Dr. Robin (Rinker) Lasey graduated from Missouri S&T in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry. After graduating, she taught chemistry, physics, and geometry at Olathe East High School in Olathe, KS. After a couple of years, her husband, Brian Lasey (ME ’96) and her moved to Bowling Green, OH. Dr. Lasey received her Ph.D. in Photochemical Sciences from Bowling Green State University in 2002. She is currently Professor of Chemistry at Arkansas Tech University.

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Dr. Lasey has a daughter attending Arkansas Tech University and a son who will be a freshman at Missouri S&T in August 2022. She and Brian are looking forward to discovering what it is like to have an “empty nest.”