



Stay up to date with the exciting things happening at Eden!

In the last issue of the *Friend's of Eden* newsletter you heard about plans and preparations for this fall's "hi-flex" method of learning and teaching at Eden. Eden's Admissions and Student Affairs teams are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to campus. The incoming class of 2021, and all students, will experience a creative and innovative atmosphere as they walk the halls and enter classrooms, whether digitally or physically! Some of the things you will soon notice are an online bookstore, new Eden shirt designs, social media announcements fueled by incoming student excitement, and of course, new technology! We can't wait to show you around!

You have influence, and now is the time to encourage someone you know, that is ready to take the next step toward pursuing theological education.

The Admissions team is standing by, and ready to help with the discernment process, assist with financial aid and welcome all those answering a call to ministry, to explore that next step! [Click here](#) to find out how you can be a part of the excitement this fall.

The 33rd General Synod of the United Church of Christ takes place July 11th-18th. Eden leaders will be hosting and teaching a variety of events that include worship, workshops and online and live courses! All Eden friends and alumni are invited to learn about amazing things Eden-connected people have been up to this year, as well as visit with President Krause. You will be inspired, motivated and encouraged by others, at Eden's special virtual event on Monday, July 12th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Contact the [Advancement department](#) for details. In addition, all *General Synod 33* visitors are encouraged to "stop by" the Eden virtual booth during *Exposition Hall* hours (11:00 am-6:00 pm Monday, July 12th-Friday, July 16th). [Click here to access the UCC General Synod 33 website.](#)

Eden Seminary was well represented with alumni, Board members, students, faculty, staff, and new friends, at the "Juneteenth Cookout" in St. Louis last week. Mayor Tishaura Jones and U.S. House Representative Cori Bush joined the festivities. [Check out awesome photos from the event here.](#)

The seminary is extending an invitation to live on Eden's beautiful campus to the broader community! All those qualifying as an enrolled student at a college or university are welcome to apply for Eden's affordable student housing. Eden non-degree programs may also apply. [Click here for more information.](#)

Have you given thought to the legacy you will leave behind? Members of Eden's *Heritage Society* are those that have committed to planned gifts of all types, that ensure a bright and joyful future for the ministries of the Church, and for theological education. You will hear the passion behind the gift, in Rev. John Will's (Eden class of 1962) candid and informative conversation with Eden Director of Development, Sandi Boehlein. [Listen here now.](#)

Eden will participate in Webster Groves Community Days by welcoming the Lion's Club Carnival and BBQ to our campus field on this July 4th weekend. If

you are in the St. Louis area, we hope you will stop by and visit our booth! [More info here.](#)

"This Week in Eden History," presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), spotlights the **Evangelical Preacher's Seminary, Eden's first predecessor, in Marthasville, MO.** The seminary opened June 20, 1850, with six enrolled students. [Read the full story here.](#)

Leaving a meaningful legacy for you and your family while securing the future of Eden's mission does not require great wealth-just great vision! [Visit our website to find out about Heritage Society Member opportunities](#) or contact us at advancement@eden.edu for more information.

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