

# Kenyon College



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# Five Years

## **Diane C. Anci**

*Vice President for Enrollment Management and  
Dean of Admissions*

The most critical resource for Kenyon is its students, and it is a resource that must be renewed each year. They come from all over the nation and all over the world, but they do not arrive spontaneously; the enrollment of a class is the product of an intentional process, guided by data and analysis but executed with heart and personal touch. And Diane stewards it all, feeling as comfortable in the worlds of databases and matrices as she is in the efforts of building strong personal connections with people (in individuals or groups). She works with intense energy, creativity, and urgency, all the time keeping institutional priorities, market pressures, and the needs of individual students all within her view. The grind of the admissions cycle can be relentless (the next recruitment season begins even before the current season concludes), but it never seems to grind Diane down. Each new year brings new challenges, and she is always prepared to take them on. And as a result, Kenyon moves forward, stronger each year.

—*Sean M. Decatur, president*

## **Jennifer C. Anderson**

*Custodian*

Jen Anderson is always happy-go-lucky, with a positive attitude and a gift for understanding. You would hear about these characteristics from any of Jen's co-workers who were asked to describe her. In the past, Jen has worked in a number of buildings, and on different shifts, before recently joining the day shift. She and her partner currently clean Bushnell, Leonard, and Samuel Mather halls. In her free time, Jen enjoys spending time with her daughter, Colleen, her son, Bobby, and his wife, Rachel, along with grandsons Bernie and Kellan. Thank you, Jen, for being such a dedicated worker and for your five years of service.

—*Lori H. Moore, assistant manager of facility services*

## **Brittany L. Balo**

*Technology Support Specialist 1,  
Library and Information Services*

As a Library and Information Services (LBIS) technology support specialist, Brittany Balo has established herself as a valued member of the Kenyon community. She is highly adept at problem solving, as her technical skills

are strong and matched only by her customer-service ability. Brittany's pleasant demeanor shines through even while assisting users and troubleshooting complicated issues with hardware or software. In fact, her sense of humor is often just what's needed in user services as well as out "in the field" working on a troublesome computer. Brittany's ability to pivot rapidly between tasks when challenges arise is of benefit to faculty and staff members and students alike, as her days are filled with complex challenges. An accomplished manager of student workers, she is eager to learn about and support all College divisions. In her five years at Kenyon, Brittany has developed a very strong understanding of the many functional units at the College, making her a multifaceted member of the team. She has served on several work teams, including Kenyon Staff Council, LBIS search committees, and the Computer Configuration Team—for the betterment of LBIS and the College. All of us at Kenyon appreciate her hard work and helpful nature, especially when she shows up at our doors with the "gift" of a brand new replacement computer!

—*Paul H. Mollard, director of user services, Library and Information Services*

### **Meredith Harper Bonham**

#### *Vice President for Student Affairs*

Kenyon is, at its core, an educational institution. But to our students, the College does so much more: at various times it serves as a landlord, a health-care provider, managers of safety and security, sports league and fitness center, governance body and judiciary. As vice president for student affairs, Meredith Harper Bonham makes all of these aspects of Kenyon work, not only managing the day-to-day operations of a wide-range of activities, but also building a larger strategic framework to align these functions with our educational mission. All of this work is informed by her deep understanding and alumna-inspired love of the institution. In any given week, Meredith does it all—rides along with campus safety officers, plans improvements for our residence halls, celebrates student accomplishments, mourns with students at times of loss, and most importantly listens and cares with passion and love for all of the College community. This passion extends beyond her standard work duties—I've even seen her play "Capture the Flag" with passion and intensity. Meredith's heart is a deep and bright purple, and we are fortunate to have it beating with us in Gambier.

—*Sean M. Decatur, president*

## **Robyn L. Bowers**

*Senior Associate Dean;*

*Director of Admissions Recruitment and Selection*

Enrollment success depends on very careful management of the admissions funnel. At the top of the funnel, you find a college's inquirers—imagine those high-school juniors who get lots of mail after they take their PSAT or those who request more information at college fairs and school visits. Further down the funnel, you find a college's applicants, then admitted students, then enrolled students at the funnel's tip. To be sure, significant human and financial resources are invested in this funnel in order to successfully move the students the college most desires from the top of the funnel to the bottom. Over the course of Robyn Bowers's five years at Kenyon, she has assumed increasing responsibility in the management of the College's admission funnel. As an important member of the team that works closely with Kenyon's econometric modelers, she has implemented a highly strategic and data driven approach to the establishment of the funnel. In other words, she makes sure we are populating the funnel with the students most likely to be successful at the College and those who also support our enrollment goals. All of that good thinking and planning is then applied to Kenyon's travel program. When the entire admission staff travels from Labor Day to Thanksgiving, conducting school visits and college fairs across the country and around the world, confidence and success are achieved when staff members are both strategically deployed and well trained to communicate about the College in accurate and enthusiastic ways. After travel ends, and as we inch closer to goals, it's time to read applications and make decisions that have the power to change not only individual lives, but families, communities, and Kenyon's future. Once again, Robyn serves as a skilled coordinator ensuring that each and every application and the process as a whole is handled with consistency, objectivity, and care. Her generous partnership with colleagues in financial aid helps mitigate risk while distributing precious College resources in judicious ways. Enrollment success also depends on staff members who are skilled in the art of managing competing priorities. It does not work to simply focus on college needs, and it does not work to solely focus on students and their stories no matter how compelling they are. Robyn does this beautifully in the real relationships she forms with students in her own territory. Kenyon benefits from her leadership as she helps the staff manage these tensions and develop the skills necessary to make a difference in the lives of students and in the College's future. Congratulations, Robyn, on your five-year anniversary at Kenyon.

—*Diane C. Anci, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions*

## **Benjamin L. Daigle**

*Director of Consortial Library Systems,  
Five Colleges of Ohio, Inc.*

Looking for that perfect source in the library? The online search engine that leads you to the book, the video, the journal, or the website is the heart of the Ohio Five, which banded together twenty-five years ago to create the CONSORT shared-library system across our colleges. The best of these systems adapt and grow to serve changing needs, and so has Ben Daigle, who began at the Ohio Five as that system's administrator and now does so, so much more. In just five years, while supporting library staff initiatives and keeping our library systems current and efficient, he has also led the Ohio Five's Mellon-funded digital-scholarship initiative as project director. Ben has shepherded forty-five faculty digital-research projects, presented our work at national conferences, and helped faculty members integrate digital practices and tools, such as GIS mapping, data analytics, and text encoding, into their research and classrooms. This project—CODEX, the Collaborative for Digital Experience and Engagement—will grow in the next few years under his expert project-management skills to serve more faculty members, librarians, and technologists. Ben's talent for collaborating around a germ of an idea, supporting it with his exceptional technical know-how, and bringing that inspiration to fruition has made an enormous difference to us at the Ohio Five, the many library staff and faculty members he supports, and the wider group of educational practitioners who seek to harness technology in the service of our colleges' educational missions.

*—Sarah Stone, executive director, Five Colleges of Ohio, Inc.*

## **Theresa J. Dunnivant**

*Director of Class Giving, Office of Annual Giving*

Terry Dunnivant is the unofficial “cheerleader-in-chief” for the Office of Annual Giving; her kindness and compassion for her coworkers is evident in every interaction. Her people skills and her ability to translate new information and teach it to others is a testament to her patience and intellect. Among other duties, Terry is responsible for recruiting, training, troubleshooting, and providing a kind ear for listening to our nearly five hundred class agents and reunion committee members. Our entire team appreciates her tireless dedication to our volunteers, as well as her willingness to roll up her sleeves and quickly learn every new software platform we throw at her. Congratulations, Terry, on these incredible five years at Kenyon, and here's to many more!

*—Molly M. Gutridge, director of annual giving*



## **Glen A. Goodwin**

### *Electrician*

Glen Goodwin came to Kenyon as an experienced electrician, with many years of industrial maintenance under his belt. His great troubleshooting skills allowed him to assume the very challenging role as a volunteer locating underground utilities. Glen is always willing to learn new tasks and complete work orders as assigned. He is well known and respected as a person who steps up to the plate during challenging times. Glen's willingness to come in at even the most inopportune times shows true dedication. Beyond the College, concession food trailers are a big part of his life as he works for his son, Jay, and alongside his wife, Lisa, both of whom work for AVI. Glen stays very busy and active as the proud grandfather of three and always has recent pictures and new stories about the grandchildren he cherishes. A lifelong resident of Gambier, he is appreciative of its people, community, and history. We are very happy and blessed to have Glen as a part of our maintenance team, and we would like to celebrate his five years of service and wish him many more.

—David A. Boughter, manager of technical trades

## **Angel M. Harmon**

### *Associate Director of Financial Aid*

In the five years that Angel Harmon has been at the College, she has proven herself as a skilled and dedicated professional eager to help students and families through the financial-aid process. With previous financial-aid experiences at both Mount Vernon Nazarene and Ohio State universities, she brings much-appreciated expertise in compliance and documentation. Angel is an excellent problem solver, and she has helped us to improve both policies and workflow. As our student- and parent-loan originator, she is also solely responsible for processing and reconciling over \$8 million annually! Always knowledgeable and willing to learn, Angel has been a pleasure to work with as we seek to make a Kenyon education affordable and accessible for students and families. I look forward to many more years working with her.

—Craig A. Slaughter, director of financial aid

## **Alexandria N. Johnson**

### *Facility Logistics Coordinator II*

The first time I met Alex Johnson, someone made a quip about her job description being written in pencil. At the time, I didn't fully appreciate the meaning behind the comment, but in the short time I've worked with Alex, I've come to appreciate it more every day. In addition to being an

organizing force in facilities operations, she is also incredibly adaptable and responsive. Her job description is “written in pencil” because Alex rises to whatever circumstance she finds herself in. She jumps in to readily fill the gaps, absorbing new responsibilities, learning new tasks, and developing systems where none existed before. Alex anticipates roadblocks and thinks through how to remove them before most people even spot them. She is crucial to communication between facilities operations and the rest of campus. I am reluctant to consider what our team would look like without Alex on it, and I am grateful for all the ways she contributes.

—*Rebecca Lanter, director of facility operations*

### **Tyler S. Kollar**

*Advancement Systems Analyst,  
Advancement Information Services*

When Tyler Kollar started with us five years ago, I'd say he had a trial by fire. And I'd have to say the coals have not cooled much over the five years he has been here. From the day Tyler stepped into our office, he has been programming on one project after another and often under short deadlines. He is forever extracting data or moving data between software systems, routinely having to dig deep into his programming skills to get the job done. Tyler gets additional kudos for so easily fitting into a department with eleven women! He has such a pleasant personality and good sense of humor. When not at work, Tyler and his fiancé can be found enjoying their home just outside Mount Vernon with their myriad pets, including cats, dogs, rabbits, and a bearded dragon. Congratulations, Tyler, on completing five years at Kenyon!

—*Joann K. Kaufman, director of advancement systems*

### **Jodi L. Kovach**

*Curator of Academic Programs, Gund Gallery*

Jodi Kovach came to the Gund Gallery with more than fifteen years of experience in curatorial and museum work, undergraduate teaching, and commercial design. During the past five years her work has been outstanding, and all of her colleagues appreciate how she has made the Gund Gallery's collection and exhibitions an essential part of academic life at Kenyon. An exemplary collaborator, Jodi is truly the face of the gallery on campus. She is committed to object-based learning and thrives on working with a broad constituency of faculty members and students in a variety of disciplines. Thanks to Jodi, in Fall 2019 alone, the gallery saw participation by twenty-three departments and programs with visits by more than a thousand students and forty-six faculty collaborators in sixty-eight class sessions!

—*Katherine Solender, interim director, Gund Gallery*

## **Marla K. Kuhlman**

### *Records Specialist, Office of Admissions*

Marla Kuhlman joined the staff in the Office of Admissions five years ago and soon made herself indispensable. She quickly adapted to the annual schedule of the office, entering prospective student information from travel cards, updating and correcting contact information for thousands of high-school students and staff members and organizations, and verifying test-score entries from transcripts. As many people know, Kenyon's admissions staff is famous for its personalization of each and every admission letter. Decades of the College's graduates often reflect on their own personalized letters and the impact they had on their decision to choose Kenyon. Marla's thirty years of experience in community journalism provided her with the skills for proofreading all the letters of admission to our successful applicants. To be sure, this time honored tradition would not be possible without her skill and care for each and every admitted student. As a stringer for the Columbus Dispatch, Marla still covers Gahanna and Westerville but finds time for her "furry kids" Bailey, Chief, Maddie, and Sunshine. Beyond her grand passion for Halloween decorations and celebrations, she delights in classic rock music, attending Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival benefit, the Woodstock anniversary concert, or an Eagles reunion show. Marla also loves cruises, whether driving local roads in her PT Cruiser or sailing on ships with her cousin for disco-era and 1970s-themed voyages. If you want to find Marla, look for the tie-dyed ensemble in Edelstein House!

*—Diane C. Anci, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions; Diana K. Blue, executive assistant to the dean of admissions and manager of administrative support*

## **Angus D. MacDonell**

### *General Manager, Kenyon Bookstore*

I have worked directly with Angus MacDonell for only a couple of months now, but from that short experience, I have learned quickly that he is a conscientious and hard-working manager. Since I do not have a long history with Angus, I reached out to his colleagues for their thoughts. Their responses were not a surprise to me. One employee said that "one of his biggest accomplishments was moving the bookstore and the thousands of items of merchandise, not once but twice. What everyone thought would take weeks, he got finished in days. I appreciate all he has done to make the bookstore what it is today." Another employee said, "I appreciate his attention to detail, sense of humor, and thoughtfulness about our community as a whole." When we celebrate Angus's ten-year anniversary, I'll be able to use more of my own words, but to be honest, I

think the statements from his colleagues were better than anything I could have written. A job well done, Angus!

—*Todd E. Burson, vice president for finance*

### **Meghan J. Mason**

#### *Associate Director, Center for Global Engagement*

Definitions of “mason” often begin with the word craftsman. While typical masons build with stone, Meghan Mason builds with community. She is a craftsperson. From her first days at Kenyon, Meghan became part of, and helped build, community. Called on to assist with international student pre-orientation, she jumped in enthusiastically even though this was not anywhere near her portfolio of duties. Meghan has since crafted a community for the present and the future with her work on the Mission Committee, Green Dot, and Staff Council. Her expertise with study-abroad programs and her ability to advocate for students have proven invaluable; students trust her. Throughout her time at the College, Meghan has continued to hone her craft, exemplifying what it means to be a lifelong learner. From training to serve as a Designated School Official, to taking a GIS class, to participating in flag football to benefit Alzheimer’s research (Go Brunettes!), she bravely faces unfamiliar experiences and encourages others to join her. Meghan, thank you for helping build the global community at Kenyon.

—*Marne T. Ausec, director, Center for Global Engagement*

### **Shane M. McGuire**

#### *Land Manager/Naturalist,*

#### *Brown Family Environmental Center*

Shane McGuire started at the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC) in 2015 after cutting his teeth at the Dawes Arboretum in Newark, Ohio. When he arrived at the BFEC, he was able to immediately apply the expertise that he acquired at Dawes. With five hundred acres and nine miles of trail to manage, Shane is rarely at his desk. On any given day, he can be found wielding a chainsaw to cut up a tree that has blocked one of the paths, heaving a pick ax to eradicate privet or multiflora rose, or operating the tractor to plant a thousand trees. As a naturalist, Shane is able to offer programs on a variety of topics from salamanders to trees, from coyotes to birds. “What I love most about Kenyon is how people from all over the world contribute to making this place special,” he says. “And of course, the campus in fall is simply beautiful.”

—*Noelle Jordan, manager, Brown Family Environmental Center*

## **Seth D. Millam**

### *Construction Project Manager*

When you survey the Kenyon campus, Seth Millam's work might be some of the most visible around. While most are readily familiar with his work on "big stuff" like the West Quad project, he is also a valued contributor to smaller, quieter projects that support and advance the mission of the College. Much of Seth's work takes place on site during construction, but equally important is his skill with planning and developing projects. I am unendingly impressed by his ability to translate vague concepts into a linear path with decision points, time lines, and clearly defined scopes. Seth is a problem solver, and because he collaborates broadly across campus, he has a unique ability to hone in on solutions that best serve the whole campus. In short, Seth is a person who gets things done, and I'm so glad he's part of our team.

—*Rebecca Lanter, director of facility operations*

## **Alicia E. Misarti**

### *Director of Operations and Marketing,*

### *The Kenyon Review*

Has it only been five years? How did the *Kenyon Review* function without Alicia Misarti calmly and efficiently overseeing all of the subscription processing and financial day-to-day workings of the organization? And what an added boon when, a couple of years ago, she assumed the new title of director of marketing and began to implement her considerable professional expertise from a previous career. Alicia is a delightful colleague whose professionalism and striving for excellence raises the bar for everyone around her. A colleague recently praised Alicia's talent in meetings to keep the discussion on track and to keep the rest of us focused on what's important. She seems to be able to tackle any project—be it cleaning the basement of Finn House, creating an organizational management chart to present to our board, or developing a comprehensive year-long marketing plan for our summer workshops—with an unflappable demeanor and a good-humored willingness to give it her all. We are so lucky to benefit from Alicia's organizational prowess as well as her keen marketing sense. It is a true pleasure to count Alicia as a colleague—she has substantially improved the inner workings and organizational structure of the *Kenyon Review* over these past five years, and we look forward to her continued contributions to the *Review's* success.

—*Abigail W. Serfass, managing editor, The Kenyon Review*

## **Aaron C. Myers**

### *Technology Support Specialist 1, Library and Information Services*

As Technology Support Specialist for Library and Information Services (LBIS), Aaron Myers works to support the full information technology landscape at Kenyon—from computers to mobile devices. He is diligent and kind, going above and beyond whenever needed and never hesitating to “roll up his sleeves” to accomplish a small task or big project. Extremely dependable, Aaron exudes a quiet competence as he goes about his work of configuring, deploying, or fixing new or refurbished computers for the efficiency of our busy college. A trusted colleague in the user-services department, he has shared his strong technical ability (especially in Windows computing) and customer-service skills with every community member he assists. Whether it’s working on user services’ TSS team, the Information Security Team, or the Computer Configuration Team, Aaron impresses all of us with his hard work and discipline—which he also demonstrates on his regular lunch-hour long-distance training runs.

—*Paul H. Mollard, director of user services, Library and Information Services*

## **Holly B. Napper**

### *Data-Entry Specialist, Advancement Information Services*

Five years ago, Holly Napper joined our team in Advancement Information Services. She had previously worked for Mount Vernon Nazarene University, of which she is an alumna. One thing remains a constant with Holly’s job in the records office: someone, somewhere, is moving, changing jobs, getting another degree, getting married, having children—you get the picture. Oh, the life in records! Holly dutifully comes into work ready to make updates in our database so that we can be up-to-the-minute accurate. Because of her hard work, day in and day out, we have been able to do a better job at keeping our information current. Holly, you have had a huge impact on our team in your quiet, graceful way. Your friends and colleagues in advancement celebrate with you and applaud your milestone. Congratulations, Holly, and thank you!

—*Rebecca A. Rhoads, director, Gift and Alumni Records*

## **David C. Ocheltree**

### *Head Mail Clerk*

Many of us knew Dave Ocheltree before he started working here at Kenyon, from his time with FedEx. He is a great guy, who works very hard for the College. His fun personality allows him to interact well with students and

members of the administration, faculty, and staff. Dave is very accommodating with any questions about mail or packages. When he's not on the job, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

—*Michael Knight, manager, Printing and Mailing Services*

### **Jill M. Parak**

#### *Part-Time Nurse Practitioner*

Jill Parak started her career at Kenyon as a graduate nurse-practitioner student many years ago. We have been fortunate to welcome her back to the College as part of our health-care team over the last five years. Jill has provided much-needed coverage in the health center during our busiest times, and she can always be counted on to arrive with a warm smile, gentle spirit, and a dedication to improving the health of our students. During her time at Kenyon, Jill has proven to be not only an expert clinician but also a strong student advocate. We are enormously grateful to Jill for her years of service.

—*Kimber L. Cullers, CRNP, associate director, Cox Health and Counseling Center*

### **Heather A. Petersen**

#### *Sales Floor Supervisor/Apparel and Gifts Buyer, Kenyon Bookstore*

Heather Petersen was a welcome breath of fresh air—well, perhaps more like a friendly hurricane—when she joined the bookstore five years ago. She brings a brightness and friendly cheer to everything she does. A true advocate for students and the student experience, Heather actively involves herself in making Kenyon a better place. She is an active member of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, and she recently became a campus mediator. Heather also hosts a popular show on the College's own WKCO during the academic year. Her passions include LGBTQ+ rights, motorcycling, aromatherapy and essential oils, and roller derby—among many others. Heather's commitment to great service and her drive for excellence make her a valuable part of the store and the Kenyon community.

—*Angus D. MacDonell, general manager, Kenyon Bookstore*

### **Kirsten E. Reach**

#### *Fiction Editor, The Kenyon Review*

Five years ago, Kirsten Reach came home to Kenyon after an extraordinary, and extraordinarily successful, publishing career in New York. Her first assignment for the *Kenyon Review* was to serve as associate editor, and she excelled in thinking about the literary future while making sure that

the day-to-day business of our publications never flagged. After a couple of years, the opportunity arose for Kirsten to assume the responsibilities and creative opportunities of fiction editor. It's been nothing short of a triumph! By using her many contacts in the national literary community, Kirsten has brought younger, more diverse, more innovative authors to our pages and our website, and the great fiction we publish has never been stronger. Her role has continued to expand, moreover, in so many fresh and creative ways. Kirsten is the heart and soul of our social-media efforts, an area that is ever more important in this current environment. Through Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram (and no doubt other platforms as well) she creates a current of *Kenyon Review* news and conversation that reaches far and wide. And then there are the podcasts too, and the newsletter, and the interviews—I could go on and on. And indeed, Kirsten does go on and on in so many spheres, enhancing and improving the community of the *Kenyon Review*. Thank you, Kirsten, for all you do!

—David H. Lynn, *The Banks Editor*, *The Kenyon Review*; professor of English

### **Tracey D. Rine** *Custodian*

Tracey Rine was employed by Kenyon as a part-time custodian several years ago. She then returned to accept a full-time position. Tracey currently works in several buildings, including Caples Residence, the Eaton Center, and Ransom Hall. She has two sons, Christopher and Justin, and two grandchildren, Kensley and Olivia, and she loves to spend any spare time she has with them. Thank you, Tracey, for being a dedicated employee and for five years of service.

—Lori H. Moore, *assistant manager of facility services*

### **Michael S. Schirtzinger** *Grounds Person*

Mike Schirtzinger began his employment with Kenyon in 2015. He came to us from the Mount Vernon Farmers Coop, where he managed the drive-thru operations. Mike started at the College as the landscape person taking care of the downtown area and various other sites on campus. A couple of years ago, he moved to the mowing operation on the east side of campus. Mike has a good knowledge of agronomy, and in the past he served on the Knox County Fair Board. He enjoys gardening, collecting toy tractors and farm equipment, and spending time with his family, including his wife, Sabrina, and their two children. We extend our appreciation to Mike and congratulate him on his five years of service.

—Steven M. Vaden, *grounds manager*



## **Nancy L. Sowders**

### *Prospect Research Analyst*

Nancy Sowders has accomplished so much in five years at Kenyon, it's hard to know where to start. She joined us in 2015 as an administrative assistant in the Office of Development, supporting a team of gift officers as they cultivated potential major donors near and far. Nancy was instrumental in helping them make important connections and keep track of their efforts and achievements. In her current role, she helps propel fundraising efforts in other ways, by identifying and evaluating hundreds of prospective donors and providing key information to help inform fundraising strategy. Nancy represented the Advancement Division on Staff Council and served as co-chair of the group from 2017 to 2019. As co-chair, she also served on Campus Senate and the Campus Benefits Committee and worked with Staff Council and the Faculty Executive Committee to help both groups reach 100-percent participation in the "Our Path Forward" campaign. In everything she does, Nancy brings impressive skills, creativity, dedication, and determination, while her warmth and concern for others always shine through. We thank you, Nancy, for your tireless hard work, your cheerful, optimistic spirit, and all you've contributed in just five years!

—*Kathy Rowe, director of prospect research*

## **Michael Swingley**

### *Security Guard, Gund Gallery*

When he arrived at the Gund Gallery, Mike Swingley brought with him extensive experience in retail and customer-service management as well as a background in security and manufacturing at several Ohio businesses. Always friendly and approachable, he takes to heart his responsibility for ensuring a comfortable experience for all gallery visitors while providing a safe and secure environment.

—*Katherine Solender, interim director, Gund Gallery*

## **Michele E. Yarman**

### *Nurse Practitioner*

Michele Yarman has more than nineteen years of experience as a certified family nurse practitioner in our community. Occasionally, she finds a day in her busy schedule to practice in Kenyon's clinic and share her vast knowledge and expertise with our staff members and students. Michele exemplifies professionalism, and she truly cares for the well-being of each and every student. We are fortunate that a nurse practitioner as kind, competent, and compassionate as she has remained available to us over the

last five years. Both staff members and students benefit from Michelle's warmth and kindness when she has the opportunity to work with us.

—*Kimber L. Cullers, CRNP, associate director, Cox Health and Counseling Center*

### **Christopher A. Yates**

*Associate Director, Gund Gallery*

With his background in teaching (he's a former associate professor and director of foundation studies and first-year experience at Columbus College of Art and Design), writing, and art-making (he's an award-winning independent art critic and artist), we are grateful to have Chris Yates at the Gund Gallery. It would be hard to imagine life without this multi-talented colleague, as he is essential to setting the overall direction for all gallery education and outreach programming, tracking our budget, creating all our exhibition and collection installations, and guiding our Gund associates (intern) program. Chris's seemingly boundless energy and creativity enable him to concurrently manage, delegate, and execute multiple projects, always with great good humor.

—*Katherine Solender, interim director, Gund Gallery*

# Ten Years

## Jessen A. Book

### *Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach*

Coach Jess Book, a 2001 graduate of Kenyon, has led the College's men's and women's swimming programs since 2012. In 2020, Coach Book collected his first North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) men's swimming and diving championship. Additionally, under his leadership the women have won three more titles over that five-year period. In the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships, the Lords and Ladies continued solid performances with five runner-up (second-place) team finishes. Along with top team finishes, ten women and ten men won individual national titles. Jess has coached numerous All-Americans over the last five years, and the program continues to be one of the strongest in the nation at collecting NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarships. Professionally, he was named the 2019 National Women's Coach of the Year as well as the 2020 NCAC Men's Coach of the Year and 2016/2018 NCAC Women's Coach of the Year. Jess prides himself on a program that builds champions in the pool and on the hill at large. His leadership was never more evident than during the conclusion of the 2020 season, one in which the championship meet was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jess wrote an article for SwimSwam.com, entitled "We Ended Our Season As We Had Always Planned—Together," that spoke about the drive and competitiveness of the team, but most of all about the bond they shared. It is this Jess Book that I have grown to know and learn from over the past five years. I thank you, Jess, for your years of service to Kenyon, the athletic department, and the swimming and diving programs.

—Justin P. Newell, *assistant athletic director, NCAA compliance and operations*

## Weylin R. Burgett

### *Chief Technology Officer and Security Architect, Library and Information Services*

Weylin Burgett started working at Kenyon during the summers while attending college at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Working for Libby Garner to update campus computer labs and classrooms, he showed an immediate grasp of complex technology and demonstrated the ability to solve just about any problem that arose. At the time, I was only dimly aware of Weylin's talents. My conversations with Libby consisted mostly of "Gee, Weylin is really smart, isn't he?" and "I wonder if Weylin could do this?"

The answer always seemed to be yes. After he graduated and spent some time working for the State of Ohio, Weylin returned to work at the College as a systems analyst, quickly mastering our most complex administrative system, Banner. He has managed the migration of Banner from a single-server architecture to the dizzying, convoluted ecosystem of more than thirty separate servers that constitutes Banner today. More recently, Weylin has taken more responsibility for the overall security of Kenyon's network and data environment, culminating in his new role as chief technology officer and security architect, starting last August. Increasingly, the entire technological universe at the College is being shaped through his patient thought and active imagination. Weylin impresses me both as a learner and a teacher. Much of his success can be attributed to his fundamental humility and complete lack of pretentiousness. It is typical for people who master abstruse technology to seem intimidating and difficult to approach; Weylin is always comfortably approachable, warmly willing to share ideas, always with gentle humor and a sense of perspective that never misses the humanity of what we do. Albert Einstein said that "the true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Weylin's imagination is more than just active—it prowls. I have occasionally made up excuses to start a conversation with him just so I can observe his mind at work and to feel the joy that is obvious when he is confronted by a new challenge. I speak for all his colleagues when I express my thanks for the work Weylin has done in the past ten years and for the privilege of working beside him and with him.

—Ronald K. Griggs, *vice president for Library and Information Services*

### **Pamela K. Burson**

*Administrative Assistant, Department of History,  
Program in American Studies, and  
Program in International Studies*

For a decade, Pamela Burson has provided exemplary administrative support to faculty members and students in American studies, history, and international studies. The chairs with whom she has worked praise her orderly, methodical approach to departmental affairs. One department chair remarks, "Pamela's approach . . . reflects the epitome of professionalism. She is extraordinarily organized and efficient. I have never had to make a request for assistance twice, and the work has always been timely and well done. As keeper of the department's 'institutional memory,' she has helped to make the transition between chairs much smoother than it might ordinarily have been. Our department is very fortunate to have her as a member of our team." Another chair praises her keen attention to students: ". . . she has a remarkable ability to anticipate student interests

and programmatic needs and to keep me informed regarding upcoming deadlines, events, and any and all fellowships that may be of interest to students or alumni. Her efforts and enthusiasm regarding all of these opportunities . . . have been enormously helpful and appreciated, by our students, alumni, and me.” Always willing “to go the extra mile,” Pamela dispatches departmental business with efficiency and zeal. Visitors to Seitz House are grateful for her consistently welcoming presence. Faculty members and students feel themselves fortunate in having in Pamela such a stalwart supporter and collaborator.

—*Eliza Ablovatski, Department of History; Jeffrey A. Bowman, associate provost; Ric S. Sheffield, Program in American Studies; Stephen E. Van Holde, Program in International Studies*

### **Anthony B. Cline**

*Office Manager,*

#### *Offices of Human Resources and Civil Rights*

His fellow employees know Tony Cline from his years working in the Kenyon Bookstore and now as the face of the Office of Human Resources and the Office for Civil Rights. He comes into contact with many visitors to our offices, engages them in conversation, and shows great interest in their lives. In addition to being a good listener, Tony has the rare ability to hold a conversation on almost any topic—obscure seventies and eighties horror movies, weird hair bands, world politics, sports, zombies, you name it. (Trivia teams, take note: you might want to recruit him!) I’ve almost never seen Tony have a bad day. He is unfailingly cheerful, helpful, and fun to be around. Tony wears a number of hats working with both the human-resources and civil-rights staffs. We rely on him to do many things, including processing confidential information for both offices, tracking student and employee training, arranging meetings, producing employee ID cards, and providing his helpful thoughts and opinions on processes and policies. We are so grateful for Tony and proud to celebrate his ten years of dedicated service to the College as we hope for many more. Cheers, Tony!

—*Jennifer G. Cabral, director of human resources; Samantha Hughes, civil rights and Title IX coordinator*

### **Joseph J. Mazzari**

*Campus Safety Officer*

Joe Mazzari, who joined Kenyon in 2010, has now been a part-time field officer at the College for the past ten years. Also a staff member at the Knox Learning Center, he was elected mayor of Danville, Ohio, in November 2019. Joe has worked on every shift at Kenyon and accumulated a great

deal of respect from his peers for his decision-making skills and his ability to stay calm in every situation. He always comes to work with a smile on his face and a kind word for his colleagues. Joe is known for his humor, his passion for bicycling, and his love for his family. He started the Office of Campus Safety's "bicycle-patrol division" and trained other officers in the use of the bicycles especially built for them. Joe is a valuable member of the Office of Campus Safety and the Kenyon community.

—*Todd Bell, assistant director, Office of Campus Safety*

**Erin E. O'Neill**  
*Head Softball Coach*

Coach Erin O'Neill, a 2002 graduate of the College, enters her second decade of coaching her alma mater's softball program where she has led a program that exemplifies the values of a Kenyon athlete. Since our last update on Erin, her program has won 112 games and competed in the 2019 North Coast Athletic Conference championship tournament. While the 2020 season was cut short, the program finished with a 12-4 record, showing signs of being another formidable opponent in the conference and being on their way to another tournament appearance. The fall of 2015 also saw a personal achievement for Erin, as she was elected to the Kenyon Athletic Association Hall of Fame for her outstanding playing career as a student-athlete on the softball team. Outside of softball, Erin has led the College's Student Athlete Advisory Committee, assisted other programs with summer camps, taught physical-education courses, and proved to be one of the top game managers in the department. Most of all, she is a friend to everyone and the number-one supporter of each program. Coach O'Neill has embodied Kenyon on and off the hill, as a student and as a professional. I am proud to say that we share laughs, tears, and special moments that make working at the College special. Thank you, Erin, for what you continue to do for our student-athletes.

—*Justin P. Newell, assistant athletic director, NCAA compliance and operations*

**Daniel P. Priest**  
*Head Men's Basketball Coach*

For Dan Priest, Kenyon's head men's basketball coach, two things reign most important: family and service. At this year's men's basketball program's Senior Day gathering, he spoke lovingly of the support he receives from his own family; his son provides a sounding board for ideas while his mom watches games via livestream whenever she can't be there in person. Dan talked about each student's journey at the College—the hope, the fun, the hardships. One parent in attendance described the event as moving and

heartfelt. Dan's speech, he said, showed "how much [he] genuinely cares about these young men." A senior reflected, "I owe so much of my personal growth to Coach Priest; he made me more comfortable and confident, more focused, and more present." Dan is also deeply committed to service with his team and for the community. Not surprisingly, he is active on basketball committees at both the conference and national level, but there's much more. His team holds a "Melanoma Awareness Day," offering educational information and giving away sunscreen. Dan helps to organize gifts for our office administrative assistants. He collects donations and purchases holiday gifts for the Giving Tree. He offers a youth basketball day camp during school vacations. And most recently, he planned a "Boys in Sports Day" to complement "National Girls and Women in Sports Day" and provided opportunities for local boys to learn about sports and teams from Kenyon coaches and student-athletes. (Stay tuned for more on this next year; this year's inaugural event was postponed by the pandemic.) Dan, your ten years at the College have been busy; thank you for your good service.

—*Amy Heasley Williams, associate athletic director*

# Fifteen Years

## **Daniel S. Barich**

### *Part Time Programming Assistant, Department of Biology*

Daniel Barich has been stalwart in helping the Department of Biology maintain our specialized websites and web infrastructure for the past fifteen years. He's been instrumental in uploading and maintaining the molecular-modeling simulations from molecular-biology class for Professor Wade Powell, and the virtual Kenyon Summer Science Scholars Posters on the websites for the College. Daniel's also the guru who keeps the servers and the websites for Professor Joan Slonczewski's microbiology lab running smoothly. Outside of work, he is a lover of good singing. A dedicated worker and a Kenyon alumnus (Class of 2005), Daniel has been an asset to the biology department for the past fifteen years.

—Harry Itagaki, professor of biology

## **Jason B. Bennett**

### *Web Applications and Integration Specialist,*

### *Library and Information Services*

Jason Bennett's interests and contributions to Kenyon over the years are as intriguing and diverse as his current job title of web applications and integration specialist suggests. Besides baking Gambier's finest sourdough wheat bread, raising bees, and crafting tasty home brews, he has made noteworthy contributions to the College with his technical expertise and calm demeanor in a myriad of challenging academic endeavors. Whether he's leading a Library and Information Services web-team discussion, becoming the campus online forms and workflow guru, investigating a software's accessibility, or expanding Moodle functionality, Jason's array of invaluable skills and contributions have extended far beyond the doors of Information Technology Services. He has always demonstrated an uncanny ability to be solicitous and adept at supporting, not shifting, difficult conversations. Jason meshes so well with varying personalities that he fits in almost everywhere he goes. An asset that stands out to most, however, is his ability to insert a healthy dose of verbal ironies into a routine conversation. The information-technology team has grown rather accustomed to having bland conversations kickstarted and rejuvenated by his sharp and clever remarks. Whether it's abstract thinking or simply comic relief, our team and many others are better for it. Overall, the general tenor of Jason's approach to his work and to others has always been



thoughtful, considerate, respectful, deliberate, and enjoyable. We thank him for fifteen years of service.

—*Steve Martin, director for enterprise systems, Library and Information Services*

### **Kelly J. Briscoe**

#### *Administrative Assistant, Office of Annual Giving*

Kelly Briscoe helps keep the Office of Annual Giving running smoothly, year in and year out. From making sure that the names of each alumna or alumnus are spelled correctly in their class letters, to coordinating thousands of printed appeals, she is reliable and detail-oriented. Often the first to arrive in the morning to check on event set-ups during our volunteer weekends, Kelly stays as long as needed to support the Annual Giving team. She has selflessly volunteered for roles on Staff Council and the Advancement Communications Team to help support her coworkers and the College, and she does it all with a smile and sense of humor. Kelly's caring personality shines through, even during our busiest times. It is with great appreciation that we celebrate her fifteen years with the College.

—*Shawn L. Dailey, associate vice president, Alumni and Parent Engagement and Annual Giving*

### **Christophe E. Brown**

#### *Head Men's Soccer Coach*

Coach Chris Brown has led the Lords' men's soccer team over the past five years to the most successful time period in the history of the program. During those years, the Lords have won the regular season North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship all five years. Additionally, they have gone 4-0-1 in NCAC tournament championships and progressed to the national tournament all five years. In the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournaments, Chris has led the program to two Elite 8's, two Sweet 16's, and one Round of 32. Individually, he has coached thirty-four All-NCAC honorees, six National All-Americans, and one NCAA Post-Graduate Scholar. The 2016 and 2017 seasons saw a first as Henry Myers '18 became the first player to win Defensive Player of the Year in one season (2016) and then Offensive Player of the Year in the next (2017). Chris has continued to exemplify quality on the pitch, and the men's soccer team continues to push for another opportunity in the National Final Four. Off the field, he has been a leader in the athletic department in creating a working relationship with the admissions office and the driving force in helping to improve communications between the

two. It is a pleasure to watch Chris's teams play, and it is a pleasure to work alongside him. Thank you, Chris.

—Justin P. Newell, *assistant athletic director, NCAA compliance and operations*

### **Barbara E. Cannon**

#### *Kenyon Academic Partnership Liaison and Support*

Starting out in the “Garden Level” of Stephens Hall fifteen years ago, Barb Cannon has literally and figuratively risen through the ranks of the Office of Admissions at Kenyon. She began as a data-entry clerk and gradually took on more responsibility through her strong work ethic, quiet capability, and “can-do” attitude. Although Barb shuns the limelight, she can always be found in the middle of projects requiring patience, attention to detail, and cooperation with colleagues. Hailed as a “go to” person by her colleagues, she moved into the position of administrative assistant, supporting our multicultural-recruitment efforts and on-campus events programs and moving up to the second floor of Stephens Hall. Barb has now graduated to the second floor of Edelstein House, where she is responsible for the administrative support of both the Kenyon Academic Partnership (KAP) program and the Camp IV program. Her work with secondary-school teachers and students generates appreciation for her quiet effectiveness in monitoring transcripts and managing on-campus events for these programs. Barb unwinds by completing home-improvement projects with the help of her son, Robert, trips (pre-Corona virus) to Iowa to see her daughter, Ashley, and granddaughter, Mina, and spending time with her dog, Sadie.

—Diane C. Anci, *vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions*; Diana K. Blue, *executive assistant to the dean of admissions and manager of administrative support*

### **Trisha A. Davidson**

#### *Textbook Manager, Kenyon Bookstore*

After fourteen years of diligently working late nights and weekends at the Kenyon Bookstore, Trisha Davidson has recently been promoted to textbook manager. She has always approached her ever increasingly complex duties with enthusiasm, care, and pride. For many years, Trisha was the “store accountant,” late-shift lead customer-service associate, and expert trainer of hundreds of new associates and student workers. She has a “thing” for penguins and bears, both live and inanimate. The bookstore has the best dressed stuffed animals in Ohio thanks to Trisha’s playful nature. The textbook-manager position is challenging, detail filled, and sometimes very frustrating, but I know Trisha is the right person for this

extremely important position. Her character and people skills will make her successful at this and anything else she tries.

—*Angus D. MacDonell, general manager, Kenyon Bookstore*

### **Carol A. Duvall**

#### *Events Coordinator, Office of Campus Events*

Carol Duvall seamlessly made the transition from executive assistant to Kenyon's chief business officer (CBO) to events coordinator in the College's Office of Campus Events in 2018. With responsibility for both the Kenyon reservation and card-access systems, she plays a pivotal role in the smooth running of campus events and the overall safety of the campus community. Carol diligently tracks down answers, takes on special projects, streamlines processes, and clarifies complex policies. A multitasker extraordinaire, with a supreme attention to detail, she still always takes time to ask how her fellow employees are doing. Prior to joining the CBO's office, Carol supported the Office of Public Affairs and also assisted the Office of the President during its shared tenure with the CBO's headquarters in the Eaton Center. During her fifteen years of service, she has improved campus-wide operations with her many skill sets, constant efforts, and ready smile, for which we are very grateful. Two final words for Carol: Go Steelers!

—*Howard Grier, director of campus events*

### **Kyle M. Eddy**

#### *Accounts Receivable Coordinator*

If you have ever had to bring money to the College's accounting office, you probably brought it to Kyle Eddy. If you have ever worked with Kyle Eddy, you probably know how lucky we are to have her here at Kenyon. In a position where someone must be organized, honest, detail driven, and professional, she excels in all of those areas. As a bonus, Kyle not only possesses all of these qualities but also delivers her work with a calm demeanor that sends the message, "I've got this." Never one to shy away from a challenge, she approaches new technology, audit requests, or procedure changes with that same attitude and dives in without hesitation. We can't begin to express our appreciation for Kyle's work and all that she brings to the office. Thank you, Kyle, for fifteen years of outstanding service!

—*Aaron Miller, assistant controller*

### **Rodney E. Ewers**

#### *Electrician*

Rodney Ewers spent fifteen years working at Lake Erie Electric (L.E.E.) before coming to Kenyon in November 2005 as an electrician. While at

L.E.E., he provided electrical work in the construction of hospitals, high schools, and college buildings, including the College's very own Rosse Hall. During that same time, Rodney was able to complete his apprentice-training program with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), which required him to take five years of continuing-education classes, work 10,000 hours in on-the-job training, and complete ten years of electrical experience to achieve the status of journeyman electrician. A second-generation electrician, following his father's career path, he is now a thirty-year member of the IBEW, Local 688. Rodney is highly skilled and determined to resolve any electrical issues he encounters. He is primarily responsible for maintaining the electrical and mechanical needs in Peirce Hall and the Kenyon Athletic Center, two of the most heavily used buildings on campus. In addition, Rodney works to tackle other electrical issues that arise daily throughout our campus. His wife, Theresa Ewers, also works on campus as the longstanding office manager for the AVI offices. We want to congratulate and thank Rodney for his fifteen years of service and dedication to Kenyon, and we look forward to the many years to come.

—*David A. Boughter, manager of technical trades*

### **Phaedra C. Fawcett**

#### *Assistant Registrar*

Phaedra Fawcett's job has changed dramatically since she started working in the Registrar's Office. Most recently, she has taken on our new graduation-requirement reviews, giving her an opportunity to connect with students during their junior or senior year to review their degree requirements. This past fall, that included meeting with more than four hundred seniors in the span of a few weeks. Phaedra's combination of care for the individual and her tough-love approach helps students, faculty advisors, and department chairs stay focused on the end goal. She continues to work with departments to build department class schedules and assign classrooms for courses, and with students to choose courses for both summer school and off-campus study among many, many other varied tasks. I look forward to many more years of Phaedra's energy, creativity, dedication, humor, and presence in the Registrar's Office.

—*Ellen Harbourt, registrar*

### **Jill L. Kerkhoff**

#### *Facilities Coordinator and Office Administrator, Brown Family Environmental Center*

Jill Kerkhoff's fifteen-year adventure at the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC) had humble beginnings. She was originally hired in 2005 as a part-time, seasonal employee to support elementary-school field trips,

but her role quickly expanded. By 2007, Jill was working year-round, both inside and out, exercising her administrative expertise in the office and transforming the wildlife garden. And by 2015, she was working full-time, taking on new responsibilities both in the office and on the grounds. Jill's ability to adjust to her evolving workload and responsibilities is evidence of her dedication and commitment, and her expanding responsibilities stem from the value that she brings to the workplace. She currently wears many hats at the BFEC, where she is our office administrator, head gardener, and facilities coordinator. Jill's work provides invaluable support for maintaining and expanding our programs, events, volunteer efforts, and membership. How do you craft a job title for someone who does so much? It isn't easy. Jill says, "I love the variety and seasonality of the work that I get to do, especially working with students in the garden. I also love our close-knit staff and the fact that we get so much accomplished with so few people by working hard and having a common goal."

—Noelle Jordan, *manager, Brown Family Environmental Center*

### **Carisa D. Lanning**

*Senior Systems and Project Manager,  
Library and Information Services*

Every time I talk to Carisa Lanning, I learn something new. The depth of her logic and understanding brings clarity to complex issues. And, like many of her colleagues, I appreciate Carisa's patient explanations, smile, and laugh! I am impressed by the skillful design and detail she brings to every endeavor. Carisa's knowledge of the intricacies of the K-card systems is unmatched. Thanks to her, the K-card protects students and faculty and staff members in their residences, classrooms, and offices all over campus, no matter how many people are here. Carisa's recent promotion to senior systems and project manager recognizes her continued leadership in Information Technology Services, with projects that have a campus-wide impact. I am grateful to have her as part of our team. Congratulations, Carisa, on your fifteen years at Kenyon!

—Jared Hoffman, *director of enterprise infrastructure, Information Technology Services, Library and Information Services*

### **Hallie A. Logan**

*Administrative Assistant, Kenyon Interfaith Partnership and  
Office of Spiritual and Religious Life*

From the very beginning of her time at Kenyon, it was evident that Hallie Logan took her role as an administrator, in what was then called the Office of Campus Ministries, very seriously. As the office has changed and

developed through different names and forms, she has always been the constant in all of that, keeping us on track and organized. Hallie's skills in budgeting and editing, always with an eye toward the details, have been invaluable to everyone who has ever interacted with her. In addition to her administrative and organizational talents, she has been an often unseen advocate for all religious groups on campus, and she is dedicated to the students' well-being. Hallie is, in many ways, the link that enables our office to support students in their particular religious identities. That vital sense of belonging and inclusivity is also strengthened by her work at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Hallie is a talented professional and a wonderful colleague who deeply cares about both students and the community as a whole. No matter what is asked of her, she is always willing to jump in with both feet and a smile. The Office of Spiritual and Religious Life is a much better department because of the work Hallie Logan does, and we are forever grateful for her presence.

—*Marc W. Bragin, director of spiritual and religious life, Jewish chaplain, and director of Hillel; Rev. Rachel C. Kessler, chaplain and chair of Kenyon Interfaith Partnership*

## **Eric C. Massa**

### *Rover*

If you were to draft a description of the ideal employee, you would have to go no further than to describe Eric Massa. A lot of a rover's tasks require the ability to work independently. Whether preparing for a set up, moving furniture for offices, or picking up trash and recycling, Eric approaches every assigned work order in the same "get it done" attitude. Even on slow days, he is not one to sit idle awaiting something to do. Coming to Kenyon as a custodian and now working as a rover for the second time in fifteen years, Eric has made us grateful to have him bid back to the rover position. There is no task too small or too large to receive his full attention. Almost always sporting some sort of Ohio State University clothing, Eric is one of those die-hard Buckeye fans. On this, the anniversary of his fifteenth year, I will say to him and his wife, kids, and grandkids how thankful we are to have him working here at the College!

—*Gary Sweeney, manager of facility services*

## **Jeffrey B. McCoy**

### *Electrician*

In October 2005, Jeff McCoy came to Kenyon from the Timken Roller Bearing Company. He was hired as an electrician working the second-shift in the Maintenance Department. Jeff, who holds a certification in refrigeration and pneumatics, has extensive knowledge and experience

working with building automation controls and heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning. For his first nine-and-a-half years on campus, Jeff worked on the second shift. When he was offered a position as the building automation technician and electrician, he accepted it and moved to the day shift. Jeff's primary focus is on monitoring, maintaining, and correcting the heating and cooling systems across campus. He works to correct any abnormalities, in a timely manner, potentially saving the College a great deal in energy costs. Jeff is a devoted family man who enjoys spending time with his wife, Cam, their daughter, Cori, and their son, Damon. We thank Jeff for fifteen years of faithful, professional, and dedicated service to Kenyon, and we look forward to many more years ahead.

—David A. Boughter, manager of technical trades

### **Anna Duke Reach**

#### *Director of Programs, The Kenyon Review*

In these fifteen years—can that be possible?—of creative energy, Anna Duke Reach has transformed the *Kenyon Review* writing programs. From being a peripheral part of our activities, they have become a central part of the KR mission, celebrated at home and abroad. Not only do these programs embrace a variety of sophisticated pedagogies and models for Young Writers and adults, they all exhibit her marvelous gift for a culture of warmth, inclusion, graciousness. More than this, however, thanks to her efforts in visiting cities and schools around the country, corresponding tirelessly with parents, teachers, foundations, and participants, the Young Writers program has become more diverse, more international, and more selective than any rival program or even the College itself. Anna has also fostered those same amazing qualities of warmth and graciousness in the culture of the organization as well—from staff gatherings and happy hours, to the warm embrace we provide for the students, the associates, and the interns, and visiting families. Thanks to Anna, the *Kenyon Review* excels artistically, socially, and educationally. Anna continues to play a valued leadership role in most everything we aspire to.

—David H. Lynn, *The Banks Editor, The Kenyon Review; professor of English*

### **Brandon M. Warga**

#### *Helpline Manager, Library and Information Services*

If you've ever encountered an information technology (IT) problem at Kenyon, chances are that Brandon Warga has had a hand in resolving it. As helpline manager at Library and Information Services (LBIS), he supports many different technologies (telephones, printers, software, and classroom technology, among many others) and many different people on campus—

from the faculty and staff members who call, chat, or email Helpline for assistance to the students who drop by the Helpline desk for assistance with their laptops. Brandon is always available and willing to lend a hand in resolving a problem, either directly or by way of his able training and guidance of the crack student Helpline staff. Compassionate and understanding, he has strong communication skills, which he deploys both orally and in written ways as he helps others. Brandon willingly takes on difficult challenges, designs new support workflows as new technologies emerge, and provides advice, and he is not afraid to initiate continuous improvement ideas for the betterment of the College community. His knowledge of Kenyon's academic and student life has made him a natural at supporting community members in their work—and at onboarding and mentoring new student workers who are motivated to join the Helpline team each year. Brandon serves on the user-services team, but he works equally intensely with other groups at LBIS, as well as partnering with other divisions on critical IT projects. His ability to learn and to share his knowledge is the perfect match for higher education, and his service spirit is the secret to his success. We are proud to honor Brandon for his fifteen years at the College.

—*Paul H. Mollard, director of user services, Library and Information Services*

### **Regina M. Wolfe**

#### *Telecommunications Officer, Office of Campus Safety*

Gina Wolfe came to Kenyon in 2005 as a part-time telecommunications officer. She then moved to a full-time “midnight” telecommunications officer position. While on the night shift, Gina was part of the response to many serious situations. The night-shift officers with whom she worked knew that she could be counted on to make sure they were safe and had the backup needed to perform their duties. Gina enjoyed walking on Middle Path at 3:00 a.m while it was peaceful and listening to the barbershop quartets while they were on campus during the summers. Eventually, she was able to move to a daytime position where she was able to see sunlight again and still use the many skills she has learned over the years. Known for her cleaning skills, Gina loves to see that the front glass in the lobby area of Campus Safety is clean and shiny! She also loves spending time with her grandkids and going to Lake Erie. Gina is a valuable member of the Office of Campus Safety and the College community.

—*Todd Bell, assistant director, Office of Campus Safety*



# Twenty Years

## **Timothy “Todd” Bell**

### *Assistant Director, Office of Campus Safety*

Todd Bell arrived at Kenyon on August 27, 2000, and began a long career on the Office of Campus Safety’s midnight shift. He came to the College after being a bank manager and determining that the long-hours were not conducive to a healthy family life. For some reason, Todd thought that working for nineteen years on the midnight shift in campus safety would make his home-life better! In 2001, he was promoted to midnight-shift supervisor. Todd has said that his favorite part of working midnights was the interaction with the students —and seeing them at their best and their worst. (His least favorite part of midnights was the vomit.) Todd has held a number of different roles within the Office of Campus Safety, including emergency-response coordinator, and he was instrumental in the formation of the Kenyon Emergency Preparedness Team. In 2020, he was promoted to the position of assistant director of the office, and with that promotion came duty as the College’s Clery coordinator. In his new role, Todd has needed to become reacclimated to sunlight, and his family has had to get used to seeing him awake. The jury is still out on whether they like it better or not! Todd is well known in the department for his long, detailed emails and his admonitions to complete National Incident Management System training. He says that, in many ways, things have changed very little over the years —the needs and desires of students are basically the same throughout the generations. Todd is an extremely valuable member of the office, highly respected by Kenyon’s students and faculty and staff members.

—*Michael D. Sweazey, director of campus safety*

## **Joan M. Collins**

### *Financial Aid Assistant*

Joni Collins began her Kenyon career at the College Bookstore and moved to the Office of Financial Aid in 2008. With a warm smile and calm voice, she has welcomed students and parents to our office and helped countless families through the often confusing financial-aid processes. Always up for a new challenge, Joni has taken on our conversion to a paperless office with aplomb, and her attention to detail and caring personality serve as a model of excellent customer service for all of us in the office. Besides keeping me organized, what I enjoy most about Joni is her creativity and laughter. The office is always well-decorated for the seasonal holidays, and I eagerly anticipate seeing her Halloween outfit each year at the Staff Council

Holiday Lunch. With the best green thumb, Joni also ensures that our plants are well taken care of. Congratulations, Joni, and many thanks for your twenty years of service to Kenyon!

—*Craig A. Slaughter, director of financial aid*

**Shawn L. Dailey**

*Associate Vice President for Alumni and Parent Engagement  
and Annual Giving*

Shawn Dailey's twentieth year at Kenyon has been an eventful one. Building upon his strong leadership in annual giving and tapping his expertise more fully for the Advancement Division, he moved into the role of associate vice president for alumni and parent engagement and annual giving. Shawn is now bringing together these two teams to work seamlessly with the College's alumni and parents. In addition to being known as a trusted colleague, talented athlete, and dedicated musician, he will be adding Kenyon parent to his list of distinctions as his son, Conor Dailey, joins the Class of 2024 this fall. Congratulations on twenty years, Shawn!

—*Colleen C. Garland, vice president for advancement*

**Becky A. Gallagher**

*Animal Caretaker and Laboratory Technician,  
Department of Neuroscience*

Becky Gallagher has been an integral part of the neuroscience department for twenty years. She takes excellent care of our non-human research subjects, makes sure the animal care facility is in excellent condition, and keeps our research laboratories clean, orderly, and well stocked with supplies. Becky has always been a team player and we have come to rely on her good nature, commitment, and support to help us conduct our research. Both student and faculty researchers know they can depend on her assistance, patience, efficiency, and good humor. Her dedication and organizational skills have ensured the safety and welfare of our research animals and our labs throughout the last two decades. We are happy to have this opportunity to say that we respect and value her many contributions to our work, and that we are truly grateful to have such a splendid colleague. Congratulations, Becky, on your twenty years of service to the College, and thank you for all your hard work on our behalf, on behalf of our students, and on behalf of our research animals!

—*Andrew J. Niemiec, associate professor of neuroscience*

## **A. Chris Kennerly**

*Associate Dean of Students;*

*Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

Over the course of his twenty-year service to the College, Chris Kennerly has proven to be nothing short of devoted to Kenyon students. He has a clear passion for the College and our students, and he serves both tirelessly. To reference his favorite band, Earth, Wind, and Fire (he continues to dream that someday they will perform at Summer Sendoff!), Chris treats each and every student as a “Shining Star.” On a programmatic level, he demonstrates a fierce commitment in particular to those that have a profound impact on first-generation students and students of color, especially KEEP and REACH. The number of alumni with whom he is connected, and who remain steadfastly connected to Kenyon thanks to Chris, reflects his dedication. Over the last twenty years, he has also proven to be a friend and mentor. With a sly wit and no shortage of pithy one-liners, Chris manages to dole out profound wisdom, good-natured ribbing, and genuine care to his colleagues in equal measure. He demonstrates passion and dedication for supporting students, thereby making the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion a site of compassionate and purposeful work. There is no shortage of titles and roles that are assigned to Chris: “Big Chris,” “Dean Kennerly,” “Coach” (he volunteers with the College’s track and field team), and perhaps most importantly, “Papa Chris” to generations of Kenyon students. All of us at the College, and especially our students, are indeed fortunate to have him in our midst.

—*Meredith Harper Bonham, vice president for student affairs*

## **William T. Moran**

*Campus Safety Officer*

Will Moran joined Kenyon in 2000 as a part-time campus safety field officer. For the past twenty years, he has been employed by the Mount Vernon Water Department as well. Will has worked on every shift at the College, giving him a great amount of knowledge about the duties associated with each. His fellow campus safety officers know they can count on Will to “have their backs” in any situation that arises. They also know he will make good decisions based on the knowledge he has gained during his time at Kenyon. Will is known for being very passionate in everything he does, which includes enjoying music, sports, and time with his children. He is a valuable member of the Office of Campus Safety and the Kenyon community.

—*Todd Bell, assistant director, Office of Campus Safety*

## **Heidi L. Norris**

### *Student Employment Coordinator Career Development Office*

Heidi Norris defies description. The moment you think you've figured her out, she reveals a new dimension to her personality. An easier task is to define how Heidi makes you feel, because that happens to be pretty straightforward: being around Heidi makes you happy. Simple as that. She possesses a dogged enthusiasm for work, life, and experiences that challenges those around her to feel anything but grateful for each day. Heidi maintains this energy while working as hard as anyone I know. Approach her when she is deep in reconciling endless, complicated spreadsheets and she'll drop what she's doing, turn to you with absolute attention, and greet you with a big, gregarious "How are you!" It's this positivity that keeps a steady flow of students coming to Heidi for help, because she will never make you feel like you're interfering with her work—which, given her workload, you most certainly are, but you'd never know it! If you are lucky enough to know Heidi, I guarantee you are happy when she's around. Kenyon is fortunate to have her in the community for this reason alone, not to mention her achievements with on-campus employment, a messy quagmire of processes and minutiae that she has wrangled into a well-oiled machine over the years. Thank you, Heidi, for another five years of incredible work, unforgettable stories, and friendship.

—*Lee C. Schott, interim director, Career Development Office*

## **Sherry D. Smith**

### *Custodian*

Sherry Smith has spent most of her twenty-year career at Kenyon working in the same buildings, with the same partner. There has been no need for change! Sherry likes working with her coworker and also likes the buildings they clean. She and her husband, Tom, enjoy spending time with their children, Ashley, Matthew, and Chelsea, and their grandson, Anthony. Sherry also enjoys working with her horses and in her yard. Thank you, Sherry, for twenty years of outstanding service to the College. It is a pleasure working with you.

—*Lori H. Moore, assistant manager of facility services*

## **Mary C. Spence**

### *Assistant Director, Office of Human Resources*

For twenty years, Mary Spence has been the glue holding human resources together, our institutional memory (when the rest of us forget!), and the voice of empathy in difficult situations. On the front lines of an office that

interacts with employees in a variety of ways, she demonstrates her skill and understanding of Kenyon policies, procedures, and people every day. Mary responds to countless questions regarding searches, time reporting, paid-time-off balances, worker's compensation, forms, and on and on with her characteristic detailed answers and good grace. Outside of her work at the College, she is an accomplished actor and singer who has appeared in many local theater productions. Mary's skills were showcased especially well in her portrayals of Natalie Wood and Karen Carpenter in the local Chautauqua series. In addition, Mary attends more concerts than anyone I know. If you check her Google calendar, you'll feel like such a slacker! The Office of Human Services and Kenyon are so fortunate to have had Mary's talent, dedication, sense of humor, and support for the last twenty years, and we look forward to many more!

—*Jennifer G. Cabral, director, Office of Human Resources*

### **Lisa G. Wengerd**

#### *Custodian*

Lisa Wengerd has worked in several buildings on the Kenyon campus over the past twenty years. Currently, she works in Mather Residence, Rothenberg Hillel House, Shaffer Speech Building, and Treleaven House. Lisa is a hard worker and does everything she can to ensure the residents of her buildings are happy. She has two children, William and Tiffany, and she and her husband, Kelly, enjoy spending time with them and their two grandchildren. They are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of the third grandchild. Thank you, Lisa, for being such a good employee and for twenty years of service.

—*Lori H. Moore, assistant manager of facility services*

### **Amy Heasley Williams**

#### *Associate Athletic Director*

As most everyone knows, Amy Williams is the brains behind the College's Department of Athletics, Fitness, and Recreation. Her knowledge and experience of Kenyon athletics are voluminous, with the breadth of her vision matched only by its depth. Amy has performed in just about every role in athletics, starting as a student-athlete, continuing as a coach, and, for the past twenty years, serving as an athletics administrator covering a wide variety of responsibilities. She has handled National Collegiate Athletic Association compliance, academic monitoring, sports supervision, game management, budget oversight, aquatics management, student-athlete welfare, and, importantly, many, many "other duties as assigned." Most recently, Amy has expanded her repertoire by taking on the role of liaison to the Advancement Division, working with colleagues across the campus

to establish strong ties that help promote larger institutional goals while serving the department. Whether creating fundraising opportunities for individual sports programs, spearheading sports-alumni communications and gatherings, promoting postseason celebrations for teams, family members, and friends, or re-envisioning the award displays in the Kenyon Athletic Center, she finds ways to build bridges and, ultimately, serve the greater good of the College. Amy is a terrific colleague, a thoughtful and selfless leader, and, above all, a person of integrity.

—*Jill McCartney, director of athletics, fitness, and recreation*

# Twenty-Five Years

## **Rachel J. Cline**

### *Custodian*

Rachel Cline serves as a group leader for the custodians, which entails a wide variety of jobs. She always has a smile and a positive attitude. Rachel gives 110 percent every day, completing any assignment given to her and doing a superb job of it. With a beautiful voice, she sings often at church and even occasionally graces her fellow employees with her singing, which we all enjoy. In her spare time, Rachel enjoys motorcycling and spending time with her husband, Chris, and their dog, Jackson. I can always count on Rachel for an honest opinion and advice. Thank you, Rachel, for being a dedicated employee and for your twenty-five years of service. The time working with you has passed quickly, and it is a pleasure to continue working with you.

—Lori H. Moore, *assistant manager of facility services*

## **Kristine R. Conant**

### *Production Manager,*

### *Department of Dance, Drama, and Film*

Kris Conant's role in Kenyon's Department of Dance, Drama, and Film has been redefined, as she has officially moved from being our administrative assistant into the role of production manager (PM) in the past five years. While it was difficult to wean ourselves from all she did as our administrative assistant, she has quickly become equally indispensable as our PM. Kris finds and trains crews for our shows, manages our production schedule, budgets, and box office, and nurtures cooperation and support amongst the many "personalities" involved in our production season. She also navigates our three programs seamlessly and remembers everything. Kris's office is always occupied by students and/or colleagues to the point that she has to ask for time alone. It's no wonder, as she is known for her big heart, her sense of humor, and her willingness to go the extra mile for anybody and for any good cause. But Kris is also sassy, keeping us all in line! We sincerely thank her for the invaluable contributions she has made to our department, and we congratulate her on twenty-five years of service to the College. Kris is our rock and the heart of the Department of Dance, Drama, and Film, no matter what her title.

—Julie A. Brodie, *professor of dance*

## **Troy R. Steinmetz**

### *Campus Safety Officer*

Troy Steinmetz joined Kenyon in 1995 at a young age and started his career in the Office of Campus safety as a full-time field officer. He has filled many different roles within campus safety, including supervisor for both second and third shifts. Troy currently oversees the training of new field officers, keeps the experienced ones updated with their training, and recently started helping with investigations at Kenyon. These are only a few roles he has taken on, but in each one he has excelled in making the position better. Troy is also known for his sense of humor—if there is anyone in campus safety who can make you laugh, it is Troy. (Too many stories to tell!) He has had a wide range of hobbies throughout the years, among them fishing, golfing, sitting by a good bonfire, and being with his family. Troy says he has enjoyed the people he has met and the friendships he has made while at the College. The supervisors within the Office of Campus Safety have an enormous amount of respect for his knowledge and decision-making skills. In the twenty-five years Troy has been at Kenyon, he has shown himself to be a very valuable member of the Office of Campus Safety and the Kenyon community.

—*Todd Bell, assistant director, Office of Campus Safety*

## **Maureen E. Tobin**

### *Senior Associate Director for Graduate School and Career Advising, Career Development Office*

Maureen Tobin possesses some kind of mythical energy reserve that allows her to handle the workload of many staff members. As the sole graduate-school advisor at the Career Development Office (CDO), she supports every Kenyon student and alumna or alumnus through the entire grad-school process—from “I’m thinking about grad school” and “Please review my application” to “Which of these fantastic offers should I accept?” That is a terrifying workload in itself, but the even scarier part . . . it’s only part of what Maureen does! Fortunately, for all of us, she is a force of nature, able to handle all of it and still end most of her days with a kayak trip down the Kokosing or a cycle around Knox County’s back roads. Maureen also adds a splash of rebelliousness to the office, playing devil’s advocate when group-think seems to be taking hold or breathing life into a conversation with her wicked sense of humor. Uniquely observant, cunning, and smart, she will tell it like it is without a whiff of sugar coating. This makes Maureen a one-of-a-kind friend, colleague, and advisor, able to deftly locate the root issues in complicated situations and ask incisive questions. She does all of this without ceding her well-defined values or her



dedication to colleagues and students. Her value to the CDO and Kenyon is incalculable. Thank you, Maureen, for another wonderful five years!

—*Lee C. Schott, interim director, Career Development Office*

# Thirty Years

## **Darcy L. Blankenhorn**

*Biology Materials and Laboratory Technical Director;  
Radiation Safety Officer Coordinator*

Darcy Blankenhorn first came to Kenyon as a physiology laboratory technician for Professor Emeritus of Biology Tom Jegla, then moved on to be the technician in the microbiology laboratory of Professor Joan Slonczewski. Since the retirement of the late Tom Smith, she has been managing the biology stockroom, taking on more and more responsibilities over the decades, being the lab safety coordinator who trains our students in laboratory safety, helping maintain the large number of instruments in the department, and more recently, being the in-house seamstress sewing dozens of face masks for the members of the department. A master gardener, Darcy has also been involved in maintaining the biology greenhouse. In her life outside of the College, she and her husband, Karl, are dedicated gospel singers and lovers of dogs.

—*Harry Itagaki, professor of biology*

## **Ronald K. Griggs**

*Vice President for Library and Information Services*

As vice president for Library and Information Services, Ron Griggs manages a vast array of issues, from cyber-security, to the library collection, to institutional research, to the ever-present issues around printing. In doing this work, he regularly personifies the liberal-arts values of Kenyon: he looks at problems from different vantage points, uses data and rigorous analysis to understand the issues, approaches difficult situations with empathy and care, and communicates complex topics with clarity. I can always count on Ron to provide a new insight, or synthesize disparate ideas into a cogent and coherent framework, or to relieve tension in a meeting with just the right dose of humor, at just the right moment. And, as the leader of a division centered on technology, he always keeps in mind that technology is always just a tool, and that the systems you build around the technology—how humans will interact with these tools—typically determine the success of a project. The work of Ron's team is often invisible, but that smooth-running invisibility is itself a testament to its effectiveness.

—*Sean M. Decatur, president*

# Thirty-Five Years

**Deborah L. Cole**  
*Office Manager,*

*Department of Athletics, Fitness, and Recreation*

Debbie Cole has been the backbone of Kenyon's Department of Athletics, Fitness, and Recreation, connecting all of us through her steady and helpful presence and ensuring the smooth running of our many programs. Through her ever-watchful attention on the necessities of our daily business, she oversees all the budgets, keeping up-to-the-minute records of expenses and revenue. A colleague says that Debbie "knows the answer to almost every question, and if she doesn't know, she'll figure it out faster than you thought possible." She manages all aspects of purchases and requisitions, payment of officials, and the endless and thankless pursuit of credit-card receipts. As one coach put it, "I'm pretty sure we would all lose our P-card privileges if it weren't for Debbie keeping us on track!" In addition, she ensures teams get where they need to be, as she not only arranges for team travel but also anticipates the many changes and cancellations that inevitably occur. Debbie managed the bid process for the department's charter transportation agreement, and she has been the key liaison for communicating needs and concerns. According to a colleague, she "looks for solutions to problems, and finds ways to support each of the coaches and staff members." What a number of them say about Debbie is that she not only takes care of business but also offers assistance and support to everyone. She has a playful sense of humor, too; as one colleague described it, Debbie is "capable of slinging the most potent one-liners to capture our attention and lighten the mood in a staff meeting." In sum, we are very lucky to have Debbie Cole on our team.

—*Jill McCartney, director of athletics, fitness, and recreation*

**David C. McCoy**  
*Grounds Person*

Dave McCoy began his employment with Kenyon in 1985. His first job was on the custodial staff, working the night shift in the College's academic and athletic buildings. In 1997, Dave became a floater on the day shift in the residence halls; in 2007, he moved from the custodial to the grounds staff. He now works in the area around the Kenyon Athletic Center and mows the non-field areas of the athletics campus. Dave also takes care of the composting process of the leftover food products from the College's dining facilities. In the past, he has worked with the athletic fields. Dave

is a member of the Middle Path Partnership's daily-operations team. In his time away from Kenyon, he enjoys buying, selling, and trading a large number of items, as well as working on cars, trucks, and tractors. We thank Dave for his thirty-five years of service to the College and offer our best wishes to him for the future.

—*Steven M. Vaden, grounds manager*

### **Lisa D. Schott**

#### *Managing Director, Philander Chase Conservancy*

Kenyon College's ethos combines a strong sense of place—the value of our geography and environment—with a strong connection and concern about people. Lisa Schott's career at Kenyon has been devoted to both of these in equal measure, from her longtime work in College Relations (where for years she steered the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs), to her work in the Office of the President on community and sustainability initiatives, to her skillful leadership of the Philander Chase Corporation. Lisa always brings energy, enthusiasm, and creativity to her work. And, her impact on Kenyon has been substantial: many acres of land adjacent to the College conserved in perpetuity, a new nature preserve and green burial site developed and launched, many individual alumni affected by their connection with Lisa; I could go on and on. An alumna of Kenyon, Lisa has a passion and commitment to the College that run very deep; she not only bleeds purple, she also embodies the spirit of Kenyon through her work in forging connections among many different members of our community, spinning purple webs of connection in Gambier, Knox County, and beyond.

—*Sean M. Decatur, president*

### **Evelyn M. Smith**

#### *Grounds Person*

Evelyn Smith began her employment at Kenyon in the summer of 1985. She first worked as a member of the custodial staff on the night shift in academic buildings. In 1995, Evelyn transferred to the day shift, working in the first-year residence halls. In September 2009, she moved from the custodial department to the grounds department. Evelyn has worked around Peirce Hall, the Kenyon Athletic Center, and Shaffer Speech Building and Bolton Theater, and she is currently assigned to the north campus area. She is a very hard worker, committed to doing her best. Evelyn has served on the Middle Path Partnership's daily-operations team. In her off hours, she enjoys camping, fishing, and gardening. Evelyn also prizes time with her grandchildren. We thank Evelyn for her thirty-five

years of service to the College, and we offer our best wishes to her for the future.

—*Steven M. Vaden, grounds manager*

## **Robert L. Smith**

### *Carpenter*

Bob Smith started his career at Kenyon in March 1985. With his master craftsmanship and exceptional attention to detail, he quickly became a valued asset to the Maintenance Department. Bob is a founder and outstanding member of the Middle Path Partnership and its daily-operations team. He is also currently president of the UE local union. On collective work projects, Bob's input is always valued and appreciated. His top-tier craftsmanship shows in all his projects. His work ethic and dedication to his job are phenomenal. Deadlines are never an issue for him. In his spare time, Bob applies his carpentry skills to building cabinets and furniture. He does make time to enjoy being an avid outdoorsman and to volunteer his services as a trustee of the Knox County Fish and Game Association. Bob loves spending quality time with his family and taking Evelyn, his wife of thirty-six years, on motorcycle road trips. They both enjoy spending time with their two sons and five grandchildren. It has been my pleasure working with Bob, and I thank him for his thirty-five years of dedicated service to the College.

—*Michael S. Itschner, manager of building maintenance trades*

# Forty Years

**Lori H. Moore**

*Assistant Manager of Facility Services*

Simply put, Lori Moore is a force of nature. With forty(!) years working at Kenyon, she has an intuitive understanding of the campus of which I, as a newcomer, am in awe. More important even than this rich institutional knowledge is Lori's passion. She cares deeply for the College and for the team she works with. Even with her wealth of experience, Lori isn't afraid to learn and grow, as evidenced by her taking on a management role after more than thirty years as a custodian. She brings out the best in people, often giving a well-timed reminder of what they are capable of because she expects everyone to give their best, no more and no less. Lori is a dedicated and capable employee, but she is also a phenomenal human being with a knack for making people feel comfortable and included. She is the kind of person you want in your corner. Kenyon, and the facilities-operations staff are lucky to have Lori in their corner.

*—Rebecca Lanter, director of facility operations*

# Distinguished Service Awards

## 1998-99

Beth A. Hillier  
*Secretary,  
Health and Counseling Center*

Maralyn B. Sentel  
*Manager of Custodial Services*

## 1999-2000

Judy G. Brandenburg  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Department of Music*

Thomas V. Lepley  
*Superintendent of Buildings and  
Grounds*

## 2000-01

Charles H. Jacobs  
*Coordinator of Health, Safety, and  
Residence Facilities*

Richard L. Switzer  
*Dean for Academic Support and  
Registrar*

## 2001-02

Barbara A. Dupee  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Department of English*

Thomas P. Stamp  
*Executive Director of Public Affairs*

## 2002-03

Carol J. Marshall  
*Special Collections and Archives  
Reading Room Coordinator*

Cheryl L. Steele  
*Associate Dean of Students*

## 2003-04

Mary L. Frazee  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Office of Development*

M. Beverly Morse  
*Associate Dean of Admissions*

## 2004-05

Darlene R. Tedrow  
*Coordinator of Faculty Support,  
Office of the Associate Provosts*

Ronald K. Griggs  
*Director of Information Systems*

## 2005-06

Donna J. Maloney  
*Administrative Assistant and  
Applied Music Coordinator,  
Department of Music*

E. Jane Martindell  
*Dean for Academic Advising*

## 2006-07

Kimberly K. Totman  
*Executive Assistant to the Dean  
of Admissions and Financial Aid*

Lisa D. Schott  
*Director of Alumni and Parent  
Programs*

## 2007-08

Carole G. Fiant  
*Clerk, Campus Safety and  
Telecommunications*

Patrick K. Gilligan  
*Director of Counseling Services*

**2008-09**

Patty S. Bower  
*Administrative Assistant, Alumni  
and Parent Programs*

Teresa M. Huvler  
*Admissions Information System  
Analyst/Application Manager*

**2009-10**

Lisa L. Dilts  
*Administrative Assistant and  
Technician, Department of Art*

Cathy M. Kempton  
*Computer Records Supervisor and  
Housing Process Coordinator,  
Student Affairs Division*

**2010-11**

Amy L. Quinlivan  
*Executive Assistant  
to the Associate Provosts  
and the Tenure and Promotion  
Committee*

Darrell L. Stull  
*Telecommunications Support  
Technician*

**2011-12**

Jalene R. Fox  
*Administrative Assistant  
for the Center for the Study  
of American Democracy and  
the Department of Political Science*

A. Chris Kennerly  
*Associate Dean of Students and  
Director of Multicultural Affairs*

**2012-13**

Sharon K. Franz  
*Grounds Person (Certified)*

Frederick S. Linger  
*Manager of Business Services*

**2013-14**

Jill A. Shriver  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Philander Chase Corporation*

Jacqueline Elliott Robbins  
*Director of Advancement  
Information Services*

**2014-15**

Wendy M. Busenburg  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Department of Biology*

Erin F. Salva  
*Director of Student Accessibility  
and Support Services*

**2015-16**

Diana K. Blue  
*Administrative Assistant,  
Office of Admissions*

Barbara J. Hamm  
*Manager of Finance Office  
Operations*

**2016-17**

Michael D. Mickley  
*Custodial Rover*

Gary D. Sweeney  
*Manager of Facility Services*



**2017-18**

Carol A. Duvall  
*Executive Assistant  
to the Chief Business Officer*

Kathryn Brechler Lake  
*Director of Board Relations and  
Presidential Events*

**2018-19**

Lori H. Moore  
*Assistant Manager of Facility  
Services*

Miracle Mahle  
*Administrative Assistant and  
Transportation Coordinator,  
Office of Campus Safety*





