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### Alumni News



Seven Pi Sigs spent four days together on the west coast. They went sailing, caught a basketball game, biked in the wine country and played golf. Among the group were **Steve Jacobson '65**, **Bob Nyquist '65**, **Kemp Segerhammar '66**, **Bruce Burke '64**, **Dale Burke '68**, **Carroll Cederburg '64** and **Birger Nelson '64**.

**Jody Baker '84** was recently named the Kansas Distinguished Principal by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals. She will represent the state of Kansas at a national recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. She has been the principal at Meadowlark Elementary in Andover, Kan., for the past 11 years.

**Mike Jantz '88** was named Kansas Volleyball Association's 4A Volleyball Coach of the Year for 2010. The second consecutive time honored with this distinction, Mike guided the Abilene Cowgirl squad to a third place finish in the 4A Kansas State Tournament.

**Jason Opat '93** will be inducted into the Mid-America Entrepreneurship Hall

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of Fame on April 25, 2011. Jason is the CEO of Integrated Media Group in Wichita, Kan. [Read more>](#)

**Miranda (Woods) Fowler '00**, CPT, United States Army Medical Corps, is currently deployed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Division, Regimental Support Squadron Surgeon, in support of Operation New Dawn, Iskandaryha, Iraq.

**Andrew Bishop '02** was named principal trumpet for the Ft. Collins Symphony.

**Jana Buehler '02** is now a Learning Specialist for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Kansas State University. She works with all Learning Disabled and at-risk student-athletes from all sports.

## Births

A son, Benjamin Scott, was born March 31, 2010 to **Theresa (Reinke) Walker '00** and Nick Walker.



A son, Kylan Jace, was born June 6, 2010 to **Holly (Schumann) Lindquist '95** and Justin Lindquist. Big brother, Cayson, 7, welcomed him home.

A daughter, Chloe Hope, was born October 6, 2010 to **Tiffany (Heier) Gillespie '98** and **Greg Gillespie '97**. She was welcomed home by big sisters Ava, 6, and Bryn, 4.



A daughter, Mollie Kay was born Dec. 4, 2010 to **Chelsea (Longhofer) Deines '06** and **Chris Deines '07**.

## Deaths

**Julia (Dawe) Clark '40** died Dec. 8, 2004 in Big Bear Lake, Calif.

**Ethel (Parsons) Anderson '42** died Dec. 13, 2010 in Fayetteville, Ga.

**Carolyn (Chelf) Jefferson '49** died Nov. 8, 2010 in Carbondale, Ill.

**Frances (Jones) Pollock '55** died Dec. 22, 2009 in Ames, Iowa.

**Marybeth Peterson '57** died Nov. 24, 2010 in Lindsborg, Kan.

## Marriages



**Alison (Huber) Joyce '03** and Kevin Joyce were married October 16, 2010. Kevin is a renewable energy consultant for Black & Veatch and Alison is in marketing for a large commercial insurance carrier, CNA. The couple resides in Kansas City.



**Amy (Wenz) Vibbert '03** and Robert Vibbert were married July 10, 2010. The couple resides in Winfield, Kan.

## Upcoming Events

### December 24-31

Offices closed for the holidays

### January 3

[Messiah Tickets on sale](#)

### January 8

[Church Night at the basketball games](#)

## Bethany News



### **Campus pastor, alumna wins service award**

**Noni Strand '82** is this year's recipient of the Greg and Beth Pierce Award. The announcement was made at the President's Reception on Dec. 1. The award, formerly known as the Service to Students Award, honors a Bethany employee who has made exceptional contributions to the lives of students over the years.

Strand is currently in her 20th year as campus pastor at Bethany College. As a spiritual leader on campus, she organizes peer ministry, various campus ministry groups and chapel services. She has also been active in the formation of the Green Team leading sustainability efforts and chairs the Pearson Professor of Swedish Studies committee. Strand also teaches a section of Bethany Seminar for first-year students. Strand (center), with her husband, accepted the award from President Leonard. [More>](#)

### **2010 Teacher of Promise awards announced**

Bethany College juniors Danielle Kieffer, Salina, Kan., and Amanda Wilson Wyatt, Lindsborg, Kan., have been selected for the Kansas State Department of Education's Teacher of Promise award. They were honored at the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet on Nov. 20 in Wichita.

Kieffer and Wyatt were honored as two of Bethany's brightest prospective teachers who have demonstrated professional commitment, achievement and leadership while in their teacher preparation programs. They will also attend and participate in a staff development workshop conducted by the current eight finalists for the Kansas Teacher of the Year program. During the spring semester, these same finalists will visit Bethany College to conduct a workshop for all education majors. Both honorees will begin student teaching in the fall of 2011.



### **"Messiah" tickets on sale Jan. 3**

Tickets for Bethany College's annual performances of Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" will go on sale January 3. The 130<sup>th</sup> Messiah Festival of the Arts will be April 17-24 with performances of "Messiah" on Palm and Easter Sundays, April 17 and 24, at 3 p.m. and "St. Matthew Passion"

presented on Good Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets to the “Messiah” performances are \$20, \$14 and \$9; tickets to “St. Matthew Passion” are \$12, \$9 and \$5. Special rates are available for students, seniors, churches and tour groups. Music, art or theatre students are invited to attend the oratorio performances free of charge. Immediate family members may attend for \$5.

To purchase or reserve tickets, call Bethany’s Messiah Manager at (785) 227-3380, ext. 8137, or e-mail [bunningb@bethanylb.edu](mailto:bunningb@bethanylb.edu). Tickets may also be purchased in person at Presser Hall Box Office on Bethany’s campus, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a full listing of special events and exhibits during the 130<sup>th</sup> Messiah Festival of the Arts, visit [www.bethanylb.edu/messiah](http://www.bethanylb.edu/messiah).

### Swedish course offered over Interterm

Bethany College will offer, “A Swedish Perspective on World Politics,” during interterm from January 13-26. Visiting Swedish Professor Thomas Wennstam will focus the discussion on world politics, a phrase he believes is “more inclusive than either of the alternative terms,” international politics or international relations. For more information, contact enrollment services at ext. 8107. [More>](#)

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## Swedes in the news

Miss out on the recent concerts? You are still in luck! Videos from the Jultide at Bethany event ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)) are now available online as well as video from Tuesday’s [jazz ensemble concert](#). All videos are courtesy of Professor Carl Isaacson.

**Betty Swenson ’54** recalls her days honoring Santa Lucia in the halls of Bethany College and shares her Swedish holiday food recipes in the Longmont Times. [Read the full story online>](#)

## Swedes sports updates

### Bethany wins PlayNAIA facebook contest



During Thanksgiving Break, Bethany College entered the fourth round of [Play NAIA’s Facebook Faceoff](#). A picture of recent graduate Jacquelyn Hernandez was put on their facebook page and Swedes fans could vote by “liking” the photo.

Throughout a close race, Bethany pulled ahead on the final morning winning with a total of 182 votes. Thank you to everyone who voted! The NAIA will honor Bethany with a cake at the first home basketball games on Dec. 9 and our photo is currently displayed on their facebook page! The photo will remain on their facebook page for two weeks!

### **New athletics facebook page**

Follow the latest in Bethany College athletic news, get scores and more by becoming a fan of the [Bethany College Athletics](#) facebook page. Share this page with your friends! Rockar stockar!



### **Dozen football Swedes receive KCAC honors**



Twelve members of the Bethany College football team earned post-season Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) honors for their efforts during the 2010 season. First-team honors went to Junior Allen, a sophomore running back from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Robert Anderson, senior wide receiver from Rialto, Calif.; and Jeffery Simplice, a senior defensive back from Lake Worth, Fla. Two players received second-team honors including junior Michael Broome, an offensive lineman from Houston, Texas; and senior Joseph King II, also an offensive lineman from Humble, Texas. Sean Johnson, Julius Russell, Michael Baker, Anthony King, Mark Margres, Matthew Redding and Tyler Vogt all received honorable mentions for their efforts this season. [Read more>](#)

### **Four student-athletes receive character awards**

Senior Kate Dibbern and junior Josh Snider have received awards for their participation in cross country being named All-KCAC Champions of Character Award. Junior Andrew Westbrook also received the KCAC Football Champions of Character award for the 2010 season and senior Sarah Garlock received the same honor as a member of the women's soccer team. Westbrook was also named NAIA Scholar Athlete. The NAIA honored 23 football players from the KCAC. [Read more>](#)

### **Men's basketball 3-1 in conference**

The men's basketball team has won three out of four conference games losing only to Sterling College (58-70). They quickly redeemed themselves with a big win, 89-76, over rival Kansas Wesleyan on Dec. 11. The team is currently in a three-way tie for first place with University of Saint Mary and Tabor College. Over winter break, the team will reassemble to begin a mid-season camp on Dec. 26 in Colorado before competing again against Johnson and Wales in Denver on Dec. 30. [More>](#)



### **Women's basketball winless in conference**

The women's basketball team at Bethany continues to search for their first conference win after suffering four losses at the beginning of the season. They have fallen to Friends University, University of Saint Mary, Sterling College and Kansas Wesleyan University. The Swedes next compete in the Kansas Wesleyan Holiday Classic on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. They will face Concordia University at 7 p.m. on Friday before taking on Peru State College at 2 p.m. on New Year's Day. [More>](#)

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