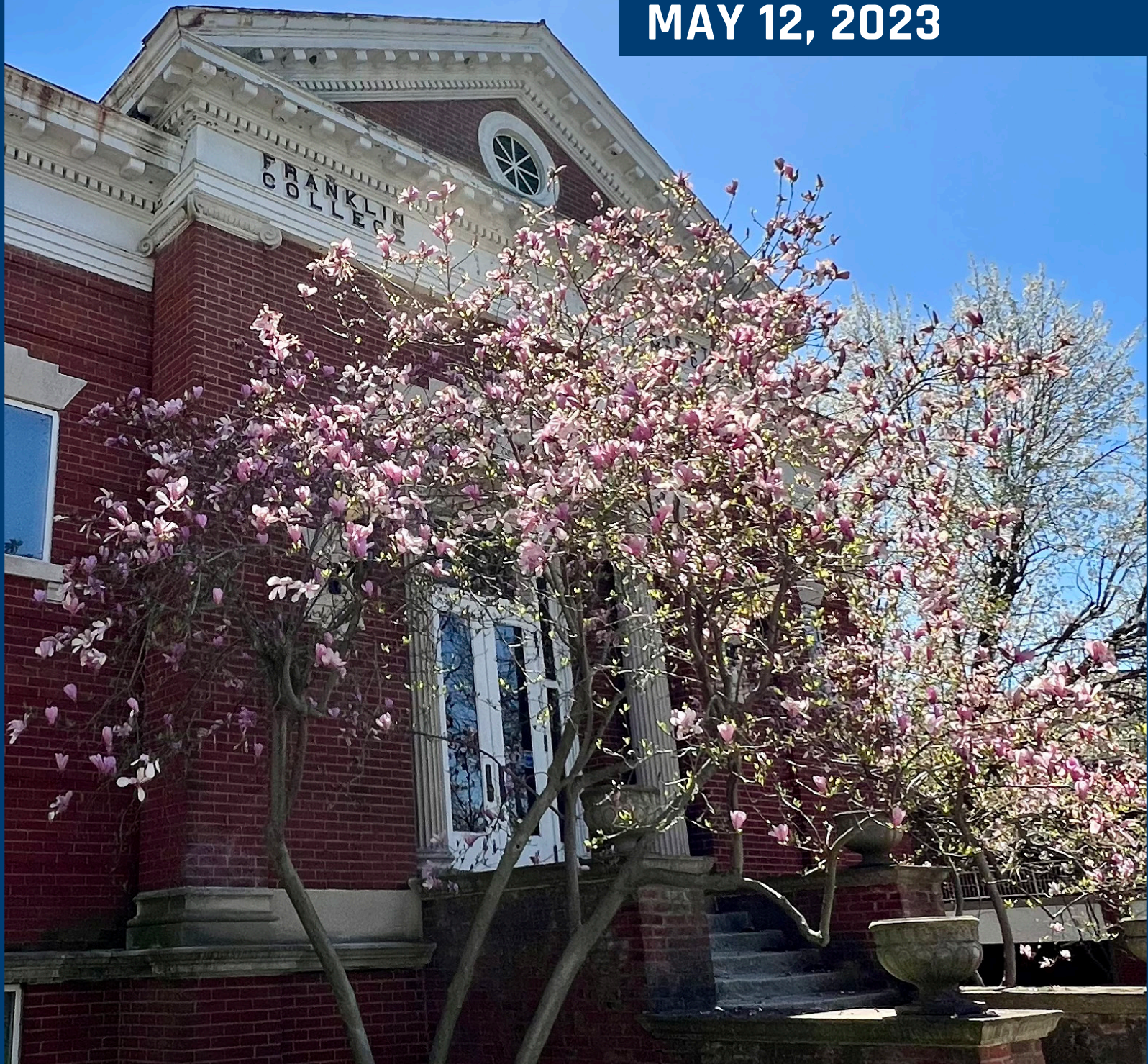


RECOGNITION DINNER

MAY 12, 2023



**FRANKLIN
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Pulliam School of Journalism

WELCOME

John Krull '81

Director, Pulliam School of Journalism

Publisher, TheStatehouseFile.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students

Publisher, The Franklin and TheFranklinNews.com

INVOCATION

Erica Irish '21

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

John Krull '81

STUDENT MEDIA AWARDS

TheStatehouseFile.com

Colleen Steffen '94, executive editor

The Franklin and TheFranklinNews.com

Ryan Gunterman, faculty adviser

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

John Krull '81

RETIREE RECOGNITION

These individuals have made immense contributions to Franklin College's Pulliam School of Journalism and its students. A former student will pay tribute to each retiree.

Prof. Hank Nuwer by **Eric Bradner '09**

Dr. Ray Begovich by **Noelle (Steele) Russell '06**

Executive Editor Janet Williams by **Emily Ketterer '21**

Administrative Assistant Cindy Reese by **Julie (Crothers) Beer '11**

Assistant Director Ann Barton by **Curt Cavin '94**

Prof. Joel Cramer by **Deborah (Hill) Davis '86**

PSJ SENIOR RECOGNITION

OUTSTANDING PR PORTFOLIO AWARD

PR WRITER'S AWARD

JASON KUHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jason D. Kuhn '97 touched the lives of many students, faculty and staff during his undergraduate studies at Franklin College through his friendly demeanor and genuine compassion for others. Kuhn was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and advertising/public relations major while at Franklin. Unfortunately, Kuhn lost his life in a two-year battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma Feb. 9, 1999, at the age of 24. This scholarship, in his memory, is to be an inspirational influence to others in all aspects of life — academic, social and professional.

2021 — Tabby Fitzgerald

2022 — Tabby Fitzgerald

DAMARIS KNOBE ENDOWED JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship was established in 1928 via bequest of Damaris Knobe, graduate of Franklin College. A fund provided by the bequest of Bertha Damaris Knobe, class of 1891, is used annually for a prize in creative writing and related areas. Bertha was the first society editor of The Franklin Star. She was a reporter for The Chicago Tribune and eventually did magazine writing. She moved from Chicago to New York, where she did freelance magazine work, primarily on the rights of women. She wrote a book, "The Ancestry of Grafton Johnson," who was the financier of Greenwood, Indiana.

2020 — Erica Irish, Emily Ketterer

2021 — Ariana Lovitt

2022 — Ashlyn Myers

THE JERRY MILLER AWARD

Criteria for this scholarship, established by students, colleagues and friends of Professor Emeritus Jerry Miller, are reflective of the qualities and character of Professor Emeritus Miller throughout his tenure as a journalist, author and professor. The award recipient shall embody these qualities: *demonstrates commitment to student and/or freelance media on or off campus; accepts and completes assignments respectful of deadlines; exhibits commitment to a spirit of camaraderie and goodwill toward fellow students, faculty, staff and all those they encounter; embodies a commitment to diversity, inclusion, social justice and equality, values of key importance to Professor Emeritus Miller; brings a sense of humor in approaching day-to-day life and work.*

These criteria emphasize the aspects of a communications expert who can inspire and hold the trust and respect of their colleagues just as Professor Emeritus Miller did throughout his career. As Professor Emeritus Miller demonstrated through his work, his teaching and his life, being “present” in the lives of others and offering your best self in instruction, support and encouragement is an essential human quality worthy of his name.

2020 — Victoria Ratliff

2022 — Isaac Gleitz

TONYA LEE SCHOLARSHIP

Established by friends and family of **Tonya Lee**, this scholarship commemorates the life of Tonya Lee, a 1995 graduate of Franklin College. Tonya’s life on campus fully embodied all the positive elements of involvement in a liberal arts education. She achieved an excellent academic record and assumed positions of campus leadership. Upon graduation, Tonya became an effective ambassador for Franklin College as an admissions counselor. She brought energy, enthusiasm, and humor to all of her endeavors. The Tonya Lee Scholarship establishes a permanent memorial for a model college student, friend, and colleague.

2020 — Hope Shrum

2021 — Alexa Shrake

2022 — Alexa Shrake

SCOTT ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The scholarship honors **Scott Alexander**, a 1951 Franklin College graduate who was publisher of The Daily Journal at the time of his death, March 4, 1987. Alexander was publisher and founding editor of The Daily Journal, which first was published on July 22, 1963. He was a journalist for more than 36 years. During his years as editor, he wrote a daily column, “County Editor,” which chronicled the lives of residents of Johnson County. Named general manager of The Daily Journal in 1974 and then publisher in 1984, he began his career as a sports editor and general assignment reporter for The Evening Republican, now The Republic, a sister newspaper of The Daily Journal in Columbus. He was named editor of the Columbus newspaper in 1961. Alexander served on the Franklin College Alumni Council for 12 years and as president of the alumni association. He was active on the Franklin College campus as a student.

2020 — Taylor Wooten

2021 — Hope Shrum

2022 — Sydney Byerly, Zachary Roberts

MARILYN A. LEAP STUDENT FUND FOR THE PULLIAM SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

The Marilyn A. Leap Student Fund for the Pulliam School of Journalism at Franklin College serves to recognize the gracious service to others of Marilyn A. Leap, a longtime Franklin College employee who died Sept. 1, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Leap served on the Franklin College Board of Communications Oversight until shortly before her death; her commitment to Franklin College and the FC family was always from her heart.

2021 — Carolina Puga Mendoza

2022 — Zayne Spangler

ROBERT AND ALBERTA CHUPP AWARD

The **Robert and Alberta Chupp** Award will be presented to the graduating journalism senior who, in the judgment of the faculty, exemplifies excellence in the field of mass media and plans to pursue a career in that field. Robert Chupp, class of '36, was professor emeritus of journalism at FC, where he worked and taught from 1949 until his retirement in 1980. From 1949 to 1980, he also served as executive secretary of the Indiana High School Press Association, the longest tenure in the association's history. Alberta Chupp, who also attended FC, was active in college-related and community organizations.

2020 — Quinn Fitzgerald, Braden Smith, Shelby Tays

2021 — Victoria Ratliff

2022 — Hope Shrum

HARVEY C. JACOBS AWARD

Harvey C. Jacobs touched many lives and institutions as editor, journalist, author, professor, academic administrator, public relations officer, mentor, husband, parent and friend. Wherever he was, be it New Mexico State University or Rotary International or The Indianapolis News, he embodied and espoused the best of Hoosier values. He loved Franklin College, serving his alma mater variously over a lifetime as director of public relations, alumni affairs, admissions, budgeting, presidential assistant or advisor, professor, chairman of the journalism department, executive director of the Indiana High School Press Association, trustee and, in retirement, distinguished editor in residence and adjunct professor. As the "headline" on his tombstone accurately communicates, "He gave us a good read." It is to encourage such excellence, leadership and service for generations to come that the endowed Harvey C. Jacobs Journalism Award is established by his colleagues, friends, students and admirers.

2020 — Quinn Fitzgerald, Abrahm Hurt

2021 — Erica Irish, Emily Ketterer

2022 — Taylor Wooten

CLOSING REMARKS

John Krull '81

FACULTY

Joel E. Cramer, professor of journalism and PSJ department chair

John Krull '81, professor of journalism; PSJ director; publisher of TheStatehouseFile.com, The Franklin and TheFranklinNews.com

Scott McDaniel, assistant professor of journalism

FACULTY EMERITI

Dr. Raymond S. Begovich, professor emeritus of journalism

William A Bridges '56, professor emeritus of journalism

Dennis A. Cripe, professor emeritus of journalism

Susan B. Fleck, professor emerita of journalism

Henry J. (Hank) Nuwer, professor emeritus of journalism

STAFF

Ryan Gunterman, executive director, Indiana High School Press Association; adviser, The Franklin and TheFranklinNews.com

Joseph Morris, academic administrative assistant

Colleen Steffen '94, executive editor, TheStatehouseFile.com

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Luke Bosso '08, lecturer of journalism

Eric Bradner '09, lecturer of journalism

Curt Cavin '87, lecturer of journalism

Linsey Davis, professional in residence

Deana Haworth '99, lecturer of journalism

Kevin Morgan, associate editor, TheStatehouseFile.com

Marilyn Odendahl, associate editor, TheStatehouseFile.com

Dr. Jim Parham, lecturer of journalism

GRADUATING CLASS PROFILES

2022-2023 SENIORS



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MADDIE ALEXANDER

Franklin, Indiana

Major: Multimedia Journalism

Minor: Public Relations

Internships/Immersion: TheStatehouseFile.com (Spring '22) • Franklin College Social Media (Spring '23)

Student Media: The Franklin • The Franklin Newscast

Special Recognition: Franklin College Women's Soccer Sportsmanship Award (Spring '23)

Post-Graduation Plans: Social media influencer

COLIN BARTON

Greenwood, Indiana

Majors: Public Relations, Religious Studies

Internships/Immersion: Johnson County History Museum Public Relations Intern (Winter '23)

Post-Graduation Plans: Become a teacher and continue as a dive coach for Whiteland Community High School

TABATHA FITZGERALD

Indianapolis, Indiana

Majors: Multimedia Journalism, Public Relations

Internships/Immersion: TheStatehouseFile.com (Summer '20, '21, '22 & Fall '22) • CICOA (Summer '21) • SpringHill (Summer '22)

Student Media: The Franklin (Fall '19 through Spring '22)

Special Recognition: President's List (Fall '21 through Fall '22) • 2021 Thomas Keating Feature Writing Competition Finalist • Dean's List (Spring '20 through Spring '21) • Indiana Collegiate Press Association (Third Place News Magazine Single Issue, Third Place Use of Social Media, Second Place Overall Website) • Indiana Society of Professional Journalists (First Place Best Use of Social Media)

Post-Graduation Plans: Media and Marketing Coordinator at Emmanuel Church in Greenwood, Indiana

JOSEPH ADAM FREY

Bloomington, Indiana

Major: Sports Communication

Internships/Immersion: Coaching College Football (Winter & Spring '23)

Post-Graduation Plans: College football coach

ISAAC GLEITZ

Corydon, Indiana

Major: Multimedia Journalism

Minor: Spanish

Internships/Immersion: Dycus Vision Video Intern (Summer '21) • Indy Monthly Magazine Editorial Intern (Fall '21) • ZeroWasteBCN Communications Intern (Summer of '22)

Student Media: The Franklin (Fall '19 through Spring '23) • TheStatehouseFile.com (Summer '20, Winter '21, Spring '22) • The Franklin Newscast (Fall '21)

Study Abroad: Costa Rica (Winter '20) • Barcelona, Spain (Summer '21) • Guatemala (Winter '23)

Special Recognition: Associated Collegiate Press (Honorable Mention In-Depth News Story)

• Indiana Collegiate Press Association (First Place Sports Feature Story) • 2022 Thomas Keating Feature Writing Competition Winner • 2021 & 2022 Richard W. Vandivier Endowed Scholarship in Public Service • Society of Professional Journalists Region 5 (First Place General News Reporting, small school division)

Post-Graduation Plans: Travel and relax before applying for multimedia jobs covering culture and public services in Latin America

KYLE HAFLICH

Noblesville, Indiana

Major: Sports Communication

EAGAN KEEVER-HILL

Noblesville, Indiana

Major: Sports Communication

PEYTON LEWIS

Martinsville, Indiana

Major: Public Relations

ELAINA PAGE

Cicero, Indiana

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Leadership

Internships/Immersion: Bowe Digital (Spring '22) • Indiana Sports Corp. (Summer '22) • Indy Eleven (Spring '23)

Study Abroad: South Africa (Winter '23)

Post-Graduation Plans: Obtain master's in management from Indiana University and use fifth year of eligibility to play soccer at IU-Kokomo

BENNIE PATTERSON IV

Anderson, Indiana

Major: Sports Communication

Internships/Immersion: Perry Meridian High School Athletic Department (Winter '22)

Student Media: The Franklin Newscast (Fall '21 through Spring '23)

Post-Graduation Plans: Admissions counselor at Franklin College

HALEY PRITCHETT

Greenwood, Indiana

Major: Public Relations

Minor: Multimedia Journalism

Internships/Immersion: Shelbyville News (Summer '20) • YMCA (Summer '21) • Bridge Builder Strategies (Summer '22) • Garment Factory Events • TheStatehouseFile.com

Student Media: TheStatehouseFile.com • The Franklin

Special Recognition: Indiana Society of Professional Journalists Contest (First Place Breaking News Reporting) • Orr Fellow (Dec. '22) • 2020 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Lower Great Lakes Chapter Nostalgia Program Category Winner

Post-Graduation Plans: I am an Orr Fellow working in Bloomington, Indiana. My title is Code/IT Academy Manager. I select students for a free certification in which training is done by Ivy Tech. I also create and teach soft skill materials to these adults and offer whatever support they need throughout the cohort. Our Code/IT Academy is expanding, and I will be managing the facilitators and back end side of the project as we cover 6 new southern Indiana counties.

ZACHARY ROBERTS

Zionsville, Indiana

Majors: Multimedia Journalism, Political Science

Minor: Professional Writing

Internships/Immersion: TheStatehouseFile.com (Winter '20, Summer '22) • PBS Kurt Vonnegut Documentary (Fall '19 through Spring '20)

Student Media: The Franklin (Fall '19) • The Franklin Newscast (Fall '21 through Spring '23)

Special Recognition: Indiana Collegiate Press Association (Third Place Breaking News Online Reporting) • 2022 Scott Alexander Journalism Scholarship • 2020 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Lower Great Lakes Chapter Nostalgia Program Category Winner

Post-Graduation Plans: Multimedia Journalism

THOMAS SAMUEL

Evansville, Indiana

Major: Multimedia Journalism

ALEXA SHRAKE

Martinsville, Indiana

Major: Multimedia Journalism

Internships/Immersion: TheStatehouseFile.com (Winter '21, '22) • Evansville Courier & Press (Summer '22)

Student Media: The Franklin (Fall '19 through Fall '22) • TheStatehouseFile.com (Fall '20 through Fall '22)

Study Abroad: London (Winter '20)

Special Recognition: 2021 & 2022 Tonya Lee Memorial Scholarship • 2021 Thomas Keating Feature Writing Competition Runner-Up • Indiana Collegiate Press Association (First Place Best News Story, Third Place Best News Story, Third Place News Magazine Single Issue, Third Place Use of Social Media, Second Place Overall Website, Second Place Breaking News Reporting Online, Second Place Best Essay, Third Place Best Sports News Story) • Society of Professional Journalists Region 5 (First Place General News Reporting, small school division)

Post-Graduation Plans: Reporter for the Indiana Lawyer

EMMA SMITH

Marysville, Ohio

Major: Public Relations

Internships/Immersion: TheStatehouseFile.com (Winter '22, '23)

Post-Graduation Plans: Traveling



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