Welcome Class of 2020
Lakeland University will build a $2.8 million outdoor multisport athletic facility for use beginning in fall of 2017 by the Muskies and the greater community.

The facility will be home to Lakeland’s football and men’s and women’s soccer teams, and Lakeland intends to add two new programs – men’s and women’s lacrosse.

Learn more about this exciting project at Lakeland.edu/turf

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Lakeland University educates women and men of diverse backgrounds, preparing them to think critically, to communicate effectively, to succeed professionally, and to lead ethical, purposeful and fulfilling lives. Rooted in the values of the United Church of Christ, Lakeland integrates the liberal arts and experiential learning to develop the whole person for success in a dynamic, multi-faceted world.

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If you remember when 1984 was just a novel or when 2001 was a science fiction film, it may surprise you to know that students who will graduate as part of the Class of 2020 arrived on Lakeland University’s campus this fall.

These freshmen are part of Generation Z, a demographic cohort following the much-studied Millennial generation. Students in Generation Z, also called iGeneration, were born in 1996 or later.

StudentBridge, an Atlanta-based company specializing in the production of high-end multimedia packages and virtual tours of college and university campuses, recently shared the following observations about the members of Generation Z:

- **They are proficient researchers** – Practically born with the internet in their hands, Generation Z members know how to go out and find the answers to their questions. Whether it’s looking up YouTube tutorials or looking to the Smithsonian’s website for help with a paper on the Civil War, these students know their way around the web.

- **They’re the first generation that is truly tech-native** – While Millennials grew up with computers, mobile devices and other technology, Generation Z is the first generation that can’t remember a world without it. In fact, the majority of this generation was born after the first iMac computer was released.

- **They believe in balance** – They have seen their parents travel for work, work long hours and have little to no work-life balance. They are determined to change this. But, contrary to popular belief, they don’t all want to start their own company.

- **They have limited attention spans** – They have an eight-second attention span that acts as a filter. So if you can’t grab their attention in that time frame, they are going to move on to something else.

- **They’re a diverse generation** – Generation Z members are more diverse than any other generation before them. Forty-four percent of them are partially or fully a minority race.

- **They know how to build a personal brand** – They understand the importance of their brand on social media and developing a personal style through their Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages.

In the following pages, we’ll introduce you to eight freshmen who’ve chosen to take their post-high school journey with us at Lakeland. It will provide a bit of insight into their hopes, dreams and concerns as they work toward their career and educational goals as Muskies.
Edward R. Castillo

HOMETOWN: Oostburg, Wis.
MAJOR: History education.
MY DREAM JOB IS: Jet fighter pilot.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: Of the Aviation Program.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: My car, Kitt. I’m a commuter student and I’m still getting to know the campus.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Get my pilot’s license.
IF YOU LOOKED AT MY SOCIAL MEDIA, HERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU’D LEARN ABOUT ME: I love “Star Wars” and rock music.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED? Probably something relating to “Rogue One.”
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: The fear of having a lack of money.
I CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT: My cat, Shiloh.
IF I WERE KING FOR A DAY: I’d make “Spongebob Squarepants” the official mascot of America.
I’D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: Harrison Ford.

Heather Youngthunder

GRADUATED FROM: IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.
MAJOR: Chemistry and biology.
MY DREAM JOB IS: Neurosurgeon.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: It offers me the chance to focus on my studies and play basketball.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: The gym.
IF YOU LOOKED AT MY SOCIAL MEDIA, HERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU’D LEARN ABOUT ME: I really love Kpop – basically I like music and dance. Also, that I miss having my sister with me.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Help lead Lakeland women’s basketball to a championship.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED? Pictures to use in my research paper.
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: I am not nervous about my future. I believe that if something is meant to happen it will; there is no need to worry about it. You just have to do the best you can at whatever you are doing and believe in yourself.
I CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT: My family, my animals and my music.
IF I WERE QUEEN FOR A DAY: I’d make everyone have a day to relax and have fun.
I’D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: Jeon Jungkook, because he can dance, sing, rap and is the youngest member of (Korean music group) BTS. It would be fun to hang out with the other BTS members, and an amazing experience to see just how crazy their training and work schedule is.

Generation Z is the first generation that can’t remember a truly tech-native world without computers, mobile devices and other technology.
Deonte Carlton

HOMETOWN: Green Bay, Wis.
MAJOR: Business management.
MY DREAM JOB IS: Unsure at the moment, but I’d like to own my own business someday.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: The small campus and being able to get to know the professors.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: The Wehr Center. I love the new gym floor and I cannot wait to play in front of the Lakeland crowd.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Land a job in some area of business so I can work my way into owning my own business.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED? 2016 NBA Finals Game 7 box score.
IF YOU LOOKED AT MY SOCIAL MEDIA, HERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU’D LEARN ABOUT ME: I don’t post much and I love basketball.
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: Being able to find a job after college that has to do with my major.
I CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT: Music.
IF I WERE KING FOR A DAY: I would make textbooks free for the first two years of college.
I’D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: LeBron James. Being the best player in the NBA would be such a great experience.

Lauren Bruggink

HOMETOWN: Oostburg, Wis.
MAJOR: Biochemistry.
MY DREAM JOB IS: To be a research scientist.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: My personal values and service match the values of Lakeland University. I love how the whole university acts as a community. Everyone within the university is willing to help each other out.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: The Chase Science Center.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Participate in the Lakeland Undergraduate Research Experience (LURE) Program during the summer.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED? Angela Merkel, because I had to do an essay about her in my Introduction to Honors class.
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: Being able to find a job after college that has to do with my major.
I CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT: My horse, Nadine.
IF I WERE QUEEN FOR A DAY: Honestly, I would just make people make me food, and maybe change laws that I didn’t like.
I’D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: Beyoncé, because she is the queen.

Riley Phelps

MAJOR: Undecided, but thinking about marketing.
MY DREAM JOB IS: To become a DNR officer.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: I get the opportunity to play sports and get a fantastic education. Coming from a small town, this fits me quite well.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: The gym or the Daily Grind.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Make myself prepared for what lies ahead in the future.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED? The location of the nearest Cold Stone Creamery.
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: That I will not leave a legacy of some sort behind.
I CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT: Food … definitely food.
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Maddison Lindquist

HOMETOWN: Bark River, Mich.
MAJOR: Biology or exercise science.
MY DREAM JOB IS: Physical therapist.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: It has a small teacher-student ratio, which makes it more comfortable for me since I come from a small school. I also get to play basketball while getting a great education.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: Wherever there is food.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Have a few internships under my belt, and win a NACC women’s basketball championship!
IF YOU LOOKED AT MY SOCIAL MEDIA, HERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU'D LEARN ABOUT ME: I'm funny and I love cats.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED?: Saturated and unsaturated fats.
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: Not getting into professional school.
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My cat.
IF I WERE QUEEN FOR A DAY: I would have all the cats without homes come to my castle so I could make them feel loved.
I'D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: LeBron James or my cat.

Chacone Ben Vue

HOMETOWN: Sheboygan, Wis.
MAJOR: Biology.
MY DREAM JOB IS: Chef. Cooking is an art and I love testing and mixing ingredients to make different kinds of foods to eat.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: It has, on average, small class sizes which enables a more engaging and interactive way for me to learn. Lakeland has a quiet and peaceful campus, surrounded by large deciduous trees and whimsical songbirds.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: The Campus Center. It is a great place to meet new people, make new friends and relax in the evening after classes.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Feel a sense of achievement and be an active member in Lakeland's community.
IF YOU LOOKED AT MY SOCIAL MEDIA, HERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU'D LEARN ABOUT ME: I love the outdoors and I value my family and spend lots of time with them.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED?: The news. I recently did a current events PowerPoint for class discussion.
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: The Presidential election, of course! This year's election is very chaotic. People always surprise me by how they vote and their logic behind it.
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Corrective lenses. I have terrible eyesight. Without them, I can't make out people's faces 10 feet away and therefore I'm not able to function daily.
IF I WERE KING FOR A DAY: I would rest. There is never enough time to sleep!
I'D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: No one! I am content with who I am and I wouldn't want to be anyone else.

Brandon Herrin

HOMETOWN: Plymouth, Wis.
MAJOR: Psychology.
MY DREAM JOB IS: To do research at a university for a while, then teach.
LAKELAND IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE: The small class sizes allow me to have more personal interaction with my professors and peers.
MY FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS IS: The Campus Center.
BEFORE I GRADUATE, MY GOAL IS TO: Conduct research and find or support hypotheses in the psychological world.
IF YOU LOOKED AT MY SOCIAL MEDIA, HERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU'D LEARN ABOUT ME: I enjoy humor, and family is very important to me.
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU GOOGLED?: A website called “Finish Line.”
ONE THING THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT MY FUTURE IS: That I may not have time to do all of the things I wish to do.
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My family, friends or music.
IF I WERE KING FOR A DAY: I would try and pass laws that would make whatever nation I am the king of better.
I'D LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: The President of the United States. I would love to experience what one average day is like for the President.
FAB FOUR
INTRODUCING LAKELAND’S ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

By Meg Albrinck, Lakeland University Provost

Over the past year, I’ve been invited to discuss one topic more than any other – Lakeland’s decision to change its name from college to university. I’ve had the privilege of explaining the reasons for the change – it better describes the array of programs we have, it more accurately describes the degrees we offer for international students – and the positive buzz within the Lakeland family and the greater community has provided energy and focus to our work.
While changes to the Lakeland logo and new Lakeland apparel choices have received a great deal of attention, one of the biggest changes has been a bit more understated.

In becoming Lakeland University, the faculty and Board of Trustees have worked collaboratively to revise Lakeland’s academic structure. As Lakeland College, we were divided into seven academic divisions, each overseen by a member of the full-time teaching faculty who had received a small amount of release time to do administrative work. As Lakeland University, we are now organized into three schools – a School of Business & Entrepreneurship; a School of Science, Technology & Education; and a School of Humanities & Fine Arts. A list of the programs housed in each school appears on the following pages. Each school is overseen by an academic dean, whose role is primarily administrative.

This academic structure will allow us to do some things that were challenging to do in our previous structure. Ideally, our deans will have more time to work with the community and with our advancement team, finding ways to strengthen our undergraduate and graduate programs through partnerships, employer feedback and alumni support. And this new model should allow me, as Lakeland’s provost, to foster innovation and map out an academic vision that leverages our multiple delivery options.

Personally, this change is exciting. I’ve been a member of Lakeland’s faculty since 1999, and I’ve had the good fortune to see first-hand the wonderful things our students do, both inside and outside of the classroom. Since 2008, I’ve been serving as Lakeland’s chief academic officer, a role that challenges me to work with faculty, administration, students and board members to find ways to improve the educational experience Lakeland provides and to expand the reach of our academic programs.

I am honored to move into my new role as provost, and I am thrilled to be joined in this transition by three colleagues with whom I’ve worked for many years and for whom I have great respect.

In the pages that follow, my colleagues will introduce their schools, their programs and their visions. Each dean has a distinct personality, as does each school. However, what strikes me is that all of us in the academic leadership team share three common beliefs:

1. Lakeland’s success is dependent on our students’ success.

2. Lakeland students succeed because faculty understand the importance of connecting disciplinary knowledge with real-world applications.

3. Lakeland is committed to being a true partner in the communities we serve. We must hold true to our mission and values, but be willing to adapt our curriculum and delivery to meet the needs of our constituents.

As we continue to evolve institutionally, we place these beliefs front and center in our academic planning, striving every day to provide educational opportunities that allow our students – women and men of diverse backgrounds – to be successful in a dynamic, multi-faceted world.

The School of Business & Entrepreneurship

By Scott Niederjohn
Dean of the School of Business & Entrepreneurship

For students in programs offered in Lakeland’s School of Business & Entrepreneurship, there is as much learning happening outside of the classroom as inside. The school offers practical, career-oriented majors within a liberal arts institution. As a result, our graduates have knowledge in a breadth of academic subjects, depth in their majors and real-world experience gathered through internships, practicums, field trips and other outside activities and projects.

Increasingly, we need to be able to explain to prospective students and parents how their investments will pay off, and we’re working to collect better alumni data to support these discussions in our school.

We have tremendous student success stories to tell. Recent business and accounting students have landed jobs with great companies locally and around the country and many are now in leadership positions. Graduates of programs in this school are working in leadership roles at Northwestern Mutual, the PGA of America, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Schreiber Foods and Kohler Co., to name a few. One graduate has begun to receive acclaim for her restaurant in Thiensville, Wis., the chel.
Our accounting program continues to be highly regarded, and students have done very well on the CPA exam. Students in that program run a large and free tax preparation site for low-income earners in Sheboygan, host a high school forensic/fraud accounting competition and have a very active student club with speakers and professional networking events.

I’m very excited about the future of our hospitality management program. We have a great partnership program with Blue Harbor Resort, The Osthoff and Destination Kohler. Students in this major are involved in innovative, out-of-the-classroom experiences led by our dynamic new faculty member in this area.

We continue to forge strong international ties. I taught for a semester at the University of Luxembourg in central Europe, and we’ve developed a strong student exchange program for students of both institutions. Twelve Lakeland students visited Ireland in May as part of a course exploring Ireland’s economy and hospitality industry. This course was the next step in an exchange program we’re creating with the Dublin Institute of Technology. That will also include a student exchange that will include internships with our resort partners in support of our hospitality management program.

The School of Business & Entrepreneurship has a bright future. We’re working to build a strong board of advocates for the school, to reinvigorate an executive-in-residence program, and to expand internship and scholarship opportunities for our students. We are always working to assure that our programs are relevant to employers so our students can succeed professionally and lead ethical, purposeful and fulfilling lives.

**Undergraduate Majors**
- Accounting
- Business Administration
  - Emphasis areas: Management, finance, business economics, international business, human resources management, insurance, health care management, hospitality management, nonprofit management, sport management, fraud/forensic
- Hospitality Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
  - Emphasis areas: Graphic arts, digital marketing, sales management, retail management
- Specialized Administration
- Sport Management and Leadership
  - Emphasis areas: Athletic administration, athletic coaching, communication, hospitality management, nonprofit management, strength and conditioning

**Undergraduate Minors**
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Sport Management

**Graduate degrees**
- Master of Business Administration
  - Concentration: Accounting, finance, healthcare management, human resources management, project management, supply chain management

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The School of Science, Technology & Education

By Brian Frink  
Dean of the School of Science, Technology & Education

Lakeland’s School of Science, Technology & Education is made up of academic programs that perfectly illustrate the value of Lakeland’s approach to education – an approach that is built on the marriage of disciplinary expertise and broad-based liberal arts knowledge.

The 11 majors and three minors housed in this school are all pragmatic in that they provide students with the disciplinary skills and the knowledge that clearly prepare students for employment or graduate school immediately after graduation. The majors in our school prepare students for the expanding opportunities in computer science, behavioral science, health care and education.

At the same time, the programs within this school have students conducting research or some form of scholarship that helps them develop critical thinking, communication and other intangible skills associated with a liberal arts education and required by today’s employers. Those skills give our students the flexibility to go from job to job, or, in many cases, from career to career.

All majors in this school invite students to ponder the question “How”:
• How do we understand ourselves?
• How do we think and act?
• How do we learn?
• How do we teach others?
• How do we teach machines to think?
• How do we fit in society?
• How do we fit into nature?
• How do we move?
• How do we evolve?
• How do our cells work?
• How are molecules made?

Students answer these questions by diving in and getting their feet wet – sometimes literally. (Our ecology students study outdoors and in lakes and rivers, and advanced biology students have the opportunity to conduct research in the rainforests of Belize.) All of our programs have the opportunities for students to engage in “How” in a variety of ways:

• Undergraduate research experiences on campus are available in state-of-the-art facilities in programs like biology, computer science, exercise science and psychology. A recent $840,000 gift from 1969 graduate Clifford Feldmann led to the creation of a cell lab in the Chase Science Center and an exercise science lab in the Wehr Center. Both will position our undergraduate students to do cutting-edge research more commonly found in graduate programs at larger institutions. It’s an example of how great teachers and philanthropy are a powerful combination to benefit students.
• Lakeland has well-established internships at local companies often leading directly to jobs in programs like chemistry and

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Not through lecture, but through vibrant discussion and shared exploration, students learn to connect ideas across civilizations and fields of study, engage in peer-to-peer critique of burgeoning ideas and artistic creation, listen to others and forge independent points-of-view and gain a fluency of thought that will enable them to draw from the past to become the innovators of the future. This is what we mean by the liberal arts experience, and the School of Humanities & Fine Arts is the foundation of that experience at Lakeland University.

That is to say, at the heart of our school’s majors is the study and practice of being human. Our classrooms offer critical windows through which to explore the ancient and modern worlds of human language, culture and art, and our travel abroad courses take students beyond the book in order to turn the foreign into the familiar. Fine arts students take center stage on our campus, making music and art and poetry that profoundly connects us – through artful expression – to one another. Humanities and arts faculty are inspired, dynamic teachers, published scholars and professional artists, and they encourage their students to study what inspires them, whether that be the history of rock n’ roll or the art of comics, political communication and activism or Eastern religious traditions, mastering a foreign language or writing an original screenplay.

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The humanities and fine arts are as relevant as ever, and there’s more invention from our faculty to come – more programs of study delivered through various campuses and modalities, and new programs of study that will attract more students and create 21st century opportunities for our Lakeland students.

Finding success in our modern world – more global and digital every day – requires one to be analytically nimble, critical in mind and creative in spirit, a savvy communicator and deep understanding of the complex human experience. The programs and faculty in the School of Humanities & Fine Arts prepare students in these ways and for this rapidly changing world. When students graduate, they are prepared not only for their first job, but they will have the flexible, broad skills for a lifetime of meaningful careers and personal journeys. They will go on to graduate school or start a business; they will become lawyers, teachers, independent artists, ministers, web analysts, translators and public servants; they will forge their own path on their way to being good humans.

Undergraduate Majors

- Art
  - Studio Emphasis
  - Graphic Arts Emphasis
- Broad Field Social Studies-History*
- Communication
- Creative Writing (Bachelor of Fine Arts degree)
- English*
- History*
- Music
- Music Education*
- Music Performance
- Religion
- Spanish*
- Writing

Undergraduate Minors

- Art
- Communication
- English
- History
- Music
- Religion
- Spanish
- Teaching English as a Second Language*
- Writing

Undergraduate Degrees

- A.A. Associate of Arts

*Programs with tracks leading to DPI certification and licensure

Lakeland University recently celebrated Homecoming, welcoming hundreds of alumni back to campus for a full schedule of fun and fellowship.

The festivities started on Friday night as Mission House/ Lakeland graduates who served as ordained ministers gathered for a special on-campus Reverends’ Reunion. The event commemorated the 60th anniversary of the name change from Mission House to Lakeland College. The pastors represented Lakeland classes ranging more than 50 years.

Saturday included a number of events:

- The day started with a pair of free fitness activities and a Preview Day for prospective students.
- A service in the Ley Chapel remembered alumni who have passed away over the last year.
- New members were inducted into the esteemed Emeritus Club, which is for alumni with a Mission House or Lakeland College graduation date of at least half-a-century ago. Current Emeritus Club members and class of 1966 graduates joined President Dan Eck for a special luncheon and “State of the University” address.
- After a tailgate luncheon outside the Younger Family Campus Center, fans headed to Taylor Field to watch the football team win the annual Cheese Bowl for the third straight year with a victory over arch rival Concordia University, Wis. The victors celebrated during a Fifth Quarter in the 1862 Lounge.
- The night wound up with the annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, as Bob Zaininger ’69, Kevin Fix ’01, Calvin Thomas ’02, Hulya Erden ’02 and Hanaka Murakami ’04 were inducted into this illustrious group.

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Calvin Thomas ’02
Kevin Fix ’01
Bob Zaininger ’69
Hulya Erden ’02
A lot of people have bucket lists of those fun and interesting things they want to do in their lives. We know Sheboygan County has a lot to offer, and not just for the folks who live here.

So, we’re putting together a Muskies Bucket List of the things traditional students should do before they graduate from Lakeland University.

We need your help!
What activities, events, places or experiences do you think need to be on our list? These are college students, so we’re hoping to offer plenty of free and low-cost options. To get this started, here are a few we already know will make the list:

• Spend a portion of a day exploring the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan.
• Hang out at North Beach in Sheboygan and take a walk out to the lighthouse.
• Climb to the top of Parnell Tower in the Kettle Moraine State Forest (especially in the fall when the colors are in full force).

You can send your ideas to David Gallianetti at gallianettidd@lakeland.edu. We’re going to compile the list, as well as some prizes and incentives, and roll out this program to students in the near future. We’ll also include a fun way for them to record when they accomplish something on the list.

We’d love to hear from you about some of your favorite hangouts when you attended Lakeland/Mission House. We’re betting some of those hot spots are long gone, but we’d love to hear some of those memories. We’ll share them on social media and in an upcoming issue of this magazine.

Send your memories to David at gallianettidd@lakeland.edu
Imagine taking an adult cell, wiping its coded memory clean, then re-programming it to become any kind of cell needed to benefit humanity.

That’s an oversimplified way to describe the exciting work Lakeland students performed this past summer in the new Feldmann Lab, which opened last spring thanks to an $840,000 gift from 1969 graduate Clifford Feldmann.

It is one of many academic changes that are benefiting students as part of the transition to Lakeland University. The changes stem from ongoing program assessment that includes feedback from employers and students.

Lakeland students Jamie Gundlach and Suzette Rosas did the cell work under the tutelage of Jered McGivern, Lakeland’s assistant professor of biochemistry.

“Scientists have discovered how to erase adult cells’ memories and create ‘naïve’ cells, or embryonic-like cells,” McGivern said. “Once these adult cells have been re-programmed, they act very much like embryonic stem cells. We can then take those cells and develop them into any kind of cell we want.

“This work will help us understand the human brain, and could have implications down the road in terms of understanding diseases and finding cures.”

McGivern said this research is fairly commonplace at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Medical College of Wisconsin, but not at the nation’s smaller, liberal arts institutions.

“We are extremely excited to launch this research and proud to be processing the first cell line in this lab space,” McGivern said. “We are obviously grateful for Dr. Feldmann and his generous donation, which makes this important work possible.

“This lab provides a tremendous opportunity for our undergraduates to delve into this fascinating field. At the bigger universities, they primarily serve their graduate students. Wisconsin has a strong tradition in biotechnology, and this cell lab gives our students the opportunity to explore this rapidly developing technology right here at Lakeland.”

Feldmann’s gift also funded an exercise science lab, which opened this fall. Three Lakeland students majoring in exercise science presented high-level research at this past summer’s National Strength and Conditioning Association Conference and Exhibition in New Orleans, and the lab will open the door to more of those opportunities for Lakeland students.

“It’s unusual for undergraduate students to present at this prestigious national conference,” said Bill Ebben, Lakeland’s associate professor of exercise science. “This is awesome exposure for them and for our program as we continue to work hard to raise our profile.”

Other academic program additions and enhancements being implemented include:

• The creation of a five-year bachelor’s degree/master of business administration degree track for highly motivated, goal-oriented students interested in earning both degrees in a shorter timeframe.

• The creation of a management information systems (MIS) bachelor’s degree, which combines coursework from Lakeland’s existing business administration and computer science majors for students looking for leadership roles in technology fields after graduation. Jobs requiring an MIS degree are frequently ranked at the top of job outlook surveys.

• The creation of a bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing. The degree is the only one of its kind in the state. It will prepare students for a variety of careers in the arts, but specifically creative writing, editing and publishing. Graduates will also be well-positioned to seek advanced degrees.

• A partnership with Lakeshore Technical College that will create a technology education major. This will produce technology education teachers that will help address one of the biggest shortages facing school districts around the state.

• The expansion of LU’s marketing major with the addition of four emphasis areas: sales management, retail management, digital marketing and graphic arts.

• Additional real-world experiences for the hospitality management program. Students seeking jobs in hospitality will have opportunities to work with Lakeland’s partners, The Osthoff in Elkhart Lake, Destination Kohler and Blue Harbor Resort.

• The creation of two new concentrations in the MBA program: human resources management and supply chain management. The HR coursework fully aligns with the Society for Human Resource Management’s (SHRM) HR Curriculum Guidebook and Templates, which were developed to define the minimum HR content areas that should be studied by HR students at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

• Offering biochemistry, chemistry, computer science and exercise science majors as bachelor of science degrees. They are currently offered as bachelor of arts degrees.
Lakeland University’s Tokyo, Japan, campus celebrated a pair of events – its 25th anniversary and a record-setting graduation – during a special weekend in August.

The festivities included a record number of graduates and the return of many alumni and former faculty and staff for the 25th anniversary Alumni Reunion.

Steven Gould, founder of the Japan campus and president emeritus of Lakeland, returned to Japan to be part of the weekend, which was also highlighted by a special taped congratulatory message from Caroline Kennedy, U.S. ambassador to Japan and the daughter of former President John F. Kennedy.

Ambassador Kennedy, in her taped message, displayed noticeable emotion when she referred to her father’s visit to Lakeland’s main campus in 1960. “He would be very proud to know that the small college he visited in 1960 has become a major force in international education,” she said.

More than 50 students graduated, including eight Americans, 32 Japanese and 12 students from eight different countries, including the daughter of the Columbian ambassador to Japan.

The Alumni Reunion attracted more than 130 alumni, faculty and staff. Every year from 1993, the year of the first graduating class, was represented.

“There was no better way to celebrate 25 years of history than walking into a room and seeing graduates from every year reconnecting with friends, classmates and former professors,” said Charlie Stockman ’05 MBA ’15, director of international programs. “People were laughing, hugging and remembering their days as Lakeland Japan students the entire night. I think it says a lot about the impact Lakeland has on lives.”

Akane Yoshikawa ’02 said, “Everyone in the room was reconnecting and laughing again with people they hadn’t seen for years. It brought me back to a time when I first met these people and started that chapter of my life.”

One instructor, Valdorian Cline, has been teaching at LUJ almost since the beginning – 23 years. He and Masanori Nakayama received awards for providing more than 20 years of service to LUJ.

LUJ also announced plans to hold a special meeting this fall to launch its first alumni organization.
Submit your news about employment changes, marriages and babies to advancement@lakeland.edu.

1960
Floyd Henschel, of Beaver Dam, Wis., participated in a Badger Honor Flight on May 21, 2016.

Mary Ann Johansen-Van Leur, Appleton, Wis., received the President’s Volunteer Service Award, presented by the Corporation for National Community Service, in recognition and appreciation for commitment to strengthen our nation and communities through volunteer service. Email: mvanleur@aol.com

1961
Rev. Karl Vercouteren, of The Dalles, Ore., celebrated his 50th anniversary of graduation from United Theological Seminary at an event in May. Rev. Paul Koepke ’61 was also in attendance for the reunion.

1972
Doug Kuepper, of Milwaukee, Wis., retired music curriculum specialist for Milwaukee Public Schools, was chosen Teacher of the Year by his school and was recognized at the Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators Teacher of the Year Recognition Gala. An adjunct faculty member at Lakeland’s Milwaukee Center, Doug also serves as pastor of Metro-Milwaukee Bible Fellowship, meeting in Germantown, Wis. In retirement, he is spending more time with his wife, Tamara ’74 and expanding his ministry, along with part-time music opportunities of composing and writing. Email: dtkuepper@milwpc.com

1983
Peter ’84 and Maria (Gianes) Weller, of Three Lakes, Wis., are semi-retired after 30 years in the automotive oil change business. They have moved to the north woods of Wisconsin after a wonderful career in industry. Email: wellerosa@att.net

1984
Cathy Headley, of Poplar Grove, Ill., Exercise and Sport Science Chair at Judson University, was awarded a Walking College Fellowship by America Walks, a national advocacy organization that promotes walking and walkable communities. The Fellowship enables Headley and 24 other advocates from around the country to participate in a five-month training program designed to strengthen local efforts to make communities more walkable and livable.

1991
Mark Holzman MED ’96, of Howards Grove, Wis., is in his first year as superintendent of the Manitowoc Public School District.

1992
Mary Kohl, of Sheboygan, Wis., has retired from Edward Jones Investments after 21 years, but remains a limited partner. Email: kpr@yahoo.com

Brian Skortz, of Owensboro, Ky., is head men's basketball coach at Brescia University. Skortz returns to the hardwood after being the head coach at Port Edwards High School and Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., earlier in his coaching career. He is also the director of athletics at Brescia University and he teaches in the sports management department. Email: skortzb12@gmail.com

1994
Robert Kelly, of Kaukauna, Wis., retired after almost 32 years at Goodman-Reichwald-Dodge Inc. in Milwaukee. He relocated to Kaukauna to enjoy retirement. Email: robert2479@sbcglobal.net

Greg Sadler, of Milwaukee, Wis., had his article “Is God’s Justice Unmerciful in Anselm’s Cur Deus Homo?” published in the Saint Anselm Journal (vol. 11, no. 1). This is the ninth of his published journal articles and book chapters focused on St. Anselm. Among his other projects, he is currently writing a book on the interrelation between divine mercy and justice in Anselm’s works and thought. He was also recently appointed to director of the Institute of Critical Philosophy at the Global Center for Advanced Studies (GCAS). Email: greg@reasonio.com

1995
Pam Kachelmeier, of Kiel, Wis., a business and life coach and professional counselor, is the founder of the Equine Assisted Coaching Association, which trains coaches, counselors, healers, therapists, equestrians and interested persons in learning how to partner with horses to create transformations for their clients. For more information, visit www.equineaca.com.

1996

Beth (Porter) Kraft and her husband, Jim, celebrated the birth of their first child, Kaela Laurene, on Feb. 15, 2015. The family resides in rural Mondovi. Beth is the editor of the Mondovi Herald-News.

Staci Schleuchtermann, of Random Lake, Wis., has been named a tax specialist leader in Deloitte’s Tax Management Consulting Group. In this role, in addition to her sr. manager responsibilities, she serves as a subject matter expert for tax technology projects around the country, with emphasis on state tax provision and compliance processes. She also participates in developing internal training sessions for her colleagues. Email: sschleuchtermann@wi.rr.com

1998
Michael Manske, of Milwaukee, Wis., is one of a group of approximately 20 members including University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee professors, scientists, graduate students and undergraduates who work closely together on LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory). This is an ambitious project to detect gravitational waves from the cores of exploding stars, from colliding black holes and from rapidly rotating neutron stars in the Galaxy.

2001
Nicole Sundberg, of Ishpeming, Mich., is working as a registered nurse for the Michigan Department of Corrections in a level 5 maximum security prison. Email: nisundbe@gmail.com
2002

Paula Damp, of Plymouth, Wis., was promoted to database administration analyst at Sargento Foods, Inc.

Teddie Malangwasira, of Plymouth, Wis., graduated with a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership concentrating in human resource development from Regent University. His dissertation title was: “An Empirical Comparative Examination of the Relationships among School Leadership Behaviors and Teacher Commitment to Students in Malawi.”

Email: tjmalangwasira@yahoo.com

2003

Luke Pfeifer and his wife, Monica (Hetz) ’06, of Renton, Wash., celebrated the birth of their first child, a daughter, Bayleigh Gwen Pfeifer.

Michael Stoeckigt MBA ’06, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., was promoted to district manager of the north central Wisconsin and Missouri districts of Advanced Disposal, an integrated environmental services company. He oversees 28 hauling, landfill, transfer stations and recycling facilities. Stoeckigt has been with the company for seven years and prior served as district controller.

2007

Tamika Johnson, of Milwaukee, Wis., wrote a children’s book entitled “My Bedtime Friend (He’s in My Dreams).”

Matt Martin married Brittanie Paulus ’10 on Sept. 24, 2016. They live in St. Charles, Ill. Kim Linger ’10 was a member of the bridal party. He is a transaction services/accounts payable manager with Jones Lang LaSalle. She is an inside sales rep at Power Solutions Int.

Camille Solberg, of New London, Wis., was named Professional Member of the Month for the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee. Solberg is regional director/state minority outreach coordinator for U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI).

Steven Stavola MBA ’10, of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., has joined Exhibit Systems as project manager.

2009

Nathan Lischka married Laura Schnelle ’11 on Oct. 10, 2015. Other Lakeland alumni in the wedding party were: Erica (Smith) Dalluge ’08, Michaela (Higgins) McGinnes ’09, Ben Stemlacher ’10, Steve Emory ’10, Tom Kelly ’08 and Kevin Hildebrand ’08.

2010

Katelyn (Sheck) Burton and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed their first child, Eli Evan. Katelyn is the Development & Member Service Associate at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.

Darin Christians, of Howards Grove, Wis., is part of the staff of the Lakeland Registrar’s Office. He works extensively with the implementation of the advising module. Other duties include enrollment and degree verifications, deferment processing, academic recalculation and managing the warning process for at-risk students. He also serves as the lead for National Student Clearinghouse reporting. Previously, Christians worked as a programmer analyst for PrimaData Inc.

2011

Frackson Liteleko, of Mangochi, Malawi, is working toward a master’s degree in social studies at Chancellor College in Malawi, Africa.

Paul Parchert of Tyler, Tex., received a master’s degree in history from the University of Texas at Tyler in May of 2015.

2012

Abby Block, is development director with The Salvation Army. She recently returned to the Sheboygan area after serving as the grants and communications coordinator for Moveable Feast, a nonprofit in Baltimore, Md.

Several alums helped us celebrate the transition to Lakeland University this past summer at Lakeland Night at the Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series outside the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. From left, Kelly (Hopfinger) Holm ’08, Allison (Komaromy) Norman ’08 and Elisa (Waltz) Cart ’08 MAC ’12 and their children were proud winners of new LU apparel.

Samantha Schnell and Craig Clark ’14 got engaged during a Brewers game at Miller Park. They are planning a fall 2017 wedding.

2014

Mikal Anschutz and Tess Myklebust are engaged to be married. The couple plans a 2018 wedding. Tess worked on the team planning the 2015 PGA Championship in Charlotte, N.C. Mikal is a financial services specialist II/universal banker II for Regions Bank.

Melissa Christensen married Derek Madson on Oct. 1, 2016. Tess Myklebust ’14, Katie (Freitag) Maris ’14 and Brittany Reindl ’14 were members of the wedding party. The couple lives in De Pere, Wis. She is a customer support analyst at Schneider.

Marcus Diedrich married Brittni Peterson ’14 on Sept. 4, 2016. Lakeland graduates in the wedding party included Whitney Diedrich MAC ’12 ’15, Steve Boucher MAC ’13, Deric Lightle ’15, Cody Lemke ’14, Ben Manske ’14, Killian McKenzie ’14, Erin Henk ’13, Brittany Jurek ’14 and Monica Santelli ’14. Marcus is marketing manager at Blue Harbor Resort and Brittni is product and materials specialist at curt G Joa, Inc.

2015

Shari Tieman, of Thorp, Wis., is divisional director of managed care with HSHS Sacred Heart & St. Joseph’s hospitals. She negotiates and maintains contracts with the two hospitals’ payors, and comes to the job from Marshfield Clinic.
IN MEMORIAM

Lakeland University has been notified of the following deaths of alumni and friends of the university:

Richard Hill, Lakeland’s 12th president, died in May in Florida. He was 87.

Services were held in Florida and Wisconsin, and a public celebration of Hill’s life was held at the Ley Chapel on the Lakeland campus that drew a number of former Lakeland employees, including President Emeritus Steve Gould, who shared several memories of Hill’s tenure.

Hill led Lakeland from 1977-89, a time that saw significant growth both physically and financially. The Todd Wehr Physical Education Center (1984), Bradley Fine Arts Building (1987) and the Verhulst Center for the Arts (1988) were all constructed during his tenure, and the library received a significant addition and was named for former trustee John Esch.

During his Lakeland presidency, Hill served on several local boards, and also was president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

After leaving the presidency, Hill served as Lakeland’s only chancellor from 1989-91 during the early years of the presidency of David Black. Hill was named president emeritus by the board of trustees upon his retirement. In 1994, the trustees named two new apartments for Hill and former Lakeland President John Morland.

Hill received honorary doctorates from Lakeland and Carroll College (his undergraduate alma mater), and an endowed Lakeland scholarship in his name was created at the time of his retirement.

After leaving Wisconsin, Hill and his wife of 64 years, Marilyn, often hosted Lakeland visitors at their home in Florida and were regular hosts at Lakeland’s annual Florida alumni gathering.

The early years of Hill’s presidency saw the establishment of the Lifelong Learning Program, the state’s first degree-completion program for working adults. Today, the Evening, Weekend & Online program has more than 2,000 students.

Hill received a master of divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, was an ordained Presbyterian minister and served churches in Wisconsin and Illinois.

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Rev. Lloyd Fried ’56 of Onalaska, Wis., on Mar. 11, 2016.


Rev. Marwood Rettig ’57 of Milwaukee, Wis., on July 18, 2016.

Robert Platz ’57 of Bowling Green, Ohio, on March 17, 2016.

William Baumer ’57 of Clarence, N.Y., on June 2, 2014.


Gerald Hollenbeck ’58 of New Holstein, Wis., on Oct. 18, 2015.

Rev. Dr. Melvin Vilhauer ’58 of Chippewa Falls, Wis., on May 16, 2015.


Lloyd Ferdon ’60 of Manitowoc, Wis., on Dec. 8, 2015.

Robert Mattfeld ’60 of Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 11, 2015.


Charles Gerber ’61 of Sheboygan, Wis., on July 6, 2015.


James Cesaroni ’63 of The Villages, Fla., on May 28, 2015.

Rev. David Michael ’63 of Madison, Wis., on June 7, 2015.

Harold Park ’63 of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., on Sept. 17, 2016.

Robert DeMuth ’64 of Plover, Wis., on March 5, 2016.

Charles Fischer ’64 of Saint Peters, Mo., on Aug. 8, 2016.

Obid Hofland, Jr. ’64 of Waukee, Iowa, on July 1, 2016.

Charles Steudel ’65 of Mineral Point, Wis., on June 29, 2015.

Ronald Richardt ’66 of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. on Nov. 26, 2015.


Carol Davis ’69 of Folsom, CA., on September 2, 2016.

Edwina Van Horn ’69 of Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 11, 2016.

Suzanne Nissen ’69 of Albuquerque, N.M., on Nov. 1, 2015.

Rudie Bruss ’69 of Manitowoc, Wis., on Sept. 16, 2016.

Joel Grollmus ’70 of American Canyon, Calif., on Apr. 17, 2015.

Carol Lorenz ’71 of Sheboygan Falls, Wis. on Sept. 30, 2015.

Kathleen (Lindner) Olson ’71 of La Crosse, Wis., on Apr. 22, 2015.

David Philio ’71 of Gouldsboro, Maine, on Feb. 28, 2016.


Dennis “Dizzy” Dehn ’72 of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., on March 28, 2016.

Brenda (Bloemers) Ploetz ’72 of Sheboygan, Wis., on Feb. 17, 2016.


William Sursfur ’72 of Manitowoc, Wis., on April 21, 2015.


Mary Myers ’75 of Plymouth, Wis., on June 16, 2015.

Valeria Bruesehoff ’75 of Sheboygan, Wis., on April 9, 2015.

Donald Bushman ’76 of Valders, Wis., on July 1, 2016.

Rosemary (Hutchison) Tellen ’76 of Sheboygan, Wis., on July 14, 2016.

Patricia Griffiths ’78 of Sheboygan, Wis., on March 12, 2016.

David Heckmann ’80 of Spring Valley, Wis., on Oct. 26, 2015.

Terry Underberg ’81 of Snohomish, Wash., on April 12, 2015.

David Jackson ’84 of New Glarus, Wis., on March 8, 2015.

Cynthia Wondra ’88 of Glenbeulah, Wis., on Sept. 4, 2016.

Michael Blonien ’89 of Mount Calvary, Wis., on Aug. 7, 2015.

Richard Barrie ’90 of Milwaukee, Wis., on Jan. 27, 2016.


Barbara Molzner ’95 of Sheboygan, Wis., on Aug. 29, 2016.

Howard Rohde ’95 of Sheboygan, Wis., on July 28, 2015.

Jody Priest ’00 of Combined Locks, Wis., on Sept. 12, 2015.

Shelley (Reifsneider) (Sarver) Barton ’01 of Vesper, Wis., on Apr. 27, 2015.

Dr. Andrea (Lindstrom) Oakland ’05 of Madison, Wis., on Sept. 13, 2016.

Annette Estel ’12 of Green Bay, Wis., on March 26, 2016.

Kurt Buerger, Jr., former Lakeland academic dean of San Angelo, Texas on Jan. 16, 2016.
The Rev. David Michael ’63, one of the longest serving trustees in Lakeland history, died on June 7, 201. He was 73. He joined the board of trustees in 1972 as a youth member and served on the board for 43 consecutive years. Michael loved Lakeland and faithfully served as a leader, ambassador, friend and donor. A longtime UCC pastor, he held a number of leadership positions on the board, was a member of the planning committee of the Mission House Center and led the college’s baccalaureate service in 1998.

Hugh Denison, a generous friend of Lakeland and recipient of an Honorary Alumni Award, died on June 10, 2016. He was 70. A Sheboygan native, he had a distinguished career in the financial services industry, following in the footsteps of his father, Frank “Homer” Denison, who founded H.C. Denison in Sheboygan. Over the years, Denison served Lakeland in many capacities including guest lecturer, member of the Foundation Committee and an advisor to presidents.

Rev. Dr. Donald Hinze, Lakeland Trustee Emeritus, passed away on July 17, 2015. He was 85. He graduated from Mission House in 1952, and was named a Lakeland trustee in 1985, serving on the board until 2007 when he was named a trustee emeritus. He received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Lakeland in 1982. He was Lakeland’s baccalaureate speaker in 1988.

Lakeland Trustee Jeffrey Lammers, of Appleton, Wis., died on Sept. 25, 2016. He served on Lakeland’s Board of Trustees from October 2012 until the time of his death.

The Rev. John Clausing ’56 and his wife, Ruth, traveled all the way from North Carolina for the event. After-dinner remarks were presented by the Rev. Lex Cade-White, current LU campus chaplain, and the Rev. RaeAnn Beebe ’82, the Rev. Wesley Wassell ’74 and Rabe.

IN MEMORIAM

Former Trustee John DeMaster, of Sarasota, Fla., died on Oct. 17, 2015. He was 95. DeMaster served as a Lakeland trustee from 1977-82 and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1982. A Sheboygan native, he worked in the banking industry for 35 years, retiring as chairman of First Interstate Corporation of Wisconsin, a multi-bank holding company. He was a Certified Public Accountant and a veteran of World War II.

Terry Kohler, a dedicated supporter of Lakeland whose impact was felt across a wide range of his professional and personal interests, died on Sept. 20, 2016. He was 82. In May of 2001, The Charlotte and Walter Kohler Charitable Trust gave $1.5 million to Lakeland’s endowment fund, which at that time was the largest single gift in the institution’s history. The Trust is named for Terry’s parents, former Wisconsin Governor Walter Kohler Jr. and his wife, Charlotte. Terry Kohler also financially supported student scholarships and experiences and Lakeland’s aviation program. He served as Lakeland’s first Businessman in Residence in the late 1970s, launching a program that invited high-level executives to campus to lead sessions with students and offer them real-world lessons.

Lakeland revives FCA Chapter

Lakeland is once again affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Years ago, Lakeland had an FCA chapter, but it fell dormant. Now, the FCA is back on campus, and local leadership is excited about it.

“We want to emphasize that this is an open group, an informal outlet for members of Lakeland’s community to get together, enjoy food and fellowship and share in faith,” said Amber Peterson, assistant women’s basketball coach, head women’s golf coach and FCA co-advisor.

Joining Peterson as FCA advisors are assistant football coach Eric Treske and women’s basketball graduate assistant coach Lauren Sharp.

The idea of reprising Lakeland’s relationship with the FCA was hatched last year, when Callie Olson ’16 discussed it with Peterson and then-junior Bailey Grayvold. Peterson and Grayvold worked on the accreditation process this summer, and Lakeland was approved in August.

Follow the group online on Twitter at @LakelandUFCA.

A REVERENDS’ REUNION

Nineteen Lakeland graduates who later served as ordained ministers gathered during Homecoming for a special on-campus Reverends’ Reunion. The event commemorated the 60th anniversary of the name change from Mission House to Lakeland College. The pastors, representing Lakeland classes ranging more than 50 years, gathered with fellow graduates and spouses for fellowship, dinner and a presentation. The Rev. Ruben Grosshuesch ’43 and the Rev. Vernon Jaberg ’44 represented the earliest classes, while the Rev. Dr. Sara Rabe ’97 was the most recent graduate in attendance. The Rev. John Clausing ’56 and his wife, Ruth, traveled all the way from North Carolina for the event. After-dinner remarks were presented by the Rev. Lex Cade-White, current LU campus chaplain, and the Rev. RaeAnn Beebe ’82, the Rev. Wesley Wassell ’74 and Rabe.
**Bradley grant funds financial literacy program**

Lakeland has been awarded a $30,000 grant from the Bradley Foundation to help fund teaching financial basics to at-risk Lakeland students.

Financial Fitness for Life (FFL) will target at-risk students with a variety of financial literacy programs designed to help them make better financial decisions while they're in school and throughout their lives.

"Many college students have easier access to credit, debt and educational loans, and they are taking on record amounts of debt to complete their education," said Scott Niederjohn, dean of Lakeland’s School of Business and Entrepreneurship. “Financial literacy is fundamental to the success of these students, especially low-income, first generation and minority college students, who research indicates lack these skills.”

The program will begin this academic year with a pilot group of up to 15 at-risk and first-generation Lakeland students, who will participate in a series of monthly workshops and receive one-on-one financial counseling. Participation in the program is voluntary for those students invited.

Participating students who complete 100 percent of the program’s activities and return to Lakeland as students in good standing for the fall 2017 semester will receive a $250 text book grant to the Lakeland bookstore.

**West Foundation grant funds computer science initiatives**

Lakeland received a $50,000 grant from the West Foundation in Manitowoc to enhance its computer science program and to fund efforts to increase graduation rates.

A total of $33,200 funded several new pieces of equipment that students studying computer science can access. With the new equipment, every computer science student will get artificial intelligence programming experience with modern robots, computer forensics experience and the ability to perform hands-on 3D printing with resin.

Lakeland is purchasing three new humanoid robots to go with the two it currently has to expand its artificial intelligence program. The new robots allow for team exercises and open the door to Lakeland students competing in regional or national robotics competitions.

A portion of the funds are creating a forensic computer lab, where students will learn hacking, engage in penetration testing exercises and allow Lakeland to host hackathon competitions.

“Last year, every traditional computer science graduate found employment in their field,” said Cindy Lindstrom, assistant professor of computer science. “With the support of the West Foundation, we are earning a reputation as a leading program and provider of quality computer science graduates, and this additional equipment will allow us to do even more. I’m excited for our students and the opportunities we have for them.”

**Community Book Read nets big-name authors**

Lakeland’s Community Book Read continues to draw some of the nation’s top authors.

The Community Book Read invites members of the local community to come together with Lakeland students, faculty and staff and discuss good books and powerful stories. Each spring, Lakeland welcomes the author of the selected book to campus for workshops with students and a book discussion with the community.

The 2017 book is Lauren Groff’s “Fates and Furies,” a celebrated novel which was nominated for the 2015 National Book Award for Fiction. Groff will be at Lakeland on April 11, 2017, to discuss her work.

In 2016, the Community Book Read featured Karen Russell’s “Swamplandia!”, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction and was among The New York Times’ “10 Best Books of 2011”. A series of events were held in conjunction with the read, culminating with Russell’s appearance on campus in the spring.

Learn more about the Lakeland Community Book Read at Lakeland.edu/bookread.

**Lakeland offering lifelong learning programs for seniors**

Lakeland is partnering with communities where it has Evening, Weekend & Online centers to offer programming geared toward senior citizens in those communities.

Earlier this year, four members of Lakeland’s faculty shared their expertise with more than two dozen members of Neenah’s senior citizen community at Lakeland’s Fox Cities Center. The free two-hour event was a collaborative initiative between Lakeland and Neenah’s Committee on Aging. The sessions were about respect for elders, computer safety and privacy and instruction for grandparents on understanding youth bullying.

Lakeland hopes to do a repeat event in the Fox Cities and expand the program to Sheboygan and Green Bay in 2017.

**Lakeland launches Comedy Improv Team**

This fall, Lakeland launched an improv team, a collection of students with sharp comedic reflexes and the ability to perform under pressure.

“Improv is sort of like being a trapeze artist without a net,” says Charlie Krebs, Lakeland’s associate professor of theatre and speech and director of the improv team. “Certainly, things can go wrong in a typical theatre production, too, but with improv, everything is completely up in the air. It’s exhilarating and frightening at the same time.”

Instead of a fall play this year, Krebs led a student improv show on a specially designed Bradley Theatre stage that seats 108 spectators in an intimate setting. Krebs plans to keep growing the team beyond
this academic year. He envisions students giving free shows for their peers at the 1862 Lounge, and eventually a program that features varsity and junior varsity teams.

**Lakeland chefs warm hearts with cooking lessons**

Lakeland chefs Mark Wagner and Joe Johnson have been conducting very popular cooking lessons at RCS Empowers in Sheboygan.

RCS is a multi-faceted, nonprofit organization with many roles, one of which is to offer citizens with disabilities opportunities to learn life skills that will help them become independent and thrive in careers.

Wagner and Johnson taught eight students between the ages of 18 and 50 how to prepare fresh pasta and homemade Alfredo sauce. The two-hour lesson included meal prep and clean up. After the meal was prepared, everyone sat down together and enjoyed it.

“It was really neat to have Mark and Joe come in and offer their expertise and hands-on training,” said Jody Merenick, public relations manager for RCS. “It was fun watching our students’ faces light up as they realized they were training with actual chefs. They were so excited, and they cannot wait for Mark and Joe to come back.”

**Madison Center organizes drive for local foodbank**

Members of the Lakeland Madison Center community recently helped provide meals for the area’s hungriest citizens.

“Go Orange Day” was a collaborative effort in the Madison area in early September. Companies and organizations were encouraged to wear orange and post photos on the local NBC television affiliate, which then contributed toward meals based on photos with hashtags that were posted on its social media.

LU’s Madison Center, working closely with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, went all in on this initiative, posting multiple photos of staff and students decked out in orange. In addition, the Madison Center provided a large barrel for staff and students to fill all month with nonperishable food items that were donated to Second Harvest Foodbank.

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**Honors Program enjoys record incoming class**

Lakeland University’s Honors Program welcomed its largest incoming class – 28 freshmen – to campus this fall.

In order to be considered for the Honors Program, incoming students must have earned either a 3.25 grade point average or a 24 ACT in high school and submit an essay. As part of the Honors Program cohort, students work with like-minded peers and enjoy special experiences and benefits.

- An honors seminar, which can involve anything from a trip to a unique class.
- Two one-on-one directed readings with a faculty member of their choice. These in-depth collaborations are worth one credit each to the student.
- One graduate school application paid for by Lakeland.
- The opportunity to create a unique Senior Project, tailored to a subject about which the students are passionate about.

When students returned to the main campus this fall, they were surprised to find the WEHR CENTER lobby had undergone a dramatic facelift. Oversized images of Lakeland student-athletes and a striking navy and gold paint job have made the lobby unmistakably the home of the Muskies – in sync with Lakeland’s branding efforts. Additional branding work is planned this year in the fieldhouse, the hallway leading to the football, soccer, baseball and softball locker rooms, the athletic training area and the exercise science lab. The university’s centers will also receive and apply branded images later this academic year. Be sure to visit the Wehr Center on your next visit to campus.
Science students present research in Milwaukee

Seven Lakeland Undergraduate Research Experience (LURE) students capped a summer of intense experimentation when they presented their work at Marquette University. It was the 13th year Lakeland has been included in Marquette’s annual summer research program, which this year featured about 50 research posters and presentations.

“Our students develop their projects from inception and are responsible for everything, ranging from project design, experimentation, data collection, trouble shooting, data analysis and the final presentation,” said Greg Smith, Lakeland professor of biology.

Lakeland LURE students are paid each summer for their research, earning wages for 400 hours of work over 10 weeks. There have been 78 LURE students, about a quarter of whom have gone on to professional schools all over the country. At least another quarter of those students are working full time in science-based professions.

“Professional schools and employers alike want to hire students with real laboratory experience,” Smith said. “The skills our students learn in our labs are highly transferable, both to higher learning and the workforce.”

The summer program also saw three Sheboygan North High School students join the Lakeland students as guest researchers. Charlotte Andreason, Ali Leonard and Gwen Schad each completed at least 80 hours of research for high school credit, and presented recaps of their extensive work in front of North High administrators and teachers and LU faculty.

Exercise science students present research in New Orleans

Two 2016 Lakeland graduates and a current Lakeland University student presented high-level research at the National Strength and Conditioning Association Conference and Exhibition in New Orleans this past summer.

May graduates Trista Barron and Alyssa Ciepley, along with returning student Samantha Williams, teamed up to present three shared projects. The Lakeland trio had previously shared oral presentations on their work at the Wisconsin Strength and Conditioning Conference in Waukesha and Lakeland’s inaugural symposium on undergraduate research and scholarship in April.

Barron, who graduated in May with a degree in exercise science, is now at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, where she is pursuing her master’s degree in occupational therapy. Ciepley, who also graduated in May, works full time at Sheboygan Fit Body Boot Camp as a certified personal trainer. Williams is a senior set to graduate in May.

“It’s unusual for undergraduate students to present at a national conference,” said Bill Ebben, Lakeland’s associate professor of exercise science. He explained that Barron, Ciepley and Williams submitted abstracts of their posters, which went through a peer review process before the trio was invited to present in New Orleans.

Psychology students present research in Chicago

Five Lakeland psychology students presented extensive research at this past summer’s Midwestern Psychological Association conference in Chicago.

The group did laboratory work on mental illness and the stigma surrounding it. The initial research was conducted during a Mental Health Awareness Week initiative organized by one of the students on Lakeland’s campus during spring of 2015. The Lakeland project, which included five consecutive nights of presentations on mental health topics, examined the impact of a public awareness campaign.

The conclusion Lakeland’s students reached was that after listening to testimonials about mental illness, people are likely to have more faith in treatment than they did before. However, the perceived lack of sympathy toward those who struggle with mental illness is unchanged.

The students did their work through Lakeland’s Psychology Lab, where students crunch numbers, discuss assigned scientific articles in the field of psychology, come up with research topics and draw conclusions from their work for at least four hours a week. Students can apply for a position in the lab, or be invited by Lakeland’s psychology faculty.

Lakeland University welcomes four faculty to campus

Lakeland welcomed four new full-time faculty members this fall.

New to the university are Monique Brickham, assistant professor of art; John Guarente, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities; and Ana Galaviz-Echagaray, visiting instructor of Spanish. Kim Viglietti, who has been teaching at Lakeland part-time since 2011, is now a full-time instructor of business administration.

Brickham leads the graphic design portion of Lakeland’s art major, and came to the university with a wealth of classroom and professional experience. For the past three years, she has worked as a graphic designer at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., and she’s also worked as a freelance designer since 2005, serving a lengthy list of clients.

Guarente came to Lakeland after serving as the director of vocal music at the College of Central Florida, where he conducted the CF Patriot Singers and the Musical Theatre Ensemble. He worked closely with the band director and theatre faculty to coordinate musical theatre performances, joint concerts with band and choir, voice/piano recitals and voice juries, and prepared and arranged performances for numerous campus events.

Viglietti has been an adjunct instructor at Lakeland since the spring of 2011.

She worked nearly 20 years at Kohler Co., including time as product manager for kitchen faucets and retail faucets in global marketing and as associate channel manager and senior marketing analyst in North American faucets marketing. Viglietti has a master of business administration from Concordia University and a bachelor's in business administration with specializations in economics and business from UW-Madison.

Galaviz-Echagaray came to Lakeland after two years of service as a teaching assistant in intermediate and advanced undergraduate Spanish at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where she received a master of arts degree. She has a bachelor's in Hispanic languages and literature from Universidad Autonoma de Sinaloa in west-central Mexico.

Other personnel hires:

Bryan L. Bain, a 17-year veteran of higher education with a wide range of experience, is Lakeland’s dean of students. Bain leads a team that works with various departments to develop and deliver programs, services and experiences that improve overall student academic performance, retention, personal development and overall understanding of
and satisfaction with the Lakeland experience.

Bain’s background includes experience in student affairs and enrollment management, records and registration, a multitude of federal and state regulations and compliance, data management and a host of student services including student life, academic advising, housing and residence life and student assistance and advocacy.

Leslie Laster, a two-time Lakeland graduate and a member of the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame, is Lakeland’s first director of student-athlete development. Laster, who received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Lakeland in 1998 and her master of arts in counseling from Lakeland in 2010, works to ensure student-athletes have the tools and resources necessary to succeed in the classroom and in personal and professional development.

Laster returns to Lakeland after working more than 15 years with young people, primarily in counseling roles in the Sheboygan Area School District. Laster’s husband, Santino Laster, is a 2005 Lakeland graduate.

Julie Steinert, a veteran of fundraising, nonprofits and relationship building, has joined Lakeland as senior director of advancement. She will play a leading role in fundraising for the university. She served over a decade in several key roles for the local dental office of her husband, Dr. Peter Steinert. She has been a fundraising, marketing and organizational develop consultant and has extensive community involvement. She was a celebrity dancer in the 2014 Lakeland College Movers & Shakers Gala.

David Lynch wins Underkofler teaching award

David Lynch, instructor of general studies and Chinese, is the 2016 winner of the annual Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award. Lynch, in his 18th year at Lakeland, is the college’s 25th winner of the Underkofler, which recognizes outstanding performance in undergraduate teaching.

Lynch was honored for being one of Lakeland’s most appreciated and unique teachers. Student nomination letters described Lynch’s teaching style as fun and helpful, and noted that he goes out of his way to impact the lives of his students. Students spoke to the dynamic atmosphere in his classrooms and how his sense of humor aids in getting everyone involved and participating.

He was also honored for the roles he plays with students outside the classroom, most notably as advisor of the Zeta Chi fraternity and as faculty athletic representative to the NCAA.

He also serves Lakeland as Chinese language and cultural consultant for the Summer English Language Institute. He has played a key role in nurturing the relationship between Lakeland and sister schools Shanghai Finance University, East China Institute of Technology and Huainan Normal University.

He received a master’s degree in Chinese language and literature from National Cheng Chih University in Taipei, Taiwan, in 2000, and a bachelor’s in Chinese language from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1991.

Callie Olson wins 2016 Koehler Award

Callie Olson ’16, a religion and nonprofit organization double major from Middleton, Wis., was named the winner of the 51st annual Clarence H. Koehler Award, the college’s top award for undergraduate students.

Olson, who is studying for a master’s of divinity degree at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., amassed an impressive resume of leadership and involvement during her time at Lakeland.

She represented Lakeland on the national level, serving as a member of the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the NCAA Division III Championships Committee, roles that included attending meetings at the NCAA’s headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind. She served internships with the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., United Way of Sheboygan County, Faith United Methodist Church in Sheboygan Falls and Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison, where she also served as youth ministry assistant.

Sheboygan County Scholars

Lakeland University continues to attract top Sheboygan County high school talent to campus, thanks in part to the full-tuition scholarships offered as part of the Sheboygan County Scholars program.

Lauren Bruggink of Oostburg, Brandon Herrin of Plymouth, Shyanne Koski of Random Lake and Dante Williams of Sheboygan North arrived on campus as the latest scholars this fall. They were chosen from a pool of 16 finalists after conducting in-depth interviews with the scholarship committee. They all played extensive leadership roles at their respective high schools.

Bruggink, Herrin, Koski and Williams joined existing Sheboygan County Scholars and current Lakeland sophomores Zachery Mock (Howards Grove), Emma Schad (Sheboygan Falls) and Matthew Seider (Sheboygan Christian).

Now in its second year, Lakeland’s Sheboygan County Scholars program is a leadership-based initiative that awards up to four scholarships each year to high school graduates from the county who carry a grade point average of at least 3.5 or score at least a 27 on the ACT.

Candidates must apply for the scholarship and conduct in-person interviews with the committee. Once they join the Lakeland community, Sheboygan County Scholars participate in leadership development, which includes one-on-one meetings with area CEOs and other successful professionals.

The program is funded in part by a lead gift from the Frank G. & Freida K. Brotz Family Foundation. Lakeland also raises funds for the program from local employers and the annual Movers & Shakers Gala.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Lakeland has a number of great events planned through the rest of this academic year. A complete calendar of Lakeland events is available online at Lakeland.edu. Contact David Gallianetti at gallianettidd@lakeland.edu with any questions.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 27  Opening reception for recent work by Sara Willadsen ’10, Bradley Gallery, 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19  Winter Band Concert, Bradley Theatre, 3 p.m.
22  Florida alumni lunch, Spring Run Golf Club in Bonita Springs, Fla.
23  A morning with Coach Ken Carter, Woltzen Gymnasium, 11 a.m.

MARCH 17  Senior Art Exhibit opening reception, Bradley Gallery, 4:30 p.m.
18  Arizona alumni lunch, Phoenix
30, 31  Spring Musical: “Nunsense”

April 1, 2  Spring Musical: “Nunsense”
6  International Night, Bradley Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
11  Community Book Read featuring “Fates and Furies” author Lauren Groff
18  Spring Band Concert, Bradley Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
22  SOAR. Keynote speaker: Laura Kohler, Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Stewardship at Kohler Co.
23  Choir Homecoming Concert, Bradley Theatre, 3 p.m.
24  Jazz Concert, Bradley Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
28  Opening reception for Annual Student Art Exhibition, Bradley Gallery, 4:30 p.m.
29  Alumni Awards Celebration

TBD  Kohler Business Lecture: Nicholas T. Pinchuk, chairman of the board and chief executive officer at Snap-on Inc.

MAY 6  Commencement
20  Movers & Shakers Gala
Lakeland will build a new multipurpose outdoor athletic facility that will open in fall 2017. See the inside front cover to learn more.