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Why ASBURY?

After more than 125 years,
Asbury remains the
trusted choice for
students and their families.

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Over Spring Break, dozens of Asbury University students observed that

God is...

in the Jungle.

Students served in Ecuador, producing a video for the ministry organization Young Life. They spent a few days with the Huaorani tribe and elder Mincaye Enquedi (below left) who became a Christian after a 1956 attack on missionaries.



in the Margins.

A group of students served in Camp Eleonas, a refugee camp near Athens, Greece. Partnering with Go International, students distributed food and clothes, facilitated activities and volunteered in a warehouse for donated items.



in the Gym.

Asbury's Tumbling Team toured Georgia and Alabama, performing in churches, schools and community centers. They performed gymnastics shows, held educational clinics for children and completed service projects with a community non-profit organization.



in the City.

Two dozen Asburians spent spring break in Chicago, serving with Mission Year. On one of the coldest days of their trip, students spent more than five-straight hours in the elements handing out blankets, meeting and praying with the homeless in downtown.



...Everywhere.

"God is in the City" is a book written by Mission Year Executive Director Shawn Casselberry '98, who is a member of the Asbury Alumni Board. The book is available on the missionyear.org Web site.

Andrew Sullivan '07 builds on his Asbury experience as Global Impact Director for Rise Against Hunger, an organization fighting hunger in 43 countries. Story, page 20.



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On the Move?

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Transformed Together

The Lord Is King

Focusing on Lent this spring semester, Asbury University scheduled a Chapel series to encourage and equip students for a deeper commitment to prayer. Beginning with an Ash Wednesday message, each of the next five Monday Chapel speakers offered a message on prayer, developed around one of the Psalms. My Chapel message was titled "The Lord Is King," using Psalm 25 as the scriptural text.

These are serious times that require not just intelligent or gifted people, but deep people. But where does one begin? In "A Testament of Devotion," Thomas Kelly wrote of this, noting that we are to live life on two levels: the level of our daily activity and then the life of the interior world. The dilemma is that many choose to inhabit the first level, hurriedly racing through life with daily activities, while eluding the need to be nourished and fed by the triune God, the only one who can supply our every need.

To dig deeper into the heart of God, Psalm 25 is a prayer worthy of daily reading. Read it in anticipation of encountering the living God. Going deeper requires a recognition of need, "Unto You, oh Lord, I lift up my soul;" resulting in a deep and abiding confidence in the One to whom he is praying: "I trust in You." David understood the nature and character of God. He had encountered this Lord and King before and knew Him to be loving, trustworthy and merciful. However, we can only know God's nature and character by spending time with Him. If we are to live for God, we must live with God.

As we approach Holy Week, my praise and worship run deep, with thanks to a Savior who loved me enough

to die for me. This Easter, Jesus continues to invite us to go deeper in our relationship with Him and to once again make our way to Calvary. There, we encounter the life-transforming reality of the empty cross, the empty tomb and find the words of our living Savior spoken personally to each of us:

If we are to live for God, we must live with God.

"You are My beloved, made in My image.

It is in Me you live, move, and have your being, for you are Mine. I chose you when I planned creation; you were not a mistake, for all your days are written in My book. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, thus I am your provider and meet all your needs. My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. I rejoice over you with singing; you are My treasured possession. I love you with an everlasting love. I am waiting for you." (Psalm 25:1 KJV) ■

Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President
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News, Notes & Other Items of Interest



Looking Presidential!

On Inauguration Day, an Asbury-trained horse named Gallant Victor escorted the President of the United States as the lead horse in the world-renowned Culver Academies Black Horse Troop. Victor was trained by Asbury student **Mary-Courtney Gaddini '18** (pictured at left with Victor) through Asbury's Service Mount Training Program, which has trained horses on campus for service work all across North America.

"When I was working with him, he was kind of small and scraggly and not many people thought he would amount to much," said Gaddini, "but I believed in him. Selling him to Culver was one of the proudest moments of my life. Now that he's ridden in this national event, I couldn't be more proud of him." visit: asbury.edu/equine



Math Modeling Turns 30

In January, Asbury's Math Department celebrated 30 years of participation in the COMAP (Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications) Math Modeling Contest. A beloved Asbury tradition, Math Modeling hones skills and builds friendships that last a lifetime. Special events throughout the weekend included an alumni dinner, a seminar on "Math and Music" by **Dr. Duk Lee**, a mini-modeling event for campus, Chapel with alumnus **Corey Winton '04**, and, of course, four days of camaraderie and hard work for this year's modelers.

"This helped me to understand the complexity of math and the sort of problems that occur in real-life math applications," said **Nick Jenkins '20**. "But it was also a valuable experience in teamwork — and I've gotten to know my friends here much better than I did before." visit: asbury.edu/math



Shannon Moon '98 Scott shared time on campus with her mother in the 1990s, and recently with her daughter.

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Mission Possible

Opening doors for new opportunities to share the gospel, Asbury University's Missions Program has been refocused as "Intercultural Studies." The program retains its central commitment to missions alongside a growing emphasis on preparing students to share the gospel cross-culturally. With a robust foundation in intercultural competence, the program builds skills crucial to increasingly globalized workplaces and creates opportunities for work in "creative access countries" — areas in which traditional missionary activities are banned.

"The new program is an excellent interdisciplinary major and minor that combines the foundational studies of Bible, theology, history, sociology



and anthropology with the practical studies of business, community development, marketing and leadership," said **Chris Bounds '88**, chair of the Christian Studies and Philosophy Department. "It equips students to work in a variety of cross-cultural contexts for the advancement of Christ's kingdom." visit: asbury.edu/interculturalstudies

Looking for a summer camp venue? We know a place!

Asbury is well known for its top national rankings, academic excellence and spiritual vitality — and it's also a preferred destination for organizations seeking a summer site for large outings or camps. Help us out by connecting Asbury with church groups, denominational church camps, or any faith-based, high school age camp that would

enjoy staying on our campus. A few openings remain for 2017 and Asbury is already booking for 2018. E-mail: jeanette.davis@asbury.edu

"Not only does Asbury offer amazing resources for camps and conferences, but there's a Christian atmosphere you can feel the minute you step on

campus" said Jeanette Davis '76, director of Conference Services. "If you know of a group you would love to connect with Asbury, send us a contact name and we will reach out to them."



D.T. Slouffman '97 (back row left) is a 2015 graduate of Asbury's Master of Arts in Communication: Digital Storytelling.



Opportunity to Engage

Sen. Mitch McConnell — Kentucky's longest-serving senator and current U.S. Senate majority leader — visited Asbury's campus for an academic lecture on February 22, giving students an inside look at the legislative and political process. McConnell discussed current issues in Washington and took questions from the audience, ranging from

prison reform to foreign policy. McConnell, who holds an honorary degree from Asbury, praised the resources Asbury offers.

"My experience has been that you consistently produce bright graduates of high moral standards and solid citizens, and as far as I'm concerned, you need to keep on doing it," McConnell said. "It's really a value added to our state and to our nation, and I think your mission is really important."



To make your very own Jam Jams visit asbury.edu/jam-jams for Dr. Vincent's recipe.

Heart, Humor, Hollywood

Andrea Gyertson '95 Nasfell has added another title to her screenwriting success with "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone." The film provides a light-hearted look at faith, life and redemption through the story of a washed-up former child star who is cast as Jesus in a church play. As a professional screenwriter and an instructor in Asbury's Master of Arts in Communication: Digital Storytelling program, Nasfell has one foot in Hollywood and the other in Wilmore — and she says the distance is shorter than you think.



"Asbury's program is never playing catch-up — they're always on top of what professionals in the industry are doing right now," Nasfell said. "That has to do not only with facilities, equipment and training, but also with an understanding of where the culture is and what kind of stories we should be telling."

visit: asbury.edu/MAdigitalstorytelling



New Clinic, New Opportunities

Taking a new step in innovation, Asbury University has opened its own on-campus physical therapy clinic. A fully functional outpatient clinic located in Asbury's Luce Center, the Physical Therapy Clinic currently serves Asbury students in addition to providing an outstanding educational resource.

"The new Physical Therapy Clinic at Asbury will give students a first-hand look at how things really work in a physical therapy clinic," said **Dr. Vins Sutlive**, chair of Asbury's Natural Science & Allied Health Department. "As the clinic grows, more of our students will gain important clinical experience right here on campus. That experience will support their applications to graduate and professional schools."



Clinic Director Elise Kearns



EYE ON THE EAGLES

WOMEN'S LACROSSE BREAKS RECORD

Asbury women's lacrosse scored a historic win, taking down Johnson & Wales University (Colo.) 21-3 in their home opener on Feb. 27. The Eagles put up a program-record 21 goals in the win, one more than the previous record of 20 set against Lindenwood-Belleville two seasons ago. It was also a historic win for coach **Nicki Stewart**, who capped off her first win at the helm of the Eagles' squad.

Follow Asbury Athletics (with several live-streamed games) at asburyeagles.com



MILESTONES

Two Asburians achieved significant numbers this year.

Kali Whiteside '17 became the Eagles' all-time leader in rebounding in a 90-81 victory over West Virginia Tech. The senior's 11 rebounds against WVT brought her career total to 1,055, making her the top rebounder in program history. Men's basketball coach **Will Shouse '02** also hit a milestone this year with his 200th coaching career win — a 77-74 victory over Alice Lloyd College. Coming on the heels of the Eagles' exhibition game with the University of Kentucky in November, Shouse's milestone rounds out an exciting year for the Eagles.



SWIM LIKE AN EAGLE



Asbury women's swimming had an outstanding year, going wire to wire over all three days of the Appalachian Athletics Conference (AAC) Meet in February to capture the 2017 championship over the seven-team field. The Eagles

ran away with the event, taking home 606 points — 118 more than second-place West Virginia Tech. **Claire Goodrum '19**, who picked up numerous individual wins, was named Swimmer of the Meet as the top individual swimmer from the championship weekend.

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

Why ASBURY?



After 125 years, students and families continue to choose Asbury and here are a just a few of the many reasons why.

A crowd of traditional undergraduate students will line the steps of Hughes Auditorium for their first class photo this August. Wearing t-shirts emblazoned with their class name and class Scripture verse, students will continue a long tradition of class identity, creating a community that will last beyond their four years at Asbury. Newly minted Asburians will smile for the camera, and across the semi-circle, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends will applaud as the Class of 2021 enters the annals of Asbury history.

Since 1890, thousands upon thousands of alumni have taken this step, choosing to spend four of their most formative years at Asbury.

In this "Ambassador," we explore the question, "Why Asbury?" What is it about this university, tucked away in Jessamine County, Ky., that continues to draw students from around the

world who are eager to seek truth, learn skills, build friendships and advance the cause of Christ?

For more than 125 years, students have chosen Asbury for its commitment to spiritual vitality, its outstanding faculty, its commitment to academic excellence and its formative community.

Today, Asbury builds on everything that has made it great in the past and continues to innovate for today's students, offering new programs (including new degree-completion, graduate and dual-enrollment high school programs), prioritizing student scholarships, raising funds for new facilities, investing in faculty recruitment and development,

and much more. The end result is a unique experience, grounded in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, looking ahead at the changing professional landscape and looking inward at the transformation God intends for us.

The purpose of an Asbury education extends far beyond college, though. After Asbury, alumni use their gifts in

every discipline and field of calling. From the film set to the boardroom to the laboratory, Asburians are known for their excellent work, integrity and commitment to service.

Much has changed over time, but the core Asbury experience remains the same. This fall, students will choose Asbury for many things that have always made it great: world-class faculty, vibrant community, outstanding value, excellent academics, vibrant spiritual life and preparation for Christ-centered impact.



Faculty

When Asbury alumni are asked to name the most impactful part of their college experience, faculty are almost always mentioned first. It's not a coincidence. Asbury continues to deliberately prioritize faculty/student relationships, recognizing that learning isn't a mechanical process — it's a guided journey.

"Our faculty invite students into a kind of educational relationship that is becoming increasingly rare in higher education," said Asbury Provost Jon Kulaga. "At some universities, students would be hard-pressed to find a professor who knows them by name. At Asbury, though, professors are mentors, guides and friends."

In addition to being mentors, Asbury faculty are outstanding scholars. In the past year, they have published books and scholarly articles, curated art exhibits, presented environmental research, translated ancient manuscripts and won business competitions — but they never lose sight of their role as educators.

Asbury's small class sizes facilitate these unique learning relationships. More than 60 percent of Asbury classes have fewer than 20 students, and with a student-faculty ratio of 13:1, professors are able to invest in students as individuals.

Jarrold Ingles '14, who is currently completing a Ph.D. program in

English and American Literature at the University of Rochester, says Asbury's faculty were the cornerstone of his education. His professors provided the individual encouragement and inspiration that make Asbury unique. In particular, he mentions Dr. Dan Strait, a professor in Asbury's English Department.

"I ended up choosing Asbury University because I knew I would not be seen primarily as a number here," Ingles said. "I knew that I would be trained, taught and cared for as an individual. The greatest gift, and the most rewarding experience of being at Asbury University, is being able to learn from exceptional, caring professors like Dr. Strait."



Dr. Vins Sutlive brings a bold vision for growth as the new chair of Asbury's Natural Science & Allied Health Department — just one example of how faculty drive excellence and innovation at Asbury. Funded through gifts made to "Ignited: The Campaign for Asbury University," the position will create new opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.

Building on the department's rich history of preparing students for careers in medical and scientific fields, Sutlive says the newly named department will strengthen relationships between chemistry, physics, math and allied health.

"We have real potential to look at expanding into areas of environmental and computational science, which will mean increased collaboration between biology, chemistry, physics and math," Sutlive said. "I emphasize to students that their classmates are also colleagues across the disciplines — that makes for a great environment and a lot of collaboration."

Still a relative newcomer to the department, Sutlive says he has been impressed by students' investment in their work, the quality of undergraduate research being done in the department and the vibrant spiritual life across campus.

"I've really appreciated the integration of faith and learning at Asbury," Sutlive said. "We want to be outstanding scientists first and foremost, but it's a richer endeavor when we emphasize that we are studying God's creation."

#1 Ranked College in the South (2014-15)
Top 5 for five-straight years (2011-16)
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100% Acceptance into math and science graduate schools (for a decade)

Academic Excellence

Asbury prioritizes academic excellence, offering students relevant programming, challenging curriculum, outstanding research opportunities and a broad liberal arts perspective. The quality of Asbury's offerings has been consistently recognized in national rankings, earning Asbury a top-five slot in the U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" rankings for five years straight. After graduation, Asburians become leaders in their professions, impacting the world for Christ through business, science, education, media and much more.

At Asbury, excellence is about the future as well as the present. Here are just a few of the most recent ways Asbury is breaking new ground with programs, equipping students to meet needs in a changing market.

Online Master of Social Work
Asbury's nationally recognized Master of Social Work (MSW) now

offers a fully online program in addition to its on-campus option. The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program is designed for busy adults, offering flexibility while maintaining its commitment to excellence.

Master of Fine Arts

Asbury will launch two Master of Fine Arts degrees in Fall 2017 for Screenwriting and Film & Television Production. A terminal degree, all MFA students will spend two weeks in Los Angeles in a film and television workshop. The program offers significant flexibility, allowing student to take up to 39 of the 42 credit hours online or on campus, with the option of using Asbury's equipment and state-of-the-art facilities.

Instructional Design

Asbury's degree-completion, online Bachelor of Arts in Instructional Design prepares students to create learning experiences in education, healthcare, the military and many other contexts. The degree

taps into a growing job market, with demand for skilled designers steadily outgrowing supply. Bev Porter '18 will become the program's first graduate in May, having completed an internship and capstone project.

MBA Non-Profit Track

Asbury has announced the offering of a Non-Profit Track for the online MBA program. This program is designed to provide an educational experience that develops students academically and equally equips them to engage today's complex non-profit environment in a faithful way.



Spiritual Vitality

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m., Asbury's campus community gathers for Chapel in Hughes Auditorium. Depending on the day, it can be a time for exuberant worship or quiet reflection, an intellectual challenge or a call to action, but always, it's a reflection of Asbury's commitment to spiritual vitality.

Spiritual vitality at Asbury is built on the idea that a well-rounded education will nourish the soul as well as the mind and body. Rooted in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, Asbury is a place for all students to experience the transforming love of God.

Across campus, the integration of faith and learning is an important

expression of spiritual vitality. Asbury recognizes God as the source of all truth. Consequently, all learning, from music to business to chemistry, is the study of God's creation. Professors frequently begin class with prayer — a humble recognition that God is the source of everything we seek.

Each semester at Asbury is filled with opportunities for prayer, worship and reflection. In addition to weekly Chapel services, students organize class prayer, Worship Him at Midnight (WHAM), discipleship groups and service projects. In the residence

halls, students serve as Spiritual Life Coordinators and Spiritual Life Assistants to organize fellowship and Bible study.

Asbury's emphasis on holiness overflows into a tangible commitment to serving others. From the moment students arrive, they join a community seeking to live out its faith in service. Locally, nationally and globally, Asbury's spiritual vitality overflows into love.

Spiritual vitality isn't a separate part of the Asbury University experience; it permeates the whole. From classes to residence life to off-campus service opportunities, Asbury is a place for students to explore what it means to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.



The Worship Arts Program

is one example of the way spiritual vitality permeates Asbury — both in academics and in campus life. Available as a major or a minor, Worship Arts prepares students to use the arts, including music, design, theater, dance and more, in worship. Student bands lead worship in Chapel, organize events on campus and go on tour during breaks. This semester, the Asbury Worship Collective (the program's performing groups) produced a live album recording featuring 10 original songs.

"Worship Arts provides a resource for response," said Abigail Hamilton '17, a Worship Arts major. "A lot of times there's so much going on, so many opportunities in college,

that by 5 p.m. you're wiped and still have to go to the library and do homework. When you have a worship night or worship in Chapel, it's a time people have to respond, worship Jesus and have a moment alone. That is so needed."

Jon Roller '83, director of the Worship Arts program, says the program is fueled by love for God and love for people — and that worship, in turn, fuels love.

"Part of spiritual vitality, for us, is asking, 'How do we love each other well, and how do we love people outside of us well?'" Roller said. "The Great Commandment is to love God and love people, and we get to do both of those a lot. We get to worship the trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that worship actually fuels our love for people."

Community

Asbury students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences (in 2016, they hailed from 44 states and 20 countries), but during their four years at Asbury, on-campus undergraduate students build friendships that often last a lifetime. Asbury's understanding of community goes much deeper than mere proximity. Community is built on shared values — love of God, love of neighbor and a commitment to whole-person education.

Asbury's campus is primarily residential, with the majority of traditional undergraduate students living on campus. Every aspect of campus life is community-oriented, as students eat in the cafeteria, study in the library, hang out in the Student Center and worship in historic Hughes Auditorium.

Campus clubs and organizations contribute significantly to the closeness of Asbury's community. Intercollegiate and intramural athletics offer students a chance to bond through healthy competition. Ensembles — from Concert Band to Orchestra to Women's Choir — unify campus around the gift of music. Theater productions, film projects, the student newspaper, Math Modeling (see p. 4) and many more opportunities challenge students to hone their skills and interact with their classmates not only as friends, but also as colleagues.

Service is yet another cornerstone of community at Asbury. Student groups volunteer with Church Under the Bridge (a ministry to the homeless in Lexington, Ky.), Refuge for Women, Eastern State Hospital and many other organizations. During breaks, groups of students serve throughout the U.S. and overseas (Chicago, Greece, Ecuador and many others). By serving together, students not only multiply their impact — they build strong friendships based on a shared calling.

By emphasizing community, Asbury taps into a core Christian commitment — that faith, like learning, is a shared experience. Committed to academic excellence and spiritual vitality, Asbury offers students a chance to come together, building meaningful relationships and investing in community.



When **Josh Abraham '18** and **Ty Abraham '18** transferred to Asbury after a negative experience at a big state school, they couldn't believe the community was real.

"We laughed a few times because we thought people were weird here — they actually seemed like they were way too nice," Josh said. "But then we realized that is truly the value here. It became very comfortable when we didn't have to put up a defense, and we could just be ourselves."

Coming from their previous experience, the twins say Asbury's community has provided an environment where they can grow, surrounded by friends who encourage and hold each other accountable.

"The community at Asbury University is certainly for your betterment," Ty said. "There is discipline and structure at Asbury, so that when you go into the real world — after you leave the University setting — you have those tools."

Both Business Management majors and scholarship tennis players, the Abraham brothers (Ty is pictured center left and Josh is center right above) say Asbury's positive, Christ-like community has been the biggest blessing of their college experience.

"This community has changed our ideas from saying, 'Well, this is what the world is like,' to saying, 'This is what it should be like,'" Ty said. "Here, you find values and norms you can carry on after Asbury."

Impact

In some ways, the Asbury experience has just as much to do with life after graduation as it does with life on campus. Asbury prizes liberal arts learning as a good thing in itself, but also maintains a pragmatic edge — how are students being prepared to make a difference when they leave?

All aspects of the Asbury experience, academic, spiritual and communal, work together towards this goal.

After graduation, students leave Asbury prepared to fulfill their callings with excellence and grace.

This attitude is summarized in Asbury's mission statement. Rooted in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition and committed to liberal arts education, Asbury "equips students, through academic excellence and spiritual vitality, for lifelong learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church, preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world."

Today, Asburians serve in more than 80 countries. For an Asbury graduate, the mission field is everywhere — it might be an elementary school classroom, a video editing suite, a laboratory, a home, a pulpit or a newsroom. Wherever they serve, Asburians have the tools to succeed — and they're changing the world.

"Our alumni are an outstanding testament to the value and purpose of an Asbury education," said Lisa Falin '90 Harper, director of Alumni Relations at Asbury. "They are making an impact around the world, leading and serving with tough minds and tender hearts that are committed to the cause of Christ. Wherever God leads them, they have the tools to make a difference."



Christel Brabon '01 remembers the moment her calling became clear. It was Great Commission Congress at Asbury, a week-long emphasis challenging students to share the gospel with the world. During a message from President Paul A. Rader '56, she knew the calling on her life was to work in medicine overseas.

After graduating from Asbury, Brabon went to medical school, completed her residency and served for three years with Samaritan's Purse in Bangladesh. Today, she is fulfilling her call as an OB/Gyn in the United Arab Emirates, serving people from all over the world.

"We take care of our local patients, but also patients from 160 countries that are living and working in the UAE," Brabon said. "I have patients from Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan and many other places I would never be able to go, but I have a chance to impact their lives right in the UAE. I love interacting with women here, building friendships and getting to know this culture."

In addition to giving her the academic foundation to succeed in medical school and beyond, Brabon says Asbury gave her an opportunity to grow in her faith and solidify her sense of calling.

"I couldn't rely on my parents or my heritage — I had to be able to trust God myself," Brabon said. "At Asbury, I had a chance to really develop my own faith and learn how to be a Christian in the world."

99% of Students Receive **Financial Aid**



All out of state students receive an **Automatic Additional \$2000**

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Scholarships are available for **Children of Alums** & family members in ministry



Asbury student loan default rates are **4 X LOWER** than the national average



40% of students receive **Academic Scholarships**



Note: All graphics relate to traditional undergraduate



Value

Asbury's unique value, from inspiring classes to life-changing friendships, constitute a transformative experience that is impossible to find anywhere else. National rankings tell the same story — Asbury's retention rates were the highest of any institution in its category (U.S News & World Report's "Best Colleges" South Regional rankings).

Biology major Emma Wittekind '18 says Asbury's broad liberal arts education and close community were decisive factors in her college decision. Wittekind, who plans to pursue a masters in nursing after graduation, is confident Asbury's rigorous science classes will give her a solid foundation for a direct-entry master's program.

In the meantime, she enjoys the value that sets Asbury apart — robust Christian liberal arts education and a thriving community.

"I know that choosing Asbury University was one of the best decisions I've ever made in my life because an education here is so worth it," Wittekind said. "The scholarships and financial aid you can get here, as well as the experiences you can have in and out of the classroom, are amazing. It really prepares you for what lies ahead."

When financial aid is taken into account, many students pay less at Asbury than they would at a public institution. Nearly 100 percent of Asbury's traditional undergraduate students receive financial aid.

"I've gotten so much value at Asbury, from the classroom, Chapel and residence life especially," Wittekind said. "I love the expanse of what we cover in the liberal arts. Residence life has also had a very big impact on me. Our focus on community keeps me engaged and excited — you never meet a stranger at Asbury." ■

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Together!

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

This summer, Asbury alumni from across the U.S. and around the world will reunite as a community during Reunion 2017: Together (June 22-25)! Register now at asbury.edu/Reunion.

Reunion is for alumni from all class years. Whether you're celebrating your first or 50th Reunion, you're invited to return to Wilmore for a weekend of fellowship, worship and catching up — a celebration of community at Asbury. Reunion is for the whole family, too! With programming for kids of all ages, Reunion offers something for everyone.

Attendees will enjoy Chapel services with Dr. Terry Faris '67 (retired pastor, United Methodist Church); Lisa Friedeman '77 Auseley (associate pastor at Crosspoint United Methodist

Church) and Captain Andy Miller III '02 (The Salvation Army).

Events will include a concert with the Women's Choir, a short film screening, class parade, receptions, fireworks, the popular Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing and much more.

"Banner-year" classes — years ending in 2 or 7 — will gather with classmates for special reunions, and alums from all years will reconnect during meals in the cafeteria, coffee with current and retired faculty, a picnic on the green and a networking social.

Special Reunion events will include a Women's Choir reunion (open to all female alumnae who sang in a collegiate vocal ensemble), a reunion for current and former members of the

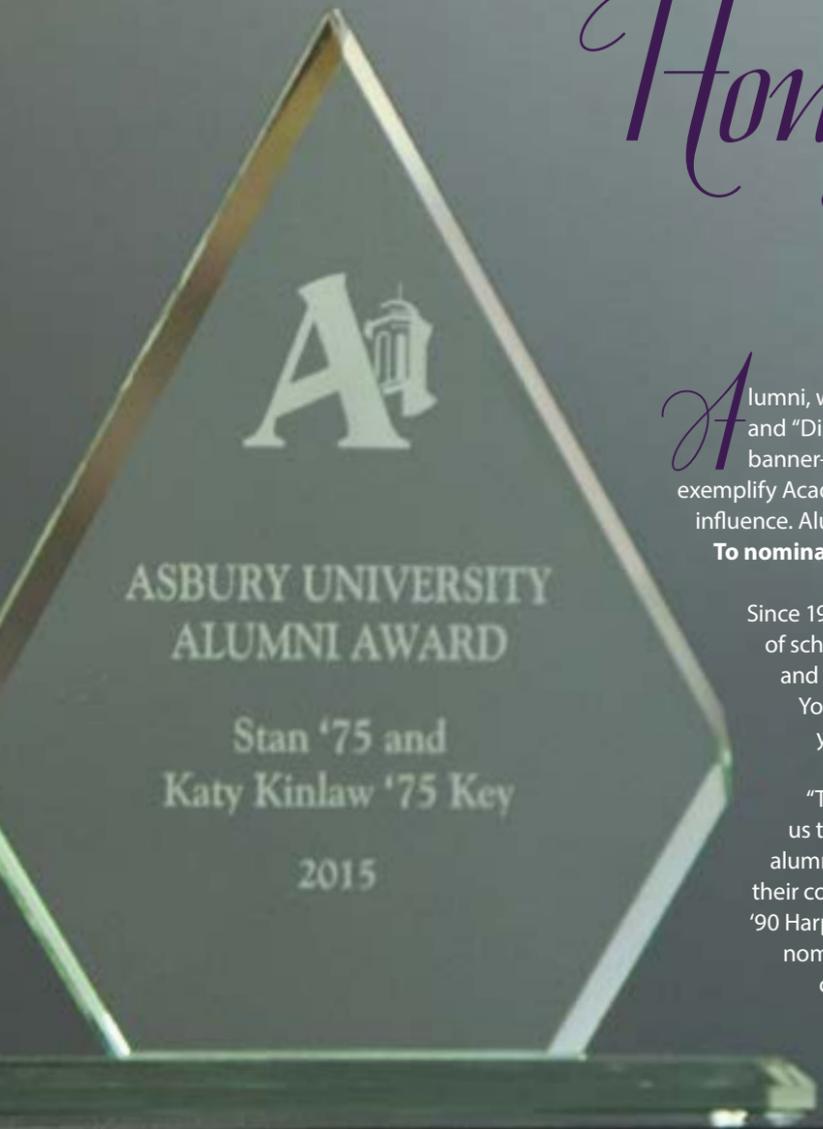
Alumni Board, and the first reunion of the Ransomed Class of 2016.

Every year, alumni at Reunion also contribute to a Reunion Class Gift. This year's gift is part of a multi-year project to renovate the historic Morrison-Kenyon building, known to our current students as the Student Center. Please prayerfully consider how you will support the project.

"I hope you will join us on campus June 22-25 for Reunion Weekend," said Stephanie Gehring '94 Rodriguez, Alumni Board President. "Regardless of how the road has twisted, turned or bent for you, come share a weekend together. Spend time with classmates and professors. Sense the excitement of what is happening at Asbury now. We look forward to seeing you!" ■



Honoring Excellence



Alumni, we need your help! Cast your votes for future “A Award” and “Distinguished Young Alum Award” recipients — alumni from banner-year classes (those celebrating five-year milestones) who exemplify Academic Excellence and Spiritual Vitality in their areas of influence. Alumni will be honored at Reunion each year.

To nominate an alum, visit: asbury.edu/AlumniAwards

Since 1946, the A Award has recognized alumni who have been out of school for 20 years or more, achieved professional distinction and demonstrated loyalty to Asbury. In 2000, the Distinguished Young Alum Award was added to honor an alum under 40 years of age and out of school a minimum of five years.

“The A Award and Young Alumni Award are visible ways for us to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of our alumni — their outstanding work, their grace-filled lives and their commitment to advancing the cause of Christ,” said Lisa Falin ‘90 Harper, director of Alumni Relations. “Please take the time to nominate someone who you believe represents Asbury and our call to Academic Excellence and Spiritual Vitality.”

Nominations are accepted year round. Recipients will be determined by the Awards Committee of the Alumni Board and then approved by the President of Asbury University by April, prior to Reunion. Recipients for Reunion 2017 have already been determined. ■

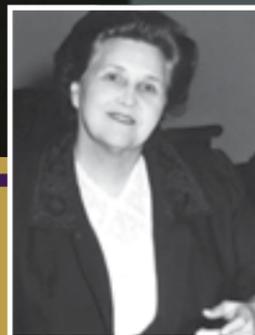
PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE A AWARD INCLUDE:



Bishop J. W. Pickett '07



E. Stanley Jones '07



Era Wilder '27 Peniston



Dr. Dennis Kinlaw '43

No Business Like Show Business

Hollywood producer Nasfell will be among first to graduate with Asbury MBA

By Rebekah Daniel



This spring’s graduation ceremonies at Asbury University will feature the first cohort of students to receive a Master of Business Administration degree from the Howard Dayton School of Business. And in true Asbury fashion, these students have already begun to put their education into practice.

Brady Nasfell ‘93 has achieved noteworthy success with his Asbury undergraduate degree in Media, earning television, documentary and feature film credits as a director and producer. However, a comment from another industry professional about needing someone with an MBA to consult on developing business strategy opened his eyes to an opportunity. As an undergraduate, he had been intrigued by business but wasn’t able to fit it into the schedule. Would an online program allow him to revisit that interest? After researching the curriculum and philosophy of Asbury’s new business school, he realized the MBA program was a good fit.

“You’d expect most business programs to deal with social

entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility, but we dove deeper into issues of justice, ethics and economic theory,” Nasfell said. “We read the expected Adam Smith, but also philosophers like John Rawls. That stretched my thinking and widened my perspective. Business is usually practical, and it needs to be. We asked questions such as, ‘Why?’ ‘What’s fair?’ ‘What leads to the best end?’ I have a deeper understanding of business now and the confidence to speak up and ask questions, which makes our company healthier.”

Asbury’s MBA program is structured into three different tracks, including a learn-at-your-own-pace option and a companion track to Asbury’s undergraduate business program.

Nasfell chose the 20-month traditional cohort program in which the majority of classes are taken online in eight-week sessions, with the cohort coming together at the completion of the program for capstone presentations and professional

development. A busy work schedule and family responsibilities made the online format essential, and the easy accessibility to professors through discussion forums, feedback on assignments and video chats gave him the resources he needed to see an immediate impact on his work.

“The capstone course requires a business plan — either for an idea you have or a business context you’re in already,” Nasfell said. “I was able to do a business plan for the company I’m in now and got feedback recently from one of the vice presidents. The business planning process has forced me to slow down and observe. It has helped me see the world of our business from a broader and more Godly perspective — as an organization functioning within a much bigger context.” ■



To learn more about Asbury’s MBA Program, visit asbury.edu/MBA or e-mail us at mba@asbury.edu



Opportunities at Asbury changed Sullivan's life. Now, he's changing lives around the world.

HUNGER STOPS HERE

“Hey Andrew, come into my office,” Rev. Esther Jadhav, now director of Intercultural Programs at Asbury University, said to a student who was passing by her door.

As Andrew Sullivan '07 pulled up a chair, Jadhav told the junior Business major about a new grant opportunity that would allow a select number of Asbury's students to pursue overseas internships in their majors. She pointed to a large map of the world that hung on the wall of her office. “Andrew, do you realize you could go anywhere in the world you want go?” she said.

Even now, Sullivan gets choked up thinking about it. He remembers the conversation as a turning point in his college career and in his life — one moment in a chain of events that would propel him from a vague desire to work in business to a laser-focused career dedicated to ending world hunger.

Today, Sullivan is the global impact director for Rise Against Hunger — an organization that mobilizes volunteers to package meals for distribution around the world. Meals contain rice, soy for protein, a dehydrated vegetable mixture and a micro-nutrient sachet containing 23 vitamins and nutrients. Using these simple ingredients, Rise Against Hunger packaged more than 60 million meals in 2016, serving more than a million people in 43 countries worldwide.

Through his work with Rise Against Hunger, Sullivan is making a global impact — but like many Asbury alums, his journey began in Wilmore, Ky. He credits his Asbury experience with giving him the leadership skills, cross-cultural experience and well-rounded education he needed to make a positive difference.

A member of the Transforming Class, Sullivan quickly became involved in leadership opportunities at Asbury. He

served as president of the freshman and sophomore classes, as well as vice president of Student Activities for Asbury Student Congress.

“Being able to focus on those types of things really helped shape me as a leader, and taught me some critical skills for my career,” Sullivan said. “It was very positive for me to get out there in leadership roles — it was a kind of training ground.”

Cross-cultural engagement was also a crucial factor in Sullivan's Asbury experience. In 2006, after his conversation with Jadhav, Sullivan applied for and received a grant to spend eight weeks in India, working with Gospel Friends Ministries. He developed his proposal with the help of President Sandra C. Gray, who was his accounting professor at the time. Sullivan's eight-week experience in rural India — working with a small business initiative to empower women — radically changed his life.

“Before that experience, I had really never ventured outside the suburbs of Philadelphia,” Sullivan said. “It was really eye opening for me, and going into my senior year, it was very clear that the calling on my life was in international development work.”

After graduating in 2007, Sullivan began to realize the full impact of a third element in his Asbury experience — liberal arts education.

“As I got out into the ‘real world’ I really started to appreciate the background I had in the liberal arts,” Sullivan said. “I had a lot of friends and colleagues who didn't get that. Since Asbury, I've appreciated it so much because it set me up for a lifetime of loving to learn and gave me a great foundation to be well-rounded.”

The flexibility and love of learning Sullivan discovered at Asbury became important shortly after joining the staff of Rise Against Hunger in 2008. When he was first hired, the organization only had 10 employees and had only recently launched its meal-packaging program. Today, Rise Against Hunger operates 20 U.S. facilities, five international locations and mobilizes hundreds of thousands of volunteers every year (376,211 in 2016 alone).

“Asbury equipped me, not only to be able to handle that kind of growth, but also to set myself up to grow with the organization,” Sullivan said. “The skills I gained at Asbury helped me be prepared for that opportunity.”

After working for a couple of years at the headquarters in Raleigh, N.C., Sullivan convinced leadership to allow him to open an office in Philadelphia. Just three years out of college, he opened an office in Philadelphia and expanded into New England, Pittsburgh and New York City. By 2014, Sullivan was opening offices overseas, as well. When he opened a location in India, he knew it was another pivotal moment.

“I felt my life came full circle,” Sullivan said. “I thought about the experience I had with Esther Jadhav and Dr. Gray that allowed me to go to India. It changed my life. But then, here I was in 2014, able to start a locally run organization in India to end hunger. I was so privileged. I think that's going to be a highlight of my life, even though I'm still young.” ■

“(Asbury) set me up for a lifetime of loving to learn and gave me a great foundation to be well-rounded.”



Igniting the Future

Campaign advances Asbury's mission for generations to come.

Since the public launch of "Ignited: The Campaign for Asbury University" during Reunion 2016, Asbury has made impressive strides towards its \$62-million campaign goal.

Thanks to the faithful support of alumni and friends, "Ignited" continues to grow, along with its potential to impact coming generations. The most comprehensive capital campaign in Asbury's history, "Ignited" raises funds for student scholarships, faculty development and recruitment, construction and revitalization of facilities and more. Here are just a few campaign highlights from recent months.

In December, Asbury announced a major grant from the Windgate Charitable Foundation supporting Asbury's Art Department. The award provides \$80,000 for a scholarship gift matching challenge and \$72,000 to upgrade the Art Department's computer lab and provide new ceramics, printmaking and photography equipment for students.

In January, a new student scholarship honoring Al '60 and Yvonne Cochran '58 Moulton reached its triggering point, allowing a scholarship to be awarded annually to a rising senior in Psychology. The Moulton Scholarship Fund is part one of a two-part campaign initiative that honors the Moultons. In addition to the scholarship fund, efforts are underway to raise funds to reserve the naming of an entryway to the proposed remodeled Student Center in their honor.

In recent months, Jeanine Leist '69 McDowell has supported Asbury in a variety of ways. A life-long equine enthusiast, McDowell donated a much-needed — and cost-

prohibitive — manure spreader to Asbury's Equine Program, saving students countless hours of work as they care for nearly 90 horses. McDowell has also committed to endowing a student scholarship in honor of her parents and included Asbury in her estate plans. By supporting Asbury's immediate needs and planning for its future, McDowell is creating a lasting legacy.

"The generosity of our donors is humbling and encouraging," said Charlie Shepard '99, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Asbury. "The range of their support, their commitment to Asbury's mission and their willingness to give sacrificially are igniting Asbury's mission for generations to come."

To learn more about Ignited, view the regional event schedule or support the campaign, please visit asbury.edu/ignited

Facilities

Collaborative Learning Center (phase 1)

Goal: \$17,000,000
Given: \$10,635,865

62.6%

Student Center Revitalization

Goal: \$5,000,000
Given: \$2,735,566

54.7%

Windsor Manor (guest house)

Goal: \$2,000,000
Given: \$2,541,075

100%

Scholarships

Current Use Scholarships

Goal: \$17,000,000
Given: \$10,645,778

62.6%

Endowed Scholarships

Goal: \$10,000,000
Given: \$7,245,799

72.5%

Experience

Faculty Recruitment & Development

Goal: \$1,000,000
Given: \$1,139,200

100%

Academic & Community Programs

Goal: \$8,000,000
Given: \$5,284,879

66.1%

Sustaining Asbury

Goal: \$2,000,000
Given: \$3,905,408

100%

"For Where Your Treasure Is..."

Since the inception of "Ignited: The Campaign for Asbury University," my colleagues and I have had the opportunity to share Asbury's vision and encourage our friends to prayerfully consider their "best possible gift." The response has been amazing, as for some, their "best possible gift" is a cash gift over a period of years, whereas for others, it's a written bequest or other gift through their estate. But lately, there is another class of gifts emerging that is truly "best" for some — it's a gift using appreciated business interests. Below are three reasons why such a gift might be "best" for you:

- 1.) It's **SPIRITUALLY** wise — If God owns it all, then that applies to our business or real estate, too. Maybe officially making Him your business partner is right for you. Then, a portion of whatever He blesses you with will go right to the charities you love!
- 2.) It's **FINANCIALLY** smart — If the checks you write to the U.S. Treasury every year are larger than you prefer, then giving shares of your business to Kingdom ministries can significantly reduce your taxes. Since ownership of these shares is held by a charity, it is no longer taxed, thus reducing your tax burden. This can also increase your charitable tax deduction which puts more money in your pocket to steward as the Lord leads.

It's really a double financial benefit where you and the charity get more and the government gets less.

3.) It's **HEART** healthy. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." (Matthew 6:21) When we release a portion of our business to God, we experience the JOY of giving and our hearts change for the good.

Certainly, this type of gift isn't suitable for all people, but for those for whom it does apply, let me encourage you to prayerfully consider how your share of your business might be your "best possible gift" to the charities you love. Feel free to call us if you'd like to discuss this more. Or, reach out to the National Christian Foundation (see below) — a partner



organization that specializes in helping business owners leverage their interests for Kingdom work. God Bless! ■

Charlie

Charlie Shepard '99
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Your Best Gift to Asbury University May Be Through Your Business

Asbury University is proud to partner with the National Christian Foundation, an organization that specializes in helping business owners do more for the causes they care about.

Let NCF show you how to accelerate generosity for Kingdom Work at Asbury University through your business.



Passing it On

As students, the Swaringens found life-changing community. As Asbury alums, they're trying to make a difference for others.

During their freshman year at Asbury, Caleb '06 and Christy Lee '06 Swaringen were strangers who found themselves working together in the Z.T. Johnson Cafeteria. "I worked the salad bar and she worked the sandwich bar," Caleb said — the ultimate Asbury meet.

A little more than 10 years have passed since their graduation, and the Swaringens are now married and living with their three children in Texas. Caleb teaches sixth-grade reading and writing at a charter school and Christy stays home with the kids while working as a freelance graphic designer.

Caleb and Christy say they were shepherded well while at Asbury. They were able to learn the importance of community while being mentored by the people around them. As alumni, the Swaringens are now interested in making that kind of transformative education possible for future Asburians.

For that reason, they continue to support Asbury through prayer, participation in Reunion, other alumni events and by giving financially. Last year, at their 10th Asbury Reunion, Caleb and Christy contributed to the Reunion Class Gift to help support current and future Asbury students.

"We are glad to give," said Christy. "Any little thing that we are able to give back to Asbury pales in comparison to everything that it gave us — without a doubt."

Among the gifts Asbury gave the Swaringens are life-long friends — many of whom came back for last year's Reunion. "My Asbury friends just get me," said Christy. She mentioned that the bonds developed while at Asbury have become friendships that are truthful, loving and free of judgment. Though the years and distance make it difficult to remain in touch with every college friend, Christy described seeing these friends as "picking up where we left off."

Christy and Caleb also credit their time at Asbury with laying the foundation for Christ-centered community. Christy and Caleb experienced community at Asbury in a way they hadn't before — dorm life, praise nights, Bible studies and prayer events all played a formative role in cultivating that sense of community. "We can see pieces of our Asbury experience in our lives today," said Christy. ■

By Sarah Choate '16



Nate (6), Eli (1) and Kamila (3) Swaringen

Bearing Good Fruit

752

Entertainment, Media & Arts Professionals

3,470

Church Leaders & Missionaries

471

Social & Protective Service Professionals

4,811

Educators

581

Sales & Retail Professionals

563

Non-Profit & Government Leaders

1,532

Doctors, Nurses & Health Professionals

1,693

Business & Finance Professionals

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." — Jeremiah 17: 7-8 (NIV)

*Self-reported numbers provided by current alumni.

Around the world, Asbury alumni are bearing the good fruit of an Asbury education as they live out Christ's love in all professions. In order to continue our mission, we rely on strong roots —

the many alumni, parents and friends who support student scholarships each year. With 99 percent of the student body receiving financial assistance to attend Asbury, your contributions are

essential to keeping Asbury strong and healthy. It is with immense gratitude that we say thank you for your caring and generous support of The Fund for Asbury University.

If you'd like to make a gift to support student scholarships, please visit asbury.edu/give or call (800) 888-1818, x2136.

Family TIES

For the Banter family, Asbury is a shared experience.



It's not only individual students who choose Asbury — sometimes, whole families find their calling during four years on Asbury's campus. The Banters are certainly one example of a family that has had members attend Asbury for multiple generations, and their tradition is still going strong!

Even after graduation, the Banters have stayed involved with campus. Each family member has contributed to the Ignited Campaign, and they also lead and serve in various capacities. To name just a few — Ken '79 and Mary Jean McKenzie '77 Banter serve on a subcommittee for Ignited, John '04 and Sarah Henrizi '06 Banter have endowed a student scholarship and Jeannie Banter '06 serves as Asbury's assistant director of Campus Ministries and assistant chaplain.

The Banter family continues to give back to Asbury because they believe in its mission — and, in a way, because it's part of the family, too. In their own words, here are some ways Banter family members have answered the question, "Why Asbury?"



JEAN LANCASTER '50 MCKENZIE
I am glad I chose Asbury because of the spiritual training and Christian fellowship, and because it prepared me for my life work as a teacher of public school and Sunday School. I just loved Asbury!

KEN BANTER '79
I'm glad I chose Asbury because it not only prepared me for my tenure in the classroom, as a school administrator/district leader, and now at the Georgia Department of Education; Asbury's liberal arts education also provided opportunities that prepared me for all of life. Little did I know that my nervous/timid attempts at speaking in Annie Laurie Westerfield's Speech class my freshman year would better prepare me for standing before a classroom and for speaking before hundreds many years later.



MARY JEAN MCKENZIE '77 BANTER
I am so thankful that I chose Asbury. Not only did I grow spiritually, but I was afforded many opportunities to expand my horizons. Also, I received a superb education that prepared me for my world of teaching. Even more advantages came — I met one of my best friends (Ken), whom I married, and we have three wonderful children who attended Asbury, as well.



JOHN BANTER '04
Very few places have the type of community that exists at Asbury; one where people strive to develop together while focusing on God. I developed awesome friendships with the guys I lived with on my hall — and, of course, the main reason I'm glad I chose Asbury is because through a class I took I met my wife there!



SARAH HENRIZI '06 BANTER
I'm glad I chose Asbury because of the lifelong friendships I made there. Asbury also helped shape me as an educator and personally. Being in Asbury's education program gave me confidence and the confirmation that I was called to teach.



JEANNIE BANTER '06
My parents tell the story of me, as a child, putting on my dad's Asbury shirt and walking around the house saying, "I am going to Rasbury College!" I thought Asbury was one of the best places on earth, and I still think so even after all these years! I would not be who I am today without the transformational work God did in my life during my time at Asbury.



MCKENZIE BANTER (CLASS OF 2032)
I want to learn about God so I can teach others about God.



JAMES BANTER '13
Asbury will always be special to me, because that is where I met my best friend, my wife. Asbury also provided me with a place to grow. The small group I was in challenged me to grow deeper in my relationship with Jesus in ways I hadn't been challenged before. Without the people of Asbury, I wouldn't be who I am today.



SARAH HAMMERLEE '13 BANTER
I knew Asbury would be a great place to attend because it could offer me a place to grow both in my relationship with Christ and in my profession. After graduating, I felt prepared for my career as an elementary music teacher.

CLASS NOTES

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

1960s

Howard '65 and Jan Fraser '64 Biddulph visited Uruguay in 2016 for two weeks. They led a retreat, speaking and offering encouragement at Christ Church, a true multi-cultural experience with their family, **John '89 and Lisa Biddulph '90 Hamilton**. They spoke in Spanish to people from six continents.

1970s

Homer Pointer '70 has been appointed a "Senior Fellow" at Oklahoma City University School of Law's Murrah Center for Homeland Security. Pointer is mentoring law students who are pursuing a certificate in homeland and national security law curriculum.

Sherry Powers '77, dean of the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University, was recently appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to serve on the Education Commission of the States, an interstate compact created in 1965 to improve public education by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas and experiences among state policymakers and education leaders.

Franklin Circuit Judge **Phillip Shepherd '77** was named Newsmaker of the Year by the *Frankfort State Journal*.

1980s

The Harvest Church in Dothan, Ala., celebrated 20 years in ministry in



November 2016, with founding and lead Pastor **Ralph Sigler '81**. Ralph and his wife, **Rhonda Jones '81 Sigler**, have three sons who are also Asbury alumni; **Daniel '09, Joel '13**, who married **Olivia Windham '17**, and **Paul '17**.

Joy Evans '83 Beaumont married Dr. Paul Andrew Montgomery on July 1, 2016.

Hoover City Schools in Alabama named **Paul McEwan '83** one of the 2016-17 Teachers of the Year. McEwan, the secondary Teacher of the Year, has been teaching for 32 years. This is his 11th year at Hoover High.

Roger '83 and Tracy Gilliam '84 Nichols opened Jubilee Art Studio in Fall 2016. Jubilee offers art classes and workshops in Webb City, Mo. jubileeartstudio.com (Back Row: **Jackie Nichols '07 Peters, Lee Peters '08, Tracy Gilliam '84 Nichols, Roger Nichols '83, Gabriel Reed, Asbury class of 2039.** Front: **Sarah Matthews '09 Bailie, Natalie Lawyer '10 Clements, Liz Stephan '09 and Jodie Nichols '09 Reed.**)

Beth Driscoll '84 Beech is the Academic Dean for the National Institute for Christian Education in Sydney, Australia. Beth married Dr. Geoff Beech in November of 2015.

Susan Gunn '84 has released her book, "Matters of the Heart: A Journey in Caring for an Aging Loved One."

Todd Cook '85 released his book, "The Pirate History of Monterey Bay," on Oct. 14, 2016.

Fred Prasuhn '86 published "Training Initiatives and Strategies for the Modern Workforce," which serves as a reference source for emerging perspectives on bringing evaluation training theory into practice, modifying practices based on the experiences of others and applying new tools to improve trainings and evaluations.

Mark A. Maddix '87 was appointed Dean of the School of Theology & Christian Ministry at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif. Mark published "Essential Beliefs: A Wesleyan Primer and Neuroscience and Christian Formation" in 2016.

Lynn Gagle '88 Roper successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on "Self-Advocacy Among College Students with Learning Disabilities and/or Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders" at the University of Kentucky on Nov. 30, 2016. She graduated with a Ph.D. in Special Education in December of 2016.

1990s

Sarah Bock '91 Underwood completed a master's degree in Special Education/Visual Impairments. She is teaching at the Tennessee School for the Blind.

You never know where you will find fellow Asburians! These alums and current students found each other at the WGM regional retreat for missionaries serving in Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru and Spain. Pictured left to right: **Andy Bowen '92, Andrés Donahue '20, Whitney Smith '09 McMunn, Mary Johnson '15, Vince Archer '87, Kurt Zimmerman '86, Cynthia Toadvine '87 Zimmerman, and Billy Coppedge '02.**

Kristy Hughes '92 Irvin wrote "ABC's of Performing Art: Leading People to Christ through Creativity." The book is dedicated to Kristy's late husband, **Wyll Irvin '89**.

Randy Weeks '92 received a local minister's license from Peoria (Ariz.) Church of the Nazarene on Jan. 10, 2017.

Yvette Fuqua '93 DeGeorge received the Congressional Coalitions on Adoptions Institute's prestigious Angels in Adoption Award for

2016 from U.S. Congressional Representative, Paul Ryan, for her work as the Foster Care Coordinator for the Department of Human Services in Racine City, Wisc.

Stephanie Fox '93 Nelson works with Veritas Genetics doing whole genome sequencing and breast cancer testing.

Nathan Day Wilson '93 was named development officer for Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Ind.

James Fogel '96 was hired by the American Bible Society as a regional advisor.

Paige Medlock '96 Johnson received her Ph.D. from the University of Sterling (Scotland) based in stained glass, visual culture in the Department of Religion.

William R. Spencer III '96 completed his Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in December 2016.

Kevin and **Amy Smith '97 Crump** welcomed Jefferson and Mahari Crump into their forever family on Oct. 12, 2016.

Bryce '98 and Stephanie Ruff '99 Hogan are pleased to announce the

birth of Clodagh (rhymes with soda) Bryn on March 30, 2015. Bryce is beginning a career in sacred mosaic art and Stephanie is the director of Titus Women, a ministry of the Francis Asbury Society. Proud first-time grandparents are **Jerry '70 and Sharon Hartman '74 Ruff**.

Jessica Hupp '98 is working with LifeWay Global as a project coordinator for the Spanish publishing area.

2000s

John Rinehimer '01 is now serving as vice president of Homeland Ministries (Mobilization) for WGM.

Timothy Kennedy married **Heather Hunt '03** on Sept. 12, 2015 at Lake Junaluska, N.C. On Sept. 13, 2016, the couple welcomed Kathleen Scarlett to the family.

Ryan '03 and Brittany Polis '08 Worthen produced two films selected as the best wedding videos in their respective categories during the Love Stories TV Wedding Film Awards in NYC.

Jessica Ditto '04 serves as the deputy communications director in the White House.

CLASS NOTES



Emil and Ainsley Salmon '04 Handke welcomed Holland Quinn on Sept. 15, 2016. She joins big sisters Bennett and Briley.

Erik Rishel '05 and Andrea Thiemkey '05 were married on Oct. 15, 2016 at Red River Gorge (Kentucky).

Stephen Lawson '07 is a winner in the L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future contest. The contest is in its 33rd year and is judged by some of the premier names in speculative fiction. Stephen was chosen from a group of eight finalists making him a quarterly winner in the contest.

Landon and **Anna Gittinger '08 Kasinec** welcomed their daughter, Lillian on June 2, 2016.

2010s

Matt Cessna '12 was named East Jessamine Middle School (in Kentucky) Teacher of the Year, 2017.

Steve and Sarah Taber '12 Klassen are thrilled to announce the birth of Addison Joy who was born on Feb. 21, 2017.



Joshua Hammons and **Emily Casada '13** were married May 30, 2016.

The World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta, Ga. unveiled a special gallery called "Share a Coke with Atlanta" in January 2017. The gallery features photographs from 12 creative, entrepreneurial Atlantans who are both capturing and cultivating the unique spirit of the city. **Andrew Hunter '13** (far left) was a featured photographer for this gallery.

Joel Sigler '13 married **Olivia Windham '17** on May 28, 2016 at Harvest Church (Dothan, Ala.) Joel is attending Asbury Seminary; Olivia works for the Asbury University Athletic Department while finishing her degree.

Zach Whelchel '13 married **Sharayah Jung '13** on Jan. 1, 2017 in Corbin, Ky. Sharayah achieved licensure in physical therapy in November 2016.

Amelia Helge '16 married Curtis Rempel on August 6, 2016. They were married in Jansen, Neb. Bridesmaids were Asbury University alumni from the Ransomed class: **Charlotte Castro '16 Kuhl, Calicia Wilson '16,**



Melissa Wagner '16 and Amanda VanNoppen '16.

Dylan Hofmann '16 married **Meghan Martin '16** on Jan. 14, 2017. The couple resides in Erie, Pa.

Aaron Winneroski '17 accepted the position of full-time Children's Video Producer with Southland Christian Church across each of their four campuses. ■



Welcome Aboard

In May, Asbury University will welcome the Anchored Class to the alumni family. Commencement will be held May 6 in the Luce Center.

Anchored Class Hymn:
The Solid Rock

Anchored Class Verse:
Hebrews 6:19

alumni

Rev. William "Bill" Pope '42
Ministry
10/28/2016, Maryville, Tenn.

Rev. Allen Bowman '44
Ministry/Education
1/19/2017, Oskaloosa, Iowa

Albert "Buddy" Luce '44
Ministry/Military/Business Owner
1/11/2017, Macon, Ga.

Mary "Esther" Lewis '46 Shreve
Education/Ministry
2/18/2017, Robbins, N.C.

Rev. Charles "Chuck" Manker '47
Ministry/Real Estate/Social Work
2/17/2017, Petoskey, Mich.

Rev. Charles Lanham '48
Ministry
2/22/2017, Middletown, Conn.

Esther Owens '49 Brown
Education/Business Owner
12/26/2016, Decatur, Ohio

Dorothy Phillippi '49 Campbell
Education
2/2/2017, Citrus Heights, Calif.

George Curry '50
Education
2/4/2017, Ashland, Ky.

Rev. Raymond Pierson '50
Ministry
12/8/2016, Indianapolis, Ind.

Helen "Joy" Vernon '50 Waybright
Business Owner/Ministry
12/11/2016, Dallas, Texas

Marietta Emmons '51 Coleman
Ministry
1/3/2017, Wilmore, Ky.

Miriam Morgan '51 Detwiler
Education
10/26/2016, Williamsburg, W.Va.

Rev. Charles Finney '51
Ministry
2/27/2017, Sioux Falls, S.D.

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Education/Music Ministry
1/9/2017, Sidney, Mont.

Emily Creswell '51 Lancaster
Education/Ministry
1/10/2017, Creedmoor, N.C.

Rev. Dr. Charles Pinkston '51
Ministry
11/12/2016, Versailles, Ky.

Rev. William "Bill" Brackman Jr. '52
Ministry
2/20/2017, Lakeland, Fla.

Rev. Charles Dupree '52
Missions
2/13/2017, Lexington, Ky.

Jack Farley '53
Education/Military
1/16/2017, Cambridge, Ohio

Jeanene Phillips '53 Miley
Education/Music
10/21/2016, Maysville, Ky.

Virginia Gooding '54 Rader
Nursing/Ministry
2/26/2017, Newark, Ohio

Martha Gallimore '55 Easter
Education
11/27/2016, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Rev. Richard McKinsey '55
Ministry
10/21/2016, Crescent City, Calif.

Dr. William Briggs III '56
Medicine/Military
2/6/2017, Milan, Ga.

Rev. James Brinks '56
Ministry
1/31/2017, Missouri City, Texas

Vonda Anderson '56 Lichtenfelt
Education
3/8/2017, Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Joseph "Joe" Hale '57
Ministry
11/14/2016, Canton, N.C.

Loren Hooker Sr. '57
12/17/2015, Cadiz, Ohio

Carol Wood '57 Mathis
Education
7/19/2016, Bonaire, Ga.

Helen Lefferts '57 Waterson
Diaconal Minister/Christian Education
12/3/2016, Irvine, Calif.

John Boggess '59
Education/Agriculture
12/20/2016, Greenville, Ky.

Rev. Robert Shepherd '59
Ministry
1/24/2017, Clarksville, Ind.

Elizabeth Gamble '59 Worden
Administration/Business Owner
12/7/2016, Harrisonburg, Va.

Rev. Floyd B'Hymer '60
Ministry
11/15/2016, Tomball, Texas

Benjamin Tyler '60
Law/Military
12/11/2016, West Columbia, S.C.

Rev. Sidney Lambert '61
Ministry
9/1/2016, Sparta, Ga.

Lois "Kay" Chevront '61 Weismantel
Education
8/19/2016, Knoxville, Tenn.

Norma Kirby '62 Keefer
Education
2/3/2017, Paris, Ill.

Beverly Scott '62 Whitkanack
Education
1/22/2017, Paris, Ill.

Fanny '62 Wilcox
Education
3/4/2017, Americus, Ga.

Rev. Dr. Joseph "J.L." Williams '64
Ministry
12/28/2016, Burlington, N.C.

Dexter Harvey '67
Education
8/17/2016, Phoenix, Ariz.

Dr. Edsel "Keith" Byrd '68
Education
1/5/2017, Opelika, Ala.

Rev. Theodore Cutrell '68
Ministry
11/12/2016, Greenwood, Ind.

Daniel Vesper '70
Information Technology
2/2/2017, Athens, Ala.

Betsy Feather '75 Haibach
Homemaker
3/18/2016, Boone, N.C.

Eunice Elliott '76 Logan
Homemaker
11/19/2016, Harrodsburg, Ky.

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Education
1/28/2017, Ballwin, Mo.

Gregg Rose '78
Government - Non Profit
3/6/2017, Clearwater, Fla.

Katie Hammond '15
Public Service
2/8/2017, Maysville, Ky.

Stephen "Trevor" Whitaker '18
Student
12/26/2016, Mount Sterling, Ky.

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11/1/2016, Joplin, Mo.

Charlene Beach
11/7/2016, Shelbyville, Ky.

Robert Bounds
4/22/2016, Norfolk, Ark.

Paul Burdett
4/20/2016, New Bethlehem, Pa.

Beverly "Bev" Cochran Jr.
7/22/2016, Avondale Estates, Ga.

Bonnie Helen Smith Cramer
12/18/2016, Wilmore, Ky.

Rev. Bob Dennis
9/3/2016, Mount Gilead, N.C.

Dr. Wesley Duetel
3/5/2016, Greenwood, Ind.

Annette Adams Duke
11/18/2016, Perry, Ga.

Bobby Dunaway
4/29/2016, Wilmore, Ky.

Ann Newman Fleming
11/22/2016, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Rev. Douglas Fraley
5/25/2016, Greenfield, Wis.

Nancy Bellville Graening
1/8/2017, Perry, Ga.

Joan Hess
11/14/2016, Chillicothe, Ohio

Howard Housworth Jr.
12/2/2016, West Chester, Pa.

Patricia Gravatt Inge
8/5/2016, Blackstone, Va.

Owen "Joe" Kittredge
2/13/2016, Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Virginia Clarke Moore
12/4/2016, Petal, Miss.

Martha Watson Nonneman
1/24/2017, Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Thomas Oden Sr.
12/8/2016, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Viola "Vi" Powers
11/13/2016, Stanford, Ky.

George Robinson
2/7/2017, Benton, Ark.

James "Jim" Stone
2/23/2017, Lexington, Ky.

Winfred Tate Sr.
10/3/2016, Cocoa, Fla.

Dale Underwood
12/23/2016, Wilmore, Ky.

Rosalie Downs Whittington
6/9/2016, Tamaroa, Ill.

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10/25/2016, Marshall, Mich.

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Upcoming Events



SEARCH Symposium, April 18

April 14	Good Friday , Offices Closed	June 5-16	Youth Becoming Leaders (Summer Camp)
April 16	Easter Sunday	June 5-9	ImpactU High School Summer Camps
April 18	SEARCH Student Research Showcase	June 12-16	ImpactU High School Summer Camps
April 20	Sounds of Stage and Screen Concert	June 22-25	Reunion 2017: Together! Special celebrations for classes ending in 2's and 7's, the women's choir and for former alumni board members (registration insert included in the center of this magazine)
April 21-22	Media Communication Visit Weekend		
April 22	Highbridge Film Festival		
April 28	Golf Classic sponsored by the Athletic Department (Lexington, Ky.)	July 15	AU Day at Indian Springs
May 5	Baccalaureate	August 8	Welcome Week Begins
May 6	Commencement	August 14	First Day of Classes
May 9	Ignited Campaign Event (Columbus, Ohio)	September 7-9	Fall ACCESS (& Adventure) Visit Weekend
May 20	Ignited Campaign Event (Washington, D.C.)	November 9-10	Fall ACCESS Visit Weekend

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Apart from You, is everything apart from me
I wanna know, the Shepherd that calls the sheep
Send forth, Your light and Your truth
All I know, is it's better to be with You

Jesus You're all I really love
Jesus You're all I really love
Would You remain in me

Waters run, from the mountain to the valley
So Your love, is ever reaching unto me
Though I walk, through the darkness I can see
Your hand, oh God, forever You remind me

Jesus You're all I really love
Jesus You're all I really love
Could You remain in me
Could You remain in me

I wanna lie in the peace of the valley

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