



Class of 2011 Yearbook

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Mission

Leadership Siouxland develops a broad based source of informed, civic oriented leaders who aspire to help direct the future of our community.

Purpose

The purpose of Leadership Siouxland is to identify and train outstanding individuals representing diverse views and experience to assume leadership roles in economic, cultural, philanthropic and civic development for the tri-state area.

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Program Sessions

Orientation

Economic Development

Law Enforcement

Education

Arts in Siouxland

Non-Profits and Volunteerism

Ethnic & Cultural Diversity

Government & Politics

Project
Presentations

Graduation
Banquet



Amanda Beller

Executive Director, Leadership Siouxland

I was lucky enough to relocate to Sioux City nearly 12 years ago from Lincoln, Nebraska. After a blind date (with my now-husband), the rest—as they say—is history!

Originally born in St. Joseph, Missouri, my mother was general manager of television stations, and we moved a lot! So, by high school graduation, I had attended 12 schools. All that moving was tough as a teenager, but now I see it made me become more flexible and taught me to meet new people.

I joke that my liberal arts background ruined me. I have many different interests... and so, I've been lucky enough to try many different things too!

With over 10 years in banking, it was interesting transitioning into sales management and training, then into marketing. I originally started with Norwest (now Wells Fargo) while in college in Lincoln. My last position in banking was with First Federal (now Vantus) and it was during this time I was able to participate in Leadership Siouxland.

I was thrilled with the Leadership program and immediately joined the curriculum committee. Shortly after, I was asked to join the Board.

From banking I went on to promote pop corn while working in marketing and PR at Jolly Time Pop Corn as Director of Marketing Communications.

While spending time writing about pop corn, I realized writing is a real passion for me. At that point I spent time doing freelancing. This writing was done with newspapers, entertainment guides and I also consulted on political campaigns writing and creating marketing materials. One of my favorite endeavors was time spent consulting with an agency based in Boston. The focus was creating collateral pieces and marketing aspects for higher education. It was a great opportunity to meet new people, travel and grow!

In addition, during this time I also enjoyed the opportunity to teach a number of different advertising, marketing and communication courses at USD and also Morningside College.

After all that excitement (and three children under the age of three), we needed some flexibility.

Having recently opened a small business (Lightning Car Wash in South Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff in 2001), we decided to plunge into a new business. We opened Windows America. It has been an exciting opportunity! I learn something new every day, get flexibility with family time (or more specifically hockey time), and along with my husband, work my tail off to make the business grow!

When the Leadership Executive Director position became available, I wanted to be a permanent part of this group I had been active with for so long. It is a wonderful program and I hope you appreciate it and find as much growth as I have—thanks to the program!



Class of 2010-2011

Gerry Bennett

Sioux City Fire Department

Born and raised in the Siouxland area. Graduated from Bishop Heelan High School in 1981. Entered the Iowa Air National Guard as a directly out of high school where I received U.S. Air Force training as a firefighter/rescueman. Went active duty USAF in February 1983. Stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC as a firefighter until May 1986 when I was transferred to Chanute AFB, IL. I remained at Chanute until my honorable discharge in February 1992. While at Chanute I performed the duties of instructor and instructor supervisor in the firefighting career field. I returned to Sioux City at that time and was hired on Sioux City Fire Rescue (SCFR) in March 1994. I am currently the Training Officer for SCFR where I oversee the training program for the entire department.

While in the USAF I received Associates in Applied Science degrees in the areas of Fire Science and Instructional Technology. I also started working towards my Bachelor of Science degree In Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University which I finally completed in 1999.

I served as the Treasurer and President of the St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation for eight years. I also became a counselor for the Miracle Burn Camp of Iowa for over nine years. This camp is for children from 7-17 years of age who have survived a burn injury.

I currently am on the board for Tri-State OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Club where I am the Events and Safety Coordinator.

I am married to Debbie and we have six children between us, three apiece. We also currently have 14 grandchildren with numbers 15 and 16 on the way.



Ryan Bertrand

Sioux City Police Department

Ryan Bertrand was born in Orange City IA, in 1973. He graduated from East High School in 1991 and immediately left for enlistment into the United States Marine Corps where he would serve in the specialty of Amphibious Assault. This service was during the time period covering the end of the first Gulf War and Somali humanitarian crisis.

Upon discharge, Ryan would end up working in several diverse jobs including jewelry salesman, computer technician, concrete finisher, and mail distribution clerk. During the time period of working in the concrete business, Ryan started attending college as a continuing education student.

He graduated from Briar Cliff College in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management and worked as Human Resources Supervisor for United Parcel Service for a couple of years.

In 2002, Ryan would start his last job, as he started work with the Sioux City Police Department. Over the last five years, Ryan was a detective in the Crimes Against Persons Unit. Currently, he is working the Uniformed Patrol and is an instructor in several disciplines for the department. Ryan is married and has twin boys who are six years old.



Melissa Cain

Great West Casualty

Melissa Cain was born and raised in the Siouxland area, growing up and going to school in Hinton, Iowa. She graduated from Briar Cliff University with a degree in Human Resource Management and Business Administration. Her career started at Bekins Logistics (now known as Jacobson Companies) as an HR Generalist and received her PHR (Professional in Human Resources) designation. Later she began work at Great West Casualty Company as the HRIS Administrator working in Benefits and Payroll. Melissa completed her MBA at the University of South Dakota in 2007 and her CEBS (Certified Employee Benefits Specialist) designation in 2010.

Melissa lives in the Morningside area of Sioux City with her husband, John and her rat terrier dog, Morgan.



Lawrence Christensen

185th Air Refueling Wing

I am the 185th Maintenance Group Commander.

I was born and raised on a farm just south of Sergeant Bluff. I graduated from Heelan, and attended college at Iowa State. I joined the Iowa Air National Guard in 1986 and left for pilot training right after college. I finished training 2 years later and returned to Siouxland to fly the A-7D Corsair at the 185th Tactical Fighter Group, as it was known at that time. The A-7 was retired 3 years later and unit was converted to the F-16C Falcon. I flew the F-16 until the conversion to the KC-135E in 2002 and then the KC-135R a few years later. Again the unit's designation changed to the 185th Air Refueling Wing. For the first 15 years of my career, I was what they call a "traditional guardsman" or in other words, a "part-timer". I was one of those military members that put on the uniform during drill weekends and had a civilian job during the week. As a civilian, I was an RN. I had many different and interesting roles as a nurse such as working in the emergency room and intensive care units, to writing software for a company that was progressing toward making hospitals and laboratories paperless. In 2001, I accepted a "full-time" pilot position as a result of the transition from the F-16 to the KC-135.



I have a wonderful wife that I met just after getting back from pilot training. We were married in 1996 and have two sons Evan (11), Landon (9), and live near Whiting, Ia. My wife was an RN and worked labor and delivery for 15 years. She worked until our second son was born and then works much harder now as a full-time mom, coach, Sunday school teacher, school library volunteer, and home maker.

I look forward to learning more about our community and how we can make it better for future

generations. I am very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in this program and look forward to meeting more people in this community with similar interests.

Kimberly Coon

American Red Cross

I was born in Biloxi, Mississippi in 1963 and my only sister would be born three year later at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Our father was in the Army and he would become a helicopter pilot and warrant officer while our mother would become an expert in being an Army wife, mom and packer as we went on our travels.

By the time I was in the 6th grade, I had been in six different schools including going to kindergarten and 1st grade in Germany. Being in a military family, you learn the world is a large place made up of all kinds of people and cultures. You also learn to make friends fast but not get too attached but your ties to your family become very strong.

Even after my dad left the military, his job would continue to have us move but we finally settled in Sergeant Bluff close to my mom's family whom all live in Siouxland and so we have always considered this Home. I attended all four years at SB-L where I made life-long friendships and was very active in athletics and music. I graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1981.

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in History Education from the University of South Dakota in 1986. After college, I moved to Denver for a while and graduated from Mountain States Travel Institute and returned to Sioux City and worked for the Marina Inn. I then taught high school English and was assistant high school girls basketball coach and head junior high volleyball and track. After teaching for five years I had to make a choice. Though teaching is very rewarding personally, I was not making enough to support myself.

In 1993 I decided to go to Gateway where I would work for the next 11 yrs as a team lead for various teams within the Finance Department. I learned a great deal about computers, leadership, finance and project management but mostly I learned myself.

I then worked at Gerkin Windows & Doors for a couple years before finding a job I truly enjoy going to every day. I currently work for the American Red Cross as the Office Administrator. I love working in a smaller office with staff and volunteers who are there because they care about people and not about climbing a corporate ladder. With a non-profit, donations & budgets are important as we couldn't do what we do without the generosity of others but it is all about people helping people. The Mission Statement is not just some obscure words in a handbook or on a wall - it is what we do.

I started working when I was 11 years old and I have always worked two or more jobs. So besides the careers I chose, I have a secondary resumé of many interesting part-time jobs. So I keep my evenings and weekends very busy but I still find time to enjoy being with family and friends. I look forward to our summer vacations and I have traveled throughout the US and to Europe twice with Italy being my favorite. But what I truly cherish is the small amount of quiet and relaxing time I get to spend at my home I built on a two-acre wooded lot overlooking the Missouri River located between Sloan and Whiting. It is very peaceful and I enjoy the outdoors and watching the wildlife. Being happily single I could live anywhere in the world, though nice places to visit, I can't think of any place better to live than Siouxland.



Kathy Erion

Canon Moss Brygger Architects

I was born and raised near central Iowa in Marshalltown (community of 25,000) as Kathy Engesser. It was there in 4th grade, through family and a mutual interest in music that I met my future husband (Matthew Erion).

While attending Iowa State University for interior design, one of my classes studied the Sioux City's City Hall reconstruction of 1997. The work done left a lasting impression that was recalled when a job opportunity in the area arose with Cannon Moss Brygger Architects. I joined the firm and moved to town (Jan. 2005), immediately joining the Sioux City Growth Organization and Junior League of Sioux City - both helping to better introduce the history and happenings of Siouxland and the passion of those that call it home. In 2006 after Matthew graduated from ISU's architecture program, I married my childhood Sweetheart and Best Friend! With what Siouxland and CMBA had to offer, we decided to root ourselves in Siouxland with Matthew also accepting a position with CMBA. Within a couple months we more specifically became North Siders as we moved into our first home next to Grandview Park.

Growing up I wanted to be an archeologist or work in the field of architectural restoration/renovation/preservation. Though not the exact path taken, both continue to ignite my "old soul" as a hobby from traveling all over the United States as a child in the family's mini-van to these last few years when I've been able to travel internationally mostly in China, Italy, England, Spain and shortly yet this fall to Thailand. This hobby extends from cultural anthropology, archeology, architecture (ancient, period and modern) to the culinary experiences that each culture and regions have to offer. I also enjoy working in the yard, feeding that "old soul" personality, cooking and watching football with the Husband (especially old ISU and the Green Bay Packers!), gathering with family and friends, as well as recently working on my professional exams becoming a LEED accredited professional and a NCIDQ certified interior designer.



Zach Ganesboom

Farm Credit Services of America

Osmond Nebraska is where I was born and raised. It is located about 1 hour 15 minutes West of Sioux City on Highway 20. My family has a farming operation with cattle, hogs, corn and soybeans.

My upbringing in agriculture led me to the University of Nebraska and a degree in AgBusiness and AgEconomics. After graduation I started my career at Farm Credit Services of America and have been with them for the past 10 years. I started out in our Omaha office, then to Watertown, SD and in 2005 had the opportunity to move to our Sioux City office for a Financial Officer position.

I love sports and the outdoors! Boating in the summer, skiing in the winter and volleyball all year round!



Chris Gehner

Aramark High Education

I was born in St. Paul, MN and lived there until I was 10 when my family moved to Alta, IA. I graduated from Alta High School in 1988 and attended Wayne State College where I graduated with a degree in Business Finance in 1993.

I married my husband, Todd, in May 1992. We moved to Sioux City in January of 1994, where I took a job with a law firm from Davenport IA, mainly working in the financial aid offices of the two Sioux City hospitals. In August of 1995, I began working at Security National Bank as a mortgage loan processor, and was then promoted to Mortgage Operations and Compliance Manager in May 1997.

Our daughter, McKenna, was born in September 1999. At that point, my husband and I decided that we really wanted to be able to devote as much time as possible to her. So, we began our journey to me working part-time! Of course, this meant paying off student loans, car loans, etc before she entered Kindergarten! We managed to get it done, and I found a great part-time opportunity with Aramark Campus Dining at Briar Cliff University. I started with Aramark in September of 2005 as Office Manager, just a few weeks after McKenna started Kindergarten!

Because of my position at Aramark, I am able to drop my daughter off at school each morning, pick her up every afternoon, and spend the entire summer vacation with her. Being our only child, she dominates our lives! We spend most of our time following her around to dance class, girl scouts, softball games, and her biggest passion - hockey! She tells us she is going to be a Gopher hockey player and go to the Olympics!

I do try to have a little "me" time when possible! I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, and being involved in the PTA at McKenna's school. And

when I can, just spending some time at home with a movie and some peace and quiet!!

Living in Siouxland has meant that we have been able to raise our daughter close to her extended family. We are only an hour's drive from either side of the family.

We feel that there are many things for us to enjoy here - many that we haven't even discovered yet! Growing up in small towns, we didn't want to feel like we were lost in big-city life. We feel we have the best of it all here. A small-town feel with a larger city's offerings!



A. Kari Hildring

Goodwill



I know. What does the A. stand for? The A. is Ann, once a source of frustration, now a source of chuckles. Everyone once in a while through the years “A. or Ann” caused bickering. According to my mom I was to come home from the hospital being called, “Ann Kari,” but with dad’s initiation Ann was rarely to be used again. Instead, and as time has it, most know me by Kari. (By the way, think of a car and add “ee” as you pronounce my name...that pronunciation is the Scandinavian in me.)

As a child I grew up eight miles west of Larchwood, IA on a farm graduating from West Lyon Community School. From this era of my life, I learned that hard or complicated work is best accompanied with a dash of laughter and that many can do more than one.

I have lived in Sioux City since 1987. I am a non traditional student in the strongest sense. With the support of family, friends, and Siouxland community entities like First Covenant Church and Women Aware, I navigated college academia while nurturing two daughters, Tashli and Nichole, education and extracurricular activities. I earned an Associates of Arts Degree in Arts and Sciences with Honors at Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC.) Even more important, I latched onto the unconscious leadership capacity within me. Pivotal memories include the rush of flying into Washington D.C. to lobby for community colleges and then to return sometime later for eight weeks to complete an internship at the Department of Education.

I continued on with academia at Briar Cliff University (BCU) graduating with a Bachelor of Social Work with a Minor in Political Science. As a senior I interned at the Juvenile Law Center and implemented a plan to improve communication between the State Public Defenders and school personnel at seven Siouxland elementary schools. With Honors remained intact although my intellect was challenged to its maximum with “hard core” instructors and

their wisdom. I say “hard core” with a smile and am endeared daily when I find myself latching onto such instruction to navigate responsibilities.

The next three years of my live would be focused on our homeless population. I worked for Center For Siouxland managing a transitional shelter. Eventually I led the Continuum of Care, now known as Siouxland Coalition to End Homelessness. Although I am not a data expert, I loved working with and promoting HMIS, a national data system for homelessness.

Sometimes I am amazed when reflecting. When I graduated from high school my intention was to study Business Administration. While life led me in a completely different path my current professional role seats me right beside what I was once going to study! Each work days stirs energy and passion as I witness the world of business and social services interwoven so intricately at Goodwill Industries Wall Street Mission (GIWSM). In a wrap, social services at GIWSM, is serving community members (from youth to senior citizens) who are challenged with different barriers. As the Director of Vocational Services, I promote the overcoming of barriers for youth approaching adulthood and adults through the scope of work. Along with other leaders at GIWSM and community partners, I have been instrumental in the development of Goodwill University and, yes, the implementation of Support 2020, a data management system for social services.

Over the years, walking down by the riverfront and up and down Jackson Street, has provided both peace and exercise. Many, many years ago I enjoyed counted cross stitch and may return to it someday. Occasionally I dabble with a pen, okay, the keyboard, and have toyed with the idea of writing a book someday titled, “One Moment at a Time. No more. No Less.” I have also enjoyed being in a relationship for three years and during our down time we enjoy snowmobiling, camping, horseback riding, and boating.

Michelle Holmes

Security National Bank

My name is Michelle Holmes. I was born and raised in Sioux City and lived on the East side of town known as Morningside. I graduated from Bishop Heelan Catholic High School in 1992. I earned a BS in Accounting, Business and Economics at Morningside College in 1996. I worked as a private accountant for a couple of years after graduating from college. In 1998 I began my career at Security National Bank. In 2006 I earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation. Currently I am an Investment Officer in the Wealth Management Division at Security National Bank. I have the pleasure of helping people reach their financial goals and dreams.

Although I grew up in Morningside, I now reside on the North side of town. My house seems to be very busy even though there are only five of us, Sherri, Kylie, me, our dog (Jeter) and cat (Clara). The one that keeps things interesting at my house is Kylie. She is eight and now in third grade at Bryant.

Kylie has a huge heart, is fun loving and enjoys making people laugh, just like her mother Sherri.

During the summer months I enjoy doing things outside with my family and friends. I like golfing, fishing, camping and watching my nieces and nephews play sports. I still haven't been able to root for any school except Heelan, but I will be soon as my nieces and nephews start playing sports at North and East.

Once the snow starts to fly, I hibernate and watch as much football as I can. Sherri, Kylie and I all like different football teams which makes watching football at our house even more interesting.



Terry Ivener

Sioux City Police Department

My name is Terry Ivener, and I was born in Aug, 1968. You do the math ;) I am a Sioux City native, being born and raised here. I am one of five siblings and the only one still living here. I am a graduate from North High School in 1986. After High School, I attended, and graduated from, the University of Oklahoma in 1990.

After College, I lived and worked in Phoenix, Az. for two years. In 1992, I moved back to Sioux City and took over the daily operations of my parents family owned business. In 1994, I was hired by the South Sioux City, Ne. Police Department and worked there until being hired by the Sioux City, Ia. Police Department, in September 1997. In November of 1998, I married my High School Sweetheart, Teresa Gerritson. We have two daughters, Morgan, who is 10 years old, and Taylor, who is 6 years old. They both attend Clark School.

During my career with SCPD, I have worked all three Uniform Patrol shifts, was the North High School Resource Officer from 2000-2003, and was assigned to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Unit from 2007-2009. In 2009, I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to Watch III (overnights) as the East Side Sergeant from June 2009-Sept 2010. I am now currently assigned to Watch II (afternoons) as the East Side Sergeant.

While on the Police Department I have been a Field Training Officer, an Instructor in several areas, and held all Board positions, including President, of the Sioux City Police Officer's Association (our Collective Bargaining unit). I am also very active in our Strategic Planning sessions, being a core member, and with our Community/Team policing.

Susan Jerdee

Junior League/Manager, Adventure Staffing

My name is Sue Jerdee. I grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota, near Albert Lea and attended high school in Glenville. I graduated from Minnesota State University Mankato with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications/ Public Relations and Speech Communications.

My husband Gary and I have been married for 24 years now. We moved to Sioux City fifteen years ago because Gary received a promotion at Tyson (IBP, at the time). We live in Morningside and have two daughters, who both attended Sioux City East High School. We spent a lot of our time as a family going to the many different activities that our daughters were involved in. I also enjoyed coaching them in volleyball for a number of years until they reached high school. They are both now in college. Jennifer is attending Mount Marty College for Nursing, and still plays college volleyball and softball, and Jessica is attending the University of Iowa studying Mathematics.

A great deal of my employment career was spent working at 1st Financial Bank USA. I worked there for over 12 years in various positions ranging from Central Services Supervisor to a First Data (FDR) Business Analyst. I then worked remotely for a bank in Sioux Falls as their FDR Relationship Manager.

Currently, I work at Whispering Creek Golf Course as their Special Event Coordinator and Avon as a District Sales Manager.

I have always enjoyed getting involved and volunteering in the community. I have been a member of Sioux City Junior League for over ten years now, serving on a number of different committees. I was also involved as a volunteer at East High, on the After Prom Committee for the past 6 years,

as well as other volunteer activities throughout Siouxland.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am a diehard Minnesota Vikings fan. I have had season tickets for almost 25 years now, and am always convinced each season that THIS is going to be the year the Vikings will win a Superbowl!

I look forward to learning more about Sioux City through the Leadership Siouxland course, and welcome the opportunity to meet more individuals who are interested in volunteering within the Siouxland community.



Jaciyn Joaquin

Argosy Casino

I am a transfer to the Sioux City area. I had an opportunity to work in Sioux City early when employed with a Third Party Administrator and enjoyed the friendly and helpful people in the area. I worked my way back to this area and am currently employed with Argosy Casino as their controller. I am also an adjunct professor for Western Iowa Technical School and am active in their Wit Masters Toastmaster's club on campus. This last year, I joined the Junior League of Sioux City. The Sioux City Junior League is celebrating their 90th anniversary this year. I am heading the Mercy Advocacy Center Backpack project scheduled for April 2011.

Another great advantage in living in Sioux City is my family is close by. My parents live a short distance south of here on a farm in Schuyler, Nebraska. They love the area and are still active in farming even though both are past retirement age. I am the oldest of four children. We all had a great childhood growing up on the farm. We worked hard but all learned to enjoy working along with playing hard too. When I moved to Omaha, one of my earliest jobs was working for Sperry Vickers, the largest hydraulic manufacturer in the world. I thought I would retire there! The plant is closed and luckily I had already moved onto a different career. I have been in the manufacturing, food service, insurance and now the gaming industry. I enjoy the customer service side of the industry as evident by working over 20 years for The Swanson Corporation. I do love working for Argosy since again I can focus on the customer. I completed both my BSBA and MBA from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, attending school part time while working for both Sperry Vickers and Swanson. I took a plunge into the insurance industry that led my husband and me to transfer to Rapid City, SD. We loved the area reminding us of Colorado but found out our families were too far away. We are back in Sioux City and are looking for a home. My husband is a retired photographer originally from Providence, Rhode Island, and still loves to take pictures. We enjoy visiting New England especially to see his family

Mom Joaquin, daughter Michele and her husband Bob along with the four grandchildren.



Tori Kitcheyan

Ho-Chunk, Inc.

Kyle Konopasek

Mills Shellhammer Puetz & Associates

I am a commercial insurance agent for Mills-Shellhammer-Puetz & Associates. I specialize in property and casualty insurance for commercial customers and pride myself on analyzing customers' insurance needs and developing a program tailored to those needs. My real insurance passion focuses on workers compensation. As the only Certified Work Comp Advisor within 100 miles of Sioux City, I enjoy helping customers implement strategies to reduce their overall cost associated with workers comp.

I am a 2004 graduate of Dakota State University with bachelor of business administration degrees in management, finance, and management information systems. In 2006 I earned my Associate in Commercial Underwriting (AU) designation and in 2009 I earned the designation as is a Certified Work Comp Advisor, and am currently working towards earning the CPCU and CIC designations.

I was raised in Verdigre, NE, and now live in Sergeant Bluff, IA with my wife, Sarah, and two sons, Owen 4, Aden 2. My passion outside of work is sports, sports and sports. Playing, watching, coaching it doesn't really matter. If it involves sports, I'm probably interested.



Chris Krueger

Great Southern Bank

Christopher Lawrence Krueger was born on July 11, 1985 in Sioux City, Iowa to parents Wayne Krueger and Jeanne Batcheller. Christopher has five brothers: Justin, 31, Anthony, 26, and triplets Reeder, Robbie and Nicholas, 8.

Throughout his youth and into high school, he attended South Sioux City Community Schools. When Christopher was younger he enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, and football. In high school, he participated in football, wrestling, and track. Christopher graduated from South Sioux City High School in 2003.

Christopher went on to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he majored in Sports & Business Management. He also played sports at the collegiate level, by becoming involved in football and track. He fast-tracked his college plans and graduated in 2006 in three years from Nebraska Wesleyan.

After college, Christopher became a Financial Advisor in Lincoln, NE before moving back to his home town, South Sioux City, where he continued his work as a Financial Consultant.



Christopher married his high school sweetheart, Kasey, in June 2008. She is employed as a special education teacher in South Sioux City.

In 2009 Christopher took a job with Vantus Bank in Sioux City, Iowa as a Licensed Personal Banker. A few short months after accepting his position, the bank was acquired by Great Southern Bank of Springfield, Missouri. Shortly after signing on with Great Southern, Christopher was promoted to Banking Center Manager at the downtown Sioux City location.

Christopher and his wife Kasey currently live in South Sioux City, Nebraska. They enjoy boating, riding their motorcycle, and going to Nebraska football games.

Anna Linn

M+ Architects

My name is Anna Linn. I was born here and grew up in the country near Correctionville, IA, thirty miles east of Sioux City. I graduated from River Valley High School in 2005, and received my Bachelors of Architecture from Iowa State University this May. My internship at M+ Architects started this June. I am really enjoying it, and after a few more years of experience and many exams, I hope to become a licensed architect.

Some of my many hobbies include dancing, volleyball, refinishing furniture, cooking, photography, and traveling, as well as some unlikely ones like ballet, unicycling, and glassblowing. During school I studied abroad in Rome, Italy for a semester, and traveled Europe, an amazing experience. I have been a volunteer at the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp for 6 years, a cause close to my heart. I like to get involved, and hope to find some fun organizations to volunteer with now that I am back in Sioux City.



Joseph Maffit

Analytic Services, Inc.



I am first and foremost a compassionate liberal born into a dark blue collar family. Born in the cold of an Iowa January in 1983, I came to appreciate my humble beginnings even when it was en vogue to trash the idea of remaining in Siouxland after high school. I grew up in the country, south of Sergeant Bluff, but attended SB-L for all my K-12 years; a second generation graduate. Unlike my hard-working loner parents, I was influenced by the allure of leadership and the power of cooperation – the white collar world as my southern-raised father would call it from time to time. Exposed from a young age to leadership opportunities including Sergeant Bluff's first Mayor's Youth Commission, I found myself quite curious about the world and the magic that happens when people work together.

Graduating in 2001, I went on to attend Morningside College. As one of the so called "9/11 Freshmen", the call to service rang bright and true within me throughout my college career. I used my free time to advance student issues, social welfare and higher standard academic policies, and community relations as part of the Student Senate, Morningside Civic Union, and Morningside College Democrats. Graduating in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy, I attempted a try for graduate school, but the call to serve my nation chose my path for me.

Following graduation, I joined AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and served as one of Morningside College's Service-Learning Coordinators. This experience proved formative in my future development and the time I spent building partnerships between the college and our local non-profit community shaped my program and my future. Finishing my term, I did a short stint as Summer Institute course instructor, having the honor to shape 10 young minds on the subject of military history and leadership.

Following this, I moved to Lincoln, NE to follow in the footsteps of one of my four life mentors. While there, I served as AmeriCorps VISTA Leader with the primary responsibilities of partnership building, grant writing, human resources management, and as leader of 24 incredible VISTA members spread all over the tri-state area. At the same time, I was provided an opportunity to do some work for a former professor which led me to join Analytic Services, Inc. As an Associate Analyst in the Public Policy & Planning Division, I have learned a great deal about distance work and group coordination. Moreover the caliber of people with whom I work never ceases to amaze me and I consider myself extremely lucky to have earned a position with this company.

When news came that my mentor was leaving his position, I decided I should seek further education. That led me to the University of South Dakota and their excellent political science graduate program.

Currently, I am finishing up my Masters in Public Administration (MPA) with an emphasis in Executive Leadership and am looking at pursuing a Ph.D. along the practitioner philosophy. I live and work in Vermillion, SD. Though I wish to pursue a career in Executive administration via the non-profit or government sectors, I have come to realize that my ultimate dream is to start my own non-profit. In 2000, the very day before I started my senior year in high school, my family lost our little home to a gas explosion. Though my parents and I were inside at the time, we were by some miracle physically unhurt. The emotional scars have faded over time, but I feel the best way to repay the kindness of strangers and the gratitude I have for my family and life is by paying it forward. Thus, I'd like my non-profit to serve families who have gone through similar shock and devastation. It seems fitting to devote my life to the service of others at a time when they are most in need. Of course, that is a very "Siouxland" philosophy, wouldn't you all agree?

Chad Markham

St. Luke's

Sioux City native – graduated from North High School in 1990

Married to Michelle Markham (Michelle Goeble - Heelan graduate 1989)

Three children: Quincy (13), Libby (9) and Rosie (5)

Bachelors in Biomedical Science/Chemistry and MBA from St. Cloud State University

Employed at St. Luke's as Vice President for Clinics and Network Development since November 23, 2009. Previously employed by Mercy as CEO of the Hawarden Community Hospital (2005-2009) and other administrative positions (1998-2005)

Interests include involvement in kids' activities (swimming, theater, volleyball, soccer...), mountain biking, trail running, hockey, cooking, reading.



Gayle Miille

United Real Estate Solutions

I was born and raised in Sioux City, graduated from Sioux City Central High and married Richard July 1969. We lived in Newport RI first three years while Richard was in the Navy. We had two children together, Kim and Rich.

Upon moving back to Sioux City I was a tailor for Black Knight until 1976 then stayed home with my children until they were little older.

I have been in sales for most of my adult life with the Sioux City Journal for many years before becoming a Realtor. I take continuous education at the local and state level to better serve my clients. I enjoy helping my clients make great decisions not only finding the homes of their dreams but knowing how and what to do to get there.

I have always wanted to get more involved in our community and felt this organization is a great place to get started.



Rex Mueller

Sioux City Police Department

I was born and raised in Sioux City Iowa and always had a great deal of appreciation for the quality of life and the wonderful people who call Sioux City home. I attended local Schools and I discovered my creative side and talent for art and was active in athletics. Assuming I would find myself working in the art field I graduated from Heelan High School in 1990 and began my studies as an Art Major at the University of South Dakota. College provided a great deal of leadership opportunities that challenged and inspired me. I was very involved in student government and managed a number of campus programs to increase student quality of life issues. After positive experiences in a numbers of social science and law-related classes I was inspired to change my major to Criminal Justice. Knowing that art would always be a part of my future I changed my focus to obtaining a position within the Law Enforcement field. After college I worked briefly at Briar Cliff College in a student life administrative position and security director. I was then hired as an officer with the Sioux City Police Department in 1996.

As a patrol officer I worked for the uniformed services bureau for five years before receiving assignment with the department's dedicated community policing unit (CAST). There I was tasked with improving community participation in the policing process and improving quality of life for residents in the near- Northside and lower Westside area of Sioux City. I also served as the Crime Stoppers Coordinator and as a field training officer. Some of my ancillary duties included serving as an on call Traffic Fatality Investigator and Tactical Officer with the S.W.A.T. Unit. I have also been fortunate to be able to utilize my artistic talents to benefit the department including designing our current badges and patrol cars.

I have also been a very active participant in the department's Strategic Planning initiatives including serving as chair of a several strategic directions. In 2004 I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served as the supervisor of the Alcohol Safety Action Program (A.S.A.P), Team Leader for the S.W.A.T.

Unit and later as the Detective Sergeant in charge of the Crimes Against Persons Unit of the Investigative Services Bureau.

This proved to be my most challenging assignment as I supervised a number of high profile homicides

during my tenure. (Due to the tremendous talent of my investigative unit and fellow officers, all of these terrible crimes were solved.)

I was promoted to Lieutenant in 2009 and my current duties include serving as the Watch Commander for the 3-11 shift. In this assignment I administrate the teams of Officers and Sergeants operating during the afternoon shift. I also serve as the supervisor for the Community Team Policing program and Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T). I consider myself fortunate to be able to serve the citizens of Sioux City as a peace officer and ambassador for the Department. My goal has always been to provide a high quality of professional service to the many fine citizens who call Sioux City home.

I love my job but my proudest achievement will always be my wonderful family. I have been married to my very supportive and understanding wife Sandra for nineyears.(It's not easy being a cops spouse!) My wife's background is in corporate sales, human resources and education. She is currently an instructor for two local colleges. We have a three year old son named Logan who is quite possibly the coolest and most stubborn kid in the tri-state area. We live in an old Northside area with wonderful character and great neighbors.



Dr. Terry Murrell

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center (Children's Miracle Network)

My name is Terry Murrell and I grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska. I earned a BS in Mathematics at Kearney State College (now University of Nebraska - Kearney). I then worked for Dana College where I met my wife. We moved to Louisville, Kentucky where I received a Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis in Labor Relations. We moved Omaha where I worked for Metropolitan Community College (Metro) and received my Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. I was the Vice-President of Campuses and Student Services at Metro before moving to Sioux City to become the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services at Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) in June 2007. Since that time I have been promoted to Executive Vice President at WITCC where I oversee Instruction, Student Services, Corporate Training, Enrollment, IT, External Relations, and Institutional Effectiveness.

My wife Amy and I have been married for 18 years and have two sons, Zachary, 16 years old and Connor, 12 years old. We live in Morningside and our boys attend Sergeant Bluff schools. Most of our time is spent attending activities our boys participate in such as football, basketball, baseball, quiz bowl, track, and bowling. When I get a chance I play basketball at Four Seasons, run, and read. I am looking forward to learning more about Sioux City and surrounding communities by attending Leadership Siouxland.



Martin Reimer

Western Iowa Technical Community College



Matt Robins

Mercy Medical Center

I grew up about 50 miles from Sioux City in Wayne, NE and lived there for about 30 years. I went to Wayne State College and earned a BA in Business Administration and a MSE in Exercise Science. I started with Mercy Medical Center as an intern in Cardiac Rehab during the summer of 2004 before becoming the Wellness Coordinator in 2005, Employer Relations Specialist in 2007 and now my current position, Community Outreach Liaison.

My wife Michelle and I have been married five and a half years. After we got married, we lived in the Morningside area of Sioux City for almost three years before moving west of Hinton where we have lived for the last three years. We have two sons, Micah, 23 months and Camryn, eight months. Most of our time is spent keeping our boys out of things, but I also like to read, exercise, watch football and hunt. I also enjoy history, whether on TV or through reading. The historical portion of the Leadership Siouxland retreat was really interesting to me!



Matt Romkey

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center

My name is Matt Romkey and I Manage the Children's Miracle Network Program out of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. I recently moved to Sioux City after graduation from Loras College in Dubuque, IA where I majored in Public Relations and Business. In my free time I enjoy playing and listening to music as well as working out and running. Through Leadership Siouxland I look forward to learning more about the wide range of opportunities that Sioux City has to offer!



Edward Sauley

185th Air Refueling Wing

I am the Wing Commander for the 185th Air Refueling Wing, Sioux City, IA.

Forty-four short years ago, I was born at Pensacola Naval Air Station, but was raised in Washington State after my father left the Navy and joined Northwest Airlines. I came to love the outdoors, especially the mountains, evergreen trees, and trout streams of the Cascades. How then did I end up living in Nebraska? More on that later...

I knew I wanted to fly in the military, but my dad convinced me that the Navy wasn't a good career choice. So after high school I went to the Air Force Academy, graduating in 1988 with a degree in Astronautical Engineering (that sounds impressive – but it really means that I spent more weekends in the computer room than I did doing normal college stuff). After graduation I went to pilot training, where I was assigned follow on training in the F-16.

I met my future wife while in Korea on my first F-16 assignment. She was an Intel Officer, and just so happened to live two doors down from me in the dorm building. After Korea, Judy was assigned to Langley AFB, and I was given an active duty assignment six hours away flying Air Defense F-16's with the New Jersey ANG. We were married a couple years later in 1993, just in time for my last active duty assignment as an F-16 instructor at Luke AFB. Our first of four sons was born in Phoenix (We have: Connor 14, Chance 12, Collin 5, and Carter 2). In 1998 I separated from the Air Force, and took a position with United Airlines. Knowing that I could live anywhere in the U.S. and commute to work, I told Judy that we should live



in Washington State, or Colorado. She told me that we should live in Omaha next to her family.

We compromised, and moved to Omaha. I joined the ANG with the 185th Fighter Wing in Sioux City, and settled into the fact that I would fly fighters for a twenty year career, and be a captain in less than five years with United.

By the end of 2003, United had declared bankruptcy, and the 185th had begun a conversion to the mighty KC-135. Always willing to try something new, I interviewed for a new position, was hired, left United on a leave of absence, and have been a full-timer ever since. My leave is scheduled to expire in 2015, and I will consider myself very lucky to have had as much fun at the 185th as I've

had these past few years.

I live on a 34 acre property southwest of Offutt AFB, where the deer and turkeys are abundant. I love bow hunting, and the feeling of being one with nature. I do drive 1 hour and 50 minutes to get to work, but I enjoy myself immensely when I get there.

I look forward to learning as much as possible about the Siouxland area from this course, as well as meeting more individuals from the local area who are interested in serving their community.

Dale Seguin

Great West Casualty

Dale Seguin has been a claims manager for Great West Casualty Company of South Sioux City, Nebraska for three years. Prior to relocating to the Siouxland area, Dale had more than 15 years of progressive experience in the workers' compensation claims management industry, 12 years in a management capacity for a Fortune 500 corporation with successful management and leadership experience and a reputation for meeting and exceeding the most challenging organizational goals and objectives. Prior to entering the claims management industry, Dale worked as a Special Agent with the Attorney General Organized Crime Division and also devoted six years to prosecuting animal cruelty cases in Detroit with the Michigan Humane Society.

Dale received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Ferris State University and completed graduate work at the University of Michigan.



Carey Snow

Jackson Recovery Centers

I enjoyed family and childhood between San Diego, CA, Washington DC and Sacramento, CA. I studied business at American River Community College, Marymount Palos Verdes College, and California State University, Sacramento.

My first career was as a real estate agent in Hermosa Beach, CA. A few years later, I became the clothing buyer for a chain of ski and backpacking stores in the Sacramento area where I met and married my husband, Gary. We moved to the Pacific Northwest as manufacturer's representatives pioneering a line of knit wear (t-shirts) back when the screen-printed t-shirt was just emerging on to the retail market. I spent the next 10 years in independent sales, representing various domestic and international garment manufacturers in the Pacific Northwest.

In 1996, I became the first Business Administrator at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. Over the next 10 years, the church experienced rapid growth from 700 to 1800 members. My role there included direct supervision of 65 employees and eight departments; Finance, HR, Facilities, Communications, Database, Customer Service, IT and Food Services. I enjoyed strategic planning, master site planning and community interaction.

In July of this year, I started as Vice President of Resource Development and Executive Director of the Foundation at Jackson Recovery Centers in Sioux City. My responsibilities include all philanthropic activities and organizational strategic planning. My husband Gary and I enjoy fishing and hunting as well as downhill and cross country skiing. Our daughter and son-in-law live near our new home in Jefferson. Our son, Matt, just graduated from Point Loma University and is working in the Home Depot Management Program.

We are thoroughly enjoying exploring our new mid-west region.



Ron Speckman

FEH & Associates

My name is Ron Speckmann. I was born and raised in Sioux City. I left only to pursue my college education and few various career opportunities. I graduated from North High School in 1977 and from Iowa State University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

In 1990 I married my wife Deb who also was born and raised in Sioux City. Deb and I have four boys: Zach, Blake, Austin, and Colin. Deb was raised in a family of all girls. With all boys in our family this has been a real treat for her. She is still learning about what boys do. Don't feel sorry for her because she has also learned how to hold her own among all these males and she does it very well.

I'm an Architect licensed to practice Architecture in Iowa and Nebraska. I started my career with my current employer, FEH Associates Inc., in 1994. I'm now Vice President and managing partner of FEH's Sioux City office.

My hobbies include boating, going to Iowa State football games, and watching my boys in all the different activities they are involved with.

Civic Involvement:

- Former member River Cade press fleet
- * Former board member Siouxland Habitat for Humanity
- * Member North High Football Parent Board
- * Member Northeast Community College Industrial Facility Drafting Advisory Committee



Matt Stachowitz

Security National Bank

My name is Matt Stachowitz and I like keeping things short and sweet :)

I am originally from La Crosse, WI. I've played Soccer all my life and have been fortunate enough to play for select teams, including Wisconsin's Olympic team and the Midwest Regional Olympic team.

Soccer is what brought me to Sioux City, as I attended Morningside College and graduated with a degree in Business with an emphasis in Marketing and Advertising.

I am happily employed at Security National Bank as a Retail Banker and have a leading role in many different aspects of the bank, such as: direct and indirect lending, marketing, overdrafts and charge-offs, and deposit services.

My wife Annie and I live in the Northside and have spent the last two years remodeling. We are finally done, and from the amount of work I've been through, I wish I would have just built a new house. I spend most of my free time participating in my two favorite hobbies, hunting and archery.



Krista Wassenaar

DeWild Grant Reckert & Associates

I grew up on an acreage near Doon, IA with my four sisters (Elisha, Erica, Briana and Miranda) and my parents (Alan and Nancy). I attended grade school and high school in Rock Rapids, IA. After graduating high school in 2001, I couldn't decide what I was going to go to college for. I ended up going to two small community colleges for generals, and finally attended Minnesota State University, Mankato for Civil Engineering. I graduated with my BS in Civil Engineering in 2008, and moved to Sioux City to start my new career at DeWild, Grant, Reckert & Associates Company. I purchased my first home in 2008, shortly after moving to Sioux City.

I am a member of Junior League and enjoy spending time with friends. I have two nephews, Hunter and Mitchel, and love to spend time with them whenever I can. I enjoy living in Sioux City, but I also love to travel – I've been to the Ukraine, China, Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, and most of the US States. My hobbies include crocheting, sewing, reading, decorating, and designing my next project on my house.



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