CMU’s first graduating class of doctors scores 100% placement for residencies
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The CMU College of Medicine commencement ceremony on May 7 marked the graduation of CMU’s first-ever class of 62 future doctors. Congratulations, graduates! From left to right: Jenna Gharzeddine, Elie Ata, Sara Ghannam and Mahela Ashraf.
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Finding fellowship across campus
Community is everywhere we look

By Marcie Otteman Grawburg, ’87, executive director of alumni relations

It’s early June and — with the exodus of more than 20,000 students — summertime in Mount Pleasant has a laid-back, easy living kind of vibe.

It’s time to enjoy the wonders of summer and all the great things happening on our campus and in the Mount Pleasant community. I’m looking forward to the Max and Emily’s concert series, a popular downtown music event that embodies and stokes a sense of belonging here.

Community, by definition, is a feeling of fellowship from shared attitudes, interests and goals. My sense of it on campus and in the city has grown exponentially over my 28 years here. It began my freshman year when I moved into Trout Hall, and it continues today in the work I do for CMU at Carlin Alumni House.

The connections I have with alumni are a direct result of that feeling of fellowship.

In this issue, you’ll read a lot about community. We looked back more than 40 years at CMU’s unprecedented work to provide educational opportunities for the children of migrant farm workers. That program created a new community of Latino students on campus that still exists today. You’ll also read about Central’s women’s basketball team and its commitment to volunteering in the community to help those less fortunate, and we’ll introduce you to two families with generations of CMU grads who instantly felt like they belonged here.

It’s a little early yet, but our next issue in the fall will be special because we’re going to celebrate 125 years of CMU. Starting with the state of the university address on our anniversary, Sept. 13, CMU will enjoy a yearlong celebration of how Central has put its stamp on Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and the world. For details, check out the 125th anniversary website at anniversary.cmich.edu.

If you’re driving through the center of the state this summer, take an extra few minutes to stop by campus. It’s as beautiful as you remember, and our door is always open at Carlin Alumni House on Bellows Street. We’d love to say hi and visit with you.

Forever maroon and gold,

Marcie

Calendar

July
14 CMU night at Detroit Tigers, Comerica Park, Detroit
17 Golf outing, Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City
27 Lansing Lugnuts baseball game, Lansing
27 Party on McCarty, Saginaw
28 CMU Day at Michigan’s Adventure, Muskegon

August
1 CMU day at Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field, Chicago
8 Detroit Tigers at Pittsburgh Pirates, PNC Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
11 CMU day at Toledo Zoo, Toledo
31 CMU football home opener vs. Rhode Island, Kelly/Shorts Stadium, Mount Pleasant

September
1 Michigan State Fair, Detroit
13 State of the University: 125th anniversary, Plachta Auditorium, Mount Pleasant
18 Great Lakes Bay Region Golf Outing, Apple Mountain Resort, Freeland

This is a small sampling of the many alumni events. Please visit alumni.cmich.edu for a comprehensive list.
CMU Today

CMU adds entrepreneurial transactions degree

Central’s new Master of Entrepreneurial Transactions degree is a one-year program that initially will be offered online through CMU’s College of Business Administration.

Students will learn business, legal and tactical issues for entrepreneurial transactions. That includes forming new ventures, recruiting and motivating entrepreneurial teams, raising capital, identifying and protecting intellectual property, managing growth and risks, and harvesting economic gains.

By focusing on transactions, the program goes far beyond business planning and pitching, differentiating itself from graduate programs elsewhere. The curriculum will combine lessons and hands-on projects that address complex business and legal topics.

“Because this program will be offered online, its impact will go beyond Mount Pleasant and lend itself to the national goals of the university,” CMU Provost Michael Gealt says.

It’s set to launch later this summer.

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Helping the homeless stay warm on the streets

CMU center tests insulation properties of convertible coat/sleeping bag

The Center for Merchandising and Design Technology at CMU recently partnered with the Empowerment Plan, a Detroit-based nonprofit, to measure the insulation properties of its coats that convert to sleeping bags.

The information gathered by faculty, staff and students working in the lab helps product designers select materials that will keep people living on the streets warm.

The coats were placed on the center’s sweating thermal manikin, which has 46 independently controlled zones allowing for precise temperature and humidity measurements. This customized, one-of-a-kind technology enables researchers to collect heat loss data.

The environmental chamber and manikin enable CMU faculty and students to look at insulation properties in many settings, says Maureen MacGillivray, fashion merchandising and design faculty member. They tested both dry and wet materials.

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Summer in Antarctica

Doctoral student studies sea spiders in the South Pole

CMU doctoral student Erin Collins traded T-shirts and flip-flops in northern Michigan for parkas and waterproof boots in Antarctica to study sea spiders with the National Science Foundation last summer.

The 25-year-old Traverse City native was one of 16 students selected internationally by NSF to work with researchers from Canada, Australia, England and Denmark.

On campus, Collins extracts DNA from sea spiders to better classify the creatures as she studies Earth and ecosystem sciences.

“Nothing we collected I had seen alive before,” Collins says.

“Because even though I’m doing ocean work, I grew up in Michigan and haven’t seen a lot of this stuff with my own eyes.”

Sea spiders in Antarctica are found in abundance. “We had a month there, and we were all really excited about our projects,” Collins says. “There were a lot of big ‘Wow, I never thought I’d get to do this,’ moments.”

Read more about her journey and see more photos on her blog: cmich.ly/erinecollins

Providing warmth for breast cancer survivors

Students design thermal bra for mastectomy patients

A group of CMU students created an insulated bra to solve a problem many breast cancer survivors face.

Women who have had prosthetic reconstruction after mastectomies are often cold because silicone implants don’t retain body heat.

Entrepreneurship majors Emily Austin and Haley Rusicka partnered with fashion merchandising and design senior Augusta Overy and Center for Merchadising and Design Technology research lab coordinator Sue Wroblewski to create insulated bra prototypes. They pitched their idea in the 2017 New Venture Competition, earning second runner-up honors.

It all started with breast cancer survivor and CMU alumna Jodie Faber, ’92.

“I was cold all the time,” Faber says. “It was because of the implants. When they get cold, they stay cold. When they stay cold, they make the core of your body cold.”

Faber was using hand warmers, which often burned her skin.

She’s the director of Spectrum Health United Lifestyles, a community-based health education program in Greenville. Faber shared her idea with Grand Rapids-based Spectrum Health Innovations, which develops health care innovations and technologies for the health system. Spectrum Health Innovations reached out to Austin and Rusicka.

“This project has really changed my senior year,” Rusicka says. “Not only has it given me confidence to make decisions, but the knowledge and experience to know what and what not to do.”
Out of the fields and into the classroom

BY TERRI FINCH HAMILTON, '83
Juan Zamudio was up in a tree picking Traverse City cherries more than 40 years ago when two young men wandered through the orchard.

Were there any farm workers here who had just graduated from high school, they asked?

Juan’s father pointed up through the branches at him.

Wary, Juan climbed down to talk to them. Was he interested in attending Central Michigan University? As a migrant worker, he could get a scholarship.

“I said no,” he recalls. “I had no intention of staying in Michigan.”

The men, outreach workers for the nonprofit United Migrants for Opportunity Inc., handed him a brochure and moved on.

“That evening, my dad gave me an earful,” Juan remembers. “He said this was an opportunity I couldn’t pass up. There was no way he could afford to send me to college. Back home in Corpus Christi, Texas, we lived in the housing projects. He said there was nothing for me there.”

Still, Juan wasn’t convinced.

“Then he attacked my manhood,” he recalls with a laugh. “He said, ‘Are you afraid? Aren’t you man enough to stay here by yourself?’”

Juan was terrified, actually, but with his pride on the line, he agreed.

“I didn’t know the magnitude of what had just happened.”
First of its kind

United Migrants for Opportunity Inc. was Michigan’s first migrant scholarship program, a federally funded initiative in place at CMU from 1970 to 1975. The nonprofit organization offered to match every dollar of financial aid CMU gave migrant worker students to attend CMU.

The significance, as Juan noted, was enormous.

The program changed everything for thousands of children born to migrant farm workers. Going to college wasn’t an option; paying for it was virtually impossible.

Those who took advantage of the groundbreaking program were the first in their families to navigate the admissions process.

“The impact on the individuals was, of course, huge,” says Paul Ruiz, who worked with the students as an adviser. “Their parents lived in poverty. So did their grandparents and their great-grandparents. Suddenly, they’re not. They had a way out.”

It wasn’t easy for the first group of 13 students from Texas, 2,000 miles from home. They were cold and homesick. They bonded like family.

“I struggled,” remembers Juan, ’76, ’78, ’84. “I had a cold from October through April. But second semester was better. I met my wife.”

Marissa Miranda Zamudio, ’75, ’78, was the oldest of nine, and all the money she earned in the fields helped support her family.

“There was no way I could have gone to college on my own,” she says.

They were married in 1972 on campus, in the chapel at St. Mary’s University Parish. Juan co-founded the campus branch of the activist group Chicanos Organized for Progress and Action. All the Latino students were a common sight on campus, marching with signs and hosting sit-ins to support Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in nationwide boycotts of nonunion-picked grapes and lettuce.

Juan Zamudio and Marissa Miranda Zamudio married in 1972 (second from top).

Maria “Lupe” Castro on campus in the 1970s (far left) and now.
“For our first year, bringing that awareness to the community was a pretty good achievement for a small group of newcomers,” Marissa says.

“Everything changed for me”

As a child growing up poor in Austin, Texas, Julian Vasquez, ‘85, had little hope for his future.

“I remember being so hungry that I would eat dirt,” he recalls. “There was no sense of a future for us, other than what we knew.”

Then, as a teen, picking strawberries with his family in Traverse City, he heard about UMOI. His older brother, Santiago, headed to CMU on a scholarship. When they moved him to campus, Julian was captivated.

“It was like going to heaven,” he remembers. “I stood in front of Warriner Hall and was blown away that someone from such a poor background could have a real future. I realized my life might not have to follow in the footsteps of my father as a migrant worker. Everything changed for me.”

Julian became a member of the CMU cheerleading and gymnastics teams. He excelled in academics and was named top cheerleader in the nation his junior year. His brothers Elias Jr. and Ed also went to Central. So did his sister, Adelina, and, years later, her daughter. His son, Juan Julian, is a senior at CMU and will graduate in December.

“We helped open the eyes of other students in our community who started to think they might go to college, too,” Vasquez says. “It became something attainable, now that a few had done it.”

His long career in education included running a migrant day care center and teaching elementary and middle school and community college. For a while, Julian was assistant director of admissions at CMU.

“My dad always said, ‘If a door of opportunity is in front of you, don’t just stand there and knock,’” Vasquez says. “Open the door.”

The first to knock

Maria “Lupe” Castro, ’73, started at CMU in 1969 — a year before that first group of 13 — after meeting a CMU outreach worker as her family picked cucumbers in Au Gres.

“I was the guinea pig,” Castro says with a laugh. “I would be walking on campus and someone would stop me and say, ‘I saw that you did well on that English test.’ They were keeping track of me, to see if I did well.”

She did. After Maria graduated with an education degree, UMOI hired her as a scholarship coordinator, and she traveled to Texas to recruit more migrant students. Later she became director of an Upward Bound program before starting a career in foreign language education.

She proudly lists siblings, nieces and nephews who earned college degrees after she did.

From struggle to hope

Rosa Chapa Johnson, ’74, talks of working in the fields in Paw Paw when a UMOI recruiter told her she could go to college.

“My reaction was instant screaming with joy,” she recalls. “I wanted to get out of the fields. It was hard labor, getting up before dawn and working hard all day. I didn’t want that life. I thought, ‘Please, get me out of here.’ That offer was like heaven.”

But adjusting was difficult.

“I was sad and lonely,” she says. “It was stressful. I wasn’t prepared academically.”

Her peers struggled, too. They asked the administration for a Latino mentor to help.

CMU hired Paul Ruiz to work in the Office of Student Affairs as an adviser and liaison.

“Everyone wanted these students to succeed,” says Ruiz, ’75. “We kept bumping into academic issues. They were having trouble writing papers, studying for tests.”

He started study clubs and convinced administrators to establish a writing center. He recruited high-achieving Latino students from San Antonio to transfer to Central and become tutors and mentors.

“Now, they had upperclassmen to look up to,” Ruiz says. “Suddenly, graduation became attainable.”

Changing lives for generations

“If you add up the degrees in my family, there are tons of them,” Johnson says. She married the UMOI deputy director George Johnson, who brought the scholarship program to CMU. She was a teacher at Mount Pleasant High School, then served on the school board after she retired.

Julian Vasquez is pictured with his son Juan Julian Vasquez (below), and on a recent return visit to campus, talking with former CMU gymnastics coach Tony Miele (bottom).
"Without this opportunity, how would I have gone through life?" Johnson says. "What would have become of me?"

Marissa Zamudio wonders the same thing, marveling at the profound impact on her family. She and Juan earned five degrees from CMU between them, but the impact stretches far beyond them. She helped siblings, nieces and nephews with the higher education system.

She and Juan took their daughters, Alicia and Anissa, to apple orchards and blueberry farms when they were young, to pick fruit together.

"We told them, ‘This is where your parents came from. Each generation has the opportunity to better themselves,’" she says. Their daughters have each earned two college degrees.

"I never would have imagined what my life would turn into after I climbed down from that cherry tree," says Juan Zamudio, who had a long career at CMU as an academic adviser. "UMOI and CMU changed my life completely. It changed the next generation. No more going back to the old way. No more.

"I told my dad that forcing me to go to CMU was the best thing that could have happened to me." •

The kids of Latino migrant worker families weren’t going to college in the 1960s.

So when Central Michigan University officials and the nonprofit United Migrants for Opportunity Inc. worked together to make it happen, they made a profound impact on lives for generations to come.

In the program’s five years at CMU, more than 40 students were afforded opportunities until federal migrant programs shifted to focus on employment and training services.

"While other universities took part in the program, CMU jumped in more than the others and with more zeal," says Bryan Whitledge, CMU archivist. "We started with more students than anyone else, and each year we took in more."

CMU President William B. Boyd, Vice Provost James Hayes and UMOI Deputy Director George Johnson launched the transformative program – the first of its kind in the state.

"President Boyd, who was fairly progressive, was instrumental just by being open to it," Whitledge says. "Instead of saying, ‘These students don’t look like the typical CMU student,’ he said, ‘Let’s do this.’"

Paul Ruiz, ‘75, was hired to work in the Office of Student Affairs as an adviser and liaison for the Latino students.

"The president, the vice president, the legal office, the academic departments were all working together to help this new population," he says.

Johnson, of UMOI, brought the idea to CMU, then drove to Texas himself to pick up students and sent bilingual workers into farm fields and orchards to recruit eligible high school graduates.

CMU administrators pushed for legislation that allowed migrant students, even if they only lived in Michigan part time, to pay in-state college tuition, Ruiz says, and added a host of tutoring programs, classes and other initiatives to help the new students succeed.

"That’s why Central did so well with migrant kids," Ruiz says. "At other schools, they were leaving after a year or two. We held onto them."

"These students went on to be teachers, principals, judges," Ruiz says. "These were kids of farm worker parents, right? Then they went on to transform the communities where they lived.

"Students in their communities saw that even if you’re poor, you still have a chance to succeed." •
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100 percent of CMU med students secure residencies

All 62 students from the inaugural class are placed at teaching hospitals; half will stay in Michigan

TEXT BY JENNIFER CHURCHILL AND HEATHER SMITH, ’02, M.S. ’11
PHOTOS BY STEVE JESSMORE, ’81
Central Michigan University’s College of Medicine experienced its very first Match Day in March, and all 62 of its inaugural class of doctors-to-be earned placements for their residencies. Nearly half were matched to programs in Michigan.

CMU’s perfect placement percentage is especially notable because, across the U.S., the number of medical students hoping for assignments far exceeds the number of residencies available at teaching hospitals. In 2016, more than 10,000 students nationally went unmatched.

“As residency programs are very competitive, getting 100 percent placement for a new medical school like ours is a major accomplishment and speaks to the quality of students and excellent programs we have,” says College of Medicine Dean Dr. George E. Kikano.

“It also is an exciting day for the state, because of our unique mission focused on preparing physicians to serve in rural and medically underserved regions of Michigan,” he continues. “CMU is changing the face of health care in the state, in this moment.”

Match Day takes place on the same day, at the same time, at every medical school across the country. It’s the day future doctors learn if and where they will do their residency training. It’s a dramatic event, with embargoed information released to students in sealed envelopes opened simultaneously across the nation at 11:59 a.m. EST.

The matching process is elaborate: A computerized mathematical algorithm is used by the National Resident Matching Program to align the specialty and location preferences of medical students with the preferences of program directors to fill positions at U.S. teaching hospitals.

On Match Day, CMU med student Kush Sharma opened his envelope and it read Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners, vascular surgery.

“I am excited for my match and for all of my classmates, as everyone matched today,” the Kalamazoo native says. “Having been a part of this class, we are like a family.”

Emily Fortin, of Ann Arbor, was excited to be part of CMU’s first class of doctors.

“When I visited and further understood the CMU College of Medicine mission and focus on the underserved populations, I saw myself as part of the creation,” she says. “I also was really intrigued about being part of the pioneering class, and I have enjoyed forming bonds and working with my amazing classmates more than anything.”

Fortin will do her residency in emergency medicine at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

The CMU College of Medicine, established in 2010, has a mission to improve access to high-quality health care in rural and medically underserved regions. It was created to help address an anticipated shortage by 2020 of 4,000 to 6,000 physicians in Michigan. Data released this spring by the Association of American Medical Colleges cites an anticipated shortage of 41,000 to 105,000 doctors throughout the U.S. over the next decade.
Beaumont expects big contribution from its new CMU matches

Many teaching hospitals will have their first look at CMU College of Medicine students when they begin their residency programs this summer. Beaumont Health System leaders got an early glimpse a year ago — and liked what they saw from one of Central’s very first doctors.

Alyssa Stoner did a clinical rotation in Royal Oak last August in Beaumont’s labor and delivery and gynecological services departments. Stoner’s performance left Dr. Patricia Franz, Beaumont’s residency program director, feeling good about what CMU’s new med school has to offer.

“Any time there’s a new medical school, one of the unknowns is, ‘Are the students there as academically prepared as those from established schools?’” Franz says. “Our interaction with her made everyone realize that wasn’t going to be an issue.”

Beaumont accepted more CMU residents than any other hospital — 11 of the 62 from CMU’s inaugural class are headed to a Beaumont medical center. Nearly half of the 62 were matched with hospitals in Michigan. The rest will do their residencies at hospitals across the country.

CMU’s College of Medicine is still building its reputation. But Franz says studying at a newer medical school set Central’s students apart.

“They all came off as flexible, adaptable and ready to step into leadership roles,” Franz says. “One thing I was particularly impressed with is they all had a lot of input into how things were run there and had to organize student groups and give input on curriculum changes.

“There’s a certain level of drive to go through a new medical school and help start those programs,” she said.
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TV’s “Project Runway” fashion consultant and host Tim Gunn sat for a Q&A following the annual Threads Fashion Show in a transformed Finch Fieldhouse in April. The event, which fashion merchandising and design students look forward to all year, gives students real-world runway experiences. CMU students Paige Zubok (from left), Cecilia Alfaro and Sala Ward had the chance to schmooze with Gunn following the debut of their designs. CMU has Michigan’s top-ranked fashion merchandising and design program.

PHOTO BY STEVE JESSMORE, ‘81
When classes begin this fall, CMU will welcome not one but two sets of triplets to Mount Pleasant with some pretty impressive academic credentials.

For each family, they’re the first generation of Chippewas.

**The Trevino family**

When Katelyn, Cole and Case Trevino join their older sister, Kwyn, this fall, more immediate family members will live in Mount Pleasant than in their two-story rural home in Bath, just north of Lansing.

The triplets have loved and endured a lot of time together in 18 years, so they hadn’t really planned to stick together in college.

But as co-valedictorians of their Bath Bees 2017 graduating class, some pretty attractive scholarships came their way.

“The campus really got me,” Cole said. “I also liked how all of us would be close together.”

Adding to the mix: The boys each earned Academic Excellence scholarships from Central.

Cole is considering criminal justice – which Kwyn, a junior, is studying. Case is leaning toward the health and human services field. All three said they appreciate what Central offers, both academically and socially. They gleaned much of that from Kwyn.

“My siblings have seen a lot of CMU and know a lot of my experiences,” she said. “They’ve helped me move in and out every year; they know what to expect when this fall rolls around.”

The trio will have a chance to get immersed in August as they take part in Leadership Safari. The program helps freshmen and transfer students learn how to be successful. It also encourages them to get involved so they can grow as leaders.

**The Tibbott triplets**

Another smart set of triplets will start on their own path toward becoming CMU alums this fall as well.

Illinois State Scholars Sophie, Rose and Lily Tibbott graduated in the top 10 percent of their Morris Community High School class this spring, each earning the lucrative Centralis Gold scholarship. It covers full tuition for four years at CMU.

“This is our first experience with CMU, and we’re all impressed with everything so far,” says mom Paula Tibbott.

“After visiting numerous colleges in Illinois without any luck, we decided to look out of state,” Rose says. “We discovered Central Michigan University online, and we instantly fell in love when we visited the school.”

While all three will live in Larzelere Hall this fall as part of the honors program, they won’t be roommates. “We’re excited to branch out and go our separate ways,” Rose says. “But it will be nice to have each other around when we need it.”

No one has chosen a major yet, but Rose is considering communications, Lily is looking into business, and Sophie may pursue engineering.

“CMU has so many activities to offer, and we would love to get involved in as many as possible,” Rose says. The girls are interested in trying out intramural soccer and the running club.

“We’re especially looking forward to attending sporting events at CMU and cheering on the Chippewas.”

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[Image: From left: Parents Rick and Jill Trevino with CMU President George E. Ross, Cole Trevino, Katelyn Trevino, Case Trevino, CMU Provost Michael Gealt and Kwyn Trevino]
CMU has a way of weaving itself through several branches of many family trees. There are so many stories of multiple generations of families, often starting with just two people who met here, extending through many decades of children and grandchildren who chose maroon and gold over and over again.

Here are two of those families.

**The Kerr family**

Lornie Kerr and Margery “Midge” Wright met at freshman orientation in the 1950s. He was a football star; she wasn’t overly impressed by his bravado.

They shared a birthday, and after a first date of chocolate sodas, they started spending time around the tree-lined walkway near Barnard Hall. That’s where other couples also hung out because of strict rules that separated men and women in the residence halls back then.

The romance blossomed, and eventually the Kerrs became a family of six, with children Patti, Kathy, Mike and Dan. Every one of them became a CMU alum. Their eldest daughter was born in a tiny house the couple rented from Doc Sweeney (namesake of Sweeney Hall). President Anspach sent a letter personally congratulating the couple.

CMU not only played a central role in love’s first blush, it provided the educational foundation for 11 family members — so far. In fact, a few other Kerr family members also found their partners at CMU.

“He was a junior, I transferred in as a sophomore,” says Patti (Kerr) Lingaur, ’76, of the first time she met her husband, Gary Lingaur, ’75. “I think there’s a picture of my dad hanging in Finch Fieldhouse; he took me in and showed me the picture. He lived in Thorpe, and I lived in Sweeney.”

Mike Kerr, ’81, also met his wife, JoAnne (Butler) Kerr, M.A. ’83, on campus.

“It was extremely comfortable, almost like a totally from-home feeling being there, because the whole family was there,” says Dan Kerr, ’87. “A lot of them would show up for all the football games; it was almost like a community.”

Several Kerr grandkids are now alumni, too.

When asked about his best memories of Central, Lornie Kerr, ’54, M.A. ’59, goes right back to his late wife, Midge.

“Of course, the No. 1 memory was finding my wife,” he says.

**The Crall family**

Stephanie (Helber) Crall’s parents, Sonny and Shirley Helber, both were at Central in the mid-1960s.

Stephanie and her sister Lisa (Helber) Townsend, ’90, followed next, and now Stephanie’s daughter Kaela will attend CMU in the fall.

“Growing up in Mount Pleasant, we were really avid Central fans — we went to all the football games, baseball games. My grandpa would take his Bluebird motor home to every home game,” says Stephanie Crall. She went on to graduate with her bachelor’s degree in 1992 and then earned her master’s degree in 1993.

“They just had such strong ties to Mount Pleasant as a community, as well as Central. I went to MSU for two years and came back. The community, the small town, the relationship with the professors was something I didn’t have at State,” says Crall, who is a speech pathologist at Fox Run, a Novi retirement community.

Now Kaela Crall, the first grandchild in the family, will continue the legacy.

“We’ve been going there since I was little, so I always kind of thought I would go there,” says Kaela, who found out last winter that she’d earned one of the highly competitive Centralis Gold Scholarships. The moment she and her mom found out, grandma Shirley Helber was the first to hear the good news.

“My mom, of course, was just thrilled,” Stephanie says. “We know how proud my dad would be that Kaela has done so well in school and made the choice to go to CMU.” •
Young alumni are putting their stamp on the world in diverse and significant ways. Now in its fourth year, the 10 Within 10 program recognizes young alumni who bring honor to Central Michigan University through their work in their career or community. This year’s slate of Chippewas is making a difference in politics, TV news, human resources, education, entertainment and finance. And they carry their Central pride wherever they go.

BY CYNTHIA J. DRAKE, M.A. ’08
LINDSAY BARNETT, ’09
Major: Human Resources Management
Her job: Human resources international director for Gap Inc./Banana Republic in London, U.K.

What is your fondest memory of CMU?
Being a Leadership Advancement Scholar. I met the best of friends through the program, and I was provided unlimited opportunities to learn, practice and teach leadership skills.

How would your former roommates or classmates remember you?
Driven, passionate and loved to dance at oldies night.

What are you proudest of?
I’ve been able to apply the skills I learned at CMU to my roles at Gap Inc., Apple and Twitter.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
Take risks – you’ll learn tons about yourself. I moved all the way to San Francisco after graduation for my first job. It was scary and challenging, but I grew so much personally and professionally.

GREG ANGEL, ’07
Major: Broadcast and Cinematic Arts
His job: News anchor/reporter for CBS 12 in West Palm Beach, Florida

What is your fondest memory of CMU?
There are so many memories and experiences that I carry with me. Those moments of rushed excitement as freshmen raced through the gauntlet for their first time on campus at Leadership Safari … the adrenaline of counting down the final moments until we were on the air at News Central 34 … the gatherings with brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, forging new relationships and doing our part to leave CMU a better place.

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
Every day is the coolest moment, because every day I get to live my dream. My career has taken me many places, from covering the Republican and Democratic national conventions to Washington, D.C., the Dominican Republic and Norway. I have covered presidents and have flown in the Goodyear Blimp.

What has your work life taught you?
You won’t always win, you won’t always succeed. You will fail, and it’s OK to fail.

What are you proudest of?
I am proud that, of all of the lessons I learned at CMU, I truly learned what it means to give back. I never paved the road to success, I’m just driving on it, but it’s important that I maintain the road, too. I mentor and give back to the next generation, finding ways to help them succeed.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
Get in touch with reality. The world is a very different place when you’re out on your own. You will never have all of the answers, so consider every day an opportunity to grow and learn something new. Be the true you. That’s all you need to succeed.

KYLE HOO, ’09
Major: Finance
His job: Finance manager, special projects, at automaker Cadillac’s new world headquarters in New York City

What is your fondest memory of CMU?
Working for Residence Life as a resident assistant and spending countless highly caffeinated hours studying at Grawn. Former classmates would remember me probably as a caffeine addict. It was only on rare occasion you’d catch me without some form of coffee or energy drink in my hand.

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
Reading about my projects as they become public knowledge in the Wall Street Journal and other media continues to be a surreal experience.

What are you proudest of?
Honestly, I feel quite proud sitting in this interview. But holistically, I feel proud of having focused the good fortune afforded to me into a career and company for which I am deeply passionate.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
While technical skills are no doubt the ante to play, there is no substitute for differentiation like a consistently good attitude.

What has your work life taught you?
Focus on winning by helping others achieve success. Always think win-win. Like the game of Tetris, successes fade, but failures build, so focus your energy on the present and future.
TOM WILBUR, ’10

**Majors:** History and Social Science

**His job:** Chief strategist and communications director for Congressman Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph, Michigan), Washington, D.C.

**What is your fondest memory of CMU?**
Meeting new people. Avoiding the library. Playing basketball with friends at the SAC. Participating in two Alternative Breaks.

**What has been your coolest moment since graduation?**
Being on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives when they passed my boss’s landmark legislation, the 21st Century Cures Act. It’s a bipartisan piece of legislation to safely speed the approval process for life-saving drugs and medical devices. It took us more than three years, but in December 2016, President Obama signed it into law. Seeing all of our hard work pay off was incredibly rewarding and yes — in a nerdy way — very cool.

**What advice would you give to new graduates?**
Audit yourself. Be self-aware and understand what you’re good at and what you’re not. When it comes to finding a job or settling into a career: Triple down on whatever it is you’re passionate about. Ignore pretty much everything else.

**What has your work life taught you?**
Your education never stops. Even though you will learn a lot in school, there is always more to learn, and it’s important to take opportunities to keep learning.

STEPHANIE RICHARDS, ’08, M.A. ’10

**Majors:** Communication Disorders, Speech-Language Pathology

**Her job:** Assistant Professor, Communication Disorders at CMU

**What is your fondest memory of CMU?**
A two-week study abroad trip that I took to Shanghai and Beijing, China, through the Honors Program and the College of Business Administration. We spent time sightseeing, eating local food, visiting both American and Chinese businesses, attending lectures, and learning about the culture.

**What has been your coolest moment since graduation?**
Coming back to work at CMU. To me, taking this job really felt like coming home, which is an experience that I don’t think everyone has when starting their first job out of college.

**What are you proudest of?**
I’m proudest of what I’ve been able to give back to CMU. Having earned two degrees from CMU and now working here as a professor, I’ve had the ability to see our program and the needs of our students from both a student and faculty perspective.

**What advice would you give to new graduates?**
Take advantage of opportunities that are offered to you — no matter how big or small. Even if they’re a little out of your comfort zone, new experiences can help you develop new relationships, expand your knowledge and skills, and grow both personally and professionally.

**What has your work life taught you?**
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JENNIFER ROBERTSON, ’08

Major: Integrative Public Relations
Her job: Senior event manager at the Rainbow Room, an iconic New York City restaurant and banquet space atop 30 Rockefeller Plaza

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
I’ve witnessed intimate concerts by some of the biggest names in the music industry, planned birthday parties for former presidents and legendary pop culture icons, and helped organizations raise millions of dollars at events to benefit those in need.

What are you proudest of?
Michigan will always be home, but I’m proud of where my path has taken me. Washington and New York are two incredible cities to spend your 20s and build your career. The memories I’ve made and the friends and connections I’ve developed along the way have been the most rewarding.

What has your work life taught you?
One of my favorite quotes is, “If you work really hard and you’re kind, amazing things will happen.” It’s so simple, but I really attribute that to where I’ve gotten in my career.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
Get as much experience as you can. Also, don’t be afraid to utilize your connections or to reach out to decision-makers directly versus going through the usual channels.

If you could do anything right now, what would you do?
Honestly, I would travel. I was lucky enough when I was younger to travel with my parents, both CMU professors who took student groups on study abroad tours as I was growing up.

STEVE POE, ’07

Major: Education
His job: Chief of managed care and patient administration, U.S. Air Force in Ramstein, Germany

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
My coolest — and scariest — moment was going great white shark cage diving in South Africa last year with my family. To see a great white shark on TV is one thing; to be face-to-face with one is another.

What are you proudest of?
The first: my kids. Even at 4 years old (I have boy/girl twins), they do things that make me so proud as a father. The second: my wife, Nichole. Being a military spouse is not easy. Picking up and moving every few years, sometimes twice in a year, and across the world is tough for anybody. Not only does she do it, she embraces it.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
I keep a small note taped just below my computer in my office that simply reads, “When You Die, Die On ‘E.’” That’s it. Have no regrets; leave nothing left.

What has your work life taught you?
Lots. I’ll keep it to three: 1) You cannot effectively lead an organization from behind your desk. I’ve seen leaders try; they’ve all failed. 2) A good leader will know all their folks’ names and a lot about them. A great leader will know their spouses’ and kids’ names and a bit about them. 3) Surround yourself with people smarter than you. Then give them the credit.

If you could do anything right now, what would you do?
I’d be sitting in Congress. I’m passionate about leadership and implementing common-sense change. We need more of it.

KAYLA DAVIS, ’10

Majors: Accounting and Accounting Information Systems
Her job: Manager at Deloitte, Detroit, a company offering tax, audit, consulting and financial services to big-name brands

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
The travel I’ve been fortunate enough to enjoy while at Deloitte – “prost-ing!” at Oktoberfest in Munich, experiencing endless rainbows in Iguacu Falls, seeing the Eiffel Tower at night, hiking the Grand Canyon or a 14er in Breckenridge, eating live octopus in Seoul – these are, without a doubt, some of the coolest moments.

What are you proudest of?
The personal brand I’ve created at Deloitte. There is a certain level of ownership in my career that I am solely responsible for – no one else. You cannot wait for opportunities to come to you. It just doesn’t work that way.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
My best piece of advice for new graduates is to keep an open mind. In both my professional and personal lives there have been opportunities that have come my way that I never thought I would enjoy. Same goes for things I thought I had a passion for that ultimately weren’t the right fit for me. You don’t know what you don’t know, so give yourself the freedom to try new things and then decide.

What has your work life taught you?
Practicing empathy never goes out of style. Much of my day-to-day is serving clients, and for me that means walking in my clients’ shoes.

If you could do anything right now, what would you do?
Yoga teacher training. Yoga is something I stumbled upon right around the time I began working at Deloitte. Over time, it has become so much more than a physical practice.
DAVID BIEDENBENDER, ’07

Major: Music Theory and Composition

His job: Assistant professor of composition at Michigan State University in East Lansing

What is your fondest memory of CMU?
Meeting my beautiful wife, Angela, at freshman orientation. Musically, my fondest memories are having my first orchestral work premiered by Professor Carlton Woods and the CMU Symphony Orchestra and rehearsing and performing in the CMU Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
The birth of my sons, Izaak and Declan. They bring so much meaning and joy to my life.

What advice would you give to new graduates?
Your education continues after graduation. In many ways, college is a place to discover what you don’t know, and the years after graduation are a great time to delve deeply into the questions you’ve discovered. Set goals but really dig into the process. Take risks. Be open. Listen. And know dreams require hard work.

What has your work life taught you?
It’s taken me quite some time to realize that, although it’s very important to me, my work is not my life. Balance is important.

If you could do anything right now, what would you do?
I would do exactly what I’m doing. Every day I am given the opportunity to make music with incredible musicians and collaborators, to work alongside brilliant and inspiring colleagues, and to teach creative, energetic and inquisitive students.

TOM KAUFFMAN, ’06, M.A. ’08

Major: Broadcast and Cinematic Arts

His job: Writer and producer of “Rick and Morty,” Cartoon Network, Los Angeles. The animated series follows the exploits of a super scientist and his not-so-bright grandson.

What is your fondest memory of CMU?
The all-nighters we’d pull in the Moore 119 editing bays before an MHTV deadline. My friend Scott once discovered Red Bull mispriced at Ric’s, so he bought them out and walked into Moore Hall like Taurine Santa Claus.

How would your former roommates or classmates remember you?
As an ambitious jerk with perpetual car problems.

What has been your coolest moment since graduation?
In 2013, seeing my name as the “written by” credit during the third episode of “Rick and Morty.”

What advice would you give to new graduates?
You’ll get lucky slower or faster than other people and in different proportions. So what? There’s no timetable for anything except being a professional basketball player, maybe. Are you trying to be a professional basketball player? Then chill out, be nice to everyone, and recognize we’ve all been addicted to sugar since childhood and that they don’t even tell you the percent daily value in the nutrition facts because it’d be like 7,000 percent.

What has your work life taught you?
Your job, even if it’s a great job, should occupy a portion of your life smaller than the portion dedicated to preserving your mental and physical health. Because one day your job is going to make you wonder, “What if I became a yoga instructor?” •
CMU is the only university in Michigan with an undergraduate degree in microscopy. Students enrolled in the program use state-of-the-art instruments to study what can’t be seen by the naked eye. Tucked deep inside the Biosciences Building, the Microscopy Lab is filled with microscopes equipped with an array of modern-day, cutting-edge imaging techniques. The lab also is equipped with – of course – the common optical microscope that uses visible light to magnify. The lab helps students develop a strong foundation in biology, chemistry and physics.

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Taking a (much) closer look
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BEYOND BASKETBALL

CMU’S WOMEN’S PROGRAM STRESSES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

BY ANDY SNEDDON
In her 10th year heading the Central Michigan women's basketball program, Sue Guevara knows life is about more than points and rebounds or wins and losses. She wants her players to realize it, too.

"I want our kids to really understand how fortunate they are to have scholarships, to be able to do what they love to do," she says of her players, who in 2016-17 delivered CMU its first Mid-American Conference regular-season championship in women's basketball since 1985.

"I want them to appreciate everything that they have, that they are given, so when it's their turn, they give back."

Guevara's curriculum includes a social component involving a broad range of community activities. Her players volunteer at the food bank and at Special Olympics events, they chaperone dances at local schools, stage basketball clinics for children, and collect and distribute diapers to young mothers. The team also helps organizations such as the Commission on Aging and Girls on the Run, and they read to elementary school students.

The players happily embrace their roles as ambassadors.

"It makes us more well-rounded individuals off the court, and it helps with our development," says Jasmine Harris. Harris completed her eligibility in 2017 and is working toward her master's degree in political science. She was a leader in the team's efforts last season to collect water for Flint residents affected by the city's ongoing lead water crisis.

"It gives us a connection to the community that we play for," Harris says. "We're so active in the community that they, the fans, have a personality to put to that face they see on the court because we've met them."

**ENCOURAGING ENGAGEMENT**

The Chippewas began their 2016-17 season on Nov. 11 with a road trip to South Bend, Indiana, where they played Notre Dame, then the No. 1-ranked team in the country. Typically, when college teams travel, student-athletes focus on their cell phones or shut out the world with headphones. Not on Guevara's watch.

Minutes after departing Mount Pleasant, the coach walked to the middle of the bus and engaged her players in a conversation about the election, which was three days prior. Her question: "What would you say to our newly elected president?"

Politics? In this day and age? Who would toss a match into that potential tinder box when cohesiveness is the critical component in any team sport?

Yet Guevara was going there and taking her players with her because, well, it matters.

"I didn't know who voted for who, and it didn't matter to me," says Guevara, who had required each of her players to register to vote ahead of the election. "It's important for me to know they think about stuff other than basketball. It just is.

"You have to know what's going on," she says. "A lot of this stuff is going to impact them more than it's going to impact me. As women, it's so important to take advantage of something that a lot of women around the world can't do. I don't care who you vote for – I don't – but educate yourself. Read something and then make sure you go vote."

**TAKING IT WITH THEM**

Kaihla Szunko played for Guevara at CMU from 2007-11. Today, Szunko lives in Gainesville, Florida, and is the athletic director at Girls Place, a nonprofit helping foster girls' development. She said the charitable work she performed on the team at CMU sparked her interest in education.

"Going to different schools, or an animal shelter or a food bank, it really brings it into perspective," she says. "I think sometimes you get stuck in what your life is. When I think I'm having a bad day, there are people out there who don't have food. Doing those activities and interacting really grounds you and brings you around to realizing how lucky you really are."

That's a lesson Guevara has always sought in developing well-rounded, educated women.

It goes deeper than reaching out. It's more about reaching within.†
MARCUS KEENE SPENT JUST ONE SEASON IN A CENTRAL MICHIGAN BASKETBALL UNIFORM, BUT HIS LEGACY WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

The diminutive Keene was simply dazzling in 2016-17 as he became the first NCAA Division I player in two decades to average 30 points per game. He earned All-America honorable mention, the first Chippewa to do so since Chris Kaman in 2003.

Keene was perhaps best known nationally when he scored 50 points in a Jan. 21 game against Miami (Ohio), becoming the first player in NCAA Division I to hit the 50-point mark since 2013.

“We appreciate Marcus for his time at Central Michigan,” CMU coach Keno Davis says. “The influence Marcus has had will impact the program positively for years to come.”

The 5-foot-9 guard transferred to CMU from Youngstown State in Ohio with two years of eligibility. In March, Keene announced his intention to leave CMU with one year of eligibility remaining to pursue a career in professional basketball. He’ll learn his fate when the 2017 NBA draft takes place June 22.

“Thank you to all of the fans who have supported me throughout my time at Central Michigan,” Keene said in an Instagram post. “I will miss you all. I will forever be a Chippewa.”

His incredible skill brought unprecedented attention to CMU’s program with full-length feature stories about him published in Sports Illustrated, USA Today and the Wall Street Journal. His highlights were also frequently broadcast on ESPN’s “SportsCenter,” and he was the subject of a feature on “The CBS Evening News.”

Keene – a Warren High School grad – and the Chippewas drew record numbers to McGuirk Arena this season, including two sellouts of more than 5,400 tickets for the first time in the venue’s history.

Keene scored 30 or more points 17 times, and he tallied 40 or more seven times — the most by an NCAA Division I player since the 1990-91 season. Keene finished with a Mid-American Conference record 959 points. The team finished the season with a record of 16-16, falling to Kent State in the first round of the MAC tournament. •
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National Geographic Society taps CMU grad for expedition fellowship

In recognition of their commitment to geographic education, 35 highly respected educators from the United States and Canada have been selected as the 11th group of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellows. Ian Devlin, '04, is among the select class.

"If it wasn't for Central's teacher education program, I wouldn't be afforded this incredible opportunity," he said.

Devlin teaches earth science and ecology at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas. He strives to develop stewards of conservation and sustainability and have each student leave the classroom understanding the interconnectedness and importance of the Earth.

The 2017 fellows will embark on global expeditions aboard Lindblad ships for hands-on field experience to take back to their classrooms and professional communities. They will travel to the Canadian High Arctic, Antarctica, Southeast Alaska, Arctic Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland and the Galápagos Islands, experiencing landscapes, cultures and wildlife unique to their regions.

Delaware credit union names Chippewa as new CEO

After an extensive national search, Chaz Rzewnicki, M.A. ’16, was appointed chief executive officer of Dover Federal Credit Union, Delaware’s largest credit union.

“The board is very excited to promote Chaz to the CEO position,” says Jeannette Schuler, board chair.

With more than 15 years of credit union experience spanning sales, service, lending, collections, operations, compliance, branch and call center administration, Rzewnicki most recently served as vice president of member services for Dover Federal.

Chippewa appointed interim president of Chattanooga State Community College

Debbie Adams, M.S. ’04, a 30-year career staffer and administrator at Chattanooga State Community College, is now interim president of the Nashville college.

Adams, who was vice president of student affairs and workforce development, will lead the college until the next president is named by the Board of Regents later this year.

Adams began her career at Chattanooga State in the Student Affairs Division.

Alum named chief of staff of Guyana Defence Force

Guyana’s President David Granger promoted Col. Patrick West, M.A. ’09, to brigadier, before swearing him in as the new chief of staff of the Guyana Defence Force. The force provides military service for Guyana, a small country on South America’s North Atlantic coast. It has a population of 800,000.

West also received the Military Service Star in recognition of his 33 years of service to the force.

West says being elevated to the helm of the defence force was not something he initially envisioned. “I realized that I needed to broaden my horizons,” West says. "So I completed all my required professional military education and my academic education as well, so that I can provide the relevant balance and directions, strategic and otherwise, to the force.”

Chippewa honored with Order of Canada announcement

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, governor general of Canada, announced 100 new appointments to the Order of Canada, including Patricia Lang, M.A. ’79.

Lang is the retired president of Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and is a member of CMU’s Ontario Advisory committee. Established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System, recognizing outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation.

“It was very emotional. Obviously, I was very humbled, and I was very honored,” Lang told the Thunder Bay NewsWatch. “I finally said to the woman (on the phone), ‘I’m sorry, I’m usually quite articulate and sometimes even a little bit elegant, but I’m neither today.’

She was bestowed the award for her commitment to the growth and development of Ontario’s colleges as a long-time academic administrator.
Lansing basketball coach headed for NJCAA Hall of Fame

Michael Ingram, ’98, head coach of the Lansing Community College men’s basketball team, is an inductee for the 2017 National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Ingram, a member of LCC’s men’s basketball coaching staff since 1988, is among five inductees from across the nation. He has a career record of 556-221 and was assistant coach in 1988 when LCC won the NJCAA National Championship. Ingram coached his team to four National NJCAA tournament finishes and 19 Michigan Community College Athletic Association Championships.

“Coach Ingram has been a staple in our program for nearly 30 years, setting a very high standard,” says LCC President Brent Knight. “His impact in establishing a positive reputation for LCC athletics is immeasurable.”

Ingram is a graduate of LCC and CMU. He was an All-American player at LCC, was on the team for two years at CMU and played high school basketball in Jackson with former Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy.

“The honor I feel is beyond what words can describe,” Ingram said. “I’m just a guy who loves the game of basketball. I got to live my dream here at LCC as a player and a coach. I’ve worked with great assistants and had great players — I hope they realize their impact on this achievement.”

CMU alum wins Pulitzer Prize for feature photography

A Chippewa is among the 17 winners of a 2017 Pulitzer Prize. E. Jason Wambsgans, a staff photographer for the Chicago Tribune since 2002, earned the top award for feature photography for his black-and-white series chronicling 10-year-old Tavon Tanner’s life after surviving a shooting in Chicago.

Wambsgans, a Detroit native who earned bachelor’s degrees in art and broadcast and cinematic arts in 1994, has spent the past four years documenting Chicago’s gun violence. From Jan. 1 through mid-December of 2016, 24 children age 12 or younger were shot in Chicago.

“He’s a brave, extraordinary little boy,” Wambsgans told the Chicago Tribune of Tavon. “He wanted his story to be told.” Wambsgans told the Tribune he hopes his photos help bring awareness and understanding to Chicago violence.

“That’s always the hope in doing this work,” Wambsgans says. “When you can show somebody’s experiences you can create a bridge of understanding.”

Read more about his work and find a link to see the entire series of his Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs here: cmich.ly/PulitzerEJW.

Chippewa named Pulitzer finalist

Another Chippewa, Jake May, was a finalist in the same category for his work that the judges called “striking, wonderfully conceived photographs from Flint’s contaminated-water crisis that told a challenging story in human terms.” May is a nondegree-holding alumnus of CMU. Read more about his work and see the photos here: cmich.ly/JakeMaymlive •


Carl E. Ross, '42, Lima, Ohio, died Feb. 8, 2017, age 98.


William Pyles, '45, Brooklyn, N.Y., died Nov. 6, 2016, age 93.


Margaret J. (Loomis) Bailey, '47, Traverse City, Mich., died March 7, 2017, age 91.


M. Audrey Kubian, '52, Bay City, Mich., died Dec. 28, 2016, age 94.

Andrew Arras, '52, St. Louis, Mo., died Dec. 19, 2016, age 90.


Kenneth N. Downing, '54, Madison Heights, Mich., died April 5, 2016, age 84.


Lorraine (Stevens) Stephenson, '54, Monroe, Mich., died Nov. 6, 2016, age 89.


Steve J. Marovich, '55, Battle Creek, Mich., died Nov. 12, 2016, age 83.


Phyllis A. (Maier) Gordon, '58, Fort Myers, Fla., died Nov. 23, 2016, age 80.


Margaret (Gustafson) Graves, '59, Fond Du Lac, Wis., died Oct. 25, 2016, age 81.


Herbert M. Stewart, '59, Hermitage, Tenn., died Dec. 21, 2016, age 83.


James W. Hasty, '60, West Branch, Mich., died Feb. 9, 2017, age 78.


Burt S. Fettig, M.A. '61, Saginaw Township, Mich., died Nov. 5, 2016, age 81.


Donald D. Otter, '61, Freeland, Mich., died Nov. 9, 2016, age 78.


Linda I. (Howe) Pettifor, '62, Indianapolis, Ind., died Nov. 21, 2016, age 76.


Herman L. Hill, M.A. ’64, Midland, Mich., died Dec. 11, 2016, age 82.
Dale E. Muir, ’64, West Union, S.C., died Aug. 27, 2016, age 85.
Loren L. Wycoff, ’64, M.A. ’66, Bay City, Mich., died Sept. 18, 2016, age 75.
Linda L. (Halsig) Hoogendyk, ’65, Mankato, Minn., died June 27, 2016, age 73.
Robert R. Miller, ’65, M.A. ’70, Dunedin, Fla., died Nov. 18, 2016, age 74.
Donald M. Blake, ’66, M.S. ’70, Sanford, Mich., died Oct. 18, 2016, age 82.
Julius Barat, M.A. ’67, Doylestown, Ohio, died Oct. 14, 2016, age 90.
Deanna D. Danforth, ’68, M.A. ’75, Gladstone, Mich., died May 1, 2016, age 76.
Barry E. Quimper, M.A. ’68, Bridgport, Mich., died March 5, 2017, age 77.
Twila C. (Kenney) Bardwell, ’69, Caro, Mich., died March 5, 2017, age 95.
Robert A. Meade, ’70, New Canaan, Conn., died July 20, 2015, age 93.
May J. (Hund) Sweeney, ’70, Ubly, Mich., died Dec. 18, 2016, age 68.
Robert Tighe, MBA ’70, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Sept. 27, 2016, age 70.
Bruce Yape, ’70, Arvada, Colo., died Dec. 29, 2016, age 68.
Ronald L. Hover, ’71, M.A. ’72, Bowling Green, Ohio, died Feb. 24, 2017, age 68.
Doris M. (Boludc) Hickner, ’72, Lake Jackson, Texas, died Feb. 11, 2017, age 81.
Wendall K. Hagen, M.A. ’73, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., died Feb. 6, 2017, age 70.
Harvey K. Hamilton, M.A. ’73, Zeblon, N.C., died Nov. 10, 2015, age 75.
Brian M. Redmond, ’73, Bay City, Mich., died Nov. 29, 2016, age 72.
Charles H. Wilson, M.A. ’73, La Mesa, Calif., died April 30, 2015, age 84.
Marcia A. Deutch, M.A. ’74, The Villages, Fla., died Nov. 11, 2016, age 78.
Gene T. Marshall, M.A. ’74, Columbus, Ohio, died Oct. 30, 2016, age 90.
James E. Strayer, M.A. ’74, San Antonio, Texas, died Nov. 26, 2016, age 78.
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Harold Metz, M.A. ’76, Kansas City, Kan., died Nov. 4, 2015, age 81.

Jim Myers, M.A. ’76, Los Angeles, Calif, died Feb. 16, 2017, age 79.

Anthony J. Southall, M.A. ’76, Columbus, Ohio, died Dec. 8, 2016, age 79.

Albert B. Luster, M.A. ’77, San Antonio, Texas, died March 30, 2016, age 85.

Thomas E. McFadden, M.A. ’76, Columbus, Ohio, died Dec. 8, 2016, age 81.

Harold Metz, M.A. ’76, Kansas City, Kan., died Nov. 4, 2015, age 81.


Dolores M. (Griffin) Williams, M.A. ’79, Dover, Del., died Nov. 2, 2016, age 76.


Daniel Guevara, M.A. ’80, Laredo, Texas, died April 4, 2016, age 72.

Wilfred R. Linden, ’80, Clinton, Mich., died July 2, 2015, age 83.


George M. Walker, M.A. ’80, Columbus, Ohio, died Nov. 21, 2016, age 80.


Laurie J. Cooper, ’81, Philo, Ill., died Oct. 1, 2016, age 58.


Arthur S. Hanby, M.A. ’81, El Cajon, Calif., died Dec. 18, 2016, age 69.


Roger J. Braun, M.A. ’82, North Port, Fla., died Dec. 2, 2016, age 75.


Frances “Pauline” Fischer, M.A. ’83, Midland, Mich., died Nov. 12, 2016, age 73.


Nancy E. (Foner) Claffin, M.A. ’84, Jackson, Mich., died Sept. 21, 2015, age 83.

Michael R. Clapper, ’84, Beech Grove, Ind., died Nov. 5, 2016, age 54.

Aaron C. Dohrmann, M.A. ’84, Frankenmuth, Mich., died Nov. 24, 2016, age 87.

Kenneth L. Ingold, M.A. ’84, Hilliard, Ohio, died June 23, 2015, age 91.


Lee R. Brda, M.S. ’85, Cape Coral, Fla., died Dec. 30, 2016, age 77.


Marcia K. (Lloyd) Southard-Ritter, M.S.A. ’86, Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Nov. 27, 2016, age 74.


Robert E. Columber, M.S.A. ’87, Marion, Ohio, died Nov. 24, 2016, age 73.

Connie J. (Meredith) Courtade, ’87, Cottage Grove, Minn., died Oct. 15, 2016, age 75.


Christopher J. Fauer, M.S.A. ’88, Brooksville, Fla., died Dec. 5, 2016, age 78.


Lawrence R. Courtney, M.S.A. ’90, Detroit, Mich., died March 1, 2014, age 68.


Peter A. Goeders, M.S.A. ‘92, Austin, Texas, died Aug. 17, 2015, age 66.


Thomas D. Boyle, ‘97, Greenwood, Ind., died Dec. 6, 2016, age 41.

Laura J. (Lord) Smith, M.S.A. ‘97, Leesville, La., died Oct. 30, 2016, age 65.


David K. Cain, M.S.A. ‘00, Garden City, Mich., died April 11, 2016, age 60.


Merrily J. (Young) Lloyd, ’01, Traverse City, Mich., died Dec. 25, 2016, age 68.


Brian J. Shannon, M.S.A. ’02, Esko, Minn., died Dec. 18, 2016, age 56.


Tammy J. Clark, ’05, Lansing, Mich., died Nov. 16, 2016, age 47.


May Ella R. McDonald, M.A. ’09, Oakman, Ga., died Dec. 16, 2016, age 63.

Arnold J. Witte, ’09, Lansing, Mich., died Sept. 18, 2015, age 64.

Allison L. Guzik, ’10, Fraser, Mich., died Nov. 12, 2015, age 29.


Faculty

Loren B. Bensley, ’58, Omena, Mich., died Nov. 21, 2016, age 81.


Charlotte Evans, Naples, Fla., died April 17, 2017, age 89.


Carlton Woods, Westlake, Ohio, died Feb. 21, 2017, age 75.

Staff


Howard Beutler, Weidman, Mich., died Nov. 3, 2016, age 86.


Rosemary Kasel, Dade City, Fla., died Dec. 11, 2016, age 85.

Carl Leonard, Shepherd, Mich., died Nov. 12, 2016, age 68.


Lina Teeter, Clare, Mich., died Feb. 20, 2017, age 89.
Do you remember?

Curtain up, light the lights

Before Bush Theater opened in Moore Hall in 1971, productions were staged in Warriner Auditorium. Shows from “Once Upon a Mattress” and “The Most Happy Fella” to “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” and “Threepenny Opera” were performed there by students from the drama, speech and music departments.

A lavish 1969 production of the Lerner and Loewe musical “My Fair Lady” (pictured) featured a 43-member cast, 28 musicians and a 60-person crew, earning nightly standing ovations. That same year, the theater department presented its first full-length, original work, “Case 431,” written by grad student David Marks.

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Debra R. Harwood gives back to students from Northern Michigan.

Debra sees the value of a formal education. The 1975 alumna is establishing a scholarship through her estate for students from her hometown of Tawas who attend CMU for their bachelor’s degree.

“A college degree tells the world that you have worked hard to succeed, and that translates into success in whatever career path one pursues,” said Debra, a former national bank examiner at the U.S. Treasury Department.

“I took a lot with me when I left CMU in 1975,” she said. “Through my scholarship, hopefully I’ll be able to give back more than I took.”

Give today for the future
Like Debra, you, too, can help students in an incredibly special way. To learn more about this and additional ways to give back to Central Michigan University, contact:

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