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Alumni News

Bruce Krase '75, Whitewater, Kan., is the Principal of Remington Middle School in Whitewater. He is also serving on the KSHSAA Executive Board. Bruce is the President of KAMSA.

Jay Edwards '79, Garden City, Kan., is the President of the Kansas Coaches Association.

Matthew Boettcher '80, Glendale, Ariz., is the Director of Case Management at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix. He is also a Consulting Associate for the Center for Case Management in Boston, where he does consulting work across the U.S.

Brian Stevenson '86, Center, Colo., teaches social studies at Monte Vista High School in Monte Vista, Colo., and continues to be the play-by-play announcer for high school sports at KSLV in Monte Vista.

Teresa (Kracht) Matison '88, Chandler, Ariz., has been promoted to 5th degree black belt and is now Chief Instructor of Aikido of Phoenix, joining a very small and distinguished group of women who serve as Chief Instructors for martial arts schools. Teresa oversees three martial arts schools in the Phoenix metro area and is one of the highest ranking female instructors in the world.

Kelley (Staggs) Brake '88, Dover, Del., recently relocated to Delaware after accepting a teaching position in the Caesar Rodney School District.

Elizabeth (Joy) Sherwood '91, Wichita, Kan., received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Southwestern College on December 30, 2009. She also was honored with the "Teachers of Promise" award from

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the Kansas State Department of Education and Southwestern College. She plans to substitute teach during the spring of 2010.

Major Jeff Montgomery '96, St. Joseph, Mo., is an instructor at the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center at the 139 Airlift Wing in St. Joseph. He is also a member of the Missouri Air National Guard.

Heather (Harrington) Hernandez '97, Phoenix, Ariz., toured Europe last summer with the Phoenix Girls Chorus as their accompanist. The Cantabile Choir traveled to Hungary, Austria, Germany and England.

Tom Taldo '99, Ottawa, Kan., is the Assistant Dean of Students, Assistant Athletic Director, and Assistant Track and Field Coach at Ottawa University.

Robyn Velasco '01, Peyton, Colo., has been promoted to Victim Witness Program Manager at the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Joshua Smith '04, recently passed his North American Veterinary Licensing Exam and plans to graduate from Colorado State University in May.



David Olson '79, is presently exhibiting at the Visual Voices Gallery at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship building in Salina, Kan. The exhibit will run through February 28. [Read More>](#)

Mike Jantz '88, was named 2009-10 4A Kansas Volleyball Coach of the Year by the Kansas Volleyball Association. He joins the 400 Level Victory Club for Volleyball coaches in Kansas with 432 career victories at Abilene High School.

Kylee Rudkin '01, completed her Masters of Science in Education degree from Fort Hays State University with an area of emphasis on English Speakers of Other Languages.

Christopher Peck '96, is the new full-time Director of Music at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Amber Henneke '00 recently graduated from Ball State University with a Masters Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. In January she will begin her new career as an SLP at Albany Health & Rehab Center in Albany, Ind.

Dawn Craig '98, received a Masters in Physical Therapy from Wichita State University in 2000.

Donelle Stevens '06, is currently a math teach for the Topeka USD 501 school district. She works for Florence Crittenton Academy, a psychiatric residential treatment facility for girls ages 12-18 with behavior, mental, and psychological disorders.

Births

Cindy (Riley) Reeve '00, St. Joseph, Mo., teaches middle school art for the St. Joseph School District. On May 18, 2009, Cindy and her husband, Justin, welcomed baby boy, Liam Jonas.

A daughter, Brynn Noelle, was born August 20, 2009 in San Diego, Calif. to Cori Taylor and **Brian Taylor '00**.

A daughter, Phoebe Rebekah, was born December 2, 2009 to **Rebekah (Whitten) Howe '03** and Adam Howe. Rebekah continues her work as a Propulsion Systems Engineer at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, supporting Jacobs Engineering and J-2X Engine program for the Ares I rocket.



A daughter, Abigail Rae, was born January 5, 2010 to **Phillip Hett '04** and **Kimberly (Peck) Hett '03**. She was welcomed home by big sister, Jillian age 2.

A daughter, Katharine Rowyn was born on November 16, 2009 to Aaron Luepke and **Laura (Bartow) Luepke '97**. She was welcomed home by siblings Ryan, Aidan and Jamison.



A son, Davis Cole, was born May 13, 2009 to **Adam Conard '05** and **York (Davis) Conard '05**.

Deaths

Rev. Lester Larson '40, died January 18, 2010 in Seguin, Texas.

Annabelle (Raymer) Cothren '40, died December 27, 2009 in Madera, Calif.

Leland Anderson '50, died October 19, 2009 in Denver, Colo.

Nadine (Benyshek) Abeldt '70, died October 30, 2009 in Hope, Kan.

Marriages

Lori Johnson '83, married Jack Rumsey on September 6, 2008 near Longmont, Colo. Pastor Herbert Johnson, Jr. officiated. Lori works for the State of Colorado. The couple resides in Thornton, Colo.

Angela (Peppiatt) McCroy '06, married Kris McCroy July 11, 2009.

Upcoming Events

January 28-30

CMEA Convention, Colorado Springs, Colo.
(Colorado Music Educators Association)

January 30

[Left Hand Brewery Event](#)

Longmont, Colo.

January 31

1st Messiah Rehearsal
3-5 p.m., Presser Hall

February 5-7

[Bethany College Handbell Ensemble Tour](#)

Lake View and Okoboji, Iowa and Lincoln, Neb.

February 13

[Celebrate with your Swede-Heart at BC Basketball!](#)

February 21

Bethany in Kansas Event
2-4 p.m., Lindquist Hall

February 25-27

KMEA Convention, Wichita, Kan.
(Kansas Music Educators Association)

Bethany News

Perform in the 129th "Messiah"

Singers of all voice ranges are invited to join the chorus for Bethany College's Messiah Festival of the Arts beginning in March.

The Bethany Oratorio Society chorus will perform Handel's "Messiah" on Palm and Easter Sundays, March 28 and April 4, at 3 p.m. "St. Matthew Passion" will be presented on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The first rehearsal will take place Sunday, January 31, at 3 p.m. in Presser Hall, followed by a reception. Regular rehearsals will be each Tuesday from 7 – 9 p.m. and Sundays from 3 – 5 p.m. [More info>](#)

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