On March 28, 2014, Asbury University dedicated the Howard Dayton School of Business. With a goal of becoming the best business school for the world, the School of Business has a mission to equip its graduates with skills to help eliminate economic, social and spiritual poverty around the world.

The vision is both simple and profound: the core values of academic excellence and spiritual vitality that have shaped the institution for more than 100 years will be visible in the entrepreneurial stewardship of its business graduates.
In a celebratory Chapel on March 28, President Sandra C. Gray and Provost Jon S. Kulaga (left) unveil the Howard Dayton School of Business plaque honoring Howard and Bev Dayton (right) as the University begins a new chapter in its long history of academic excellence and spiritual vitality.

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President’s Message: Cultivating a Mind for Mission

When I think about people who have shaped the mission of Asbury University, and the individual missions of the students, faculty and staff here, I am reminded of the Apostle Paul. His writings in the New Testament provide powerful explanations of Christ’s atoning sacrifice and examples of what holy relationships among God’s people should look like, just to name two topics. It would be difficult to overestimate his impact on the believers of his time as well as modern-day Christians.

Something that fascinates me about Paul is the way he was able to translate between worlds. A Roman citizen of the city of Tarsus, he grew up in a devout Jewish family. Tarsus was one of the largest trade centers on the Mediterranean coast and home to a famous university. Paul grew up under extensive training in Jewish law in Tarsus and Jerusalem, absorbing the concepts of Greek philosophy and language along the way. Throughout his life, he used every bit of his education, equally comfortable both with defending his Messiah in the Jewish synagogues and defending himself in Roman court.

As president of an institution committed to both academic excellence in many and varied fields, as well as spiritual vitality, this encourages me. Asbury’s goal is to equip its students to serve and participate with excellence in whatever occupation they find themselves along the spectrum of secular and sacred. In so doing, they can transform any environment — whether it’s a broadcast booth, a corporate cubicle or classroom — into a mission field of ministry.

In this issue of the Ambassador, we see how that mission is bearing fruit. With the launch of the new Howard Dayton School of Business (see page 4), Asbury will increase its capacity to educate and equip students with the skills to succeed in business, and develop their Biblical, moral and ethical foundations to work for the glory of God. On page 10, we show how during the Olympic Games in Russia, current students integrated professional experience with the concepts they are learning in class while alumni prove that the education they received here in Wilmore, Ky., gives them a platform to connect with global media leaders. Just a few stories of individuals who — heeding the voice to advocate through singing and painting for the Kingdom — reflect the thousands of Asbury alumni who daily use their minds and education to further the mission to which He has called them.

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The type of holistic education that cultivates minds for mission doesn’t occur in a vacuum. As Asbury alumni, you provide a vital component of the community that begins in Kentucky and stretches around the world. Thank you for your prayers, your gifts and your service — you are truly changing lives. May we all encourage each other to continue to be transformed by the renewing of our minds to better walk in His perfect will.

Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President
In a move that signifies an intention to deepen its influence in the global marketplace, Asbury University has officially introduced the Howard Dayton School of Business. It joins the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, School of Communication Arts and School of Graduate and Professional Studies as a significant structural element of the University and its mission to educate men and women for a lifetime of learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, family and the Church.

With the creation of a business school, Asbury is making explicit an emphasis on the type of ethical, values-driven business management that has been implicit since the beginning of the 20th century.

“The Howard Dayton School of Business is a natural for us in terms of our mission,” said Asbury President Sandra Gray. “Our mission is all about preparing men and women to make a difference in society, their families, the church and the world, and there’s not any segment of life that business doesn’t impact in some way. Our commitment to the integration of faith and learning almost mandates a strong business program to integrate our faith principles and Christian values and understanding within the financial and economic decisions we’re making.”

Leading the new school is Dr. Michael Kane, a familiar face to many on campus from his time as an instructor...
Howard Dayton shares his thoughts on doing business God’s way in Chapel on March 28. Listen to his entire address at asbury.edu/podcasts.
at Asbury just a few years ago. Kane brings with him international experience with for- and non-profit business applications, as well as academic leadership at the University of Kentucky (see profile in the Fall 2013 issue of the *Ambassador*). He also served as a Visiting Professor and Executive-in-Residence at Asbury Theological Seminary, where he taught courses on Business as Mission, a topic that encapsulates many of his goals for Asbury’s School of Business.

“Success for us in terms of our graduates looks like someone going into the marketplace who is highly skilled in the tools of business and can compete for jobs,” Kane said. “But there’s a distinctiveness about them as a result of their faith and how that faith is lived out in their character, ethics and leadership. When you combine those two factors, our graduates will be highly sought after in the marketplace.

“I want to take it one step further, however, so our graduates see themselves as agents of change;” he continued. “Some might say the marketplace is a dark place, where being a Christian is difficult. I see it as a place to be redeemed by people who don’t bifurcate their lives, who see a calling in business and don’t have to leave business to be a missionary.”

As they say in the business world, there’s a market for this. Trend-spotters and business forecasters have noted important shifts in the way companies around the globe are doing business: an emphasis on the moral value of an organization’s product, as well as its profitability; crowd sourcing and social networking; navigating the tension between security concerns and data mining for increasingly tailored advertising campaigns, to name a few. Haydn Shaughnessy, a columnist with forbes.com, writes, “Corporate leaders need access to a much richer set of experiences than in the past. They need to shape a broader range of people, experts, markets, projects, across the globe. They need a broader knowledge base in order to do this. And they
need curiosity as much as they might need charisma so they can grasp the potential of these disciplines and new global markets.”

With a thriving and deep-seated tradition of liberal-arts education, Asbury is well suited to provide its business graduates with a cross-disciplinary, creative and academically rigorous platform from which to address the evolving questions of modern-day business practice. A recently revised core curriculum is designed to ensure each student, regardless of major, achieves competence in five different areas that span Christian theology to physical wellness and world languages.

“The liberal-arts studies in Asbury’s core enable students to become independent, critical thinkers, and to appreciate the ideas and aesthetic accomplishments across human history,” said Dr. Steve Clements, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “These practical arts enable us to engage directly — in an ethical and Christ-honoring manner — in the mechanisms of our nation’s social, economic, and political life. These arts also help students understand how to thrive in other countries and socio-political systems.”

With a solid base in the liberal arts, specialized education in business and practical application and observation through internships, Asbury’s new business graduates will be well equipped to continue the success alumni have found in fields as diverse as restaurant management, human resources, technology analysis, finance and small business.

“Whether managing a personal bank account or managing the economy for a nation, we’re committed to doing business God’s way,” said Gray. With the official dedication of the Howard Dayton School of Business, Asbury University is expanding its influence and its impact in communities — and indeed, in nations — around the world.

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– Dr. Michael Kane, Dean
What are some distinctives of Asbury’s business school?

Psalm 24:1 tells us the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. God owns everything, and that includes our finances. So, first of all, the foundation of the school is God’s Word. Secondly, we want to have a mentoring program, where every student is mentored by a business person who’s actually living what the students are learning. We also want to have an internship program where every student will have an opportunity to work during the summer at a business that is modeling the principles.

The person who follows Christ should have three bottom lines in business: one is profit — you have to make a profit to pay employees. The second is social. How can you use your business to make a positive impact in the lives of others? The third is spiritual. How can you use the platform of your business to influence others for Christ?

There is no other business school on the globe that is doing what we are going to be doing.

Why is it important for Christian education to include business and financial topics?

The core reason is that God’s Word says so much about money and business. Part of the reason I’m passionate about people learning what God’s Word says about money is that when I was starting my career, I met with some businessmen to find out how to be more effective in business. They had a hidden agenda — to influence people who didn’t know Christ as their Savior. Six months after I started meeting with them, I was impressed with the quality of their lives and I met Christ through them.

There are 2,353 verses dealing with money and possessions. Fifteen percent of everything Jesus said had to do with it. Money is the primary competitor with Christ for the lordship of our lives. True riches in life comes from a close relationship with Christ. I didn’t understand this before learning and practicing what God says about money.

How does the Christian perception of success in the business world compare with a secular perception?

Christian perception of success should be radically different. For example, we’re called to be people of integrity. In many places of the world, that means you can’t bribe, cheat or lie — and that means you could lose money. Some businesses have gone bankrupt because they’ve been unwilling to compromise their integrity. From the world’s perspective it looks like failure, but from God’s perspective, he’s pleased when we do the right thing.

Why is Asbury the best home for the Howard Dayton School of Business?

Dr. Gray has a vision for equipping students to make a real difference in the world. She knows business plays a significant role in people’s lives. She wanted to have a distinctive business school that wasn’t business as usual, but business based on God’s Word. She’s the visionary behind this effort and I’m delighted to assist in any way I can to help make the business school outstanding in every respect.
of the many different ways to work in the business world, one would think accounting would be one of the most logical, a simple matter of reconciling numbers and tabulating data. But, while accounting may be logical, people often are not, and Natalie Curry ’08 Rainey has found ample opportunities in accounting for meeting human needs.

She first realized the potential for spiritual influence in the cut-and-dried world of accounting through her professors at Asbury University. “They demonstrated that it was possible to live a Christian life and be an example and a light through their experiences in the business world,” she said. “They had great ways of tying everything in business into the spiritual aspects of life. Accounting really lends itself to spiritual truths such as honesty and integrity — things that make you a respected leader in the business world.”

Rainey came to Asbury from Ireland, where she had attended high school and helped in her parents’ missionary work. Knowing she would be far from her immediate family, she was intentional about choosing a school in which she could develop close relationships with classmates and faculty members. As graduation approached, she relied on these relationships for guidance in the decision to work first in public accounting to earn her license.

Today, Rainey practices intentionality in ways that pass along the wisdom she saw modeled in Asbury’s faculty. “I love my job because it’s very logical, and I’m a very straightforward and logical person,” she said. “I also love to be around people, and accounting has surprisingly allowed a lot of that, too. I love having the opportunity to teach those around me — I’m very intentional about teaching my team and coaching them on different aspects of the business. I love the challenges of it and that there’s always something new.”

A conviction that success in business is not only what a person does, but the way they do it, has led to professional achievement and recognition for Rainey’s ability to work well with teammates and clients alike. Her motivation is a bottom line of a different sort: a heart-felt desire for her work to be worship. “There are a lot of ways Christians can make an impact in business,” Rainey said. “Even though we should all be honest when we’re dealing in business, it’s not always the case. I feel my work is a demonstration of my Christian faith and mission to give my best to God every day.”

“A Christian walk is important to me from the standpoint of having to live my life every day, in every interaction, with patience and kindness and love, no matter how frustrating a person may be or how big the task they’re asking you to do at the last minute. It’s about doing it all with a good attitude and a view that my work is for God and not just for my boss.”
BEYOND THE GOLD
Asbury students have been crossing national borders to work at the Olympic Games in various capacities since 1984. Some work with the Olympic Broadcasting System (OBS); others work on journalistic teams to film news packages and file stories for state-side media outlets.

No matter the type of work being performed at the Games, however, there’s a common progression of reactions to the sights, sounds and excitement of the Olympics:

**Day 1:** This is so exciting! We made it! Everything is different and interesting!

**Day 2:** A little jet-lagged today, but it’s cool. Getting settled and meeting people from around the world.

**Day 4:** Exhausted. And hungry. My job is turning out to be … work. Can I take a nap, please?

**Day 8:** I walked at least 10 miles today … and was grateful for the opportunity. This is definitely one of those “only at Asbury” things.

**Day 11:** Big technology glitch on the worksite today, but we were able to sort things out quickly — and without impacting the production schedule. Score!

**Day 12:** Realized today that in the past few weeks, I’ve traveled to another country, met people from four continents, witnessed history being made and impressed my boss. This life is amazing.

**Day 14:** Only one year, nine months and 27 days until the next Olympic Games begin…

Few understand the literal and emotional journeys involved in telling the stories of the Olympic Games more than the Asbury alumni who have found themselves returning, year after year, as media professionals. Several Asbury alumni joined Dr. Jim Owens ’79, dean of the School of Communication Arts and consultant for the OBS, in Sochi, Russia, in February. While most were working in a professional capacity for the OBS, others were working with current students and witnessing the wide-eyed wonder first-hand. In both cases, excellence was the qualifying event.

Jordan Christopher ’04, currently a video producer with the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination, proved as a new graduate at the Games in Athens that Asbury had prepared him with the technical skills, professional demeanor and work ethic necessary to earn the respect of his Olympic colleagues. He returned to work at the Games in 2010, 2012 and 2014.

“I think it’s such a wonderful experience,” he said. “I still rate my time as a student in Athens 2004 as my best Olympic experience. It looks great on a résumé, and it helped me land an industry job out of college. If Asbury continues to send students to the Olympics or other major worldwide sporting events, the MediaCom program will continue to be a draw like it was for me.”

For Phil Cobb ’03, being pushed academically while on campus eased the transition to the fast-paced, high-stakes world of media production at the Olympic Games.

“The Asbury Media Communications Department demands excellence,”
Asbury students and alumni traveled to Sochi, Russia, to work for the Olympic Broadcasting Services and as journalists, providing coverage of the Games to U.S.-based media. From left to right, Kristen Gruca ’03 with five-time Emmy award winner Dennis Baxter, Rica Wiersema ’14 with steadicam operator Dale Johannesen, Cassie Gerhardstein ’15, Kyle Bailey ’14 and Alex Heath ’15.

he said. “When I was at Asbury, there were other Christian colleges that allowed their media programs to produce content that was considered good enough for Christian programming. Asbury’s faculty didn’t allow us to settle for that standard. When it came time for me to perform my job at the Olympics, I had a mindset of excellence that allowed me to do very well — so well, in fact, that I was hired for the same job as a free-lance contractor for four additional Games including Athens, Beijing, London and most recently Sochi.”

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Bonnie Bruner graduated in 2000 and first worked in Sydney, where she worked for the Canadian network CBC as a logger — someone who reviews raw footage and notes the shots that could be used later in a broadcast package. She continued to work as a logger in Vancouver, London and Sochi. This past year, however, she also was commissioned to write manuals for each of the 15 winter Olympic sports with details about the sport, how to log it according to OBS standards, the competition schedule and the broadcast plan. It was a “come-full-circle” moment: the manuals she wrote are being used to train new loggers.

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Asbury alum Kristen Gruca ’03 is using her experiences at Asbury to work at the Olympics and for other high-profile media outlets. Watch her story and more, as presented by Asbury students that worked the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics at youtube.com/AsburyUniversity.

For her, however, the work environment at the Olympics is as interesting as the work itself.

“I find it so interesting to meet the broadcasters from other countries, and learn how they choose to broadcast the Games; what they do differently from us, what they do the same,” Bruner said. “It’s fascinating, really. I’ve learned so much about different cultures, and it’s been a great opportunity to share with others my love for the Lord.”

Karis Rogerson, a senior journalism and creative writing major, traveled to Sochi with a team of students who worked as journalists for the Games, filming video packages for U.S.-based news stations and writing articles for online media. She’s an experienced international traveler, but her thoughts just a few weeks after returning to campus reflect the impact of an experience like no other.

“While I’m glad to be back in a place of comfort and to see my friends again, I’m still not ready to have left,” she said. “I would have stayed another week at least, working more 16-hour days, walking 10 miles every day lugging heavy equipment, because my first real international journalistic experience left me hungering for more.

“There were so many stories we never got a chance to tell; so many words still rolling inside my head that never got to be shared. How do you translate the excitement of the Olympics and rush of real-world work back into daily school routine and classes? You remember Russia and swear that someday, you will return to the Olympics to finish what you began.”
Anna Ensz ’14 laid down her brush, too sick to continue painting. A recipient of the Asbury Initiative Grant, she had been working in East Timor for nearly a month as a Bible story illustrator and art teacher with a ministry called Youth with a Mission. She had begun feeling stiff and achy the day before, but attributed it to playing soccer for three hours, or to the jarring four-hour truck ride into the village.

There was no question now, though — she was experiencing the chills and dizziness of a fever. Shaking, and almost too weak to stand, she finished painting the story she had been assigned and called it a day. Before she put away her brushes, though, Ensz heard from the Holy Spirit, reminding her of a painting she was specifically called to paint.

“That’s the reason He gave it to me before — so I could paint it now,” she said. “So I said, ‘OK, Lord, it’s in your strength.’”

When she picked up her brush again, she felt strong enough to work.

“Out of nowhere, the dizziness and weakness left,” she said. “I was able to finish the painting with no problem.”

As Ensz continued working, children from the village gathered to watch. By the time she finished, 20 children crowded around her painting — an illustration of Christ on the Cross, seen through the eyes of the repentant thief. As their eyes traveled over the image, she explained to them, in their own language, how God sent His Son to save the world. After leading the children in two or three songs, she finally decided it was time to get some rest.

Taking Initiative

The Asbury University Initiative Grant funds internships for juniors, seniors and graduating seniors to volunteer in the areas of international community, social and economic development, public wellness and treatment, education and other public services in developing countries. To find out more or help support this initiative, please visit asbury.edu/asbury-initiative or call (859) 858-3511, x2240.
“To my knowledge, it was nothing more than fever,” she said. “I lay in bed the rest of the evening, feeling miserable, and yet praising the Lord for what He had done. There was no thermometer, but I woke up feeling 100 percent the next day! I had already been in East Timor for almost a month at that point, so I don’t know how I contracted it. That was the only time the whole trip I was sick, and it was just the Lord’s mercy that I wasn’t sick more with the things I was doing and eating.

“But it was one of those times that something clicked — this is what the Lord is calling me to, and it’s not really in my strength. He just wants me to go and be faithful, to use my talents and to do what I can.”

Ensz takes her talents seriously. While she doesn’t have anything against abstract art, or “art for fun,” she believes she is called to use art to convey the powerful message of the Gospel. One reason art is so powerful in this respect is because it transcends boundaries of cross-cultural communication.

Having grown up as a multi-lingual missionary kid in Brazil, Ensz didn’t have much difficulty learning a new language when she came to East Timor. She did find, though, that language was sometimes insufficient, and that art was able to convey ideas and images so culturally obscure that they would be difficult to explain with words.

“When I’m reading a Bible story, the concepts just come out so much more clearly through art,” she said. “That’s especially true in East Timor, because the people are mostly illiterate, so they can’t read it for themselves. Also, believe it or not, not being able to read also affects your imagination, because you just have your reality around you, so that kind of opens a new door for them, actually being able to see and think about different aspects of the characters in the stories.”

While she always strives for excellence in her art, Ensz says she had to learn that imperfect technique isn’t necessarily a roadblock to ministry.

“I felt like a lot of my paintings weren’t good enough, and I didn’t know if they conveyed the message or connected with the culture, and yet people still responded,” she said. “That was humbling, because I realized it wasn’t my paintings that were getting the message across, but the Holy Spirit using them.”

Through her internship in East Timor, Ensz has become more confident than ever that God is calling her to missions.

“Experiencing that for the first time, being treated as a missionary, as an adult, I realized it wasn’t the situation or what people were pushing me to do, but that this is the right track. I grew in confidence in the Lord.

“I’ve felt confirmation that I’m supposed to prepare art-wise, and go even further in that area, but I’ve also confirmed that missions is the right road,” she said. “Coming out of that, I was like, ‘Wow, Lord, I couldn’t have done it on my own, but You came through so many times.’”

Anna Ensz’s painting of Jesus on the cross was a tool in her cross-cultural ministry in East Timor.
When Chris Lawson ’07 came to Asbury, he fell in love with his Media Communication classes and led worship on the side to stay involved with his “hobby” of music. But in his first job after graduation, as a worship arts pastor in his home state of Ohio, he found out the two fields had more in common than he thought.

“I needed to be able to create a Web site, do graphic design, print promotional materials, handle an audio/visual meltdown in children’s ministry, film promo videos,” Lawson said. “That was all on my plate, including the music. Everyone in ministry wears so many hats that a liberal-arts education with an emphasis on film and media really set me up for success.”

A few years ago, Lawson was running the sound booth during a mid-week service. He and other pastors, sensing that the young people were struggling with negative cultural influences, collected the lyrics to that month’s top pop songs, calling attention to a subtle and pervasive worldview they couldn’t afford to ignore. Hundreds of youth streamed to the front of the auditorium at the end of the service, heart-broken at how far their thinking had strayed from Christ’s perspective on themselves and their world.

In the next few weeks, Lawson did some thinking. At the time, there were several Christian artists producing high-quality acoustic music — almost no one, however, was creating soul-affirming electronic/dance music so loved by the youth of his church. Lawson stopped production on his own acoustic album and called a friend working at a major studio in Los Angeles, deciding to create pop music with lyrics “fashioned for a sanctuary.”

“I wanted to be able to give something to the kids in my church,” Lawson said. “It’s putting sound theology in the heaviest bass and drum you can wrap your ears around.”

Not long afterwards, the Irish band Bluetree played at Lawson’s church, and after a night of dreaming together about ministry and music, they decided to look for opportunities to partner. Nine months later, Lawson joined them for two weeks in Cambodia. In the course of the trip, they played music, preached the Gospel and spent time with child victims of sex trafficking. The trip was, as Lawson says, “a mind-wrecker.” It instilled in him a hope that his new album, “Lights of Day,” will not only reach young people with a message of holiness, but achieve enough success to return to Cambodia and bless desperate communities in the name of Jesus.

“It’s the first time in my life where a simple, ‘Yes, Lord, send me,’ has returned with such force.”


Lawson’s album, “Lights of Day,” was released in March by 984 Records. It is available digitally on iTunes, Amazon and Spotify, and hard discs are available from CD Baby and 984Records.com.
Alumni from each graduation year are invited to join their banner-year classmates this summer for a weekend of remembrance and celebration on June 19–22 for Reunion 2014: Snapshots.

“Bring old snapshots to share great memories with friends, and be ready to smile for the camera,” said Carolyn Ridley ’81, director of Alumni Relations. “Be ready to share laughter, make new memories and capture new snapshots of Asbury. You’re going to like what you see!”

In addition to opportunities to reconnect with classmates and friends, the weekend also features:

- Special class lunches for members of classes ending in “4” and “9” on Saturday
- A chance to worship together each day in Hughes Auditorium, with remarks from Dan Baer ’09, Staci Wells ’99 Keter and James “Beegee” Brown ’79
- A featured performance on Friday evening from world-renowned sand artist Joe Castillo, an Asbury Theological Seminary alum who impacts thousands each year by telling the stories of Jesus through art
- The presentation of the A Awards, Asbury’s achievement recognition for outstanding alumni
- An update from President Sandra Gray on the vision and goals of the University
- An Ice-Cream Social on alumni-funded Jewell Walk

Special Feature

This year’s event includes a Concert Band Reunion, which is open to any alum who played in Concert Band as a student. The group will perform on Sunday morning under the direction of Professors James Curnow, Dr. Lynn Cooper and Dr. Glen Flanigan.
THE IDEA THAT DIDN’T GET AWAY

Many of Asbury’s alumni have experienced the Gospel-sharing mission of Ford Philpot ’50 and, in honor of his evangelistic ministry, mark their commitment to being “fishers of men” by wearing a fishhook pin on their lapels. Floyd Braun ’51 was there when Ford came up with the idea.

It was the summer of 1953, and Floyd had asked Ford to hold a revival service for his two Kentucky churches. Borrowing a flat-bed truck from a local grocer, they went to Louisville to fetch their tent. Along the way, they briefly discussed the idea of using a fishhook as a memory aid for Ford’s organization and its mission, agreeing to give the idea some thought. When a quick stop at a Christian bookstore a few minutes later surprisingly revealed a box of fishhooks on a table near the door, it was decided.

“I’m sure there are hundreds of Asbury boys that put a fishhook on their lapel because of Ford Philpot’s ministry,” Floyd said. “People ask why we wear the fishhook, and we’ve always said it’s for suckers like you to bite on so we can tell you about Jesus.”

THAT’S ONE LONG MISSION “FIELD.”

Each year, several of Asbury’s sports teams travel to locations around the world, using their sport to reach local populations with the love of Jesus. When the men’s soccer team arrived in Jamaica last summer, they quickly observed a new rule of the game: take a break — frequently — in the shade, because even sand gets very hot for children with no shoes.

After the team returned home, junior Garrett Davis proposed a shoe drive to collect athletic shoes and cleats for the children they’d met. Four months later, the team had collected 100 pairs of shoes to mail the 1,445 miles back to Jamaica.

“Scripture tells us we can live a life of consistent obedience and blessing.”

— Rev. Steve Schellin, speaking to students during February’s Holiness Emphasis Week, an important annual tradition at Asbury.
The Swee Life
Alumnus Stephen Rose ’10 didn’t set out to change the food scene in Nashville when he and his wife, Jessica, established the Peach Truck. He just wanted people in Nashville to know what a peach should taste like, courtesy of his extended family’s farm in Peach County, Ga. The Roses decided to introduce Nashville to Georgia peaches via the Peach Truck, their 1964 Jeep Gladiator that distributed 10 tons of peaches to the hungry people of Nashville during the summer of 2012.

In 2013, the couple enlisted the aid of a few friends and expanded the business to sell 150 tons of Georgia peaches, each mere days off the tree. As an upside to the intense, long days of hard work during peach season and well-established habits of financial frugality, the couple was able to spend several months during the fall and winter abroad, seeing sights and serving the people of Thailand, India, Israel, Jordan, Greece and many European countries.

This spring finds the Roses preparing the Peach Truck for another season of sweetness in Nashville. To learn more about their story (or locate the Peach Truck), visit thepeachtruck.com.
Friendly Faces Going Places

Carolyn Ridley ’81 and Lisa Harper ’90 are taking on new roles at Asbury; Ridley has served in the Alumni Office for more than 15 years, and Harper worked in the Public Relations office for 15 years before becoming Admissions Director in 2008. However, they are changing roles. Beginning this summer, Ridley will move into a position of Senior Leadership Giving Officer, and Harper will fill Ridley’s position as Alumni Director.

Dr. Sarah Thomas Baldwin, a 1993 graduate of the University, has been selected as the next Vice President for Student Development. She currently serves as University Pastor and Dean of Spiritual Life, Inclusion and Leadership at George Fox University in Oregon. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Asbury, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from George Fox Evangelical Seminary.

Dr. Timothy Campbell ’99 will serve as the next Academic Dean, following the retirement of long-time Asbury servant Dr. Bonnie Banker (see related story, page 26). Campbell currently serves as the Director for the Office of Planning & Research in the College of Education & Human Services at Central Michigan University. He holds a Bachelor’s from Asbury, a Master’s from the University of Connecticut and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education from Michigan State University.

Road Show

An Asbury theatre production was selected to go onstage in front of students, faculty and staff from nine states through the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival program. The cast of "The Beams are Creaking," a drama based on the life events of Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was performed at the festival in Roanoke, Va. Asbury’s advancement to the festival marked the first time in several years a Kentucky school was invited. This production will be featured again - with three special performances for alumni - at Reunion 2014 (June 19-22).
Follow us on social media! Connect with other students and alums, get all the latest info and show your love for Asbury University. Your comments, tweets and follows make an impact, and we want to hear your voice. Connect with us in brand new ways and let’s get social.

**Facebook**
Facebook is the undisputed king of social media, with over one billion users (yep, that’s right). Stay connected with us. “Like” our page today!

*Where to find us:*  
facebook.com/AsburyUniversity

*Alumni:* facebook.com/AsburyUniversityAlumni  
*Athletics:* facebook.com/AsburyEagles

**Google Plus**
Think of Google Plus like a combo of Facebook and Twitter. It’s growing everyday and has many useful communities to keep students and alumni connected.

*Where to find us:*  
bit.ly/AUGooglePlus

**Twitter**
Twitter is a great social media platform for a more personal connection and real-time live updates. Follow us! PS, this is 140 characters.

*Where to find us:*  
@AsburyUniv

Use the #AsburyU hashtag when tweeting about Asbury.

**Instagram**
Everyone likes photos, right? Instagram is great for sharing images of your life. If you have a smartphone, this is available to you so connect with us and share.

*Where to find us:*  
@AsburyUniversity

**YouTube**
YouTube is the place to be if you want to see all the latest trending videos. It’s also a great way to see what’s happening at Asbury.

*Where to find us:*  
youtube.com/AsburyUniversity

**LinkedIn**
LinkedIn is for professionals seeking a more corporate network and a great way for students and alumni to link up with other Asbury professionals.

*Where to find us:*  
linkedin.com/Asbury-University

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You can also find Asbury at:

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Asbury President Dr. Sandra Gray has announced the formation of a Campaign Steering Committee. Under the leadership of Vice President for Institutional Advancement Charlie Shepard, this volunteer organization will set the tone for the University’s future fundraising campaign by providing thought leadership, motivating volunteers, advising pre-campaign planning, serving as the public image for the campaign, and recommending campaign objectives and goals. With class years from 1955 to 2009, the committee includes alumni with diverse professional backgrounds, including medicine, finance, ministry, science, accounting and business management. Here are a few facts to help you get to know them better.

Mr. Greg Isaacs ‘83
Occupation: CPA, retired
Location: Louisville, Ky.

“When I look at where the world is and how God has been preparing Asbury in the past several years, I see a unified, growing passion to position Asbury well for the next hundred years. Dr. Gray, the administration, the faculty, the board of trustees, the students — everyone is being prepared by God in a consistent way to be moving forward.”

Dr. Walter ‘63 & Mrs. Rowena Phillips ‘63 Shaw
Occupation: President and Vice-President of Avanti Polar Lipids, Inc.
Location: Birmingham, Ala.

“The student body at Asbury is really vibrant. Whatever profession they choose to go into, they’re being trained as leaders. There’s a sense of unity in the student body. There is certainly class loyalty, but they’re all one. I anticipate that these students will go and make a difference in the world.”

Dr. J.B. Crouse ‘55
Occupation: President Emeritus, OMS International
Location: Nicholasville, Ky.

“We live in an age and time that’s a global community. A person needs to be a world Christian, and you can’t be until you take the time to learn and experience how most of the world has to live. The day of missionaries is not over. We still need outstanding young people in every field — education, evangelism, medicine, communication.”
Ms. Jessie Lois Amstutz ’67 Webster
Occupation: LearnShare CEO and General Manager, retired
Location: Chicago, Ill.

“Success for Asbury means our graduates are engaging the world and making a Christ-driven difference in the world. It doesn’t mean they have to be in a religious position, but that their work reflects the best of what they were created to be. I see us on the path to educating productive people who are influencing their professions.”

Mr. Larry W. Green ’71
Occupation: Vice President, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, retired
Location: Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

“The sense of community overflows into the faculty. When I was here, a professor made a major change in my life by sitting down and having coffee with me about three or four times. That doesn’t happen on a lot of campuses. This professor saw something in me and saw something he cared about, and it made an unbelievable difference on the rest of my life. That’s community.”

Ms. Sarah Louise Luce ’72
Occupation: Interior Design
Location: Prospect, Ky.

“I have a heart for business and have always said business is the biggest and most open mission field in the world. It’s great to send candidates off to China and India and so forth, but some of the biggest needs are the person in the next cubicle who has no idea what it means to be loved by God.”

Mr. Larry D. Brown ’80
Occupation: Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Location: New York, N.Y.

“Asbury has the ability to stick to the core values and tenets of who we are and yet be dynamic enough to change to match the environment and culture around us, with those core tenets of faith, intellectual capability, interpersonal skills that are required to be successful. Asbury gives students the opportunity to discover who they are... from the core foundations of faith.”

Dr. Stephen J. Behnke ’94
Occupation: Physician
Location: Columbus, Ohio

“Academic excellence is about striving to reach each thinker’s potential. The time and focus of the faculty to help us reach that potential in students is key, and pushing students to reach beyond their boundaries is part of that, as well. Overseas time, Olympics time — those are opportunities that push students to be further than they would have thought to go on their own.”

Mrs. Jenna Heiner ’09 Molnar
Occupation: Homemaker
Location: Nashville, Tenn.

“There are no closed doors at Asbury. Whether it’s professors, people in your hall, staff, Dr. Gray — anyone on this campus — you can go and talk with anyone, and they can have a real influence on your life. That is so valuable and I took it for granted when I was a student, but it’s something that is really special about Asbury.”
Multiplying the Impact

When the Asbury University Initiative for Servant Leadership grant was established 10 years ago, it was designed to meet two very real needs: the need for Asbury students to develop a global perspective on the Kingdom of God and their role in it, and the ability of the University to equip students to develop that perspective. By helping to cover expenses for transportation, lodging, meals and lost wages, the Asbury Initiative grant has enabled more than 120 students to perform volunteer service ranging from graphic design to English instruction in 41 countries.

We know the program works. Dozens of students returning from their work overseas have echoed the comments of Kindra Cook, who traveled to Bangkok in 2011: “This trip has changed me. I was stretched in ways that would not be possible in the comfort of my home. I learned more this summer about myself, about the world and about God than I could have expected.”

The Asbury Initiative was originally funded by a gift from Phyllis McRoberts ’53 West and her husband, Stephen R. West, in honor of the life and ministry of classmates Ernest ’53 and Jennie ’54 Steury, who served as missionaries in Kenya with the World Gospel Mission. For the grant to continue to impact the lives of students and the people they meet overseas, the University needs additional supporters to support the vision of globally minded students impacting the world for Christ. To learn more about the Initiative grant or make a gift, please contact me at (800) 888-1818, x2104.

Charlie Shepard ’99
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

1,325: A Gift for Every Student

"Scholarships played a key role in my decision to attend Asbury University."

Hannah Mobley ’15
Media Communications Major

Last fall, Asbury University announced “1,325: A Gift for Every Student”, to raise awareness that every gift to The Fund for Asbury University now goes directly to student scholarships. Our goal is for 1,325 (matching the number of scholarship-eligible students enrolled at Asbury last year) alumni, parents and friends to make a gift above their previous year’s gift by June 30, 2014. Asbury’s Board of Trustees chose to match the increased amounts of those gifts, up to $250,000 if made before December 31, 2013.

The Asbury family has responded with 988 people increasing their gifts by more than $274,000! We are humbled by the response and grateful for your caring support. Thank you!

Asbury, let’s finish strong and reach our goal!

Three reasons to give through the “1,325: A Gift for Every Student” initiative:

1. You still have the opportunity to have the increased portion of your gift matched — The Board of Trustees has offered to match an additional $200,000 of increased gifts if made by June 30, 2014!

2. Your gift will impact and forever change the life of an Asbury student. Giving to student scholarships enables many to afford an Asbury education.

3. Countless other lives will be impacted by Jesus Christ through the service of those same students.

Will you become one of the 1,325 today?

To make a lasting difference in a student’s life, call Damon Mazza at (859) 858-3511, x2133, or visit asbury.edu/1325
Asbury University dedicated the Kirkland Complex, a renovation of the University’s baseball and softball facilities, in March. Of the many words spoken that day — prayers for the facilities, gracious thanks for the beautiful work that had been done, remarks from leaders displaying appreciation and humility — some of the most accurate were spoken over breakfast by Joey Johnson, a sophomore pitcher on the baseball team.

“Consistency is doing the right thing over and over, and it’s hard,” said Johnson. “Baseball is a game of failure. There are Hall of Famers with a .350 batting average, which I would love to have. But if I took a test here and only got 35 percent right, I’d probably be crying.

“Life is also about failure. It’s about how you pick yourself up and keep going. Why love Christ? In this inconsistent world, He’s the one thing that won’t fail. The consistency of Christ is that He is good — yesterday, today and forever.”

Johnson’s comments reflect a foundation that was laid before construction even began on the Kirkland Complex. In fact, the philosophy that athletics at Asbury involves much more than winning or losing, but is actually a platform to reach and teach people about the Gospel, is deeply embedded in the program. Appropriately, the Kirkland Complex is named in honor of Dr. Jiles E. Kirkland ’50, a member of Asbury’s unofficial intercollegiate baseball team in the late 1940s, who went on to a 46-year career of service to the Gospel through the United Methodist Church in Florida.

Through the generosity of a friend of the University, Asbury’s baseball and softball fields now feature lighting; dugout upgrades; new fencing, backstop and warning tracks; bleacher and press box upgrades for softball; and a laser-graded field with new sod, a press box and stadium seating for baseball.

This year’s baseball and softball schedules at Asbury run through mid- to late April, but in many ways, their seasons never end.

“More than baseball goes on in our program,” said senior Andrew Harris at the dedication. “We get to use our talents to spread His Word. More than wins or losses, we play to spread His glory.”

Dr. Jiles E. Kirkland ’50, President Sandra C. Gray, Coach Cecil Zweifel and Board Chair C.E. Crouse ’68 at the Kirkland Complex Dedication, March 15, 2014.
Dr. Bonnie Banker Retires After Four Decades of Service

“Bonnie has been a dear friend for more than 40 years as we both have been at Asbury together. In addition to her leadership at Asbury, her church and community involvement have been outstanding. Since 1998, she has served as a member of the Wilmore/Jessamine County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment, which deals with planning growth in one of the fastest growing counties in Kentucky. She has served with distinction and is highly respected and appreciated.”

– Harold Rainwater ’69, Mayor of Wilmore, Ky., and Asbury University faculty

“Dr. Bonnie Banker was the first person I met on the Asbury campus. She interviewed me, hired me and our friendship began at that time. I’ve observed Bonnie through more situations than either of us could ever recount. But through each, her faith, integrity and strength of character have never wavered. All around this campus, there are evidences of her academic, administrative and spiritual leadership. I know of no other individual who has impacted the Asbury of today as much Bonnie Banker. I am indebted to her for taking a risk with me and speaking into my life in those early years, particularly.”

– Dr. Sandra C. Gray, President

“How do you honor 43 years of consistent dedication, sacrificial service and Christian role-modeling? She was the institution’s first female Vice President. She helped lead the founding of the Graduate Education program. She is known around the state in virtually every teacher education program, and around the nation for her work in both NCATE and SACS accreditation. However, the remarkable aspect about Bonnie is that she hasn’t lost her spirit of optimism. She continues to learn, and to push the institution forward into new areas of service and program delivery. If you looked up ‘lifelong learner’ in the dictionary, I wouldn’t be surprised if you just simply found a picture of Bonnie Banker.”

– Dr. Jon S. Kulaga, Provost

“Dr. Bonnie Banker is retiring this spring after a 43-year career at Asbury that has seen her serve in roles as varied as professor of Education, Division Chair of Education and Psychology, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean. While her professional excellence and qualifications have earned recognition nationally, in Wilmore she is recognized most for a quick smile, unhesitating generosity of time and resources and an unusual capacity for speaking her mind with both truth and grace. Asbury honors and is inspired by Dr. Banker’s service and commitment.

“You know you have made a good friend when you can poke at one another, fight with one another, and still go to lunch afterwards. That is the type of friend I have in Dr. Banker. I have had pure enjoyment working with Dr. Banker during these past few years. She is a strong Christian women and has served Asbury with all of her heart and mind.”

– Dr. Bill Hall ’91, Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies

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“A Servant’s Mission
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Joins the faculty at Asbury College (1970)  

Appointed VP for Academic Affairs (1988)  

Returns to teaching in the Education Department (1992)  

Plays a key role in development of Asbury’s graduate program in Education (2000)  

Appointed Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (2009)  

Appointed Academic Dean (2011)  

Retires from Asbury University (2014)  

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“When I came as a student in 1971, I didn’t fit the mold of an Asbury person. I loved Jesus with all my heart, but you had to dig to find it. Bonnie saw that. She had the uncanny ability to see every student for who they really were. You always felt like if she was in your corner, there was no way to lose. She didn’t just make you think she cared about you. She really did. There are little kids and big kids today that are being impacted by a teacher whose major influence was Bonnie Banker. She continues to indirectly affect kids every single day.”  

— Dr. David Riel ’75, Director of Field and Clinical Experiences in Asbury’s School of Education
Arnold Baker ’55 has authored “Pictures in Motion,” a guide to editing movies. (Figuerosa Press)

Ilmars Birznieks ’58 has written a novel, “Living Water.”

Bob Fraumann ’58 and his choir at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Marietta, Ga., joined several other choirs to sing in Carnegie Hall, as backup for Steven Curtis Chapman on Feb. 8, 2014. Chapman sang original compositions with a 50-piece orchestra.

Philip G. Smith ’60 is the author of “Fire in the Forest,” a book about firefighting in the early 1970’s.

Alan Smith ’64 was honored at the Alan Smith Classic at Trevecca Nazarene University on Feb. 21, 2014, for his 35 years as professor, coach (tennis) and athletic director.

A 200-page, hardcover monograph on the paintings of Edward Knippers ’69 is being published and will include paintings by Knippers spanning from the 1960s to the present. The target date for publication is March 1, 2015. For further information visit edwardknippers.com.

Jerry Ruff ’71 is associate pastor at Sharptown United Methodist Church and lead pastor of Sharptown North Church, a new campus in Woolwich Township, N.J.

Sharon Hartman ’74 Ruff is in her 29th year of teaching in the Winslow Township (N.J.) School District.

Dr. Don Clarke ’74 has written and directed “Five Candles, Five Questions,” a series of Advent dramatic vignettes that help interpret the significance of the incarnation and the second coming.

Dr. Walter D. Graham ’74 and his wife Noemi, welcomed their son, Asa Ogdock, who was born on Nov. 6, 2013, in Danville, Va. Asa was greeted by his eight nephews and six nieces.

Stan Key ’75 accepted a new role as president of the Francis Asbury Society on March 1. Key has been at FAS for a year and has most recently served as director of operations.

Phil Webster ’77, author of the book “1776 Faith: The Christian Worldview of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence” also portrays John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, for public events. For more, visit 1776faith.blogspot.com.

Cinda Johnston ’79 Swan received her Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in December 2013. She also holds graduate degrees from Asbury Seminary and Campbellsville University. Cinda is the author of “Christian Victor” and teaches in the Religion Department at Lindsey Wilson College.

1980s

Dean ’80 and Pamela Hairston ’80 Hinson are the Training Principals for the Southern Territory’s School for Officer Training for the Salvation Army. Dean is president of the Evangeline Booth College and principal of the School for Officer Training. Pam is assistant principal for Ministry Development and Campus Services.

William C. “Bill” Murphy ’81 is the new executive director of C.R.E.W., a non-profit youth employment and leadership organization.

Michael Mozley ’84 received his Masters of Theology in African theology from Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture in Akropong, Ghana, in December 2013. He is the executive director of Catalyst for Africa. Catalyst for Africa exists to nurture and foster long-term relationships between leaders in Africa with leaders around the world.

Patrick Sheahan ’90 is now the V.P. of Institutional Advancement at Columbia College Chicago.

John ’91 Bryson and his wife, Beth, welcomed Bayne Morton on Sept. 29, 2013. Bayne joins big sisters Brooke (8) and Blair (2) and big brothers Bo (5), Beck (5) and Boss (4).

Jeff Judge ’93 is the director of the ESL Center at Kent State University.
Board, and she continues as athletic director at Transylvania University.

James Fogal ’96 is director of planned giving for the ALM Division of the Salvation Army. He is based in Jackson, Miss.

LeAnna Jarvis ’96 Wilson received her Ed.D. in Higher Education with an emphasis in Teaching and Learning from Argosy University. She presented a paper on her dissertation research at the 21st Century Academic Forum Conference at Harvard University in March 2014.

Stephen Bailey ’99 is working as a professor at Taylor University in the Media Communications Department. He and Charity Lukac ’00 Bailey can be contacted at sbailey15@gmail.com or cjoomom@gmail.com.

Nathan Davis ’99 married Kristi Beckett on July 6, 2013, in Minford, Ohio.

Stephanie Ruff ’99 Hogan is director for Titus Women of the Francis Asbury Society and lives in Glassboro, N.J.

Dave Turley ’99 and his wife, Suzi, welcomed Margot Turley on November 15, 2013. Margot joins big brother Hudson (2).

2000s

Chris Hasen ’01 married Allison Sines ’03 Richardson on Oct. 20, 2013, at Red River Gorge in Kentucky.

Jeremy Hatfield ’01 received his Ph.D. in American History from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and serves as an adjunct instructor in their History Department.

Juman and Sarah Paff ’02 Byun announce the birth of Benaniah Midum on Dec. 17, 2013. Joy (4) is the proud big sister.

Peter ’02 and Sarah Hackett ’02 McCurdy have been endorsed by American Baptist International Ministries to serve as missionaries in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. They will provide support and encouragement to pastors and pastors’ families, as well as extend the reach of their ministry into Cuba.

John ’02 and Sarah McKain ’06 Flannery welcomed their second son, John “Jack” Benjamin, on Oct. 12, 2013. John works in IT for the Gilt Groupe in Shepardsville, Ky. Sarah is director of children’s ministries at Christ Church UMC in Louisville.

Marquis Harris ’03 recently published “From Grace to Glory: An Upward Journey” (Olive Press Messianic and Christian Publisher).

Matt Holmes ’03 and his wife, Leli, celebrated the birth of baby Ella in November 2013. She is welcomed by big sister Gretchen and big brother Asher.

Adam and Sarah Kilty ’03 Houser (above) welcomed twins Naomi Lucy and Noah Dean on Aug. 7, 2013.

Mark Silverling ’03 and his wife, Candice, welcomed their daughter Cora Jane into the world on Christmas Day. She joins siblings Isabel, Guy and Ella.

Justin ’04 and Jessica McKelvey ’05 Meeker announce the arrival of Levi Daniel on Dec. 5, 2013.


Curt ’06 and Monica Wray ’06 Rowland and big brother Drew announce the arrival of Elizabeth Rae on Sept. 7, 2013, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brian and Bethany Haegele ’07 Davis welcomed Violet Adelyn Davis on July 28, 2013, in Atlanta, Ga.

Lizzy Jones ’07 married John Ramirez on Oct. 5, 2013, in Clarksburg, Va. Lizzy also completed her MA in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Child Development and Family Studies from West Virginia University in December 2013.

Gabe ’07 and Mary Lashbrook ’06 Lawson welcomed their first child, Caroline Rose, on Jan. 25, 2014, in Lexington, Ky.


Amanda Meyer ’09 has moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and is a Marketing Specialist for the consulting and accounting firm, Katz, Sapper & Miller.

Morgan Schutters ’09 Thomas left her position as Main Anchor for KAMR NBC4’S Morning show in Amarillo and joined Big Texas Real Estate Group at Keller Williams Realty, selling 38 homes in 2013.

Jarred Earnest ’11 married Katie Parish ’13 on June 9, 2013, at the Ashley Inn in Lancaster, Ky. The ceremony was officiated by Asbury University’s Campus Chaplain Greg Haseloff and featured music by Hannah Schell ’14. The wedding party included (from left to right) Bonnie Guinn ’13, Kirstie King ’13, Keegan Crosby, Eleesha Farmer, Megan Jones ’12, Rebekah Parish, Katie Parish ’13, Jarred Earnest ’11, Seth Earnest ’13, John Hinkle, Stephen Earnest, Sam Purcell ’09, Tommy Carroll ’10 and Zac Peterson ’10.

2010s

Kristin Gillis ’10 graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in December 2013 with a Master of Arts in Christian Ministries with an emphasis in Worship Arts.

Kara Laufenberger ’10 married Justin Tolley on Oct. 6, 2013, in Lexington, Ky.

Kelcie Miller ’10 married Mark Vercel on Oct. 12, 2013, in Michigan City, Ind. They live in Portage, Ind., where Kelcie is pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Notre Dame.

Emma Sleeth ’10 married Zachary Davis on Jan. 18, 2014, at Mount Zion UMC in Harrodsburg, Ky. They currently live in Lexington, Ky.

David Whitaker ’10 and Janelle Gore ’11 were married on Oct. 19, 2013, in Bloomington, Ind., and live in Los Angeles, Calif.

Andrew Canada ’11 and Alexandra Richard ’13 were married on Oct. 19, 2013, in Greenwich, Ohio.

Ashley Cole ’11 received her Global Masters of Arts in International Relations from Webster University in St. Louis. She has travelled to five countries in the past 11 months.

Kara Elizabeth Lawless ’11 married Lt. Jacob B. Sims, USMC, in Louisville, Ky., on May 11, 2013. Kara received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Bellarmine University in December 2013. Wedding attendants representing her time at Asbury were Grant Bauserman ’11, Lindsey Pfoff ’11 and Brenna McKinnon ’11.

Alex Gervasi ’12 has moved to Los Angeles to join radio station KIIS-FM as an on-air host.

Nathaniel Glass ’12 married Kristen Ashpole on Oct. 24, 2013, in Normandy Park (Seattle, Wash.).

Dakotah Euton ’14 and Colby Flannery were married on June 7, 2013, in Lexington, Ky.

Please submit all class notes and photos to the Alumni Office at: ambassador@asbury.edu
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **April 4-5, 11-12** Theater: “Into the Woods,” 7:30 p.m., GHT
- **April 11-12** Jym Jamboree, 7:30 p.m., LU
- **April 18** Good Friday, offices closed
- **April 24** Sounds of Stage and Screen, 7:30 p.m., LU
- **April 26** Highbridge Film Festival, 7:30 p.m., LU
- **May 2** Senior Chapel, 10 a.m., HU
- **May 5-8** Final Exams
- **May 7-9** Illuminated Class Senior Retreat
- **May 9** Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m., HU
- **May 10** Commencement: Graduate and Non-Traditional Students, 10 a.m., HU
- **May 10** Commencement: Traditional Students, 2 p.m., HU
- **May 26** Memorial Day, offices closed
- **June 4-7** Ichthus, sponsored by Asbury University
- **June 9-13** ImpactU Camps: Adventure Leadership, Equine, Film I, Worship Arts / Audio Production
- **June 15-19** ImpactU Camps: Creative Writing, Film II, Environmental Science & Biotechnology, Theatre, Music: Voice & Keyboard
- **June 19-22** Reunion 2014: Snapshots featuring Concert Band Reunion and sand artist Joe Castillo
- **July 9** Asbury Day at Taylor County Camp, Butler, Ga.
- **July 12** Asbury Day at Indian Springs Camp, Flovilla, Ga.
- **July 25** Asbury Day at Hollow Rock Camp, Toronto, Ohio
- **July 14-19** Wilmore Camp Meeting
- **July 30** Asbury Day at Beulah Camp, Eldorado, Ill.
- **August 12** New Student Orientation
- **October 4-5** Homecoming

**GHT:** Great House Theatre  
**HU:** Hughes Auditorium  
**LU:** Luce Center

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NEW HEIGHTS OF PRAISE — In March, Asbury partnered with Chick-fil-A to bring some of Christian contemporary music’s most popular bands — including Building 429, Hawk Nelson and Family Force 5 — to campus. Hughes Auditorium, never a stranger to praise, rocked to the beat of hundreds of students singing with Building 429: “Take this world and give me Jesus.” Scan this QR code to learn more.
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• Film II Camp
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• Theatre Camp
• Music: Voice & Keyboard Camp

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