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JIM BYERS: A True Pioneer in UE's Athletic History

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Jim Byers

The University of Evansville mourns the loss of one of the true pioneers in its athletic history – Jim Byers. Byers passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at the age of 79.

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Since retiring in 1997, Byers has been recognized and honored on many occasions. A group of Byers’s former football players created the James A. Byers Athletic Student Scholarship in 2000.

In February 2014, the Jim Byers Pathway to Excellence was dedicated in front of the Carson Center on the UE campus. Over 80 people donated to the project, which was unveiled to a surprised Coach Byers. Prior to the unveiling, Byers was unaware of the project. He was overwhelm by the announcement and the turnout of over 100 people on a cold February day.

In February 2016, he was honored at the Men’s Basketball game against Southern Illinois at the Ford Center in downtown Evansville. “Jim Byers Day” saw him recognized for 50 years of service to the University of Evansville. At the game, he was honored by Evansville mayor Lloyd Winnecke with a proclamation. He was also given a replica of his #33 jersey from the University of Michigan.

Prior to his time at Evansville, Byers was the head football coach at Princeton High School from 1959-62 before taking over at Boonville from 1962-65.

Byers earned three letters playing football at the University of Michigan where he played on both sides of the ball as a fullback and linebacker until graduating in 1959. He had a storied high school career at Evansville’s Reitz High School. His honors included being named a Scholastic Magazine All-American, All-Conference, All-State and All-AP. He was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in March 2001. Byers was a 1999 inductee into the UE Athletics Hall of Fame. He is survived by daughter Alison. His wife, Karel, passed away in 2011.

“His thoughts and prayers of everyone at the University of Evansville are with Coach Byers’s family and friends,” UE president Tom Kazee said. “His leadership helped the University through some of its toughest times and led us to new heights. The contributions he made in over 50 years at the University will live on forever.”

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It is tough to quantify the impact Coach Byers had on UE athletics,” Director of Athletics Mark Spencer said. “His drive and leadership was felt for decades and will be felt for decades to come. Coach was a great ambassador and represented the very best of the University of Evansville. He will be greatly missed.”

Byers’s former football players created the James A. Byers Athletic Student Scholarship in 2000. Contributions to the James A. Byers Athletic Student Scholarship can be made online at www.evansville.edu/give and selecting “Coach Jim Byers Scholarship Fund” in the drop down menu.
The University of Evansville may be 162 years old, but its spirit is young and ever evolving. The faculty at UE is well aware of the constantly changing nature of the “real world,” they’re preparing students to enter. At the same time, by working closely with prospective and current students, they’re adept at keeping a finger on the pulse of what students want and expect from their education with a wide range of fields of study, noted Pre-ministry advisor James Ware, UE professor of philosophy and religion. Explained that UE’s new pre-ministry track builds on UE’s already well-established academic strengths.

"The curriculum for the new program is grounded in classical statistical techniques while incorporating cutting-edge techniques and tools for dealing with Big Data," said Dave Dwyer, chair of the mathematics department at UE. "The courses are all project-driven, so students gain experience in working with real-world data not only through their internship experiences, but also through their course work."

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NEW PROGRAMS AT UE

While these are two very different programs, they each fit well into the mission of preparing students for a successful and meaningful life after graduation.

Statistics

"The digital revolution has created vast amounts of data. Extracting meaning from this avalanche of information is the goal of data science, a rapidly growing field that is revolutionizing marketing, education, and sports, as well as scientific fields such as genomics, neuroscience, and particle physics. "The curriculum for the new program is grounded in classical statistical techniques while incorporating cutting-edge techniques and tools for dealing with Big Data," said Dave Dwyer, chair of the mathematics department at UE. "The courses are all project-driven, so students gain experience in working with real-world data not only through their internship experiences, but also through their course work."

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Pre-ministry

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"Students in the program will receive an excellent liberal arts education with a wide range of fields of study." Ware said. "They will work closely with their pre-ministry advisor to plan a course of study that meets their goals and interests. Because of this flexibility, it is a great choice not only for those planning a career in ministry but also for students considering other career paths as well."

"The program will also provide practical experience in ministry that conforms to the recommendations of the Association of Theological Schools. Students will intern with local churches and para-church ministries. They will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience through participation in the annual UE Midwest Campus Festival of Young Preachers, service through the University’s New Chapel, and leadership in UE’s numerous campus ministries."

"Because of the excellence of their preparation in biblical study and biblical language study," added Ware, "our graduates regularly receive advanced standing in the seminary or theological school of their choice."
The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has reaffirmed the accreditation of the University of Evansville, with the next scheduled comprehensive evaluation in the 2025-26 academic year. No interim reports or monitoring are required during the 10-year cycle. After an intense four-year period of self-study and comprehensive internal evaluation, which culminated in documents describing the scope of UE’s mission and showing evidence of its quality, UE hosted a site visit with a HLC peer review team in February 2016. The site visit team reviewed UE’s reports and interviewed a cross-section of students, faculty, staff, administrators, members of the board, and Evansville community leaders to evaluate and verify the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the commission’s Criteria for Accreditation.

“Our reports detailed our strengths and areas that need attention, the value of UE for our students and for our community today, what we have learned from our past, and how we plan for the future and act to ensure that our graduates will continue to know how to live and work and serve in the world around them. It was an easy story to tell because of the fundamental strengths that we could point to in faculty-student connections, in leadership in global education, and in the good that UE brings to the Evansville community.”

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“For the committees working on the reports to demonstrate that UE meets the criteria, we wanted to honestly tell UE’s story,” said Mark Valenzuela, associate professor of civil engineering and chair of the HLC steering committee at UE. “Our reports detailed our strengths and areas that need attention, the value of UE for our students and for our community today, what we have learned from our past, and how we plan for the future and act to ensure that our graduates will continue to

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UE is immensely grateful for the hard work done internally to maintain an institution of great value and integrity. “Institutions of higher learning are challenged to document to an increasingly wary public and government – not to mention prospective students and parents – that student’s lives will be transformed by the time they spend in college,” said UE president, Tom Kuerzi. “HLC’s reaffirmation of accreditation is external validation of the quality of the University and our students, faculty, staff, and administrators. In the end, accreditation affirms what we already know – that UE degree matters in the lives of its students and alumni, now and into the future.”

Faculty PUBLISHED

Press


Katie Darby Mullins, assistant professor of creative writing: “The Meteoric Rise and Fall of Joe Sinclar and His Daughter” through BOAAT Press

Lora Becker, associate professor of psychology and director of the Neuroscience Program: “Neurological Toxicity of Carbon Nanotubes in Mice: Focus on Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor” in Toxicology and Industrial Health. She also published “Why so Angry? The new faces of gender politics” in Allure.


Mark Cirino, professor of English, Reading Hemingway’s Across the River and into the Trees (part of Kent State University Press’s “Reading Hemingway” series)


Krista Williams, assistant professor of French, “Know Your Oranges: Color Definition” on Munsell Color blog

Follow the University of Evansville on Facebook and Twitter for regular posts about faculty publications!
The University of Evansville is the proud home to 14 Purple Aces Division I athletic teams. Competing at this level is certainly a challenge as student-athletes must balance training their bodies for sport and training their minds with the rigorous academic curriculum for which UE is known. Read on to meet some of the student-athletes who represent UE across the midwest.

In her four years at the University of Evansville, swimmer ABBY SMITH ’16 was able to accomplish what most don’t attempt in a lifetime. From All-Conference swimmer to Elite 18 winner to Goldwater Scholarship recipient, Smith has been successful with everything she has done. This kind of success is won through great amount of effort. A professional chemistry major, Smith balanced her course work with a hectic swim schedule. She attributes this success to her UE family: faculty, coaches, classmates, and teammates.

“I have received so much support at UE from my professors and coaches; everyone has been very understanding about my schedule and have been willing to work with me,” Smith said. “I have Skyped into classes, recorded lectures, took extensive notes, and switched practices around in order to be able to make it all work.”

Smith’s work at UE was important and far-reaching. It may even have a direct impact on you or someone you know. Part of her focus was on smart therapeutics in the fight against cancer. Typical chemotherapy kills both healthy and cancer cells, but her research focused on a treatment designed to kill only cancer cells.

“This is a project that Dr. Andy Lampkins [professor of chemistry] has been working on since before my arrival,” Smith explained. “He began teaching here in 2013 and trained a few others prior to me. The first two years, I worked alone on the project, but three others have since joined and are trained to work on it when I leave.” Projects like this show the quality of students at the University of Evansville.

Aside from her work in the chemistry lab, she also had a stellar swimming career. She was an All-Conference swimmer in 2015 and earned the MVC Elite 18 Award. The award was given to the performer with the highest GPA who met a certain athletic threshold.

Smith graduated from UE in May 2016 and will now go on to Vanderbilt University to work toward her PhD in organic chemistry.

Smith took some time to reflect on her journey at the University of Evansville. “I will definitely miss everything at UE, it has been a great four years,” she said. “I will always be able to swim, but you can never replicate the team experience. After being here for four years, this team has turned into a family.”

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“From lifting extra weights and running after practice to doing extra reading in the classroom, I have always tried to go above and beyond what is expected.”
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Many of us are born with a competitive attitude. But for Men’s Basketball center DAVID HOWARD, he had to develop that edge over time, driven by his professional football coach father. Growing up, Howard moved around with stops in Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Louisiana, Florida, and Tennessee. His latest stop – Evansville, Indiana – has been one of the most rewarding.

“Academics have always been important to my family and myself. I went to a private high school, and the academics were very rigorous and challenging,” Howard explained. “It prepared me for tough academic standards; my GPA was very rigorous and challenging,” Howard explained. “It prepared me for tough academic standards; my GPA was very rigorous and challenging,” Howard explained. “It prepared me for tough academic standards; my GPA was very rigorous and challenging.”

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Taking on the Challenge
DAVID HOWARD

What do softball, swimming, and special education all have in common? DANIELLE FREEMAN.

Freeman is a rising senior at UE studying special education. She is also a standout student-athlete as a member of both the softball team and swimming and diving teams.

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It was love at first sight for ALLIE ARGUELLO ’16 and the University of Evansville, and after enjoying both a decorated career on the soccer field and in the classroom, the Las Vegas native left UE this May with a degree in hand and plans for medical school in the future.

“When I visited UE, I wasn’t sure about where I was going to go to college,” Arguello said. “Then I fell in love with the campus and got to know the girls on the team. I just had a feeling that I could do well here.”

Her feeling turned out to be correct. In trying to get me caught up.”

It’s a pretty small department here, and all the teachers know me by my first name,” Arguello said. “They took a personal interest in me and my team. I would see them coming to my games, and if I ever had to miss a class, they were super helpful in trying to get me caught up.”

This supportive environment is not found at other institutions.

“I’ve talked to some of my friends who played at bigger schools, and they have classes of 200 people. The teachers don’t really know them, and sometimes it’s hard for them to just walk into the teacher’s office to try and make up for missed time.”

Arguello also took advantage of the biology department’s networking program, highlighted by a trip to Alabama, where she helped two distinguished UE alumni with research in the physiology labs at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. She also participated in an international research conference in Boston that was attended by more than 20,000 people.

Back on the field, Arguello’s achievements resonated around the Missouri Valley Conference. She twice won the MVC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence award, while also capping her career with an all-conference award. For her career, she played in nearly 70 matches, starting in all but four over her final three seasons.

Now, after graduation, Arguello is set to attend the University of Nevada School of Medicine in fall 2016. “I’ve loved living in Evansville the past four years, but it’s going to be nice to be close to my family again,” Arguello said. “I know that I want to specialize in something, but right now, my options are open. I like surgery and emergency medicine too. I’m excited to get started.”

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A Good Feeling Leads to a Bright Future

ALLIE ARGUELLO ’16

It is a long way to Evansville, Indiana, from San Antonio, Texas. Especially when you are leaving home for the first time to attend college. For twins PRESCOTT and KEYSTONE MARCY, the move was a lot easier by having each other along for the ride.

The brothers are members of the Purple Aces swimming and diving team and depended on fellow Texans to make the trip to Evansville. Prescott joined the squad in the fall of 2014 while Keystone came a year later.

“Our interest began when talking to our friends in San Antonio,” Prescott said. “Andrew Cotton and Will Glasscock were interested in UE, and it became a chain reaction. Both of them received offers to attend UE and told us how good of a place it was, and it immediately sparked our interest.”

Having spent their whole lives together to that point, they split up with Prescott heading to Evansville while Keystone spent a year at community college in Texas. “Being apart for a year was much harder on me than on Prescott,” Keystone explained. “But being on my own for a year gave me a chance to really come out of my shell and be my own person.”

Even so, Keystone felt that something was missing during his year at community college. When he realized that what was missing was his career in the pool, he got in touch with UE head coach Rickey Perkins and received an offer a few weeks later.

Prescott played a big role in Keystone’s decision to attend UE. “We have a great relationship with our mom and keep in touch with her every day,” Prescott said. “Everything I told her about UE, she went on to tell Keystone, and he really got excited to make the move.”

In the fall of 2015, Keystone began swimming for the Aces and has never regretted the decision. Now that they are on the same team, they are able to still remain close, yet each leads his own life outside of the pool. They know they are there to depend on each other when needed, but doing their own thing also allows for some independence. Both are excited to continue their careers with the program and know they are in good hands.

“Mom was so happy to see how good Prescott was doing at UE and got to enjoy that all over again a year later,” Keystone commented. “She knows Rickey and [assistant coach Andy Brown ’05] very well and is happy with their program. We are so excited and thankful for this experience.”

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Family Connection, Individual Experience

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— Jonathan Ramon

When playing a sport that features nearly 60 games a season, excelling in the classroom can often be quite a challenge. Standout baseball player JONATHAN RAMON accepted that challenge and knocked it out of the park both in the classroom and on the diamond. Ramon, who came to UE from Jackson Heights, New York, was looking to escape the bustling nature of the New York City area when he set out for Indiana, and it’s a move he felt like he had to make in order to succeed.

“UE fit exactly what I was looking for coming out of high school,” Ramon said. “I went through a private school program back in New York, so I liked the idea of staying with a smaller school. My parents are very big on academics, and with the small classes at UE, I think it was the perfect fit for me.”

The familiarity brought on by the small class sizes certainly played a big role in helping Ramon handle the rigors of a busy spring season when the baseball team may play as many as five games in a week. “Although they didn’t have to, my teachers were there to help me when schedule conflicts came up,” Ramon said. “They helped me a great deal with tutoring sessions, homework sessions, and re-scheduling exams. There were some times when it was hard, but that was still a good thing because it forced me to improve my time management skills.”

While Ramon was an impressive student-athlete in each of his four years, his senior year was particularly notable. A recipient of UE’s James A. Byers Student Scholarship, which is designed to reward athletes that have developed a reputation for giving extra effort and showing outstanding leadership, the third baseman raised his level of play for his final campaign on the field. He played through much of the season despite an injury, posting a career-best batting average of .308 on the way to becoming the first Aces hitter to hit .300 since 1989. Ramon was the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and top pick in the MLB Draft.

“I received a great opportunity from athletic director Jim Byers to be the head coach for UE Baseball in 1979,” Brownlee explained. “When I got here, it was a tough situation. We had five tuition waivers and a budget of $35,000.”

In typical Jim Brownlee fashion, he got to work. “Seeing where the program has come since then is amazing.”

His 23-year journey featured 16 winning seasons and was highlighted by a 44-20 record in 1988 where the Purple Aces defeated top-ranked Arizona in the NCAA Tournament while pitcher Andy Benes was the NCAA Player of the Year and top pick in the MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres.

His crowning achievement with the program was the building of Braun Stadium. It is a special place that showed just how far the program came.

After leaving the program, Brownlee coached at his alma mater, Illinois State, for seven seasons and finished his career with an amazing 854 victories. He retired in 2009, but a unique situation came up for him four years later.

“In 2013, my son Ryan was on the staff at Iowa, and I followed his first few years there very closely. In December of 2012, Ryan got a head coaching job at Western Illinois, and Iowa’s pitching coach also left with him,” Brownlee explained. “Iowa went on to hire a hitting coach and a young pitching coach, but he quit that January. The head coach, Jack Dalm, who I knew very well, asked if I would be interim pitching coach for six months. I did it as a favor.”

Brownlee called it an amazing experience, as he was able to live with his son’s family and be around his grandchildren for a few months. Since then, he has returned to the Bloomington/Normal, Illinois, area where his wife is set to retire this year. He is also close to both of his sons and all four of his grandchildren.

“I get to play a lot more golf in retirement than in coaching,” he said. “My wife is set to retire this year, and we look forward to spending our winters in Florida. We will always call Evansville home, it is a family-oriented place and does all of the right things.”
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UE MAGAZINE

Harlaxton Room Stained Glass Dedication
September 28, 2015
- Schroeder Family School of Business Administration Building
- Suzanne Kingsley, Sue Morrison ’73 M’74, artist and member of Harlaxton’s first class; and Gordon Kingsley, former principal

Gift of Scholarship Dinner
April 12, 2016

Dinner
April 12, 2016

Mid ’90s Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Reunion
July 2, 2016

UEAAA Class of 2016 Pinning Ceremony
April 16, 2016

Softball Alumnae Reunion
April 9, 2016

ISU Basketball Pre-game Event
January 24, 2016 • Terre Haute, Indiana

UE Alumni Association Award Recipients (l-r):
- Laura Bertorello, Edie Bates Volunteer Service Award (awarded posthumously to Dave Bertorello ’89)
- Joyce Bowles ’64, Distinguished Alumna Award
- Jack Barner, Samuel Orr Honorary Alumnus Award

1976 and 2006 Conference Champions Baseball Reunion
April 9, 2016

Choir in Chicago
February 26, 2016
University Choir in Chicago, Illinois
Dennis Malfatti (left) with alumnus IBK Araoye ’12

Top: Lance Willerson presents the Heart of UE Award to Don Apple ’83; Bob M ’67 and Judy ’67 Wargel named Donors of the Year

Love at UE Vows Renewal
Neu Chapel • April 2, 2016

UE and Harlaxton Alumni Dinner
June 25, 2016 • Frankfurt, Germany

Distinguished Alumna Recipient, Joyce Bowles ’64 surrounded by her nursing classmates

Holly Marks ’83 and Anita Rizek ’89 honored Dave Bertorello’s memory and service to UE, presenting him as the Edie Bates Volunteer Service Award recipient.

Chi Omegas in New York City
April 2016

Founders Day
February 21, 2016

GET CONNECTED

STAY CONNECTED
At the national convention of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association (AEMA) in June 2016, Daryl Burnett '76 was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for 38 years as a member, his work as an editor of the AEMA Journal, and 25 years as a certified athletic equipment manager. 12

Vicki Snyder '76, M'76 is now Evansville's Signature Professor of Nursing. She was the founding principal and executive director for Signature School from 2000 to 2012. 13

Mary Brooke Cassady '75, Hartford College Class of 1975, author of the Bluebonnet Series, published her latest book, Blubonnet of Texas, while at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her book focuses on the history and natural habitat of the Bluebonnet. 14

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She has been named a Super Lawyer in the 2016 edition of Indiana Super Lawyers. She has more than 33 years of experience in matters involving children, adolescent, construction projects, mega-industrial and headquarters real estate development, condemnation, property tax appraisals, eminent domain, and landlord and tenant legal actions. 17


Ron Ruminer '63 is a former Evansville Vanderburgh Decatur Municipal Band. He began his career teaching the clarinet with the Decatur Municipal Band. His private practice in Charlotte, NC, was a driving force in the South for 36 years. 19

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Faculty and Staff Update

Sociologist, Mauria G. Robinson ’83 has released her sec- ond book, Indicators After Bio- bie Oustace. The new book explores the direct correlation between meaningful employment and preventing social unrest. She explores how employment plays a crit- ical role within the context of social order. The book is avail- able for purchase at Amazon.com, cnn.com, and Barnes and Noble. [9]

Mary (Oster) Kauder ’84 was named dean of the College of Education and Health Science at the University of Evansville. She has been with UE since 1999, during which she served as a faculty member and 17 years as chair of the Depart- ment of Physical Therapy. Dene Moser ’84 was pro- moted to principal at Wind Dancer Film. Moser has been a member of the executive team at Wind Dancer Films for more than 15 years, previously serving as vice pres- ident and producer. She is a sought-after producer of inde- pendent films and has directed many of the largest corpora- tions in the Midwest with wind-driven networking solutions. He is proud to announce that his son Jacob is currently enrolled in the UE School of Engineering pursuing an elec- trical engineering degree. Jacob is the third generation in his family.

Michelle Bomb ’85 has been selected to receive the 2016 Kennedy Center Medalion from Region III of the Ken- nedy Center American Col- lege Theater Festival (KACTF). This medal honors individuals or organiza- tions that have made pro- nomenal additions to the teaching and producing of theater and how compellingly devoted their time, creativity, and passion to the develop- ment of the KACTF. Bombe began her involvement with the Southern Illinois AIDS Coalition while still an undergraduate at UE, travel- ing and attending about 100 collegiate theater produc- tions. Bombe has been the director of theater at Hope College since 1991. After 17 years with Cisco Systems as a territory sales engineer, Dan Owen ’86 recently moved into a new internal consulting role focus- ing on many of the largest corpora- tions in the Midwest with wind-driven networking solutions.

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Mary Sykora ’87 M’99, UE’s head basketball coach, was among the 21 finalists for the 2016 Hugh Durham Award for her outstanding contributions to basketball. Sykora was the 1989 Horizon League Coach of the Year and has been named to the Horizon League’s All-Decade Team. She has guided UE to three NCAA Division I Tournament appearances and a regular season conference championship.

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Shawn Dobbs ’95 is the development and public rela- tions director of the Inland Northwest Lighthouse, manufacturer and assembler of products for the government and military. Over 95 percent of the nonprofit’s manufacture- working workforce is blind. Upon leaving UE, Dobbs earned a master’s degree in Indiana University in social work. He worked as a counselor for peo- ple dealing with sexual orientation and last was sent to the Indiana School for the Blind, where he was a counselor and coach in track and field. He worked at the Church Federa- tion for Greater Indianapolis, where he helped create a pro- gram to combat homelessness, and at Bosma Enterprises, where he assisted people who are blind, where he was a counselor and had other duties. He also served as president of the Northwest Spokane Kiwanis Club.

Andy Ellens ’95 has been named the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame’s 2016 Silver Anniversary Team. Ellens was the starting center for the 2016 Hugh Durham Award winner, and has been named to the Horizon League’s All-Decade Team. He has guided UE to three NCAA Division I Tournament appearances and a regular season conference championship.

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Rob Karma Robinson ‘03 had great reviews for his performance as Satchel Paige in the St. Louis Repertory Theatre’s production of Satchel and the Kansas City Swing. Robinson captures Paige’s mischievous humor and the surface of his genial demeanor.

AMELIA TAMASI ELLENSTEIN ’99

FAVORITE UE MEMORIES:

Adam: I had the honor of being the Purple Ace mascot for football and soccer!

Amelia: This is a difficult question to answer! But, by far, my favorite memories were made as an orientation leader. From mentoring new students to establishing unique friendships that made a lasting impression on me, being an OL was a meaningful experience and the resilient memories were made as an orientation leader. From mentoring new students to establishing unique friendships that made a lasting impression on me, being an OL was a meaningful experience and the resilient memories were made as an orientation leader. From mentoring new students to establishing unique friendships that made a lasting impression on me, being an OL was a meaningful experience and the resilient memories were made as an orientation leader. From mentoring new students to establishing unique friendships that made a lasting impression on me, being an OL was a meaningful experience and the resilient memories were made as an orientation leader. 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THEIR LATEST ADVENTURE: VictorySwim105 is an official Guinness World Records Attempt on Okanagan Lake, BC, Canada. On July 25-26, Adam will attempt the fastest non-stop swim of Okanagan Lake by swimming the entire length of the lake, 105km (65 miles), north to south from Vernon to Penticton. We estimate the swim will take 40 hours of non-stop swimming. To put this into perspective: 123 people in the world have swam more than 24 hours. In the world, 2 people have swam more than 105km. This will be the longest swim on Canadian record. The swim holds special meaning for our family. While the attempt is for a Guinness World Record, we would consider that reason enough to make the swim, the true meaning behind the swim is to raise awareness and support for those with Parkinson’s in partnership with the Davis Phinney Foundation: davisphinneyfoundation.com.

In the fall of 2015, Adam’s aunt Susan was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, and Adam will be swimming in her honor. In fact (and to her own amazement!), Susan will even be swimming alongside Adam for a portion of the swim!
Elin Willems '08 made her Broadway debut as Mercy Lewis in The Crucible, by Arthur Miller.

Kevin Brittain ’99, technical specialist, Idaho Canners SRODUCTIONERIAL, has been recognized as one of the Year of Vanderburgh County, Ind. Along with teaching fourth grade, Brittain is also the Parent Teacher Association president. 121

Tyler Smoot ’88 married Stacey Clason ’09 in September. Smoot, a 2009 graduate, was among the attendees: Evan Copeland ’09, Samantha Dozier ’09, Ray Garrett ’09, Nathan Nordyke ’08, Lauren Pistorick ’09, and Nicole Spie ’08. 120

Eric Wilhelmi ’08 made her Broadway debut as Mercy Lewis in The Crucible, by Arthur Miller.

Nicole Lodewyk ’11 accepted the position of financial aid counselor at University of Notre Dame.

At the 50th Grand Chapter Congress of Delta Sigma Pi in August 2015, Ales Wernick ’11 was elected Demon Mountain Region vice president, a two-year position that encompasses Arizona, New Mexico, Las Vegas, and El Paso areas. She oversaw development and operational standards for collegiate and alumni members of eight chapters. She and her nationally-decided-volunteer parents plan regional and national events for the Western Provinces.

Ryan ’12 and Hilary (Fisher) ’13 Cramer recently moved to Indianapolis to take on new full-time positions. Ryan works at Pacers Sports and Entertainment under the title of Fever Group events specialist. He provides families, corporate groups, nonprofits, and basketball organizations once-in-a-lifetime experiences at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Hilary works as a music therapist for the disabled at the nonprofit Noble. They celebrated their second wedding anniversary in April 2016.

“Both discussed our UE experience and commented about the unlikeliness of meeting in a small restaurant in Switzerland. But then we discovered our paths had been crossed earlier. When the Missouri Valley last held their conference women’s tournament at Drake a few years back, Joel’s girlfriend and now wife, Kate (Batey) Melby ’09, was playing for the Aces. After the tournament, Michele and I hosted a reception at nearby restaurant for the Lady Aces, staff, and alumni. He remembered attending! So it is not just Harlaxton students that meet up in Europe. The Aces may show up anywhere!”

— Ed Brown ’80

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Contact alumni@evansville.edu or 812-488-2586 to be added to the mailing list.

You never know where you might meet a fellow Ace!
Harlaxton Alumni Trip
UE’s Annual Day of Giving
Pep and Vim,
Philanthropy Week
MARCH 27 - 31
Martin Luther King Jr. 2017

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

LinCs Online

Thanks to a donation from an alumnus, UE’s Library has worked with the internet Archive to digitize 30 editions of LinCs, UE’s yearbook. These are now available to you online.

Take a look at www.evansville.edu/alumni/linCsAndHistory.cfm.

Pictured (left to right): Brugh House, Emily Darnell, and Taylor Nomicus
Spring 2016 graduates Ian Murrell, Payton Judd, and Laura Silvestain competed for the 38th annual Gumberts Award Competition in music. Laura Silvestain Murrell, Payton Judd, and Payton Judd, (left to right): Pictured were named a 2016 Missouri Valentine Conference postgrad of their collegiate career.

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Thursday, October 13
7:00 p.m.
Patricia H. Snyder Concert and Lecture Series Featuring Dr. Bennett Omalu

Friday, October 14
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
University Bookstore Open
15% discount on sportswear and other fan items to all alumni all weekend!
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Harlaxton Society Board Luncheon and Meeting
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Homecoming Headquarters Open
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Science Student Poster Exhibits
3:00 p.m.
Class of 1966 Coffee Chat with Faculty
3:00 p.m.
Dr. Guy Banta Distinguished Lecture Series
Jason Pat 97
The Causes and Costs of Constant Neural Activity
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Reception for Natural Science and Mathematics Students, Faculty, Alumni, and Guests
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Class of 1966 Social
6:00 p.m.
Chi Omega Alumnae Reception

Saturday, October 15
8:00 a.m. - Noon
Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics Advisory Council Meeting
9:00 a.m.
The Ace Race Presented by Ace CARE
5K fun run on campus to support Ace CARE, UE’s pro bono PT clinic run by UE Doctor of Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistant students.
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Homecoming Headquarters Open
9:30 a.m.
Campus Tour
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Chi Omega Suite Open House
10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Harlaxton College 45th Anniversary Presentations
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Lambda Chi Alpha Brunch and Open House
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
University Bookstore Hours
15% discount on sportswear and other fan items to all alumni all weekend
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Class of 1966 50th Reunion Luncheon

Sunday, October 16
9:00 a.m.
Mass Neu Chapel
11:00 a.m. - Noon
University Worship Service
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
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