Faculty and students from Eastern’s Department of Communication recently completed a short film project—the third in as many years. This year’s film, “Our Secret Season,” tells the true story of Scott Coykendall, a man who lost his brother, Brian, in a tragic boating accident.

The story follows the brothers’ tumultuous relationship leading up to Brian’s death. And also the feelings Brian began to develop for Wendy, a friend of Scott’s who is married. Assistant director and producer for the film, Emerson St. John, conveyed the heartbreaking details he learned while working with Coykendall.

“They didn’t really speak in those four days [before the accident], so those last conversations were not good ones with his brother,” St. John said. “He’s lived with this his whole life now.”

The cast and crew filmed the traumatic drowning scene at Jacobson Lake in Lexington. Even though none of the actors had been in Coykendall’s life when the tragedy occurred, they noted things were very real for them at times.

Multimedia studio to open in Crabbe Library

Noel Studio will offer video and tutoring for students working on presentations

By Kyle Samples

In the fall of 2010, Eastern will open the doors to a new training and tutoring facility that will use 21st Century technology to help students get a leg up on their communication and multimedia presentations.

The Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, funded in part through a $1 million donation from Eastern alumnus Ron Noel and his wife Sherri Lou, will be located in the north wing of the Crabbe Library. The studio will feature an array of different educational tools for students: everything from workrooms, where students can collaborate on projects, to video rooms, where they can tape and analyze their speeches, presentations or other projects.

“The studio will allow Eastern to offer students an inspiring and creative academic environment within the university library that is

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Jim Gleason, professor of public relations at Eastern, composed and recorded several music tracks for the film. In three weeks he created the emotional and melodic music to give the audience a true feeling of the film's emotional impact.

"I wasn't thinking about the story as much as I was thinking about the [next] move I was looking for," Gleason said. "This is a full blown legitimate production. I created lots of musical pieces and they took what they needed to make it work."

As an independent film, a $10,000 budget barely covered all the expenses.

"President Whitlock was amazing," St. John said. "He gave us dorm rooms to use and equipment to use. He was very supportive through everything. The department also helped with funding."

With a cast and crew from Eastern and the local area, "Our Secret Season" ran into a few hurdles throughout production.

Hiking to the top of a mountain in Berea was no easy task with about 18 people carrying heavy equipment. St. John said shooting at Jacobson Lake was difficult as well.

"It was important to keep the actors and the crew safe on the boat with the camera moving," St. John said.

After a year of production the film premiered at the Lexington Public Library on Feb. 18, 2010. Copies of the movie will be distributed to film festivals.

For more information about "Our Secret Season," visit www.girlonrockytop.blogspot.com.

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**STUDIO** | Communication professors play role in center’s development

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uniquely conceptualized beyond traditional research services typically offered by academic libraries," Eastern President Doug Whitlock said.

The project will be a huge boon to the Department of Communication, giving students an assortment of new ways to hone their skills and get real-world feedback, said Dr. Renee Everett, the department's chair.

Several of the department's faculty members played significant roles in its development. Jayne Violette and John Strada, both communication studies professors, served as advisers in its conception. Emerson St. John, the department's technical director, likewise offered technology input. And Jim Gleason, a public relations professor, helped with the studio's website and its search for a director to serve as the studio's steward.

The studio will offer students both high-end technologies, such as touch-screen monitors, as well as traditional communication tools, like mobile whiteboards, to help them in their classroom and career pursuits.

Everett said these tools will prove useful for students who are developing written or oral presentations for a class or for those who want to improve Powerpoint slides with graphics or other design elements.

"A student might be assigned a speech in a CMS 210 (Public Speaking) class, and the student might go to the studio to get help from a library consultant focusing on a topic and doing the research to write the speech," Everett said.

"The student might return to get help from a writing coach in writing and structuring the speech and then again to actually perform the speech in front of a camera and work with a communications consultant to perfect the delivery,"

Gleason said he believes the studio will help the Department of Communication's mission to prepare students for life after college. "The marketplace is becoming more and more competitive in terms of applicant skills and experiences," he said. "The studio will help communication majors broaden and refine both their skills and the quality of their portfolios."
Department chair bids goodbye after 29 years at Eastern

Every time I sit down to write one of these, I am always amazed another academic year has slipped by. The department continues to grow, change and move forward.

We hosted our annual Careers Day in the fall 2009 semester on Dec. 4. The event was planned and executed by the Event Planning PR class. They did a wonderful job and we had a great turnout. Chuck Creacy, the CEO of Smiley Pete Publishing in Lexington, was our keynote speaker and we had numerous panels and workshops for all majors. See related coverage in this issue of COMments.

We lost Dr. Angela Cooke-Jackson in the summer of 2009 as she took a position at Emerson College in Boston and Dr. Mike Branstetter left as a result of the completion of his three (actually four!) year stint as a visiting instructor. Newcomers in the fall ’09-spring ’10 year included Eric Meiners (tenure-track position) and Krista Kimmel (one-year visiting instructor). Both were teaching in the communication studies area.

We had one faculty search going on during this past academic year (2009-2010) to fill Ferrell Wellman’s broadcasting and electronic media lectureship that he is vacating after 3 years. After an exhaustive search, we will be re-hiring Dr. Branstetter into this position to start in the fall of 2010. It will be great to have Mike back on board.

I also have some news about retirement! I will be retiring from Eastern after 29 years of service in June 2010. Charlie and I will be moving to Dubai as I prepare to start a new chapter in my life as the associate dean of the College of Communication and Media Studies at Zayed University in Dubai. As some of you may recall, Dr. Ron Wolfe (former department chair) has been at ZU for a number of years, most recently as the assistant dean of the same college. It will be exciting and a bit intimidating at first! I hope to start a blog about our adventures and will put a link to that on the department webpage.

Dr. Liz Hansen will be taking over the reins of the department as interim chair for 2010-2011. I wish her much luck and success in this new position. We’ll be spending a lot of time together the remainder of the summer “transitioning” as I leave 11 years as chair!

It’s hard to believe we have been in the Combs Building for more than three years now. It feels like home and we are especially excited about the new “Communication Stars” posters. The posters are displayed on the third floor of Combs and highlight some of our successful graduates.

We hope the next year brings you much success and happiness. We will be thinking of you and hope you think of us as well as we move forward to a wonderful new year in 2010-2011.

Department welcomes new CMS instructor

Eric Meiners joined the faculty of Eastern’s Department of Communication in 2009. Having earned his B.A. at the University of Kentucky and his M.A. at the University of Arizona, he has recently completed his doctorate at Michigan State University.

His areas of interest are organizational communication, work/role negotiation processes, and quantitative research methods.

He has presented more than a dozen competitive papers at national communication conferences and has published articles in such journals as the Western Journal of Communication and Communication Research Reports.

He has taught a variety of collegiate courses covering topics such as organizational communication, power and politics in the workplace, negotiation and research methods.

Kasey Mills, BEM ’03, is a news producer of LEX 18 News in Lexington.

Katherine J. Shepherd, BEM ’05, is a news producer for LEX18 in Lexington.

Rachel Park, BEM ’05, is the assistant director of athletic public relations at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va.

Adam Baker, BEM ’06, is a reporter at LEX18 in Lexington.

Tiffany Jarvis, BEM ’08, is the studio director/assistant director for WKYT in Lexington.

Andy Pollard, BEM ’05, is a ground cinematographer for NFL Films and an investigative photojournalist for KSHB-TV, NBC Action News in Kansas City, Mo.

Amber Ungaro, BEM ’08, is the morning news editor for Fox 41 News in Louisville.

Brian Keith Burba, BEM ’05, is a presentation director for SKY Television in Auckland, New Zealand.

Justin Allen, BEM ’04, is the producer and director of the Distance Learning Program for Kentucky Educational Television in Lexington.

Brad Nally, BEM ’97, is a video production coordinator in the University of Kentucky Athletics Department in Lexington.

Ben Jackey, BEM ’99, is a communication specialist for Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville.

Abby Pyle, PUB ’08, is the corporate communications adviser for Collective Brands Global Headquarters in Topeka, Kan.
My sole goal was to ensure more people became involved.

– Afsi Siahkoohi, 2010 public relations graduate

Student president explores family’s roots through trip to Iran

By Justin Lamb

As a public relations graduate of Eastern and a former Student Government Association president, Afsi Siahkoohi accomplished quite a lot during the course of her senior year. Along with her 16-hour course load, Siahkoohi put her all into her multifaceted role as SGA president.

“This is the only organization that I have committed all four years of my college career to,” Siahkoohi said of her work with student government.

As student body president, Siahkoohi had to make sure that students at Eastern were informed about issues that were taking place at the university. She would often write letters that appeared in The Eastern Progress, or host forums in conjunction with departments on campus.

As SGA president, it was Siahkoohi’s job to ensure the organization as a whole, as well as its four branches, ran smoothly.

It was also her responsibility to hold cabinet meetings once a week to pass legislation. Through these responsibilities, Siahkoohi achieved what she says is her greatest accomplishment of the past year.

“It was my sole goal to ensure that more people became involved, get more people to understand what we do as an organization and make people understand that we’re not an elitist group. Now students are fighting for the available spots on the different branches. We have succeeded in that aspect.”

And lastly, as student regent, Siahkoohi attended quarterly meetings to voice student concerns and vote on university issues with the Board of Regents.

One of the most important issues that Siahkoohi voted on this quarter was the decision to raise tuition for the upcoming fall semester.

As a graduate of Eastern, Siahkoohi plans on using her SGA experience to work in a government setting.

“I am currently on three political campaigns: Andy Barr for Congress, Trey Grayson for Senate and Jared Carpenter for the 34th District,” she said.

Other than being very involved at the university, Siahkoohi also has a very interesting home life. Her father is an Iranian citizen, which gives her and her brother dual citizenship in the United States and Iran. Siahkoohi visited Iran last year and spoke highly of her experiences there.

“I could write a book about my experiences and about how meaningful they are,” Siahkoohi said.

“I was there for three weeks, jumped on 11 planes and traveled all over the countryside. I was also able to vote in their presidential election. That was an experience in itself.” Siahkoohi also said one of the most interesting and meaningful parts of her trip was getting to know uncles, aunts and cousins that she had never visited with before.

“It was odd that one of my cousins and I have the same mannerisms and the same food likes and dislikes,” she said.

She has also stated her love for the country and her tentative plans to visit Iran again.

For a girl from the small town of Irvine, Ky., Siahkoohi has definitely left a mark over the course of her four years at Eastern. She plans to move to Lexington soon and pursue her career in public relations in the Fayette County area.

Groups vie for ‘Golden Can’ in annual food drive competition

By Adam Steeber

For the past four years, the Department of Communication has sponsored a canned food drive, known as The Golden Can Challenge.

This challenge pits the faculty and students from the various communications majors against one another to see who can bring in the biggest haul of canned goods. These canned goods are then donated to a local food pantry. The winning team gets to claim the Golden Can Award.

The idea for the canned food drive started when COMMunity, a communications environmental help group, wanted to give back to the people of Madison County while getting students involved with something outside school.

For the past two years, the donations have gone to the Salvation Army, and last year’s donation totaled about 300 cans, said Deborah Givens, a journalism professor. Givens, along with communication studies professor, John Strada, organized the Golden Can Challenge.

Givens represents the journalism and broadcasting team that won this past year. She said she takes pride in displaying the trophy and taking advantage of the bragging rights that the win affords.

Strada, who represents the communication studies team, said a lot of students and faculty like to donate just for the cause. However, he adds that the idea of beating the journalism team also helps increase the sense of urgency. And the challenge has raised hundreds of pounds of food for local charities.

“It is a chance to do something good while being competitive and having a blast,” Strada said. “In the end the hungry people of the county are the ones that win.”
CMS major wins Miss Kentucky crown

By Jennifer Hutcheson

She has a pet maltese named Sugar, loves to dance, has a passion for helping those in need and happens to be a Colonel as well as Miss Kentucky USA. Sophomore Kindra Clark, a communications major, was crowned Miss Kentucky last year and recently traveled all over the country to compete for the title of Miss USA.

Clark competed against 51 other girls for the Miss USA title in categories such as evening gown, an opening dance number, a swimsuit competition, an interview and the famous onstage question.

The crown was awarded to Rima Fakih from Michigan, the first Lebanese-American to win Miss USA. Clark says it’s not winning or losing that matters to her, though.

“I try and compete against myself and just hope that when I walk off that stage, I feel confident and realize that I am already a winner for making it this far,” she said. Clark has been competing in pageants and modeling since the age of 12, competing in a total of 30 pageants and winning about half of those. She said she believes confidence is the most important thing contestants can gain from competing in pageants.

Clark has spent her time as Miss Kentucky USA volunteering at church shelters and hospitals, as well as spending time with friends and family.

She said her favorite pageant moment was winning Miss Kentucky USA.

“Winning Miss Kentucky after being sick all weekend and missing all the rehearsals is truly an inspiration,” she said.

Pageants can sometimes be nerve-wracking for contestants and Clark said she has her own way to calm down before competitions.

“I always pray before I go out there to keep my nerves down and just hope for the best,” she said.

PR class organizes annual student workshop

By Natasha Thomas

Every fall, public relations professors at Eastern host the Communications Now conference. The event is a networking opportunity workshop for juniors in the Department of Communication.

Communications Now consists of a panel of Eastern alumni speakers from public relations, communications studies, journalism and broadcasting and electronic media majors.

It gives the students an opportunity to listen to success stories and talk with the speakers.

“The conference is helpful for students because they get to personally speak with the presenters,” said Kathy Keltner, a public relations professor. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for the students attending, it’s a real life networking experience.”

Students in Keltner’s event planning course helped coordinate and host the event. The class was broken up into five committees: registration, marketing, programs, budget and facilities. Students worked during the fall semester in anticipation of the December event.

“Coordinating the conference is a great learning experience for my students,” Keltner said. “They plan the whole thing from the beginning until the very end. I only serve as a liaison.”

The event is a requirement of all Eastern juniors in the department. Students listen to the panel speakers, visit with them and are provided with complimentary refreshments and lunch.

Students are encouraged to communicate with the speakers after their presentations, posing further questions and honing their networking skills.

All in all, the event proved to be a success, and Keltner said it’s a great opportunity for students on a variety of fronts.

“The students attending the event learned a lot, and the students in my class learned a lot about planning, too,” Keltner said. “We received phenomenal feedback and that’s always a good thing.”

ALUMNI UPDATES

Jjerian Shaw, PUB ’02, is the director of patient and community relations at Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center in Richmond.

Jill (Stinson) Williams, PUB ’06, is now the marketing director at Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond, Ky.

Michael Kidd, PUB ’02, is the director of Southeast sales at Disney & ABC Domestic Television in Norcross, Ga.

Sarah Parke Olaciregui, PUB ’04, is a public affairs specialist for the US Air Force at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Mass.

Arielle Reese, PUB ’06, is the community relations director at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mount Vernon, Ky.

Brandon Roberts, JOU ’05, is a media relations specialist for Pike County Fiscal Court in Pikeville, Ky.

Kevin Martin, JOU ’04, is now the photo editor for The Advocate in Baton Rouge, La.

Laura Kersey Rudolph, JOU ’08, is the communications coordinator at Indiana University’s Office of Overseas Studies in Bloomington, Ind.

David T. McFaddin, PUB ’99, is the regional director for external and legislative affairs for AT&T in Richmond.

Have an Alumni update for us?

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Department’s student ‘Stars’ showcased in halls

By Kaitlin Stout

Stories of successful graduates who once walked the halls of the Department of Communication will now be on display for current students to see.

The alumni poster campaign, championed by department professor Ferrell Wellman, began in 2009, not only to spruce up the hallways of the third floor of Combs, but also to inspire current students to follow in the footsteps of past graduates.

“We wanted to recognize fairly recent grads, since 1990, who are successful or who have had interesting jobs since they graduated,” Wellman said. “I wanted more recent grads because I thought these are who students and prospective students could relate to.”

About 28 posters have now been hung highlighting the accomplishments of journalism, broadcasting and electronic media, public relations, and communications studies students from the past 20 years.

Wellman began by calling successful alumni to ask if they wanted to participate in the “Star of the Department” program.

Each featured alumnus possessed what Wellman described as a “gold seal moment.” He explained that these moments can be an award or something significant the graduate has done or received relating to his or her career. Each “star” also sent in a photograph and a quote about his or her experience at Eastern.

After all the information was gathered, Wellman sent the information to graphic designer and business manager for The Eastern Progress, Gina Portwood, who designed each poster individually and printed them through campus printing services. Thus far, 35 posters have been completed.

Wellman says the department wants to have 48 posters on exhibit by mid-summer.

Student transitions from intern to management at Enterprise

By Chelsea Bongiorno

Sometimes a summer internship is more than just a way to make some money.

Just ask Ashley Hutchinson. The 23-year-old from Ashland, Ky., saw her summer internship at Enterprise Rent-A-Car grow into a budding career.

Hutchinson is now a management trainee at Enterprise, and hopes to continue with the company, adding that it’s proven to be a great learning experience.

“This job is not just about renting cars,” Hutchinson said. “I am getting my MBA without the IOU. And Enterprise is also a fun and exciting place to work, where employees get rewarded for doing their jobs.”

As part of Hutchinson’s major requirements for communication studies, she interned at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce as well as Enterprise Rent-A-Car. While she was completing her internship, Hutchinson said she discovered the car company gave her a chance to hone many of the skills she was studying in the classroom.

“You are doing so many things at once, like making reservations and answering questions about renting while checking someone in,” she said.

Her hard work and dedication to her job was not overlooked: Hutchinson was named the most outstanding intern for her region, which includes all of northern Kentucky and southern Indiana.

Hutchinson said she hopes to climb the ranks at Enterprise. She enjoys her current job as a management trainee, and said she looks forward to the other opportunities that Enterprise offers.

Hutchinson said she credits both the Department of Communication and her sorority, Delta Zeta, for her success.

The department, she said, gave her the fundamental preparation that she needed to be confident as she ventured into the business world.

“/he guidance I received from my professors and the classes that I took in the department gave me all the tools that I needed, not only to prepare myself for the real world but also for building a solid resume and exceeding all expectations expected in the interview process,” Hutchinson said.

She added that Karen Rudick’s class on interviewing was especially enlightening. She said the class gave her a good understanding of what to expect in the interviewing process, offering her the chance to prepare herself and highlight the skills she would offer a prospective employer.
Conference at Eastern spotlights environmental issues for reporters

By Doug Ponder

The Department of Communication sponsored the first-ever Kentucky Environmental Journalism Conference in October 2009. Journalism and public relations students, as well as professional journalists from across the state, attended the conference to learn about the nuances of environmental journalism.

The conference was divided into five panel discussions, including: environmental research resources for reporters at Eastern, water issues in Kentucky, covering coal in Kentucky, reporting on farming as an environmental issue and reporting on environmental issues.

Each panel was filled with experts in their respective fields, ranging from journalists familiar with environmental reporting to sustainable farmers. These panelists came from across the state, and talked to those in attendance at the conference about their fields of study or expertise, and the importance of reporting on environmental issues in Kentucky.

The idea for the environmental journalism conference in Kentucky stemmed from Deborah Givens, a journalism professor, and Ivy Brashear, a journalism major, who now works as a staff reporter for The Hazard Herald in Perry County, Ky.

During the spring of 2009, Brashear and Givens attended the Tennessee Environmental Journalism Conference at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Both Brashear and Givens came away from that conference impressed, and saw a need for something similar in Kentucky.

“It gave us the idea of having a similar conference that focused on only Kentucky environmental issues,” Givens said.

Throughout her career at Eastern, Brashear sought to find ways to mesh her journalism major and Appalachian studies minor, and organizing the Kentucky Environmental Journalism Conference provided that opportunity.

“I worked with the Department of Communication and the Center for Appalachian Studies, and they were able to create two different independent studies courses for me,” Brashear said. By planning the conference, Brashear earned three credit hours toward her journalism degree and three toward her Appalachian studies minor.

Brashear thought the conference really showed journalism majors the important role environmental issues play in the region's news.

“Environmental journalism is not something that is taught in journalism classes, but it is just as important — if not more important — than anything else [we learn in class],” Brashear said.

The conference not only proved to be a big success among journalism students, but also was a success with others in attendance. Most notable by those in attendance was the panel about reporting on farming as an environmental issue.

“It made a lot of students think about where their food actually comes from,” Givens said.

Two communication faculty members make time to earn doctorate degrees

Rachel Thomason

After years of hard work, Jim Gleason, a public relations professor, and Jennifer Fairchild, a communication studies professor, both earned doctorates at the University of Kentucky this year. Both are professors within Eastern’s Communication Department.

Gleason and Fairchild said they have experienced a lot of the same emotions, setbacks and happiness together. With all their similarities, they do, however, have different outlooks on the whole process.

For Fairchild, who studied interpersonal communication, specifically how social support is communicated to women post-miscarriage, the experience was a struggle.

“To say I was stressed during graduate school is an understatement,” Fairchild said. “While I was earning my Ph. D., I was working full-time at EKU and was a wife and a mom to a small child.”

Even though Fairchild was juggling family, work and school, she said she knew she could accomplish anything after the birth of her child.

“I set my mind to achieve. First, I had a baby in 2004. I always thought, if I can birth a baby, I can birth a dissertation,” Fairchild said.

Gleason’s experience was more carefree. He studied mass communications with a more quantitative approach.

“I focused on new media, and she [Fairchild] focused on heath communications,” Gleason said.

Similar to Fairchild’s concerns about being a mom, working, and going back to school, Gleason had some concerns of his own.

“I’m not a typical graduate student,” Gleason said. “I’ve been out of school for 30 something years, so to just jump back into things and get back into the groove of school was difficult.”

Just like undergraduates in a department asking for help from one another, Gleason and Fairchild looked to each other for guidance and support.

“We boosted each other along the way,” Gleason said.

Now that the hardship is over, both professors say they are relieved, however, they said they do not regret one moment of it.

“My whole experience was a delight,” Gleason said. “I’m sure glad I did it, and I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to get my Ph. D. I’m trying to decide what’s next.”
CMS major awarded Outstanding Student

By Chad Hagedon

Lacy Griffith, a 21-year-old communication studies major at Eastern, was chosen as the outstanding senior student for the Department of Communication.

Griffith, a Liberty, Ky., native, spent her entire freshman year and half of her sophomore year at Eastern’s campus in Danville, Ky. She was also a part of the Cultural Club and Eastern’s Danville campus Student Government Association.

“My fellow SGA and Cultural Club members were like my family; we had a lot of good times together. But when I had to start taking most of my classes in Richmond, I decided to move up there, living on campus at times and commuting at others,” Griffith said.

Griffith has worked multiple jobs for Eastern for several years and gained extensive experience with restaurant equipment sales in Lexington.

“I communicated with both customers and vendors to help the business run. I created a training manual for the job that I was doing and it worked as a contribution to my co-op credit,” Griffith said.

She said Eastern’s faculty and staff have prepared her for the next step of her education.

“My time at Eastern has helped me prepare for the real world in a major way,” Griffith said. “I would not have been prepared or comfortable had I not become part of the CMS major and the communication department.”

Griffith said her college experience at Eastern taught her that hard, honest work and initiative pay off.

“I learned how to give presentations, interview, debate, mediate and many other skills while in the major,” Griffith said.

It took a short time for Griffith to decide to continue her education after graduation from Eastern, a decision that was made with a little influence from her brother.

“The spring semester of my freshman year, I visited the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law with my brother. I knew after what I heard I wanted to go into law,” Griffith said.

After receiving a few scholarship offers, Griffith plans on attending the University of Kentucky Law School.

“I feel that I have grown up as I have gone through college and I am comfortable with taking the next step to law school,” Griffith said. “I settled on UK because I know Lexington very well and it is a very good law school.”

As for Griffith’s family life, her family is very close-knit and supportive of her decisions.

“My family knows the value of a good education and we are all very proud to be Eastern alumni,” Griffith said.

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Distinguished Journalism Senior
Steven Thomas

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Distinguished CMS Senior
Lacy Griffith

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