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Introducing Asbury University's
18th President, **DR. KEVIN J. BROWN**

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REUNION 2019



"He is Faithful: Reunion 2019" brought nearly 1,500 alumni, families and friends to Wilmore in late June. From a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) to youth programming and dozens of opportunities for fellowship, Asburians celebrated the Lord's faithfulness together. **More on Reunion and the CLC, pages 16-21.**



**The Asbury Journey:
Road Tripping with the
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The DiMartinos set off on an epic, five-month-long road trip across the country to start their missionary calling, meeting up with scores of fellow Asburians along the way.

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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

Excited, Thankful, Humbled to Serve

Beginning July 1 of this year, my work responsibilities shifted radically from professor to administrator. Specifically, it is now my privilege to serve as the 18th President of Asbury University. While this shift brings a variety of changes to my day-to-day life, my love of Christian education, and my commitment to its mission, remain unchanged.

Throughout my academic career, I have often paused to take stock of vocation. Specifically, I would ask, "Why do I do what I do?" In reflecting upon this question, my mind inevitably returns to an image. It is an image of a morally, spiritually, intellectually and socially vulnerable 20 year old. *Myself.*

Accompanying this is the recollection of the women and men who chose to pour into me during this period of my life. My trajectory as a person was fundamentally altered because others invested in me.

These moments have deeply influenced my passion for a transformative educational experience — the very heart of what the Asbury mission aims toward. I can think of no better institution by which to undertake the vision of educating and shaping the heart, mind, and soul of college students.

Much occurs on a day-to-day basis at Asbury. Activities originating from faculty, to student development, to operations, property logistics, and a myriad of other things — all exist for the purpose of student investment. And what does this investment involve?

- A rigorous education to prepare students for the needs of today's complex marketplace
- A community by which to share, learn, and grow with others and build lifelong relationships

- A formative moral and spiritual experience to become more like Jesus and inhabit the "life that really is life" (1 Tim. 6:19)

These are investments worth making. And on the growing list of educational opportunities available to the masses today, this is the best.

"For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Ephesians 2:10)

I would be remiss if I did not mention my appreciation for my predecessor, Dr. Sandra Gray. Many years ago, she agreed to sit down with me to discuss how to best transition from the world of corporate banking to Christian higher education. I would have never imagined that I would succeed her as Asbury's president, and I am blessed to work from the strong foundation she has established.

I am excited, thankful and profoundly humbled to serve as Asbury's 18th President. My prayer is that I may continue the legacy of faith and excellence that previous leaders have exhibited in their stewardship and leadership of our longstanding heritage of *Academic Excellence and Spiritual Vitality.* ■

Dr. Kevin J. Brown
President
Asbury University



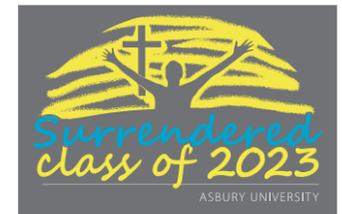
CAMPUS Corner

News, Notes & Other Items of Interest

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Welcome Merciful Class as Alumni; Welcome Surrendered Class to Campus

The Merciful Class of 2019 walked across the graduation stage in Hughes Auditorium in May, marking their official entrance into Asbury's alumni community of more than 20,000 graduates. Congratulations to Merciful Class members on all of their academic achievements! Please join us in praying for the Class of 2019 as they enter into the next phase of their lives. Now, faculty and staff are overjoyed to welcome the Surrendered Class of 2023 to campus! **Michael Secen '20** and **Bailey Lane '20** serve as class sponsors and **Rich '89** and **Lori Lauter '87 Wright** serve as advisors. Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) will be the guiding verse throughout their four years at the University. Please join us in praying for Asbury's newest class of students as they begin life at Asbury this month.



SEARCH Asks the Big Questions

SEARCH 2019 posed some big questions as students, faculty and staff sought to respond to the week's theme of "The Cracks in Secularism." Student research was front and center at the fourth-annual academic symposium, seeing impressive presentations from 52 students.

"If we meet people in the messiness of our secular age, that's where I think you see these openings and opportunities to actually speak to the enduring hungers," Dr. James K.A. Smith, SEARCH 2019 keynote speaker, said of the theme during a panel discussion.

SEARCH 2019 Winners included:

- Student Scholar of Excellence in the Arts: **Katherine Sheets '20**
- Student Scholar of Excellence in the Humanities: **Nathan Vick '19**
- Student Scholar of Excellence in the Sciences and Overall Student Scholar of Excellence: **Alex Ledford '19**

Asbury Equine Brings Hope to the Industry

In April, Asbury equine students headed to Ohio for the Equine Affaire where they represented Asbury, alongside Justice, a rescue horse that has been training in Asbury's Service Mounts program since 2017. During the event, Justice's story of transformation from rescue horse to police mount was told to thousands of attendees. His trainer **Rachel Darr '20** has helped him become a capable police horse who will soon work with the Placer County Sheriff's Office in Auburn, Calif. Read his story at asbury.edu/equine.



52 STUDENTS 3 Competition WINNERS \$2,000 in Cash PRIZES

Jym Jammin'

Rings of fire, stunts, flips and spins abounded in Asbury's Luce Center on a Friday night in April. But this wasn't the circus. It was Asbury's Tumbling Team performing its Jym Jamboree show (first held in 1935). The tradition showcases what the athletic ministry team has been working on over the course of the academic year. In addition to this annual on-campus performance, the Tumbling Team also performs for churches, schools and other community organizations during spring break each year. To book a show, visit asbury.edu/tumbling.



Asbury Chorale Lives the Bella Vita in Italy

The excellence of Asbury's Chorale was recognized on an international scale in May as the group traveled to Italy to perform for a mass in the historic and hallowed St. Peter's Basilica. During the mass, a piece written by alumnus **Adam Rousey '18** entitled "Sanctus" was sung. Congratulations to Rousey on his composition and international performance!



Asbury Media Communication Sweeps Award Season

Asbury students got an up-close look at award season in Hollywood! With Asbury's many connections in the entertainment industry, it comes as no surprise that a group of media communication students were invited to the Art Directors Guild Oscars Panel as part of a special production design trip. Students got to speak one-on-one with production designers from "Mary Poppins Returns," "Black Panther" and "Ghostbusters." They even did the "Wakanda salute" with Jay Hart, who won the Oscar for "Black Panther."

Asbury students (and faculty) may also take home awards at this year's NATAS Awards, with several nominations. High school student Ian Sears was also nominated for a film he made at Asbury's ImpactU film camp.

Student Production Nominations include:
Short Form Fiction: *The Date Debate*, **Kari Brown '19**, **David deMena '19**
Short Form Non-Fiction: *Adventures with Burma*, **Robin Gericke '19**, **Matthew Pertz '18**, **Delaney Tufts '18**
Animation/Graphics/Special Effects: *A Light in the Darkness*, **Keagan White '20**
Audio: *Psalm 19*, **Oleksandra Shuliahina '20**
Editor: *A Brutal Test*, **Keagan White '20**



Professional Emmy Nominations include:
Documentary (Cultural): *Soul Purpose*, **Joe Pritchard (Graduate Student)**
Director, Live or Recorded Live: *Friends Like You*, **Doug Smart (Faculty with Student Crew)**
Writer, Program: *Friends Like You*, **Doug Smart (Faculty with Student Crew)**
Set Design: *Friends Like You*, **Doug Smart (Faculty), Sarah Owens '18**

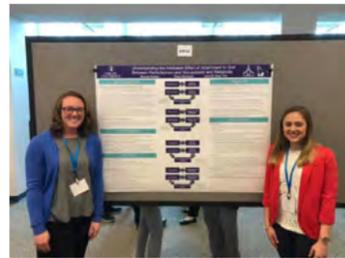




New for 2019, Finance is just one of Asbury's latest major offerings.

New Programs and Majors Prepare Students to Impact the World

As the job market continues to evolve, Asbury remains a competitive force in higher education with the addition of new programs and majors that will ensure students have the tools to succeed. To help students impact the world in a broader array of disciplines, Asbury has added three new Adult Professional Studies (APS) programs including an online health promotion and wellness program, an online public health program and an online instructional design for health professions program. New undergraduate majors include computational science, equine science, finance, pastoral ministries, adventure education & leadership, and online instructional design. The School of Education will now offer a school superintendent certification beginning Fall 2019, as well.



Asbury hosts KPA Conference

Asbury Psychology once again proved to be one of the top departments in the state in hosting this year's Kentucky Psychological Association (KPA) Conference. The conference provides

an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to attend workshops, develop practical skills, present research in juried competitions and network with fellow students from across Kentucky. Six Asbury students presented their original research; **Shauna McKain '19** and **Claire Goodrum '19** also moderated a panel discussion during the conference.

To watch this music video by **Sasha Shuliahina '20**, scan the QR code or go to facebook.com/watch/?v=367181613893994



20 Years of Adventure

Archways celebrates its 20th anniversary this fall! In honor of its birthday, the pre-orientation program for freshmen received a few updates, including the introduction of more activities such as caving, rappelling and canoeing. Students will also get to appreciate God's creation in all of its glory with worship under the stars. These updates will help make the program even stronger for its next two decades.



AU Loves its Math Majors

During the spring semester, the department hosted a sold-out Math Night for local elementary, middle and high school students. In addition, 23 students from the School of Science, Health & Mathematics landed impressive internships for the summer of 2019. These students served as research interns for companies such as Avanti Polar Lipids, the United States Air Force, Smith's Lake, Proactive Worldwide, Eppley and more. Also in department news, a math modeling team comprised entirely of freshmen received a meritorious award for their work in the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP) Mathematical Contest in Modeling back in February. Congratulations to our School of Science, Health & Mathematics students for all of their accomplishments! ■

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



EYE ON THE EAGLES

Zack Parsons was named head coach of the Asbury softball team. He coached the Eagles on an interim basis in 2019.



"Coach Parsons has quickly established himself as one of the bright young softball coaches in our region," said Mark Whitworth '84, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics. "He has established a bold vision for the softball program consistent with the mission of our University."

"I am very humbled and blessed by the opportunity to lead the Asbury softball program," said Parsons. "I am extremely excited about the future of the program. We have a solid group of players and an incoming class that will help us continue building on our program's development."

Follow Asbury Athletics (with several live-streamed games) at **#TeamAU** and asburyeagles.com

TURNQUEST NAMED RSC MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

For the second-straight year, Asbury won the River States Conference Male Athlete of the Year Award. **Trenton Thompson '19** – from the men's basketball team – received the award last year, and **Joshua Turnquest '20** has been chosen as the 2018-19 recipient. The native of Nassau, Bahamas, led the voting of the athletic directors in the league. As a junior, Turnquest was an NAIA All-American and the No. 16-ranked player in the country by the ITA. Turnquest is a three-time NAIA All-American. He led Asbury back to the NAIA national tournament for the third year in a row while the Eagles captured their third-consecutive RSC Men's Tennis Championship with Turnquest leading the way. He has dominated the RSC his entire career, and the 2018-19 year was no different. Turnquest went undefeated in RSC action to claim conference player of the year for the third time in a row. Overall, Turnquest posted a record of 15-2 in singles play and 13-4 in doubles for the year. His career record is 50-5 in singles matches.



SPRINGING INTO SERVICE

Asbury students love to serve! Members of the Asbury baseball team spent part of their spring break serving at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Even with a doubleheader later that day, players showed up at 6 a.m. to volunteer as ushers at the 53rd Governor's Prayer Breakfast. This is just one of many examples of AU students giving up their time to serve others. "It's a testament not only to the team, to the individuals themselves, but also to their coach and to the university that they would take it upon themselves on a busy day, when they have a lot on their plate, to think about being here for something like the Governor's Prayer Breakfast," said Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin.



THOMPSON SIGNS PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

Former Asbury University men's basketball standout **Trenton Thompson '19** has signed a professional contract with the Vilpas Vikings of Salo, Finland. The Vikings play in Finland's top-level Korisliiga league. Thompson had a stellar senior season with AU and was chosen to the NAIA All-American second team in 2019. It also was the second-straight season he was selected as an All-American. He also made an appearance in the NAIA All-Star Game in Kansas City in March. Thompson led the River States Conference (RSC) in scoring in 2019 with 22.5 points per contest and for his career, averaged 20 points per game. ■



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Dr. Kevin J. Brown



Commitment to **Faith.**
Unwavering **Mission.**
Innovative **Vision.**

*"It's a name you know; a person you love...
Dr. Kevin Brown."*

*— Board of Trustees Chair Larry Brown '80
(announcing the selection of Asbury's next president)*

Gathered in Jameson Recital Hall in late May, Asbury University faculty and staff members first gasped, then gave a standing ovation, welcoming Dr. Kevin J. Brown as the 18th president of Asbury University. Formerly a professor and associate dean in Asbury's Howard and Beverly Dayton School of Business, Brown's energy, optimism, intellect and commitment to Asbury's mission have already won the confidence of campus. Now, at the beginning of an academic year, a new era likewise begins for Asbury.

During these early days of Brown's presidency, he's focused on listening, learning and being open to God's leading. But if he has his way, there are two things you can bank on for the long term — whole-hearted faithfulness to Asbury's unchanging mission and a bold vision to enact that mission in fresh and compelling ways for the future.

Faithfulness to the Mission

Brown's background, values and philosophy of education are deeply resonant with Asbury's unchanging mission. In fact, the University's Wesleyan-Holiness identity, its commitment to personalized, formative learning and its prioritization of the liberal arts were well-known and inspiring to Brown even before he began working in higher education. Similarly, he once met face-to-face with former Asbury President Sandra C. Gray to discuss what a transition from banking to higher education might look like.

"I've known about Asbury for a long time," Brown said. "The school and its tradition is venerated in my wife's family, particularly for its commitment to Wesleyan-Holiness theology. When I thought of formative, Christian liberal arts education, within a tradition consonant with mine, I would have listed Asbury at the top."

Even though his early career in banking was promising — Brown became a bank president shortly after earning his MBA — he quickly learned that his calling would lead him in a new direction.

"I vividly remember walking with my wife, Maria — we'd been married just a matter of months — and I said, 'I think if I had a dream job, it would be to teach in higher education,'" Brown said. "One reason was the life of the mind. The academy was really exciting to me — this marketplace of ideas; reading things that were really stimulating; the exhilarating thought of integrating what I was reading and what I was doing for my job."

Even more importantly, though, Brown was drawn to teaching because it would be a chance to invest in students' academic growth as well as

their personal and spiritual formation — the whole-person, transformative education that is a hallmark of the Asbury experience.

“The idea that I can partner with students and meaningfully shape their trajectory is just amazing.”

“College, for me, was this really vulnerable time,” Brown said. “I was intellectually, spiritually, morally and socially vulnerable. What kind of person was I going to become? I had a pastor nearby who really invested in me. I had a friend who said, ‘We’re going to get together and read Scripture.’ My parents were always incredibly supportive. My wife’s parents were feeding me a lot of books, and there were others, as well, who just took an interest in me. And it changed everything. I often look back and think it would have been very easy to go different directions.”

As Brown began discerning his call to teach, he sought a meeting with Gray. Brown’s father-in-law, Dr. Hubert Harriman (former president of World Gospel Mission) made the introduction.

“I was in banking at the time, and my father-in-law was talking about a person who had been a banker and moved into Christian higher education,” said Brown. “I said, ‘I want to meet her.’ I reached out, and from the time we made contact to when we sat down for our

first meeting, Dr. Gray had been promoted to president of Asbury University.”

During their meeting in 2007, Brown and Gray talked about what Brown would need in order to teach in Christian higher education. Brown followed through, pursuing graduate studies that combined his business background with a robust grounding in theology, religion and contemporary issues. He also began meeting with Dr. Steve Clements '83, dean of Asbury’s College of Arts & Sciences (now the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), on an annual basis, before joining Asbury’s faculty in 2013.

As a professor at Asbury, and now as president, Brown is grateful for the opportunity to continue investing in students the way mentors, friends and family invested in him. As president, he is grateful and excited to nurture a tradition that has transformed students intellectually, spiritually, morally and socially since 1890.

“The idea that I can partner with students and meaningfully shape their trajectory is just amazing,” Brown said. “There’s this formative notion of education and the life of the mind. That’s what made Christian higher education the dream destination.

“In the past 10 years of teaching, I’ve had multitudes of moments where I stop and think, ‘I can’t believe I get to do this.’”

Vision for the Future

As he thinks about the years to come, Brown affirms that Asbury’s future must be guided by foundational principles and rooted in values that do not change. At the same time, a changing economic and cultural landscape demands response.

“We have a charter; a mandate,” Brown said. “The modalities by which we achieve that mission have changed from decade to decade, and yet, the mission has stayed the same. With that in mind, the question

that comes to me is, ‘How do we fulfill Asbury’s vision for academic excellence and spiritual vitality in a complex, 21st-century way?’ That’s the framing question.”

Brown believes older models for Christian higher education will not continue to be viable due to political, cultural and socioeconomic changes. But the new landscape isn’t just a challenge — it’s also an opportunity to fulfill Asbury’s mission even more fully.

“How do we maintain the essence — the irreducible, non-transferable qualities of

Asbury?” Brown said. “We are a Christian liberal arts university in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. This is a transformative, humanizing, personal experience in a tightly-knit communal fabric.”

Asbury students need to be excellently prepared for two “marketplaces,” Brown says — the marketplace of commerce and the marketplace of ideas. The first will demand nimble change as workforce demands grow, shift and transform. But the second will demand deeper fidelity as students enter a marketplace of competing ideas.

“We are equipping students for relevance to the 21st-century marketplace, which is much different today than it was even 10 years ago,” Brown said.

“I am fully confident in God’s leading and that He has equipped Dr. Brown for this new role of service... I look forward to seeing how God uses him to advance the mission of Asbury for coming generations.”

— Dr. Sandra C. Gray



Dr. Brown: Fast Facts

FULL NAME: Kevin Joseph Brown

BIRTHPLACE: Louisville, Ky.

FAMILY: Kevin and his wife, Maria, have three children: Cambel (14), Ada (11) and Oliver (8).

CHURCH: The Browns are active at First Alliance in Lexington, Ky.

VOLUNTEERING: Kevin and Maria are most involved with Kentucky Refugee Mission and Friendship International.

EDUCATION: University of Indianapolis (Bachelor’s and MBA), University of St. Andrews (M.Litt.) and University of Edinburgh (Ph.D.)

RESEARCH AREAS: Business, Finance Economics, Ethics, Theology, Philosophy



In late May, faculty and staff gathered in Jameson Recital Hall and heard the announcement from Board of Trustees Chair Larry Brown '80 that Asbury’s new president would be Dr. Kevin J. Brown (pictured together at left). Former President Sandra C. Gray led prayer for the Brown family (center) and hugs and handshakes of congratulations (here with Provost Timothy Wooster) lasted for more than an hour.



As a professor, Dr. Kevin J. Brown was noted not only for excellence as a scholar and teacher (right), but also for his approachability in and out of the classroom (center). These are just a few of the reasons he was selected for the Francis White Ewbank Excellence in Teaching Award for the 2015-16 academic year (left).



hands the students who came into the Business School at Asbury with zero credit hours. Students are accelerating their college degree. This is going to reconstitute our structure. It doesn't mean we have to change our four-year structure, but it might change how we offer programs."

6. Political challenge. "We are a faith-based school and hold Biblically derived values that aren't shared by large portions of society. And so, there is a concern about the convictions we have. We have to pray. And we have to demonstrate that we're needed at the table; that we're not just opinionated, or spiritual people who have no impact. Our 'common good' works and the value we offer bleeds into the communities we serve."

As he looks to the future, integrating whole-hearted faithfulness to Asbury's mission with a clear-sighted understanding of the challenges and opportunities ahead, Brown is both confident and trusting in God's leading.

"Any time you wake up in the morning and realize you have to be totally dependent on God for daily bread, that's a great thing," Brown said. "If it's up to me, that's scary. But if it's God, and if I'm giving myself to His call, that's a good posture to be in." ■

"We are equipping students for relevance to the 21st-century marketplace."

"Our students are relevant not just to the marketplace, but also to go and add value within the marketplace of commerce. But we are equally relevant to the marketplace of ideas, which governs, in many ways, the marketplace of commerce. This is through a regimented curriculum of critical thinking, problem solving, broad reading and intense training, whether that be quantitative, theological or philosophical."

Challenges facing colleges and universities are numerous, but Brown sees them as opportunities for Asbury to dig deeper into its identity, to think and act creatively and to act with bold faith. Brown has identified and responded to six main challenges:

- 1. Confidence challenge.** "According to Gallup, institutions that have experienced the biggest drop in confidence between the years 2015 and 2018 were higher education and the church. We have to continue to think strategically about marketing who we are, what we do and what we offer."
- 2. Narrative challenge.** "The narrative is that you get either this lofty, high-falutin' liberal arts degree and you don't get a job, or you get a narrow, technical education and you do get a job. And that's presented as tradeoff we need to make. But when you look at data, that's

not true. We have to answer the question, 'Will I get a job?' (yes, you will), but we also have to challenge the question itself. Let's be sure to expand how we think about education."

- 3. Demographic challenge.** "We are told that during the financial crisis, the birth rate dropped and has never returned. Around 2026, colleges and universities will experience a precipitous drop in that 18- to 22-year-old cohort eligible for college. We have to find new forms of adding value and fish in new ponds, so to speak."
- 4. Information challenge.** "It's ubiquitous. Because of the internet and our smart phones, universities are no longer the gatekeepers of knowledge. If higher education is only about the transfer of information, we will be wildly irrelevant."
- 5. Market challenge.** "Those who are demanding higher education are driving the nature of the demand. Specifically, I can count on two

Well Wishes from the Asbury Family

Alumni, faculty, staff and students respond to the presidential announcement.

"Kevin is the first person I met when I came to Asbury. We were seated next to each other at faculty orientation on the first day. I thought he was one of the kindest and most thoughtful and most excellent people that we could hire. It's going to be such an honor to work under him and I believe that he has the heart for people that will grow Asbury and help us pursue the Lord. I wish him nothing but the best. I know it will be difficult and I'm so thankful that he was willing to take this position. I couldn't think of a better choice."
 – **Dr. Jill Campbell**, Assistant Professor of Music Education and Voice

"As an alum, I'm excited about the passion he has for Christian liberal arts higher education. His ability and desire to ensure our need and relevance to the world at large is impressive."
 – **Ric Speakman '01**, alumnus and Board of Trustees member

"What great news for Asbury! I pray that this beginning season of his leadership is blessed with discernment, with Holy Spirit guidance, with communal affirmation and with divine direction for all of the Asbury community and constituents. I pray that Dr. Brown knows the confidence of the team around him and that his family is strengthened through this season of his leadership."
 – **Rev. Greg Haseloff**, Associate Dean of Spiritual Life/Campus Chaplain

"The University can't find a more intelligent or humble leader as Dr. Brown, so I'm just thrilled for the school and the future of the University under his leadership. [...] As a recent alum, I am deeply, deeply encouraged by the decision. I'm excited and inspired by the Board of Trustees' decision to know that this place is who it says it is and it will always be the college that I grew to love while I was here. I'm just thrilled and excited for the family and the University."
 – **Alex George '19**, alumna and current MBA student

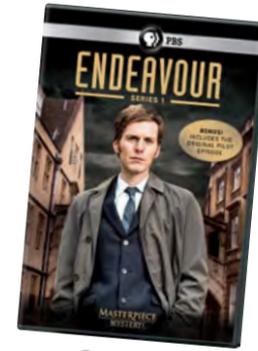
MEET THE BROWNS:

A Few of Our Favorite Things



Get to know the Browns as they share just a few of their favorite hobbies, activities and fun family facts.

Asbury University's newest first family, the Browns, are no strangers to campus. In fact, the family of five has been investing in the mission of the institution since 2013, when Dr. Kevin J. Brown was first hired as a business professor. Prior to his presidential appointment, Kevin also served as an associate dean in the Howard and Beverly Dayton School of Business.¹ His wife, Maria, currently works as Asbury's Intercultural Affairs coordinator. The couple has three children — Cambel (14), Ada (11) and Oliver (8).



- Everyone in his family (sisters and parents) are educators or in the education system
- Enjoys PBS masterpiece mysteries — one recent favorite being "Endeavour"²
- Played basketball³ in high school and college
- Knows the location of every Starbucks⁴ between Wilmore and Georgia



- Favorite place: the ocean⁵
- Loves English breakfast tea with cream⁶
- Was a Hoosier⁷ her whole life until coming to Asbury
- Wrote a letter to agrarian writer Wendell Berry, and he wrote back. (She framed it!)
- Her grandparents were pioneer missionaries in Bolivia⁸



- Runs cross country⁹ and plays basketball³ for Wilmore Elementary¹⁰
- Born on Congolese¹¹ independence day
- Loves reading "The Chronicles of Narnia" with his dad¹²



- Runs cross country⁹
- Loves to read (She can hardly choose a favorite book but she loves "The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom¹³ and the "Seeds of America" trilogy.)



- Loves basketball³ and running⁹ (He plays and runs for West Jessamine Middle School.¹⁴)
- Went to Bolivia⁸ for the first time this summer
- He was born in Indiana and considers himself a Hoosier⁷



- Fun fact: she's also working on a book of her own!





HE IS Faithful

Asbury University • Reunion 2019

Alumni Reflect on the Past & Look to the Future at Reunion 2019

A chorus of voices sang out in harmony as the first notes of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" filled the room. Smiles abounded as alumni gathered in Asbury University's Hughes Auditorium for the beloved Reunion-favorite Hymn Sing in June. This annual tradition, among the many other Reunion activities, provided a beautiful opportunity to reflect on God's Faithfulness, the Reunion 2019 theme.

While all Reunion weekends offer something unique, this year's Reunion stands out as being particularly historic for both visiting alumni and the institution, as alumni reflected fondly on past memories and got a glimpse into the University's future.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Hughes Auditorium (because of rain) for the Collaborative Learning Center (CLC), marking a significant step as the University moves forward in faith with the construction of the building. The CLC will house the School of Business and the School of Science, Health & Mathematics upon completion. *Read more about the CLC in the Ignited update on Page 20.*

A celebration in honor of Dr. Sandra C. Gray's tenure as University president was held during the weekend and culminated in a concert from classical crossover quintet Veritas. Alumni were also introduced to Asbury's new president, Dr. Kevin J. Brown.

Throughout the weekend, alumni visited the spots they frequented as students, reflecting sentimentally and with gratitude on their Asbury experiences, many of which still impact their lives to this day.

For **Carolyn Crouse '69 McLendon**, who was a double major in chemistry and biology as a student, Asbury was and remains a place that is inextricably tied with her familial roots. It's essentially a second home for her. She went on to be a teacher and recently finished her 48th



year on the job. To this day, McLendon uses the skills she learned at Asbury in her own classroom.

"At Asbury, I received a solid foundation of both spiritual connection with God and spiritual connection to scripture," McLendon said. "I learned the importance of scripture and prayer and then along with that I got a tremendous foundation of knowledge and content in the sciences. That has always stood well. There aren't too many sciences they offer me that I cannot teach because I got that foundation. It was instrumental in the success I found."

Paul Hering '56, who was a philosophy and English major, spent his career as a minister for a variety of denominations, and also worked in the business and pharmaceutical industries. Hering has a passion for music, which he was able to hone at Asbury; he's performed more than 200 concerts through the years. What is he most grateful to Asbury for?

"The biggest takeaway was my wife," Hering said, beaming.

Throughout Reunion weekend, Hering enjoyed reflecting on the many pranks he used to pull as a student. One of which involved sneaking the very sick student body vice president out of the college hospital on Easter Sunday so he could attend an event in Ohio. Hering and his friends left a note on the hospital bed stating, "He is risen."

Jeannie Corbitt '76 Jones, who majored in biology and pre-med, savored the chance to catch up with friends like **Mary Greene '68**, who studied elementary education.

"I've loved the camaraderie and meeting people and finding out what they did after they graduated," Greene said. "You immerse yourself in other people's lives."

Jones, who works at the University of Kentucky in the Student Health Services department, liked being on campus because it made her feel "young again" and refers to Asbury as her "happy place."

"The college years are so important because you come in as a kid and you leave as an adult," Jones said. "That transition was a wonderful time. Of all the different times in our lives, probably college is the most amazing four years because you grow so much, you become an adult. That's one of the reasons I was so thankful for Asbury because during that time my faith was solidified in the sense that I knew who I was, I knew who God was, I knew who I was in His eyes. By the time I got to medical school, which was a totally different culture, the lifestyle issues were not an issue for me because my self-esteem was intact."

In addition to providing a space to reflect on fun memories, Reunion 2019 reminded Asburians to lean into the Lord's faithful and steady hand in good and bad times, in times of transition and times of stasis, and most of all, to be rooted in His call to holiness and rely on community throughout the journey. ■

Couldn't make the event?

Check out the Reunion 2019 photo gallery and video at asbury.edu/reunion



REUNION 2019 BANNER-YEAR CLASSES

BULLDOGS CLASS OF 1949



ROW ONE: Joe Daws, Louis Youngs;
ROW TWO: Grace Shaw Stock, Nancy Reilein Nielsen

OLYMPIANS CLASS OF 1954



ROW ONE: Damon Rader, Phyllis Diehl Dinkins, Faye Williams Berkeley, Carter Berkeley; **ROW TWO:** Edwin Pile, Keith Brown, Sewell Woodward, Paul Getty, John Smith

CHEVALIERS CLASS OF 1959



ROW ONE: Hal Kime, Ron Tarrant, LeRoy Jones, R. Wayne Perkins, Sally Morrison Perkins, Virgil Kirkpatrick;
ROW TWO: Mary Secrest, Linda Pifer Hogrefe, Carolyn Barnhouse Alberts, Kathie Agnew Myers, Betty Crouse Shearer, Jane McCurry Music-Scofield;
ROW THREE: W. Claude Fillingim, Milan Coleman, Dick Smith, Ernie Dorrell, Emerson Gilbert, Joe Carpenter, Mason Harrod

VIKINGS CLASS OF 1964



ROW ONE: Walt Wiley, Nancy Fairchild, Jim Murphy, David Schroen, David Nagel, Andy Keith, Roy Lauter, Don Saum, Don Ewan, Steve Gehring; **ROW TWO:** Patt Joynt Williams, Sondra Thompson Swyers, Bonnie Gill Koteskey, Bonnie Hayes Lashbrook, Patricia Miller Wiley, Joyce Marriott Jensen, Annette Smith McInnes, Anita Clayton Garriott, Janice Shaw Crouse '61 (class sponsor), Beth Joy Kindinger Fowler; **ROW THREE:** Karen Eastman Boyd, Carolyn Chandler Smith, Erika Lange Glus, Gail Motsinger Edwards, Jean Sims, Jan Fraser Biddulph, Linda Gillam Madon, Marilyn Algren Gray, Cookie Taylor Poynter, Barbara Hughes Lingle, Judy Mullenix Schonauer, Charlyn Williams Crow; **ROW FOUR:** Bill Williams, Alan Smith, John Swyers, Kurt Valade, Tom Madon, Scott Poynter, Philip Stine, Bob Lingle, Harold Shimfessel

KNIGHTS CLASS OF 1969



ROW ONE: Caroline Burchfield Susan-Wolfrom, Gloria McConnell, Lorilyn Reynolds, Martha Taylor Erwin, Gladys DeVault Hesser, Jeanine Leist McDowell, Earlene Klemme Willis, Clare Crouse Mitchell, Marna Wiggam (class advisor), Stan Wiggam (class advisor); **ROW TWO:** Caren Colbert Urgolites, Denise Weiblinger Collins, Ellen Ridley Smyth, Sharon Malone Moore, JoAnna (Jody) Allen Hoard, Jeanie Rydberg Odegaard, Barb Ferrell Crouse, Sondra (Sandy) Freeman Detar, Jackie Hale Moon, Katy Crouse Moynahan, Sydney Bonnette Biddulph; **ROW THREE:** Elaine Susan Bonaire, Threasa Wade Bolton, Patricia Thacker Smythe, Charlene Tew Lord, Sherrill Andrews Yardy, Sylvia Baldwin Scollard, Sandy Mahank Roughton, Claire Leinbach Williams, Patti Beck Favorite, Dianne Dukes Teague, Linda Cooper Sands; **ROW FOUR:** Joan Leab Hendee, Babs Leimenstoll Shepard, Patricia Garringer Erp, Carolyn Crouse McLendon, Gail Robison Hoskins, Charlotte Neill Hopps, Carol Hartman Kalajainen, Carmi Speakman; **ROW FIVE:** Don Detar, Dan Casselberry, Jack Howard, Janice Morgan Strength, Terrell Shaw, Robert Hopps, Mark Elliott, Ken Fresh, Harold Rainwater, Dave Speakman; **ROW SIX:** Colin Crouch, Charles VanMeter, Cliff Raymond, Keith Paff, Esteban Picazo, Steve Rumpf, Jack Harnish, Jim Fulcher, Larry Kalajainen, David Brabon; **ROW SEVEN:** James Williams, Gary Turk, Ken Roughton, Kent Kilbourne, Barron Brown, Jim Harnish, David Tillis, Ed Mitchell, Bill Moore, Wayne Crowder; **ROW EIGHT:** David Landers, Doug Lippman, Tim Draxler, Ed Willis, Bob Collins, Joe Crouse, Joe Wood, Mike Bock, Tom Sands

PATRIOTS CLASS OF 1974



ROW ONE: Ramona Wells Newman, Colleen Schaffner Kimball, Bonnie Cairns Descoteaux, Ann Cochran Vance, Marilyn Sneed Highlander, Sarah Stein, Mary Snyder Blair; **ROW TWO:** Sylvia Coker Cummings, Susan Matthews Kennedy, Diane Fish Mercado, Linda Ford, Judith Pittenger Lewter, Janet Boren Campbell, Linda Basham Crooks, Billy Glover, Dale Timco; **ROW THREE:** Don Clarke, Gordon Beardslee, Daryl Docterman, Mike Powers, Joe Nail, Larry McPherson, Cliff Bennett; **ROW FOUR:** Barry Beeker, Rick Crooks, Don Simmons, Bill Richardson, Joe Brockinton, Ron Busroe, Ron Brown

CRUSADERS CLASS OF 1979

ROW ONE: Wendy Fraley Cintron, Janice Winslow (class advisor), Lynne Holmes Buell, Cindy Thomas Thomas, Lois Dix, Cindy McLendon Kewin, Cheryl Jividen Barnett; **ROW TWO:** Susan Bennett Pope, Sarah Robb Purcell, Ginny Montgomery Gause, Nansie Burns Ike, Joanne McEntire '78 Barker Deborah Bailey Swineford, E. Darlene Duewel Rueger, Pam Ritchey Grout, Eva Moore Foster, Dawn Peterson Schissler; **ROW THREE:** Doug McMahon, Robin Dabler, Steve Ike, Andy Ache, Nancy Fain Ache, Lorraine Maw, Kibbie Vance DeJarnett, Mary Kay McGuire Phillips; **ROW FOUR:** Murray Kenyon, Violet Doliber Ezeh, Geoff Wood, Dennis Swineford, David Dupree, Brad Phillips; **ROW FIVE:** Ken Banter, Jerry Buell, Griff Thomas, Robert Oakley, Bob Moore; **ROW SIX:** Don Vosburg, Steve Rehner, Ron Ford, Donn Coil, Steve Barber; **ROW SEVEN:** Robert Wood, Ken Rickard, Gary George, Tim Brown



HERALDS CLASS OF 1984

ROW ONE: Cindy Miller Mackebon, Mary Schmidt Bolar, Tyanne James Whitworth, Patricia Fulghum Speegle, Jane Cooper Van Tatenhove; **ROW TWO:** Mark Whitworth, Troy Speegle, David Puckett



OVERCOMERS

CLASS OF 1989

ROW ONE: Esther Cruz Moberly, Lorraine Smith Emmans, Leslie Brown Witt; **ROW TWO:** Stephanie Isaacs Watkins, Sharon Bircheat Weaver, Laura Fortenbery Cole; **ROW THREE:** Stephanie Taylor, Ruth Johnson Caul, Ruth Bowen Hersey; **ROW FOUR:** Mark Kilbourne, Michele Gage Stinson, Mindy Kemp Heitkamp; **ROW FIVE:** Heather Music Gentry, Cheryl Glenn Jones, Debbie Dargan Anderson, Diana Crosson Kozar; **ROW SIX:** Jill Rodrigues Snyder, John Brown, Heather Hamilton Yost, Connie Angel Sanders; **ROW SEVEN:** Dan Snyder, Mark Salisbury, Scot Parsons; **ROW EIGHT:** John Haynes, Jay Stinson; **ROW NINE:** Bert Jones, Wayne Lunsford, Doug Kelley; **ROW TEN:** Paul Nesselroade, Brian Shelton, Rich Wright



SEEKERS

CLASS OF 1999



ROW ONE: Crystal Lewis Houpe, Katie Mulroy Hatzidakis, Vanessa Rivette Rough, Erin Rider Yontz, Jamie Downhower Olcese, Holly Null Putnam, Kim Moegling Kretz; **ROW TWO:** Rebecca Graham Prater, Doug Walker (class advisor), Marilyn Walker (class advisor), Holley Coleman Knox, Julie Weber Stevenson, Becky Warner Paschal, Adrienne Adams Rogowski, Ellen Loran Greeley, Stephanie Needham Nagel, Sarah Miller Johnson; **ROW THREE:** Kellie Tucker McAdams, Cherie Walters Lowe, Terri Cohran Eller, Cathy Price, Jennifer Olm Peat, Chris Greeley, Chad Nagel, Brian Yontz; **ROW FOUR:** Nathan Coates, Janna Henderson Coates, Joy Sayer Shepard, Michelle Boisvert Wickey, Scott Conley, Scott Kretz, Jeff Yount; **ROW FIVE:** Joe Paschal, Chal Knox, Charlie Shepard, Eric Walsh, Colby Olson, Tim Campbell, David Turley

CONSECRATED

CLASS OF 2009



ROW ONE: Roger Davis (class advisor), Jeanette Davis '76 Davis (class advisor), Kendra White Knox, Mercy Cable Cobb, Jodie Nichols Reed, Alison Nelson Butterfield, Grace Marshall, Carolyn Tegge Steever, Virginia Hames Zasadny; **ROW TWO:** Lauren Claus, Sarah McQueen Glasgo, Leah Riley Sharpe, Shannon Blaisdell Heitzman, Lauren Swensen Anderson, Meghan Scopelliti, Shelly Edwards Pugel, Maren Banus (class sponsor), Melissa Brabon, Liz Stephan, Sarah Matthews Bailie, Emma Swayne Butram, Jennifer Thomas Workman, Ashley Jeffries, Katie Carter Ramsay, Rebekah Miller Herr, Alyssa Amey Madjeski, Wanda Eberhard Lowe; **ROW THREE:** Erica Henry Erbskorn, Emily Barlage Cellier, Amy Briggs Williamson, Lenka Kolarikova Kovacova, Erica Buxton Watts, Angela Burns Morris, Ashley Andrus Von Schlutter, Laura Hogue Williams, Emily Stevens Brooks, Jamie McCowan, Sarah McKee, Miriam Stone Hemme, Amanda Meyer; **ROW FOUR:** Zachary Schwartz, Dustin Pugel, Graham Richardson, Matthew Giblin, David Michaud, Michael Spann, Ian Canada, Blair Cosby, Scott Rohrer, Austin Brooks, Jeff Giblin, Colin McGlothlin, Tyler Frazier

CHALLENGERS

CLASS OF 1994



ROW ONE: Mei Lan Ou Thallman, Tammi Willette Grass, Kathy Hill, Julia Kiathe Lasoi; **ROW TWO:** Clint Baldwin, Keith Madill, Jenny Nysewander Stanfield, Stephanie Rickman Salsman, Susan Sutlive '78 Smith (class advisor), David Osteen, Brian Gagle; **ROW THREE:** Steve Behnke, Roy Grammel, Stu Smith '77 (class advisor), Jose Velazquez

AGAPE

CLASS OF 2004



ROW ONE: Michelle Clark Butcher, Erika Olsen Olsen, Jen Hosey Mowery; **ROW TWO:** Jamie Corbett Higdon, Melissa Johnson Gorley, Julie Brown Scott; **ROW THREE:** David Bush, Heidi Beutel Bristow, Katie Warnock Diddle; **ROW FOUR:** John Banter, Christopher Bristow, Julie Harry Sonner; **ROW FIVE:** Justus Hunter, Megan Hempleman Rodden, Rebecca Hulgan Banus, Emily Brockinton Mullins; **ROW SIX:** Corey Winton, Faith Bowdle Powers, Willa-sue Ling '76 Brockinton (class advisor); **ROW SEVEN:** Daniel Kiteck '01 (class sponsor), Woody Woodward, Benjamin Arnold; **ROW EIGHT:** Siobhan Keeley Adkins, Clayton Wesley, Joe Brockinton, Andy Olsen

ILLUMINATED

CLASS OF 2014



ROW ONE: Melissa Brown, Jeanette Davis '76 Davis (class advisor), Shelby Weakley Gonia, Meredith Robison Bennett, Jamie Lloyd McGlothlin, Caroline Veazey, Chelsea Parsons, Gwendolyn Cipkowski Wheat, Kelsey Huck Heckel; **ROW TWO:** Caleb Griffin, Roger Davis (class advisor), Aurora Pullar, Julia Campbell, Sara Kaufmann, Kaity Scanlan, Taylor Moore, Kristen (Kiki) Cope, Leslie Ferrell, Hannah LeCompte Archer, Caleb Wheat, Alden Heckel, Molly Stinson Williams, Chad Williams; **ROW THREE:** Jeremiah Gonia, Caitlyn White, Joshua Bracken, Jarrod Ingles, Robert Volker, Marcus Rixon, Joshua Jones, Isaac Archer

Since 1946, the Asbury University Alumni Association has recognized alumni who have achieved distinction professionally and demonstrated loyalty to the University by presenting the:



AWARDS

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Academic Excellence & Spiritual Vitality



Dr. Sewell Woodward Jr. '54
United Methodist Pastor, Retired

Sewell began his commitment to ministry as a pastor within the UMC in 1953, when he was admitted into the Kentucky Conference. He served throughout the Commonwealth, raising three boys alongside of his wife and partner in ministry, Rosalie. Their final appointment was to the Ashland District of the UMC, consisting of 75 churches under Sewell's supervision. A founding father of the Georgia-based, interdenominational Mission Society, he has conducted mission work on four continents. His impactful ministry led to the creation of an endowed scholarship at Centenary UMC in Lexington, Ky., that enables students who wish to further their education. After five decades of ministry, Sewell retired, but began pastoring at Robert's Chapel, founded in 1841, in rural Jessamine County. In 2010, Sewell was awarded the Heroes, Saints and Legends Award from Wesley Village in Wilmore, where he resides with his second wife, Juanita.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Jamie Corbett '04 Higdon

Jamie, a professor at American University, served on the President's National Advisory Board, participated in the Ignited Campaign, hosted a D.C. alumni gathering, established a scholarship and recruited a prospective student – just this year. Her efforts on behalf of relational growth in Christ, civil discourse and generosity have provided a platform to invest in her alma mater.



Dr. Joe '74 and Willa-sue Ling '76 Brockinton
Christian Higher Education

Joe and Willa-sue have served students, faculty and staff for more than 45 years with humor, empathy, wisdom and joy. Their care and service are pillars of their ministry in education. Joe began his career teaching in middle and high school, completing his masters in exercise physiology which led him to Asbury University where he taught for one year before transitioning into Student Development, an area where he spent the rest of his career. He recently retired from Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C., as vice president for student life. Willa started out in banking but came alongside of Joe, serving both Asbury and SWU in the areas of hospitality and conference services, while helping to raise their two children. This couple has invested their time and talents in these universities, continuing to be active in their engagement both on and off campus. Their children and their spouses are graduates of Asbury University (fourth-generation Asburians).



DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUM AWARD
Nathan Pyle '04

Writer, Cartoonist

Nathan is a "New York Times" bestselling writer (NYC Basic Tips and Etiquette) and cartoonist. He uses social commentary and observational humor to share truths. Armed with remarkable wit and a computer stylus, he delivers messages as electronic art. He is noted for creating the popular "Strange Planet" webcomic series, and for serving as a writer and illustrator with BuzzFeed, an independent digital media company. From Strange Planet's space-like beings to New Yorkers behaving badly in his "etiquette" drawings, all serve as reminders that the best art teaches us about ourselves, our world and the One who made it all. He and his wife, Taylor, reside in NYC. ■

Celebrating God-Given Gifts

In 1st Corinthians 13, Paul talks about the importance of Love in all we do and ends the chapter with an encouragement to focus on faith, hope and love. In the previous chapter, Paul points out we all have different gifts and that combination of gifts make the body of Christ operate well together.

A few short weeks ago, we completed a wonderful reunion where we had close to 1,500 participants – a near record. We celebrated a record \$69 million raised in our Ignited Campaign, we celebrated banner years, we celebrated Alumni awards and even celebrated a groundbreaking for our Collaborative Learning Center.

There were so many alums and family attending that God has gifted in different and wonderful ways. It was such a great reminder of God's creativity, His love for us, and His desire that we have full and impactful lives. It is just overwhelming and inspiring to rub shoulders with alums and friends who God has called into different family situations, different fields, different life experiences, but all of whom God loves and continues to equip to have an impact on others and the kingdom.

We had the honor of celebrating Dr. Sandra C. Gray and her impact and leadership as our president. We also had the

unique opportunity to introduce Dr. Kevin J. Brown and his family and to hear a bit of his vision and excitement about leading Asbury into the next chapter.



God has indeed gifted Asbury University through the years with great leadership (in fact, believe it or not, six Asbury presidents were in attendance Saturday evening of Reunion 2019!), all of whom had different God-given gifts needed for different times in our history.

Faith, Hope and Love. Evidenced for more than 129 years in Asburians past and present. Thanks for the opportunity to meet and be encouraged by so many! ■



Dr. Mark Troyer
Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships

Leaving a Legacy

Regardless of your age, you can leave a legacy to support future generations of Asburians through a planned gift. As part of a wise financial plan, you can make a significant philanthropic investment in Asbury's educational ministry and gain financial and tax benefits for you and your family.

Common planned gifts include:

- A **charitable bequest** is made through a simple provision in your will or trust and allows you to retain control of your assets during your lifetime.
- A **charitable gift annuity** is a life income gift that provides future philanthropic support for Asbury, current income for you and lowers your taxes.
- More than a source of security for your future, **life insurance** is a versatile asset that can be left to Asbury as a charitable gift.

If we can help you with your estate plan, please contact:
Rev. Stuart Smith '77, Senior Planned Giving Officer stuart.smith@asbury.edu • (800) 888-1818, x2707



Jeanine Leist '69 McDowell
has supported Asbury through an endowed scholarship, farm equipment and a substantial gift through her estate.

Watch a video here:
asbury.edu/McDowellVideo

Asbury Continues to Move FORWARD IN FAITH

Five years ago, Asbury University's Board of Trustees shared a special vision for the University — one that would carry Asbury's mission into the future. That vision became the Ignited Campaign. Now, with just one year remaining in the campaign, Asbury has been blessed by an outpouring of generosity that is already making a dramatic difference on campus. New scholarships, faculty development opportunities, academic programs and facility construction and revitalization are all being made possible through Ignited.

Campus has been abuzz in recent months with significant new campaign developments.

With one year remaining in the campaign, we are blessed to have surpassed the \$69-million mark, raising more than \$12 million in gifts and pledges in the last year alone. While work still remains to be done in three key areas — the Collaborative Learning Center (CLC), the Student Center Revitalization and Current Use Scholarships — this momentum is an encouraging vote of confidence from all of our donors.

We celebrated yet another milestone with a groundbreaking for the CLC during Reunion.

"With a God-inspired vision, the Asbury Board of Trustees and administration took the first steps in April of 2014 that would lead us to this special time and place today," Former Asbury President Sandra C. Gray said during the groundbreaking ceremony. "We heard His vision for the Collaborative Learning Center that would bring together Business, Science and Math to advance the mission of Asbury University."

Building for the CLC will progress as funds are pledged and received. In total, \$16 million has been raised out of a \$17-million goal. Though, the total cost of all phases of the project will be \$24 million. We are trusting God and moving forward in faith as we seek partners to help us complete funding for that important building.

Asbury constituents are thankful as funding for the campaign has seen significant growth. During the course of the campaign, more than \$8 million has been raised in smaller gifts of \$1 to \$25,000, and more than 24 households and foundations have pledged or given \$500,000 or more. More than 200 families are now part of the John Wesley Hughes Society, indicating their commitment to include Asbury in their estate plans.



Far Left: Greg '83 and Cindy Isaacs were featured in the 2016 Summer issue of the Ambassador. The first floor of the CLC has been named in honor of Greg, who passed away last year.

Left: A group of Asbury alumni raised \$2.5 million to name the atrium of the CLC in honor of Don Winslow '65, a former Business professor who passed away in 1997.

The cost of delivering an excellent education continues to be a challenge, even for Asbury. That's why Asbury strives to make college affordable for all prospective students through financial aid and scholarship offerings.

The Ignited Campaign is making a tangible difference in the lives of students through current-use and endowed scholarships. Asbury has established or funded 58 endowed scholarships that will provide for students now and in the future. Close to \$30 million has been raised specifically for scholarships during the campaign.

We are overwhelmed with the sheer number of alumni and friends who have given to the Ignited Campaign (more than 7,500) and are interested in investing in the lives of students for generations to come.

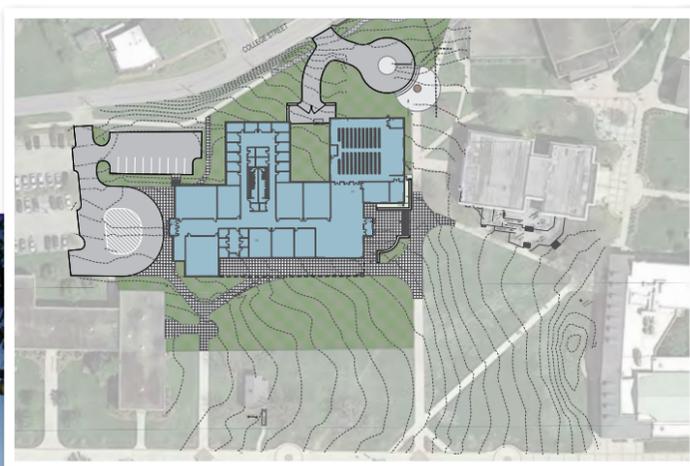
We are honored to have reached full funding on the Winslow Atrium project, honoring beloved Business faculty member Don Winslow '65 in the CLC. We are

also honored a donor stepped into a naming opportunity to remember former board member and Campaign Co-Chair Greg Isaacs '83, who went to be with the Lord last year; the first floor of the CLC will be named in his honor.

"We are blessed and encouraged at the momentum and generosity of the Asbury family and growing circle of friends," Dr. Mark Troyer, vice president for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships said. "We have received so many 'Divine Surprises.'" ■

Please join us in praying for the continued success of the Ignited Campaign. To learn more or support the campaign, visit:

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Given:
\$69,372,270

Facilities	Scholarships	Experience
Given: \$23,177,203	Given: \$29,945,534	Given: \$16,249,533

To learn more about Ignited, watch the public launch video or support the campaign visit asbury.edu/ignited

Servant Leader

Bill Reichardt's philanthropy at Asbury is wide-ranging, encompassing baseball legends of the 1940s and the unsung servant leaders of the future.

Bill Reichardt was just a kid in the late 1940s — maybe 9 or 10 — when he met his hero face to face. Stan Musial, a future hall-of-fame outfielder and first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals, stepped off the bus at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Ill., and began walking the 200 yards or so from the bus to the fenced-off area leading to the clubhouse.

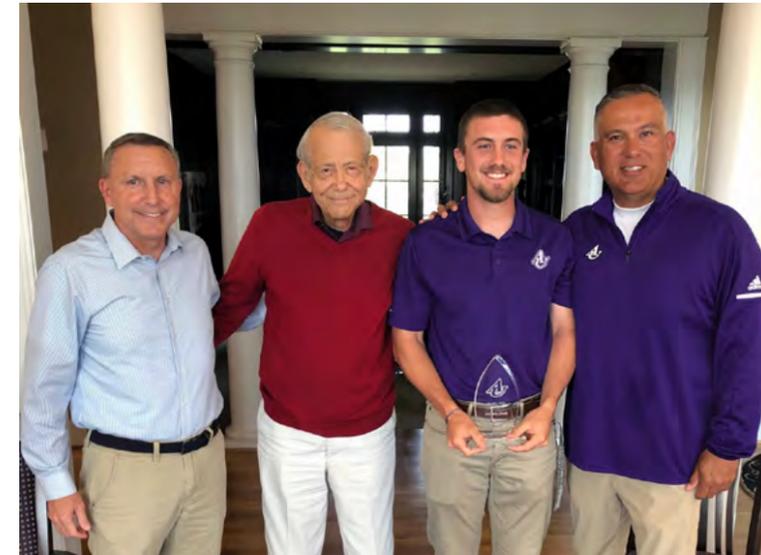
"Stan, Stan!" hollered the gaggle of kids who had gathered early at the ballpark in hopes of autographs. Musial didn't stop. Reichardt and his friends tagged along at the player's heels until he reached the fenced-off area. One by one, the kids trailed away, but Reichardt persisted, following Musial up the stairs and into the clubhouse. Finally, "Stan the Man" turned and cracked a smile.

"OK, kid, I'll sign," he said. "But I think you'd better leave."

Reichardt's persistence was an early sign of things to come. A relentless leader and visionary, Bill — along with his late wife, Sabra — pioneered the Servant Leadership Program, an annual award and celebration that, for 20 years, has impacted more than 80 students at Asbury University, as well as students at many other colleges.

In 2005, Asbury's Servant Leadership program was named in honor of a beloved servant leader who continues to inspire — retired Asbury Professor **Roy L. Lauter '64**.

The program began when Reichardt identified a gap in the kinds of scholarships colleges award.



Joe Williams '20 is the first recipient of the Eric Liddell Award at Asbury. From left: Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Mark Whitworth '84, Bill Reichardt, Williams and Asbury Baseball Coach Manny Cervantes.

"There were scholarships for athletes," Reichardt said. "There were scholarships for the smart kids. What about something new — an award for servant leaders?"

"You get a sense, walking around Asbury and meeting kids, that there's a selfless attitude that permeates campus."

At Asbury, students who exhibit outstanding servant leadership are nominated by peers, faculty or staff members. Each year, four recipients are chosen, each receiving a \$750 award and the opportunity to direct an additional \$250 contribution to the charitable agency of his or her choice.

Recently, Reichardt further expanded his philanthropy at Asbury, establishing the Eric Liddell Award for student-athletes who exhibit character and leadership. Asbury is currently one of only two colleges to offer the award. Liddell, the award's namesake, was an Olympic athlete and missionary to China whose story was made famous in the 1981 film, "Chariots of Fire."

"Liddell is such a magnificent model for servant leadership," Reichardt said. "It just seemed to be a natural fit. Athletics in the purest sense reflect so many great virtues: hard work, discipline and teamwork."

Reichardt says Asbury is a perfect home for the Eric Liddell Award, and for the Servant Leadership Award.

"You get a sense, walking around Asbury and meeting kids, that there's a selfless attitude that permeates campus," Reichardt said. "I can feel that when I meet someone like

Roy Lauter — someone who cares deeply for others."

Joe Williams '20 was selected for exemplifying "the servant leadership and Christian character modeled by former Olympic champion and world-renowned missionary Eric Liddell."

"Joe represents exactly what Asbury envisions in a student-athlete. He is a highly skilled and dedicated baseball player, while also excelling in the classroom and displaying a vibrant walk with Christ," said Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics **Mark Whitworth '84**.

Reichardt is an inspiring model of servant leadership, as well. Along with Sabra and friends Marty and Sue Moore, Reichardt has supported a variety of Asbury initiatives. Throughout the years, he has also promoted servant leadership at Christian colleges throughout the U.S., impacting hundreds of students.

In a truly heartfelt gesture, Reichardt has also given Asbury one of his prized possessions — a collection of his childhood baseball autographs, including dozens of legendary names like Jackie Robinson, Rogers Hornsby and — you guessed it — Stan Musial.

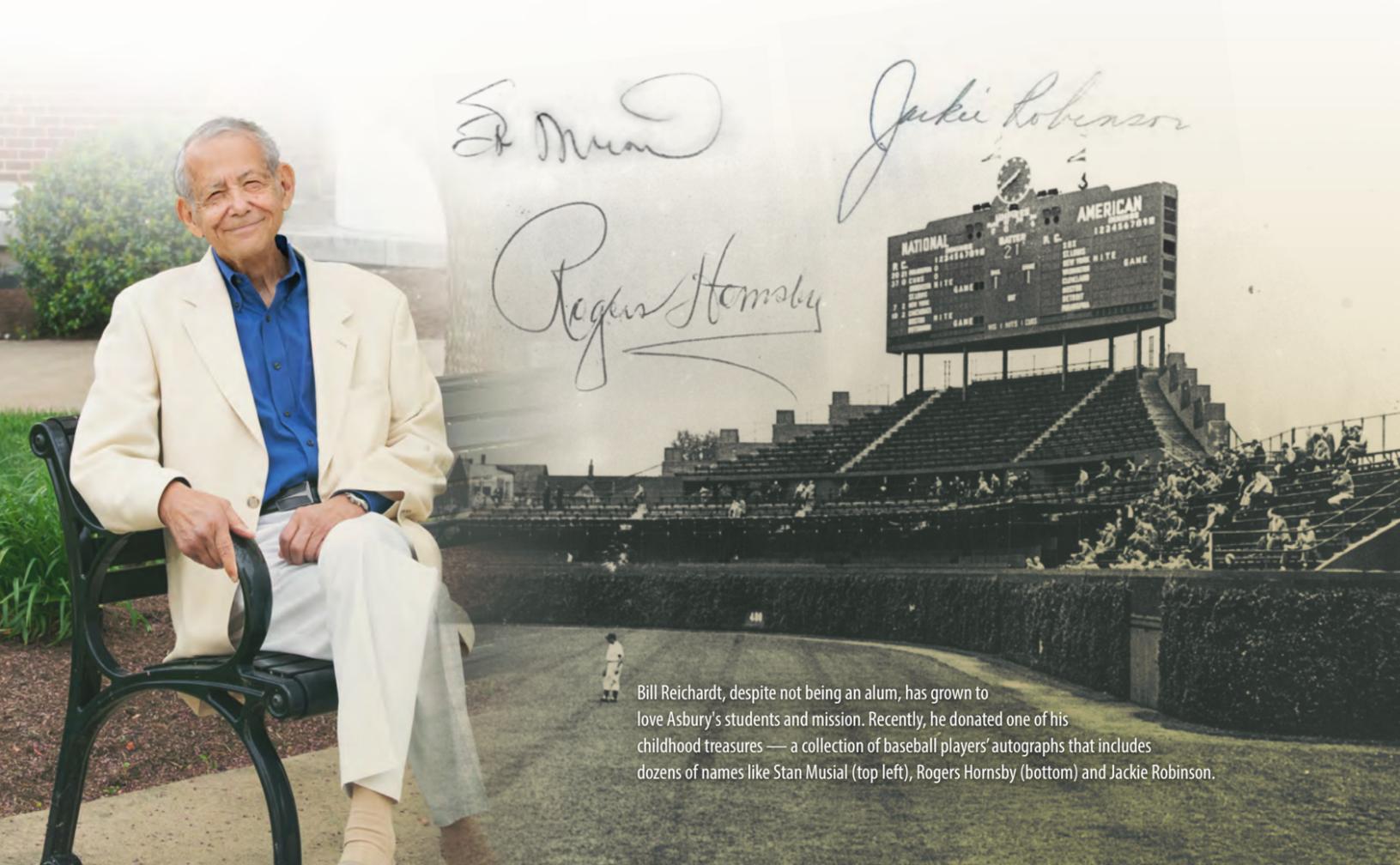
"A seed was planted for this gift when I saw the value Asbury puts on sharing, like the displays in the Communication Arts building," Reichardt said. "I love the idea of people being able to enjoy it."

Dr. Mark Troyer, serving as vice president for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships, has played a key role in the Servant Leadership program since its inception.

"Bill is so thoughtful and creative in encouraging us to serve well, walking along with us in encouraging our students to be people of service," Troyer said.

As Reichardt looks ahead, he has two wishes.

"If I have made an impact, I hope there will be something sustaining about it," Reichardt said. "And I hope Asbury students will realize I really care about them." ■



Bill Reichardt, despite not being an alum, has grown to love Asbury's students and mission. Recently, he donated one of his childhood treasures — a collection of baseball players' autographs that includes dozens of names like Stan Musial (top left), Rogers Hornsby (bottom) and Jackie Robinson.

Road Tripping WITH THE DIMARTINOS

The Asbury Journey

84 Asburians. Five months.

Three kids. Two Asbury alumni.

One Chrysler minivan.

A long road ahead.

These are the elements that made up life for **Ricky '07** and **Aidan Oliver '07 DiMartino** from September 2018 to February 2019 as they set off on the adventure of a lifetime. It was the beginning of their new career as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The pair met as students at Asbury, getting married and starting a family shortly after graduation. Theirs might sound like the typical Asbury love story, but some might say it's markedly unique.



Aidan was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a genetic disease, in high school. Her symptoms began showing up during her college years, eventually transitioning her into wheelchair use for mobility.

"It's kind of like a muscular dystrophy," Ricky said. "It affects her nerves telling her muscles what to do. Over time, she's lost coordination, trunk balance and control of her vocal cords."

The first years of their marriage, the pair navigated living with Aidan's parents, figuring out how they might be able to live on their own and start a family while dealing with Friedreich's Ataxia, in addition to the trials and errors of newlywed life. But, a word from God breathed new hope.

"When she was diagnosed, she got a word from the Lord that He was going to heal her," Ricky said. "Over the years, others have gotten similar messages from God, so we've just been waiting expectantly for that day. In the meantime, she hasn't let it slow her down. She handles it with such grace, sometimes I forget we're a family with a disability."

Following graduation, Ricky and Aidan – both studied Bible and Theology – knew they were called to do mission work.

"We knew God had put long-term missions on our hearts," Ricky said. "After a lot of prayer, we started to get the signal that now was the time that God was releasing us to pursue our passion for missions."

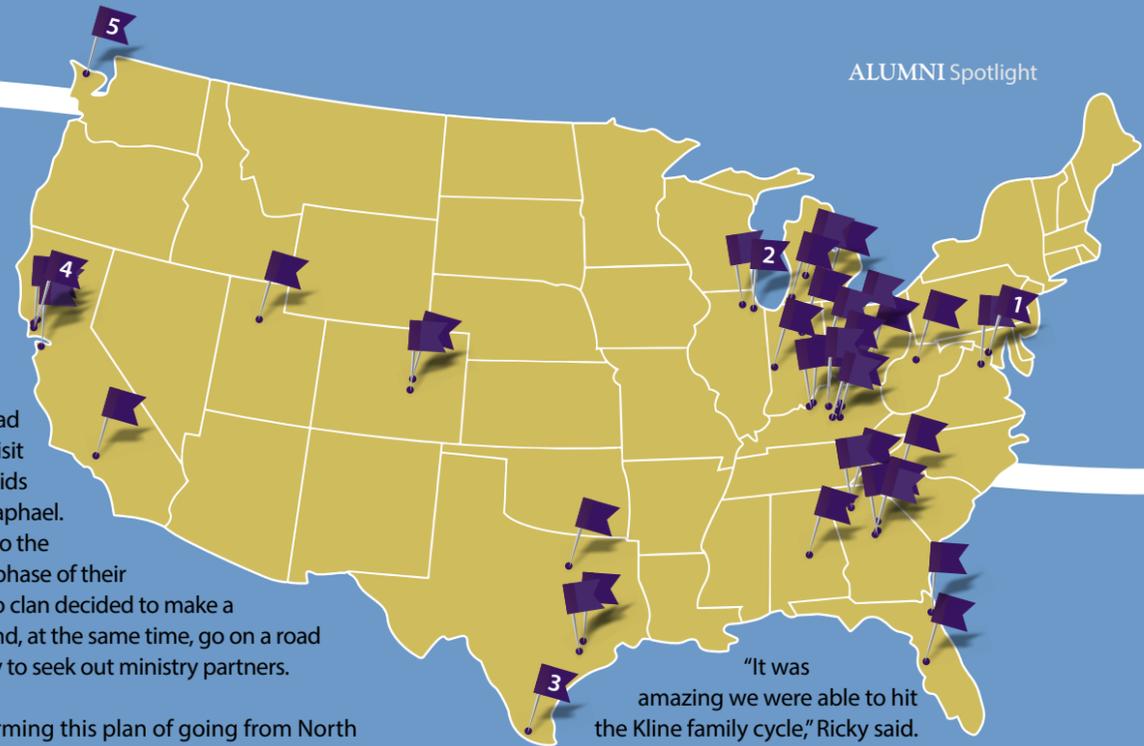
In April 2018, the DiMartinos signed on to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, focusing primarily on Bible translation for oral people groups. Ricky's mother, who lives in Washington, had also been wanting a visit from her three grandkids Aolani, Micaiah and Raphael. So, as they entered into the partnership-building phase of their mission, the DiMartino clan decided to make a trip to see grandma and, at the same time, go on a road trip across the country to seek out ministry partners.

"We started brainstorming this plan of going from North Carolina and connecting with old friends. We crafted a path all the way out to Washington," Ricky said. "Aidan is the perfect person to have on an adventure like this. Her brain is remarkably adept at strategizing and organizing, so this was right up her alley."

Ricky and Aidan realized the trip would take five months to complete, so they began contacting Asburians across the country to see if they could host or meet up with them.

Throughout the course of five months, the DiMartinos visited 29 states and the District of Columbia, hitting every region of the country. They saw 84 Asburians, who either hosted or met up with them for coffee dates and meals.

Among the Asburians they encountered was the Kline family, whom they first met on a mission trip to Hungary 12 years prior. First, they reunited with parents **Anne Welling '84** and **Duane Kline** in New Liberty, Ky., followed by meeting up with son **Aaron Kline '19** in Wilmore and finally seeing daughter **Hannah Kline '16** in San Francisco, Calif.



"It was amazing we were able to hit the Kline family cycle," Ricky said.

Another special moment occurred when they stopped in Michigan to see a woman named Shannon, whom Aidan has corresponded with via e-mail since 2009. Shannon, who also has Friedreich's Ataxia, mentored Aidan and played a big role in building her confidence to start a family.

Ricky also learned some important lessons on the trip, including one in particular he'll take into missionary work.

"I started to notice I'm on this missionary endeavor, and I haven't had much time to read my Bible," Ricky said. "I felt the effects of not having that time alone with God's word. I was realizing how important this work of Bible translation is."

Now, the DiMartinos are diving into their first assignment, doing public relations in the International Media Services department for JAARS in Waxhaw, N.C.

Please join us in praying for Ricky and Aidan as they continue on in their journey into the mission field. ■

1. **Elisabeth Pierce '05 Tanev** in Alexandria, Va.
2. **Jon '07** and **Amanda Quiggins '07 Lewis** in Chicago, Ill.
3. **Caleb '06** and **Christy Lee '06 Swaringen** and family in McAllen, Texas
4. **Tyler '07** and **Ruth O'Neal '07 Tate** and family in Vallejo, Calif.
5. **Adam '07** (not pictured) and **Kerry Hancock '07 Sherer** in Port Angeles, Wash.



Double the Fun

It's all in the family for Anthony '19 and Rebekah '21 Antonelli.



For siblings Anthony '19 and Rebekah '21 Antonelli, their journey to Asbury University began before they were even born, when their already married parents enrolled as non-traditional students in 1993.

Their father, Tony Antonelli '96, graduated with a degree in Bible & Theology, and their mother, Cynthia, attended Asbury until the two decided to add to their family and felt the Lord calling her out of school to do so.

The Antonellis stayed in Wilmore while Tony furthered his education at Asbury Theological Seminary, but that wasn't where their Asbury connection ended. Through the years, they moved often with Tony's various pastoral appointments in the United Methodist Church, but Asbury always remained a part of their lives thanks in part to Indian Springs Camp in Flovilla, Ga.

"Our roots are in that camp and Asbury has roots in that camp," Rebekah said.

So, when Anthony and Rebekah came to Wilmore to pursue their undergraduate degrees in 2015 and 2017, it felt like a long-awaited homecoming.

The Asbury roots run so deep in the Antonelli family that Rebekah and Anthony didn't apply to any other colleges. It was at their other home away from home, Indian Springs, where they also got to know former Asbury President Sandra C. Gray, who spoke at the camp often. The siblings were also both recipients of the JPL Indian Springs Scholarship.

"Asbury always sends the Summer Ministry Team to work at Indian Springs, and I remember meeting so many

Asbury students and my dad's alumni friends," Rebekah said. "I thought, 'Wow, the heart of these people, that's rare.' That's the product of Asbury and that's who I want to be."

Now, Rebekah is studying social work while Anthony just finished his final semester in the music program, graduating with the Merciful Class in May.

"A few of my favorite memories have been with chorale," Anthony said. "We performed with the Lexington Philharmonic. That's an experience that is once in a lifetime for me because I'm from small town Alabama, where there's not much musical opportunity."

A true heart of service, Rebekah has focused primarily on finding ways to embody the hands and feet of Christ throughout her Asbury career. When she's not working as the men's basketball team manager or as a Social Work Department student worker, Rebekah finds unending joy

in serving each Sunday at Church Under the Bridge, a ministry for the homeless in Lexington.

"It became like a home for me and it's one of my all-time favorite things that I've done," Rebekah said.

Additionally, Rebekah took the skills she's gained at Asbury to impact the world this summer on a three-week trip to Peru, where she worked at a local school.

So, what's it like being in an "All-Asbury Family," even having a sibling in school at the same time?

"The best!" Rebekah exclaimed. "It's been the best!" ■

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1950s

1 Don Donaldson '59 has written a book about his 60 years as a missionary and bush pilot in Guatemala! His book, "Bush Pilot in God's Hands" is available on Amazon.



1960s

Allen Deyo '66 continues to use his musical gifts, in a range that reaches from gospel to Star Wars, to serve at Heart of the Ozarks Healthcare Center in Ava, Mo.

David Hager '68 spoke at Focus on the Family regarding the medical and physical consequences of transgender therapy. He also provided testimony to the 6th District Court of Appeals on behalf of the State of Kentucky to uphold the mandatory ultrasound prior to abortion bill (SB2).

1970s

After a 40-year break, Bob FitzSimmonds III '75 returned to the classroom to receive his Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Kentucky.

Tom Brunner '76 is the National Mobilization Coordinator for MissionNext.org (a unique group that works for over 100-plus evangelical mission agencies). Previously, Tom and his wife, Luann, served the C&MA for four decades as a district director of church planting, lead pastor (transitioning & church planting) and staff specialist. He can be contacted at tom.brunner@missionnext.org.



Phil Webster '77, a John Jay reenactor, spoke in character at the 230th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration on April 30, 2019. You can see his presentations here: 1776faith.com.

Tim Rehner '78 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers (Miss. chapter) on March 6, 2019. Rehner received the award for 25-plus years at the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Social Work and a legacy of service to the citizens of Mississippi.

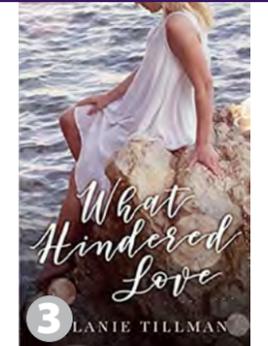
1980s

2 Scott Janney '80, CFRE, is the Executive Director of Leadership and Planned Giving at Muhlenberg College (Pa.).

Jody Hice '82, Congressman from Georgia, received the Family Research Council's True Blue Award for the Born Alive Protection Act.

Chuck Coleman '83 has retired from active ministry after 36 years, the past 25 at Community Church of Columbus, Ind. He and his wife, Emily Wood '84 Coleman, have moved to South Haven, Mich.

After 35 years of teaching, mentoring, coaching, recruiting and inspiring students, J.P. Rader '83 was named the



head-of-school at The International Community School Singapore. His wife, Helen Rehner '80 Rader, will serve on the academic staff.

Brannon LaForce '85 made a fourth trip to East Africa this past September and spent time teaching basic counseling skills to a Village Health Team in Kamwenge, Uganda. His next trip is in September 2019 and he would like to invite those interested in helping in both Rwanda and Uganda, especially dentists and eye doctors, to join him. For more information, please contact: brannon@brannonlaforce.com

Paul Nesselroade '89 published a text book. Nesselroade's "Statistical Applications for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2nd Edition" was released in December 2018, under John Wiley & Sons. An e-publication version was released, as well.

1990s

In May, Jeremy Oden '91 of the Alabama Public Service Commission was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Board of Directors by President Nick Wagner of the Iowa Utilities Board.

James Fogal '96 has been appointed Wing Chaplain for the Alabama Wing

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of the Civil Air Patrol. In this role, James will oversee all chaplain staff in the state of Alabama for the Civil Air Patrol. This is a volunteer role. At his full-time job, James is a Regional Advisor for the American Bible Society.

William "Spence" Spencer '97 was selected to serve as the Deputy Command Chaplain for HQ Air Force Space Command on Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jeremy Thornton '97 is the Associate Dean at Samford University's Brock School of Business.

2000s

Nancy Watson '00 Carber wrote "Birth After Miscarriage: A Spiritual Journey" and "Ramblings of the Mind." Both books are available on Amazon.

Steven Pierce '00, senior minister of Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., was the featured preacher on Palm Sunday on "Day 1" with host Peter Wallace, the nationally broadcast ecumenical radio program also accessible online at Day1.org. "Day 1" has been broadcast every week for 74 years, formerly as "The Protestant Hour."

Melanie Hanson '00 Tillman has self-published her first novel, "What Hindered Love," through Amazon.



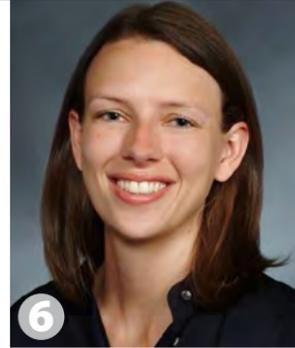
Zach '01 and **Shelley Raynor '01 Bell** both received their Ph.D.'s in May 2018 from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

John Hearn '01, assistant professor of chemistry at Lee University (Tenn.), presented on a panel at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Baltimore, Md. The panel Hearn served on consisted of five non-mathematics faculty members from different institutions who are working on an interdisciplinary project funded by the National Sciences Foundation. This project was titled "Synergistic Undergraduate Mathematics via Multi-Institutional Interdisciplinary Teaching Partnerships."

Erik Johnson married **Cheryll Crowe '03** on Jan. 5, 2019 in Versailles, Ky. Three alumni were in the wedding party: **Humaira Tufail '90 Dale**, **Heather Hunt '03 Kennedy** and **Erin McLaughlin '03**. Cheryll is the associate dean of the School of Science, Health & Mathematics and chair of the Math Department at Asbury University.

Jared Lathem '03 is the pastor of The Gathering at Mt. Bethel UMC in Marietta, Ga.

Chad '03 and **Erin Moore '03 Moler** and their two boys have moved from Arizona to London, Ky. Chad is the lead pastor at Corbin First Church of the Nazarene in Corbin, Ky.



Jeff Rudy '03 is the Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Murray, Ky. His wife, **Carrie Lindstrom '03 Rudy**, will continue her work with her sewing business (Created by Carrie).

Benjamin Arnold '04 was one of the keynote speakers at the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association (KMCA) Annual Conference on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., on April 26. He gave a presentation entitled "Unpacking Invisible Suitcases: Treatment Interventions for Foster Children." In addition to serving as an adjunct professor of Psychology at Asbury University, Benjamin works as a child and family therapist with the Kentucky Counseling Center in Lexington.

John Banter '04 received his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Georgia Southern University. Under his leadership, the Southern Leaders Program, an undergraduate student leadership development program that involves extensive leadership development opportunities, was recognized by the Association of Leadership Educators as the 2018 Outstanding Program of the Year.

Brooke Preston '04 married Chase Clark on Jan. 26, 2019. The couple resides in Lexington, Ky.



Alexis Holmberg '04 Vien was recognized with the Physician of the Year Award at New York Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital. Alexis, an internal medicine physician and hospitalist, is the first female to win this award.

Chris and **Bahar Altug '06 Hill** welcomed their first child, Aydin, in November 2018. This is also the first grandchild for grandparents Michelle and **Erol Altug '76**.

Thad Austin '07 is the Senior Director of United Methodist Engagement and Lifelong Learning at Duke University's Divinity School.

In May 2019, **Ben Lewis '07** received his Ph.D. in Greek and Latin from Catholic University.

Rachel and **Colin Reed '08** announce the birth of Quinlan Oliver on June 3, 2019. Proud grandparents are Jim and **Beth Luce '80 Reed**.

Clay and Dagmar (Mercy) Cable '09 Cobb welcome Elora Lorraine, born on March 12, 2019. She joins big brother, Everett Michael, who was born Feb. 3, 2017.

2010s

John Greer '10 is the head men's soccer coach at Alma College in Alma, Mich.



Ian Slater '10 is the director of enrollment management at Indiana Wesleyan University. He received his Ph.D. in Higher Education from Azusa Pacific University.

Matt Hood '11 is the swimming and diving coach at Oklahoma Baptist University, only the second to hold this title. Before this, Matt was at Division II Chowan University in Murfreesboro, N.C., where he founded the women's swim program in 2016 and the men's program in 2018.

Breann Massey '11 and her fiancée, Zach Good, are Salvation Army officers assigned to Sand Springs, Okla.

Andrew '12 and **Faith Shaw '11 Hamilton** announce the birth of Abigail Naomi on Nov. 13, 2018. They live in Montgomery, Ala.

Susanna and **Kenton Sena '12** welcomed their first child, Silas Mark, on Feb. 24, 2019.

Phil and Becca Richards '13 Dickerson welcomed Titus Anthony on Nov. 7, 2018. He was baptized on Dec. 16, 2018.

John Nichols '13, was published in the Association for the Study of Arts of the Present (ASAP) with his article, "Plants in Contemporary Poetry: Ecocriticism and the Botanical Imagination."



Lucy Shea Allen '14 starred as Alice Murphy in the Steve Martin and Edie Brickell musical "Bright Star" at the Firehouse Theatre, in Farmers Branch, Texas.

Alden '14 and **Kelsey Huck '14 Heckel**, and big sister, Eloise, announce the birth of Conley Alden, who joined their family on Jan. 4, 2019.

Cory Qualls '15 married **Erin Rowley '14**. The couple lives in Versailles, Ky.

Molly Robinson '16 received her Masters of Technical and Professional Communication degree from Auburn University on May 5, 2019, where she taught a variety of English courses as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. She is a Proposal Coordinator at Bhatte Environmental Associates in Birmingham, Ala.

James Scogin '16, a video producer, writer and photographer for the "News-Graphic" in Georgetown, Ky., produced a documentary about retired Scott County High (Ky.) boys' basketball coach Billy Hicks, whose vacancy was filled by **Tim Glenn '93**.

Samuel Martin '18, digital director at the Kentucky Governor's Office, married **Madison Farrar '18**, who is a transaction coordinator with Keller Williams Bluegrass Realty. They live in Georgetown, Ky. ■

IMPACTING THE WORLD Through Mentoring

APS Grad Jennifer Abner ('93) Cooney '19 envisions a future of intentional mentorship in the church.

We all have people in our lives who helped us become who the Lord designed us to be. They say it takes a village to raise a child and for **Jennifer Abner ('93) Cooney '19**, the presence or absence of this village can make a world of difference.

Cooney serves as the executive director of Appalachia Mentoring Project (AMP), a non-profit, faith-based mentoring program helping rebuild Appalachian communities from childhood up.

"Our mission is to put mentoring back into the DNA of the church," Cooney said. "We are called. We believe there's a biblical mandate to mentor. Scripture tells us to take care of the fatherless."

Growing up in Corbin, Ky., Cooney's passion for mentoring was ignited in watching her parents mentor local kids and seeing the impact it made on their lives.

"We have a crisis here," Cooney said. "In the mountains, upwards of 60 percent

of kids are going to a home where there's no biological parent. It's either an aunt or grandparent. That's directly related to our opioid crisis here. We have a lot of parents who overdose or become homeless. They've left their kids... We've really created this new normal that kids are not being raised by their parents. It puts a strain on the whole family unit."

In her journey to her current position, Cooney found herself in a unique situation in August 2017, when she re-enrolled at Asbury in the Adult Professional Studies' Instructional Design Program (asbury.edu/online). Ironically, she and her husband **Paul '92** met in an Asbury sociology course on marriage in the early '90s. With one semester to go, Cooney, who was originally in the Servant Class of 1993, decided to take a semester off after getting married. One semester became two decades.

And 25 years later, she returned to finish her degree alongside her son **Drew '19**. Her son **Luke '17** also graduated from Asbury.

"It was exciting doing the last semester and the crunch time together and encouraging each other," Cooney said. "Him, being an education major, and me in instructional design, we were able to talk about

learning objectives. There was a lot of common learning theory stuff that we were able to have really good conversations about."

Passion met outlet for Cooney when Ken Merrifield, founder of AMP, showed up at Cooney's church. She was instantly onboard and joined the team as a volunteer, and then transitioned into the role of the executive director when Merrifield moved away.

"Mentoring is a long-term commitment because it's about relationships. It's a crockpot ministry; it's not a microwave. It's a little more difficult to convince people to invest in it."

Cooney sees mentorship as essential in breaking the cycle of poverty in Appalachia and hopes the church will work harder to get involved and create programs that meet the needs of the mentally and emotionally hungry.

"In the church we're really good at meeting physiological needs," Cooney said. "We have homeless shelters. We donate. We have feeding programs. Everybody's got a food pantry and the backpack programs. It's easy to get people in on that because there's instant results. If somebody's hungry, you feed them. You see the results. Mentoring is a long-term commitment because it's about relationships. It's a crockpot ministry; it's not a microwave. It's a little more difficult to convince people to invest in it."

Mentoring is just one of many ways Asbury alumni are impacting the world for Christ. ■



Learn more about Appalachia Mentoring Project by visiting ampforkids.org.



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Charlotte Mott '41 Yates, Founder of Peace Foundation, 5/15/2019, Orlando, Fla.

Eleanor Albro '44 Taylor, Church Secretary, 11/25/2018, Binghamton, N.Y.

Mary '45 Kuth, Homemaker, 3/27/2018, Loveland, Ohio

Rev. Jean Cale '46 Arthur, Ministry/Nursing, 9/16/2018, Pinehurst, N.C.

Dr. William "Bill" Cascini '48, Education/Social Work, 5/17/2019, Lincoln, Neb.

Dr. William Douce '48, Medical Missionary, 2/27/2019, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Roberta Blakeman '48 Fishbeck, Education/Ministry, 2/13/2019, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Betty Kuhns '48 Haering, Education, 2/25/2019, Flint, Mich.

Chaplain Clarence LeMasters '48, Military/Ministry, 3/11/2019, Lakeland, Fla.

Myra "June" Harper '48 Young, Education, 5/4/2019, Horse Shoe, N.C.

Rachel Osbun '49 Funk, 3/25/2019, Corvallis, Ore.

Elsie Anderson '49 Wetzel, Education, 4/29/2019, Grove City, Ohio

Ruth Endicott '50 French, Homemaker/Ministry, 2/1/2019, Winona Lake, Ind.

Betty Turkington '50 Jensen, Grants Manager/Ministry, 2/17/2019, Blue Bell, Pa.

June Kline '50, 2/12/2019, Saint Marys, Ohio

Louise Dempsey '50 Longbotham, Education, 12/11/2018, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Rev. Albert Savage Jr. '50, Education/Ministry, 5/15/2019, Nicholasville, Ky.

Elia Lilley '51 Dorsey, Education/Missions, 5/2/2019, Valdosta, Ga.

James Good '51, Business Owner/Insurance, 4/19/2019, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Donald Howard '51, Medicine, 3/17/2019, Frankfort, Ky.

Maj. Constance "Marjorie" Gibson '51 Peterson, Salvation Army, 11/14/2018, Rockford, Mich.

Rev. David Weinert '51, Ministry, 4/14/2019, Woodburn, Ore.

Dr. Robert Hardin '52, Medicine, 4/28/2019, Nashville, Tenn.

Rose Marie Whitehead '53 Dover, Director/Music Education, 5/17/2019, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Charles W. Smith '53, Education, 3/25/2019, Pemberville, Ohio

F. Berneice Rider '53 Underwood, Ministry, 6/10/2019, Orange Beach, Ala.

Gerald Chapman '54, Federal Government, 6/17/2019, Ashburn, Va.

Robert "Benny" Lutz '54, Education, 4/14/2019, Ashville, Ohio

Frances Arnold '54 Ruble, Education, 11/10/2018, Lancaster, Ky.

Roberta Cannoy '55 Daws, Education, 2/10/2019, Nashville, Tenn.

Mary Knox '55 Spradling, Education, 5/21/2019, Fairfield Township, Ohio

Dorothy "Dot" Boggess '56 Carnes, Education/Missions, 3/15/2019, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Virginia White '56 Dillon, Homemaker, 12/21/2018, Rockledge, Fla.

Dr. David Greenman '56, Education/Government/Missions, 1/17/2019, San Diego, Calif.

Dr. Max Hickman '56, General Surgeon, 6/24/2019, Chillicothe, Ohio

Margaret Hearn '57 Dixon, Education, 3/14/2019, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Emily Wallace '57 Levering, Education, 2/9/2019, Frazesburg, Ohio

Everett Amos '58, Music Ministry, 2/11/2019, Blackstone, Va.

Ellen Moir '59 Bailey, Business Owner/Interior Designer, 12/30/2018, Charlotte, N.C.

Linda Soffranko '59 Pappas Hale, Education/Military, 3/6/2019, Williamsburg, Va.

Shirley Himes '59 Krauss, Education, 5/16/2019, Summerfield, Fla.

Margery "Gaynelle" Granberry '59 Newton, Administrative Assistant/Ministry, 3/5/2019, Niceville, Fla.

Patricia Cox '60 Bacon, Government Service, 11/03/2018, Norfolk, Va.

Julia "Nadine" Boggs '60 Rankin, Education, 5/23/2019, Piedmont, Ala.

Kathryn Rieke '60 Whitworth, Education/Ministry, 5/5/2019, Prospect, Ky.

Capt. Norman Williams '60, Military/Ministry, 2/5/2019, Aguanga, Calif.

Marjorie "Marge" Grimes '62 Cornwell, Counselor/Education, 4/7/2019, Albion, Ind.

Phyllis Stuckey '62 Hahn, Public Service, 2/7/2019, Defiance, Ohio

Rev. James Biggs '63, Education/Ministry/Politics, 5/30/2019, Island Heights, N.J.

Arvil Reeb Jr. '63, Social Work, 4/8/2019, Lexington, Ky.

Dr. James Blair '64, Education, 3/17/2019, St. Louis, Mo.

Gerald Carter '64, Education/Electrical Engineer/Photography, 1/27/2019, Murray, Ky.

Rev. Terrance Millbyer '65, Ministry, 11/15/2018, Syracuse, N.Y.

Anne Carson '65 Sippel, Education/Missions, 12/29/2018, Winter Haven, Fla.

Emily Buchanan '67 Millbyer, Ministry, 6/1/2019, Syracuse, N.Y.

Elizabeth "Liz" Halsey '67 Slaughter, Missions/Nursing, 5/7/2019, Vancouver, Wash.

Dr. James Doran '68, Ministry, 5/16/2019, Deal Island, Md.

Elizabeth McConnell '69 Anderson Grafton-Burch, Administration Assistant, 3/5/2019, Battle Creek, Mich.

Winneta Vice '69 Sewell, Legal Secretary, 1/9/2019, Gainesville, Ga.

Dr. David Miller '71, Pediatric Surgeon, 3/10/2019, Orlando, Fla.

Marian Foreman '73, Finance, 3/6/2019, Mount Victory, Ohio

Rev. Daniel Dennis '74, Ministry/Missions, 3/29/2019, Carlisle, Pa.

Jack Graves '75, Builder/Ministry/Missions, 3/16/2019, Franklin, Ind.

John Joy '75, Social Work, 4/21/2019, Lexington, Ky.

Stephen Ralls '76, Carpenter, 8/31/2018, Arcadia, Fla.

Pastor Stephen Perry '77, Ministry/Missions, 2/8/2019, Lake Charles, La.

Rev. James Sanders '81, Ministry, 1/13/2019, Delaware, Ohio

Rev. John Thomas '81, Ministry, 2/8/2019, Tifton, Ga.

Ruth DeYoung '83 Young, Education/Ministry, 1/9/2019, El Campo, Texas

Dr. John Neihof Jr. '85, Education/Ministry, 3/8/2019, Jackson, Miss.

Dru Fitch '86, Business Owner/Interior Designer, 2/17/2019, Henrico, Va.

Nancy Hart '86, Education, 1/31/2019, Lake Worth, Fla.

Pastor David Herndon '93, Ministry, 3/10/2019, Ashland, Ky.

Gregory Cox '94, Military/Ministry/Music, 4/18/2019, Powell, Tenn.

Katie Katzmark '04 Birkenhauer, Business Owner/Chiropractor, 5/30/2019, Lapeer, Mich.

Gary Spear '08, Clinical Engineering, 3/16/2019, Columbus, Ga.

Godfrey Padgett '11, HVAC Technician/Sports, 5/16/2019, Milton, Fla.

friends

Doris Merriman Adams, Honorary Graduate '86/Retired Asbury Employee, 5/12/2019, Wilmore, Ky.

John Buchan Jr., 12/19/2018, Northville, Mich.

Venessa Travis Buckel, 3/23/2019, Lexington, Ky.

Jose Buenrostro, 2/15/2019, Wilmore, Ky.

Joseph Cox, 11/28/2018, Pickerington, Ohio

Frances Slutz DeVito, 9/24/2018, Amarillo, Texas

Reid Feather, 12/13/2018, Coraopolis, Pa.

Kenton Hayes Sr., 5/30/2018, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Angela Easterday Holder, 5/12/2019, Knoxville, Tenn.

Rev. Charles Kingery Jr., 9/10/2018, Simi Valley, Calif.

Larry "Pete" McDowell, 3/4/2019, Circleville, Ohio

Martha "Betty" Williams Medlock, 6/8/2019, Titusville, Fla.

Ethel "Leilani" Mikesell, 4/25/2018, Los Banos, Calif.

Betty Peterson, 11/27/2018, Lexington, Ky.

Philip Puddington, 2/21/2019, Lexington, Ky.

Clarence Rost, 4/13/2019, Novi, Mich.

June Northcutt Simms, 4/20/2019, Clanton, Ala.

Stephen Thurlow Sr., 11/4/2018, Saginaw, Mich.

Michael Troutman, 3/17/2019, Nicholasville, Ky.

John "David" Willison, 1/20/2018, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

To report a listing for In Memoriam, please contact Kim Spillman in the Office of Advancement at: kimberly.spillman@asbury.edu or (859) 858-3511, x2173.

Upcoming Events



Family Weekend & Sibling Invasion Oct. 3-5

- August 13-15 Welcome Week for New Students/Transfers
- August 19 Fall Classes Begin
- September 5-6 Fall Preview #1 + Adventure Admissions Visit Event**
- September 9-13 Fall Revival
- September 12-13 Equine Visit, Admissions Event
- September 12-14 Fall Alumni Board Meeting
- September 26 New Room Conf. Alumni Gathering (Nashville, Tenn.)
- October 3-5 Fall Preview #2 + Family Weekend & Sibling Invasion**
- October 15 Homeschool Visit Day, Admissions Event
- October 28 Great Commission Congress Week
- November 5-6 Embrace Conference
- November 7-8 Fall Preview #3**
- November 14-15 Asbury Marketplace Summit
- November 21-23 All-Star Band Clinic
- November 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

- December 4 Christmas Music Chapel
- December 6 Last Day of Classes
- December 7 Wilmore Old-Fashioned Christmas
- December 23-27 Christmas Holiday



REUNION 2020 (June 25-28)

All are invited! Special Reunions for Classes ending in 5s and 0s.

Admissions: Asbury.edu/admissions

Alumni: Asbury.edu/alumni

Athletics: AsburyEagles.com

Chapel: Asbury.edu/podcasts



Sign up for a high school Fall Preview Event

FALL PREVIEW #1 + Adventure
September 5-6

FALL PREVIEW #2 + Sibling Invasion
October 3-4

FALL PREVIEW #3
November 7-8

Register at asbury.edu/visit

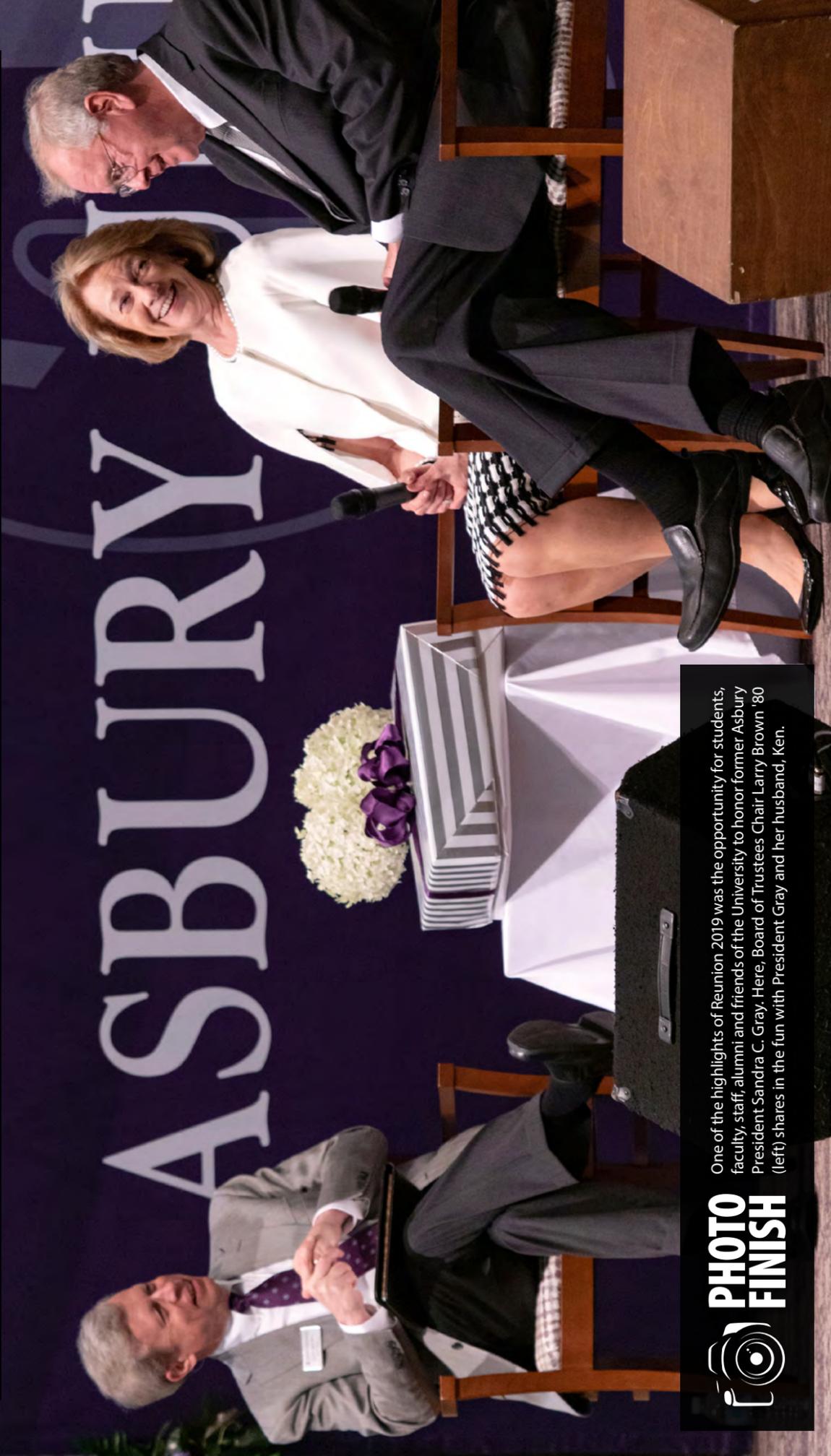
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I want to offer my sincere thanks to our alumni and friends for the heartfelt notes, letters, e-mails, phone calls and countless other expressions of support upon my retirement from the Asbury University presidency. I am confident in God's provision for Asbury, and I take joy in the knowledge that the University has a faithful, mission-focused and visionary leader in Dr. Kevin Brown. I firmly believe Asbury's greatest days are yet to come. Thank you, Asbury community, for serving alongside me. Partnering with you in this mission — our mission — has been my highest honor.

Sandra C. Gray



One of the highlights of Reunion 2019 was the opportunity for students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University to honor former Asbury President Sandra C. Gray. Here, Board of Trustees Chair Larry Brown '80 (left) shares in the fun with President Gray and her husband, Ken.



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