '52 Crick, Independence, Missouri, July 19, 2017.

Rose Ann Brackenbury '54 Jones Crown, Loveland, Colorado, Aug. 31, 2016.

James Damron '54, Chattaroy, Washington, Nov. 5, 2016.

Morris Danielson '68, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jan. 27, 2014.

Thomas Dempsey '50, Independence, Missouri, June 8, 2017.

James Dixon '53, Portland, Oregon, July 24, 2017.

John Dunn '55, Savannah, Missouri, March 4, 2014.

Harold Edwards '48, Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 28, 2017.

David Elrod '74, Kansas City, Missouri, June 11, 2017.

Helen Layton '27 Fender, New Bloomfield, Missouri, Nov. 1, 2016.

Janice Norris '59 Fountain, Blue Springs, Missouri, Jan. 30, 2016.

Kathlyn Cato '37 Graves, San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 20, 2017.

Ted Griggs '10, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Oct. 4, 2017.

Yvonne Shipman '48 Hammer, Memphis, Tennessee, June 12, 2017.

Gerald '58 and **Judy Clark '58 Hartenburger**, Aurora, Illinois, Aug. 18, 2017.

Jacqueline Whitford '54 Heupel, Kaneohe, Hawaii, Aug. 24, 2011.

Warren Hinkle '43, Bettendorf, Iowa, July 21, 2017.

William Kaaikiola '53, Waukesha, Wisconsin, July 18, 2017.

Emma Farris '43 Kingore, Joplin, Missouri, Aug. 17, 2017.

Diane Schmoele '97 Klinger, Columbia, Missouri, May 9, 2015.

Robert Long '60, Blue Springs, Missouri, Sept. 1, 2016.

Penny Robison '73 Mackison, Oak Grove, Missouri, July 5, 2017.

Marilyn Russell '48 Hall Matthews, McAllen, Texas, Aug. 5, 2017.

Daniel McConnell '51, Alpine, Texas, May 25, 2016.

Wesley McKee '53, Columbia, South Carolina, Aug. 30, 2017.

Shelby "Dutch" Miller '58, Alstead, New Hampshire, June 5, 2017.

Kathleen Peele '75 Miller, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 18, 2014.

Larry Miller '57, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 14, 2014.

Marcia Hunter '62 Townsend Nicholls, Shell Knob, Missouri, Oct. 1, 2016.

Vernon Peterson '53, Joplin, Missouri, Aug. 8, 2017.

Joseph Rasmussen '67, Bend, Oregon, July 27, 2016.

Harold Rhode '50, Goodland, Kansas, June 25, 2017.

Bob Ritchie '60, Spring, Texas, May 31, 2017.

Betty Johnson '59 Roberts, Lago Vista, Texas, Dec. 29, 2016.

Byron Roberts '67, Sacramento, California, June 9, 2017.

Velma Ruch '41, Lamoni, Iowa, July 28, 2017.

Kristine Fish '00 Schooley, Iowa City, Iowa, Oct. 9, 2017.

Russell "Jerry" Sherman '53, Independence, Missouri, Sept. 10, 2017.

Terry Brolliar '45 Shinkle, Lakewood, Colorado, March 12, 2015.

Erma Ehlers '44 Snyder, Hamilton, Missouri, July 8, 2017.

Karen Link '67 Sparkes, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, May 3, 2014.

Elvis Taylor '57, Grand Junction, Colorado, April 26, 2014.

Juanita Kay Still '62 Thomas, Bethany, Missouri, July 3, 2017.

Jerry Ullery '60, Cheyenne, Wyoming, June 29, 2017.

00s

Wendell Smith '06
was recently accepted to Maryville University's Online EdD Higher Education Leadership program and will begin in January 2018.

Filipe Valle Costa '09
graduated with a degree in theatre and is currently starring in the FX drama series "Snowfall."

70s

Karen Ritchie '70, psychiatrist and bioethicist, recently published a book titled *Will Your Children Have Any Doctors? What You Can Do NOW to Start Fixing Health Care.*



Matthew Bolton addresses the conference.

Photo: Ari Beser, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, flickr

Matthew Bolton '01, PhD, was part the efforts with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the organization recently announced as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017.

According to the official website of the Nobel Prize, ICAN was selected to receive the award due to its work "to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its groundbreaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons." The site also states, "ICAN has played a major part in bringing about what in our day and age is equivalent to an international peace congress."

Bolton graduated from Graceland with a degree in history and religion. He went on to earn a master's degree in development studies and a doctorate in government from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

He and his spouse, Emily Welty, PhD, who also has been working with ICAN, are now both professors — Bolton in political science and Welty in women and gender studies — for the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences at Pace University in New York City.

ICAN has been a leader in recent years in the work toward an international treaty that would make nuclear weapons illegal. Bolton worked with a team that successfully advocated for the inclusion of victim assistance and environmental remediation provisions, and international cooperation and assistance provided to countries affected by use and testing of nuclear weapons.

Dwight Vickery '55, McKenzie, Texas, Feb. 3, 2017.

William White Walden '53, Monterey, California, Feb. 11, 2016.

Steven Wall '73, Olathe, Kansas, Aug. 14, 2017.

Nancy Steinke '74 Wallace, Lamoni, Iowa, Oct. 16, 2017.

Phyllis Wigle '60 Wallace, Portland, Oregon, Sept. 12, 2017.

Vern Webb '47, Federal Way, Washington, July 19, 2017.

Gerald Westwood '56, Columbia, Missouri, Sept. 10, 2017.

Merlin White '51, Savannah, Missouri, June 24, 2017.

Myron Willard '55, San Antonio, Texas, June 2, 2017.

Eta Marie Nielsen '51 Wilson, Simpsonville, South Carolina, June 12, 2016.

James Young '75, Lamoni, Iowa, July 8, 2017.

Louis Zonker '42, Parker, Colorado, Aug. 25, 2017.

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ANNUAL REPORT '17

Working at a university is like watching a parade. *It never stays still.* Something is always coming down the street, passing in front of you and then heading on by. That seemed especially true this year. The Graceland president who guided us through a rough-and-tumble economic roller coaster retired after a decade of faithful service, leaving behind an incredible legacy.

Under the leadership of Dr. John Sellars, the campus underwent a facelift with the Resch Science and Technology Hall, the Fitz, the Small and Thomas Apartments, remodeling in the residence halls and, of course, the magnificent addition to Shaw Center. The budget is on firm footing, the endowment is growing and the university just won a glowing renewed accreditation. Thank you, President Sellars. Well done, good and faithful servant.

The parade continues as Graceland welcomes a new president, who brings a wealth of academic experience. Dr. Patricia H. Draves was Vice President of Academic Affairs at Mount Union University in Alliance, Ohio. An added bonus: she brings her husband, Jeff, with his distinguished credentials as a chemist, who is teaching in the Division of Science and Mathematics. Welcome, Drs. Draves, to Graceland.

President Draves and Graceland are already proving to be a good fit. She plans to spend much of the first year getting to know the institution, its people and traditions, and she is keeping an open door to those who want to share their vision for Graceland's future, including alumni and friends. She is anxious to meet as many of our Graceland family as possible, to learn your stories and why so many are proud to support our efforts. Your donations of money, time, expertise and resources are strong evidence of an institution worthy of support.

The following donor report seeks to honor and recognize those who have supported our efforts during the 2016-17 school year. Many are loyal in their annual giving, which sustains Graceland through the good and hard times. For each and every supporter, we are grateful. Thank you for remembering Graceland and giving the gift of education to deserving students.



Kelly W. Everett

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Financial Highlights

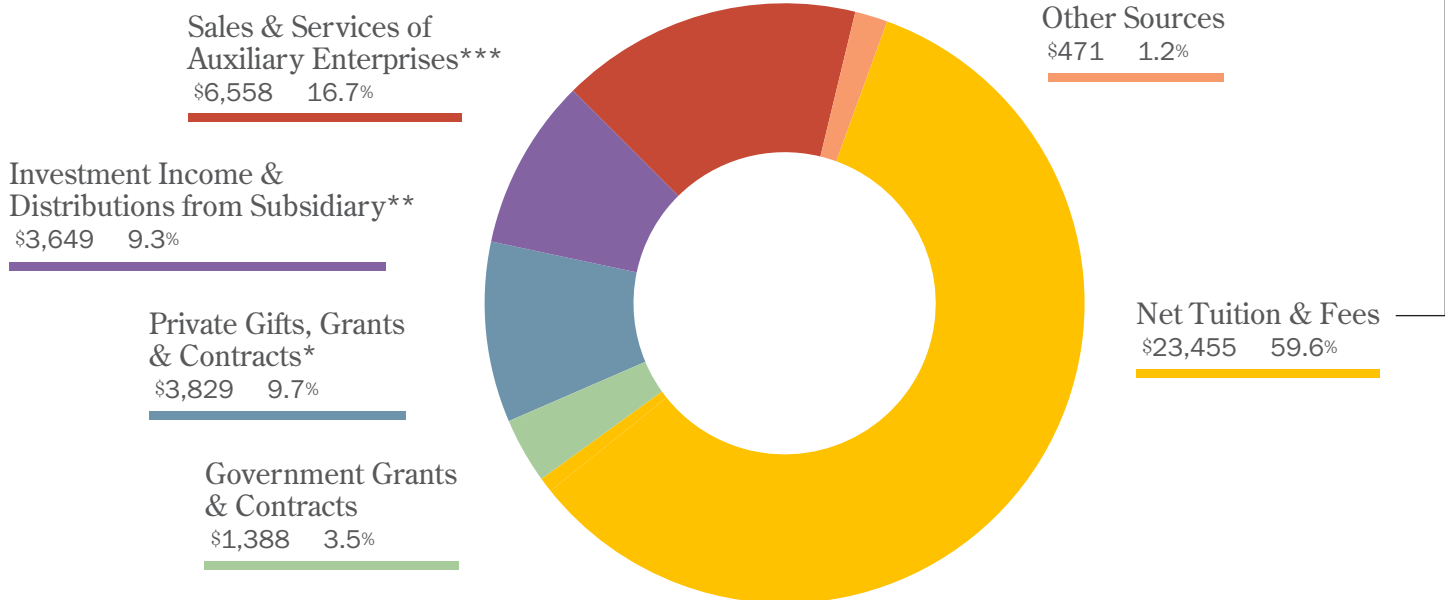
University Operating Budget Results 2016-17

REVENUE SOURCES in thousands

**TUITION & FEES
LESS SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS** \$39,050
(\$15,595)

TOTAL REVENUE
ROUNDED

\$39,350,537

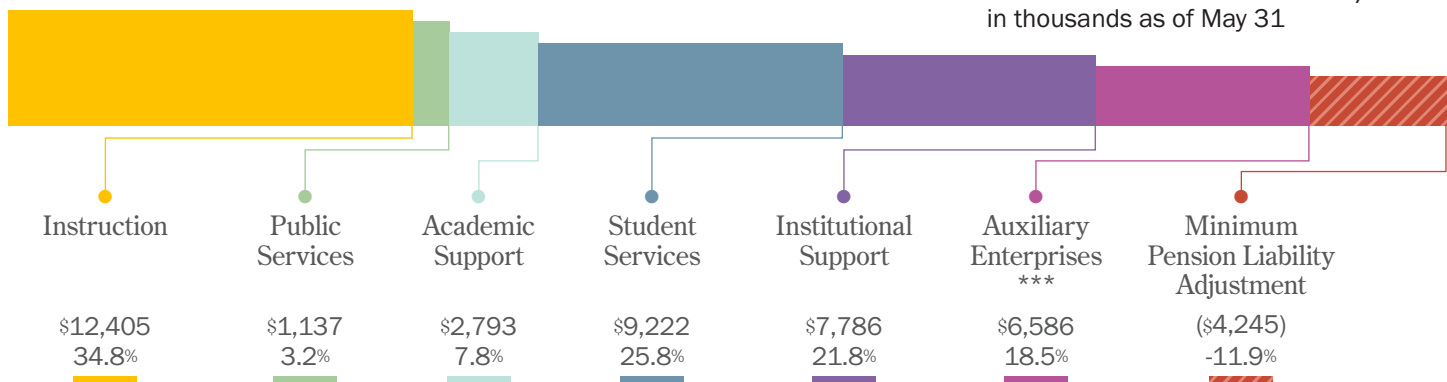


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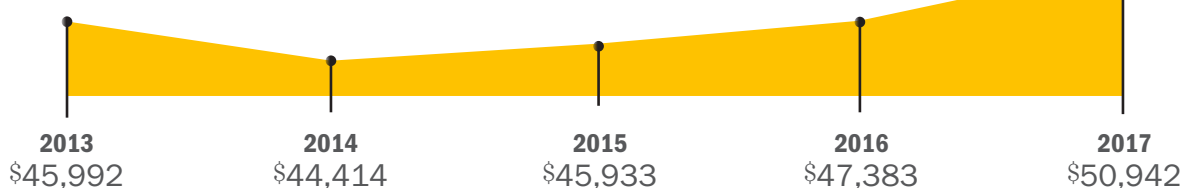
TOTAL EXPENSES
ROUNDED

\$35,683,935

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$3,666
in thousands as of May 31



ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE in thousands as of May 31



TOTAL ASSETS

Includes net assets of subsidiary*, market value of investment portfolio and other endowment assets

*The Graceland College Center for Professional Development and Lifelong Learning (SkillPath)

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DETAILS

Price:
\$3,899

*Does not include airfare to
Los Angeles International
Airport (LAX)*

A \$300 deposit due:
December 1, 2017

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