



Here are EC Class Notes for February 2020. Be sure to send us your news and we'll publish it in the next issue of Maroon & Gold. Enjoy!

<https://www.eureka.edu/alumni/stay-connected>

50's



Arthur "Lee Reesman '55 and Betty (Elsie) Brubaker Vandegraft '62 were married January 29, 2020 in Eureka, Illinois. Their first date was August 29, 1959. Then after 59 years they were reconnected in 2018 and married in 2020. Lee taught Geology at Vanderbilt for 29 years after teaching in North Dakota and Western Michigan. Betty was a chemist for the US Dept of Agriculture and then a Software Analyst for Caterpillar for 35 years retiring in 2014. Currently they are living in Eureka, Illinois but make frequent trips to Franklin, TN where Lee has lived for 50+ years.

60's



Bill Marriott '69 is a developer. He lives in Naples, FL.

70's

Rick '70 and Pat Shasteen '70 Beck re-retired to the south. Celebrating 50 years of marriage on March 28. Come see us. They will be attending their 50-year Golden-E reunion on April 17-18 at Eureka College with the class of 1970 and the Phi Omegas.

80's

Peg (Margaret) Burger '82 has retired as an Art Teacher.

Robert Minge '89 is a program coordinator for the Illinois Tourist Information Centers.

90's

Tracy Ahrens '92 has a 5x7 inch sketchbook as part of a permanent exhibit at the Brooklyn Art Library in Brooklyn, NY. Her sketchbook, titled "within" is part of The Sketchbook Project where people worldwide submit sketchbooks purchased from the library (in blank form) and then embellish them in their own unique ways. Tracy showcased some of her photography from an ongoing series called "within." She paired those images with lines from her poetry. When books are received, they first are showcased at different pop-up shows in a book mobile that the library takes across the country. Then they are permanently housed at the library. Tracy's book will also be digitized for people to view online. Each book is given a barcode to catalog it into the Brooklyn Art Library's system. Tracy's sketchbook is on the shelf with a call number of 375.18-3. Artists are able to track where their book travels and how often it is viewed. Brooklyn Art Library is home to over 41,000 sketchbooks from over 130 different countries. See <https://www.sketchbookproject.com/>

00's

Kelli Vandeschraaf '05 is a sustainability representative for Caterpillar, Inc.



Joel Shoemaker '06 has been picked to serve on an international board of advisers for NewsGuard's News Literacy Program. <https://www.rrstar.com/news/20200214/illinois-library-director-among-global-soldiers-fighting-fake-news>

Nabih Elhadj '09 was featured in the Illinois Times news immigrant success story. Meet Nabih in this article:

<https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/redefining-home/Content?oid=11867974>



Jackie McCauley Warren '09 is the director of residential life and housing for the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL).

Nick Lindsey '10 is the Dean of Students, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for Arcola Jr/Sr High School and **Morgan McLane '10** is a teacher at Arcola Elementary. They live in Arcola with their children, Kendon Lindsey 05/28/2015 and Macklin Lindsey 02/11/2019.

Richie Gregory '12 is an attorney practicing law in California.

Christopher Ranney '14 is an administrative analyst for the City of Geneva.