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DR. BRIAN MOLLOY

MAKES PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD ADVENTURE

## Message from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

As we reach the mid-point of the 2010-11 academic year, Cameron University continues to generate energy and excitement throughout Southwest Oklahoma. With enrollment exceeding 6,300 students — the most ever — Cameron is truly a vibrant institution. Over the last two years, enrollment has increased by 17 percent, and the freshman class has grown by 44 percent. This year, we have students from 45 foreign countries, 43 states, and 52 of Oklahoma's 77 counties; evidence indeed that Cameron has solidified its position as the University of Choice for Southwest Oklahoma and beyond.

This issue of Cameron Magazine highlights several of the events and people that make Cameron University extraordinary. It is our pleasure to share these stories with you.

Plans are underway for the 2011-2012 Academic Festival. Cameron's Academic Festival is a dynamic, privately funded, year-long symposium hosted every three years. During the Academic Festival, a topic worthy of in-depth study is explored for the course of the year. The topic chosen for the 2011-2012 Academic Festival is Afghanistan: Its Complexities and Relevance. Widely acclaimed author Khaled Hosseini, "The Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns"; Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Steve Coll; and journalist, author and foreign affairs analyst Robin Wright are just three of the internationally recognized guest speakers for the 2011-2012 Academic Festival.

Cameron's students are doing great things in Oklahoma. 1994 Cameron graduate Dr. Brian Molloy, featured on this issue's cover, shares how he has transformed pediatric dentistry from a dreaded experience to an intergalactic adventure for the children he serves.

Inside these pages, members of Cameron's outstanding faculty are featured. Dr. Joanni Sailor is a licensed marriage and family therapist who closed her private practice in order to become a full-time faculty member in Cameron's Department of Psychology. Dr. Chris Keller and Dr. Kurtis Koll are the 2010 recipients of the Harold and Elizabeth Hackler Award for Teaching Excellence, Cameron's highest faculty honor.

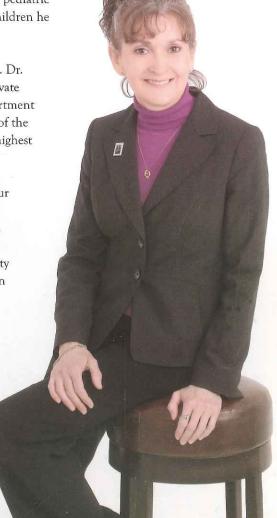
Also presented in Cameron Magazine is an article about the legacy of Arthur "Tuck" and Anna Pittman, Lawton pioneers whose passion for education continues to impact Cameron, thanks to generous donations by their heirs.

Cameron continues to flourish in large part because of its strong community and alumni support. Today's students will no doubt inspire future Cameron Aggies – such as those pictured on page 28 – to sustain the legacy that has served Cameron University for more than 100 years.

Sincerely,

and Ross

Cindy Ross President



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## Campus Update



#### Historic Enrollment Growth Continues

The 2010-11 academic year marks another year of historic enrollment with more than 6,300 students selecting Cameron as their University of Choice. For the second consecutive year, Cameron set a new record for the largest freshman class with approximately 2,800 freshmen on campus, signifying a 16 percent increase over last year and a 44 percent increase in two years. CU has realized a two-year overall headcount growth of 16 percent or more than 850 more students on campus than in Fall 2008. In Fall 2009, enrollment leapt by 13.5 percent in headcount growth; last fall, enrollment continued to grow by more than 3 percent.

Enrollment in Cameron's graduate programs is up almost 8 percent over last year, bringing the two-year increase in graduate students to more than 22 percent. The increase in graduate student headcount represents the highest graduate enrollment in the past 10 years.

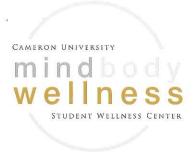
Military and military dependent enrollment has increased almost 11 percent over last year, thanks to Cameron's

numerous initiatives designed for military students, dependents and veterans. The university's commitment to that portion of the student body resulted in Cameron being named a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs Magazine. In addition, Cameron is the only regional university in Oklahoma to be recognized by Military Times EDGE magazine as one of the publication's 101 Best for Vets Colleges.

goal of a college degree.

CU-Duncan has maintained the record-setting level of enrollment achieved last year and has added its first two full-time faculty members to provide additional services to students on the branch campus.

Cameron is home to students from 52 Oklahoma counties, 43 states, and 45 foreign countries, each of whom has chosen Cameron for a high quality and affordable education.



#### Student Wellness Center Now Open

Cameron students feeling under the weather can now receive treatment on campus at the new Student Wellness Center, which opened at the beginning

of the Fall 2010 semester. Through a partnership with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, the Student Wellness Center offers students on the Lawton campus unlimited access to acute medical care and counseling services for a \$25 per semester fee. The center also presents regular education programs and interactive workshops.

Other services available to students include free pregnancy testing, yoga classes, massage therapy and stress therapy featuring a certified therapy dog.

#### Accreditation Team Visits Cameron

Cameron hosted a site visit by an accreditation team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association from November 8-10. The visit was part of the university's decennial re-accreditation. Preparation for the visit has been on-going for the past eight years with Cameron faculty, staff and students spending the past 24 months preparing for the institution's self-study report. Cameron has been continuously accredited as a four-year institution by the Higher Learning Commission since 1973. Official findings from the visit are expected in 2011.

Accreditation is a voluntary means to assure and improve higher education quality. Accredited institutions demonstrate that they have in place the necessary instruction, student support and other services to help students achieve their educational goals. In addition, accreditation assures the public, students and potential employers that the university has met specific standards of quality. It also assists other institutions in evaluating transfer coursework and credits, and allows eligible students to participate in federal financial aid programs.

#### Cameron Hosts Oklahoma Research Day

Oklahoma Research Day in November 2011.



#### Campus Update



#### Wohlers Named Oklahoma Political Scientist of the Year

Cameron University Associate Professor Dr. Tony Wohlers was honored with the 2010 Oklahoma Political Scientist of the Year

award by the Oklahoma Political Science Association (OPSA). Wohlers, a faculty member in Cameron's Department of History and Government, was recognized for his participation in OPSA activities. He organized the association's annual conference in 2008, served as president the following year, and maintains the OPSA website. The award also recognizes research activities, including publication of research activities. Over the past three years, Wohlers has published numerous articles and reviews pertinent to political science.



#### Liontas-Warren Named Artist of the Year

Cameron University Professor of Art Katherine Liontas-Warren was honored with the Oklahoma Visual Arts Award for Artist of the Year by the Paseo Arts Association (PAA) in November.

Liontas-Warren joined the Cameron faculty in 1984 and teaches all levels of drawing and printmaking.

The Oklahoma Visual Arts Awards were created in 2007 to celebrate and recognize artists and art supporters who have made a strong contribution to the visual arts in Oklahoma. The Artist of the Year Award recognizes an emerging or established visual artist who has distinguished him or herself and his/her profession during the past year.



## Dr. Ann Nalley Inducted into Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame

Cameron University's Dr. Ann Nalley, Professor of Chemistry, was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame during a

ceremony in Oklahoma City in October. The honor comes from the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society, which recognizes outstanding men and women who have excelled in higher education and who have encouraged others to contribute to the economic development and quality of life in Oklahoma.

Dr. Nalley has served the students of Cameron University for more than 40 years. In 1995, she received Cameron's highest service honor, the Distinguished Service Award. The following year, she was inducted into the Cameron University Alumni Association's Faculty Hall of Fame.



## Vanderslice Honored with Jane Morse Service Award by Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Dr. Ronna Vanderslice, Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences, received the 2009-2010 Jane Morse Service Award by the Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (OACTE). Vanderslice was unanimously selected by a vote of the representatives of the 22 schools, colleges, and departments of education in the state of Oklahoma.

Dr. Vanderslice is an advocate for high standards in teacher education, serving in many leadership roles at both the state and national level. She has served as the chair of the Program Review Advisory Board for the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Education as well as providing training for other institutions in the program review process. She serves as a national Board of Examiners member for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).



(left to right) Betty and David Ezell, trustees of the Cline Family Inter Vivos Trust, present President Cindy Ross and Cameron University Foundation President Phil Kennedy with a \$250,000 gift from the estate of Jack and Joyce Cline. The gift has been used to establish the Jack L. and Joyce Cline Endowed Scholarship in Agriculture.

#### Academic Advising Center Now Open

Cameron's new Academic Advising Center, located on the first floor of North Shepler, is now in operation. The Academic Advising Center provides a central place for academic advisement for new students and is staffed by professional advisors, complemented by top quality faculty advisors for upper division students.

#### Whang Receives Governor's Arts Award

Dr. Hyunsoon Whang, Professor of Music and Louise D. McMahon Endowed Chair in Music, was honored by Governor Brad Henry with the Governor's Arts Award during a ceremony at the Oklahoma State Capitol on November 10. She received The Arts & Education Award, which recognizes an individual, organization, school, educator or group for their outstanding leadership and service in the arts benefitting youth and/or arts in education. The Governor's Arts Awards are sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council.



Dr. Hyunsoon Whang received the Governor's Arts Award from Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry.

#### George Kaiser Family Foundation Establishes New Scholarship

Cameron students planning to pursue a career in medicine now have a significant scholarship opportunity thanks to a donation from the George Kaiser Family Foundation of Tulsa. The Kaiser Pre-Medical Studies Scholarship is specifically designed for premedical students who are interested in community medicine.

The Kaiser Pre-Medical Studies Scholarship is a three-phase program. Under the first phase, up to 30 sophomore students attend an orientation at the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine (OUSCM) in Tulsa. The second phase of the scholarship includes funding for a preparation class for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) as well as the cost

of taking the MCAT, a fee award that covers mandatory fees for up to 30 credit hours at Cameron University, and \$500 for the academic year to assist with the cost of textbooks.

The phase three award includes funding for tuition and mandatory fees at Cameron University for up to 30 credit hours or a fee award covering mandatory fees for up to 30 credit hours plus \$1,200 to assist with the cost of required textbooks. Students who are selected to receive the phase three scholarship must sign a commitment letter indicating that they will pursue admittance to the OU School of Community Medicine to achieve a medical degree (M.D.) and must attend if accepted.



#### Campus Update

#### Dr. Vivian Thomlinson Named Director of Honors Program

Participants in Cameron's Honors
Program will be mentored by Dr. Vivian
Thomlinson, Professor in the Department
of English and Foreign Languages. Dr.
Thomlinson was named Director of the
Honors Program last fall. The Honors
Program provides a central focus for the
pursuit of academic excellence at Cameron.

Cameron's Honors Program provides a system of rewards and support for students with records of outstanding accomplishment and high levels of motivation in their pursuit of academic excellence. The program cultivates an ability to work energetically in interdisciplinary teams with a common purpose. The purpose of the program is to produce graduates who go farther, learn more, and become more capable of leadership both in the community and in a chosen field of study.

The program is enjoying increased financial support, with additional resources from the Cameron University Foundation and a technology budget to provide personal information tools to each student in the program.

#### Delta Mu Delta Awarded Star Status

Cameron University's Iota Sigma Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business has been honored with the Star Chapter Award. The Star Chapter Awards provide recognition to chapters that meet or exceed national standards for chapter operation and administration.



Former Cameron football coach Ron Polston has established the Albert Johnson, Sr. Scholarship in Men's Golf, designed for collegiate golfers who have completed their golf eligibility and who are still working on degree completion. Pictured are (I to r) Albert Johnson, Sr.; Ron Polston; Cameron student Peter Svajlen, the inaugural recipient of the scholarship; and CU golf coach Jerry Hrnciar.

#### Cameron Students Continue to Graduate with Low Debt

Cameron continues to rank in the top three universities in the nation with students graduating with low debt, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2011." Of the 572 universities surveyed in the Regional Universities category, CU ranks third nationally and second in the West region. Cameron has ranked in the top three nationally each of the past three years.

Significantly, only 35 percent of CU's 2009 graduates completed their degree work with any debt, while 89 percent and 55 percent of graduates from the first and second-ranked schools, respectively, incurred debt upon graduation.

In tabulating debt load, the report includes loans taken out by students from colleges, private financial institutions and federal, state and local governments. Parents' loans are not included.

According to the report, the average financial aid package for full-time Cameron students is \$10,100 per academic year, more than that received by students of other regional universities in the state. The university is able to provide substantial financial aid to students in need thanks to the contributions of private donors.

For information about tax-deductible donations to the Cameron University Foundation, contact the Office of University Advancement at 580-581-2999.

#### Southwest Area Health Education Center Recognized with Statewide Awards



The Southwest Area Health Education Center (SwAHEC), located at Cameron University, in conjunction with the other Oklahoma Area Health Education

Centers (OKAHEC), was named the Rural Health Organization of the Year by the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma (RHAO) during the organization's annual conference in September. The area health education centers were recognized for their commitment to improving the health of medically underserved communities through recruitment, retention and enrichment of the healthcare workforce.

In October, SwAHEC and the other OKAHEK offices received the Champion of Community Health Award, sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma Hospital Association, the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

The award recognizes OKAHEC's Livestrong Cancer Survivorship Education Program, funded by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The program was designed to provide local access to cancer resources including workshops, targeted communications with rural health care providers and referral information for cancer patients, survivors and their families.



Chairman Larry R. Wade of the University of Oklahoma, Cameron University and Rogers State University Board of Regents (left) and President Cindy Ross present Bill W. Burgess, Jr. with a gift in commemoration of the naming of Cameron's Business Research Center in his honor. Burgess was recognized for his service as a State Regent.

#### CUAA on the Road

The Cameron University Alumni Association travelled to Norman and Oklahoma City to host two events for Cameron alumni and supporters in November. More than 90 Cameron fans gathered at the Lloyd Noble Center to reminisce, then cheered the Aggie women's basketball team as they took on the University of Oklahoma on November 10. More than 60 alumni assembled on November 29 to watch the Aggie men's basketball team defeat Rhema Bible College at the Oklahoma City Arena (formerly known as the Ford Center). The group also enjoyed the Oklahoma City Thunder's game against the New Orleans Hornets.

For information about future CUAA events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 580-581-2988.



Giselle Greenidge performs a dance popular in her home country of Grenada during the annual International Student Scholarship Banquet. Funds raised from the event are used to support Cameron's international students.

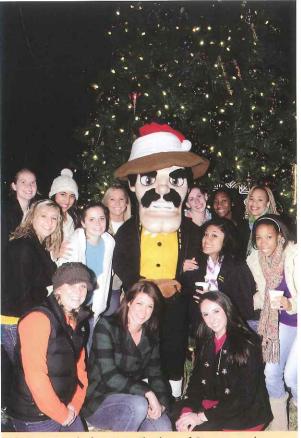
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#### Cameron Hosts Tree Lightings



Ole Kim takes the reins for a carriage ride around Bentley Gardens.

Cameron hosted tree lighting ceremonies at both the Lawton and Duncan campuses in early December. Ole Kim was on hand to help light the tree, and attendees enjoyed carriage rides, a cookie decorating station for the kids, holiday music by the Cameron Centennial Singers, a colorful array of delicious refreshments, hot chocolate, and more. Cameron's annual tree lighting ceremonies are festive occasions that bring together students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters to usher in the holiday season.



Ole Kim enjoys the festivities with a bevy of Cameron coeds.

#### CALL FOR MEMORABILIA

Diplomas from 1912, unique class projects, letterman jackets, pep squad uniforms, old issues of The Wichita and even long-forgotten event programs or report cards open a window to the past and give us a surprisingly rich perspective on the people who have gone before us or the people we once were ourselves.

The Cameron University Alumni Association asks for your help in locating and passing along Cameron memorabilia of any type before it is lost forever. Donated items will be cataloged, preserved and possibly displayed for all alumni to see.

Time is of the essence. If precious memorabilia is not cared for properly, it could be misplaced, lost through decay, or, even worse, thrown out by someone who doesn't realize its significance.

If you would like to donate an item to the CUAA, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@ cameron.edu or 580-581-2988.



1960 graduate Mary Estelle Bishop and current CU student Carly Hart share stories over memorabilia on display during Homecoming 2010.

## s Complexities And Relevance 1-2012 Academic Festival

During the 2011-12 academic year, Cameron will examine "Afghanistan: Its Complexities and Relevance." Afghanistan, which continues to be a significant location on the world stage, will be the focus of in-depth study during Cameron's triennial academic festival. Guest speakers, campus-wide activities, seminars, and cross-curricular emphasis in the classroom will examine the Middle Eastern nation from a variety of perspectives.



Dr. Khaled Hosseini

On August 30, Cameron will present Dr. Khaled Hosseini in the first of a series of speaking events. Born in Kabul, Afghanistan in 1965, Dr. Hosseini is the author of, "The Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns," both of which provide an excellent view of Afghan culture.

Dr. Hosseini is the son of a former

diplomat whose position in the Afghan Foreign Ministry relocated his family to Paris in 1976. Their 1980 planned return to Kabul was thwarted by a communist coup and an invasion by the Soviet Union. Granted political asylum, the family settled in California. Dr. Hosseini, who received his medical degree from the University of California at San Diego, practiced internal medicine from 1996-2004.

During this time, he wrote "The Kite Runner," a prizewinning novel that has been published in 48 countries. "The Kite Runner" chronicles the friendship between two boys growing up in Kabul. Their intertwined lives, and their fates, reflect the eventual tragedy of the world around them.

In 2007, he published "A Thousand Splendid Suns." An international best-seller, the novel is set against the volatile events of Afghanistan's last 30 years.

Best-selling author Steve Coll will helm the speaker's dais on September 29. Coll won the Pulitzer Prize for "Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001."



Steve Coll

Based on scrupulous research and firsthand accounts by key government, intelligence and military personnel both foreign and American, "Ghost Wars" details the secret history of the CIA's role in Afghanistan, the rise of the Taliban, the emergence of Osama Bin Laden and more.

Coll's 2008 book, "The Bin Ladens:

An Arabian Family in the American Century," documents the story of the Bin Laden family's rise to power and privilege, revealing new information to show how American influences changed the family and how one member's rebellion changed America.

He is president of New America Foundation and a contributor to The New Yorker.



Journalist and foreign policy analyst Robin Wright will be first speaker of the Spring 2012 semester on January 19, 2012. She is currently a Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace as well as a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Wright is working on two books, "Jihad Against the Jihad" and

"The Iran Primer," the latter of which is about the thinkers and trends that will define the future of the Islamic world over the next decade.

Wright has reported from more than 140 countries on six continents for leading news outlets including the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The Sunday Times of London and CBS News. She has also written for The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times Magazine, TIME, The International Herald Tribune and many others.

Additional speakers will be added to the yearlong celebration. For more information, go to www.cameron.edu.

## ANN

HEALING HUMANITY ONE CLASSROOM AT A TIME

After spending almost 20 years in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Dr. Joanni Sailor has experienced the numerous rewards that come with helping individuals and families negotiate life's various challenges.

"We make a difference and that's one of the best rewards that we get," Dr. Sailor says of her profession. "I've had friends who would ask, 'What are you doing today?' And I'd say, 'Healing humanity one appointment at a time.' It really is about helping to heal people."

Marriage and family therapy (MFT) is solution-focused and is intended to be a short-term form of therapy. The discipline differs from other forms of therapy in that the theoretical perspective of marriage and family counseling holds that the pathology of the illness lies within the interaction of the family members.

With the addition of Dr. Sailor to the faculty, Cameron now offers MFT courses taught by an LMFT. She incorporates into her curriculum the 22 marriage and family theories recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. The Department of Psychology also works with the State of Oklahoma's Licensed Marital and Family Therapy Advisory Board, to which Dr. Sailor was appointed in 2009, to ensure that Cameron's courses are the coursework required for licensure. Cameron is currently developing a Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) option for the Master of Science in Behavioral Sciences degree.

Yet she made the decision to close her practice last year in order to become a full-time faculty member at Cameron. Teaching isn't a new experience, as she's served as an adjunct instructor since 1991 and has been instrumental in the Department of Psychology's efforts to enhance the Master of Science in Behavioral Sciences program. During a conversation with Dr. Ric Jerez, one of her Cameron colleagues, she suggested that an LMFT should be teaching the courses that fulfilled the academic requirements for LMFT licensure.

"He said, 'I know, but do you know how hard it is to find someone like you?" she recalls. "He simply meant that I have the license and I have a Ph.D. There are a limited number of us in the state, because you can license at the master's level. That sparked a thought for me."

Later, when asked if she would be interested in applying for a full-time faculty position, Dr. Sailor gave the idea further consideration. "I always enjoyed being an adjunct, but that was always secondary. My primary was my therapeutic work. My decision really came down to this: having been a therapist in Lawton for 23 years, I helped a lot of people. I thought that if I could train two or three people, the amount of people that I can affect is exponentially increased."

After completing the application and interview process, Dr. Sailor was offered a position as an assistant professor and began the lengthy process of closing her practice. "It was an honor to be selected to teach here at Cameron. I love the students. I love that we are studentcentered. I don't think I could teach any other way."

She's finding that her students share the same incentive she had to go into a therapeutic field. "As corny as it sounds, when I ask my classes their motivation for becoming a marriage and family therapist, I repeatedly hear over and over, 'Because I want to help others.' For most of our students, it's a great passion to help others."

Now that she's healing humanity one classroom at a time, Dr. Sailor is experiencing newfound rewards. "I see our graduate students with such a passion and such a desire in their heart for this work, and you have to have that. My students will tell you that I'm not easy, because that's not what this is about. This is about them learning. I want them to learn the material and to apply the material. It's very crucial work. Having the opportunity to see their willingness to learn, their willingness to work hard, and their openness to constructive criticism makes this job wonderful."

Although licensure as an LFMT in the State of Oklahoma became a reality in 1991, there is a lack of providers throughout Oklahoma. Dr. Sailor says the need for LFMTs in the state continues to grow.

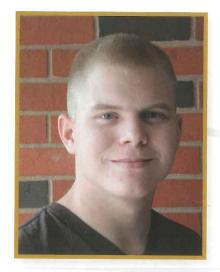
"We need to produce quality mental health providers who can give these services," she says. "The rural areas are particularly impacted by a lack of LMFTs. Part of what we've designed at Cameron is a program whereby quality graduates can then go out and pursue their licensure, become licensed and then be able to fill those gaps."



### CAMERON UNIVERSITY

#### Every Student. Every Story.

Students are at the heart of Cameron University's mission. Now in its second century, Cameron celebrates the accomplishments of our students.



#### **BRIAR BOHACH**

Briar Bohach, a sophomore from Mustang, is preparing for a career in the U.S. Army. A member of the Comanche Battalion, Cameron's nationally acclaimed ROTC unit, he is majoring in International Languages. Arabic is just one of the languages he is learning.

"In today's Army, Arabic is a crucial language to know because it is the official language in numerous countries where the United States is involved militarily and politically. As a future officer in the United States Army, knowledge of any foreign language, but especially critical languages such as Arabic, is an important skill for all military personnel. As a junior officer who could potentially be deployed to almost any part of the world, I know that being able to communicate effectively with the citizens of a particular nation in their official language will open up many doors for me and my troops. People in other countries appreciate any effort you make to learn their language, culture and customs. That alone shows great respect for them and their nation. As Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle (Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Army) has stated, 'There is a critical need to expand our strategic capability in critical languages to help us fight global terrorism.' Through effective communication, more can be accomplished at a steadier pace. This being so, any language, not only the Army's critical languages, will be helpful in the long term."

#### CODY GARDNER

Cody Gardner, a junior from Tishomingo, serves as president of Cameron's Student Government Association (SGA) this year. SGA represents the concerns and ideas of the student body.

"I decided to run for SGA president because I wanted to give back to Cameron. The university has given me a lot of opportunities to grow and serving as president has provided great experience for me as a leader. I've learned a lot about parliamentary procedure. Overall, this is a great learning experience, and I feel like I've gained more patience. So far this year, we've been passing a lot of legislation that addresses issues in the SGA Constitution. We've also been hearing a lot of legislation related to the residence halls on topics including wireless routers, the laundry rooms and visitation rights. SGA has a reputation for being boring and drawn-out, but it's nothing like that. It's a very vibrant, enthusiastic organization. I would recommend that all students get involved in SGA."





#### TEEWHY DOJUTELEGAN

One of Cameron's international students, Teewhy Dojutelegan is blogging about his Aggie experience at www.cameron.edu/blogs. A sophomore majoring in Public Relations and Organizational Communication, he hails from Nigeria.

"My motive for wanting to blog for Cameron University was to get a chance to explain my culture to other students. With so many international students on campus, diverse cultures exist, and it is important to understand the cultures of others. I want to share my culture so that people who are not from my country understand the reasons why my Nigerian friends and I act and speak the way we do. When I started blogging, I realized that I could use the opportunity to talk about issues and challenges I am facing as a student with the hope that it would help out some other student. I feel it helps prospective freshmen learn about the school they are considering what students do and what experiences they have. It is especially important for international students and their parents. Blogging is also a great way to share information about what is happening on campus and helps give other students a sense of belonging. It is a great way to express my emotions - my joys or frustrations. It basically lets the public know what is in my head and what my views are towards specific issues."

#### **IEFFREY SANDERS**

When biology major Jeffrey Sanders, a junior from Lawton, identified a need for a new student organization on campus, he took action and founded the Health Professions Society. Thanks to his efforts, students interested in pursuing professional careers in healthcare now have an organized club that promotes student enrichment by sponsoring discussion groups, speakers, exploration opportunities, mentoring, interview preparation, and community outreach.

"As a sophomore with a newly declared major in biology, I (predictably) preoccupied myself with the possibility of pursuing a career in health care. Subsequent conversations with professors and fellow students revealed that many different approaches to gaining entry into professional schools exist. In fact, no two individuals ever offered me the same advice. When I sought to learn more by becoming a member of other organizations around the Sciences Complex, I noticed that existing clubs, while having the occasional health professional speak to students, focused primarily on research-oriented practices. I thought that perhaps a new organization that dealt exclusively with human and veterinary medicine, pharmacy, therapies, and professional school application processes would garner significant interest; the Health Professions Society was born. "



AT CAMERON UNIVERSITY, EDUCATION COMES DOWN TO ONE THING: Every Student. Every Story.

## A Passion for Education A Legacy of Giving



The Tuck and Anna Pittman family in 1934. (Front, l to r) Dorothy, Anna, Alfred, Tuck, and Jessie (who graduated from Cameron Junior College that year); (back, l to r) Elva Lou, Lee, Bernice, John, Marvin and Frances.

In 1908, the same year the Oklahoma Legislature established Cameron State Agricultural School, Lawton pioneer Arthur "Tuck" Pittman married Anna Poiry in Lawton. Throughout the ensuing one hundred-plus years, the Pittman family legacy has been intertwined with that of Cameron, as seven of the Pittman's nine children attended Cameron. Members of the Pittman family have played an important part in Cameron's legacy of providing high quality education through donations that have funded scholarships, endowed faculty positions, and contributed to other university initiatives.

Tuck and Anna Pittman understood the value of education and made many sacrifices so their children could attend

college. In recognition of those sacrifices, Dorothy Pittman Carter and her husband Herbert Carter established the Tuck and Anna Pittman Endowed Lectureship in Instructional Technology in 1998. Mrs. Carter was a 1945 Cameron graduate who was a lifetime member of President's Partners. The Carters also established the Herb and Dorothy Carter Endowed Lectureship in Education in 2004.



Herb and Dorothy Pittman Carter

Glenda Turner paid tribute to her mother, Bernice Pittman Moss, by establishing the Bernice Pittman Moss Endowed Scholarship in Teacher Education in 2007. Mrs. Moss was

Bernice Pittman Moss

a 1931 Cameron alumna who shared her parents' passion for education. She taught at Blue Beaver Valley, Ash Grove, Messing and Lawton's Lincoln Elementary until her retirement in 1972.

"Mother always told us that she wanted to be a teacher from the time she was a little girl," says Turner. "Many times she said she would like to be able to help students with their schooling. Establishing an endowed

scholarship in her memory ensured that her desire to do so will be fulfilled for generations to come."

Turner is just one of more than 30 grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of Tuck and Anna Pittman who have attended Cameron. More than half have become educators.



Jessie Pittman Dunbar

Another Pittman daughter, Jessie Marie Pittman Dunbar, who graduated from Cameron Junior College in 1934 and taught elementary school in Lawton, wanted to ensure that Cameron University had the means to assist students with the cost of an education.

In 2003, she presented \$3,000 to the Cameron University Foundation and made a commitment to fund scholarships in the future. As a member of President's Partners, Mrs. Dunbar was a regular donor until her death in 2007. Predeceased by both her husband Paul and her only child, Franklin, who was also a Cameron graduate, Mrs. Dunbar included the university in her estate planning, bequeathing much of her estate to CU in the form of mineral rights, bonds and securities.

To date, Cameron has received gifts and assets, including mineral rights valued at \$361,793, that when combined exceed \$500,000 from the Dunbar estate. Some of that gift has been used to establish an endowed President's Distinguished Scholarship in Teacher Education in Mrs. Dunbar's name. Additionally, \$30,000 was earmarked for the Bentley Gardens, where an Area of Repose commemorating Mrs. Dunbar's life was established. Another \$30,000 was allocated to the McMahon Centennial Complex as part of the "Pillar of Support" program.

The Tuck and Anna Pittman Endowed Lectureship in Instructional Technology, the Herb and Dorothy Carter Endowed Lectureship in Education, the Jessie Pittman Dunbar President's Distinguished Scholarship and the Bernice Pittman Moss Endowed Scholarship in Teacher Education each play a role in continuing the Pittman connection with Cameron in the university's second century, benefiting generations of CU students.

- Janet E. Williams

#### CAMERON UNIVERSITY



When Jessie Pittman Dunbar included Cameron University in her estate planning, she became a member of the 1908 Heritage Society. This program of the Cameron University Foundation recognizes those who have made a commitment to Cameron University through a planned gift. Cameron supporters who indicate an intent to leave a planned gift to Cameron University are immediately considered members of the 1908 Heritage Society.

Over the years, planned gifts have helped Cameron University to grow and expand opportunities for learning by helping to establish endowed scholarships and faculty positions. Estate gifts provide donors with a variety of flexible financial options that not only benefit the university's mission, but also reduce costly estate taxes.

For more information or to request a brochure about the 1908 Heritage Society, contact the Cameron University Foundation at 580-581-2999 or e-mail foundation@cameron.edu.

# Smile Zone PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Remember as a kid, when you went in for your regular dental checkup to a place that smelled kind of funny and generally seemed like a place that wasn't very welcoming?

Let's be honest. A trip to the dentist isn't the highlight of anyone's day. As you grow up, you learn to deal with it. However, for children - especially firsttime visitors getting their teeth checked who don't know what's coming - it can be a scary experience.

Imagine how you would have felt if you walked in your dentist's office for the first time and found a play area with countless books and toys; large, comfortable seating areas where you could stretch out and relax; numerous televisions showing cartoons; video games to play; and a 14-foot tall lime green rocket ship in the middle of the room.

Welcome to Smile Zone, Pediatric Dentistry.

The brainchild for this unique and special pediatric dentistry practice is Cameron graduate Dr. Brian Molloy (B.S. Chemistry, '94). He opened its doors five years ago with two employees and has seen it explode into a current staff of 33, including three full-time dentists and two part-time associate doctors. With 11 chairs to treat patients, Molloy and his staff serve ages from infant to 18 years old. A majority of their patients are under the age of nine.

Molloy's idea for Smile Zone started while he was an associate at Dr. Wavel Wells' pediatric dental practice in Lawton. Molloy saw a need for more pediatric dentistry coverage in the Moore/Norman region, so he came up with the concept for Smile Zone. The idea was simple: Have a dental practice that was inviting and welcoming for kids, and they won't fear coming to the dentist. In fact, they might actually want to go. When Smile Zone's doors opened at its present location in south Oklahoma City in December of 2005, the limegreen color scheme and outer-space theme that you see today was there.

"We wanted to provide a place where you would get top-quality patient care," Molloy says. "But beyond that, we wanted it to be both patient and family friendly. We want to give children a positive dental experience, and making them comfortable is the first step in that. If we've made them feel a little more relaxed, and can provide quality dental service on top of that, we've done our job."

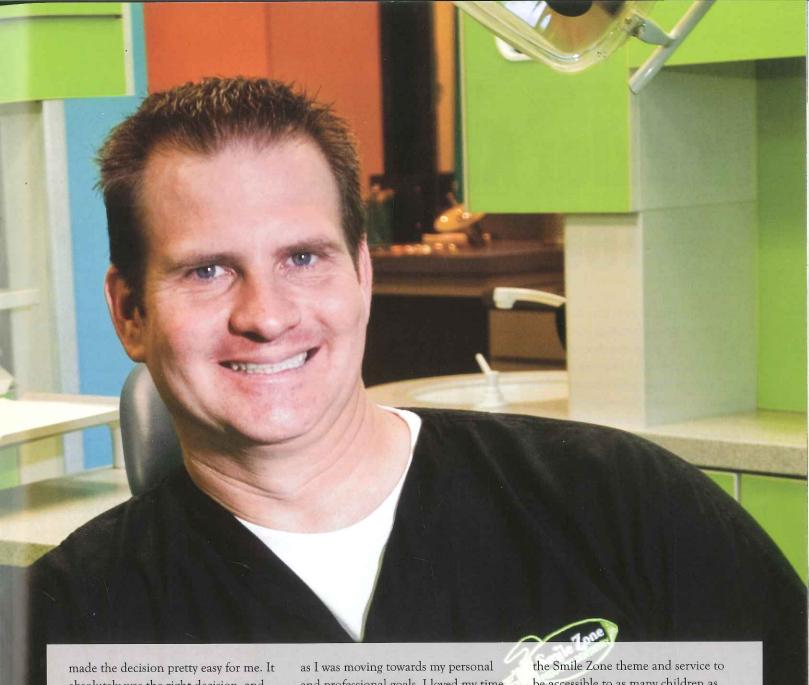
The interior design of the practice is unique, to say the least. Molloy's wife, Julie - a graphic designer by trade - was the creative driving force with the "look" for the place, utilizing the outer space theme. Combine the kid-friendly visuals and activities (including their stuffed animal mascot, Cookie, who sits high above the dental chairs) with a staff that goes out of the way to make everyone feel welcome, and you've certainly created a family-friendly environment.

A Lawton native, Molloy's parents are retired and living in the Lawton area, and his brother (also a Cameron



graduate) is an officer with the Lawton Police Department. A graduate of Eisenhower High School, Molloy decided between his junior and senior years at Ike he was going to attend CU, based in large part on the reputation of Cameron's science department.

"I always enjoyed science," Molloy says. "Cameron had a great program in that area, and the fact that I could live at home and go to a quality school



absolutely was the right decision, and I'm glad I chose Cameron."

While an undergraduate, Molloy was a member of Phi Delta Theta and the Chemistry Club, served as Student Government Association President in 1992-93, and was on campus for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sciences Complex.

"I look back and see my college experience at Cameron as one of the best times in my life," Molloy says. "Cameron allowed me to grow and flourish as both a student and a person. It helped shape and prepare me and professional goals. I loved my time there and think back on it very fondly."

From seeing eight patients the first day they opened to averaging more than 1,300 patients per month currently, Smile Zone has certainly grown ("Beyond my wildest dreams," Molloy says). While the practice has expanded about as far as it can go at its current location, Molloy has ideas for spreading his unique concept for his practice, by possibly opening additional offices with the Smile Zone brand in other locations around Oklahoma. The goal, Molloy says, is to keep outstanding pediatric dentists in the state and allow

be accessible to as many children as possible.

"Children shouldn't fear a trip to the dentist," Molloy believes. "We focus on treating our patients with as much compassion as possible. We want to have an environment that allows kids and their families to feel relaxed and have some of the anxiety taken away while they are getting great dental care.'

Mission accomplished.

- Josh Lehman



## **Hackler Award for** Teaching Excellence

When Cameron alumni Harold and Elizabeth Hackler established an endowed lectureship in Teaching Excellence in 1996, their intent was to recognize and reward members of Cameron's extraordinary faculty. During a ceremony held at Cameron University-Duncan in November, Mr. and Mrs. Hackler were on hand as Dr. Christopher O. Keller and Dr. Kurtis Koll joined the elite group of Cameron faculty who have been honored with the Harold and Elizabeth Hackler Teaching Excellence Award, Cameron's most prestigious faculty honor.

Dr. Keller, an associate professor in the Department of Communication, called the Hackler Award "a truly humbling honor." He spoke about the motivation he gets from his students and satisfaction he gets knowing they are prepared for a successful career in journalism after they graduate. "As an educator, I truly believe that I make a positive impact on the students in my classroom, and that is a joyful thing."

A professor in the Department of Physical Sciences, Dr. Koll was introduced by Ornella Nelson, one of his students.

> "I believe that his character combined with his intelligence defines teaching excellence," she said. Addressing Koll, she added, "You are truly an amazing professor."

Referring to teaching as "the most wonderful experience I've ever had," Dr. Koll expressed his gratitude to the Cameron faculty "for what they instill in every one of their students." He also said, "I try to bring to the classroom things that are new to me, things that I learned as a child, and things that I borrowed from other faculty members. I watch what they do and try to emulate that." He concluded his remarks with, "I have to thank the students for what they do for me."



Donors Elizabeth and Harold Hackler (left) with 2010 Hackler Teaching Award recipients Dr. Christopher O. Keller (center, left) and Dr. Kurtis Koll (center, right).

Cameron student Rachel Engel introduced Dr. Keller, citing "his ability to inspire, his passion for teaching and his enthusiasm for the subject matter."

Dr. Keller was nominated by Dr. Matt Jenkins, his colleague in the Department of Communication and a previous Hackler Award honoree.



Dr. Kurtis Koll (left) visits with Cameron graduate Jeffrey Dorrell, who nominated him for the Hackler Award, following the presentation.

"Dr. Keller works to reach all of his students," Jenkins said. "His critique of student work is always positive and constructive. He has an excellent ability to determine individual student weaknesses and to provide extra assistance to encourage a successful learning outcome. Students are complimentary of Dr. Keller, indicating that he will go the 'extra distance.' Students indicate that in the classroom, Dr. Keller is excited about subject matter, is fully prepared and while he can be a 'tough' teacher, he is caring and genuinely interested in student success."

Dr. Koll was nominated by Dr. Danny McGuire, Chair of the Department of Physical Sciences, and former Cameron student Jeffrey Dorrell. In his nomination, Dorrell wrote, "I personally feel it was Dr. Koll's guidance that led me to become a chemistry major at Cameron University."

Dr. McGuire praised Dr. Koll's caring attitude, encouragement of his students and tremendous work ethic. "To keep long hours preparing for classes and laboratories to include demonstrations, willing to regularly help students with very challenging problems, committing the time and energy to be the faculty adviser for student organizations, taking students on field trips, and to help area schools with their Science Fair programs are part of an average year for Dr. Koll," McGuire said. "When a student has had Dr. Koll as an instructor, I am confident that the student has had a very positive experience and a great education."

Dr. Keller is a Cameron University alumnus, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English/Professional Writing and a Master of Arts in Teaching. He earned a Ph.D. in Instructional Psychology and Technology from the University of Oklahoma. He worked for two years as an English teacher, yearbook adviser and technology

adviser at Elgin High School before he was hired as an instructor in Cameron's Department of Education in 2000. After leaving in 2001 to serve one year as an Instructional Designer for the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, he returned to Cameron in 2002.

In addition to teaching journalism classes, he serves as adviser to The Cameron Collegian and AggieCentral.com, a studentrun convergence media website. Keller was the first Cameron graduate honored as Outstanding Young Alumni by the Cameron University Alumni Association in 2006. In 2010, he received the Faculty Award for Excellence and Innovation in Instructional Technology Integration.

Dr. Koll has a Bachelor of Science in Botany and Zoology from Iowa State University, a Master of Education in Biology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and a Ph.D. in Engineering (Environmental Engineering and Environmental Science) from the University of Oklahoma. He has been a member of the Cameron faculty since 1974. He was listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 1994. He is one of the co-directors of Cameron's highly successful Kids Investigating and Discovering Science (K.I.D.S.) summer camp and also coordinates the Young Learners Science, Math, Geography and Technology Exposition. Dr. Koll also serves as faculty adviser for three Cameron student organizations: CU Environmental Club, CU Conservatives Foundation and the Latin Alliance Association.

In May 2010, Dr. Koll was named one of only five 2010 National Outstanding Educators by Project Learning Tree. He has also been recognized for outstanding contributions to Oklahoma Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design).

- Janet E. Williams



President Cindy Ross presents Dr. Christopher O. Keller with his Hackler Award plaque.



## AGGIEATHLETICS

## CAMERON UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2011

The Cameron University Athletics Hall of Fame will welcome five new inductees during a gala ceremony scheduled for February 25 during Homecoming. Tennis player Erica Consen, basketball star Simmie Hill, football standout Bob Kelley, two-sport athlete Ed Marshall and baseball record-holder Jeremy Wagner will join 23 previous honorees.

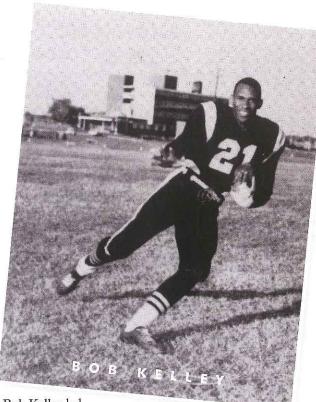
The CU Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 2007 to pay tribute to and honor all those who have contributed to Aggie athletics over the years. Inductees into the Hall can be a student-athlete, coach, booster, media representative, or anyone else who has made a difference in Cameron athletics. The first class was inducted in February 2008.



Erica Consen is the first tennis player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining her coach, Joe Jones, in that select group. A standout on the women's tennis team from 1994 through 1998, Consen qualified twice for the NCAA tournament and was named an All-American during her junior and senior years. During her sophomore year, she was ranked 14th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Consen is the only Cameron student-athlete to receive the prestigious NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship.

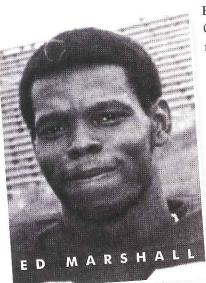
A 6'7" forward, Simmie Hill led the 1966-67 men's basketball team to a 27-4 record and a third place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament. During the year he played for Cameron Junior College, Hill had a 25.8 point per game scoring average, hit 58 percent of his field goals, 68 percent of his free throws, and averaged 11.2 rebounds per game. He was named to the Sporting News All-America Team with Rick Mount (Purdue), Jo Jo White (Kansas), Pete Maravich (LSU), Spencer Haywood (Detroit), and Lew Alcindor (UCLA). Hill played professionally in the American Basketball Association for Los Angeles, Miami, San Diego and San Antonio. He currently resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.





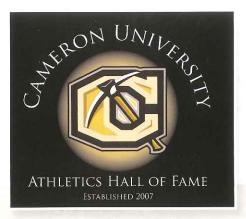
Bob Kelley led

Cameron's 1961 football team with 712 rushing yards and played a key role in the team's 10-0 record, which led to a National Championship in the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Kelley was named First Team All-Oklahoma Conference and earned a place on the Helms Athletic Foundation's All-America list. A resident of Lacy, Wash., he is also a member of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.



Ed Marshall holds a place as Cameron's all-time leading receiver. From 1967 through 1971, he caught 113 passes for 2,448 yards and 29 touchdowns. Marshall was selected in the 11th round of the NFL draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. During his three seasons in the NFL, he also played for the New York Giants and the New York Jets. At Cameron, he was also a member of the basketball team. Marshall lives in his

hometown of Corpus Christi, Texas.



The Cameron University Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony takes place on Friday, February 25 in the McCasland Ballroom of the McMahon Centennial Complex. The gala evening kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by the banquet and induction of this year's honorees. Tickets are \$30. To register, please contact the CU Athletic Department at 580-581-2302.

Baseball star Jeremy Wagner's 1995-99 Cameron career solidified his place in the CU athletic record books. He holds records for most at-bats (646), RBIs (191), hits (251), triples (15), home runs (30), and total bases (426). He arrived at CU from Rapid City, S.D. as a third baseman, played catcher during his junior year, then moved to right field for his senior year. Wagner served as president of CU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter during his junior and senior years. Wagner now serves in the U.S. Air

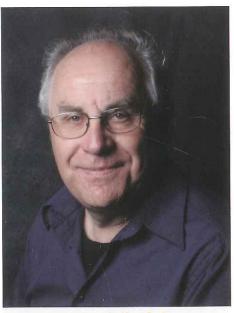
Force as a pilot and is stationed in Germany.



## CAMERON UNIVERSITY **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** Honors Alumni, Faculty

The Cameron University Alumni Association (CUAA) is pleased to announce the honorees of the 2011 CUAA Awards, bestowed annually on alumni and honoring members of the Cameron faculty with election to the Faculty Hall of Fame. The recipients will be feted at a ceremony during Homecoming Week in February.

The FACULTY HALL OF FAME AWARD honors current or retired faculty who have taught a minimum of five years at Cameron and emphasizes teaching effectiveness, positive impact on students' lives and involvement at Cameron outside of the classroom and in the community.



Kurtis Koll, Ph.D. Professor of Physical Sciences

"It is important to teach students how to think, not what to think" serves as Dr. Kurtis Koll's teaching philosophy - one that has served him well throughout his teaching career. Since joining the Cameron faculty in 1974, Koll has impacted the lives of elementary, middle school and high school students in addition to his Cameron students.

In her nomination for Koll, Dr. Michelle Smith said, "When I first arrived at Cameron, he approached me about collaborating to create summer camps. For the past 10 years, he has been actively involved with the K.I.D.S. (Kids Investigating the Discovery of Science) camp. He has shown his commitment to over 100 school-age children each summer. I believe this is evident of a true professional who is compassionate and caring."

She also noted, "As a teacher, this compassion and caring is reflected upon his students. Many of our education students comment on his excellent teaching as well as his compassion toward them. He encourages his students to work to their true potential. This is evident of a teacher who is dedicated to Cameron University and its students."

Student Levi Pettijohn agrees. "My experience with Dr. Koll in class is both encouraging and to the point," he wrote. "His lectures are always engaging, interesting and pertinent. But he is much more than a teacher. Outside the classroom, I regard him as a mentor and a confidant. I can talk to Dr. Koll about life and personal situations knowing our conversations are held in confidence. I value the advice that he gives me."

The DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD is presented to former Cameron students who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments have brought credit to Cameron by distinguishing themselves in their careers and/or in service to their communities and/or through continued support of Cameron University.



A native of Snyder, Dr. Michael W. Geiger is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Cameron, earning a B.S. in chemistry in 1986. He received a Doctor of Optometry degree from Northeastern State University, where he ranked first in the optometric class, and now operates Geiger Eye Care in Altus. He is a member of the American Optometric Association and the Oklahoma Optometic Association.

While at Cameron, Dr. Geiger was a member of the Aggie basketball team and received the A.O. Duer Award as the top student-athlete in the nation for the NAIA division. He attended Cameron as a PLUS scholar.

Since graduating, he has been a proud supporter of Cameron University, maintaining active

membership in the Cameron University Alumni Association, where he is a lifetime member. He served as CUAA president from 1993-94. Dr. Geiger played a significant role in Cameron's Centennial Celebration as a member of the Centennial Commission. He and his wife Shaun have been members of President's Partners since 2004.

Dr. Geiger is also an ordained Baptist preacher and has been serving churches throughout southwest Oklahoma for more than 25 years. In addition, he coaches numerous youth sports

He is the father of four current Cameron students. Quadruplets Bryce, Darah, Seth and Trevor Geiger are sophomores.



Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Wilson A. "Dutch" Shoffner Class of 1958

While attending Cameron State Agricultural College, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Wilson A. "Dutch" Shoffner was a member of Cameron's Army ROTC program, belonged to Phi Theta Kappa, and was a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He also served as a Student Senate Officer and as president of the Student Government Association.

Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1967, Shoffner served in the U.S. Army for 32 years. Among his highest assignments was that of Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations in Washington, D.C. He became a Lieutenant General in 1991 and retired two years later as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Command at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

He was recognized with numerous decorations and badges throughout his career, including the prestigious Distinguished Service Medal, which is awarded for exceptional performance in a duty of great responsibility, and the Bronze Star, which is awarded for meritorious service.

Following his retirement from the military, he was appointed Vice President for Product Development at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. Retired from that position in 2003, he now resides in Colleyville, Texas, where he volunteers his time and services to organizations in that community.

Lt. Gen. Shoffner received Cameron's President's Distinguished Service Award in 1987. He continues to return to the Cameron campus to speak to ROTC cadets about the principles of leadership.

## na Matters

Alumni who received more than one degree are listed by year of their first degree. Those who attended but did not graduate are listed under the year they would have graduated or, in some cases, the last year they attended. If you have changed your address, have a new job or have other news to share, contact the CU Alumni Office, 2800 W. Gore Blvd., Lawton OK 73505, 580-581-2988; alumni@cameron.edu; or on the web at www.cameron.edu/alumni.



Outgoing president of the Cameron University Foundation Phil Kennedy (right) passes a symbolic hammer of authority to incoming president Dan

1940s

Lloyd Mitchell (AA '41), Oklahoma City, led the dedication of a family stone marker on the Overstreet property of the Westview Boys Home.

1950s

Sam Smith (AA '57), and wife Sondra Jane Tune, Lawton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1960s

Gerald Haves (AA '60) and wife Sue, Walters, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2010. They were married on July 16, 1960 at the Bible Baptist Church in Walters.

Eddie Rathbun (AA '61), Rush Springs, was elected to the Board of Education for Rush Springs Public Schools.

Dr. Chase Bailey (AA '62) is the executive director of the National Center for Biodefense and Infectious Diseases at George Mason University in Manassas, Va., where he is a distinguished professor of biology. He served in the U.S. Army for 25 years.

Ronnie Brewer (AA '64), Indiahoma, has been named the Comanche County Conservation District's Cooperator of the Year for his conservation work.

Cleatus Wayne Doyel (AA '64), Zachary, La., was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame for Fort Hayes State University in Kansas.

Ed Cannaday (AA '65), Muskogee, was re-elected to the Oklahoma State House of Representatives from District 15.

Don Rimer (AA '66), Virginia Beach, Va., donated a shadow box containing memorabilia of his time with the Keathley Rifles Drill Team at Cameron from 1964 to 1966.

Larry Goss (AS '66), Walters, is a physician at Duncan Regional Hospital. He has been in the medical field for 37 years.

Richard Strickland (BS '67), Lawton, was elected Comanche County Assessor.

Patricia Dawes (AS '67), Lawton, taught English in the Czech Republic for 31/2 years in the late 1990s.

Larry Stevens (AA '68), Guthrie, has been the pastor of Noble Avenue Baptist Church since February 1981.

1970s

Max Bender (BA '70), Lawton, has been a participant in the World Championship Domino Tournament for 42 years.

Kenneth C. Chalaire (AS '70), Saratosa, Fla., retired from State Farm Insurance after 20 years of working as an agent. He started as a sales rep with L.P.A. Group.

Dianne Atchley (BS '71), Snyder, has taught for 39 years at Snyder Public Schools and is the grandmother of quadruplets who all currently attend Cameron University.

Pam Germany (BS '71), Duncan, was Duncan Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Month for March.

Linda Dzialo (BS '72), Lawton, is the executive director of Great Expectations, a professional development program.

Donna S. Davies (BS '73), Daytona Beach, Fla., retired from teaching in Oklahoma and has been teaching in Daytona Beach since 2002. She is in her 33rd year of teaching.

Bonnie Hix (BS '73), and Tommy Hix, Lawton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29, 2010. Mrs. Hix taught at Washington Elementary for 23 years and retired in 1995. She

graduated from the seven-year Bible Study Fellowship in 2009. Mr. Hix serves as a deacon at Central Baptist Church.

Jock Lindsay (BA '73), was inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Eddie Paul (BS '73), Bethel, is Bethel High School's football coach.

Deborah Graham (BS '74), Burkburnett, Texas, was named Secondary Teacher of the Year for the Burkburnett Independent School District. She teaches at Burkburnett Middle School.

Robin Bailey (BS '75), Apache, works for Shamrock Bank and has been chosen as Apache's "Woman of the Year."

Mike Callaway (BS '76), Tulsa, created a product called Sulfabate to neutralize dangerous gas.

Fred Fitzgerald (BS '76), Rush Springs, was named as Rush Springs Schools featured teacher. He has taught at Rush Springs for 34 years, teaching history and math in the middle school.

Bess Yeahquo (BA '76), Lawton, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary.



John P. Zelbst (BA '76), Lawton, has been appointed to the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Donna McGill-Dilks (BS '77), Walters, has been coaching at Big Pasture since 1978. She was inducted into the Cameron University Athletics Hall of Fame

Bill W. Burgess, Jr. (BA, '78), Lawton, was named Oklahoma Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He served as a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for 17 1/2 years.

Gary Jones (BBA '78), Cache, was elected State Auditor. He is a CPA and a certified fraud examiner.

Dr. Bonita Lawrence, (BA, '79), Huntington, W.Va., was named 2009 Professor of the Year by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia. She is a professor and associate chair of mathematics at Marshall University.

Kevin Potter (BS '79), Bartlesville, has been named to Arvest Bank's board of directors.

Rev. Rayford Ray (BA '79) was elected 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

#### 1980s

BG Jerry J. Bradford (BS '80), Suwance, Ga., was promoted to Commanding General of the Georgia State Guard.

John Patrick Coons (BBA '80), and wife Elisabeth, Lawton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Patriot Club on August 28th. They were married in Schweinfurt, Germany on August 27, 1960.

Monika Linehan (BA '80), Lawton, an associate professor of art at Cameron, was one of the artists selected to be a part of the 44th Annual National Drawing and Small Exhibition hosted by Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

Paula Mallow (BS, '80), Geronimo, was named 2010 All-State Huddle Coach of the Southwest Area of Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She teaches geography and American history and coaches softball at Geronimo High School.

Lawrence J. Suffern (BA '80), Boerne, Texas, was initiated into Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

David R. Shaw (BS '81), Starkville, Miss., is Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Mississippi State University. In 2008, he was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Luis Cantu (BS '83), Lawton, served as a guest speaker for "The Wall That Heals" (Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall).

Glenn Freeman (BA '83), Oklahoma City, is the Student Adviser of the University of Central Oklahoma International Student Adviser and will serve as the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA)/ Association of International Educators Region III. Freeman earned his bachelor's degree in romance languages.

Ed Huffine (BS '83), Lawton, is the Vice President for Humanitarian Services at Bode Technology. He accepted the Presidential "E' Award in recognition of leadership and accomplishments on behalf of Bode Technology.

Raymond G. II Schmidt (AAS '84), and wife Sherrill, Lawton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during a July 4 family reunion. They were married on June 4, 1960 in LaHabra, Calif.

Scott T. Horton (BS '85), Carlisle, Pa., has been decorated with the Bronze Star for serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jeff Mahoney (BS '86), Elgin, is the head coach for girls basketball at Elgin High School.

William G. Burns (BS '87), Inez, Kent., served as a Combat Commander 2-1 FA Desert Storm.

Patrick Henry Hayes, Jr. (BBA '87), South Fork, Colo., was appointed Rio Grande Country Court Judge. He formerly practiced law at Hayes Law, P.C. in Alamosa, Colo. and previously served as magistrate for the town of Creede and as chief deputy district attorney for the 12th Judicial District.



Daran Neal (BA '87), Lawton, is a major accounts manager at Standley Systems. He will serve as a sales representative for Standley Systems Southwest Oklahoma.

Randy Dean Swain (BS '88), Houston, Texas, was one of five former athletes nominated for Jackson County Hall of Fame.



1990s

Jay R. Johnson (BBA '90), Duncan, has been appointed Chief Administrator at Duncan Regional Hospital.

Todd Simmons (BM '91), New Orleans, La., is the Executive Director of the New Orleans Opera. He was formerly Chorus Master for the San Diego Opera.

Jeff Barbier (BACC '92), Rapid City, S.D., was appointed assistant finance officer for the city of Rapid City.

Harry Joseph Shappell (BS '92) and wife Alma, Geronimo, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 17. They exchanged wedding vows on July 21, 1960 at the United Methodist Church in Loogootee, Ind.

Justen Renyer (BFA '93), Stillwater, graphic design associate professor at Oklahoma State University, premiered his latest video project at the Faculty Exhibition. Renyer's video series contains seven mini-episodes he crafted on his computer after performing interviews in the spring with his friend and artist Dallas Morgandale. Reyner's other music video for Other Lives will travel across the country.

Gigi Brickhouse (AA '94), Altus, teaches vocal music at Altus Intermediate School

Brian Molloy (BS '94), Norman, is a pediatric dentist in Oklahoma City.

Scott Nelson (BS '94), and Carrie Gillian (BBA '06), Lawton, exchanged wedding vows on December 3, 2010 at the Medicine Park Music Hall.

Chad Andrews (BBA '95), Bowie, Texas, is senior vice president and Banking Center manager for First United Bank Seminole. He has more than 20 years of banking experience.

Lori Black (BS '95), Wilson, was named Wilson Public Schools' 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year.

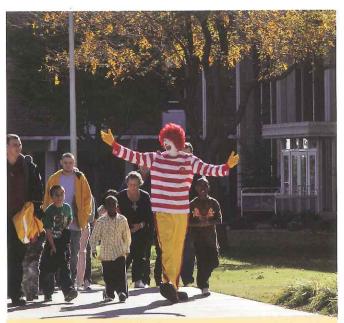
Cindy Bullen (MS '95), Mountain View, has been appointed to the committee of the "Housing America Campaign" for the Oklahoma Chapter of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). She is the executive director of the Mountain View Housing Authority.

Randy Hale (BS '95), Elgin, is the Environmental Education Specialist at Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge. He has held this position for 20 years.

Kristen Webb (AAS '95), Duncan, received the Spirit of Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Hospital Association during the 2009 OHA Annual Convention in November 2009. She is currently the director of surgical services at Duncan Regional Hospital.

Marion S. Bryant (BACC '96), Midland, Texas, was promoted to Senior Vice President and Trust Officer to manage Trust branches in Midland and Odessa, Texas, for American State Bank.

#### Alma Matters



Ronald McDonald led a parade of community visitors across the Cameron campus during a recent walk on the Aggie Mile.

Roger Dale (AAS '96), and wife Sue Ellen Snow, Lawton, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 4, 2009.

Cody Bannister (BA '97), Marlow, was elected to the Board of Education for Marlow Public Schools.

Maj. David Fitzpatrick (BS '97), Lawton, now commands Alpha Battery, 2-4 FA.

Jason Hicks (BS '97), Duncan, was elected District Attorney for District 6, which includes Stephens, Grady, Caddo, and Jefferson counties. He served as assistant district attorney for three vears.

Sheila Huckaby (BS '97), Altus, was a Building Teacher of the Year finalist. She teaches second grade at Rivers Elementary School.

Patty Jennings (BM '97), Duncan, was named 2009 Teacher of the Year for Duncan Public Schools.

John McNeal (BACC '97), Lawton, was the featured speaker for the first annual banquet and celebration of the Clinton Association for Rights and Equality (C.A.R.E.).

Chearlene Johnson (BS '98 & MS '00), Lawton, earned a doctorate

in organizational psychology from Walden University.

Dr. Christopher Keller (MA '98), Lawton, an associate professor in the Department of Communication, was the first recipient of the Cameron University Faculty Award for Excellence and Innovation in Instructional Technology Integration.

Charles E. Maxey (BS '98), Broken Arrow, plans to enroll in the Physicians Assistant program at OÚ-Tulsa in 2011.

Carley Mealey (BACC '98), Niagara Falls, NY, is now a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) following completion of the certification process of the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

Mike Reffett (BA '98), Lawton, is a coach at MacArthur High School. He has coached at several schools since graduating from Cameron.

Walter Williamson (BS '98), United Kingdom, has two daughters. Lindsey current attends Cameron. Her sister plans to enroll at Cameron after her high school graduation in 2011, carrying on the Aggie family tradition.

Wayne Wilson (BAcc '91) is now the managing director at UHY Advisors in the Forensic, Litigation and Valuation Services Department, where he leads the energy litigation practice at the firm. He previously worked with public accounting firms and consulting firms, providing consulting services and expert testimony to international clients in the areas of finance, organizational management, accounting, statistics and risk management.

#### 2000s

Julie Beth Buehne (BM '00) and Jesse Clinton Carr, Jr. exchanged wedding vows on December 19, 2009 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lawton. They reside in Terrell, Texas.

Dr. Andrea Montgomery (BS '00), and Cody McEumaney, Cache, exchanged wedding vows on April 30, 2010 in Lawton.

Cpt. (R) Steven W. Prater (AS '01 & BS '03), Springfield, Mo., retired from the U.S. Army and is working on a doctoral degree in neuropsychology at Forest Institute.

Donavan Grahn (BBA '02), Elgin, is the Head Golf Professional at The Territory and earned his PGA Class A Certification.

Ianet Trostle Seratte (BS '02), Cache, is pharmacist and manager for Haskell's Prescription Shop.

Chad M. Smith, M.D. (BS '02), Edmond, established his OB-GYN practice with OU Physicians. He has also been named an assistant professor with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine.



Holly Atkinson (BS '03), Duncan, became the first female detective for Duncan's police department.

Jayrone "J.R." G. Cortez (BS '03), Lawton, has opened his own chiropractic practice.

Cheryl A. Flora (BS '03), Jacksonville, Ark., received her Masters of Arts in Teaching from the University of Arkansas -Monticello.



Cpt. John Kump (AS '03), Fairbanks, Alaska, was assigned as commander of A Company 1-24 Infantry Regiment, Fort Wainwright.

John Padilla (BBA '03), Lawton, has been promoted to vice president of Arvest Bank.

Bryan David Bagwell (BS '04), and Tiffany Louise Tipton, were married on September 25, 2010 at the First Christian Church in Frederick.

Jason Doll (BBA '04), and Jesica Bonifield, Grapevine, Texas, exchanged wedding vows on October 15, 2010 at La Buena Vida in Grapevine.

Kay Morris, (BS '04), earned a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Texas A&M. She is a senior scientist/chemist at Halliburton-Baroid Division in Houston.

Cynthia Reece (BBA '04), Walters, and James Lukehart exchanged wedding vows on July 31, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Walters.

Matt Seid (BA & MAT '04), former football coach for Cache High School, returned to his home state and is the head football coach at Crestline, Mich.

Carl Stringer (BM '04 & MA '06), Atoka, is the band director for Atoka High School.

Keegan Varner (BS '04), Walters, and Lindsey Hix exchanged wedding vows on July 17, 2010 at Findley's Lakeside Resort on Lake Fr. Gibson.

Melissa Williams (BA '04), Suitland, Md., was awarded the 2010 Harold Isaacs Best Graduate Student Paper Award for her graduate research on the Caribbean Single Market and free movement of workers.

Cpt. Nathaniel Barnes (BA '05), Lacey, Wash., received the Bronze Star for career accomplishments during two tours in the Middle East.

April Michelle Easton (BS '05), and Jerry DeWayne Rushing, Lawton, exchanged wedding vows in September at the Little Chapel in Lawton.

Jamie Glover (MBA '05), Elgin, has been elected Chair of the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Communicators Council for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Amanda C. Rundle (BA '05), Lawton, graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson.

Trey Chambers (BS '06), Lawton, joined Toy Chiropractic Clinic in Lawton.

Marjorie Negron (AS '06 & BA '06), Miami, Fla., is a working

actress in Puerto Rico and Miami for Spanish television networks and theatre, as well as a producer for Univision Network.

Briana G. O'Malley (BS '06), Oklahoma City, received her doctorate in pharmacy on June 5, 2010 as a member of the 115th graduating class of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy.

Melanie Barfield (BFA '07), Lawton, a graphic designer at Cameron, designed a poster to promote a CU campus piano recital that was honored by the 25th Annual Educational Advertising Awards sponsored by the Higher Education Marketing Report.

Nam Hoai Do (BACC '07), Oklahoma City, earned the highest score on the state's 2009 universal certified public accountant examination.

Tarra Gilbert (AS '07, BS '08), Lawton, is a pastor and women's activist. She was named Outstanding Woman of Comanche County for 2010.

Laura Madden (BS '07), Lawton, and Ryan Whitely exchanged wedding vows on July 17, 2010 at First United Methodist Church.

Lindy Jarae Myers (BS '07), Duncan, and Brandon Dale

Members of the Cameron University Jazz Ensemble rehearse for the Department of Music's annual Country/Jazz Fusion concert.

Arrington exchanged wedding vows on March 13, 2010.

Kristina Karoline Royer (BBA '07 & AAS '09), and Lonnie Steven Cunningham, both of Lawton, exchanged wedding vows on December 12, 2009 at the Little Chapel of Lawton.



Melissa Steen (BS '07), and Kelly Thacker (BS '07), Lawton, were united in marriage on July 10, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church in Alrus.

Forest Grant Arndt (BA '08). Apache, was the Air Education and Training Command nominee for the 2009 Department of Defense Military Firefighter of the Year Award.

Alika J. Artis (BBA '08), has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.



Janelle Loraine Cross (BACC '08), and Cedric Antawane Cato (BS '09), both of Lawton, exchanged wedding vows on January 16, 2010 at the New Hope Church of God in Christ in Lawton.

Cody Dillon (BBA '08 & MS '09), Frisco, Texas, is Group Sales Coordinator for the Frisco Rough Riders baseball team. They are the AA minor league affiliate of the Texas Rangers.

Jose A. Hernandez (BA '08), Washington, is a 2nd Lieutenant and Communications Officer in the U.S. Marine Corp. He is married to Monica Zuray, a NASA

Jenna Pendley (AS '08), Duncan, and Adam Baker plan to marry at Calvary Baptist Church.

Amy Schroeder (BS '09), Altus, teaches fourth grade at Will Rogers Elementary School.

Nicholas Dean Cunningham (BS '09) and Amanda Rachelle Smiley exchanged wedding vows on January 8, 2010 at the Cameron Baptist Church. They reside in Rush Springs.

Jordan Johns (AS '09), Altus, was a contestant in the Miss Altus 2010

Robert J. Ledford (BS '09), Lawton and Chelsey Ann Seibold, Elgin, exchanged wedding vows on June 12, 2010 at a family home in Elgin.

Andrea Rolin (BA '09), Purcell, teaches Spanish at Purcell High School.

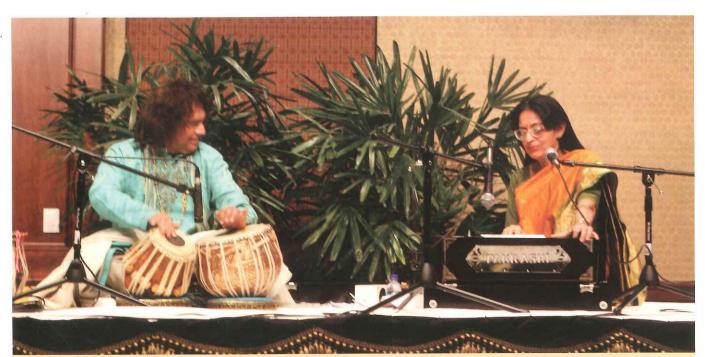
Bira Vidal (BA '09), Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, provided the keynote address at Cameron University's Third Annual International Banquet.

Amanda Finch (BA '10), entered graduate school at the University of Arkansas, where she is a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Activities.

Jackie Kuhlman (BS '10), Rush Springs, teaches third grade at Marlow.

Kayla Leuch (BA '10), and Nicholas Fugitt, Lawton, exchanged wedding vows on August 14, 2010 at the Lindley House in Duncan.

Jeremy K. Shaull (BS'10), Lawton, and Rachel R. Finn exchanged wedding vows on June 12, 2010 at the First Baptist Church of Anadarko. He plans to pursue a career in the US Navy.



Ustad Sattar "Tari" Khan and Ruchira Bhattacharya were two of the entertainers for Cameron's annual India Night celebration, which is made possible by the Ajay and Shireen Bhargava Endowed Lectureships in India Studies and International Studies.

## FUTURE AMERON AGGIES

Cameron welcomes these future Aggies! If you would like a baby bib for your new arrival, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 580-581-2988.



Tyson Johnson is the 11-month-old grandson of Albert Johnson, Jr. (BA '79).



Cooper Russell Holland weighed in at 9 lb. 8 oz. on December 3, 2010. Parents are Jennifer Barnett Holland (BA '00, MBA '02) and Todd Holland (BA '99, MS '08).



Paisley Keys is the 16-month-old daughter of Crystal Keys (BS '06, MBA '09) and her husband James. They live in Lawton.

## Memoriam

#### Cameron Faculty, Staff and Friends

Minda Ellen Arkel, Lawton Robert L. Baca, Lawton Beatrice J. Ednie, Lawton Loyal Farmer, Lawton Ronald G. Goodman, Huber Heights, Ohio Melvin Keeney, Alva Rose S. Richardson, Lawton Billy J. Slusher, Lawton Arthur Smith, Lawton

#### Cameron Alumni

Eulice J. Babineaux, '60, Friendswood, Texas Robert L. Baca, '93, Lawton Carl P. Barker, '51, Weatherford, Texas Gussie Marie Blasdel Barnett, '45, Grandfield Col. (Ret.) Gerard P. Barrett, '76, Citronelle, Ark. Victor Charles Barton, '41, Apache Joseph L. Bauman, '59, Las Vegas, Nev. LoRita Ann Beeler, '00, Austin, Texas Charla J. Benson, '82, Orem, Utah Virginia Dare Besett-Anderson, '36, Sterling Betty Ann Copeland Bowie, Lawton Dodie Boyer, Walters Naomi G. Bradley, '94, Indiahoma John C. Burns, '52, Capitola, Calif. Carl Owen Cabbiness, '60, Norman Don Ray Cable, Fletcher Elana Delores Callen-Johnston, '93, Mountain Park Debora Campbell-Matos, Lawton Robert Evan Cannon, Lawton Barbara Y. Carlson, '79, Oklahoma City Audrey B. Carter, '74, Lawton Archie T. Chapel, '42, Bellevue, Wash. Robert Chappell, '68, Richmond, Va. Felicita "Fela" Christian, '83, Lawton Mary Pat Clark, Oklahoma City Delbert Lee Cline, '48, Fletcher Patrick D. Conner, '74, Morehead City, N.C. Mildred France 'Millie' Cooksey, '72, Lawton Karen Joyce Cooper, '91, Mangum Juan Bautista Cordero, '82, Lawton Jacquelyn Louise Corley, Altus James L. Cox, Lawton Charles Curtis Lee Cuthbertson, '62, Plymouth, Minn. Douglas Theodore Dankowski, Jr., Lawton Sammy Larue Thomas Deutschendorf, '55, Lawton Elwanda Dorton, '73, Randlett Patrick H. Duke, '59, Lawton

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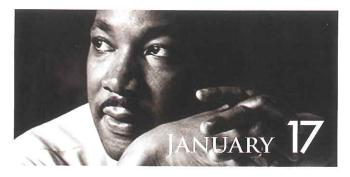
Carrie Leigh Miller, '97, Lawton

Sandra June Morales, Lawton

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#### Calendar of Events All dates and times are subject to change.



#### JANUARY

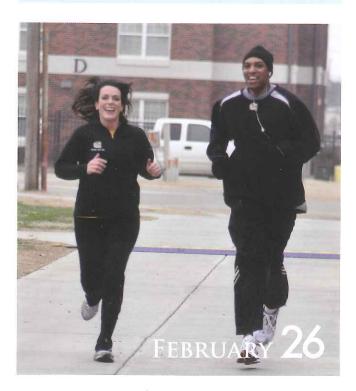
14 Magic Lantern Film Society presents silent double feature, "Sherlock Holmes, Junior" and "Speedy"

7:30 p.m. CETES Conference Center

17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration featuring Dr. Marc Lamont Hill

2 p.m. panel @ Shepler Center 6:30 p.m. banquet @ McCasland Ballroom

**24** Whang, York, Ranheim Trio in concert 7:30 p.m. University Theatre



#### FEBRUARY

4 CU@SC presents Hyunsoon Whang in concert

7:30 p.m. Simmons Center, Duncan

4 Magic Lantern Film Society presents "In the Heat of the Night"

7:30 p.m. CETES Conference Center

5 Miss Black CU Pageant

6:30 p.m. University Theatre

18 Magic Lantern Film Society presents "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House"

7:30 p.m. CETES Conference Center

22 Concert Choir/Centennial Singers in concert

7:30 p.m. University Theatre

22-26 Homecoming Week

24 Red River Career Expo

12:30 p.m. Fitness Center

25 CU Athletics Aggie Hall of Fame reception and banquet

5:30 p.m. McCasland Ballroom

25 Homecoming Bonfire and Pep Rally

8:30 p.m. Cameron Village

26 Aggie Fun Run

8 a.m. Fitness Center

**26 CUAA Family & Friends Awards** 

11 a.m. McCasland Ballroom

**26 Homecoming Tailgate Party** 

1 p.m. Adjacent to Aggie Gym

27 CU/Lawton Community Band concert

3 p.m. University Theatre

28 Cameron/Lawton Civic Symphony

7:30 p.m. University Theatre



For Aggie Athletics schedules, go to goaggies.cameron.edu.

#### 3 Cameron University Jazz Ensemble

7:30 p.m. University Theatre

#### 5 CU Saturday, Spring Preview Day

9 a.m. McCasland Ballroom

#### 14-20 Spring Break (no classes; offices remain open)

#### 25 Magic Lantern Film Society presents "Patton"

6:30 p.m. CETES Conference Center

#### 26 Senior Enrollment Day

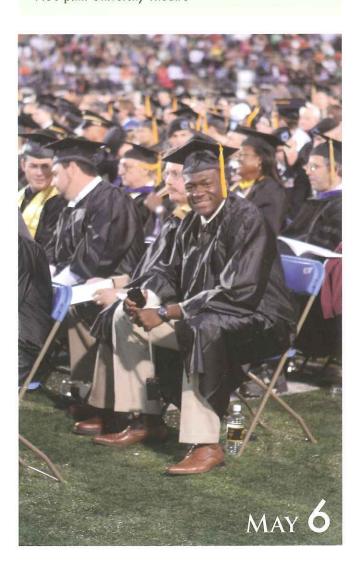
9 a.m. McCasland Ballroom

#### 29 CU Concert Band

7:30 p.m. University Theatre

#### 31 CU Percussion Ensemble

7:30 p.m. University Theatre





#### 1 CU@SC: Cameron University Percussion Ensemble

7:30 p.m. Simmons Center, Duncan

#### 8 Magic Lantern Film Society presents "The Gospel According to St. Matthew"

7:30 p.m. CETES Conference Center

#### 15 Visiting Writer's Series presents Craig Paulenich

7 p.m. CETES Conference Center

#### 19 Graduate Preview Night, Lawton

6 p.m. McCasland Ballroom

#### 21 Graduate Preview Night, Duncan

6 p.m. CU-Duncan

#### 21-24 "A Year with Frog and Toad"

Th-Fr-Sa @ 7:30 p.m., Su @ 2 p.m. University Theatre

#### 25 Athletic Awards Banquet

6 p.m. McCasland Ballroom

#### 26 CU Concert Choir/Centennial Singers

7:30 p.m. University Theatre

#### 28 CU Concert Band/77th Army Band

7:30 p.m. University Theatre

#### **6 Hooding Ceremony**

3 p.m. University Theatre

#### **6 Commencement**

7:30 p.m. Cameron Stadium

#### **7 ROTC Commissioning Ceremony**

McCasland Ballroom



#### THURSDAY. FEBRUARY 24

8 a.m. RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF BREAKFAST McCasland Ballroom

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 p.m. ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME RECEPTION McCasland Ballroom

6 p.m. ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME BANQUET\* McCasland Ballroom

8:30 p.m. BONFIRE AND PEP RALLY South of Cameron Village

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:30 a.m. AGGIE FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK Fitness Center/Aggie Mile

9:30 a.m. AGGIE FAMILY COFFEES McMahon Centennial Complex

II a.m. AGGIE FAMILY AND FRIENDS AWARDS BRUNCH\* McCasland Ballroom

12 p.m. ROTC REUNION Burch Hall

12:30 p.m. TAILGATE PARTY Adjacent to Aggie Gym Refreshments - Entertainment - Activities for all ages

#### 2 p.m. AGGIE BASKETBALLVS. UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA Aggie Gym

Crowning of King and Queen during halftime of men's game Recognition of 1961 Junior Rose Bowl Team Recognition of Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

7 p.m. 50 YEAR REUNION OF 1961 NATIONAL CHAMPION FOOTBALL TEAM\* CETES Conference Center

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## Aggie Insights Guest Essav



#### Leading Academic Health Through Tobacco Control

Thirty-four years ago, I would never have imagined that earning a Cameron University nursing degree would put me on a path for national leadership with tobacco control. The road signs for that path were clearly in place long before I ever thought about being a nurse. As the

first child in a military family stationed at Ft. Sill, it was normal for me to be the "little caregiver." I enjoyed cleaning the house, and even though I admired how pretty my mother looked when she smoked and was mesmerized by her long, slender fingers with beautifully manicured nails and how elegant she looked making smoke rings in the air, I despised the dirty ashtrays.

My father was an ugly smoker who hacked and coughed so much that at times he struggled to breathe. How vividly I remember him saluting his soldiers with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. Even more vivid is the irony of his field artillery command assignment to "save lives by putting out range fires" when he could not even save his own. I was 9 years old when my mother died of a brain tumor and 35 years old when my father died of metastatic lung cancer.

Jim Collins, author of *Good to Great and Built to Last*, reminds us that we cannot ignore blatant facts. For me, the tobacco facts are personal and powerful. More than 43 million individuals are addicted to tobacco, and over 450,000 lives per year are lost because of tobacco. I think of tobacco facts as what Collins describes as "ugly squiggly things under rocks." He emphasizes that great leaders do not put the rocks back down to cover up the squiggly things. Instead, they do something about it.

In 1976, I started "doing something about it" without even recognizing the impact on acute and critical care nursing practice. Whether as a Comanche County Memorial Hospital

emergency room nurse, a coronary care unit nurse or as house supervisor, the road signs were in place. Tobacco dependence contributed to heart attacks coming through the Emergency Room doors, prolonged hospitalizations from inability to wean off the ventilator and loss of work productivity from colleagues "calling in" or "taking smoke breaks."

Now three decades and a span of clinical and academic nursing leadership positions later, I am fortunate to continue working with premier nursing educators, researchers, clinicians and policy-makers to make a difference in the lives of tobacco-dependent patients, their families and academic communities.

Quitting tobacco use is the single most important thing anyone can do for his/her health and the health of others. There are essential components for successfully conquering a tobacco addiction. First and foremost, individuals must want to quit.

Second, a plan must be in place. Evidence-based quit plans are comprehensive and include strategies that address: (1) the emotional cycle (reasons for smoking, such as stress or pleasure) (2) behavior cycle (routines of smoking, such as the hand-to-mouth behavior) and (3) biological cycle (dopamine reward system from nicotine, such as the feel good response).

Third, the most successful tobacco cessation outcomes include both counseling and pharmacotherapy.

I am deeply proud of my alma mater for taking a bold and fearless stand for promoting health and wellness by becoming a tobacco-free campus in August, 2011. This is not only "the right thing to do" for Cameron faculty, students and staff but the Lawton/Fort Sill community as well. Cameron's commitment and focused efforts to eliminate tobacco use and reduce tobacco-related morbidity and mortality receives an A+ for leading academic health from this alum!

Janie Heath, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN, is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and E. Louise Grant Endowed Chair in Nursing at the Medical College of Georgia, School of Nursing. She is also Director of Clinical Operations at MCG's Tobacco Cessation Clinic.

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