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1 Larry Brown '80, chair of the Asbury University Board of Trustees, unveiled the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center name and announced ribbon cutting date. **2** Walt and Rowena Shaw greeted the Asbury community via video in the Chapel at the naming reveal. **3** The Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center is scheduled to open this fall.

Asbury University Unveils Name of the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center

Nearly a year-and-a-half after the start of construction on the CLC, the Shaws participated in an official naming ceremony during Chapel on March 4, 2022.

With the University's Board of Trustees, President's Cabinet and campus community present, the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center name was unveiled at Chapel.

"I can think of no better couple to represent the vision of the CLC than Walt and Rowena Shaw," said Asbury's Board of Trustees Chairman **Larry Brown '80**. "They are a couple who grew a successful business focused on scientific research and production that was run with Christ at the center. Desiring to grow the Kingdom of God and invest in a place they love, Walt and Rowena made a gift of \$10 million to complete the full funding of the CLC and to advance the sciences."

The Shaws are 1963 Asbury graduates and founded a successful lipid synthesis and manufacturing company they grew from a rented 900 square-foot garage to a 25-acre FDA approved campus. Their generous gift for the construction of the CLC is far from the first time the couple has given of their time, treasure and talents to their alma mater.

"With blessings beyond anything we could imagine, our desire is to bless Asbury," said Rowena Shaw in a video message because the couple was unable to attend in person. "It's God's money... and we wanted to have Asbury first in our donations. We believe in the mission of Asbury; we believe in their holiness stance in the community. This is the foundation of the future for our young people."

Addressing the student body, Walt Shaw added, "This part of your life is going to be very exciting. You need to ask God to direct you. He'll lead you to paths that you have no idea; it will be exciting. We're honored to be part of the CLC, and we can't wait to be there on campus to celebrate its opening."

The Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center is 100 percent funded through charitable gifts.

"God moved in the hearts of alumni, parents and friends and unleashed a new level of generosity," noted Larry Brown.

More than 450 donors gave toward the construction of the CLC as part of Ignited: The Campaign for Asbury University that raised more than \$83 million for scholarships, facilities, academic and community life programs, faculty development, athletics and so much more.

"I am especially excited about the CLC because it is part of our vision for providing a rigorous, relevant 21st century education for our students," said Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown. "Collaboration, innovation and entrepreneurialism were at the core of the building's design."

The building will be the new home for the Dayton School of Business, the School of Science, Health and Mathematics, and SEARCH, AU's hub for collaborative research and creative activity.

During Chapel, students, donors and other guests got a virtual look inside the building, celebrated representatives from the construction crews who were able to attend, and heard a message from **Dr. David Stevens '73**. Stevens who was a chemistry and biology major at Asbury and is the retired CEO of the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

Construction on the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center is nearing completion, and it is scheduled to open for classes for the upcoming fall semester. **A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for June 25 during Asbury's Reunion.**

To learn more about the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center, visit: asbury.edu/collaborative-learning-center



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President's Message

Grateful for Outcomes

As we approach the end of the school year, there is much to celebrate. Approximately two years ago, we made the difficult decision to move our semester to an online modality. Since then, we have lived within the uncertainty of how to run a Christian institution amidst a pandemic. But I am confident that 2022 will be a much different year than what we have all experienced in previous months, and those differences are being felt and experienced already.

In addition to an increasing post-COVID reality, we have seen a great deal of construction on our campus. Indeed, students will begin our fall semester with a new, state-of-the-art learning center. With great excitement, we recently named the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center — a multi-disciplinary educational building that will prepare our next generation of Asburians to be “salt and light” in the world.

This spring, an outdoor dining facility will be completed, providing students with another venue for community and congregation on our campus. And in the fall, students will enjoy our newly renovated Rader Student Center. The project includes an upgraded floor plan, renovated spaces, and the return of the Campus Post Office and Eagle Outlet to the center of campus.

Asbury continues to celebrate academic excellence. Let me name a few examples originating from the academic schools that will inhabit the new Collaborate Learning Center. This spring, students in the Dayton School of Business competed at the University of Toledo Invitational Sales Competition, where our students placed in the top 10 individually for their division. In Science, Professor Will Shafer was selected to research at the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago — a highly prestigious honor. But he is not traveling alone and will be accompanied by two Asbury Chemistry majors.

These projects and accolades are worthy of celebration. Yet there is something else, something more, that draws my enthusiasm.

Earlier this spring, I was in Houston for a regional event Asbury was hosting. One of the attendants, a local pastor, commented on the Asbury graduates he had hired at his churches. “Your students are different,” he said. “They are better thinkers, have better character, and are better at their jobs. They are different.”



That evening, I called my wife and shared this feedback. “There are so many outcomes on our campus,” I said. “So many things to be excited about, but this is the most important outcome.”

At Asbury, our desire is for our students to belong, become, and to be set apart. Our buildings, our facilities, our staff, our faculty, and our programs are all oriented toward this end.

Despite the turmoil around the globe that we witness firsthand through an endless supply of news and information, there is a great deal of activity and a great deal of excitement to be thankful for these days at Asbury. But we remain focused on our students. Whatever else we say, my desire is that we can say this: Our students are different. Set Apart. Thoughtful. Effective. Holistic. Holy. Those are truly outcomes worthy of our celebration.

Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.
President



Gratitude Project



“

I am grateful for this opportunity to study abroad and be an international student in such a loving community.”

JERRY LIU

*Freshman, Biochemistry
Beijing, China*

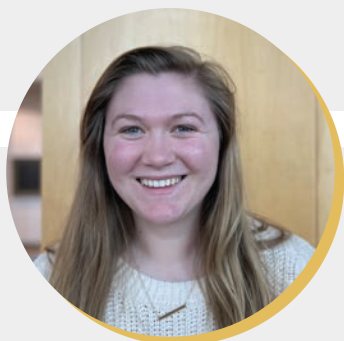


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I am grateful for the professors here at Asbury and all the organizations that Asbury partners with that allow students to really be invested and the time they take to invest in us and being able to see that they truly care.”

RILEY HAMMOND

*Freshman, Christian Ministries
Cynthiana, Kentucky*



“

I am grateful for the incredible relationships I have been able to form with faculty and my peers. I am grateful for the emphasis placed on building relationships here and that I have had opportunities to do that in so many places.”

JESSIE THOMPSON

*Sophomore, Actuarial Mathematics
Wilmore, Kentucky*



“

I am grateful for all of the late-night food runs and adventures I have been able to go on with my friends while at Asbury.”

KOLE LINVILLE

*Junior, Business Administration
Berea, Kentucky*



I am grateful for the way the Lord provides friendships and relationships that make places far from where I grew up feel like home. As Creed Bratton said in the series finale of the Office, No matter how you get there or where you end up human beings have the miraculous gift of making that place their home.”

AMANDA HOBBS
Sophomore, English Education
Columbus, Ohio



I’m most grateful for my swim team. Having a group of people that I love more than anything has been an extreme blessing. I can never be more appreciative than I am for my family.”

TOMMY JOHNSON
Junior, Exercise Science
Hebron, Kentucky



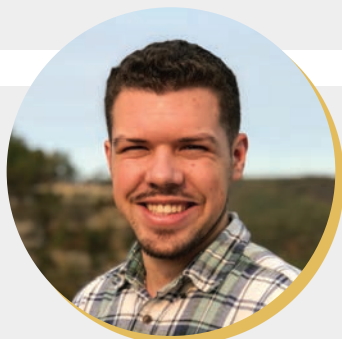
I am grateful for the Lord’s gracious, guiding and loving hand in my life.”

CHLOE STIVERS
Freshman, Communications PR
Campbellsville, Kentucky



I am grateful for the friendships that I have been able to make at Asbury and the people that have become family in such a short amount of time. I’m also very grateful for Jesus and coffee to get me through college.”

RACHEL LAW
Sophomore, Communications
Plainfield, Indiana



I am grateful for Asbury’s spiritual life, especially through mentors. They are very intentional about pouring into my life and making sure I am living into my relationship with Christ and practicing holiness every day.”

GABRIEL ERNST
Senior, Intercultural Studies
Mount Vernon, Ohio



I am grateful for the people who have given me advice and guidance through tough situations. I am also grateful for the Hiccup’s caffeine supply.”

ELLIE VELAZQUEZ
Freshman, Undeclared
Chicago, Illinois



Moving Forward in Faith and Anticipation

— with gratitude

The evidence of God's faithfulness takes on tangible form this year

For **Betsy Oda '20**, scholarship dollars brought her to Asbury, and it's a gift she credits for altering the course of her life.

"If I hadn't come here, I might not have this vision of what I want to do with my talents and career; ministry and missions through media," she said.

For **Carter Hammond '22**, it's the people he's encountered on campus that he's most thankful for as he prepares to graduate.

"While there are countless things that I am grateful for in my time at Asbury, nothing stands out more than the relationships that I have been able to build with faculty and staff members," he said. "I appreciate not only their valuable lessons in the classroom, but their willingness to cultivate relationships outside the classroom as well. I am grateful that the leaders of Asbury's community fight for their students and are willing to make personal sacrifices to see us succeed. I will forever cherish every cup of coffee with a professor, dinner at an advisor's home, and intramural basketball games with Dr. Brown."

For these students and so many others, there's also something about the sun shining on the nearly completed Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) that suggests the dawn of something more. It's more than a mere physical expansion. Perhaps in seeing such progress, we are moved to a deeper sense of thankfulness for what the project represents. After all, as C.S. Lewis said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe in the rising of the sun; not only because I see it but by it, I see everything else."

Yes, the CLC, which is scheduled to be ready in the fall, will feature state-of-the-art spaces and technology and be the home of the Dayton School of Business, the School of Science, Health and Mathematics, and SEARCH.

"The new laboratory spaces and technology in the Collaborative Learning Center will allow students and faculty to build on the tradition of excellence that has been established," said Dr. Vins Sutlive, dean of the School of Science, Health and Mathematics.

But to many in the Asbury community, facilities progress, including plans for new outdoor venue and stadium facility, a Student Center revitalization with a surrounding plaza, and outdoor dining, represents God's boundless faithfulness.

"The last few years have been challenging — for everyone," said Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown. "Throughout my time at Asbury, a consistent source of encouragement has been our community. Despite the difficulties and uncertainties of the COVID era, I look around and see new construction, new renovations, new programs, and vibrant faculty, staff, and student community — all of which inspire a sense of gratitude. I am thankful."

The new and improved Student Center, scheduled to reopen in the fall, will be named in honor of retired President of Asbury University and former Salvation Army **General Paul A. Rader '56** and **Commissioner Kay Fuller '57 Rader**.

Asbury is also currently fundraising for an outdoor venue and stadium with the intent to launch a track and field program in the fall of 2023. The Eagles are completing their first year as a member of NCAA's Division III, a significant step for the University.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to provide an experience for our student-athletes, coaches and support staff that aligns with our academic and missional values," said **Mark Whitworth '84**, vice president for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Communications.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we are told to "give thanks in all circumstances." The Apostle Paul doesn't exclude pandemics from those circumstances. Keep in mind that ground was broken on the CLC in 2019, a year before the completion of fundraising and many changes in the world.



1 Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown spoke to the student body and Board of Trustees at the CLC name unveiling. **2** Allie Sutton '22, far left, held a microphone for an American athlete at the Beijing Olympics in February. **3** Lexie Presta '23, fourth from right, said God placed exactly the right people in her life at Asbury.

"We move forward in faith, with prayerful anticipation," President Sandra Gray said in 2019.

Neither Gray nor anyone else knew what awaited the Asbury community. At the time, **Jeff Stryker '87**, a member of Asbury's Board of Trustees, compared it to the Israelites reaching the Jordan.

"God did not first back up the waters and dry the land for them to cross," he said. "They were supposed to step into the Jordan first — and it was at flood stage."

And yet, here we are, thankful for what God has done and continues to do.

"Something happens" when you step onto campus

President Brown has often said that "something happens" when you step onto Asbury's campus. You can see it in the faces of our students, and you can feel it. This point in Asbury's history, significant progress is clearly visible, as is each student's story — a story of "belonging and becoming."

"Students are woven deeply into the fabric of intentional, committed community that is both life-changing and unforgettable," Brown said in an episode of Amazon Prime's *The College Tour*, which was filmed on campus last summer.

Within the Asbury community, especially among students who have lived through extraordinary challenges, there is a deep sense of gratitude to God for helping us to remain steadfast, even when, as 19th-century preacher Charles Spurgeon put it, we might have felt "constrained on all sides." It's in these times, Spurgeon reminded, when cowardice says, "Retreat; go back to the worldling's way of action; you cannot play the Christian's part — it is too difficult. Relinquish your principles." Instead of relinquishing, the Asbury community has done precisely the opposite; it has rallied and stood firm.

"I have never been more grateful for the people God has placed in my life at Asbury," said junior **Lexie Presta**, executive editor of the *Collegian*. "From friends who have supported me at my worst and celebrated with me at my best, to the professors that offer me spiritual guidance and practical life advice, Asbury has become a safe place for me to grow into who God is calling me to be."

Joy Pidgorodetska, a senior marketing major and president of the student body, said she has drawn closer to God during her time at Asbury and is thankful for, among other things, the way the University has prepared her to share the gospel.

"I am thankful for the way our administration and staff prioritize biblical traditions and truths that established our



institution,” Pidgorodetska said, “and for the way they have stood strong to be witnesses not only in our AU community, but as representatives of the kingdom of Christ for all the world to see. I am thankful to be a first-generation college student because of the favor of the Lord, but also because of the ways I have been blessed through financial gifts and donations from Asbury alumni and supporters.”

Senior **Allie Sutton**, who is preparing for a career in TV news and who recently returned from the Olympics in Beijing where she worked with dozens of other Asbury students, said she is thankful for Asbury’s uniqueness and its intentional commitment to community.

“No matter what obstacles are present, Asbury continuously strives to provide a warm and welcoming space for faculty, students and visitors to lay their uncertainty and fears in the hands of God,” Sutton said. “Asbury is a shining light of hope

in the midst of a challenging world. I know for a fact I would not be the human being I am today with the confidence I now have to pursue the goals and dreams God has placed on my heart without the Asbury community.”

G.K. Chesterton, English writer and philosopher, said, “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

It would be difficult to stroll around campus, seeing the growth and feeling the unique sense of community, and not be confronted by some sense of wonder.

“Like heat emanating from a fire, our gratitude has an upward direction,” Brown said. “Praise be to God for his goodness to us. Or, as the great hymn puts it, ‘Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.’”



2022-23 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Lord has blessed Asbury with a diverse group of highly engaged and spiritually mature leaders to serve on the official governing body of Asbury University. As the University’s fiduciary, the Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining Asbury’s mission and long-term health. The Board works with the President in overseeing and aligning its strategic direction, educational policy, finances and operations.

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The goal of Executive Cabinet was to seek restoration and not simply return to a pre-pandemic Asbury. Back Row (left to right): Alejandra Ahern '23, Anna Lauren Jacobs '22, Josephine Wooldridge '22, Joy Pidgorodetska '22 Front Row (left to right): Hope Odubena '23, Bethany Marcum '22, Alison Perfater '23

ASBURY STUDENT CONGRESS REFLECTS ON A YEAR OF RESTORATION

When the seven members of Executive Cabinet for 2021-2022 assembled in August to train for the year ahead, we were tasked with choosing a theme that would prepare us for our roles and guide us in our vision. We arrived at 2 Corinthians 13:11 as a theme verse: "Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." While this was originally written as a benediction, we saw it as a fresh opening and invitation to restoration: something greater than what has been lost.

We have spent this year learning how to practically embody this theme. We are all coming out of a deficit. The disappointments, destructions, and distractions of COVID have significantly impacted every class currently on campus. We have stepped into a time where this restoration is needed on multiple levels, and we were invited to partner with God in meeting these needs.

Previous campus leaders started a conversation about improving security on campus, and we were able to see tangible advances in this area. In January, the shuttle service staffed by Asbury students in partnership with our Office of Safety and Security launched. And, the new CampusShield App was released to help with emergency preparedness. Both initiatives have been remarkably successful and well utilized across campus.

We also sought to provide clarity to systems existing on campus. We have successfully worked with the Provost's Office to incorporate students into faculty committees so that student voices are involved in decision-making for the University. Listening tour events, where Executive Cabinet members are available for informal conversation and open to suggestions, have been great spaces of engagement with student concerns. Through the entire Asbury Student Congress, we have passed proposals to update and clarify language in policies; respond to changing student needs; and make more resources available to students. Clubs are also a great place to express student passion and foster restoration.

Our goal is not to go back to a pre-pandemic Asbury. Instead, we seek a space of restoration, where everything that we have learned and experienced does not constrain us but enhances us as we continue our journey. When we think about the last year, we are truly proud of what we've accomplished. However, we recognize that it hasn't been because of our own power. We are immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve this student body, in this time and place. God has moved. God has been active. It has been an incredible treasure to engage in the work of restoration, both personally and communally, knowing that our God is faithful and present in and through our work. The God of love and peace has certainly been with us.

- **Anna Lauren Jacobs '22**, VP of Clubs & Congress Operations

ASBURY RECEIVES FIRST CRYPTOCURRENCY DONATION

Accepting digital currency opens up new avenue for generosity

On December 2, 2021, an alumnus from the class of 2006 made history at Asbury University. Desiring to make his largest gift yet to invest in his beloved alma mater, the anonymous alum donated shares of the cryptocurrency Bitcoin.

"We are thrilled to offer this new method of giving to our donors," said Dr. Mark Troyer, vice president for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships.

"Cryptocurrency reached and sustained a valuation of over \$2 trillion in 2021. Many crypto owners desire to make charitable donations with these digital assets that have significantly increased in value."

The IRS incentivizes donations of crypto similarly to gifts of stock. Cryptocurrency is considered property and donating it is a nontaxable event. This means that donors do not have to recognize capital gains and could potentially deduct up to the fair market value of the donated asset.

All cryptocurrency received by Asbury is converted to cash upon acceptance and put to immediate use to advance our mission.

To find out more, visit asbury.edu/givecrypto.



ASBURY *features*

30 *under* 30

Our Alumni and Admissions Offices are excited to feature and highlight young alums in our 30 Under 30 spotlights. This is an effort to affirm and recognize our young alumni, as well as to assist with the recruitment of new students. These grads represent each School across campus: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, and Science, Health and Mathematics. And what a great group of young alums we get to highlight this year! They are just a few of our graduates who are using

their Asbury experience to engage and influence their community where God has placed them. You will be moved by their stories and reminded to pray for this generation of leaders and young people.

To see the full list of Young Alum Spotlights and to read their stories, visit asbury.edu/30under30. If you have a high school student interested in Asbury, please visit us online at asbury.edu/visit.

Meet the 30 Under 30

TY ABRAHAM '17	RACHEL LOPEZ '21
EMMA WITTEKIND ARENSMAN '18	ETHAN MAYO '21
HOPE BEERS '20	JACOB MEECE '16
CLAY BISHER '20	CRAIG MOBERLY '16
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JOSHUA KULAH '16	NATHANIEL WINCKLER '14



I often felt torn between my desire for a career in the marketplace and what I've always perceived as a call to ministry. But I just kept taking steps forward and found opportunities to be involved in the two areas. Eventually, I realized it was possible to do both! They are not mutually exclusive, and God certainly is present in both. It has been a lot to juggle at times, but it's very rewarding to get to invest and develop my professional skills (and see them help advance medicine and health care in Kentucky) while having the opportunity to serve God among the 'least of these' in our community."

JORGE CASTORENA '16

*Journalism and Communications double major
Communications Officer, UK College of Medicine
and Co-Director, Treehouse Ministries*



Making art has a mental aspect to it. Students can get in their own way, especially in high school. Some can talk themselves out of a great idea or be so fixated on having the 'perfect' piece when there really is no perfect. There is also a vulnerability to making art. Students can't hide what they are making, it is all out in the open for everyone to see. It is important as a teacher to make sure that students feel seen, heard and understood so they can be their most authentic selves while going through the creative process."

NATASHA ODUOR-OWINO '18

*Art Education major
High School Art Teacher, Rosslyn Academy, Nairobi, Kenya*



Asbury was foundational to my work as a physician. Coursework at Asbury was rigorous to the point that it prepared me very well for medical school. My faculty mentors were instrumental in encouraging me to set my sights for medical school and motivate me along the way. Relationships formed with friends at Asbury have carried me through difficult times and will no doubt last a lifetime."

JACOB MEECE '16

*Biochemistry major
Physician at University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center*



I chose this field because I want to use my heart, head and hands to bring people together using the tools available to my generation. By utilizing multimedia production technology, I can help create specific moments of elevated communal experience. These experiences are exciting, energetic and critical in reminding ourselves that, in the midst of an increasingly isolated world, there is joy to be found in gathering."

RENNER CLEMENTS '20

*Media Communications major
Event Producer, Studio40 Media*



Equine to Add Unique New Coursework

Equine Assisted Services major and Western riding will be available beginning in the fall



Jesse Westfall, a world-known Western riding expert, will lead Asbury's new Western Riding program.

New arena will support innovative new programs

Asbury continues its growth and prowess in the equine industry, adding a new major, concentrations and programming beginning in Fall 2022 thanks to donor generosity.

Final construction planning for the new Henry and Elsie Bayless Arena is underway to support the University's



A new major, Equine-Assisted Services, will expand Asbury's already-popular Equine program.

new Western Riding program. New coursework, a Western riding club and other activities will be introduced during the 2022-23 academic year. The facility will also house a 24-stall boarding barn to allow for more growth in Asbury's unique Police Mount program and will provide additional revenue through increased boarding fees.

"We are thrilled that the generosity of this family and others who have committed resources will help us serve more students and continue to expand this great program," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships Dr. Mark Troyer. "Thanks to the generosity of the Bayless family and other donors, the Equine program will serve more students."

The facility is supported in part by funds from donors and an estate gift from the Bayless family from Florida. The Henry and Elsie Bayless Arena is expected to be completed during the 2022-23 academic year.

"We hope to add courses of Western interest once this facility is built and draw students interested in this expanding area," said **Harold Rainwater '69**, director of Asbury's Equine Program.

Additionally, Equine is adding a new major, Equine-Assisted Services, which will be under the direction of equine faculty member **Cathrin Walker '11 Wilbanks**. This will include concentrations in Equine-Assisted Activities (EAS), EAS Program Management, and Equine-Assisted Mental Health.

New major and concentrations take interdisciplinary approach

With the Equine-Assisted Services major, there is ample opportunity for cross-specialization for students. For example, students who are interested in Equine-Assisted Therapies with a specialization in Physical Therapy can double major with EAS and Exercise Science. Students who want to pursue studies in Equine-Assisted Learning can double major with EAS and Adventure Education and Leadership.

The EAS major is the first of its kind in the United States, providing students with a balance in theoretical and hands-on learning experiences that prepare them for any of the EAS career choices that currently exist in the field.

The news follows a string of exciting developments out of the Equine Program under Rainwater's leadership. Last fall, Asbury launched a Master of Business Administration with courses in Equine Management to equip students with expert knowledge and skills centered on finance, management, marketing, law, facilities and event management pertaining to the equine industry.

Students in the Equine Program also won multiple awards at the Thoroughbred Makeover at the Kentucky Horse Park, sponsored by the Thoroughbred Charities of America.

Set Apart Retreat Launches with Pilot Trip to Florida

A group of 57 students and staff traveled to Panama City Beach for the inaugural Set Apart Retreat.

Raising a generation to live boldly for Christ

On a cold, rainy February morning, a group of 57 students and staff traveled to sunny Florida for Asbury's first-ever Set Apart Retreat. Made possible by the generous support of the Price Foundation, Inc., the three-day Christian worldview retreat provided the opportunity for students to know God better, think critically about their faith, and develop a biblical vision for the needs of others.

"God did immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine through the Set Apart Retreat in the lives of our students. We witnessed students step into places of freedom, receive healing, and commit to walk as faithful disciples of Jesus," said **Jeannie Banter '06**, who led the retreat in her new role as director of the Christian Life Project.

Throughout the weekend, students participated in seminars, workshops and a panel discussion designed to help them reflect on their faith and how to put it into action. Former Asbury professor and board member **Rev. Dr. Chris Bounds '88** served as the retreat speaker and challenged students to think theologically about deep questions of Christianity, from "Who is God?" to "How do we apply our faith to every aspect of life?" Students had numerous opportunities for worship, personal reflection, and small group discussions to help them process what they learned. And, of course, there was plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful Panama City beach right next to the retreat center.

Speaking about her experience at the retreat, sophomore **Amanda Hobbs** said, "My favorite part about the retreat was the diversity of students that I was able to connect and build friendships with." She added, "It was so evident that the Lord had each of us there for a reason."

The next Set Apart Retreat is scheduled for this fall, with more to come. With the grant, the goal is to provide every student with the opportunity to go on the retreat in their

first four semesters at Asbury. Elements of the retreat will also be integrated with the foundational courses offered by the Christian Studies & Philosophy department, according to department chair **Dr. Brian Shelton '89**.

"The ultimate goal is that students will own their faith... so that the retreat compliments the classroom, and vice versa," Shelton commented.

This robust worldview retreat is provided by the Price Foundation, Inc., with board members including founders Charles E. and Janet Price, their daughter **Sarah Price '01 Atwood** and her husband, Aaron, and their son **Charles W. Price '05** and his wife, Sarah.

"Our family is committed to raising a generation of young Christians who live boldly as ambassadors of Jesus Christ," said a Price Foundation statement. "Partnering with Asbury University to continue to empower them to teach biblical worldview is a natural fit. This is the perfect way to see our deep calling and Asbury's world-class mission bring the best out of both of our organizations. We are encouraged to see Asbury dedicate so much attention to the foundations of faith in an effort to grow deep-rooted future leaders."



The trip included robust lectures and group discussions, but also beach fun.



Autumn Herriford '21 became Asbury's all-time women's basketball leading scorer in February and concluded her career with 1,716 points. Herriford is pictured at right with women's basketball head coach Chad Mayes, left, and Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Communications Mark Whitworth.

Record-breaking Scorer Autumn Herriford Wins NCCAA Award

The National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) named Asbury's **Autumn Herriford '21** as the 2022 Kathy Freese-Peabody Award recipient, the top honor for NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball.

Earlier this season, Herriford became the all-time leading scorer in AU women's basketball history and finished her career with 1,716 points. The graduate student from Lexington, Ky., averaged 12.1 points, 6.3 rebounds, and 4 assists per game this season leading the Eagles in all three categories.

Herriford, who led her team to a 21-7 record and a berth in the NCCAA National Championship in March, holds a 3.97 GPA in Health and Physical Education and has received multiple academic awards including Academic All-Conference, NCCAA Mid-East First Team All-Tournament, and NCCAA Scholar-Athlete. Herriford has also been named Conference Newcomer of the Year, First Team All-Conference and NCCAA Mideast First Team All-Regional.

"Autumn's drive to win in basketball pales in comparison to her love for people which comes from her relationship with Jesus," Head Women's Basketball Coach Chad Mayes said. "The lasting impression that she leaves on the University is her heart and loving personality, and she has been a true pleasure to coach."

Herriford has never failed to step up and serve or reach out to team members or students in the AU community who are in need. She has helped with the team's student-athlete led Bible study each week and also serves a local elementary school through in-school mentoring of 4th and 5th grade girls. Herriford has twice served for multiple weeks in Puerto Rico as an intern with the mission organization LYNC8 Project. She helped lead and facilitate mission teams through the summer for groups that traveled into Puerto Rico from around the U.S. to work on local service projects.



LEFT: Sophomore swimmer Amber Schulte set six school records during conference championship win. **RIGHT:** Alex Keyser was named Conference Coach of the Year and senior Alex Wu earned Swimmer of the Meet honors.



Asbury's new volleyball coach, Tiffany Horton, was a standout player at University of Arizona.

SWIM TEAMS WIN LIBERAL ARTS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The men's and women's swimming teams won the 2022 Liberal Arts Conference Championship, marking the third consecutive conference title for the women's team and the first conference title for the men since 2009.

Sophomore **Amber Schulte** led the women by setting six school records during the championship. Senior standout **Alex Wu** earned Swimmer of the Meet honors, earning seven first-place finishes. He concluded his career as one of AU's most accomplished student-athletes.

Head coach **Alex Keyser '08** was named men's conference coach of the year and co-women's coach of the year. This season also signifies the close of Keyser's tenure as head coach for the Eagles. The 2008 AU alum, who has served in this role since 2011, is moving to Sarasota, Fla., with his family.

NCAA AWARD WINNERS

Men's Soccer: Trey Miller – 2021 NCCAA Kyle Rote, Jr. Award recipient

Cross Country: Carolina Trumpower – 2021 NCCAA All-American honors, 5th at national meet

Men's Basketball: Nick Fort – 2022 Midwest Region Player of the Year and First Team All-Region,
Eric Powell – First Team All-Region

Women's Basketball: Autumn Herriford, Trinity Shearer, Paige Taylor – First Team All-Region

TIFFANY HORTON NAMED VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH

Tiffany Horton was named Asbury's head volleyball coach on Jan. 13, 2022. Horton brings an extensive volleyball background as an accomplished player both at the NCAA Division I and professional levels. She has also been a successful coach in the Central Kentucky area, most recently serving at Transylvania University as a volunteer assistant coach for the past two seasons.

She was a four-year starter at the University of Arizona from 2007-2010, earning All-Pac-10 honors as a senior in 2010 and Pac-10 All-Freshman honors in 2007. She helped lead the Wildcats to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2009 and 2010.

Horton earned a bachelor's degree from Arizona in 2011, majoring in Family Studies & Human Development. She is originally from San Bernardino, Calif. She met her husband Donald, a former football student-athlete, while they were attending the University of Arizona. They have three sons and live in Lexington.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Scholar Athletes: 142 student-athletes entered the 2022 spring semester having earned the distinction of TeamAU Scholar Athlete, which represents a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Academic Honor Roll: 200 student-athletes earned a 3.25 GPA or higher during the 2021 fall semester. Each received the distinction of being named to the TeamAU Academic Honor Roll.

The top team GPAs for the 2021 fall semester were earned by women's tennis (3.63) and men's cross country (3.66).



Dr. Erin Penner secured a \$147,000 humanities grant.



Asbury's Associate Vice President for Intercultural Affairs Rev. Dr. Esther Jadhav was awarded a grant by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Faculty & Staff Achievements

Erin Penner and team secure national humanities grant for "Teaching William Faulkner in a Digital Age"

The year 2022 marks 10 years that **Dr. Erin Penner**, Associate Professor of English, has spent as an editor of the Digital Yoknapatawpha Project. She serves on a team of specialists who map the fiction of author William Faulkner on a website for researchers and students. This spring, Penner celebrates as three strands of that work came to fruition. The first is a volume of print scholarship published by the University of Virginia Press. She wrote a chapter for "Digitizing Faulkner," which gave her a chance to dive into the digital humanities as a research field.

The National Endowment for the Humanities also announced in January that it will fund "Teaching and Learning William Faulkner in the Digital Age" through a \$147,000 grant. A team of 10 teachers, including Penner, will create activities for high school and university students reading Faulkner, drawing on the resources of the DY site (faulkner.iath.virginia.edu/).

Penner will spend two years on this project, starting in June.

Devin Brown talks Tolkien on the BBC

Dr. Devin Brown, professor of English, was invited to speak on the BBC for its J. R. R. Tolkien 130th Birthday Celebration held on Jan. 3, 2022.

He was the featured speaker at two retreats put on by the C. S. Lewis Institute and was a guest on two episodes of the podcast, Pints with Jack. During Advent, he presented four talks at Lexington's Christ Church Cathedral.

Brown wrote two invited articles for *Desiring God*, "Narnia Meets Middle Earth: The Friendship of Lewis and Tolkien" and "Is Lord of the Rings Christian?"

In addition, he was asked to write the Study Guide for the recent film, "The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis," where "an elder C.S. Lewis looks back on his remarkable journey from hard-boiled atheist to the most renowned Christian writer of the past century."

Professor's musical composition presented at Seoul International Composer's Festival

Professor of Worship Arts **Dr. Dan Pinkston's** composition, "One Dawn, One Dusk," a fantasy on three Korean folksongs for violin, clarinet and piano, was selected for the Seoul International Composer's Festival "RE- CREATE" which had a December 2021 performance.

This piece was originally composed because of a call for compositions set to Korean folksongs in a different harmonic context. Pinkston said the Korean folksongs he chose are evocative of nature and bird songs, setting them in a new impressionistic and modern Western context.

Asbury staff member awarded researchers grant

Dr. Henry Zonio '97, the director for the Center of Academic Excellence, was awarded more than \$15,000 from Louisville Institute's 2022 Project Grant for Researchers (PGR).

Zonio's proposal, "Youth Attitudes on Race and Religion" was chosen along with 17 other researchers and will, through the institute, support studies devoted to religious challenges revolving around North American Christianity.



Director for the Center of Academic Excellence Dr. Henry Zonio '97 was awarded more than \$15,000 from the Louisville Institute to study "Youth Attitudes on Race and Religion."

"This specific project is an extension of my dissertation research, which was an ethnography of young children's Sunday schools at three ethnically homogenous churches with a focus on how race and gender were addressed (or not addressed) in the curriculum, physical spaces, and conversations at those churches," said Zonio. "I plan to present findings from this qualitative project at conferences focused on religious studies and youth ministry. I also plan on including the findings in a journal manuscript as well as in a book project focused on how children and youth learn about race and gender in Sunday school."

Esther Jadhav awarded CCCU biblically informed immigration grant

Associate Vice President for Intercultural Affairs **Rev. Dr. Esther Jadhav** was awarded nearly \$4,500 by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) to provide immigration topic-centered experiences to Asbury community members.

CCCU offers the Biblically Informed Immigration Grant to universities to spark thoughtful conversations about immigration in a biblical view throughout campus. With this grant, Jadhav, along with Asbury community members, will host open conversations about immigration.

Jadhav said the Biblically Informed Immigration Grant is an incredible honor because it "demonstrates our institutions desire to cultivate a culturally responsible Christian community that practices hospitality, mutuality, redemptive social action, and grace-filled reconciliation."

Jared Porter awarded \$16,000 for 8 Oculus VR units

The Virtual Reality Biblical Experience Company (VRBX) awarded a grant to Director of Library Services **Jared Porter '01**. This gift will allow Asbury Christian



New technology will allow students to experience history in new ways.



Jennifer McChord was named Asbury's Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing.

Studies and Philosophy (CSP) students to view the historical Temple of Jerusalem, modern day Holy Lands and have biblical narrative-related games and activities.

"Instead of a Christian Studies professor trying to describe a scene in ancient Israel and having students try their best to come up with some sort of picture in their minds, the professor can say, 'Go to the library and explore the VR city of Capernaum, then share what you experienced there,'" said Porter, "It is both strange and exciting to think that VR can make learning more real."

Asbury announces new Vice President for Enrollment & Marketing

In December, **Jennifer McChord** began serving as vice president for Enrollment & Marketing. This new position integrates admissions, financial aid and marketing recruitment to achieve Asbury's enrollment initiatives more effectively and efficiently.

"Jennifer is a visionary who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position. I am very excited for her to serve in this executive capacity, and I look forward to seeing her vision unfold in the days ahead," said President Dr. Kevin Brown.

McChord has served at Asbury since March 2020 as director of Strategic Communications and has already made an indelible imprint on the Asbury community. Prior to serving at Asbury, McChord worked in various sales and marketing environments, from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. She also has experience marketing to higher education, as well as NCAA Division I athletics communications. Her experience in the private sector and the lessons learned there will help Asbury create differentiation and unique value in the 21st century student.



Academic News

Asbury ranked #13 in U.S. News's Best Universities

Asbury University earned classification as one of the top 15 Southern universities, making it the highest-ranked regional university in Kentucky. To see Asbury's ranking, visit usnews.com/best-colleges/asbury-university-1952.



Olivia McCants won the Kentucky Chapter National Association of Teachers Singing's Musical Theater competition

Asbury student places first at Kentucky Chapter NATS competition

Asbury senior **Olivia McCants** won first place at the Kentucky Chapter National Association of Teachers Singing (NATS) Musical Theater competition. It was her third award from NATS. McCants earned the top spot over dozens of participants from colleges including University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and

Murray State University. The competition focused on vocal soloists and provided industry connections for competitors and winners to Broadway and other musical theater venues.

"Winning this award is such a blessing," said McCants, "I am so grateful to Asbury for the opportunity to compete in this event annually; for my teacher, Dr. Marie-France Duclos, and the Music Department; and for the scholastic flexibility that studying at Asbury has provided."

Asbury students win KAS research competition

Two Asbury students, **Rebecca Piche '22** and **Alex Whitaker '21**, won second place at the Kentucky Academy of Science's annual research competition. Piche won second in ecology with "A Comparison of Detection Methods for Semiaquatic Salamanders: eDNA and Leaf Litter Bags." Whitaker took second place in environmental sciences with "Rehabilitating a Lonicera Maackii Dominated Forest Understory."

"We are proud of Rebecca and Alex's accomplishment," said Asbury Dean of the School of Science, Health and Mathematics Dr. Vins Sutlive. "Due to COVID-19, the conference was virtual, which can make presentations challenging but both students represented Asbury very well."

Asbury announces multiple new partnerships

Asbury expanded its Christian Education Partnership (CEP) program, adding Portland Christian School, Christian Academy of Louisville, Christian Academy of Indiana and Trinity Christian Academy after naming Lexington Christian Academy as its first CEP school last fall. The CEP allows for partner high school students to attend Asbury at a reduced cost.

The Asbury CEP provides easier access to a continuation of a Christ-centered education, also allowing for dual credit courses for high schoolers and additional educational benefits for partner teachers, staff and parents.

"We look forward to continuing the great education and spiritual formation that these students have received from their high schools when they choose Asbury University for their college experience," said Asbury President Dr. Kevin J. Brown.

Math in Conversation: Mathematics and the Bible

In February, SEARCH and the Math Department presented "Math in Conversation: Mathematics and the Bible." The forum featured **Dr. Cheryll Crowe '03 Johnson**, professor and chair of the Math Department; **Dr. Towanna Roller '83**, math professor; **Dr. Brian Shelton '89**, professor and chair of the Department of Christian Studies and Philosophy; and **Dr. Suzanne Nicholson**, professor of New Testament.

Although math, science and logic are often viewed independently of our understanding of who God is, this interdisciplinary conversation provided an opportunity to discuss the importance of numbers in the Bible.

"Numbers force us to look deep into Scripture to determine what God is trying to say," said Roller.

Crow emphasized numbers in the form of measurements. Beyond mere numeric values, for example, references to equal weights and measures indicate the importance of fairness, equity and justice.

Although the discussion centered on math and the historical discoveries that coincided with Bible authorship, Apostle Paul's admonition in Ephesians 3:18-19 reminded attendees that Scripture also includes insights into God's nature that surpass human knowledge, like His immeasurable love for them.

Spring Break Outreach at Asbury

During the University's spring break in March, students participated in several Asbury-sponsored cross-cultural opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Mayfield, Kentucky

The Asbury Outreach Coalition traveled to Mayfield, Ky., to aid in tornado relief following last year's tragedy and ongoing destruction recovery.

In a thank-you note sent to Greg Martin '01, executive director of DRAW (Disaster Relief at Work), Mayfield Mayor Kathy Stewart O'Nan expressed her thanks to the students and alumni who served.

"I am so honored by the blessings spread upon us by DRAW and those adorable Asbury students," said O'Nan. "I know there have been many and will be many more volunteers to come to help us, but none will stay in my heart like each of you. You will always be the first who put color and hope into that grey, desolate area which will serve as a beacon of what our town will become again."



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1 Asbury's math department and SEARCH explored Mathematics and the Bible in February. 2 Asbury's Christian Education Partnerships offer exciting pathways for Christian high school students to continue their faith-based education in college. 3-6 Asbury students served on mission teams during Spring Break, including trips to Arizona (6), Kentucky (5) and New Jersey (3,4)

Arizona

A group of students and alumni partnered with Word Made Flesh and traveled to Arizona to immerse themselves in the Navajo culture and community.

"Team members were encouraged to explore what long-term missional engagement looks like while getting to know the culture and people of the community," shared trip participant **Cindy Dean MBA '20**. "Through spiritual formation opportunities, our relationship with Christ was deepened and our love for others grew."

Led by a Navajo community member, the group learned about the present and past by viewing ancient rock drawings, cooking traditional Navajo food and engaging in cultural activities. The team also worked with orphans, performed repairs at a church and experienced a completely Navaho-speaking church.

Visiting attractions such as the Grand Canyon and the southwest's Four Corners, the group traveled to five states and walked nearly 1,500 miles.

Columbia

The One Mission Society (OMS) Asbury Student Leadership Development Center in Wilmore took students to Medellin, Colombia, with the help of national partners, Satara Colombia and Asociacion Confraternidad Carclaria de Antioquia (Prison Fellowship).

The team served and ministered to the community of Amaga. Students visited a boarding school for children of miners and helped a local church conduct outreach to

children and youth. The team also visited a poverty-stricken barrio where they fed and ministered to more than 60 children and their families. They learned about the house church planting movement in Colombia and experienced one firsthand.

While on the cross-cultural trip, students shared their testimonies and encouraged prisoners and prison pastors at Bellavista Prison, once ranked as one of the most dangerous prisons in the world. The team also ministered to children of prisoners through sports, games and sharing the Gospel.

"Our team of Asbury students did an amazing job of adapting to challenging cross-cultural mission's experiences working with the house church movement and in prison ministry," said David Schnake, director of Asbury's OMS campus ministry. "They did an amazing job of sharing their testimonies and the Gospel wherever we were, even in the airports during travel."

Camden, New Jersey

The Salvation Army Student Fellowship (SASF) campus ministry traveled with a group of students to serve in Camden, N.J. The team engaged in a variety of activities, including Operation Uplift, an evening where community members in need received meals and haircuts while enjoying music. The SASF group also packed drive-by meals and delivered food boxes for community members.

"I was very proud of the students at Asbury because they were a wonderful example of Jesus Christ," said Major Paul Cain of Asbury's SASF. "They shared a lot of love and laughs with those in the community."



Firsthand Media Experience at the Olympic Games

For the 15th time, Asbury University students traveled to the Olympic Games to work as part of the paid broadcast crew.

Traveling to Beijing, China, under the leadership of **Dr. Jim Owens '76**, dean of the School of Communication, 34 students, alumni, faculty and staff worked behind the scenes covering Olympic events alongside colleagues from around the globe for world broadcasters, including NBC.

Participants were assigned in a number of roles including audio and camera assistants and loggers, sometimes in temperatures well below freezing. They worked in the largest broadcast event of the year, all within a cross-cultural context.

“Broadcasting an Olympics is an enormous task and it is always exciting to see our students step-up to the challenge,” Owens said. “This Olympic experience often provides relationships that lead to jobs within the industry.”

Media students from Asbury who are enrolled in the School of Communication Arts returned with a real-world knowledge of a career in broadcasting. This intense experience provides students with the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom and in practice at Asbury.

Almost 40 Asbury students, faculty and staff helped produce the 2022 Beijing Olympic Games.

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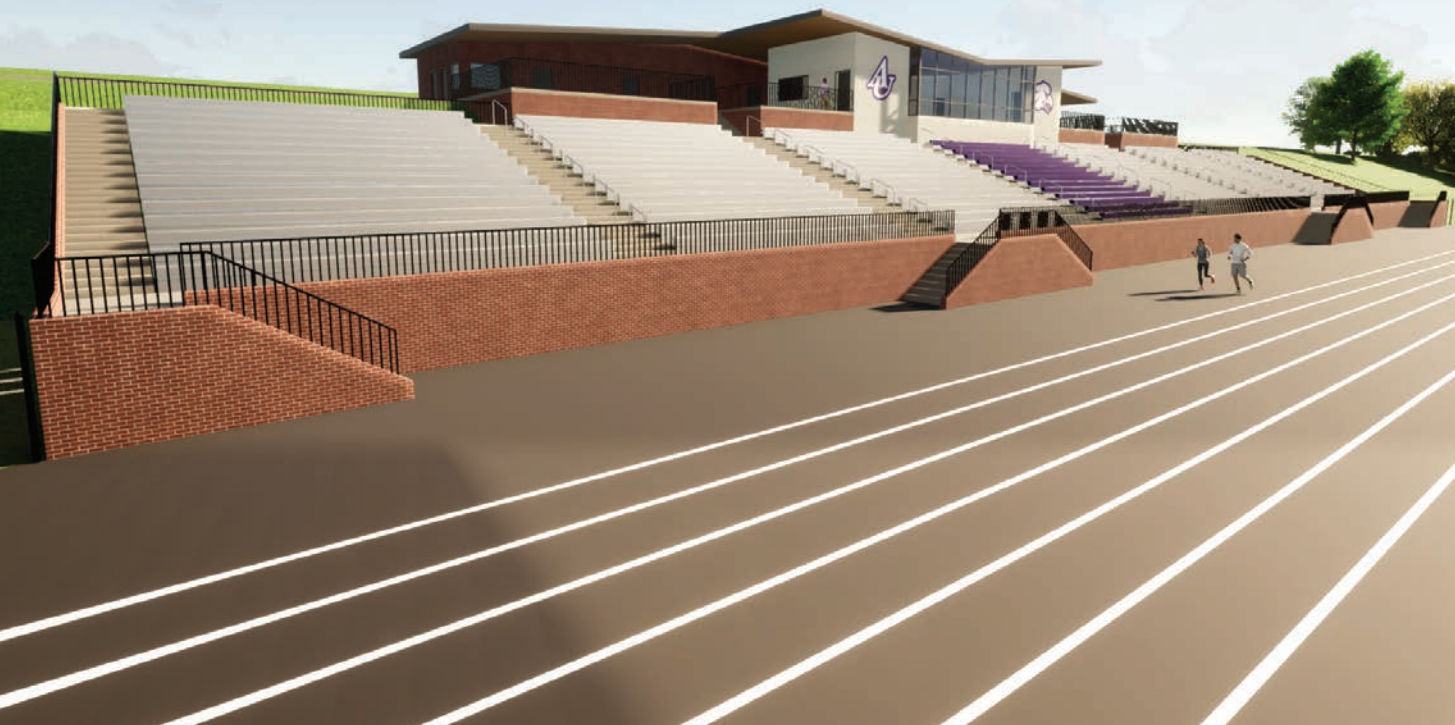
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This architectural rendering highlights the planned multi-use outdoor venue which will enhance the experience for all students, while also utilizing a Christ-centered athletics program to foster enrollment growth.

Construction News

Planned projects include a multi-use outdoor venue and an equine facility

New and planned campus construction projects continue to mindfully shape the face of Asbury for the benefit of students and the community.

President Dr. Kevin Brown announced that Asbury is moving forward on fundraising and planning for a multi-use outdoor venue that will include a lighted track, synthetic turf field, meeting space, locker rooms, public restrooms, and a multi-use seating stadium.

"In addition to being the home for a new men's and women's track & field program, this will also allow us to use the venue for other campus events such as commencement, concerts, or other large gatherings," Brown explained. "It will also enable Asbury to become a destination for hosting a variety of youth sports events. This will create alternative revenue streams, while introducing the school to new prospective students and families."

The space can be utilized for a variety of club and intramural activities in addition to multiple intercollegiate athletics.

"The idea is that every student at AU would benefit from this facility," Brown said. "We have already had tremendous fundraising momentum behind the project — raising over \$4 million thus far."

Also announced this spring is a Western Riding arena that will include more stalls for boarding horses. To learn more about the Henry and Elsie Bayless Arena, visit page 12.

The outdoor dining project is scheduled to be completed this spring as an expansion to the Johnson Dining Hall. The Student Center renovations, which includes an outdoor gathering area named Moulton Commons, will be completed by the fall to welcome students back to campus.

The Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center will be dedicated on June 25, 2022, during Reunion. Visit page 1 to learn more.



The outdoor dining area will be complete this spring.

Bioethicist Dr. Calum MacKellar spoke to students this spring during the Human Dignity lecture series.



ASBURY GETS BIG TIME 'BEAM TIME' ON PARTICLE ACCELERATOR

Two Asbury chemistry students and their faculty mentor traveled to the Argonne National Laboratory outside of Chicago to run experiments on a particle accelerator the size of a football stadium.

Rebekah Habeger '20, currently in the Ph.D. chemistry program at the University of Cincinnati, **Natalie Hill**, a freshman chemistry major, and Chemistry Professor **Will Shafer, Ph.D.**, conducted experiments at the laboratory April 24-26.

Argonne traces its roots to a secret mission — the Manhattan Project — to create the world's first self-sustaining nuclear reaction. It houses equipment too big and too expensive for even the largest research universities to afford. Researchers from all over the U.S. and Canada submit applications for the privilege of using the facility. The laboratory, which is essentially a campus, features the giant accelerator. Shafer was notified in February that "beam time" had been granted.

"Think of a NASCAR race with cars constantly zipping around you, and then applying to be pit crew, even if you aren't always sure which car is yours," Shafer said.

Dr. Vins Sutlive called the opportunity on the accelerator a "big time" achievement for Asbury.

The Argonne laboratory is a U.S. Department of Energy science and engineering research center.



Exploring the Importance of Faith in Science

Should only healthy children be born? Bioethicist Dr. Calum MacKellar answered this and other questions as part of Asbury's Human Dignity lecture series in February hosted by SEARCH and the Asbury University Honors Program. It was an innovative way for students to view scientific advancements through the lens of faith and ethics.

"As Christians, we must see this issue from God's perspective," MacKellar said. "God sees everyone in the same way because we are all made in God's image and it's this image that is reflected back to God."

MacKellar said the issues surrounding the eugenics movement are especially timely because of the development of "genetic editing," which could eventually allow parents to select the types of children they want to have. MacKellar is a leading Christian voice in bioethics whose research is not always well received in mainstream circles.

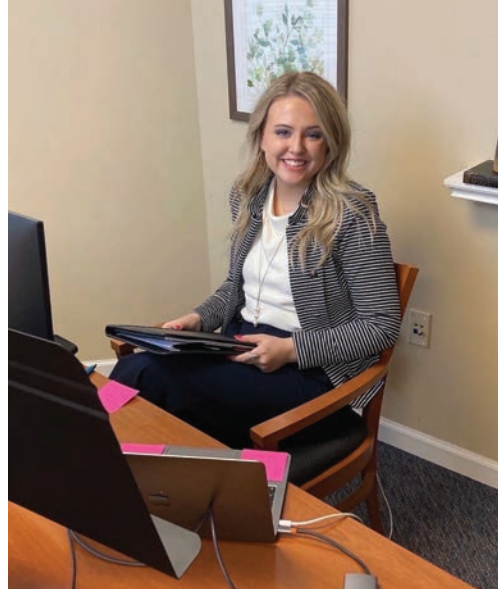
MacKellar stressed the importance of Christianity and science occupying seats at the same table, an approach Asbury champions in its curriculum and events.

One such event in the fall was a visit from world-renowned chemist Dr. James Tour, who came to discuss the integration of faith and science. Tour is a professor of chemistry, computer science, materials science and nanoengineering at Rice University in Houston. He was named one of the "50 most Influential Scientists in the World Today" and "Scientist of the Year" by R&D Magazine. He addressed the importance of Asbury's science programs through the lens of faith, as well as the overall liberal arts higher education offered at the University.

"There is something unique, something special about studying science at Asbury University," said dean of the School of Science, Health and Mathematics Dr. Vins Sutlive. "Yes, students have opportunities to engage in real scientific inquiry, using state of the art instruments, designing their own lines of exploration. Yet, all this occurs knowing that, like the psalmist, we are considering the works of God's hands."

In January, the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation awarded Asbury a \$100,000 gift to create a new endowed scholarship for science students from Ohio in the name of the foundation's founder.

Additionally, the Lilly Fellows Program awarded **Drs. Ben Brammell** and **Daniel Strait** a grant to support the program "Boundaries and Horizons: Engaging Faith, Science, and Humanities" designed to help support connections between faith and science at Asbury. Brammell is a biology professor, while Strait serves as an English professor.



Sales competitions are a great learning tool for students in the Dayton School of Business, and once the school moves into the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center, it will be able to host competitions at Asbury.

Dayton School of Business Prepares to Step into New Territory

Asbury's Dayton School of Business will offer improved educational facilities and participation additions due to the spatial expansiveness of the University's new building, the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center (CLC).

"The CLC will create space for illustrative learning, greater practical application of content, and a holistic approach to the various settings and challenges students will experience in their work and life," said Interim Dean and Associate Professor of the Dayton School of Business Dr. Mike Yoder. "The various spaces will facilitate a broader influence on our students' learning and allow them a greater exposure to the marketplace."

The Business School will have a finance lab which will house investment clubs and access to analytical software, as well as a sales training suite to cultivate and host sales competitions in the CLC.

"Our classes have always encouraged being ethical in the business world whether it's in sales or finances," said **Hayley Anderson '23**, a marketing major and competitor in recent Asbury sales competitions. "The space is going to provide a more hands-on experience for the students, especially in the marketing part of it."

Ethan Barren '22, the chief operating officer of the Eyrle Investment Group, described the vitality of the Business School migrating into the CLC and the opportunities it produces.

"The Eyrle Investment Group is excited to see what the new finance and investment lab will offer and is eager to move

into that space and get our hands on tools that will improve the quality and efficiency of our operations," he said.

The Eyrle Investment Group is a student-led investment club launched during the Spring 2022 semester, working to invest a small portion of Asbury's endowment for educational purposes, along with facilitating guest speakers in the fields of financing and investing to meet with students.

Any student can participate in the active management of the fund, while associate members will be involved with paper trading competitions and other various events. Analysts will closely work with the management of the fund in utilizing tools provided by the Business School to research and formulate investment pitches, as well as the effective managing of the fund.

A stock ticker will be displayed in the building to enhance student's every day understanding of the stock market's undulation and impact in both the world of business and finance and the standings of Asbury funds.

"The stock ticker will help students better understand how fast-paced the marketplace is. Due to the nature of the markets, investors from all over the world are trading at any given time," says president of the Eyrle Investment Fund, **Colton Markland '22**. "Additionally, the stock ticker will display the holdings we, as the fund, have in the market."

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A Desire to Give Back Began as a Student for Neal Schultz '03

It started with a letter. Not just any letter.



Neil Schultz learned about the impact of generosity while still a student.

One day while he was a student at Asbury, **Neal Schultz '03**, an accounting major at the time, made his way to CPO, fished a letter out of his box and opened it. In it was a check for \$500 and a note from a family friend, someone Schultz barely knew. The note read, in part, "God placed you on my heart... One day, you'll have a chance to do something for someone else. When that opportunity comes, take it."

Schultz, who now lives in Plymouth, Mich., with his wife Jessica and sons Jackson, 9, and Carter, 7, never forgot about that check, or the note.

"That really left an impression on me, that someone who really had no vested interest in my success as a college student would invest in me," Schultz said.

He said he never would have been able to attend or remain at Asbury without financial help and though he might never be in a position to be a multi-million-dollar donor, he continues to make a difference in the lives of Asbury students.

"I've made giving a habit and grew into being able to give at higher levels," Schultz said. "I could never give back to Asbury what it has given to me, and I would love to give that opportunity to someone else."

Schultz, who played soccer at Asbury and currently sits on the University's Board of Trustees, has given to a variety of projects. He is excited about helping with the funding of the new outdoor athletics venue and has also funded a variety of scholarships including one in honor of retired Asbury professor Dr. Ken Pickerill, with whom Schultz lived during high school at Lexington Christian Academy. Schultz was friends with the Pickerills' son, Andrew '03.

"I can't say enough about the Pickerills," Schultz said. "They've opened their home to a lot of people over the years and I wanted to honor them and the commitment the Lord has placed on their hearts."

Schultz said he has a passion for encouraging alums to give back and he feels obligated to "pay it forward."

"I wouldn't have been able to get through Asbury without help," he said. "Giving is a chance to help someone else."

A Time to Give Thanks

Ephesians 5:19-20 says: "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I am privileged to travel the country and meet with many alums and friends that support and pray for Asbury University. As we look forward to hosting many of you on campus this summer for Reunion and look forward to celebrating the theme, Goodness of God, we don't have to wait until Reunion to reflect on that goodness.

In a time when we can find much to complain, argue and see differently about, Scripture tells us not to dwell on those things, but instead to "give thanks for everything." Ephesians also encourages us to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." I had the privilege to travel to Florida and Texas and host some great Asbury events with President Dr. Kevin Brown. I am encouraged and amazed by what God is doing in and through the lives of the Asbury family.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Dr. Brown and I visited with **Rev. Floyd Fought '46**, who recently celebrated his 97th birthday! Floyd's life has not been without challenges including burying his wife, and then getting remarried and burying his second wife after a decade of caring for her with Alzheimer's disease.

As he told us about his journey to Asbury and his service to the Kingdom, I was both inspired and convicted. Even after getting difficult news the day before we came, he was joyful, thankful and encouraging. It is not unusual for me to spend time with Asburians who work to see the good in others and their situations. They are Ephesians 4 and 5 Christians.

Thanks to so many of you who express gratitude for your Asbury experience, for the growth that God has allowed you to experience and for the future that has endless, joyful possibilities. We continue to covet prayers, encouragement and support. For you all, We Are Grateful!



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Campus Corner

Asbury Theatre performs Sophocles' "Electra"

Asbury University's Theatre charged into spring performing Sophocles' "Electra," adapted by Frank McGuinness, with showings throughout February and March in the Greathouse Theatre. Directed by Adjunct Professor Catherine Gaffney and innovatively staged, the production took a relevant look at an ancient classic.

"This ancient story of shared grief and a family wrecked by divergent perspectives on a political act of violence feels like it could be ripped from today's headlines," said Gaffney. "Electra" provokes us to question how loss and loneliness can turn into retribution and hate. Will we ever find a way to reverse the corrosive nature of revenge?"

Frank McGuinness's adaptation retains Sophocles' verse structure while using language accessible to modern audiences. **1**

Students sign the Student Center staircase before construction

Before the Student Center (Stuce) went offline during the spring semester for renovation, Asbury students signed their legacy on the staircase next to the Hiccup Cafe. For many seniors, this was their last interaction with the Stuce before graduation, which made the signing a long-lasting, sentimental moment. "It was sad saying goodbye, but the best part, for us seniors, is that we won't have to say goodbye to the memories and to the people who filled the Stuce," said Asbury Senior **Ethan Barren**.

Asbury Outreach Coalition hosts event partnered with Kentucky Refugee Ministry

In February, Asbury Outreach Coalition hosted an event at World Gospel Missions (WGM) Student Center to fundraise items for a furnished apartment for a Congolese refugee family. Asbury's Outreach Coalition has worked in partnership with Kentucky Refugee Ministries since the fall 2021 semester, and the mission's accomplishments have exceeded expectations. Only a few months after beginning the partnership, all the families which were currently being welcomed were placed in homes.

Holiness Emphasis Week focuses on spiritual vitality in prayer

This spring's Holiness Emphasis Week struck the hearts and spiritual practices of Asbury students by powerful worship services, prayer breakout groups and moving sermons. Led by Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore, founder and senior pastor of Mosaic United Methodist Church, the week's Chapels and evening services followed the theme of prayer practice, answering the question of how and when to pray and why Christians are called to pray. During the last Chapel of the week's contemplation, Moore encouraged students to pray and bring Heaven down to Earth so we can experience a holier community. Podcasts of this series can be found at asbury.edu/podcasts

Asbury Worship Arts records "Kingdom"

During the spring semester, the Asbury Worship Arts department recorded its worship album called "Kingdom." Planning for the album began during the fall semester 2020 and was recorded live in concert in March. Students of all levels of involvement in the department (whether majors, minors or campus band members) took on roles as the songwriting team, audio engineering, production, worship band and leadership roles which helped produce the entire album from start to finish.

Gabe Ernst, a senior involved in the making of the album, touched on his experience. "It was a humbling and surreal feeling to know that I had the opportunity to play keys and be a part of the planning," he said. The album will stream online, including on Spotify.

New York Times best-selling author hosts sexuality and the Bible forum

Biblical scholar, speaker, podcaster, and New York Times bestselling author, Preston Sprinkle, visited Asbury in March to host forums discussing "Sexuality and the Bible." Sprinkle is the co-founder and president of The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender, which equips spiritual leaders with sound theological foundations and helpful resources. Students were guided to Luke 19, which showcases Jesus's love for the lost and those with broken relationships with the church. **2**

SEARCH Symposium 2022

The annual SEARCH Symposium took place April 6-7, 2022. The Symposium and competition celebrates great ideas in art and research through conversation across the liberal arts. It's an occasion for students and faculty of various majors and levels of experience to come together for learning and discovery. SEARCH is Asbury's hub for imaginative intellectual activity. Through year-round events and programs, SEARCH engages students in transformative learning, equipping them to lead in a world in need of a Christ-centered vision. The program creates space, fosters fellowship and ignites conversations among students, faculty, alumni and scholars that promote the mutual illumination of faith and scholarship. **3**

Students kick back at the Spring Preview festival

On March 25, to conclude Asbury's annual Spring Preview event, both prospective and current students took time to relax, enjoy the warm spring weather, and get to know the students and families visiting campus. The festival included food trucks, live music provided by talented Asbury students, and various yard games. The Preview Event was an impactful opportunity for prospective students to experience the Asbury community firsthand, explore majors, attend classes, worship in chapel, meet professors and students and spend the night in a residence hall.





Noteworthy Alumni

Asbury alumnus signs with Virgin Records

Abe Parker '11 advanced his career in the music industry through a recent contract signing with the record label and music distributor, Virgin Records. Parker's music journey began at Asbury as a soloist and band member, with participation in talent shows, concerts in the student center, and even performance slots at Ichthus music festival.

Parker pursued a solo artist-centered career path, and after years of ups and downs in the industry, he was approached by major record labels like Universal Records and Capitol Records but decided on starting with a short contract with Virgin Records. Parker is a verified artist on Spotify. His discography consists of numerous singles throughout the past eight years, covers of major hit songs, a 2018 album called "Home Park," and two of Parker's most recent singles have hit well over a million streams.

The Fearless Class graduate has also worked with popular Christian artists Andy Mineo, David Crowder, Trip Lee, Paul Russell and Lecrae. Parker incorporates faith-based principles into his concepts.

"I want to reach people who don't know the Lord," said Parker, explaining his intentional balance between faith-based songs and non-faith subjects, "My goal is to have one of every twelve songs to be about Jesus and to write songs that connect with people and give them a way to describe what they're going through."

He can be found on major streaming services such as Apple Music, Spotify, Pandora, and YouTube music.

Visit abeparker.net for more information.

Asbury graduate passes the torch after "Kentucky Teacher of the Year" title

With his year of serving as Kentucky Teacher of the Year (KTOY) ending, **Donnie Piercey '04** visited his alma mater in November to talk to high schoolers from around the state at Asbury's Educators Rising College Day.

"It has been the honor of my professional life to be the ambassador for Kentucky's educators over the past year," said Piercey. "During my time at Asbury, I experienced the value and impact that a true community can have on its members. This year has been a difficult one for teachers across the Commonwealth, and I believe that it's the strength of the educator community that is holding our profession together during this difficult time."

This exciting opportunity for Piercey, as well as Asbury's first EdRising, comes in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Education awarding Asbury's School of



Education up to \$60,000 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief I (ESSER I), New Teacher Support funding.

"I am thrilled that we are receiving this funding," said Dr. Sharon Bixler, dean of the School of Education, "Our education graduates leave Asbury well-equipped for a teaching career, but now we get to come alongside them and offer them more support throughout their first years, which always presents its unique challenges."

Recent education graduate **Maddie Lee '19** was named the Brookside Elementary Teacher of the Year in Nicholasville, Ky. In Wilmore, **Erica Wilson '16** was named Wilmore Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Asbury alum featured in Singing News Magazine

Gene Ezell '70 was featured in the gospel music magazine "Singing News" for his acclaimed accomplishments in the Christian music industry.

During his years at Asbury, most of Ezell's writing was primarily academic, except for creative endeavors like poetry. As a physical education major, his only exposure to singing was during halftime of the University's tumbling team performance. Upon graduation, Ezell multitasked in teaching as a professor full-time at the University of Tennessee and pitching his Christian music-centered song ideas to publishers in Nashville.

"Within a year of doing that, I started getting interest from several publishers and one of those publishers, Daywind Publishing in Nashville, Tenn., started publishing my songs," said Ezell. "Within three years of that process, I signed an exclusive publishing agreement with Sunset Gallery Music in Santa Barbara, Calif."



1 Metcalfe Equine was founded by Wes '13 and Paige '15 Metcalfe. 2 Abe Parker '11 recently signed a contract with Virgin Records. 3 Gene Ezell '70 was featured in Gospel Music Magazine.

Years later, Ezell has written more than 800 songs with multitudes included on contemporary Christian albums and played on the radio. He is an exclusive writer with Crossroads Music in Asheville, N.C.

He has worked with Christian artists such as Old Path, writing the #1 Gospel song, "Look at All I Lost," The Triumphant Quartet, and The Kingsmen Quartet, with which he has written "Just Climb," a song that reach #1 on the billboard chart and was nominated for a Dove Award.

"I pray that my songwriting will bless people in their faith walk and help them to get through the hurt and pain that life can throw at us sometimes," concluded Ezell. "I also pray that I will be a faithful vessel for any lyrics and music that I write and that the songs will be used to further the Kingdom rather than myself."

Metcalfe Equine was born out of Asbury Equine

Wes Metcalfe '13, and his wife, **Paige Scott '15 Metcalfe**, own and operate a Lexington-based equine facility where full-care retirement boarders are trained, given lessons, and cared for.

Both Wes and Page participated and met in the Equine program and bought their first horse together shortly after graduating from Asbury, which later stemmed into their training progress and structure being becoming integral in their services.

The goal of Metcalfe Equine is to build a solid foundation for the horses so they may be more desirable for adoption. Many horses are feral or rescues from the Kentucky Humane Society and administered training that will produce better behavior. The training process consists of modern horse training techniques similar to natural horsemanship, which is the utilization of sensory cues to administer healthy obedience to leadership

This spring, the Metcalfes are launching an equine-assisted ministry program aimed at veterans, first responders and returning missionaries. These faith-based ministry events are aimed at countering post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and culture shock through calming and trust-building exercises with horses, painting projects and lunch fellowship.

"We never shy away from our faith in business," said Wes. "However, we are compelled to start a ministry program to help those that are struggling utilizing equine-assisted activities while pointing them to Jesus."

"As someone who grew up on the mission field in Central Asia, this ministry is dear to my heart because I have experienced the hardships of transitioning back to the 'homeland,'" said Paige. "I hope to provide a place where God can promote peace and healing in people's lives as they transition back to their 'home country.'"

To learn more about the Metcalfe's, visit them on Instagram at Metcalf Equine LLC.



Spring 2022

Class Notes

1940s

Loren Anderson '49 published, "Nudges: Following God's Promptings to a Lasting Legacy." This book tells how God led Loren from military service in WWII to 44 years of missionary service in Guatemala and New England. It is available on Amazon.

1950s

Richard K. Smith '59 published a book, "Free Will: and the 'Once Saved, Always Saved' Doctrine." It is available on Amazon.

1960s

Kent '65 and **Joy Kocher '65 Kroehler** celebrated 56 years of marriage, lots of travel, healthy family and economic well-being. In August, Kent and his oldest grandson made the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro on an 8-day trek to 19,341 feet. **5**

Morris '67 and **Paula Ragsdale '68 Hintzman** were honored with the Bridge Builder Award by Metropolitan Ministries for their devoted ministry over 40 years, recognizing their legacy of love and service to the Tampa community.

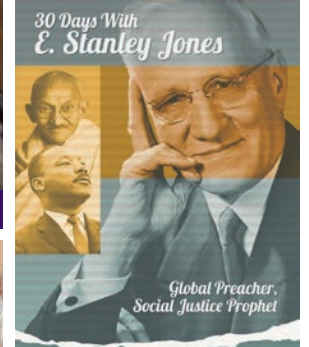
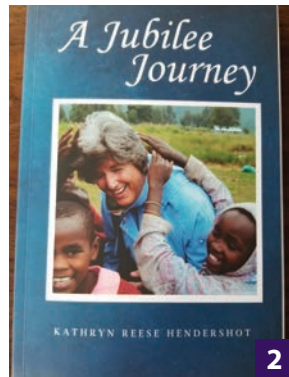
John Harnish '69 published, "Thirty Days with E. Stanley Jones: Global Preacher, Social Justice Prophet." It includes 30 readings from Jones and the lives of people who were touched by his ministry, including two chapters about his time at Asbury College from 1965-1969. You can purchase from FrontEdgePublishing.com or Amazon. **4**

1970s

Scott and **Kathleen Mulhall '77 Murphy** have moved back to America after serving as missionaries in Europe for 38 years.

1980s

Kathryn Reese '80 Hendershot has published two books. Her first, "A Jubilee Journey" is a biographical



account describing life in her 50s, her ministry in mission and the celebration of the Lord working through everyday life. Her second book, "E. Stanley Jones Had a Wife" is a revised edition of her dissertation and explores the life of Mabel Lossing Jones. Kathryn and her husband, **John Hendershot '79**, have been married for 56 years and enjoy their three children and five grandchildren. **2**

Chuck Engelhardt '82 retired after 39 years as a local pastor. He is now teaching full-time at Southwest Florida Christian Academy. **Kayla Vance '81 Engelhardt** continues to teach 5th grade at the same school.

Jaime Greene '82 was recognized with the 2021 Outstanding Sales Award from Laerdal Medical for the 3rd year in a row. Jaime received this award for his outstanding sales, service and support of Laerdal Medical products. **7**

Timothy Herron '83 published two workbooks about Genesis and Exodus. These books are written for the average person seeking a Hebrew perspective of the Bible. Books can be purchased from his website, torah-tuesday.com or you can reach out to Tim at torah.tuesday.tdh@gmail.com **13**

Paul McEwan '83 was chosen as the 2021-2022 Secondary Teacher of the Year for one of the largest school districts in Alabama for the second time. Paul teaches Biology at Hoover High School.

Douglas Dorman '85 published a book on discipleship entitled, "Kingdom Discipleship Part 1: Being a Disciple." It is available on Amazon.

Timothy Holder '88 married Jill Martin on Sept. 18, 2021. Together they published a book, "Devotions for a New Day" that was released in October 2021. Tim retired as a dean from Walters State Community College in December. He hopes to devote more time in retirement to church work, writing and public speaking. **12**

Lisa Spahr '88 Pause retired from teaching 4th grade for 33 years. She is now the full-time children's librarian at the Fayette County Bookmobile. **16**

Daniel McClary '89 received a Doctor of Education from Kutztown University in Transformational Teaching and Learning. His dissertation was entitled, "In Search of Kinship: Traveling into new worlds through conversation and the impact on building community." Daniel is the assistant director of International Student Success at Millersville University in Pennsylvania.

1990s

Craig Gillispie '90 is the chief operations officer, Medicine Services for the Lexington Clinic in Lexington, Ky.

Amy Davis '93 Brown is the assistant professor of Music Education, Pedagogy and Practice at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

William "Spence" Spencer '96 is the senior chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery just outside of Washington, D.C.

Benjamin Williamson '97 graduated with a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Dayton in May 2021.

Joel and **Rhonda Saunders '98 Harmon** transferred from Canada to



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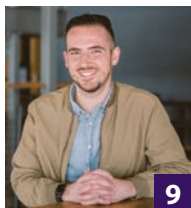
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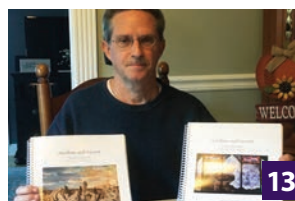
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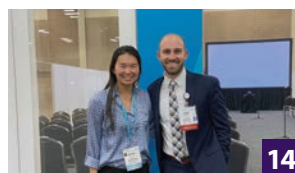
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Norway as they continue to serve as corps officers with The Salvation Army.

2000s

Megan Koch '01 McDaniel served at the Norton Children's Hospital for 19 years in Louisville, Ky. She is now a nursing instructor at Otero College in La Junta, Colo.

Anna Underwood '01 Van Horn retired from 20 years of service in the Army and is relocating to Kentucky.

Gwen Jurisich '02 is the North Texas strategic communications lead for HDR Engineering in Dallas, Texas.

Josh and **Kelly Rambo '02 Hallahan** are the director of discipleship and the director of student ministries for the Francis Asbury Society in Wilmore, Ky.

Charles Powers '03 is the director of institutional advancement and admissions at Oakdale Christian Academy in Jackson, Ky. **6**

Blake '08 and **Elizabeth Asberry '08 Barber** welcomed home Aiden Charles on Oct. 14, 2021.

Austin '08 and **Rebekah Himes** announce the arrival of Sterling Michael on Sept. 21, 2021. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Penelope Grace.

Daniel '08 and **Kim Martin '12 Levengood** are proud to announce the arrival of Jenae Elizabeth on January 24. **11**

Clark '08 and **Valerie Dodd '10 Sleeth** welcomed Simon Kiprop ("son born during heavy rain") in September 2021. He was born happy and healthy at the Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. He

was welcomed home by siblings, Luke and Hannah. **10**

Amanda Meyer '09 and Joshua Mitchell are proud to announce the arrival of Isaac (Ike) Meyer Mitchell on Oct. 5, 2021.

2010s

Michael and **Kaylyn Moran '10 Lindsay** welcomed their first child, Charlotte (Lottie) Joy, on Feb. 7, 2022. Lottie was born at 11:42 p.m. weighing 7lbs 13oz and measuring 20.5 inches long. She brings a whole "Lottie" joy to her parents and they will never stop making that joke. **3**

Samuel '11 and **Katie Kent '11 Chaffin** have recently moved to Greeneville, Tenn. Sam is serving as the senior pastor of Cedar Creek Church of God.

Taylor Kool '14 is the vice president of marketing for Paramount Builders in Virginia Beach, Va. Paramount is a Christian owned and operated home improvement company and is the 54th largest home improvement company in the nation.

Mariah Humphrey '16 Duncan was awarded the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers Humanitarian Award. This award recognizes an individual within SEAHO who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for a student in crisis by demonstrating physical effort, spiritual commitment, determination, and courage. Mariah is working as a hall director at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. **15**

Caitlin Gagnon '16 won the USMS 25-29 National Championship for the 200 Backstroke, 200 Butterfly and 200 IM at the US Masters Long Course

Championship in Geneva, Ohio. **8**

Sarah Boyd '17 married Nixon Deutsch on Oct. 23, 2021. Sarah is a call center representative for Charter Communications in Louisville, Ky.

Andrew and **Shayna Aukerman '17 Dunn** are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Loretta Roux, on Oct. 13, 2021. Proud grandparents include **Rob '81** and **Betty Donaldson '81 Aukerman. 1**

Seth '17 and **Alexis Saddler '17 Ury** welcomed their son, Foster Gabriel, on Nov. 20, 2021. Proud grandparents include **Bill '80** and **Diane Nelson '83 Ury.**

Joshua Becht '18 is the student minister of community life at Northside Church in New Albany, Ind. **9**

Susanna Hall '18 Heiness and **Tommy Otley '17** reunited in San Antonio, Texas, at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting while presenting their research findings related to the field of Physical Therapy. Susanna and Tommy were both on the swim team at Asbury. **14**

2020s

Matthew Bartley '20 is the principal of Bardstown Middle School in Bardstown, Ky. Matthew has an educational specialist degree in school administration from the Asbury University Graduate Program.

Hope Beers '20 is the human resources administrator at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Richmond, Ky.



IN MEMORIAM

To report a listing for In Memoriam, please contact **Kim Spillman** in the Office of Advancement at kimberly.spillman@asbury.edu or (859) 858-5173.

Alumni

Margaret Nofcier '43 Lewis, Education/Nursing, 10/28/2021, Hot Springs, SD

Rev. Henrietta Griffith '45, Education, 9/24/2021, Jackson, KY

Rev. Warren Wilson '45, Ministry, 12/1/2021, Virginia Beach, VA

Mary Dean '46 Brunstetter, Ministry/Music Ministry, 12/4/2021, Wilmore, KY

Lila Clausen '47 Dizon, Music Education/Music Ministry, 10/5/2021, Honolulu, HI

E. Jo Bowling '49 Gravely, Education, 2/12/2022, Columbus, OH

Leona Poole '50 Quigg, Education/Ministry, 10/23/2021, Ocean Grove, NJ

Dr. Winston Smith '50, Athletic Coach/Former Asbury Alumni Board Member/Ministry/Retired Asbury Professor, 2/10/2022, Wilmore, KY

Marjorie Watkins '51 Green, Bank Director/Finance, 12/22/2021, Mount Airy, MD

Louise Hughes '51 Reichmann, Education, 12/31/2021, Pensacola, FL

Dr. E. Carolyn '52 Ater, Education, 10/17/2021, Lubbock, TX

Harold Cochran Jr. '52, Athletic Coach/Education/Ministry, 7/17/2021, Acworth, GA

Rev. Marshall Murphree '52, Author/Ministry, 10/26/2021, Zimbabwe

Cecelia Stoliper '53 Dilley, Missions/Nursing/Spanish Interpreter, 12/13/2021, New York Mills, MN

Patricia Spears '53 Hunt, Education/Mathematician, 1/14/2022, Brevard, NC

Joan Moore '53 McCammon, Athletic Coach/Education, 1/10/2022, Bloomington, IN

Dr. Betty Jo Dorsey '53 Murphree, Education/Missions, 12/29/2020, Zimbabwe

Phyllis McRoberts '53 West, Education/Volunteer, 7/29/2021, Indianapolis, IN

Rev. J. Wilbur Yates '53, Ministry, 5/20/2021, Auburn, IN

Rev. Shirley "Carter" Berkeley Jr. '54, Business Owner/Ministry, 11/12/2021, Statesboro, GA

Rev. W. Maynard Miller '54, Former Asbury Faculty/Ministry/Social Work, 12/22/2021, Versailles, KY

Mary Abernathy '54 Murray, Education, 12/16/2021, Waterville, NY

Jennie "Sue" Groce '54 Steury, Missions, 9/28/2021, Fort Wayne, IN

Dr. Joseph "Joe" Thomas '54, Education/Former Asbury Alumni Board Member/Former Asbury Faculty, 11/8/2021, Florence, AL

Rev. Orlo Freshly '55, Ministry, 9/28/2021, Zanesville, OH

Evelyn Herring '55 Morrison, Music Education/Nursing, 10/18/2021, Pittsburgh, PA

Jean Wymond '55 Rollings, Former Asbury Alumni Board Member/Former Asbury Trustee/Ministry/Music Education, 1/22/2022, Brenham, TX

Noriko Uehara '55 Shudo, Administrative Assistant/Education, 11/21/2021, Los Angeles, CA

Rev. Carol Kemper '55 Vogel, Education/Former Asbury Alumni Board Member/Ministry, 1/14/2022, Canonsburg, PA

Dr. Carl "Stan" Beckman '56, Medicine/Radiologist, 12/19/2021, Fremont, MI

Dr. Robert Kingsbury '56, Medicine/Surgeon, 10/11/2021, Saint Paul, MN

Delia Daughtry '56 Peterson, Education, 11/11/2021, Richlands, NC

Betty Teece '56 Sprague, Education, 1/13/2022, Tavares, FL

Iris McGill '56 Wilson, Education, 10/12/2021, Concord, NC

Dr. Robert Brittain '57, Ministry, 5/30/2021, Largo, FL

Marilyn "Sue" Johnson '57 Dupree, Librarian/Ministry, 5/2/2021, Americus, GA

Dr. George Morris '57, Author/Education/Ministry, 11/21/2021, Brighton, MI

Muriel Williams '57 Rickard, City Clerk, 5/4/2021, Franklin, NC

Rev. William "Bill" Denlinger '58, Ministry, 9/16/2021, Tucson, AZ

Rev. Douglas "Doug" Newton '58, Ministry, 12/28/2021, Niceville, FL

Wilma Pinkston '59 Vaughn, 2/9/2022, Punta Gorda, FL

Rev. Philip Green Jr. '60, Ministry, 1/22/2022, Oakton, VA

Peggy Beaver '61, Special Education, 1/16/2022, Maryville, TN

Rev. Leslie "L.D." Payton '61, Ministry/Veteran, 1/20/2022, Mooresville, IN

Dianne Hage '62 Bumpus, Education, 12/27/2021, Kansas City, MO

Kathryn Hodgson '62 Clemans, Education, 10/28/2021, Rochester Hills, MI

Dr. Gail Handel '62 Greene, Education, 2/8/2022, North Bend, OH

John Higley '62, Insurance, 10/12/2021, Breaux Bridge, LA

Carolyn Atkins '62 Hovey, Law Enforcement, 6/3/2021, Arlington, TX

Lorraine Statezny '62 Ison, Education, 1/31/2022, Antigo, WI

John Achenbach '63, Education/Salvation Army/Veteran, 11/23/2021, New Tripoli, PA

Don Morris Jr. '63, Education Administrator/Music Education/Volunteer, 1/30/2022, Lapeer, MI

Leila Corbett '64, 9/19/2021, Dunnellon, FL

Anita Richardson '65, Education/Guidance Counselor, 11/11/2021, Chesapeake, VA

Carolee Smith '65 Cox Robinson, Education, 1/8/2022, Bryant, AR

Karen Schulz '66 Kershner, Education, 10/31/2021, Hamburg, PA

Luckie McClintock '66, Government-Elected Representative/Plumbing/Public Service, 11/22/2021, Greensboro, GA

Margaret Halsey '66 Stringer Crane, Nursing, 9/25/2021, Houston, TX

Earl Wheeler Jr. '66, Law Enforcement/Veteran, 1/22/2022, Louisville, KY

Luanne Vanderkarr '67 Kelley, Missions, 10/2/2021, Lakeland, FL

Boyd Bland '68, Business Owner/Farmer/Stockman, 12/28/2021, Gove, KS

Joyce Calvin '68 Clegg, Business Owner/Education/Ministry, 11/1/2021, Lincoln, VA

Josia Lay '69 Sibul, Education, 10/4/2021, Fort Collins, CO

Paul Schember '72, Building Trade/Ministry/Missions/Radiologist, 12/25/2021, Wilmore, KY

Rev. John Bye Jr. '73, Ministry, 12/28/2021, English, IN

William "Gary" Beecham '74, Electrical Estimator, 7/27/2021, Concord, NC

Nancy Hobson '74 Courtney, Education/Education Administrator, 11/29/2021, Steubenville, OH

Dr. John Mitchell '76, Education/Medicine/Missions, 9/13/2021, Selma, AL

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Dr. Edwin Blue was promoted to glory on Dec. 8, 2021. Of his 53-year career in education, almost 15 of those years were spent at Asbury University. Dr. Blue served as a professor, in Student Life and as president. We recognize and celebrate his well-lived life, one that was in service to God, his family (wife Judy (deceased), **Tim, Susan, Teresa Holden '84** and **Scott '90** and their families) and to his students.

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GENERATIONAL BLESSINGS

Professor Roy '64 and Sue Lauter have impacted countless lives, and their impact continues to grow

When we think of gratitude, we think of the legacy of those who have exemplified service, hospitality and generosity. As pictured, we see the embodiment of what those attributes look like in human form. **Professor Roy '64** and **Sue Lauter** (front, center) have lived their lives in service to others. From teaching, preaching, leading mission trips, hosting in their home, feeding, gathering, sharing and story-telling, the impact of this couple could fill the seats in Hughes and spill out into the road.

And it hasn't stopped. The Lauters are still on the move. Prof. Lauter continues to lead revival services and collect coats for his parishioners in Kentucky. The couple still host alumni and friends in their home. We are grateful for their legacy of service; thankful for the many ways God continues to use them to impact the world for His Kingdom; and blessed they are one of many of our alumni who exemplify Christian leadership and service.

Pictured with the Lauters are several who have been impacted by this couple across the generations: (front left to right) **Kay Burris '82 Hayden, Katie Palmer '16 Nelson, Tyler Nelson '16, Roy Lauter '64, Sue Lauter, Essie Kinnell, Chloe Kinnell, Amy Neild '01 Kinnell** (back left to right) **Caleb Bill** (son of **Mike '98** and **Rachel Huck '00 Bill**), **Caroline Bailey** (2021 recipient of the Roy Lauter Servant-Leadership Award), **John Morley '84** and **Matt Kinnell '01**.





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