

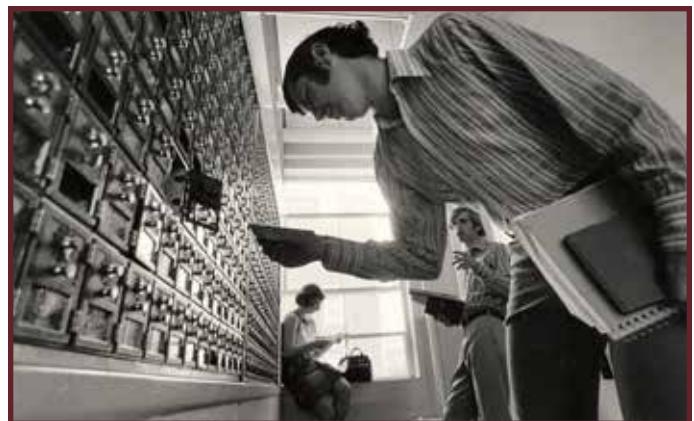
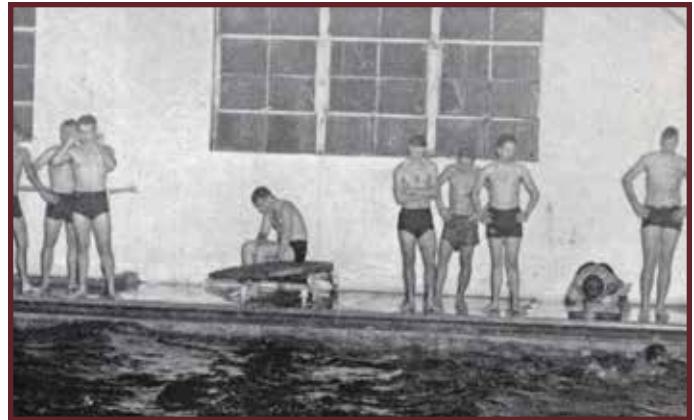
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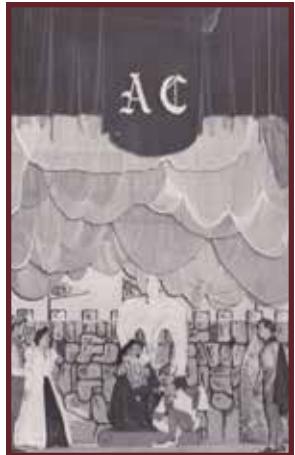


Thanks for the Memories

Campus Post Office, gymnasium, pool, theater, bookstore, recreation areas and special events – for decades Doddridge-Holland was home to a variety of student activities.

Dedicated in 1952, the Doddridge-Holland Student Union was named in honor of William Holland, professor of Religion, and Ethel Doddridge-Holland, professor of English, who met and married while teaching at Asbury.

Doddridge-Holland stored up a wealth of memories. Its greatest legacy, though, is friendship and community as it makes way for AU's new, state-of-the-art Collaborative Learning Center (*see page 14*).



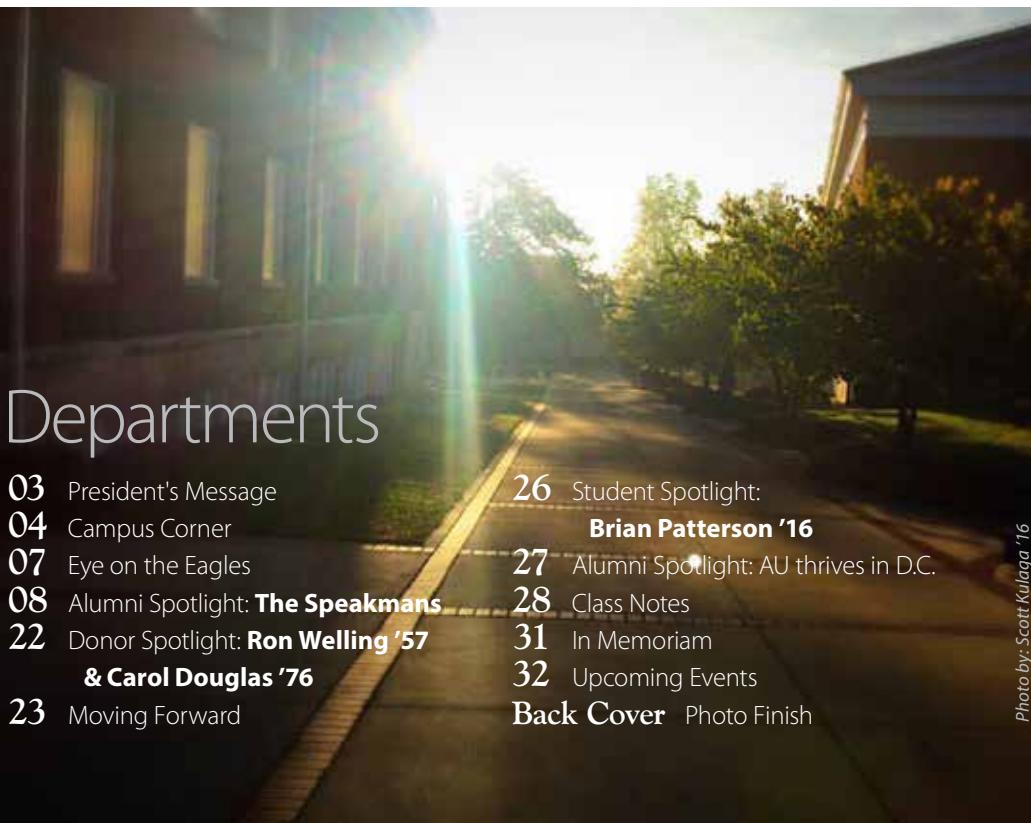
As students strive to be "a ready people for a waiting world," the Asbury Initiative Program is opening doors for cultural exploration.



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On the Move?

If you've changed addresses recently, please be sure to let us know by sending your new address, phone number and e-mail to alumni@asbury.edu.



President's Message:

Changing Lives; Changing the World

The familiar Asbury University phrase, "the sun never sets on Asburians," will ring true as you turn the pages of this *Ambassador* edition. It is heartwarming and encouraging — at times breathtaking — to discover how God is using Asbury alumni to further His work around the world. Asburians respond to God's call, living out the realities of God's Kingdom, in every corner of the globe. We call it mission, doing the work our Lord has given us to do. You will see it is still our mission.

From a human perspective, this is a humbling claim that God should choose to work through us. We echo the Psalmist, "Who are we that God should be mindful of us?" (Psalm 8:4). But from a Kingdom perspective, it is the powerful reality of being led by the Spirit. I am reminded of Paul's words to the church at Ephesus that we "who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13). We are now citizens of a heavenly Kingdom, and our actions reflect that truth.

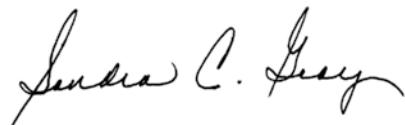
In this issue of the *Ambassador*, we see beautiful, powerful, life-giving examples of Asbury students, alumni and friends living out their faith for the sake of the Kingdom. Through the Asbury Initiative Program, an alumnus found her calling to serve in a red-light district in Mumbai — an area where she still ministers today. Through four brothers — using gifts in math, science and technology developed while here at Asbury — a strong foundation for kingdom witness has since been built, reaching the U.S. military, the technology industry and the church. Through a thriving alumni community in Washington, D.C., a support network has emerged as they encourage one another to pursue excellence for the glory of God.

These are just a few of the ways our alumni embrace the mission of the Kingdom. From the boardroom to the concert hall, the pulpit to the television studio, Asburians find their mission in every area of life.

At Asbury, we know that mission is not accomplished alone. We rely on the alumni community for prayer, gifts and service. We rely on faculty and staff for instruction, mentorship and essential tasks that make our mission possible. Most importantly, we rely on the presence of Christ Himself, as He promised before His Ascension: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

"From the boardroom to the concert hall, the pulpit to the television studio, Asburians find their mission in every area of life."

Thank you for furthering the mission of Asbury University. I pray that, as a community, we will grow in the knowledge and love of Christ and continue to be His witnesses around the world.



Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President



CAMPUS Corner

News, Notes & Other Items of Interest

Asbury University and The Salvation Army Partner to Fight Poverty

Already cooperating through customized online and on-campus degree programs, Asbury and The Salvation Army are teaming up to fight generational poverty. A new agreement signed by Asbury President Sandra C. Gray and Salvation Army Commissioner Donald C. Bell will grant five tuitions per year for Salvation Army students from the Southern Territory entering Asbury's Master of Social Work program. The agreement signals Asbury's partnership with the National Pathway of Hope, a Salvation Army initiative designed to combat generational poverty.



Asbury University Retweeted
DC Central Kitchen @dcock · Jan 23
SO to these #hungerfighters from @AsburyUniv who braved #blizzard2016 to help us prepare our meals today!



AU Math Majors Model Success

Every year, math takes center stage at Asbury University during Math Week, a series of events celebrating the role mathematics — and math majors — play in campus life. This year's events included an interactive origami presentation, the American

Mathematics Competition (grades 8-12) and the 29th-annual Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications (COMAP) Math Modeling Contest, an international contest that draws entries from more than 5,000 teams around the world, most outside the U.S.



Culture of Engagement and Impact

With the launch of a new program for Chinese language and culture studies, Asbury University offers yet another tool for cultural engagement and global impact. A five-year Chinese language and culture program generously funded by an institute at the University of Kentucky, Asbury's new program will offer Chinese language classes, an exchange program and activities related to Chinese language and culture, bolstered by interactive media equipment and 1,000 volumes of educational materials and textbooks.



Asbury Leads the Pack with New Degree

Asbury University is on the cutting edge of the fastest-growing job market you've probably never heard of — Instructional Design. With approximately 1,400 new Instructional Design jobs within a four-hour drive of Wilmore, Ky., alone — many requiring only a bachelor's

degree — the demand for jobs has outgrown supply. Asbury's School of Graduate and Professional Studies is filling the gap with its online Instructional Design program, specially crafted for the schedules of busy adults. Enrollment is open for fall at asbury.edu/gps.

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Asbury alum Seth Eckert '10 animated the new Facebook reactions! Check out more of his work at www.setheckert.com or www.thefurrow.tv.



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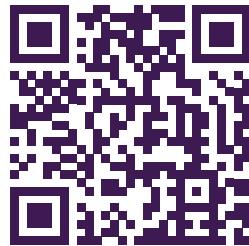


Called to Happiness

Asbury's 2016 Holiness Emphasis Week brought an encouraging message to campus with the theme "Called to be Happy; Called to be Holy." This year's speaker, Dr. David Ward, Dean of Theology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Indiana Wesleyan University, challenged campus to think of holiness and happiness as essential elements of the same calling. "If you let duty drive you, not love, and joy and delight in God, you will never be holy," Ward told students. "Holiness is not our duty; it's our delight."

Where in the World are You?

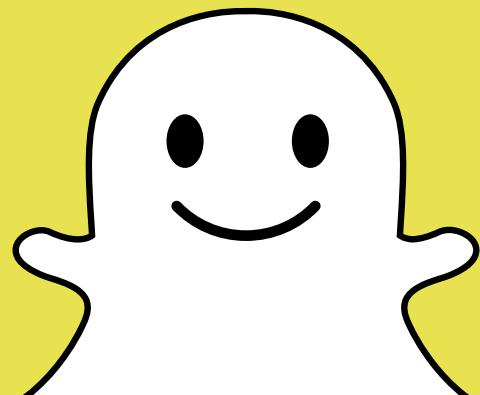
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Asbury University Department of Music

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Asbury alumnus, Nathan Davy, was the organist today at the funeral for Justice Scalia at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.. This clip, including the recessional from the service, is an example of how Asbury alumni are using music to make an impact around the world.

Asbury University Department of Music
Start Here, Impact the World!



For more on what's happening at Asbury, visit asbury.edu/news-events



EYE ON THE EAGLES

Asbury student-athletes had a stellar fall semester on the field, but also in the classroom as **61 PERCENT** of the 311 student-athletes achieved a 3.0 or higher grade-point average.

ASBURY BASEBALL GAINS A LIFETIME FAN

I recently returned to the U.S. from serving as a mission intern with Score International in the Dominican Republic during the month of January. During my stint I had an encounter with the Asbury baseball team and because of that interaction, I knew I had to write to someone immediately upon my return.

The Asbury players were so joyful no matter what came their way, what obstacle they faced or what circumstance they found themselves in. For example, we were actually on the bus headed to a day care center to hang out with the kids one day when we (the staff) got a call saying there was a medical team there and we couldn't come. So our missionary just took us on an impromptu visit to a nearby sugarcane village.

Here are these Asbury players, no toys or food or anything to give away, no baseball equipment to use, nothing but themselves and about 50 kids expectantly staring at the bus as it rolled in. Being accustomed to much more coordinated visits, I feared the village kids would not know how to react but they could NOT resist the loving hearts of the Asbury baseball team. They were doing piggy back races, sitting on the ground taking selfies with the kids, or playing basketball, all in stifling heat. Those little kids were clinging two and three at a time to each player and walked them all the way to the bus when we left.

So much compassion. So much love. So much kindness. Asbury Baseball has a new lifetime fan in me. I will follow them as closely as I can, cheer for them, pray for them and be grateful for the experience of getting to know them and serve alongside them for as long as I live.

The people in your community need to know what wonderful young men are being counseled and created through the Asbury baseball program.

Excerpts of a letter from Lori Duckworth (LaFayette, Ga.)
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1,000-Point Club: Brittany Warren '17, Caiti Fletcher '16 and Kylee Gorby '16 hit the magic number this season, each scoring 1,000 career points as they led the Eagles to the NAIA Tournament's Round of 16...a first for AU.



**SPEAKMAN
FAMILY**

**In the Speakman family,
Math + Science + Asbury = Success**

IT'S ALL IN THE Family

Take a glance at the Speakman brothers' job descriptions and you'll see a pattern. Maj. Ric Speakman '01 is an Air Force flight surgeon. Sky Speakman '03 is a research scientist. Mark Speakman '06 is a production engineer. Luke Speakman '06 is a software engineer.

In addition to their STEM-oriented careers, though, the Speakman brothers share something else in common — four life-changing years at Asbury University. Through its commitment to whole-person education, tight-knit community and spiritual vitality, Asbury laid a solid foundation for success.

Now completing a residency in aerospace medicine in Dayton, Ohio, Ric graduated from Asbury with a Biochemistry major. Looking back, he says Asbury's liberal-arts curriculum provided crucial context for his science classes.

"I had to take an ethics course in Biology — how cool is that?" he said. "Understanding worldview allows you to interact much more successfully with the marketplace after you graduate."

Community has also been a core part of the brothers' Asbury experience. Now with Nimble Storage in San Jose, Calif., Luke says Asbury's faculty

had a lasting impact on his approach to faith and science.

"The faculty understand how Christianity and science weave together to explain God's creation," he said. "Each of the professors I had when I was at Asbury had a dramatic impact on me."

honed skills he uses today with IBM Research in Nairobi, Kenya.

Spiritual vitality was one of Mark's most powerful takeways from Asbury. With McLean Bible Church in McLean, Va., he still draws on Asbury's culture of integrating faith into every aspect of life.



Faculty played a big role for Sky, as well. He began his Asbury career in computer science, but a few math classes with Asbury faculty convinced him to switch his major to Applied Math, with minors in Computer Science and Physics. The decision had a life-long impact. Through the Asbury Math Department, he met his wife, Megan Murphree '04 Speakman, and

"My faith experiences weren't just at Chapel, but in my classes and any activity I did," he said. "This helped to lay a great foundation to keep Christ centered in all I do."

Ric puts it this way: "Science and math without Christ is hollow," he said. "Why choose Asbury University? Because at Asbury you get it all!" ▀

The World.

Asbury Initiative Program Has Permanent Impact

by Joel Sams '15

"Don't look at anyone and don't talk to anyone," the team leader said. "We are only here to pray."

Laura Meyers '08 nodded. Thanks to the Asbury University Initiative Program, she had already spent a month and a half working at the Hindustan Bible Institute (HBI) in Chennai, India. The human trafficking ministry in Mumbai, however, was not usually open to college students — she was lucky to be there at all.

The bus lurched to a halt at the bottom of the hill, and Meyers stepped into the pounding rain of monsoon season. At the top of the next hill, she saw their destination — a well-known red-light district of Mumbai. Together, the team walked through streets and narrow alleys, praying for healing and hope. As Meyers watched the commerce of the city — girls lined up with

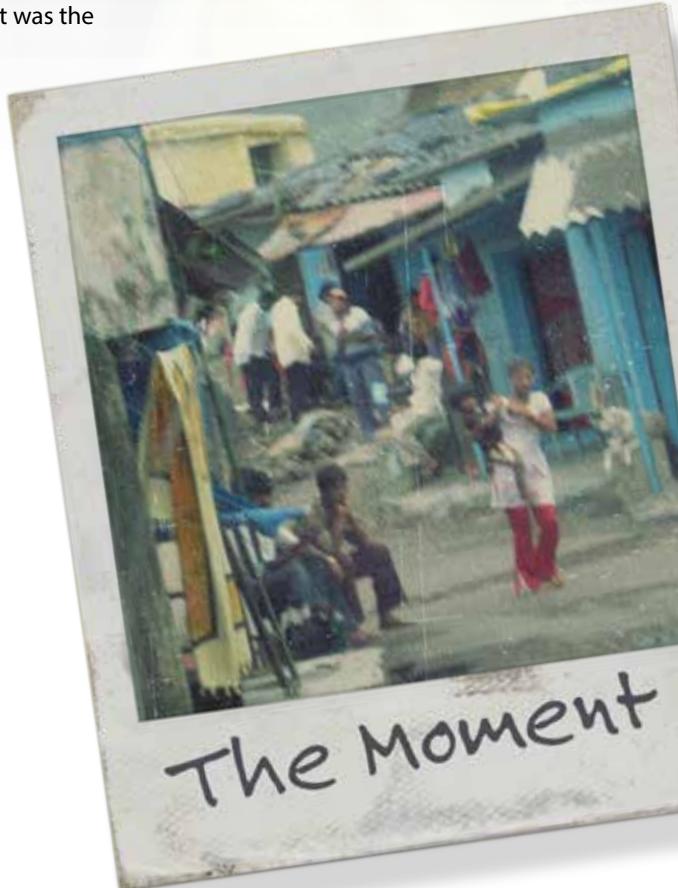
madams, putting on their makeup — she knew she had found her calling.

"I stood there with silent tears rolling down my face, because that was the moment I knew where the Lord was calling me," Meyers said. "It wasn't just India, or even just Mumbai — it was this specific area and these specific women."

Before she left, Meyers snapped a photo of the red-light district. She didn't know how or when, but she knew she would come back. *In that moment, the Asbury Initiative Program had changed her life forever.*

"Life-changing" is exactly how the program was originally envisioned. Since

2004, the Asbury Initiative Program has covered the costs for about 10 Asbury upperclassmen per year to perform summer



Our Mission.

volunteer service in developing countries. To date, more than 160 students have served in 56 countries around the world.

As important as short-term service is, though, it's not the only goal. The big-picture goal of the Asbury Initiative Program is permanent impact: perspectives changed, outlooks expanded and hearts tuned to the work of God.

The Asbury Initiative Program exists because of the generous support of the University's alumni and friends. The program was established in 2003 by a gift of \$1 million from Phyllis McRoberts '53 West and her husband, Stephen R. West, to honor the life and ministry of Asbury alumni Dr. Ernest M. Steury '53 and Jennie Sue Groce '54 Steury. Missionaries in Kenya with World Gospel Mission, the Steurys founded Tenwek Hospital, one of the largest mission hospitals in Africa.

Most recently, the program received a major investment from alumna

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— Laura Meyers '08

Wynelle Scott '61 Deese, who has pledged to make a gift each year to support its ongoing work, and upon her passing, to permanently endow the program through her estate. *In recognition of her generosity, the program has been renamed the Judge and Mrs. J.W. Deese Asbury Initiative Program.*

"When I heard about the gift, I was thrilled for our students," said Esther Jadhav, director of Intercultural Programs at Asbury. "The program is a crucial access point for Asbury students to step into different

global communities, experience new cultures and see the ways God is at work around the world — this program makes that possible."

The Deese Asbury Initiative Program creates transformative experiences, but they're not always easy. Meyers found her work in India challenging in ways she had never expected. About a month before her moment of clarity in the red-light district, she found herself frustrated by the discrepancy between her understanding of ministry and the mundane reality of service.



Wynelle Scott '61 Deese

When Wynelle Scott '61 Deese decided to include Asbury University in her estate plans, she wanted to give where she felt it could do the most good. After looking at different options, one area stood out — the Asbury Initiative Program.

"I've wanted to make a difference, help Asbury and its students move forward, but I just wasn't sure of the direction to go," said Deese, who recently visited Asbury from her home in Florida to sign documentation and meet with administration and students. "I love the idea of not giving just generally, but to a specific thing that I know will have an impact. It's what my husband and I have always wanted."

In addition to her respected career as a psychologist, Deese — who earned a

graduate degree from the University of Mississippi and was a long-time resident of Lexington, Ky. — is a prolific author, having published a number of books on topics ranging from mental health to the history of Lexington and St. Petersburg, Fla. Her books are only part of Deese's impressive legacy — through the Initiative Program, Deese will influence generations for years to come.



When she initially applied for the grant, Meyers expected to work in the orphanage at HBI. On arrival, however, she learned working in the orphanage would only be a small part of her duties. With fellow Asburian Katie Lathrop '08 (also an Initiative Program grant recipient), Meyers spent most of her time evaluating other ministries overseen by HBI, including programs in missions, evangelism and social development. It was a role for which Meyers felt utterly unqualified.

"One day we were supposed to go to one of the Child Development Centers for evaluation, and I said to a woman next to me, 'I'm not qualified for this. There's no reason I should be evaluating these programs.' And she said, 'You're from Asbury! You've got this!' The experience taught me to rely on the Lord to deal with my unmet expectations of ministry."

When Meyers returned to Asbury, she wrote a follow-up report describing her Initiative Program experience. One sentence stands out: "I was not, by any means, able or qualified to do what Katie and I were asked to do this past summer, but God qualified us in the process."

For the next two years, Meyers threw herself into her Social Work classes. She now had a clear idea of her



calling — not only the work, but the place — and she took advantage of every tool Asbury offered to get there. Through classroom instruction, professors' mentorship and hands-on practicum experience, Meyers built a solid foundation for work in human trafficking.

Upon graduation, she spent four years with a short-term mission organization before moving to India in 2012 to serve in the same red-light area she visited as a student. She began that ministry like she began her first day in Mumbai, with prayer.

"My team and I spent weeks just going up and down the train line

praying for the city and asking the Lord to move," Meyers said. "*The first day we actually went into the red-light area for ministry, one of the madams stopped us and asked, 'Are you those praying people? Will you pray for me and for my girls?'* She lined them up, and we prayed for all of them."

Today, Meyers serves as executive director of Hope Restored (hoperestoredindia.com), an organization built on that original foundation of prayer. Through its Community Development Center and community outreach programs, Hope Restored builds friendships with Indian women, sharing the

Gospel and offering job training, education and job placement resources. The best part? Meyers now works in the same red-light district she prayed over on a rainy day in 2006.

"The impact of this program on my life was huge," Meyers said. "It made my dream a reality and it solidified my calling. Enrolling as a student at Asbury and building an academic foundation in my Social Work program, going to India for the first time through the Initiative Program, going into the mission field full time after graduation — it's all part of the same story. The Lord was preparing me the entire time." ■



Joshua Fritz '18

Joshua Fritz '18 was on the road with the Asbury swimming team when he found out he was one of the students nominated for a 2016 Deese Asbury Initiative Program grant. "I was ecstatic," he said. "I started running down the hallway in the hotel, banging on doors to tell everyone there what had just happened."

A double major in Spanish and Bible/Theology and a double minor in Youth Ministry and Missions, Fritz will spend eight weeks in Peru, serving in homes for abandoned boys.

"The Initiative Program truly is a major blessing for Asbury students," Fritz said. "No matter how or where they're serving, this amazing program allows students to take part in what God has called us to do — not just locally, but globally."



Jared Odor '08

Jared Odor '08 knew he wanted to make a difference in the world — but he also wanted to take a slightly different path than the model of traditional ministry.

Through the Deese Asbury Initiative Program, Odor completed a business internship in Honduras, exploring the concept of micro-lending. Now, as the director of financial services at a senior living community in Florida, Odor says it was the Initiative Program that changed the way he thought about career and ministry.

"One of the most important things I took away from the experience is that there are so many different ways to serve," Odor said. "Whatever your personality, whatever your skill set, it can all be used to support the body of Christ."



Shannon Hreyo '16

During her Deese Asbury Initiative Program experience last year, Shannon Hreyo '16 prayed with North Korean refugees while looking at their home from a South Korean observation point. Transcending more than one kind of border, it was a powerful moment of friendship.

A Social Work major, Hreyo spent time in both Bucheon, South Korea, and in Seoul, teaching English classes for missionary candidates, college students and refugees. Approaching graduation, Hreyo says her Initiative Grant experience will go with her.

"I will always stay connected with the people I met there," Hreyo said. "One of our North Korean students asked me to Skype with her... I'm so excited that other people will have that opportunity in the future."

Sowing Seeds

Gifts Supporting Asbury's Collaborative Learning Center Fall on Good Soil

The future site of Asbury's new Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) looks strikingly like a garden. In the middle of campus, the newly cleared plot is smooth, rocks and rubble have been removed and dirt is crumbled to fine topsoil. As another avenue of Asbury's mission, the CLC will produce its own kind of harvest — and alumni and friends are already sowing the seed.

On the heels of several other major gifts, Asbury has received a gift commitment of \$4.5 million — the

second-largest in its history. The gift was made by grateful parents of an Asbury alum who requested to remain anonymous. With \$2 million provided over the next five years and \$2.5 million fulfilled through an estate provision, the gift will be used to help fund scholarships and building the new CLC.

"Asbury has all the difficult things already in place," said alumnus and physician Gary Wortz '00. "We have the small class sizes, the excellent faculty, the

camaraderie among students — all those things that you can't just plug in. The one thing we're lacking is the great facilities [...] and we can make a big difference in getting that done."

At an anticipated cost of \$25 million — and anticipated to help double the current number of students majoring in the natural and allied sciences, quantitative sciences and business — the CLC is expected to include 10-14 science laboratories, 10-13 classrooms, 20-25 faculty offices and a 300-seat auditorium.



Fundraising for the CLC is currently just shy of \$9 million toward the \$25-million cost.

"We're extremely encouraged by the many people who believe in Asbury and the difference it makes in the lives of young people," said President Sandra C. Gray. "Whether it's alumni, parents or friends of the University, they can see the outcomes of an Asbury education and how this community has a plan, a mission, to prepare young men and women to advance the cause of Christ around the world through faith and excellence in any vocation they choose."

Charlie Shepard '99, vice president for Institutional Advancement, says gifts made to Asbury represent remarkable generosity as well as a deep commitment to the mission of the University.

"Asbury's vision is bold — and these donors are demonstrating their complete agreement with this vision by giving now and giving later (through their estate plan)," said Shepard. "We continue to be blessed by the many who feel compelled to come alongside us to help Asbury grow and have an even greater impact in the lives of today's students." ▀

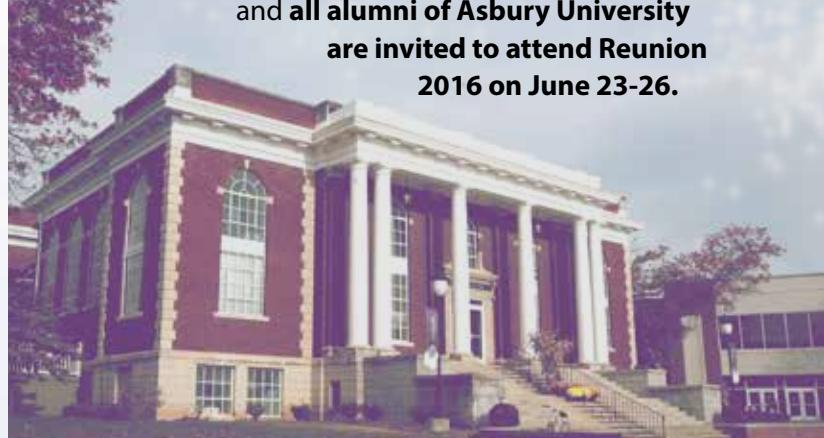
If you'd like to learn more or invest in Asbury's vision and mission, please visit asbury.edu/development



The Heart of Community

2016 Reunion Class Gift: Student Center Upgrades

The 2016 Reunion Project — with a \$250,000 goal for this year's banner classes — is the second year of a multi-year reunion project to renovate all three floors of this historic building. Multi-year pledges are an option with gifts due by December 31, 2017. Anyone interested in this project is welcome to contribute, and **all alumni of Asbury University are invited to attend Reunion 2016 on June 23-26.**



Scan this code to learn more about the Reunion Class Gift Project (and watch our video!). Make your gift securely online at asbury.edu/reunionongift.

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You're invited!

Don't miss this opportunity to return to campus, reconnect with friends and enjoy a weekend of celebration and renewal.

ASBURY UNIVERSITY
REUNION 2016

June 23-26

All Asbury University alumni — from around the world — are invited to Reunion 2016 in Wilmore, and with exciting programs for kids and teens, there will be fun for the whole family.

Throughout the weekend, there will be campus tours, concerts, Chapel services, art exhibitions, an ice cream social, time to share with President Sandra C. Gray, opportunities to visit with former and current professors and much more.

As always, our award recognition and hymn sing on Friday will be a highlight, and a celebration Saturday night will include a historic announcement!

Special reunion events will also be available for Admissions student ambassadors, as well as members of the Jazz Ensemble and Handbell Choir. Alumni from all graduation years are invited to attend, and ensemble members will have the additional

opportunity to perform during the week in Hughes Auditorium.

"With so many things happening throughout the weekend, there is literally something for everyone," said Lisa Falin '90 Harper, director of Alumni Relations. "'You're Invited' means so much more than just a visit: at Reunion, you're invited to share, to worship, to laugh, to reconnect, and to remember what makes Asbury so special." ■





Larry Brown

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

The Ambassador goes one on one with Larry Brown '80, the new chairman of Asbury's Board of Trustees, in his New York City office. A partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Brown brings both Asbury and business experience to this new chapter in the University's continuing mission.

AMBASSADOR: *What does "being an Asburian" mean to you?*

It means I am part of a community of people who, at a critical time of life (late teens, early 20s), had similar experiences related to learning, living and spiritual development. The common experience provides a powerful point of reference and foundation for our relationship with each other. I find the commonality of being an Asburian and, generally, a Christian, allows me to quickly bond with this community no matter a separation by time, geography, generation or life experience.

AMBASSADOR: *What's the most exciting thing you see happening at Asbury today?*

What is exciting today is the same as it has been for 126 years — young men and women developing their minds, worldview and faith as they are challenged in the classroom, Chapel and residence halls, preparing to impact this and future generations

around the world. It is exciting to see that, while not losing sight of our core ideology, our administration and faculty are willing and able to flex so as to prepare today's students for the current and future environment in which they will live.

AMBASSADOR: *What are some ways Asbury laid the foundation for your professional success?*

Too many to count! Let me give you a few. In Chapel, I was challenged to consider my relationship with the Lord. This resulted in a faith that has held up through all life experiences — personal and professional. It is the foundation my professional life is built upon. In the residence hall, cafeteria and student organizations I learned how to live, work, follow and lead people of diverse backgrounds and interests. In the classroom, I learned facts, but more importantly I learned how to reason and learn, which has been beneficial in all of my professional endeavors.

AMBASSADOR: *How will your experience in business inform your leadership on the board?*

My professional experience has given me the opportunity to observe organizational dynamics, follow many leaders and lead many groups. The challenge is to implement the best practices from each experience as appropriate for today's environment and the future environment in which Asbury will operate. As to organizational governance, I believe the focus has to be on remaining mission-true while anticipating potential risks and environmental changes.

I trust my business background will be helpful in leading the Board in its responsibilities related to selecting and supporting talented administrative leadership, carefully watching resources, listening to and walking alongside our faculty, and also anticipating future challenges and opportunities.

We have a dedicated, spiritually committed, professionally talented Board. I see my role as an orchestra conductor who doesn't play a note, but is focused on getting the best contribution out of each Trustee for the greater good.

AMBASSADOR: *What are some of the biggest challenges for Christian higher education in coming years, and what is your vision for navigating them?*

I am positive and hopeful regarding the future of Christian higher education and, in particular, Asbury University. There will be challenges, but we have a solid foundation and a unified commitment to press forward in our mission.

The Board is focused on external challenges. The political and cultural changes in our country over the past several decades have not been favorable to overtly and unapologetically evangelical Christian institutions... We will certainly remain focused on how to protect against any financial risks. As Dr. William Crothers reminded us at Reunion 2015, each Asburian needs to take seriously our obligation to support the University financially for the coming generations.

Another risk is what appears to be a change in thinking among Christian parents and upcoming students about the value of a Christian higher education. We have to remind parents and prospective students that Christian higher education happens not only in the classroom, but also in Chapel and residence halls. Relationships with faculty members who are focused on total-person growth (intellectual, spiritual, emotional and relational) cannot be

measured in dollars. It is worth the sacrifice of time and finances.

AMBASSADOR: *Why are Asbury's best days ahead?*

C.E. Crouse has effectively led the Board for the past 23 years so that today, we operate from a position of strength — a strong administration, gifted faculty, record enrollment and positive external relationships. Asbury University's brand is strong! On this foundation, the Board is committed to guide and resource Asbury "...as a Christian Liberal Arts University in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition..." focused on Academic Excellence and Spiritual Vitality.

Together, the Board, administration and faculty can work to maintain the core while being flexible enough to be relevant to future generations of traditional students and adult learners. I am convinced the Asbury community has a solid foundation, a commitment to the historic tenets and a willingness to be led by the Lord for the benefit of His kingdom. Although the days ahead are unknown, I am certain they will be great. To God be the glory!

AMBASSADOR: *What is it about Asbury that has kept you engaged through the years?*

The impact of the Asbury experience was significant enough to make me want to preserve and prepare Asbury for the generations to come. I have grown in my desire to leave a legacy that will positively impact the Lord's kingdom now and for all eternity. For me, that means offering my time and resources to build and sustain Asbury University and its commitment to academic excellence and spiritual vitality for future generations. ■

The Lighter Side

What book are you currently reading?

I just finished "Destiny of the Republic" (biography of James Garfield).

Your favorite music group?

Showing my age and musical interest
— Glad (male acapella)

What was your favorite activity as a student?

Pranking and being pranked by my dorm neighbors.

Your biggest pet peeve is what?

Dresser drawers not completely closed.



LB, circa late 1970s

Favorite thing to do with free time?

Work on a project with family.

Most people don't know that you...?

Do a dead-on impression of a cow mooing (according to my daughters).

Favorite place you've visited?

The delivery room when our daughters were born.

How did you propose to your wife?

Home from college for a weekend, just before leaving on mission trips (me to Ecuador, Lisa to Honduras). We walked to Lisa's favorite spot behind her parents' house. We talked and prayed and she was crying. I pulled out my handkerchief for her and, lo and behold, the ring was in it. I got a hug, but I am not sure the words 'will you marry me' or 'yes' were ever exchanged. That was almost 37 years ago.



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Jeff Gehring '97, Lexington, Ky.

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Not Pictured:

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Back Row (L to R): Coleman,

Ridnour, B. De Loache, Billing,

Young, Swain, Higdon,

Douglas, Friday, Harkless



Eagle Club

The Eagle Club's mission is simple: Supply a method of establishing and maintaining relationships with alumni, parents and community friends and fans, while at the same time providing current student-

athletes the opportunities and privileges that make being a Asbury University Eagle so special and distinct. To learn about how to become a member of the Eagle Club visit asburyeagles.com.

Carol Douglas '76 lives out Asbury's call to excellence

Carol Douglas '76 knows as well as anyone that education is much more than pre-professional training. After graduating from Asbury University with a Music Education degree, she spent two years teaching before changing course to become an accountant. Even in a different career field, the impact of her Asbury education never left her.

Today, Douglas serves as both the CFO of Private Equity Group (PEG) and President of PEG Wealth Management, LLC, in Ft. Meyers, Fla. When she looks back on her time at Asbury, she sees clear influences that still shape her life.

"I had the privilege of studying under Professor Margaret Therkelsen, who had such an excellence about the way she approached piano and life," Douglas said. "I certainly benefitted from that example and her teaching, and it has translated from music to all disciplines in life."



to experience the same life-changing community that has stayed with her through the years.

"My experiences at Asbury were not just a jumping point into adult life, but they became lifetime experiences," Douglas said. "Both in your relationship with the Lord and your career, there's always that sense of wanting to pursue a higher level of excellence. Asbury has stayed true to its vision of seeking both spiritual and academic excellence, and I want to be part of supporting the continuation of that at the University." ■



Ron Welling '57 cultivates his Asbury legacy

When Ron Welling '57 graduated from Asbury with a Math degree, a professor — Dr. Cecil Hamann — strongly encouraged him to attend graduate school. He didn't know Hamann's reasons at the time, but after Welling earned his doctorate and came back to Asbury as a professor in 1970, it made sense. As an educator and mentor to a new generation of students, he had become part of Hamann's legacy.

Today, Welling is cultivating a well-rounded Asbury legacy of his own. One aspect of that legacy is financial, as Welling and his wife, Nadara Rodeheaver '57 Welling, recently included Asbury in their estate plans. This is an expression of generosity that will impact students' lives for generations.



"Our goal is to support Asbury's Christian emphasis and mission to students, and an estate gift is an excellent way to do that," Welling said. "We're all interested in leaving a legacy that can follow beyond one's years on earth."

Welling also sees his legacy in current faculty. He's too modest to brag on his achievements — which are many — but his face lights up when he talks about his students.

"I'm very happy to say two current professors in our Math Department were students of mine — Dr. David Couillette '81 and Dr. Towanna Anstett '83 Roller," Welling said. "It brings me a great deal of joy to leave the department to such capable people."

For all his contributions to campus, though, Welling would prefer to be known for just two things: "I love Asbury, and I love my Lord." ■

Alumni Stories Encourage and Inspire

Throughout the pages of this issue of the *Ambassador*, the stories of Asburians around the world are brought to life, all of our alumni making a unique and significant difference in the lives of people in their communities. These stories are inspiring and encouraging, a much-needed break from most of what you read in printed media these days.

I also know that these stories are but the tip of the iceberg, as there are countless other stories just like these that we could share, if only we had the space. Fortunately, there's another way to learn what Asburians are up to around the globe. Reunion 2016 will kick off June 23, ushering in the return to Wilmore of hundreds of Asburians for four days. Spend just a little time walking around and listening to conversations that weekend, and you'll hear the story of the mom in Columbus, the banker on Wall Street, the missionary in Africa, the teacher in Appalachia, the pastor in Florida, the congressman in D.C., the screenwriter in Los Angeles, the scientist in Birmingham, and the list goes on.

So, let me encourage you to make plans to come to Reunion 2016, June 23-26. Do this, and here's a promise I'll make you: you'll leave questioning the doomsday rhetoric you hear on the nightly news and be reminded and encouraged that God is up to some pretty amazing stuff! See you soon. ■



Charlie

Charlie Shepard '99
Vice President for Institutional Advancement



"At **one** Fall Revival, my life was changed. I heard God tell me 'I don't just want your efforts but I want your heart, too.' I suddenly understood that God loved me and wanted to call me deeper and deeper into the dreams He has for me."

MILLER JARRELL '16

What's your **One** story?

A new online project, Asbury University's **One** Initiative celebrates the power of one. It might be **One** conversation with a professor that changed your outlook; **One** moment in Hughes that changed your heart; **One** friendship on the hall that changed your life.

Share your story now at: asbury.edu/one



Asbury/Lilly Partner to Lead Tomorrow's Leaders



Think for a minute about the kind of leaders you'd like to see in the family, church, professions, government and society. Now, think about the resources Asbury offers to transform the lives of young people. A natural fit, isn't it?

This summer, Asbury University's mission will touch more lives than ever through **Youth Becoming Leaders: High School Christian Leadership and Global Transformation Institute (YBL)**.

One of Asbury's ImpactU summer camps, YBL will launch June 6-17, encouraging youth to interact with scripture and theological texts, participate in service projects and think through global issues. Faculty from Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary will lead students through materials and research methods while grounding coursework in real-world leadership applications.

YBL is generously funded by a \$600,000 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. It is part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s High School Youth Theology Institutes initiative, which seeks to encourage young people to explore theological traditions, ask questions about the moral dimensions of contemporary issues and examine how faith calls them to lives of service.

Asbury Professor Brian Hull, who served as project director and principal author of the grant proposal, hopes YBL will play a role in the cultivation of young leaders for church and society.

"Asbury has a long tradition of believing in young people, and in a world that frequently doesn't, it's important that we stand in that belief," Hull said. "We are incredibly grateful to the Lilly Endowment for this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people." ▀



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High School Students Explore Calling at ImpactU



At Asbury University's ImpactU camps this summer (June 6-10 and June 13-17), high school students can dive into an amazing variety of academic areas, enjoy a thriving Christian community on the Asbury campus and explore their personal callings.

Offering camps in Film, Adventure Leadership, Equine, Creative Writing, Theology, Theatre and Film Acting, Music (Brass), Environmental Science, Worship Arts and Visual Arts, ImpactU is a residential, college-type experience. Camps are staffed by experienced Asbury faculty and outstanding students, and fees include all food, housing, equipment, activities and academic instruction.

"Kids from across the U.S. will get to interact with each other and share ideas across disciplines," said Dr. Mark Troyer, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Asbury. "ImpactU is a terrific opportunity for high school students to engage directly with faculty who are experts in their fields and to experience the Asbury community." ▀

"ImpactU is a great way not only to learn more about yourself, but to become more open to new directions and insights. It's exciting to see students discovering new things God wants to do in their future."

For more information, visit: asbury.edu/impactu



CAPITOL GAINS

Brian Patterson '16 is living a life-long dream

"The role of the Christian in politics is to be a beacon... of light and hope."

It's a typical response for Patterson, who has wanted to work in politics ever since he was a kid. He used to watch "Meet the Press" with his grandparents, mimicking the gestures and cadences of the politicians onscreen. Now, as a senior Political Science major at Asbury, Patterson has earned the skills and experience he needs — and he's ready to make a difference.

This semester, Patterson is completing a full-time, paid internship with the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort, Ky., where he splits his time between the Office of Banking and Insurance and the Director's Office. Patterson credits his Political Science classes — in particular, the expertise of Department Chair Stephen Clements '83 — with giving him the academic tools he needs to succeed.

"Dr. Clements has a gift for helping students understand the broad narrative of history and politics since

the Cold War," Patterson said. "That sense of context has given me a broader understanding of how our government has evolved since the end of WWII, and in doing so, has given me a better appreciation of how our government will continue to evolve according to the pattern."

One distinctive of Asbury's Political Science program is the benefit of small class sizes and personal attention

from faculty. A challenging combination of reading, discussion and extensive writing experience prepares students to be analytical and broad-minded about working in different political arenas. It's certainly worked for Patterson.

"Students in Asbury's Political Science program are constantly challenged to research topics outside the normal scope of their studies, and that has been a huge benefit," Patterson said. "I'm currently working on write-ups for digital currencies and cyberspace insurance measures, and that training plays right into what I'm doing."

As Patterson looks back over four years as a student, he says Asbury's Political Science program has prepared him to think clearly about the historical and cultural context of American politics. In an increasingly contentious political climate, that broad perspective can make all the difference.

"The role of the Christian in politics is to be a beacon — not beacon of policy, but a beacon of light and hope," Patterson said. "The focus of study at Asbury has allowed me to see government in different ways, and I'm prepared to do just that." ■



ALUMNI ON THE HILL

Asbury community thrives in Washington, D.C.

Asbury alumni in Washington, D.C. have a lot in common with the rest of the city. They're smart, hardworking and, like many in our nation's capital, eager to change the world. On closer inspection, though, Asbury alums have one resource that sets them apart — a thriving alumni network committed to helping them pursue their calling for the glory of God.

"Asburians truly believe that they can impact the world, and their calling is to leave an indelible mark on this planet," said Jamie Corbett '04 Higdon, a full-time mom and adjunct instructor for Strategic Communications at American University in D.C. "What sets us apart is rooting our passion in the context of God's glory."

A former Asbury Alumni Board member — and current member of the President's National Advisory Board — Higdon is the unofficial hub of alumni in D.C. She organizes meetings, builds connections and helps young alumni find their footing, professionally, personally and spiritually, when they move to the city.

"I see our role, particularly those of us who've been here longer than others, as helping young alums navigate the city," Higdon said. "We help them find a place in the professional

world, but more importantly, we help them find a place in their personal lives where they feel connected to a community that encourages and loves them, and equips them to fulfill God's call on their life."

Washington, D.C. draws a certain type of crowd, Higdon says. Across professions — art, technology, public policy and everything in between — D.C. is populated with dreamers, doers and high achievers. It's an exciting atmosphere, and one in which a Christian worldview can shine.

"Asburians work with reckless abandon, not to advance themselves, but to bring glory to the name of Jesus," Higdon said. "It doesn't matter if they're answering calls in a senator's office, teaching impressionable youth in an inner-city school or shooting commercials for Fortune 100 companies. When they go about their work, they're doing it for the glory of God." ■

Asburians meet for coffee and conversation in D.C. For news on upcoming alumni gatherings near you, visit the alumni Facebook page.
Row 1: Cody Guiler '13; Row 2: Jen Bacon '13 Guiler; Elliette Higdon; Anna Giaritelli '11; Row 3: Jamie Corbett '04 Higdon; Cassie Gerhardstein '15; Meredith Schellin '15; Row 4: Jennifer Weed '96 Swee; Jordan Wood '15; Row 5: Maj. Anne K. Jones '96; Row 6: June Greathouse '47 Dickinson; Martha Faber '76 Hutchens; Row 7: Mark Hubbard '85; Jeff Hutchens '01; Dan Hutchens '75; Maj. Derik Swee '95



CLASS NOTES

1960s

① **Janice Benham '63** authored "Hands: A Young Woman's Journey," available on Amazon.

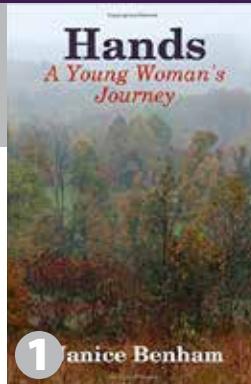
A selection of parody poems based on "Twas the Night Before Christmas" written by **Mary Greene '68** was printed by Newport Printing in Newport, Tenn.

② **David Persons '68** was selected as Asbury Theological Seminary's Outstanding Alumnus for 2015. David and his wife, Lori, served as UM missionaries in the Congo. In 2013, he retired from serving as Dean and Professor of Biblical Studies and Missions at what is now the School of Theology of Katanga Methodist University in Mulungwishi, Katanga. He continues to return to the Congo six months out of the year as United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

1970s

③ Southern Wesleyan University honored **Joe Brockinton '74**, naming a Tennis Court in his honor. His children, **Sam '02** and **Ashley Hulbert '04** Brockinton and **Emily Brockinton '04** Mullins, and wife **Willa-sue Ling '76** Brockinton surprised him for the event.

Steve '77 and **Gail Zollinhofer '77 Quigg** are Mission Advocates in the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.



Murray W. Kenyon '79 has retired from the Department of Defense and transitioned into the financial services sector as senior vice president for technology risk management at the financial services roundtable, an association of leading banking, insurance, asset management, finance and credit card companies.

1980s

CJ Hunter '81 was appointed the executive director of the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center in Maysville, Ky.

④ **Mark Nichols '83** was named the 2015 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Kentucky Trial Court Review. Mark is a medical malpractice defense attorney practicing in Kentucky and Tennessee and serves as his firm's managing partner in Lexington, Ky.

Timothy Holder '88 has a new book, "Presidential Character," which looks at the first six presidents' views on faith, slavery and leadership.

1990s

⑤ **Michelle Medlock '91 Adams'** devotional book "When Chocolate

"Isn't Enough: An Inspirational Survival Guide for Moms" won the 2016 Gold Illumination Award for Best Devotional. Her new devotional, "Love and Care for the One & Only You!" (published by Worthy) came out in January 2016.

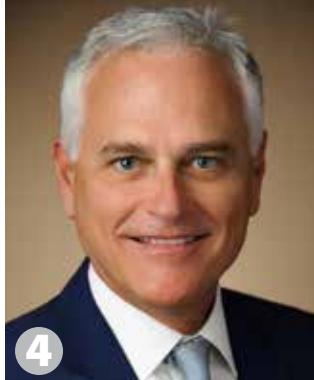
Glen Stephens '92 and his wife, Emily, announce the adoption of their 2-year-old son, John William. John's adoption was finalized on Feb. 1, 2016.

Wayne Younger '92 is Program Coordinator at PULSE (Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience).

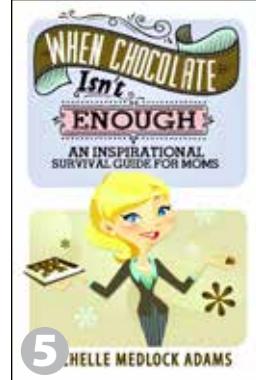
Nathan Day Wilson '93 was the presidential convocation lecturer at Franklin College; in his presentation, Nathan detailed the ethics and theological implications of human enhancement technologies.

Cassandra Miller '97 married Shawn Sewell on Nov. 15, 2014. The couple resides in Lexington, Ky., with her daughter, Elise. Cassandra received her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Kentucky in December 2012, and earned her CSW, passing her state licensing examination in 2014.

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



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HELLE MEDLOCK ADAMS



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Eric Walsh '99 completed his Master of Science in Safety, Security and Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University's College of Justice and Safety.

2000s

Annette and **Aaron Withrow '01** announce the birth of Levi on April 16, 2015. Levi was welcomed by his siblings Isaac, Miriam, Hannah and Sara Anne. Aaron is the pastor of Foundry Methodist Church in Great Bend, Kan.

Billy '02 and Joanna Neff '02 Coppedge welcomed William Blake on Nov. 26, 2015. Proud grandparents include **Al '65 and Beth Kinlaw '69 Coppedge** and great grandfather **Dennis Kinlaw '43**.

Mark '02 and Rose Gresser '02 Evans live in Wilmore, Ky. Mark is the Lego Robotics Instructor at Jessie Clark Middle School in Fayette County and Rose is the Assistant Minister of Music at The Wilmore Free Methodist Church. They have three children, James (8), Lydia (5) and Jonah (4).

Nate and **Emily Fryman '03 Harlan** welcomed Ella Grace on Dec. 22, 2015.

Courtney and **Peter '03 Hutchens** spent years working on a seven-episode series entitled "Belief" that aired on the Oprah Winfrey Network in October 2015. Peter was the series director of photography and shot at least one third of the entire seven episodes, which took him all over the world. **Jeff Hutchens '01** also worked with the team, shooting photography.

Jessica Ditto '04 was appointed the communications director for the Governor of Kentucky in Fall 2015.

Joanna and Kevin Merideth '05 are proud to announce the birth of Samuel Oak born on Nov. 12, 2015. The Merideths live in Ocoee, Fla.

Kyla and Jon Greenhoe '06 welcomed Elliott David on Jan. 3, 2016.

⑥ Caleb Swaringen '06 was a finalist in HEB's Excellence in Education awards. Caleb teaches at IDEA in McAllen, Texas. He and **Christy Lee '06 Swaringen** count it a blessing to have been able to adopt Kamila Elizabeth, 2 years old, on Oct. 20, 2015, and to welcome Eli Lee, born on Jan. 7, 2016. They join big brother, Nate, 5 years old.

Sheila Werner '06 married Benjamin Hurst on March 21, 2015, in Belleville, Pa. They now reside in New Holland, Pa. Sheila works for RkGoBig, a credit union service organization in Lancaster, Pa.

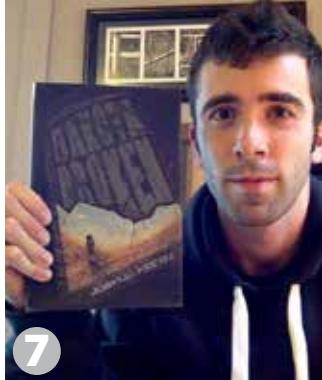
In January, **Laura Meyers '08** spoke with current Asbury University students on her work with anti-human trafficking in India as part of Holiness Emphasis Week.

Hayes William Gilger arrived on Feb. 5, 2016. Proud parents are **Mike '09** and **Megan Scott '09 Gilger**.

Liles Taylor '09, former deputy chief of staff for Kentucky's former Lt. Governor Crit Luallen, is the campaign coordinator for the Kentucky AFL-CIO. He was named the Woodford County Young Democrat of the Year and is an active member of Midway Baptist Church. His wife, **Robin Lowe Taylor '10** (Masters), is the district RTI coordinator and classroom assessment coach for the Scott County School System. They have one daughter, Jolee Reese, born May 15, 2014.

Lizzy Tyler '09 Bultema, producer of CBS 2 News at 11 p.m. in Los Angeles, Calif., won the Golden Mike Award for

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the best newscast between 4 p.m. and midnight. The Golden Mike award is Southern California's most prestigious, and most coveted, broadcast journalism prize.

Will Sears '09 is the account director at Max Borges Agency in Miami, Fla.

Morgan Shutters '09 started her own real estate team in 2015. Her team was No. 1 in sales in their area, making their team 75th in the world in number of units sold in Keller Williams Realty International.

2010s

Samuel '11 and Katie Kent '11 Chaffin are senior pastors at Brushfork First Church of God in Bluefield, W.Va. Katie received her Master of Arts in Teaching in December 2014. She is a Spanish/English teacher at Graham High School in Bluefield, Va.

Matt Ciolek '11 married **Jordan Rust '11** on July 31, 2015. The couple lives in Richmond, Ky.

7 Joshua Hodge '11 released his first novel, "Dakota Broken," an illustrated suspense mystery novel on Nov. 12, 2015. He lives in Danville,

Ky., and teaches Spanish in an elementary school.

Ryan '12 and Mary Peterson '11 Poirier celebrated their daughter Brooke's first birthday in Owensboro, Ky. on Oct. 22, 2015.

8 Naval officer **Emily Raetz '11** will graduate from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in May 2016.

9 David '11 and Sarah Rudy '11 Schanck announce the birth of Daniel Oliver born Nov. 20, 2015. He was welcomed by big sister, Elsie.

Maddi Ury '11 presented a Side Event during the 54th Commission on Social Development at the United Nations in NYC in early February. She spoke about the influential role of women in Palestine for building reconciliation and peace.

Heidi Vander Zouwen '11 is the organist at Beargrass Christian Church in Louisville, Ky. She also works with the Oldham County Schools Arts Center in Crestwood, Ky.

Ethan Kelly '12 graduated from law school in May 2015 and passed the BAR Exam. He is the portfolio

manager of Oxford Risk Management Group, an insurance and investing firm based in Ridgeland, Miss. He married **Stephanie Chase '12** on Sept. 5, 2015 in Estes Chapel.

Tina Newman '12 (MSW) started MAD (Make A Difference) Marketplace. MAD sells products that give back to issues like hunger, poverty, human trafficking, orphan care, clean water, and many others. www.themadmarketplace.com

Joshua '13 and Alisha Abner '13 Bynum bought Polka Dot Kids consignment store located in Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Ruthann Goodrich '13 is a volunteer at Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch located in Bend, Ore.

10 Jimmy and Samantha Cline '13 Woods welcomed their son, James Dalton Woods III, on Sept. 18, 2015.

Joshua Bracken '14 is the organist for Fountain City United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

Jordan Wood '15 is the staff assistant for Congressman Brett Guthrie, in Washington, D.C.

alumni

Alene Sheridan '34 Strickland
Homemaker
10/18/2015, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Ralph Mickel '35
Ministry, 11/9/2015
Shippensburg, Pa.

Sarah Franklin '37 Thompson
Education, 10/14/2015
Lexington, Ky.

Rev. Gordon Whitney '37
Ministry, 10/21/2015
West Grove, Pa.

Faye Brown '38 Potter
Business/Artist, 9/12/2015
Shawnee, Kan.

Marion Maddox '41 Billado
Education/Library Science
3/19/2015, Riverside, Calif.

Dr. Norlan Henderson '41
Education, 1/13/2016
Kansas City, Mo.

Eva Sanders '43 Hindman
Education, 10/26/2015, Herrin, Ill.

Dorothy Cope '45 Bailey
Ministry, 1/23/2016, Sebring, Ohio

Dr. Richard Greathouse '45
Medicine/Military
10/7/2015, Taylorsville, Ky.

H. Martina Cummings '46 Bowman
Education, 1/18/2016
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Sue Cobb '46 Crews
Homemaker, 7/21/2015
Greenville, S.C.

Lovell Brasel '46 Kesner
Music Education
10/9/2015, Greenville, Ill.

Edna Wray '47 Gill
Education, 1/17/2016, Grayville, Ill.

Robert Crates '48
Microbiologist/Military
10/11/2015, Galesburg, Ill.

Rev. James McKinney '48
Ministry, 11/24/2015
Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. Dr. Robert Mussman '48
Ministry, 2/5/2015
Fort Thomas, Ky.

Poyntz "Lejeune" Roddenberry '48 Silas
Education/Writer
12/14/2015, Tallahassee, Fla.

Rev. Earnest Hummer '49
Ministry, 12/15/2015
Lewisberry, Pa.

Rev. Gerhard Johnson '49
Missionary-India
10/31/2015, Tucson, Ariz.

Lois Blake '49 Leidig
Homemaker, 10/4/2015
Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Rev. John "Berrien" Minter '49
Ministry, 12/20/2015, Louisville, Ky.

Dorothy Criswell '49 Nelson
Education, 1/26/2016
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rev. Dr. Martin Schmidt '49
Education/Ministry
11/4/2015, Eustis, Fla.

Charles Williams '49
Education/Ministry
4/14/2015, Jacksonville, Fla.

Rev. William Huson '50
Military/Ministry
8/24/2015, Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. Argus "Gene" Parks '50
Ministry, 12/2/2015, Lakeland, Fla.

Mabel Dorrell '50 White
Nursing/Missions
11/2/2015, Franklin, Ind.

Eleanor Bovill '50 Williams
Education, 1/17/2016
Palm Harbor, Fla.

Wanda Youngs '50 Winn
Social Work, 12/19/2015
Naples, Fla.

Ellen Atkinson '51
Missions/Public Service
10/5/2015, Pasadena, Md.

Rev. Francis Coyle '51
Education/Ministry
9/25/2015, Riverside, N.J.

Rev. Alonzo "Lonnie" Davis '51
Ministry, 12/16/2015
New Bern, N.C.

Roberta Higgins '51 Kunkle
Artist/Education
8/1/2015, Blairsville, Pa.

Evelyn Britt '51 Smither
Education, 11/20/2015
Jeffersonville, Ind.

Rev. Gordon Tatman '51
Funeral Service/Ministry
1/22/2016, Newark, Ohio

Betty Screws '51 Williams
Education, 7/16/2015
Jacksonville, Fla.

Mabel Burns '52 Harris
Education, 12/29/2015, Macon, Ga.

Beverly Hughbanks '52 Hurley
Education, 12/19/2015
Haysville, Kan.

Rev. David Ross '52
Ministry, 7/13/2014
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Naomi Altman '53 Coughenour
Education, 10/31/2015
Belle Vernon, Pa.

Janet Malloy '60 Stetler

Mary "Betty" Aultman '53 Fischer
Artist, 1/1/2016, Hyattsville, Md.

Rev. Oyer Morgan '53
Ministry, 1/29/2016
East Helena, Mont.

Doris McKinley '53 Murphy Wilson
Musician/Education, 2/3/2016
Moundsville, W.Va.

Rev. John Mendez '54
Ministry, 1/4/2016
Charleston, W.Va.

Elvin Meredith '54
Ministry/Truck Driver
1/14/2016, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. John Tatgenhorst Jr. '54
Ministry, 10/25/2015
Casselberry, Fla.

Rev. Ronald Bowersox '55
Ministry/Missions
2/16/2016, York, Pa.

Rev. Jing Chow '55
Ministry, 12/26/2015
Lebanon, Ohio

Rev. James Wagner '55
Ministry/Music
11/28/2015, Dayton, Ohio

Dr. Curtis Bonner '56
Business/Education/Ministry
1/4/2016, Pensacola, Fla.

Ira Clausen '56
Sales, 1/30/2016, Bay Minette, Ala.

Dwight Coffelt '56
Business/Ministry
2/10/2016, Springfield, Ohio

Wana Peachee '56 Hasler
Education/Library Science
2/5/2016, Newberry, Ind.

Rev. Harold Hendren '56
Ministry, 2/15/2016, Lakeland, Fla.

Alice Himes '56 Marvin
Education, 5/18/2015, Seneca, Pa.

Gladys Devor '57
Education, 5/7/2014, Solon, Ohio

George Toadvine '57
Education, 1/24/2016, Florence, Ky.

Dr. Eva Carnes '58 Fenne
Education, 11/24/2015
Sun City West, Ariz.

L. Jeanette Odle '59
Business Owner/Education
1/15/2016, Babson Park, Fla.

Phyllis Leckenby '60 Kreh
Administration/Homemaker
2/10/2016, Elkton, Mich.

Rev. Richard Nelson '60
Ministry/Rehabilitation
10/20/2015, Keene, N.H.

Janet Malloy '60 Stetler

Educator/Ministry

10/30/2015, Veedersburg, Ind.

Dr. Norman Murdoch '61
Education, 7/27/2015
Jacksonville, Ore.

Mary Lynn Kays '64 Bergsten
Music, 12/22/2015
Springboro, Ohio

Rev. R. Gerald "Jerry" Schmidt '64
Ministry/Missions
1/27/2016, Greensburg, Pa.

Kathleen Webster '65 Patterson

Education, 12/20/2015
Valparaiso, Ind.

Harlan Mosser '67
Military/Probation Officer
12/19/2015, Conklin, N.Y.

Richard Pierce '70
Education/Social Work
11/14/2015, Franklin, Tenn.

Timothy Case '73
12/9/2015, Clearwater, Fla.

Deborah '76 DeFine
Medical Transcriptionist
2/18/2016, Chesterville, Ohio

Doris Obee-Crapes '80
Salvation Army/Social Work
11/14/2015, Nelsonville, Ohio

Timothy Lang '81
Media, 8/30/2015
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Rev. Dr. Terry Greenlee '85
Ministry, 12/18/2015
Stoneboro, Pa.

Floyd "Craig" Thayer '91
Salvation Army, 1/30/2016
New Bern, N.C.

Lori Baker '03 Jones
Homemaker, 2/6/2016
Dayton, Ohio

friends

Marcella Clark Brashear
1/18/2016, Bowling Green, Ky.

Roy Carlisle
1/30/2016, Anchorage, Alaska

Gladys Colburn
9/5/2015, Portland, Ore.

Rev. Lee Copeland
10/13/2015, Keysville, Va.

Grace Dieter Crowder
4/1/2014, Gettysburg, Pa.

Will-Matthis Dunn Jr.
10/31/2015, Kerrville, Texas

Anita Fillingim
11/11/2015, Kingman, Kan.

Florence "Fern" Hon Fought

11/29/2015, Fort Myers, Fla.

Eugene Gaffner
5/28/2015, Greenville, Ill.

William "Billy" Hall
3/8/2015, Nicholasville, Ky.

Nath Hayes
3/20/2015, Gainesville, Ga.

Jean Henkel
12/1/2015, Hamilton, Ohio

Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas
11/12/2015, Lexington, Ky.

Betty Kiesewetter
8/15/2015, Montrose, Colo.

Betty Birdsong Mann
10/30/2015, Irvine, Calif.

James "Norris" McKenzie
12/6/2014, Fort Valley, Ga.

Dr. Robert McKinley
8/28/2015, Glasgow, Ky.

Cleo Mahan Noah
2/17/2016, Lexington, Ky.

Charles Powell
12/27/2015, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Frank Riley
9/27/2015, Butler, Ga.

Dr. Donald Shell
11/2/2015, Asheville, N.C.

Dillard Stanton
1/1/2016, Martinsville, Ind.

Kenneth Thompson
7/17/2015, Cedar Hill, Texas

Duane Vosburg
1/31/2016, Binghamton, N.Y.

Frederic P. Walsh
11/7/2015, Lancaster, Calif.

Charles Watts
7/2/2015, Bogalusa, La.

Carroll Wentworth
12/18/2015, Brattleboro, Vt.

John "Jack" Wilhelm
12/30/2015, Cardington, Ohio

Susan Wiley
11/1/2015, Nicholasville, Ky.

Wayne Woodward
12/3/2015, Jackson, Miss.

Frank Ziegler
10/26/2015, Ocala, Fla.

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April 18	Golf Scramble and Athletics Hall of Fame Induction	June 6-17	Youth Becoming Leaders Camp
April 21-23	Spring ACCESS Visit Event #2	June 23-26	Reunion 2016: You're Invited! Special reunions include the Jazz Ensemble, Handbell Choir, Admission Ambassadors and Classes ending in 1s and 6s (registration insert included in the center of this Ambassador magazine)
April 21-23	Engaging Culture Weekend		
April 23	Highbridge Film Festival		
April 30	Equine Program Alumni Gathering	July 16	Asbury Day at Indian Springs Camp Meeting, Ga.
May 2-5	Final Exams		Asbury Day at Hollow Rock Camp Meeting, Ohio
May 7	Commencement	July 29	

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FLESH SPEAKS — Growing up in Kenya, Brenden Steury '16 developed a deep appreciation for the diversity of cultures and people he encountered. Now, as a senior Art major at Asbury, his work explores a theme uniting people and cultures everywhere: the bond between flesh and spirit. He credits Asbury's faculty with catalyzing his development as an artist: "My professors have pushed me to levels I couldn't have achieved without their encouragement and critique."

For information on purchasing a painting, e-mail Steury at: brenden1994@gmail.com.



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