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Our Reiver Community is back at it and the campus is bustling with both new and returning students. It's been a busy couple of months on campus.

We kicked off fall with our annual Black Tie Scholarship event. This event is held on campus each year and raises money for student scholarships. Next, we celebrated homecoming and honored one of our own as the 2018 Outstanding Alum. Congratulations to Deb Bass.

Deb has given her time and talents to both Iowa Western and the Council Bluffs Community and

we applaud Deb and invite you to read about her in this issue.

In closing, I'd like to extend an invitation to come out to Iowa Western and experience Reiver Fever. Whether it's touring the campus, taking in a game or attending a class, we love our alumni and would love to hear from you.

Go Reivers!

Pam Beall-Hill '88
Alumni Board President

Doug Goodman (1956-2018)



Iowa Western and the Council Bluffs community experienced a tragic loss with the passing of Doug Goodman on September 10, 2018. Doug was elected to the Iowa Western Board of Trustees in 2004, serving the last two years as Board President. An Iowa Western alumnus, Doug was the first Board President to have also attended the college. Doug Goodman spent most of his career in banking; working his way up through the ranks at the original Council Bluffs Savings Bank, Peoples National Bank and American National Bank where he retired as bank president. But Doug's retirement was short-lived as he soon embarked on a new professional adventure as a managing partner of Clear Title. Doug was a passionate advocate for Council Bluffs and a dedicated volunteer. He served for decades on the committees and boards of community organizations including: Pottawattamie County Development Corporation, Iowa West Foundation, Iowa West Racing Association and Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation. Around the college and the community, Doug was well-known for his positive attitude, kind words and signature smile. He is sadly missed by his Iowa Western family.



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Student Spotlight: Melanie Doyle

By Kara Schweiss

Melanie Doyle is a natural athlete who was playing soccer by age 7 and pursued the sport through school teams and competitive clubs as she grew up. Attending Iowa Western Community College on a soccer scholarship and playing defense for the Reivers has been a perfect fit for the sophomore general studies major.

Doyle, however, is not such a natural when it comes to the academic side of things. “I’ve always had to work at that,” she said.

Her perseverance has been rewarded: she’s on the dean’s list and a member of academic honor society Phi Theta Kappa. And she’s become the first IWCC student to be selected as a recipient of the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

“It was really unexpected,” she said. Only 200 awards were available to a field of 1,200 applicants, who as part of the competitive application process had to submit three letters of recommendation and write several essays. “It’s pretty awesome to know I was the first from Iowa Western and to see my hard work pay off.”

Adam Sanchez, head coach of women’s soccer for IWCC, was not so surprised at the news of Doyle’s Leaders of Promise award. He said some of the traits she also displays on the field helped Doyle earn that honor.

“Mel is the epitome of a student-athlete. Her performance in the classroom is just as important to her as her performance on the field. She is committed to earning great grades and excelling academically,” he said. “Her commitment is infectious and contagious and spreads through the rest of the group. She dedicates just as much time in studying and the learning process as she does to develop her athletic skills—and we train a lot.”

Doyle, a 2017 graduate of Bellevue West High School and Papillion resident, said she chose to attend community college after high school because she wanted time to explore her options.

“It’s a great way to take a variety of classes to figure out what you like,” she said. “It’s also an easier transition from high school instead of jumping into a university where you may have hundreds of kids in one class.”

Doyle said she was initially interested in studying education or the medical or dental field. Her father, now an emergency room nurse at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a Captain on the Omaha Firefighters Department and a Firefighter paramedic, had attended IWCC and was able to expound on the benefits of community college in general and IWCC specifically. The soccer scholarship cinched the deal.

After the first year of classes, “I narrowed it down to going the medical route,” Doyle said. She intends to eventually become a physician assistant but hasn’t yet determined to what institution she will transfer to for bachelor’s and master’s physician assistant programs.

Her future career field of choice reflects Doyle’s demonstrated desire to help others. She’s cheered on her younger sister (who has autism) and her teammates in TOPSoccer, a program for young athletes with disabilities. Doyle’s past volunteer activities have also included working with elderly nursing home residents. She’s also participated in local fundraisers like Susan G. Komen Race for the

Cure, JDRF One Walk and Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night in honor of members of her extended family.


Sanchez described Doyle as a “leader and unifier.”

“Her ability to set a standard and hold herself accountable to that standard provides our group an impeccable example of how to conduct oneself professionally in achieving a goal,” he said. “Unity and our team chemistry is paramount to our team culture and success...By her character alone, Mel allows the group to become more unified. Her ability to influence and accept teammates regardless of differences allows us to increase our off-the-field relationships, which in turn affects our ability to solve problems on the field. Her experience of achieving goals and knowing what it takes—day in and day out—gives our group confidence and trust that we are on the right course and we are headed in the right direction.”

He also praised Doyle’s optimism.

“Mel looks for the positives while everyone else is dwelling on the negative. She helps us move from failure to the next challenge in our path toward achieving our goals,” he explained. “Most players have ups and downs throughout the season. Mel has the rare ability of having a good day every day, which she shares to make sure the team is always enthusiastic about the next challenge.”

Doyle learned in the classroom that some things don’t come easy, she said, but her sustained effort to do well in her studies eventually led to academic achievement and a prestigious scholarship. She hopes other students will see from her example that excellence is still possible through tenacity.

“If you just try hard and do your best, really, you can do anything,” she said. 



Melanie Doyle

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- Adam Sanchez



Music in the Halls

The IWCC Vocal Music Program Continues to Grow and Evolve Since its Inception 20 Years Ago

By Mike Watkins



Lucas Lovegood

Lucas (Johnson) Lovegood grew up surrounded by and immersed in music. His father, Barry, played in a community band in nearby Washington, Iowa, and his mom, Donna, sang in an international barbershop society in Iowa City.

“Both of my parents are very musical, and I grew up watching them participate in music in the community,” said Lovegood, Director of Vocal Music at Iowa Western.

“I’ve always loved music. My first memory of singing is in the second grade when I sang Silent Night with my mom at Christmas Eve mass. No doubt that continuous influence rubbed off on me.”

As a youth, Lovegood played and marched in the high school concert and marching bands, sang in the school chorus and performed in the school musicals.

When he started classes at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, it was only fitting that he pursue a future in music.

And now he’s helping other young singers, musicians and actors chart their own career paths at Iowa Western.

“It’s been an amazing experience working with kids who love music and want to continue something most of them did in high school,” said Lovegood, who began his seventh year at Iowa Western this fall. The IWCC Music Department includes concert and marching bands, chamber, concert and show choir and other types of vocal and instrumental music and instruction.

“It’s incredibly rewarding. I love coming to work every day because I get to do and teach what I love.”

Lovegood taught for five years in Atlantic after finishing his bachelor’s degree and before taking over direction of the vocal music program at IWCC from longtime director Arla Clausen.

While at Atlantic, he took remote classes at the VanderCook College of Music at the Illinois Institute of Technology during the school year and then on campus during his summer breaks to earn his Master’s degree in Music Education.

Once he finished his degree, he thought the logical next step for his career would be to move up to a larger school to direct their music department.

But having come from a small town and small school himself, Lovegood said he enjoyed the experience in Atlantic because the town was big enough to have enough students for substantial programming but not so big that he felt uncomfortable.

And then the opportunity at Iowa Western became available – and he said it felt like the stars aligned for his next move.

“It was a great experience and environment for my first teaching job,” he said of Atlantic. “It wasn’t too big that it was overwhelming, but because of the size of the school and the town – remember, I came from a town with one stoplight – my students were involved with a lot of activities in addition to music.”

Enjoying a well-rounded school experience was something from which Lovegood said he benefited.

A tall kid – he stands out in the crowd at 6-foot-8 and was always taller than his classmates – Lovegood played basketball while also singing choral music and playing in the school band.

That’s something he sees as invaluable to the students at Iowa Western. Because of the school’s size and ample opportunities to be involved with sports and clubs, he said he welcomes students from all majors who want to keep singing like they did in high school – or even for the first time.

And even while he taught in Atlantic and now teaches at Iowa Western, he continues to sing and act in the community whenever his schedule allows.

“I’ve always seen it as important for my students to know I’m still putting myself out there as a performer as well as a teacher,” said Lovegood, who has performed at The Rose Theater and sang tenor at St. Cecelia’s Cathedral and in a community choir in Council Bluffs.

“I think it’s good for the students to see me perform outside of the classroom. But in a music classroom, you get to perform every

Join us! Upcoming Vocal Music Performances

Sunday • November 4 • 2 PM

Southwest Iowa Chorale Fall Concert
Location: Iowa Western Community College
FREE admission

Tuesday • November 6 • 7 PM

Southwest Iowa Chorale Fall Concert
Location: Missouri Valley High School
FREE admission

Saturday • December 8 • 7 PM

IWCC Winter Vocal Concert
Location: Iowa Western Community College
FREE admission

Thursday • March 14 • All Day

Reiver High School Jazz Choir Contest
Location: Iowa Western Community College
FREE admission

Sunday • April 7 • 2 PM

Southwest Iowa Chorale Spring Concert
Location: Iowa Western Community College
FREE admission

Tuesday • April 9 • 7 PM

Southwest Iowa Chorale Spring Concert
Location: Riverside High School
FREE admission

Saturday • May 4 • 7 PM

IWCC Spring Vocal Concert
Location: Iowa Western Community College
FREE admission

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day before a much smaller audience. It creates an amazing connection with your students.”

While not new in most regards, Iowa Western’s music department has been in constant movement and consistent growth since 1998 when a curriculum-based concert choir was first established.

According to the IWCC website, the program is designed for students intending to transfer to a four-year institution upon completion of a two-year degree.

Students with a music degree can take the skills they learn in the music program and apply them to music education or another area of fine arts. They can also become professional musicians – remembering that incomes vary widely and often depend on a performer’s professional reputation, place of employment and on the number of hours worked.

Students who choose music education can teach at any age level from elementary school to high school and college – following Lovegood’s personal career path.

Started by Vaughn Lippoldt, who ran the program until 2004, the vocal music department has rich roots. Lovegood is the third director in the program’s history and has helped guide it into a well-rounded evolution.

He said Clausen built up the concert and show choirs started by Lippoldt during her years in charge, and Lovegood has taken the program to new heights in terms of music choices and opportunities.

Today, there are men’s and women’s ensemble choirs,

the concert choir and a chamber choir in addition to show choir – all offered in a two-year associates degree as well as just to students who enjoy music but want to pursue different career paths from music. Scholarships are available to program majors and ensemble members.

And having a state-of-the-art building – the Arts Center at Iowa Western – makes the program even more appealing.

With its auditorium with amazing sound quality, rehearsal rooms and high-tech practice rooms featuring V-Room Technology that allows for the adjustment of the acoustics for maximum sound control and quality, it offers all that someone wanting to study music of any kind needs.

“Iowa Western has a strong presence in every Southwest Iowa school district, so we get a lot of kids from these areas with strong music programs,” Lovegood said. “Because of this, we’re always going to have a good group of students with skills, and we’re always going to understand the kinds of students coming to Iowa Western. It’s win-win for them and for the music program as a whole at Iowa Western.” *uw*



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- Lucas Lovegood

2018 Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships

Iowa Western Community College

Under The Sea

John and Andrea Marshall



Pam Beall-Hill and Bryan Hill



Terri and Larry Winum



Molly Noon, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Dr. Dan Kinney, Dr. Ward and Suzanne Chambers



The 2018 Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships was a huge success, raising a record breaking \$200,000 for Iowa Western scholarships. John and Andrea Marshall served as chairs for this year's black tie gala which was held on September 29 and featured an "Under the Sea" theme. The Marshalls, along with co-chairs Larry and Terri Winum, graciously hosted more than 450 attendees for an evening filled with great friends, food and fundraising.

The Black Tie Harvest is Iowa Western's single largest scholarship fundraising event. Established in 1999, the annual event has raised over \$2.2 million since inception, with one hundred percent of all money raised directly benefiting student scholarships. Its success would not be possible without the support of private donors and businesses and the dedication of volunteer chairs, co-chairs and committee

members. It is fitting that this special event is also the occasion at which the college presents the annual Investment in Excellence award. Iowa Western was proud to present the 2018 Investment in Excellence award to Dr. Ward and Suzanne Chambers of Treynor, Iowa. The Chambers' support of Iowa Western spans several causes and decades; including the establishment of the Chambers Endowed Nursing Scholarship and a founding gift to the Dr. John and Jean Marshall Wellness Center.

Iowa Western is grateful for the support of the many college friends and community members who attended the 2018 Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships. Please mark your calendar for next year's event; a special "Harvest Moon" themed gala hosted by chairs Larry and Terri Winum and co-chairs Bryan Hill and Pamela Beall-Hill on September 21, 2019. [u](#)

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OUTSTANDING ALUM

Deb Bass:

Bridging Gaps Between
Business and Healthcare

By Mike Watkins



Even as a young college student, Deb Bass always had her sights sharply focused on thriving in her chosen career field. At the time – the early 1970s – women had few career choices outside of education and nursing, so Bass decided to embark on a career in health care. Nursing shortages at the time made a nearly free education – via scholarship – possible, but Bass always had a natural inclination and love for numbers and business. Ultimately, she shifted her focus from tending to patients to mastering the fast-growing field of information technology.

When she and her husband decided to start their own IT consulting business in the early 90s, she jumped at the chance to pursue her passion and use the skills she had learned after returning to school to study business at Iowa Western.

It's a decision she's never regretted and from which she has definitely benefited.

"I took classes at Iowa Western part-time while still working at the hospital and raising my family, so I took my classes and opportunity to learn very seriously," said Bass, who took business management classes at IWCC from 1983-89. She transferred her credits to Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, where she eventually completed her bachelor's degree in healthcare administration in 1995.

"Nursing and business are very separate from one another, but I saw business as an important part of healthcare with a

definite connection as more and more innovations in healthcare are related to gaining operating efficiencies and patterned after similar business strategies."

A couple of years before she finished her degree at Graceland, Deb and former husband, Jon, took a leap of faith and started Bass & Associates in 1993 in their home office. She'd written the business plan and laid out most of the strategy for the technology consulting firm as an assignment for a business class at Graceland.

A year later, they opened an office, and Bass cut back on her nursing time. Once she graduated from Graceland, she left nursing and devoted her time 100 percent to Bass & Associates.

She served as the company's CEO and employed more than 100 consultants in the region. She and Jon sold the business in 2001 to HunTel, which later was acquired by Harbinger Partners based in Minneapolis, Minn., but she remained as CEO, and the company kept her last name.

"I've always loved technology and took basic intro to data management and programming classes at Iowa Western that intrigued me," said Bass, who grew up in

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Manilla, Iowa, and was part of the town's biggest graduating class (42).
"There was always a part of me that wanted to be in business. I saw great growth and opportunity."

The entire time she worked at the hospital, Bass said she always saw the people receiving care as patients and not customers.

That vantage point quickly changed at Bass & Associates, where great customer service and attention to detail became a hallmark of the business strategy and mission.

In 2007, Bass was approached to lead a group of stakeholders in building a statewide health information exchange and she accepted that offer.

Once again she shifted her career focus and returned to her healthcare roots to take on the challenge of building and leading the Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII). During her time at NeHII, she directed the creation of the 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation and managed its efforts to develop a statewide health information exchange for Nebraska.

Among her duties as CEO, Bass created and developed stakeholder relationships, built consensus and support for the organization, implemented Board of Directors' recommendations and managed vendor relationships.

She also recruited and built the management team, developed and implemented the consumer educational programs, led the community effort to develop privacy, security and operational policies, planned and led the organization's public events and a multitude of other activities.

"I loved starting Bass & Associates, but working at NeHII was an amazing journey," she said. "My experience as a business owner and entrepreneur really proved valuable in this role. And my interest and background in technology also proved very important to my success at NeHII. It was truly a collaborative environment."

Bass explains her work at NeHII in the context of booking a hotel or airplane on Expedia. You enter your trip location and date, and then the software searches for the information that you need to make your decision.

The health information exchange format follows a similar model in that it not only allows for the lookup of specific patients by name or date of birth, but it also goes across the system to bring together their health records into a single view for the care provider.

"As a nurse for many years, we worked to gather health records from other hospitals or pharmacies by a network where we could access medicines that had been prescribed, etc., but the system was fragmented which caused gaps in knowledge," she said.

"NeHII makes it possible to get that information so different doctors don't prescribe the same medications to the same patients,



2018 Outstanding Alum, Deb Bass, and her granddaughter Lily accepting her award from Dr. Dan Kinney just before kick-off of the homecoming football game.

preventing medication errors. It streamlines the entire process and makes healthcare much safer."

Proud of many things she accomplished during this time, Bass said she's particularly proud that she helped make Nebraska the first state in the United States to require all pharmacies to report drug prescriptions to NeHII for more comprehensive records.

"It was a lot of work and incredibly demanding, but it was also very rewarding to see the system become more uniform and safer," she said. "Now, the system connects nationwide so people can get the right medications and prescriptions wherever they are. NeHII has been recognized as a national leader in health information exchange."

Although she retired earlier this year, Bass remains very busy with philanthropic and community activities, including sitting on the boards of Methodist Health System, Methodist Hospital and Shared System; Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital; Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaboration (SHIEC) National Board and the Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau, where she is president.

Previously, she served on the boards of the Iowa West Foundation, Iowa West Racing Association and Heartland Family Services, where she was chair; Goodwill Industries, Visiting Nurse Association; Downtown Omaha, Inc.; Omaha


Chamber Small Business Council and the Omaha Chapter of Women in Technology.

She's also shared her time and talents on several area capital campaigns for Heartland Family Service, Omaha Convention Center and Lakin Human Services Campus.

Deb gives back to her IWCC alma mater, supporting and attending fundraising events, namely the annual Black Tie Harvest for Scholarships and the HiSET scholarship fundraiser.

Bass said she makes it a point to spend as much time as she can with her grandkids – including her grandson, Lincoln, who attends daycare on the Iowa Western campus.

She often picks him up at the end of the day and enjoys the opportunity to visit the IWCC campus and relive some fond memories of her time as a student.

"I love coming to campus and picking him up; it provides a special time with him, and I get to visit the campus," Bass said. "It's changed so much since I was a student; I'm still amazed every time I drive out or attend a meeting or event. The growth and transformation is remarkable." 



By Kara Schweiss

Iowa Western

at NIGHT

A typical profile for a traditional student at Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) would be someone under the age of 23 attending weekday classes to earn credits toward a certificate or associate's degree intended to launch his or her first career.

Students enrolled in evening programs tend to look a little different, said Matt Mancuso, the dean of Distance Education, Mathematics, and Technology. To begin with, most are past the average age of college graduation before they even start. The vast majority are already employed, many of them full time. And nearly all of them have had life experiences that inspired them to seek better opportunities.

"The evening program was developed to help the working adults in our community who are looking to change professions and are working during the day," he explained. "They want to change careers and change their lives as well."

So whether they're ready to accelerate career advancement, seeking a new field of employment after cutbacks or just ready for something new, students in the evening program have one characteristic in common: they're highly motivated, Mancuso said.

Evening Coordinator Dola Mehsling said the complimentary coffee and popcorn available in the lobby of Kinney Hall on the Council Bluffs campus, where many of the evening classes take place, is more than just a nice perk. It serves as a much-needed



Kinney Hall

pick-me-up for students who work all day long and then drive—sometimes significant distances—several nights per week to get to classes that usually start at 5:30 p.m.

"We have a father/son team who drive in from Bedford every day. We have students who come in from Shenandoah and Red Oak," Mancuso said. (Red Oak and Shenandoah are approximately an hour away from Council Bluffs. From Bedford, it's a two-hour drive.)

"We had a student who went through the HVAC program through the fall, spring and summer, and graduated in the summer. Now he's continuing on in electrical; he decided he wanted to get additional training," Mehsling added. "He's one who's driving from Missouri."

Approximately 200 students are enrolled in IWCC's 15 certificate, diploma, or associate's degree programs offered in the evening.

Because the individual sections include students who are or will be taking some of their classes during the daytime or online when available, "it's hard to nail down a true number" who will complete their course of study start-to-finish in evening, Saturday, and online sections, Mancuso said. To accommodate as many students as possible, IWCC allows students to enroll in any combination of classes held days, evenings, or online that apply toward their program. However, it is possible for students to complete the 15 designated evening programs without any weekday sessions at all.

The scheduling flexibility means, "It's not necessarily a cohort group where they all take

class together," Mancuso said. Depending on their circumstances, individual students may choose to optimize the program schedule and take a full load of classes to graduate in the minimum number of semesters possible. Others may tackle only one class at a time.

The evening programs fall into several categories that are in demand by area employers and include business, technical, education, communication, and human services.

In the business category, the Applied Business: Individualized Technical and the Management and Human Resources programs both involve a two-year, 64-semester-hour curriculum culminating in an associate of applied science degree. The program of study for the individualized technical program provides students an opportunity to craft a program of study that meets a student's specific technical career goal. The Management and Human Resources program prepares students for a managerial or human resource position in a wide variety of businesses and industries. Technical programs offered in the evening include CNC (computer numerical control) Machining, Electrical Technology, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) diploma programs. Also in the technical category are Industrial Technology and Welding certificate



Welding lab

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programs. The two- or three-semester diploma programs require completion of a 34- to 41-semester-hour curriculum and prepare students for entry-level positions in their area of specialty. The one-semester certificate programs require 16 or 16.5 semester hours over one semester and prepare students to enter into a specific industry.

Education students can earn an associate of arts degree after completing 64 semester hours over two semesters in either the Early Childhood Education or Education: Grades K-12 program. Graduates of both programs may transfer on to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree. Graduates of the Early Childhood Education program may be qualified to immediately begin in a preschool teaching position, and this program also features a unique lab school on campus with an observation room. Its associated on-campus childcare facility is nationally and state accredited.

Four Human Services Associate of Arts degrees are available through evening programs: Addictive Studies, Generalist, Pre-Social Work Transfer, and Youth Worker. All require completion of a four- to five-semester, 64-semester-hour curriculum. Students can transfer to a four-year institution or, depending on the program, possibly enter the workforce upon completion of this two-year degree. The one-semester, 16-hour Computers: Desktop Support Certificate program is also offered in the evenings. Using the Microsoft Academic Alliance, this program is unique and cost-effective; students can obtain some Microsoft software free or at a reduced cost. The program prepares students in help desk operation, computer repair, and computer sales and service, and some classes will transfer to four-year institutions.

The Media Studies: Social Media Certificate program can be completed in one semester and requires 16 semester hours. The curriculum exposes students to social media marketing strategies and is applicable for professionals in any industry who wish to create social media content and further their organization's brand.

The evening program is still in its foundational years, but it's taken off quickly, thanks in part to targeted geomarketing that helped identify interested students for the earliest sections. Word-of-mouth marketing has helped sustain enrollment, Mancuso said. He's also been promoting tours to anyone who's interested in learning more about the program.

"Anybody in the community from kindergarten on up that wants to tour, we have an open door policy to get the word out about what we're doing," he said.

The selection of evening programs reflect robust employment sectors, Mancuso said. Some of the programs of study were chosen or added in response to interest or demand from potential students or the local workforce.

"We've heard from our community, and from employers looking for skilled workers," Mancuso said. "Welding is one example of an opportunity that Iowa Western took."

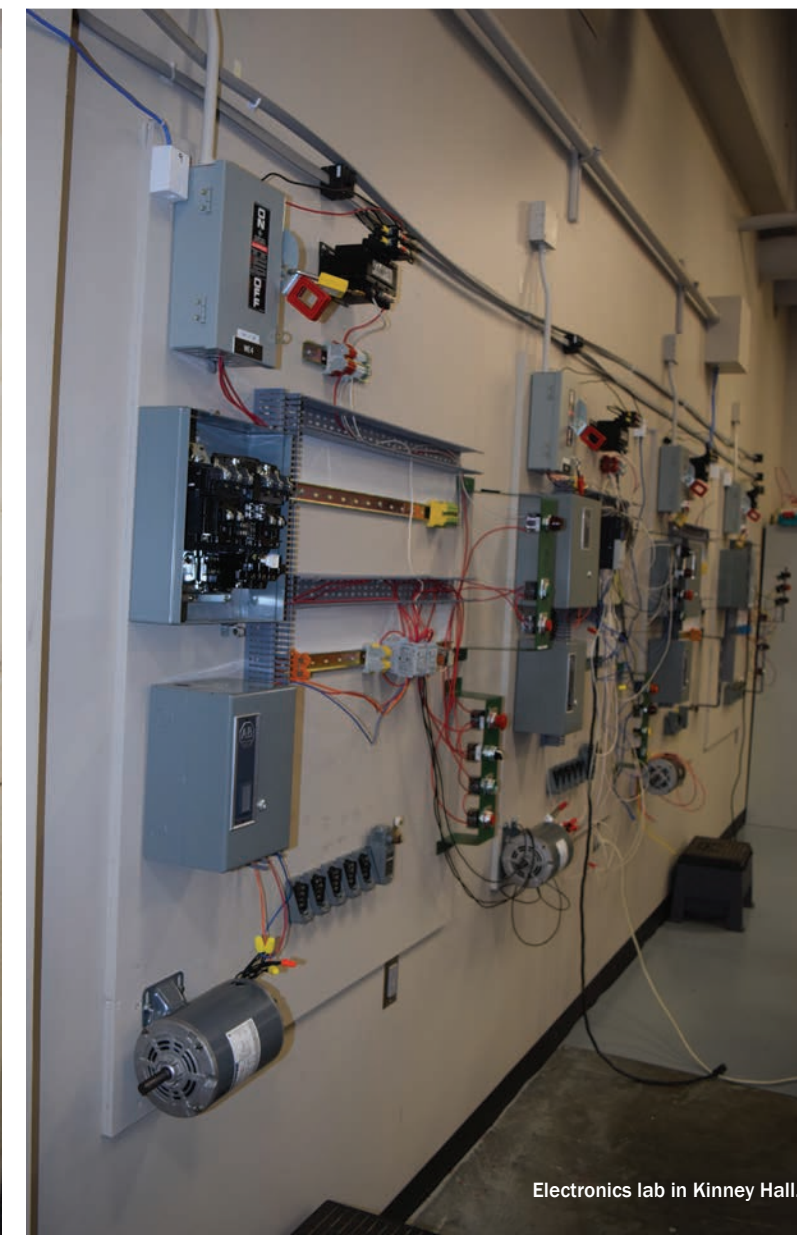
Employers are subsequently contacting IWCC to recruit students enrolled in specific programs, Mehsling said. "We



Kinney Hall



Electrical lab in Kinney Hall.



Electronics lab in Kinney Hall.

do get requests to post positions on the job board."

"Some of (the students) get hired before they complete their program," Mancuso said. He added, only half-joking, "I always say that if you're unemployed after you complete one of these programs, you're not really looking very hard for a job."

Mancuso can already cite numerous success stories among evening program graduates.

"We had a welding student that went to classes last year in the evening and he's now actually working as an apprentice. He's making pretty good money. And no student loans! He's off and running already," he said. "Another student, who had his job outsourced, came through the welding program. He now has a job and when we last talked to him, he said, 'I'm

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- Matt Mancuso


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feeding my family and I'm doing great."

Mehsling, who completed her own college studies as a nontraditional student, said she's particularly pleased to see students from the evening programs succeed.

"I really admire these students for the time that they spend trying to juggle their full-time job, their children, going to school. I did that myself. Some of them are single parents and that is even harder," she said. "A highlight for me is when we attend graduation, to see them go through the whole process and finally graduate."

"They are so excited to graduate," Mancuso agreed. "It's fun to see."

For more information on the evening programs at IWCC, visit www.iwcc.edu/evening, or contact the evening advisor at 712-325-3499 eveningprograms@iwcc.edu. 

REIVER

Athletics

By Jeremy Capo

CULTURE WINS

I was recently asked: “What makes Reivers Athletics different?” The obvious response is that we have great coaches and staff. We don’t just have great coaches, we have GREAT PEOPLE, people that in their spare time are amazing mothers and fathers, husbands and wives. We have people that are committed to the mission and vision of Iowa Western.

These committed coaches and staff have created a culture of accountability and greatness. We expect greatness. Best is the expectation. The expectation laid out to each and every student athlete is to be their best academically, athletically and socially. Every decision made by our student athletes that aligns with the mission and expectations continues to separate us from the rest of the NJCAA world. I am proud of our coaches and staff. I am proud of our student-athletes. It’s no accident that we experience the success we do. It’s intentional and communicated each and every day. We’re blessed to be different!

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If you’ve heard this once, you’ve heard it thousands of times: Iowa Western had another tremendous academic year! We competed at the highest level. We had opportunities to win championships. We competed in the classroom and focused our efforts on giving back to our community.

Athletic Achievement

The Reivers captured ICCAC and Region XI Championships in football, women’s soccer, volleyball, women’s basketball and baseball. On the student-athlete side, Iowa Western produced 92 NJCAA Region XI All-Americans led by Mekhi Sargent (football), Kai Locksley (football), Sean Chandler (baseball), Caitlyn Cooper (volleyball), Zoe Hicks (softball) and Jazza Johns (women’s basketball), all of whom were named NJCAA Players of the Year in their respective sports. Several coaches also were honored in their sports as Region XI Coach of the Year: Scott Strohmeier (football), Alicia Williams (volleyball), Lindsey Vande Hoef (women’s basketball), and Marc Rardin (baseball).

Along with the dominance of Region XI came multiple NJCAA awards, as 31 student-athletes were honored as NJCAA All-Americans. Men’s golfer Joel Durnford, football

standout Kai Locksley and Sean Chandler in baseball captured the NJCAA Division I individual title and Player of the Year honors.

The men’s golf team ended its year with a national runner-up finish at the NJCAA Golf Championships, while the co-ed Reiver Cheer Team continued its streak of top finishes with a sixth place trophy at the national championships. In addition, Marcus Klein (track and field) and Michael Zachary (football/wrestling) finished as national runner-ups in their respective sports.



Jeremy Capo, Athletic Director



Academic Achievement

Academically, our student-athletes finished in a familiar spot: at the top of their class. During the Fall 2017 semester, Iowa Western led Region XI with 132 Academic All-Region (3.25 GPA or higher) selections and followed that up with 87 in the spring for a total of 207 individual selections.

For the second consecutive year, The Reivers broke the NJCAA record for Academic All-Americans with 76. Softball earned NJCAA Academic Team of the Year with a 3.7 cumulative team GPA. Along with softball, women’s basketball, volleyball, women’s soccer, men’s and women’s golf, and baseball all had team GPA’s above 3.0.

Community Service

Within our community, Reivers student-athletes and coaches, accumulated over 4,500 hours of service. Student athletes racked up over 600 hours each with Iowa Special Olympics, Council Bluffs Soccer Club, and On With Life. The 2018-19 goal is to accumulate 6,000 hours. We want to be a major partner in continuing to make Council Bluffs, and Southwest Iowa a wonderful place to live.

SAILS UP

We’ve adopted the “SailsUP” hashtag or motto for our department. What does it mean? It means we are going forward. It means we’re moving with the vision to become greater than we already are.

It began last April, when we partnered with Ideal Images of Omaha and Adidas, providing invaluable publicity for the college and athletic department. The momentum of signing an exclusive agreement with Adidas continued to build our brand and gives the college opportunities to tell the Reiver story nationwide.

The IWCC Athletic Department ushered in three new programs this school year. Competition is under way in men’s and women’s bowling and shotgun sports as athletes in those sports begin to get their Sails Up and move forward toward successful seasons.

While the sailing isn’t always easy, we’re excited to have the opportunity to provide more opportunities for students in Southwest Iowa and the surrounding areas. bowling coach Doug Kuberski and shotgun sports Coach Derek Pollock will have these programs in the mix for championships in no time at all.

The department also welcomed some new faces to the Reiver family. Raven Gau, a former IWCC student-athlete, returned to Reiver country to take over our very successful coed cheer team. Also returning to IWCC is former standout Jillian Flores, who signed on as assistant women’s basketball coach.

We are also pleased to welcome Doug Marshall to lead our track and field and cross country programs. I have no doubt that coach will create a positive environment of

2017-18	DIEGO MENDEZ Men's Soccer	ANYELI SOLARTE CASTILLO Women's Soccer	PAULA CONDE Women's Soccer	GABRIELLE PLAGGE Women's Cross Country
BROCK CAVINESS Football	HENRY MELVILLE Men's Soccer	CLAIRE GROVES Women's Soccer	ALISON VERZANI Volleyball	ADALBERTO DIAZ Men's Basketball
CHASE WILKIE Football	JAN HOFFELNER Men's Soccer	CLOEY ALLGOOD Women's Soccer	GABRIELLA PUA'A Volleyball	SHAUN DOSS Men's Basketball
DANNY KOCH Football	JOSEPH CONNOLLY Men's Soccer	DANIELA CARDONA PINEDA Women's Soccer	IRINA ALEKSEEVA Volleyball	
JOSHUA WEGENER Football	LIAM HANDEHRAN Men's Soccer	LAURA CHAVEZ Women's Soccer	MAKAYLA DOYLE Volleyball	
KALEN JENNINGS Football	MATHEIU PEYREBLANQUE Men's Soccer	MELANIE DOYLE Women's Soccer	MORGAN BOSSLER Volleyball	
KOLTON WILWERDING Football	ABIGAIL HALL Women's Soccer	PAIGE MOSER Women's Soccer	SAVANNAH DOWNING Volleyball	
SETH LITTLE Football				

2017-18 (cont.)	JACOB REYNOLDS Men's Track & Field	ANDREW CLARK Baseball	JACOB GILBERT Baseball	ALISON ARNDT Softball
AZARIA FLOYD Women's Basketball	JONATHAN WHITCOMB Men's Track & Field	BEN DOTZLER Baseball	JORDAN BONK Baseball	ALLISON O'DRISCOLL Softball
CHRISTELLE NYAUCHI Women's Basketball	JORDAN MINNIS Men's Track & Field	BRANDON RILEY Baseball	KALE HARRIS Baseball	ALYSSA MALDONADO Softball
JAZZA JOHNS Women's Basketball	LUKE CONSRUCK Men's Track & Field	BREYDEN ECKHOUT Baseball	MASON SPEIRS Baseball	
MIYA BULL Women's Basketball	MARCUS KLEIN Men's Track & Field	CALEB GOETZ Baseball	PARKER SHREVE Baseball	
NAOMIE ALNATAS Women's Basketball	OLIVIA RUSSO Women's Track & Field	GIBSON KRZEMINSKI Baseball	ROSS INDLCOFFER Baseball	
ZHENIAH JACKSON Women's Basketball	SOLOME BRUGIER Women's Track & Field	INDIGO DIAZ Baseball	RYAN SULLIVAN Baseball	
AUBRI NOTI Women's Basketball				

2017-18 (cont.)	ALEC (AJ) NOLIN Men's Golf	BRIANNA BROCK Softball	BRANDT RADLOFF Men's Golf	
BRIELLE CHISHOLM Softball	PARKER McEACHERN Men's Golf	KEELE HUFF Softball	TOM WESTENBERGER Men's Golf	
LILY GREGORY Softball	CASSIDY EVRENIADIS Women's Golf	SHANNAN JONES Softball	LISA LIED Women's Golf	
SIERRA LEON Softball	SARAH BLAYLOCK Women's Golf	ZOE HICKS Softball		

academic and athletic success for our student athletes. Marc Bierbaum and Mikhail Roedel have also joined the staff. Bierbaum will oversee the distance program while Roedel will work with the throwers.

Several programs added assistant coaches that I am excited to work with. Jordan Quinlan (women’s soccer), Mike Paye (men’s soccer), Eric Finney (football), Matt Marietta (football), Jeff Monthei (football), Chad Goodwin (bowling), Spencer Lightfoot (baseball), and James “Pat” Whitaker (shotgun) are very welcomed additions that I know will continue to create a positive student-athlete experience. **iw**

IOWA WESTERN HOMECOMING & HALL OF FAME 2018



The Sapphires get the crowd moving!



Members of the cheer team pump up the crowd at the homecoming tailgate!



Hall of Fame inductees from the 2010 Baseball team: Brandon Winkelmann, Anthony Bemboom, Spencer Shockley, Brent Seifert and Scot Donner



Hall of Fame inductee Will Perkins with his family at the Hall of Fame reception on Friday, Oct. 12. (left to right: Taya, Terenza, Will, Will Jr. and Jada)



Former IWCC basketball player Will Perkins with parents Suzanne and Dr. Ward Chambers at the Hall of Fame reception.

ALWAYS ● A ● REIVER

CLASS NOTES

1998
Angela Bowman graduated from the Practical Nursing program in 1998 and went on to get her Surgical Technology degree in 2017 from Tulsa Tech. She is a member of the Association of Surgical Technologist and is employed by Nebraska Medicine.

2012
Emily Jansen is now a server at Elkridge Village.

2013
Kristen Burton graduated in 2013 with a pre-pharmacy degree, Kristen is now an inventory specialist at CVS Pharmacy.

2015
Kathleen Carl of Council Bluffs, Ia graduated with a degree in Network Support and Administration and recently got married.

2016
Corey McConnoughy continued his education and received his degree in digital media last May from Buena Vista University. Corey was involved in Alpha Psi Omega and the Society for College Journalist. He was a volunteer for Buena Vista TV and a voice on KBVU The Edge.

2018
Jovany Chavez transferred to UNO to continue his education after graduating from Iowa Western.

ALUMNI BOARD

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Community Volunteer

Diane Osbahr (Vice President), '90
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Brandon Green (Secretary/Treasurer), '07
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Sarah Saar (Alumni Director), '02
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Rhea Eitmann, '00
Doll Distributing

Brandon Juon, '00
Owner, Glory Days

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Mills County Auditor's Office

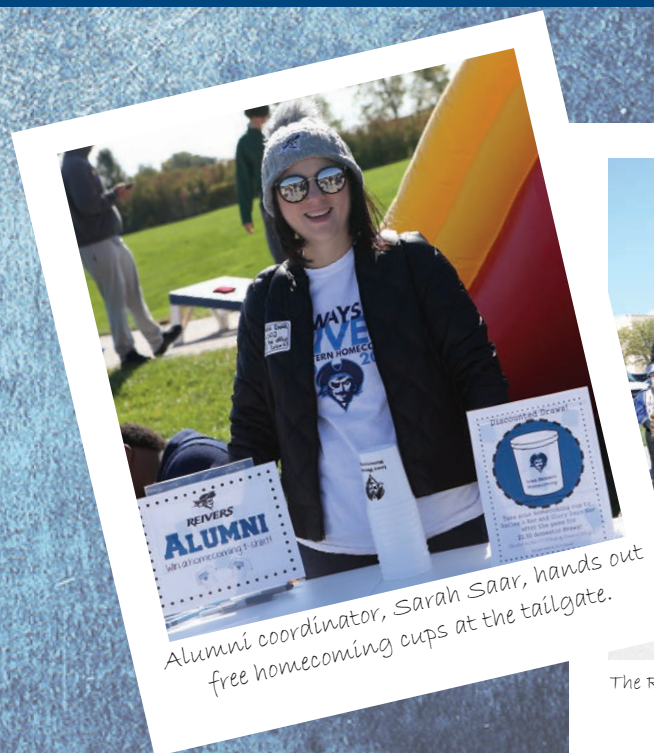
Michael Watkins, '89
Watkins Marketing & Media

ALUMNI EVENTS

The Iowa Western alumni office hosts a variety of events aimed at reconnecting alumni with the college.

If you are interested in planning an alumni event, contact the alumni office at 712-325-3282. It is always great to have alumni back on campus!

To be included in future reunion mailings, send your updated information to alum@iwcc.edu. Visit us at iwcc.edu or facebook.com/IWCCAlumniandFriends.



Alumni coordinator, Sarah Saar, hands out free homecoming cups at the tailgate.



The Reiver band performs for the crowd at the tailgate prior to the BIG game!



Alumni and business owners Matt Johnson (Barley's Bar) and Brandon Juon (Glory Days) grill free hamburgers and hotdogs at the tailgate.



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