



## Feb. 2

### Maren Van Nostrand '88

**Major:** Anthropology

**Current Position:** Maren Van Nostrand has been working with communities for 27 years helping protect culturally-significant gathering places and celebrating their living traditions.

**Short Bio:** In 1990 she moved to Seattle and earned her Master of Urban Planning from the University of Washington. For the next 20 years as a professional Resource Planner, Maren wrote urban growth management, public resource, and shoreline plans, responded as a Cultural Resource Mitigation Specialist for FEMA in typhoon-swept Saipan and Guam, directed nature programs, and undertook expedition travel—all while studying and performing music.

### Diane Marty '92

**Major:** American Studies

**Current Position:** Founder and Principal of Faire Consulting LLC,

**Short Bio:** Diane leveraged more than 16 years working in-house for various nonprofits before launching her consultancy in 2011. Faire Consulting offers development strategy and implementation services with special expertise in highly-tailored cultivation and stewardship techniques and accelerant growth campaigns (start-up operations, capital campaigns, portfolio diversification and short-term revenue generation).

## Feb. 9

### Jay Dick '93

**Major:** Political Science

**Current Position:** Director of State and Local Government Affairs at Americans for the Arts where he works to educate and inform elected officials about the value of the arts and culture.

**Short Bio:** As a twenty-year veteran of K Street, Capitol Hill, the private sector, and federal, state, and local campaigns, Jay possesses a tremendous body of knowledge in the field of arts cognized speaker on these topics having designed and overseen many initiatives. Jay is regularly interviewed by the media and testifies in front of legislative bodies as an expert on these topics and on Americans for the Arts' legislative positions.



## Kit Wall '77

**Major:** American Studies

**Current Position:** Eli Lilly and Company

**Short Bio:** Promoting everything from policy reform issues, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns to rock shows and media events, Kit Wall uses her repertoire of organizational/communication skills for policy consultation, writing, production, and management. Her promotion and publicity experience includes such wide-ranging fields as pro sports, entertainment, commercial real estate, and government affairs.

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## Tina Popson '97

**Major:** Anthropology

**Current Position:** Assistant Director of Student and Recent Alumni Programs, Creighton University.

**Short Bio:** Tina oversees student and recent alumni programming, recruits and manages volunteers for the Omaha Recent Alumni Advisory Board, and serves as the liaison to the Student Leadership and Involvement Center as well as the EDGE Mentoring Program. Prior to her position at Creighton University, Tina was the Education Program Manager for Pottawattamie County Conservation based at Hitchcock Nature Center (HNC) and the Director of Education for the Salisbury House Foundation and Gardens.

## Corey McIntosh '00

**Major:** Classics

**Current Position:** Vice President, co-owner and principal manager of Rockford Farms, Inc

**Short Bio:** A family farm operator in western Iowa that produces corn and soybeans on approximately 4,000 acres of farmland in the Missouri River Basin. He manages daily activities on the family farm, including decisions regarding crop inputs, equipment acquisition, tillage practices, conservation efforts, weed control programs, grain marketing, product transportation, and strategic business and tax planning. McIntosh is a fifth generation farmer, and his family has operated at the current location since the 1940s.



Feb 16

## Gene Dixon–Anderson '83

**Major:** Physics

**Current Position:** Turner Construction

**Short Bio:** His experience includes project engineering, field supervision, project management, procurement, information systems and application development. Prior to his current 15-year tenure at Turner Construction where he has specialized in information and project controls systems, Gene has worked on numerous construction projects throughout the Midwest and East Coast including Hill's Pet food manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, KY, Colgate-Palmolive's Liquid Detergent manufacturing facility in Cambridge, OH, and Merck's Biological Sciences Laboratory in West Point, PA.

## Lynn Dixon–Anderson '84

**Major:** General Science

**Current Position:** Bristol Myers Squibb

**Short Bio:** She leads a team of packaging engineers who design and develop packaging systems for new drug products. Her job entails collaborating with colleagues from R &D, marketing and manufacturing to ensure the packaging solutions which are design can meet our patients' needs while providing proper protection to the product.

## Eddie Hartwig '00

**Major:** English

**Current Position:** Deputy Administrator of the United States Digital Service (USDS)

**Bio:** Following the failure and successful rebuild of healthcare.gov in 2013, President Obama established USDS to protect and modernize our nation's most critical public-facing services. USDS is a startup inside the White House that has built more than ninety products across fifteen federal agencies since 2014. Current products include digitizing the immigration process, building Medicare's Quality Payments Program, and developing a single login and identity platform for government.



## Feb. 23

### **Maia Olsen '11**

**Major:** Anthropology / GDS Concentration

**Current Position:** Program Manager, NCD Synergies Partners in Health

**Short Bio:** She is currently Program Manager of the non-communicable disease program at Partners In Health (PIH), a global health NGO that works with local government officials and the world's leading medical and academic institutions to build capacity and strengthen health systems in some of the poorest settings of the world. In this role, she provides program management and fundraising support to PIH's programs across ten countries, collaborates with clinicians and researchers to provide technical assistance to Ministries of Health looking to scale up integrated chronic care services in low-income countries, and helps lead advocacy and communications efforts promoting country-led solutions and increased funding to better address noncommunicable diseases in settings of extreme poverty. In addition to her work at PIH, she has been volunteering with Global Oncology,

### **Kun Hong Lu '95**

**Major:** Sociology

**Current Position:** Psychotherapist in Grinnell

**Short Bio:** While in college, Kun connected with her deep desire to ease human suffering. She obtained Masters in Social Work degree from University of Michigan in 1998. She then worked in San Francisco for seven years, providing counseling and case management services in community mental health settings. Kun moved back to Grinnell in 2006 and worked as a therapist at the Poweshiek County Mental Health Center. She established her private practice, Kun-Hong Lu, PC, in 2008, and has been providing psychotherapy in this setting since.



## Mar 2

### Steve Smith '86

**Major:** German

**Current Position:** President/CEO/Chair - GCommerce Incorporated

**Short Bio:** Prior to founding GCommerce, Mr. Smith worked as an executive for 15 years in market leading global sales and marketing organizations, such as Dorian Drake International, McQuay-Norris World Trade Corporation and Iowa Export division of Ruan Corporation. For more than 10 years, Mr. Smith has been an active Angel investor in New York and the Upper Midwest, both as direct investor and Angel investment aggregator. He also actively participates in numerous board advisory positions for early stage technology companies, especially those targeting supply chain efficiencies. Mr. Smith remains active in numerous trade associations such as the Auto Care Association as well as the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) as a technology and supply chain expert.

### Jessica Whitney '99

**Major:** History

**Current Position:** Director of Consumer Protection – IA Attorney General's Office

**Short Bio:** Jessica has led numerous Iowa and multi-state consumer protection cases against for-profit colleges, national banks, auto dealers, and other businesses. These cases resulted in the correction of fraudulent business practices, restitution of hundreds of millions of dollars for consumers nationwide, and an increased level of consumer protection.



## Mar 9

### Nate Inglis Steinfeld '06

**Major:** German

**Current Position:** Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council as the Research Director

**Short Bio:** Nate is responsible for conducting statewide analysis of the criminal justice system using cost-benefit analysis, crime-trend analysis, and fiscal impact statements for legislative bills that change the prison, jail, and probation populations. He previously worked as a policy analyst for the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General and as a Civil Rights Program Assistant for the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency. Nate has served as a consultant for state and local agencies working on education, emergency management, and civil rights policy issues.

### Tim Renken '86

**Major:** Economics and Mathematics Double Major.

**Current Position:** President, Renken Consulting Inc.

**Bio:** Tim has experience with many methodologies in marketing research statistics, including discrete choice design, analysis and simulators, segmentation, forecasting, and multidimensional scaling and correspondence maps. His area of expertise is Bayesian statistics and particularly applying the Gibbs sampler in market research.

## Mar 16

### Erin Owen '94

**Major:** Chinese Studies

**Current Position:** Performance Breakthrough Coach

**Short Bio:** Erin has studied about, lived in, and traveled throughout Asia. In ancient times, humans quieted their minds enough to hear and sense energy moving through the human body – observations that have recently been proven accurate by Western scientific technology and research. This stuff fascinates Erin, and she loves making it relevant to modern life.



## Apr 6

### Judy Kildow '64

**Major:** Political Science Major.

**Current Position:** Founder and Director, The National Ocean Economics Program with the Middlebury Institute of International Studies.

**Bio:** Judy focuses on economics and climate change in the arctic, specifically the relationship between economics, policy and environmental changes in the oceans.

### Vivek Venugopal '01

**Major:** Computer Science Major.

**Current Position:** Co-founder, Kwill.

**Bio:** After a few years as a software developer immediately after college, Vivek decided to take his career in a different direction and went into non-profit fundraising. That career led him to San Francisco where he decided to jump onto the tech wave. In 2017, he left LinkedIn to start a new venture, Qwill, of which he is a co-founder.

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### Mitchell Erickson '72

**Major:** Chemistry Major.

**Current Position:** Science Advisor, Science and Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**Bio:** Mitchell facilitates U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science & Technology activities with other federal, state, tribal and territorial agencies in the North-east (NJ to ME) and Caribbean (PR and USVI). He works with organizations in the Northeast to integrate vertically among the various organizations and horizontally across all threats.

## Apr 13

### Jon Gray '73

**Major:** American Studies

**Current Position:** Retired Judge

**Bio:** Upon admission to The Missouri Bar, Judge Gray was appointed Assistant Jackson County Counselor and represented various county officials and departments, including, the Director of Revenue, the Medical Examiner, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Corrections, and the Jackson County Sheriff. After engaging in the solo practice of law, he became a principal and partner in the law firm of Gray Payne & Roque, and represented individuals and small businesses in a wide variety of civil matters.



## Mary Nelson '02

**Major:** Religious Studies

**Current Position:** South Central Regional Minister, Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ.

**Bio:** Mary oversees 65 congregations, working primarily with churches who are looking for new pastors and the committees that guide potential ministers through the ordination process.

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## Asha Moran '92

**Major:** Economics.

**Current Position:** Partner, Glen Street Capital.

**Bio:** Asha's work focuses on marketing and channel strategies, strategic planning, and turnaround management.

## Dominador Gobaleza '90

**Major:** Biology

**Current Position:** Psychiatrist

**Bio:** I was born in the Philippines, but grew up in Alaska. After I graduated from Grinnell in 1990, I joined the U.S. Army and became commissioned as an active duty reserve officer. I also attended the only military medical school in the United States from 1990-1994. After I graduated from medical school, I completed a 4-year Residency in Psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center while I continued to serve in the U.S. Army as a fully active duty officer. I also completed a 2-year Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry thru Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Washington D.C.

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## Frank Douma '92

**Major:** Political Science with a Russian and East European Studies Concentration.

**Current Position:** Director, State & Local Policy Program at Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

**Bio:** Frank focuses on policy and legal issues related to transportation technologies, including telework, tolling and other pricing, safety, and, most recently self-driving vehicles. His current projects include examining inter-relationship between traffic laws, speeding and safety, as well as the possible role of pricing in an environment with an increasing number of self-driving cars.





## Apr 27

### Angie Arnold '92

**Major:** Anthropology Major with a Gender & Women's Studies Concentration.

**Current Position:** Director of Grants and Special Projects, Normandale Community College.

**Bio:** Angie ensures Normandale Community College's capacity to secure and adequately manage grants while maintaining compliance with federal regulations. She is actively involved in the college's accreditation work and regularly contributes to the campus through service on various committees, particularly those related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### John Miller '56

**Major:** Business and Economics

**Current Position:** Volunteer Business Consultant

**Bio:** A "long time" specialist in Small Business Entrepreneurship I have spent the past seventeen years as a volunteer business consultant for several organizations serving a variety of small domestic and international businesses. I am a business mentor with the Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Group (HEMP). Internationally I have consulted for the International Executive Service Corps (IESC) and the Citizens Development Corps (CDC), utilizing funding from the USAID. Site locations have included Thailand, the Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Southeast Asia, Honduras.—and the U.S.

## May 4

### Jonathan Cox '86

**Major:** Anthropology

**Current Position:** Organization performance consultant

**Bio:** Jonathan is an organization change management and performance consultant with 20 years of applied experience in change strategy planning and execution, process implementation and reengineering, and organizational project management.