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Groff joins the communication department

Anna M. Groff, who became the assistant editor for The Mennonite immediately after graduating from Goshen College in 2006 and went on to serve as editor and executive director for that flagship denominational magazine, joins the communication department as an assistant professor.

Since 2015, Groff has served as the executive director of Dove's Nest, an organization devoted to helping faith communities ensure the safety of children and youth. Her work included training church leaders and volunteers across North America and developing widely used abuse-prevention resources.

“We are thrilled to have Anna returning to her alma mater and home department,” said Duane Stoltzfus, chair of the communication department. “She combines rich professional experience with a deep knowledge of the college.”

While at Goshen, she served as executive editor of The Record twice: in May 2004 and in spring 2006. She also had internships with The Elkhart Truth, The South Bend Tribune and The Lancaster New Era.

After graduating from Goshen College with a bachelor's degree in communication and a concentration in journalism, she joined the staff of The Mennonite Inc. Along with reporting on churchwide news, she took charge of creating an online platform for The Mennonite.

At the time, only major national religious magazines like Christianity Today and Christian Century had nascent websites. Along with creating a website Groff introduced a weekly email news digest called TMail, whose circulation came to exceed the readership of the print magazine.

She received multiple awards from the Associated Church Press for her contributions to The Mennonite.

A year ago, in the fall of 2020, The Mennonite merged with Mennonite World Review to form Anabaptist World, an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement.

She earned a master's degree in public administration from



Portrait of Anna Groff, the new assistant professor of communication.

Arizona State University, focusing on nonprofit management.

In the fall semester, Groff will teach two courses remotely from her home in Tucson, Arizona. Before the spring semester begins in January, she expects to relocate to Goshen with her husband, Brian, and their two daughters.

In addition to teaching, Groff will provide leadership for a new degree-completion program in communication for adults; the annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest; and the Goshen chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Lightbox redesigns Record website

by Jackson Steinmetz '23

The Record, Goshen College's student newspaper, launched its redesigned website on Sept. 30, culminating a process that began a year ago when LightBox, an agency led by two graduates of the college, agreed to lead the project.

The LightBox co-founders and partners, Jordan Kauffman and Rafael Barahona, turned the redesign into a learning opportunity, bringing on board three students -- Augusta Nafziger, Jackson Steinmetz and Nick Yutzy -- to assist at key stages along the way, from research interviews to mock-ups to coding.

“We still have a WordPress platform, but the models are from different eras,” said Duane Stoltzfus, chair of the communication department and Record faculty adviser. “The earlier site was developed by a talented student in 2008, a few years after Facebook and YouTube appeared. The need for a Record upgrade was abundantly clear.”



Nick Yutzy '21 invested eight months on the site redesign.

archive was difficult to navigate. The current archives will include content going back to 2008 with plans to digitize the archive dating all the way back to 1912.

“When LightBox agreed to the redesign under generous terms, and when former Record editors quickly responded with donations, we knew that the stars had aligned,” Stoltzfus said. “We hope that our readers will recognize and embrace the digital transformation as readily as we did.”

The site lacked accessibility and the archive was disorganized. “One of the biggest issues with any student-produced product is the brain drain that occurs,” Kauffman said. “The knowledge base disappears as people graduate.”

As a result, article formatting changed regularly and the



Capture of the new website's homepage.

The design team at LightBox began working on the site at the beginning of the new year. They started with research to determine the wants and needs of a new site.

Interviews were conducted with faculty, students and alumni who would have insights into the use of the website.

Nick Yutzy, who graduated in May with a communication major, joined the project with experience as both a LightBox intern and a Record executive editor. Yutzy was well suited to provide valuable insight about the site and how it would be used.

“You understand the importance of the newspaper when you’re in it and when you’re reporting for it and you want that to be as accessible as possible,” he said.

Yutzy was excited to be a part of the push to make The Record more accessible. He took charge of the preliminary design work and redesigned the nameplate himself.

The team grew larger with the addition of summer interns Steinmetz and Nafziger, who were brought in to help transfer content to the new site while Yutzy designed mockups and Kauffman worked on coding the website with another member of the LightBox Collective, Alex Dugger.

They made a straightforward interface for Record staff to use for regular news postings and for the next student project: archiving the 95 years of Record content still to be digitized.

The redesigned Record website, record.goshen.edu, remains free to readers. The newspaper is also available in a print edition for \$20 per year, a subscription price that has held steady for more than 20 years.

Goshen College sophomore Denisse Aguilar wins 2021 peace oratorical contest

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Denisse Aguilar, a sophomore from Goshen with majors in psychology and sociology, won the 2021 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest and \$300 in prize money on Feb. 16 with a speech titled “Living the American Dream on Borrowed Time.”

Aguilar spoke about her experience as a beneficiary of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the uncertainty she has felt over her status and the ways she drew inspiration from the resiliency of other DACA recipients.

“My parents came to the U.S. in search of this idea of economic transcendence,” she said. “The idea of creating a good life by following instructions and working hard, the American dream.”

However, throughout high school and as she began college, Aguilar said that her DACA status seemed like both a blessing and an uncertainty.

“My future had been built on a two-year by two-year basis, and thinking further than that seemed like overreaching,” Aguilar said. “And during this time, I thought ‘Am I just living the American dream on borrowed time?’”

Aguilar encouraged listeners to be good advocates and to work together to create a peaceful, caring and safe environment for all.

“This has been part of my story, yet there are still 799,000 others that you have not heard,” she said. “Therefore, I urge you to listen and display compassion and empathy for those around you. And more importantly, if you have found your voice, as I recently have, use it. Use your voice for those who have been silenced.”

As the winner of the Goshen contest, Aguilar was entered into the binational intercollegiate Mennonite Central Committee C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest. She took second place in that binational competition.

In the Goshen College oratorical contest, Mackenzie Miller,



Photo by Nathan Pauls
Denisse Aguilar delivering her winning speech at the contest.

a senior journalism and English major from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, captured second place with her speech titled “Making Peace with Death: Transforming a Language of Violence and Inequality in America.”

Miller spoke about American's cultural understanding and fear of death, and her experience in Varanasi, India, where she watched Hindu pilgrims bathe in the Ganges River and perform funeral rites.

“There, in that place, death was mourned, for sure, but it was also celebrated... because we will all die someday, and we must all create room in our culture and in our language to acknowledge that,” Miller said.

She said that Goshen, though far from India, is not far from death, noting the funeral home across the street from campus.

“We too live beside death. We too are human. We too will die. We too are dust.”

The other contestants included Gabriella Klopfenstein, a junior public relations major from Goshen, whose speech was titled “Share the Road: My Dad’s Story”; Olivia Krall, a sophomore history major from Carmel, Indiana, whose speech was titled “The Rope That Ties Peace and Pain Together”; and Lisa Nalliah, a sophomore environmental and marine science major from Huntington, Indiana, whose speech was titled “Change Is Purple.”

New adult programs in communication introduced

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Adult students seeking to complete a bachelor of science in communication degree will learn alongside the traditional undergraduate program in the award-winning communication department, which has received numerous awards in radio, TV, journalism and film.

“We are pleased to offer a high-quality communication program for working adults who are eager to finish their college degree and enjoy the benefits that come with that accomplishment,” said Duane Stoltzfus, the chair of the communication department and director of adult and graduate programs at Goshen College.

Strong communication skills are one of the most in-demand skill sets among employers in a wide variety of fields — particularly for supervisory, management and leadership roles. Through this program, students will gain the technical knowledge and hands-on, real-world experience to advance in their current careers, or to move into any number of communications professions.

Beyond the traditional classroom, teaching labs are available with the Globe radio station, Globe TV, FiveCore Media, the Record newspaper, the Write on Sports summer camp, the RiverBend Film Festival and the C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest.

The media operations are housed in the Center for Communication Studies, a \$1.2 million wing that opened in the fall of 2020, featuring the only radio station in the nation whose on-air talent looks out on a cloister garden.

Applicants for the bachelor of science degree in communication must have earned at least 20 college credit hours.



Photo by Communications and Marketing
Students participating in the adult education program.

Communication department wins first Emmy Award for ‘A Festival of Carols’

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Goshen College’s FiveCore Media won a National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Lower Great Lakes Chapter regional Emmy award on June 12, the college’s first win out of four nominations.

The special live event coverage Emmy was awarded for FiveCore Media’s production of the Goshen College Music Department’s A Festival of Carols in 2020. FiveCore received the Emmy during a virtual awards ceremony. Other nominees in the category were Digital Alchemy in Cleveland and WTHR in Indianapolis.

A Festival of Carols is Goshen College’s yearly Christmas concert featuring the college’s choirs, ensembles and



Kyle Hufford with the Emmy trophy.

the local Rejoice Children’s Choir. The television special aired on several PBS stations in the Midwest region. A team of students produced A Festival of Carols under the direction of Kyle Hufford, executive

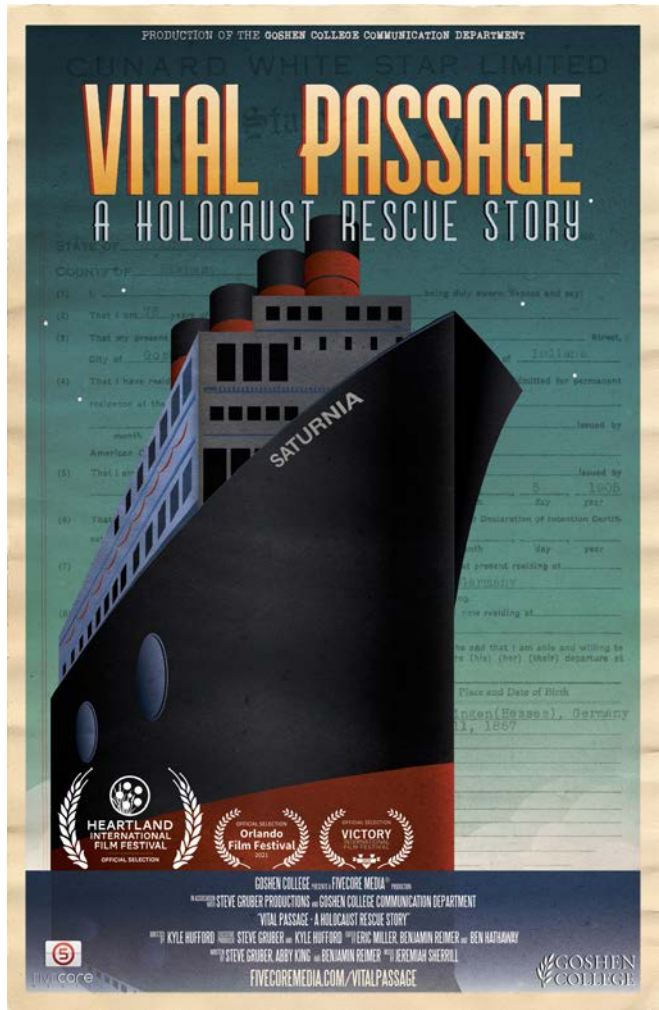
director of FiveCore Media and Goshen College associate professor of communication.

“This Emmy is a testament to the hard work of our Goshen College students and FiveCore staff,” Hufford said. “We have been knocking on the door with nominations in the past, but this year the students were finally recognized by broadcast industry professionals for their excellence. Festival of Carols is a huge production and it takes over a dozen students and staff to pull it off. I am honored to share this award with our students and hope this is the first of many more to come.”

A Festival of Carols will air again this coming Christmas season on PBS stations.

Vital Passage premieres

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The poster for "Vital Passage," the student-produced documentary about a Jewish family from Goshen who saved lives during WW2.

A feature-length documentary titled “Vital Passage,” filmed and edited by Goshen College students and faculty, premiered on April 9 at the Goshen Theater to a limited audience due to COVID-19 restrictions. The documentary was also shown at the Lerner Theatre in Elkhart and at Greencroft Communities in Goshen in September and will be screened at the Heartland International Film Festival in Indianapolis in October.

The film chronicles the story of David Plaut and his son, Sidney, Jewish merchants in Goshen, who risked their business and livelihood to provide a passage for Jews escaping the Holocaust.

For the past four years, a team of faculty and students from FiveCore Media has been developing this story that, up until now, was largely unknown. In partnership with Sidney Plaut’s grandson, Steve Gruber, FiveCore Media produced a feature-length documentary that explores a vein of Goshen history unknown to most locals.

Professor Jason Samuel given key to the city

By: Sierra Ross Richer '21

Jason Samuel, a professor of communication and the manager of 91.1 the Globe, was awarded a key to the city of Goshen for his contribution to improving the city of Goshen.

After Samuel organized a disc golf tournament to raise funds for The Window, a local food bank, Goshen Mayor Jeremy Stutsman presented Samuel with an honorary key to the City of Goshen, an award recognizing Samuel’s ongoing involvement in the community.

“To be presented a key to the city by the mayor, it’s humbling,” Samuel said. “I don’t want to say that it validates all the work I’ve done, but let me say this: It’s really nice to know that others see how much I care about our community.”

The event turnout far exceeded Samuel's expectations. In the end, 83 players gathered to play in the Maple City Ice Bowl at the Oxbow Flying Disc Sanctuary that Saturday morning.

Samuel has always had a heart for people experiencing food insecurity. So when he heard that the need at the local food bank had quadrupled during the pandemic, he wanted to do something to help.

In addition to entrance fees, monetary donations were collected for The Window.

The fundraiser generated about \$20,000. “It’s not going to solve the problem of food insecurity, but that money is going to feed a lot of people for a few weeks,” he said.

“Goshen has been generous before and they still are. They have really come through this year,” he said. "I love my town, I love my friends, my neighbors, my church, my job. All of that is here in Goshen.”



Participants in Jason Samuel's disc golf fundraiser in January.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Anna M. Groff joins the faculty as an assistant professor of communication this fall. In August, she transitioned to Goshen College from her role as executive director of Dove’s Nest, an organization devoted to helping faith communities ensure the safety of children and youth. Groff will teach remotely from her home in Tucson, Arizona, in the fall while preparing to move to Goshen with her husband and two children for the start of the spring semester. Her review of Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers ran in the May issue of Anabaptist World.

In April at the Goshen Theater, **Kyle Hufford**, along with a group of film production students, premiered their documentary “Vital Passage: A Holocaust Rescue Story.” This project was four years in the making and over 30 students had a hand in its production. “Vital Passage” will appear on the film festival circuit and be available through other public screenings. In June Hufford and Goshen College won their first Emmy Award for FiveCore Media’s production of Festival of Carols in the live event category. The 53rd annual Lower Great Lakes National Academy of Arts and Sciences awards ceremony was held virtually and Hufford accepted the award over Zoom at a watch party held in the new Center for Communication Studies. Hufford also won a national Telly award for directing the live Festival of Carols concert.

Jason Samuel began the academic year with the radio station in a new location for the first time in its history. The Globe studios and accompanying offices now reside in the Center for Communication Studies. In March, he was promoted to associate professor of communication by the rank and tenure committee. In June, Samuel worked with the Leaf Alive summer program, which brought Goshen elementary school students to the radio station for three days of in-studio hands-on activities.

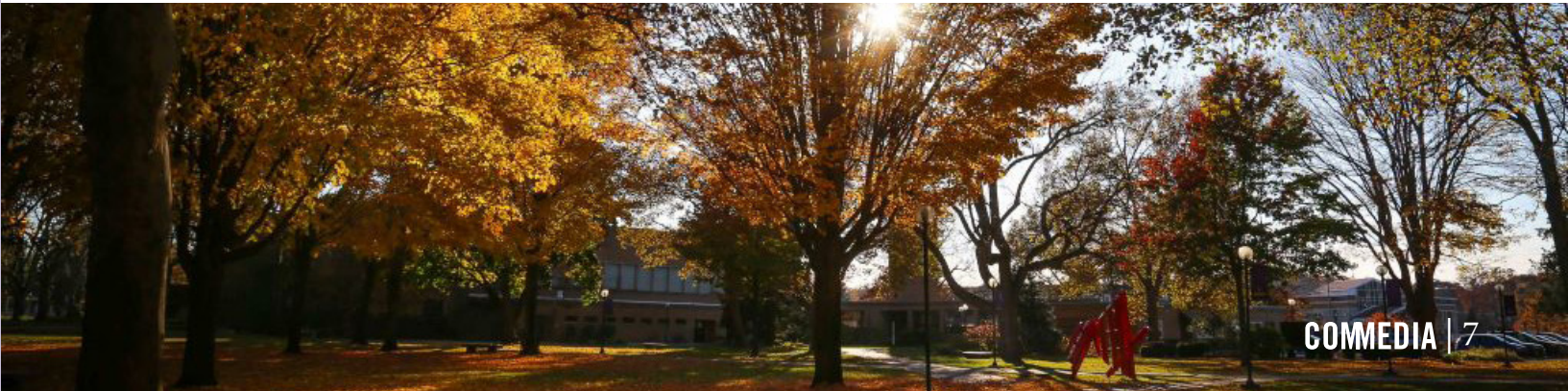
During this academic year, **Pat Lehman** taught six courses online for the communication department and the adult degree-completion program for nursing and social work. This summer she taught Communicating Across Cultures. In addition she has been working on several writing projects, including the final draft of her play, “Where the Grass Ends,” as well as a children’s

book and a longer novel in progress. She spent two weeks with family and friends in Pennsylvania in July and had hours of fun playing with her 2-year-old grandson, Sebastian, in Washington state, where she now lives.

In January, **Duane Stoltzfus** became the director of Adult and Graduate Programs at Goshen College, a half-time position. He continues to serve as the chair and a professor in the communication department. In March, he published an article on Mary Boe, who was one of scores of conscientious objectors who were denied citizenship in the 1920s and 1930s because, in responding to a hypothetical question, they refused to promise to take up arms in defense of the nation. The article, "When an American Pacifist Became an Alien in Her Own Homeland (And Had to Be Ready to Kill to Reclaim Her Citizenship)," was published in Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research. His review of Fighting Words: The Bold American Journalists Who Brought the World Home Between the Wars was published in The Journal of American History in June.

In January, MennoMedia will publish “Disarmed” by **Marshall King**. The book tells the story of MJ Sharp, a Mennonite, United Nations worker who spent his life advocating for peace around the world until he was killed while working in the Democratic Republic of Congo. King was drawn to the story and, after getting the Sharp family's blessing, conducted research for several years prior to writing the book. He said he is grateful for "the opportunity to tell the story of an amazing man who did remarkable work to help others and whose life ended tragically."

Richard Aguirre, an adjunct professor in the department, became the clerk-treasurer for the city of Goshen in July. Aguirre has always been interested in government and public service. He fed that interest through journalism for 26 years and felt that it was time to shift towards more direct involvement as an appointed official. His office manages public records and financial accounts, but Aguirre said his most important role “is helping ensure city government operates efficiently and with integrity and transparency. If I do my job well, I believe confidence in city government will increase.” He remains connected to GC as faculty advisor to the Latino Student Union.





GC named ‘Radio School of the Year’ for seventh time in ten years

Individual Awards

First Place

Kadie Daye - Best On-Air Personality and Best Radio Student Station Manager (IBS); Best On-Air Personality. (BEA); and 4 IASB Top Prizes

Nathan Pauls - Best Radio Program Director. (IBS)

Zachariah Begly, Nathan Pauls and Amelia Turnbull - Best Political News Coverage. (IBS)

Jackson Steinmetz, Daniel Robles, Court Templeton, Hugh Birky - Student Video: Studio (BEA)

Amelia Turnbull - Best News Report (IASB)

Claudia Mobley, Turnbull - Best Radio Newscast (IASB)

William Troyer - Best Radio Talk Show (IASB)

Second Place

Nathan Pauls - Best Radio Newscast. (BEA)

Dante Stanton, Amelia Turnbull, Gabe Kermode - Best Radio Show (IASB)

Jeremiah Sherrill - Radio Spot Production

Josh Troyer - Best Copywriting

* This listing is a sample of some of the awards won. A full recap can be found with the unedited version of this article at goshen.edu.

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The Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB) named 91.1 FM The Globe (WGCS) “Radio School of the Year” for the third consecutive time in the college division, with a flurry of awards in ten of 13 categories.

Fifteen Goshen College students received 24 awards at the IASB’s annual event, which honors college broadcasting and multimedia programs. For the second year in a row, the awards luncheon and internship fair in Indianapolis was cancelled and schools were notified of the results via email.

This is the seventh time in 10 years that 91.1 The Globe, which broadcasts 24-hour content throughout Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan and competes against schools statewide in an open competition, claimed the championship.

The awards recognized Globe Radio and TV staff for their work from the past year in two separate contests for radio school and television schools of the year.

In the television competition, Globe TV received two first-place awards and nine overall on their way to an third-place finish behind Ball State University and Indiana University.

The Record named ‘Newspaper of the Year’ for fourth year running

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The Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) named Goshen College’s student newspaper, The Record, “Newspaper of the Year” for the fourth consecutive time in the college division, with a flurry of awards in design, photography and graphics.

More than 20 Goshen College students collected 42 awards at the ICPA annual awards ceremony, which extended across several days in April. For the second year in a row, the awards were released on Facebook rather than at a gala luncheon in Indianapolis.

This is the fifth time in six years that The Record, which publishes a weekly print edition and competes against schools across the state with enrollment under 3,000, received the top billing.

The awards recognized Record staff from the spring of 2020, when Megan Bower, a 2020 graduate from Sheffield, England, served as executive editor, and the fall of 2020, when Mackenzie Miller, a senior journalism and English major from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was editor.

While The Record earned multiple first-place awards in writing categories, including two for Miller, this was a year when the visual contributors stood out and made a statement with their artistry.



Record staff participating in a weekly critique of the previous issue.

Individual Awards

First Place

- Priscilla Tanujaya** - feature photo
- Gabe Miller** - news photo
- Alex Koscher** - for a photo essay
- Juan Perez** - photography
- Nick Yutzy** - best illustration award
- Nathan Pauls** - best editorial cartoon
- Mackenzie Miller** - best profile, best sports feature
- Elizabeth Reimer** - best opinion piece
- Staff** - best single issue, best front page, best overall design, best feature page, best sports page, best special section cover, and best themed issue.
- Graysen Cockerham, Dakota Cain, Camryn Kopka, Janis Perez, Anna Smucker, Patrick Webb, and Nathan Pauls** - best pull-out section.

Second Place

- Mackenzie Miller and Nick Yutzy** - best continuous coverage of a single story
- Mackenzie Miller** - best entertainment column
- Ellie Keener** - best entertainment story
- Staff** - best news or feature series
- Gussie Nafziger** - best review
- Jace Longenecker** - best feature photo
- Greta Lapp Klassen** - best editorial cartoon
- Alex Koscher** - best photo essay
- Juan Perez** - best sports photo
- Greta Lapp Klassen** - best editorial cartoon
- Nathan Pauls** - best illustration
- Dakota Cain** - best informational graphic

Third Place

- Klassen, Smucker and Webb** - best continuous coverage of a single story
- Amber Heydon** - best entertainment story
- Emmalene Rupp** - best in-depth story
- Emery and Mackenzie Miller** - best news or feature series
- Greta Lapp Klassen** - best news story, best entertainment column
- Gabe Miller** - best opinion column
- Colin Flowers** - best sports column
- Priscilla Tanujaya** - best news photo

Alumni Highlights

Zack Begly, 2021, is a news producer with ABC57 in South Bend.

Jesse Bontreger, 2017, is engaged in multiple film and television projects in Los Angeles. He served as staff coordinator for various productions looking to shoot safely despite COVID-19, including "The Tragedy of Macbeth" (2021), starring Denzel Washington. Jesse continues to study comedy at the Groundlings School and is at work on a screenplay.

Mikhail Fernandes, 2016, is working for the United Nations in Geneva. He was one of the main developers of UN Environment Program's new online course on "Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience." The course has drawn more than 44,000 participants from over 192 countries and is available in seven languages.

Anne Glick, 1998, has been living in The Netherlands for nearly nine years. For the last year and a half she has been the public affairs officer at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague. The OPCW is a multilateral organization with 193 member states and is responsible for implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Sheldon C. Good, 2009, in April was promoted to administrator for the Office of Housing and Community Development within the Department of Health and Human Services of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The office coordinates the county's housing crisis response system and administers millions of dollars in government funding to prevent and end homelessness, among other roles.

Marlys Weaver-Stoesz, 2010, is the communications director for the Arizona K12 Center, which provides professional development, mentorship, and support for K-12 teachers in Arizona. Her work includes writing features and teacher profiles for the blog. She is also pursuing a master's degree in professional writing.

Achieng Agutu, 2018, recently appeared on the cover of Vogue Magazine. She describes herself as a "Tantalizing Confidence Queen." Her nearly 400,000 followers on Instagram seek her out for her style, inspirational messages and uplifting videos.

Mackenzie Miller '21 wins Indianapolis Press Club award

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Mackenzie Miller, who graduated from Goshen College this spring with majors in journalism and English, received the Indianapolis Press Club Foundation scholarship for deadline news coverage.

Miller is the first Goshen College student to receive this highly competitive scholarship. Each year, the Press Club Foundation selects statewide winners in three categories: deadline news, features and sports writing.

Each spring, students can submit two samples of their best work in any one of the categories. The Indianapolis Press Club Foundation received 32 entries this year.

Miller shared the deadline news honor with Taylor Wooten of Franklin College; Mary Claire Molloy of Indiana University won for feature writing; and Zach Piatt of Ball State University claimed the sports writing award.

Miller, who is from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served as executive editor of The Record, the weekly student newspaper, in the fall of 2020. In April, the Indiana Collegiate Press Association named The Record "Newspaper of the Year" in the college division.

"Followers of Mackenzie's work in The Record recognized early on that she is an exceptional journalist," said Duane Stoltzfus, the faculty adviser to The Record and chair of the communication department. "As she finishes her last college class in May, this statewide award arrives as a lovely grace note."



Mackenzie Miller, winner of Indianapolis Press Club Award.

Kadie Daye, an unrivaled voice in college radio

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Kadie Daye, otherwise known as DJ Kadie, has been building her broadcasting legacy at Goshen College over the last four years.

She has been named Best On-Air Personality five times, twice by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS), and once each by the Broadcast Education Association (BEA), College Broadcasters, Inc. (CBI) and Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB). In March 2021, Daye won the IBS Student Management award for Best Radio Student Station Manager, and the Best of Festival at the BEA Festival of Media Arts, arguably the most prestigious college broadcasting award an individual student can win.

"It's been an historic year for her and one unlike I've ever seen any student at any school achieve," said Jason Samuel, associate professor of communication and WGCS general manager.

Daye, a broadcasting major from Valparaiso, Indiana, graduated in April.

"It's everything I have been working towards these last four years at Goshen College," Daye said. "Before I came to Goshen in the fall of 2017, I told Jason (Samuel) that I wanted to be the best DJ in the country."

"When I first got to Goshen, I asked Jason to let me be the morning show host right away. He was skeptical, but gave me one morning slot. So, from the first week of August I was



DJ Kadie Daye on air in the Globe Radio studio.

already doing radio at Goshen," Daye said.

According to Daye, within a month of being at Goshen, Samuel drilled a saying into her mind: "Availability is the best ability."

"He taught me to say yes to things even if it meant stretching myself to the max," she said. "That's probably why I'm able to work at U93 until 2 or 3 a.m., then turn around and wake up for the Breakfast Blend on 91.1 The Globe at 4:30 a.m."

Daye has accomplished a lot over her four years at Goshen. As she prepares to leave, she reflects on what she has been able to do.

"To me, the biggest accomplishment is looking back at the work and determination I put in over the years that got me to this point. It's the long work nights at The Globe, meetings with Jason for feedback, talking with other people in the industry, and the many sleepless nights I've endured to be able to host nights at U93 and still do mornings at The Globe. The awards are nice, but knowing that I did everything I could to earn them makes it even sweeter."

Communication department student leaders announced

In April, the faculty leaders in the Communication Department announced the Co-Curricular leaders for the upcoming year.

Greta Lapp Klassen is serving as *Executive Editor* for The Record this fall with Sierra Ross Richer taking over in the spring. Jackson Steinmetz will be *Managing Editor for Digital Media* with Augusta Nafziger taking the role come spring.

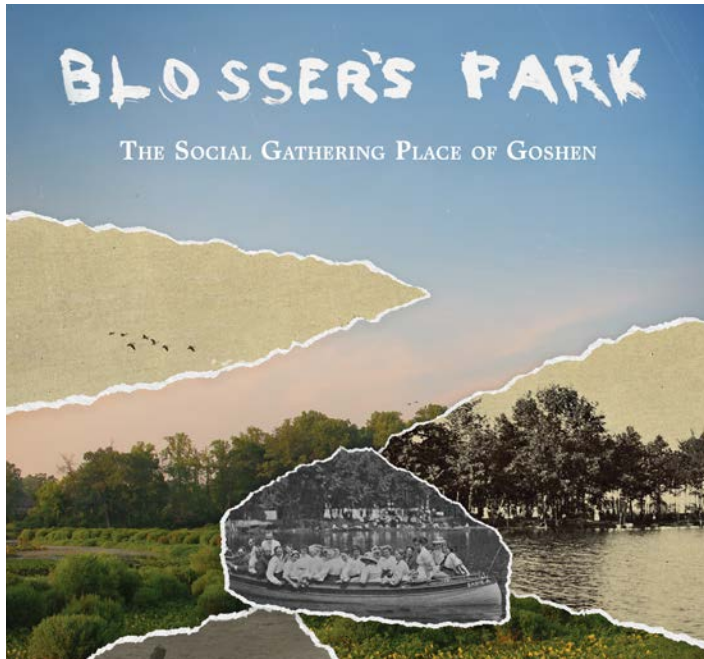
Globe Radio will be lead by *Student Station Manager*, Gabi Klopfenstein. Filling in the remaining roles at 91.1 the Globe

are: Court Templeton, *Program Director*; Amelia Turnbull, *News Director*; Dante Stanton, *Sports Director*; Gabe Kermode, *Sports Producer*; and Liam Morris, *Music Director*.

At FiveCore Media, Eric Miller will be taking charge as *Student Producer*. Joining him on staff as *Production Assistants* are Madison Swartzendruber, Court Templeton, Sarah Lopez Ramirez, Joshua Garcia and Jackson Steinmetz.

Congratulations to these student leaders.

'Blosser's Park' documentary uncovers forgotten local history



Poster by Jackson Steinmetz

By: Patrick Webb '21

This summer, two students took on a project to uncover a little known piece of Goshen history. Their work resulted in a short documentary about Blosser's Park, a youth leisure park in the early 1900s, located on Blosser's Island in the middle of the Goshen Dam Pond.

Courtney Templeton, a junior film production major from St. Louis, Missouri, and Jackson Steinmetz, a junior film production/communication major from Bluffton, Ohio, worked with Kyle Hufford, associate professor of communication, on the documentary, through the Maple Scholars program.

Blosser's Park shut down a few years after World War II. The island is now a bird sanctuary closed to the public.

The trio chose Blosser's Island and collaborated with the Goshen Historical Society, which provided assistance and resources.

"We didn't know what we were getting into," said Templeton. "It was an unexpected direction and we were both happy with it."

"Blosser's Park" is a part of the Goshen Spotlight series, which highlights local Goshen stories that might not otherwise be told. The team had a sense of urgency to complete the documentary.

People who were at Blosser's Park are "accelerating in age," said Steinmetz, so it was important to interview them before

the knowledge and stories were lost. The Goshen Historical Society helped set up interviews with people who visited the park in their youth.

"It's really cool to be able to tell stories that wouldn't be if we waited any longer," said Templeton.

Steinmetz and Templeton were given permission by the current owners to visit Blosser's Island. On their first visit they scouted for shooting locations, then returned with their film equipment.

After working in an office for the pre-production, Steinmetz said it was "relieving to do something in person. Once we got onto the island, it was really overgrown."

Steinmetz and Templeton followed deer tracks to avoid poison ivy to get to their film locations.

At one location, Steinmetz spotted the island's bald eagle nest; he said seeing the bald eagles was "breathtaking."

Steinmetz and Templeton are currently editing the project. They plan to make the documentary 15 minutes, along with credits. They're aiming for a public release in the fall.

"We are in conversation with people at the Goshen Theater to set up a premiere," said Steinmetz.

Both students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to make the documentary.

"I really enjoyed interviewing older people about the island," said Templeton. "I had no idea there was such a rich history behind this place."

Steinmetz enjoyed every aspect of the production.

"History can be really engaging when you're looking around and see how it affects things and how people interact with it," he said.

"It really reinforced the idea that I chose the right major and I will find fulfillment in my career path because I love it so much," said Steinmetz.

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