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# Gather

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## And we GATHERED!

What a wonderful two days we had together! Thank you for being a part of this much needed celebration. We fellowshiped, worshipped, laughed and even cried together. Alumni, family and friends from literally all over the world made their way back to campus or joined us online. Wow — it was powerful to be in Hughes Auditorium singing together, again!

How grateful we are for the Lord's presence in our lives and this rich Asbury heritage we share. As you walked across campus (or rode in a golf cart!) or watched online, there was a sense of joy and expectation. You heard greetings between roommates and classmates, children giggling as they ran around campus, powerful messages of being and becoming, rich "belly" laughs as stories were shared, the "oohs" and the singing in Hughes. God is on the move. It was powerful. Moving. Challenging. Filling. Thanks be to God.

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## President's Message

# Gathering is powerful

In Acts Chapter 2, we are told that believers gathered and “devoted themselves” to the apostles’ teaching, to fellowship, to breaking of the bread, and to prayers. Gathering and committing to one another can be a very radical and powerful expression.

Related to gathering and worship, the theologian Philip Kenneson wrote the following: “Human gatherings powerfully shape the human social imagination, inevitably forming the horizon within which all human action — including worship — takes place.”

In other words, gathering is not simply about what we commonly believe and commonly express — it is about becoming.

And this story of becoming can often appear counter-intuitive to popular logic. Gathering begets community, and community begets identity. Identity requires commitments, and commitments are associated with limitations. But here is the counter-intuitive part: these very limitations are a significant source of meaning and fulfillment.

For example, I am a son, a husband, a father, an Asbury employee, a church member, and a Christ follower. These identities are not simply something I claim; they make a claim upon me. They limit what I can do. They moderate my choices. They constrain, guide, regulate, and govern my beliefs and practices. Yet they are all strongly associated with meaning. Rich fulfillment. Long lasting satisfaction.

Years ago, when I completed my graduate studies, I wrote a note to loved ones to acknowledge their influence in my life and express my thanks to them. I ended my comments with: “Because you are, I am.”

It was not just a creative way of saying “thank you” or a pithy slogan. Rather, it was the truest acknowledgment I could make. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 12:5: “we are members of one another.” And while there is commitment in our identities and bonds with one another, there is power in gathering.



Life is hard. It is complex. We are always a step away from tragedy. But we can deal with life’s complexity, together.

We are in a hard moment. The social, political, and cultural capital that has buttressed Christian institutions in years past will not be available to us in the same manner in the days ahead. But we can live and thrive as “resident aliens,” together.

If we really believe that our most profound political statement is “Jesus is Lord” — we may feel like a migrant in today’s polarized political culture. But we can travel nomadically, together.

And we are reminded of the story we exist within, together. We learn to love what is truly worthy of our love, desire that which is truly desirable, pursue that which is truly worthy of our pursuit, together. We are formed around the person of Christ, together. We find our identity, together. We are held accountable, together.

And we will make our witness to the world, together. We will present our arguments for a loving Creator, together. We will serve a hurting and broken world, together.

**We will love the unlovely, together. We will be the hands and feet of Jesus, together.**

**We will worship, together.**

**We become, together.**

***This is why we gather.***

Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.  
President



# The Joy of *Gathering* Again

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“For where two or three  
gather in my name, there  
am I with them.”

—Matthew 18:20

Gathering together. Building community. Forging partnerships along shared faith journeys. These are values that have always been at the heart of Asbury University’s mission, and rarely before in the history of the institution have they been more important — and more of a blessing.

At the Asbury University Gather reunion in June — the first in-person alumni gathering since 2019 — Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown spoke to the power of togetherness. It’s the early morning basketball pickup games to the evening fireside chats, Hager Building devotions, student-and-faculty dinners and dozens of other activities like them that make up the Asbury community.

“The most valuable things occur when we gather together,” Brown said during the reunion’s Hymn Sing. “There’s something special about this place. It’s not just something that you know mentally. You sense it. What we do on this campus matters. It’s important.”

### **Some Things Change, While Others Remain the Same**

At the Gather reunion, togetherness was on beautiful display and President Brown also spoke about a vision for Christian higher education in the future, referencing rubber bands and plastic as metaphors for thinking innovatively about change.

“The British economist Tim Harford says when you stretch a rubber band, it snaps back into place,” Brown explained. “But when you stretch plastic, it’s forever changed. So, we ask this question: In a post-pandemic reality, what dimensions of our institution are rubber-bandish — in other words, they will go back to “normal” — and what dimensions are plastic, meaning they will never be the same again?”

For our students, many aspects central to Asbury daily life — including in-person classes, chapel, residence hall events and other campus-wide gatherings — will feel “rubber-bandish.” They will return as soon as it’s safe to do so, and they will look much like they did before the pandemic.

“These gatherings are fun. But some really important things are also happening there,” Brown said. “During those events, we see trust-building. We see community-building. We see goodwill.”

But, like plastic that has been stretched and reshaped, some aspects of the Asbury experience will be forever changed. In some cases, these shifts in educational approach may have been happening already, but the suddenness of the pandemic accelerated the need for continued growth and flexibility — or our awareness of it.

Pictured left: The Hymn Sing was a Gather reunion highlight.





Take, for example, the ever-changing workplace. As an educational institution, Asbury must be flexible and ever-responsive to the shifting needs for a talented, in-demand workforce. Students must be prepared to make a positive mark in the world when they leave Wilmore — in their careers, in their churches and in their communities.

“Our graduates are critical thinkers and problem solvers — men and women of conviction and character who are motivated to bend the universe in a Godward direction,” Brown explained. “As an institution, we have to think carefully about how we ourselves adapt so that we can add value to the labor market and prepare our students to be salt and light. A futuristic education will be rigorous. It will be flexible. And it will be adaptable, filled with the requisite skills necessary to navigate the complexities of tomorrow’s dynamic, technology-driven information-saturated, global economy.”

In speaking with alumni gathered at the reunion, though, Brown added his own, third aspect to Harford’s rubber band and plastic metaphor: a stone, to signify that which never changes.

“In a systematic disruption like COVID-19, some things change and return to normal, like a rubber band. Other things, like plastic, are forever changed. But then there are things, like a stone, which never change,” Brown said.

We at Asbury know it’s our faith that is the stone. It’s God’s love for us that is the stone. It’s our mission as Christian educators that is the stone.

“Over a century ago, John Wesley Hughes, our founder, said, ‘Asbury exists to develop the whole person,’” Brown shared. “That has not changed. The methods and modalities by which we fulfill our mission may change. But our fundamental mission has not — and will not ever — change.”

### The Power of Togetherness

Asbury is fully together again this fall, allowing faculty, staff, students and alumni, alike, to regroup with a deepened and renewed appreciation of mutual commitment to one another as partners in building the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

“We will have in-person classes. We will have our normal chapel and campus-wide gatherings. We are returning to a lot of the relational, community-building, trust-building gatherings that have really constituted this campus for a long period of time,” Brown said, noting the University’s “Return to Regular” plans that took shape this summer and the community will gather again with new eyes and a new vision.

At the Reunion, Brown referenced certain philosophers over the ages who have suggested that to love others is to be stripped of personal liberty — that to be committed to



The classes of 1970 and 1971 celebrated their 50th reunions.

a community is akin to a binding of individual freedoms.

But Brown rejected these notions, noting that Christians know differently; understanding that a desire to gather is a part of who we are as humans. On a deep, personal level, we desire to love Christ and to share that love with others. Asbury’s leadership feels called to build a Christ-centered community because that is what Jesus charged believers to do. And, Brown argued, it is in this process of Christian community-building — in this “binding” to others, if you will — that we find true formation of ourselves.

“Gatherings make us. They form us,” Brown explained. “Community is about becoming. We are being made and remade together. So, the questions are: Who are we gathering with? And what are we becoming?”

At Asbury, students can experience a Christ-driven community, surrounded by supportive professors, staff and friends who become like family, who support and buttress one another on mission to do God’s work in this world.

# A Time to Gather



The Class of 2020 had special opportunities to gather at the reunion.

From June 25-26, Asbury welcomed almost 1,300 alumni and their families to campus for the Gather reunion. Alums and their families came from around the globe, ranging in ages from two months to 96 years old (Wayne Culp '45).

Dr. Mark Troyer, vice president for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships, announced that the reunion gift project has raised almost \$200,000 for Asbury's outdoor eating area, a space that will be greatly beneficial to students, faculty and staff.

"Additionally, alums and friends helped us to meet our Fund for Asbury University Scholarship fundraising goal and beat other years by over \$200,000," said Troyer, adding that more than \$1.8 million was raised in the last year for scholarships.

The Gather reunion took 178 faculty, staff, students, vendors, and volunteers to pull off, and Alumni Director Lisa Falin '90 Harper could not have been happier with the event.

"Joy overflowing; that is what comes to mind when I think of what it meant to gather together at reunion," she said. "It was so good and so powerful to be in the same place, singing at the top of our lungs, grateful for the opportunity to be face-to-face. What a wonderful, but short, time of fellowship. It was refreshing, fun, sweet and renewing. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!"

Alumni heard from Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown, who spoke about the university's resilience and vision for the future.

Alumni reunion board chair Lisa Corbett '86 Bacon said stepping onto campus brings overwhelming emotions and sweet memories.

"I treasure moments with precious friends and I love singing hymns in Hughes," said Lisa. "One of the greatest joys of this year's reunion was seeing two of my grandchildren on campus with my daughter and son-in-law as they participated in their reunion! As they came running up the sidewalk beside Hughes I was reminded of the power of the Asbury story and the next generation of Asburians. I am proud to be an Asbury alum. May we each continue to tell the story of redemption and grace!"

Special guests at the reunion included David Long '51, who has attended every single one of his reunions. He was accompanied by his son, David Long, Jr. '76. Gather was also a special occasion for the Hunter family, whose parents and two children all attended their respective reunions — CJ '81 and Nancy Donehoo '81 Hunter, Katie Hunter '06 and Charlie Hunter '11.

Nancy and CJ met at freshmen orientation and ever since then, Asbury has been an integral part of their story. They both have served on alumni boards, and Nancy challenged guests this year to give back because she herself was the beneficiary of such generosity and it changed her life.

"To me, when someone invested so much in me, it's just paying it forward," Hunter explained. "You give for what you believe in, and for us the biggest thing in our lives was Asbury. It's what started our family."

The Hunters often take students from their church to Asbury for visits, and she added that it didn't take much convincing for her own children to attend their parents' alma mater. All four members of the family then went on to earn Master's degrees, and it's Asbury that she credits with laying the course for their lives. It's because of that, that all four members of the family now choose to give back.

"It's because Asbury did so much for us as a family and for each one of us personally it really doesn't matter what we're ever asked to do, it won't be a no," Hunter said.

She said her favorite thing about reunion this year was the extra time to gather with her classmates. The Hunters were able to attend the President's Dinner together as a family.

Gather was a huge success because of generosity from alumni, and thanks to the work dozens of volunteers and other helpers including:

- 63 AU team & staff members
- 30 student workers
- 24 kid's program workers
- 14 Alumni Board members
- 20 class leaders/program participants
- 10 vendors
- 1 artist
- 15 casserole contributors
- 1 police officer



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Photos from Gather 2021: To see the full gallery, visit [asbury.edu/reunion/gallery](https://asbury.edu/reunion/gallery).



## PAINTING HUGHES FOR GOOD

Recent alum Annie Sisk '21 painted Hughes Auditorium during the reunion weekend. The painting was entered into a silent auction as a way to give back and raise money for scholarships. Alums Jeff '87 and Barbara Lowe '86 Stryker were the winners and put the painting in their Asbury themed guest room in their home in Wilmore! #AsburyReunion



Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown is pictured with JPL Asbury Indian Springs scholarship winners, Maddie Atkins and Kristen Cathy.

## ASBURY ALUM GATHER AT INDIAN SPRINGS

Over the summer, Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown, alumni, admissions and advancement staff, and a student ministry team traveled to Flovilla, Ga., to host Asbury Day at the Indian Springs Campmeeting.

More than 180 alumni and prospective students attended the reception and Asbury Update/Meet the President event.

"The Indian Springs Asbury Day gathering is our largest alumni gathering besides reunion," said Dr. Mark Troyer, vice president for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships. "It is so great to catch up and to share Asbury and Indian Spring stories with alums and friends who have connections in both places. Asbury and Indian Springs were started the same year and have much of the same DNA and families."



# A World Impacted

*Drs. Gil '60 and Janice Shaw '61 Crouse reflect on their beginnings at Asbury*



**For 2021 A Award winners Drs. Gil and Janice Crouse, graduation from Asbury University set the course for a successful life of public service for the couple with humble beginnings.**

"Both of our majors were liberal arts majors that provided a broad and solid foundation that was invaluable as we navigated the various transitions in our careers," said Janice. "There is no way to exaggerate how important that liberal arts foundation was for our careers. Equally important is the solid foundation for our faith that was established at Asbury. We have both found that our Asbury education stood up among the best — both in graduate education institutions and in competition in various jobs throughout our careers."

Janice majored in Speech at Asbury, and Gil in History. She went on to receive an M.A. in Rhetoric and Public Address at Purdue University before earning a Ph.D. in Communication Theory from State University of New York at Buffalo. Gil acquired an M.A. in Economics at University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in Economics at Purdue.

During those years the couple also raised their two children, Charmaine Yoest and Gil, Jr. In their 60 years of marriage, the Crouses have worked tirelessly to uphold families, faith and values through a variety of high-profile platforms around the world.



The Crouses traveled with family to Wilmore to receive their A Awards.

Gil is a senior economist at the United States Department of Health and Human Services with extensive experience in modeling the interactions of family income assistance programs. He's also researched and presented on mathematical modeling and econometrics. His economics expertise also led Gil to serve in faculty and administrative roles at universities in the U.S. and overseas, and he spent two years as a Fulbright Scholar at National Taiwan University. Gil also has been a speaker and presenter at national and international conferences on "The Economics of the Decline in Marriage and Increase in Family Breakdown."

Janice's experience ranges from serving as executive director of the World Congress of Families to leading think tanks and working as a presidential speechwriter under George H.W. Bush. She served President George W. Bush twice as an official U.S. delegate the United Nations and was Deputy Director for Domestic Issues for the Trump Transition Team. She also has authored and co-authored multiple books, remains active as a speaker and columnist, and serves on multiple boards and executive committees. She is an expert on topics including children's and women's concerns, sex trafficking, the United Nations, and U.S. domestic issues. She was named a "Woman of the Year" three times (1998, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; 2008, Centers for Decency; and 2013, World Congress of Families).

"Life has a way of shaping our direction; even blocking or providing detours when we least expect it," Janice reflected. "Early on, we relied on 'open doors' and it worked very well to walk through the doors of opportunity that opened for us. But sometimes doors close and there don't appear to be any open doors."

Gil added, "At those points for us, faith was all we had to hold onto as we waited for God to show us where to go next and what to do. We found Him to be very faithful in providing guidance and direction."

Their work also includes teaching at Asbury, where Gil and Don Winslow '65 partnered to co-found the University's business program. But what they count as their biggest accomplishment is their thriving, 60-year marriage and commitment to each other.

# Running into the Fight

*Knife fights, assassins and hitmen can't stop Dr. Jeannine Brabon '71*



When the phone rings and a former Colombian assassin rings up your cell phone and calls you “Mother,” then you might be Dr. Jeannine Brabon '71.

Jeannine’s unusual friends are a reminder of the call God confirmed on her life while at Asbury University. The 1971 graduate of Asbury University and 2021 A Award winner said while in Wilmore, “God put me in the school of obedience, and I really saw how fulfilling that is.”

Jeannine’s ardent prayer life was instrumental in ushering in the Asbury Revival of 1970, and she said much of her time in college was spent praying for fellow students. Jeannine, who celebrates 50 years on the mission field this summer, said she was not surprised when revival came because she had been praying for it.

“Seeing that come — that just really shaped me, being there,” Jeannine said. “It was sheer joy. I was just thrilled. I’d stand up in the balcony and look and see the hardest guys coming down the altar. It was so powerful.”

Only a few short years later, she followed in the footsteps of her missionary parents and moved to Colombia. Her active prayer life kept her confident in the face of circumstances — like being caught in the middle of a deadly knife fight — that would have sent many home on a one-way ticket. She spent years in Colombia and Spain doing Biblical education and translations.

“I loved bringing students into an understanding of the richness of the original text,” she said, but then began to realize God calling her someplace else in Colombia. “When the Twin Towers were hit in the United States, we were having 30,000 people die every year in Colombia. I asked God what he wanted me to do.”

It was then she heard about prisoners turning to Jesus in droves, specifically murderers and hit men.

“The prison had 60 violent deaths every month, but when Jesus came in, the violence stopped,” Jeannine said. “So, I went to speak to the men in the prison. I



Jeannine Brabon reunited with friends and family on campus for the Gather reunion in June.

stood in a room of about 30 young men, all under 30. I gave the invitation of Jesus and about 20 of these men said they wanted Jesus. These were officers of the killing business.”

She began a Bible institute to train the former criminals to be leaders of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and soon the program touched thousands.

“God has continued to work, what began 30 years ago today continues to work, all because I said yes,” she said. “In prison they’re hungry, they’re desperate. The very fact that you go to prison...they always say thank you for coming.”

Eventually the nickname “Mother” emerged. “I get called Mother every single day,” she said. “These former hit man, guerrillas in the rebel forces, they write me and check on me. It’s just so beautiful, so sweet. It’s been an incredible journey because of what God has done, not me. It’s all about obedience.”

When her own physical well-being is threatened, she remembers that she is living in God’s will.

“Security is not the absence of danger, it’s the presence of Jesus. I never had fear,” she said, and a lot of that confidence comes back to the lessons learned at revival. “Now I live in the revival in the prison, I see God work in incredible ways. You’re never the same after a revival. It just continues in a different dimension in a different way.”



# Empowered to Help Today's College Students

*Dr. Janine Corbitt '76 serves God through healthcare*



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Two themes are the hallmark of the 31-plus years that Dr. Janine (Jeannie) Corbitt '76 Jones has provided healthcare for students at University of Kentucky; God clearly prepared her for this work to which she was exposed at a young age, and the foundation on which her career stands was laid at Asbury University. Jeannie is a 2021 recipient of the A Award.

"I grew up on the mission field," she said. "My parents were missionary doctors in Congo, and that was my home until I was 13. When we came home on furlough, we came home to Wilmore. My parents had met at Asbury, and my grandparents were teaching here at the time."

She witnessed medical missions firsthand in the middle of Africa, where her parents served as the only two doctors in a 200-bed hospital. Jeannie followed in her parents'



For years, Dr. Janine (Jeannie) Corbitt '76 Jones has served at Asbury reunions.

footsteps at Asbury, studying biology and pre-medicine and then going to medical school at University of Kentucky College of Medicine, where she met her husband, Raleigh. Jeannie completed her residency at UNC Chapel Hill in family medicine. Raleigh became an ear, nose and throat doctor and the couple then spent two years doing medical mission work in Taiwan before heading to Florida for his fellowship. Then they were called back to Central Kentucky.

"When I first started working at UK, the first six months were very hard," Jeannie said. "I wasn't prepared for the underbelly of college. It was very ugly... I told my husband I couldn't do it. I asked for prayer at Bible study, and a friend encouraged me to 'stand in the gap.' I knew God wanted me there. I knew I had to be there. I can't save every baby with the pregnancies that come in, but I can save some. I can't talk everyone out of substance abuse, but I can for some."

Jeannie said every day she has to pray that "the Lord will help me see [the students] through His eyes and that I won't meet anyone that He does not love. And I can join Him in what He's doing in their lives, even if it seems like they're walking so far from Him. I feel like I'm planting seeds."

She encourages students to follow God's leading in their own lives, whether it's through more traditional pastoral care or healthcare. She provides a comforting presence for students who are often scared, coming to the doctor for the first time without their parents or are facing huge challenges.

Jeannie said she is thankful every day for the way her time at Asbury prepared her "academically to do well in medical school, and it prepared me emotionally and spiritually during those vulnerable four years of making the transition to adulthood by knowing who I was and Whose I was... I had that confidence."

# Called into the Highs and Lows

*Distinguished Young Alum Award winner Beth Showalter '06 Toenies shares her journey*



The 2021 Distinguished Young Alum Award winner Beth Showalter '06 Toenies received her degree in Journalism from Asbury University, but it was a few years later that she truly felt God's call on her life and found that her Asbury experience prepared her in ways she never would have expected.

"I think it was in 2010, when I was working for a small business, I moved up the chain of command, jumping several levels and found myself president of a lens company," she explained. "It wasn't until I went on a speaking tour in Milan, Italy — and I was the youngest ever president in that industry and the only female — that I was realized I have a platform that not many people are given. I really needed to maximize that platform and share the love of God with people through business."

Beth credits her journalism degree for helping prepare her for high-stakes business roles and also to manage her personal blog, which documents the life of her oldest son, 3-year-old Isaac. She and her husband, Mike, who is a Naval Air-crewman Petty Officer 1st Class, were married in 2014, also have a newborn son named Adrian. Isaac was born with special needs, and his story is what continues to shape hers.

"Before I had Isaac, it was a normal pregnancy; my doctor called it textbook," she said. "Then everything changed at that 37-week ultrasound. He had to come right out because there were major problems. He then spent three months in the NICU where I had to leave him every day. Going through that was traumatic. Every expectation I had was out the window. It's almost a grieving process, not just for yourself, but for your child and the expectations you had for your child's life."

Beth uses her blog to document the process, see the progress he's made, and encourage other families in similar situations.



Beth Showalter '06 Toenies, Asbury's Young Alum Award winner, is pictured with her husband Mike and sons Isaac and Adrian.

"I've been able to see joy in the moment," she said, explaining that Isaac is assessed to be cognitively similar to a 7- or 9-month-old baby. Recognizing advancements in his development is a huge deal. "For me, seeing any progression, like if he's weight bearing on one of his hands, those are 'inchstones.' We celebrate every little inchstone, not just a milestone."

Beth currently serves as chief operating officer of 1-800-BOARDUP, but some of her greatest joys come from the families she's bonded with through her journey with Isaac, including some fellow Asbury alumni.

"We all have been tossed into this bucket and shaken upside down and spit out, and we're supposed to figure out which way is up," she said. God has used my situation to help people know they're not alone and it's going to be OK and you can find joy and beauty in the most desperate of circumstances. You can still find peeks of light."

She called the Christian influence of her Asbury education "vital" in her life, and God continues to prove his faithfulness on Beth's journey. Asbury recognizes how Beth has used her professionalism and personal story to influence the world for Christ through the platform of service and leadership.



# Volunteer of the Year

Hard work and dedication led Dr. Ted Batson, Jr. '86 to live a life like no one else and afforded him the chance to give back in unique ways.



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**“Any of the lawyers reading that will say that sounds horrible,” expressed Dr. Ted Batson, Jr., the 2021 recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award, when mentioning his simultaneous completion of a law degree, full-time work, while being a husband and father of two. “It was very all-consuming.”**

Ted's hard work afforded him unique expertise that he shares with Asbury University. The son of missionaries with the World Gospel Mission, he spent his early years in a faith-based home, so coming to Asbury was the first time he left home and learned what it meant to be an adult on his own.

“The enrichment of Asbury chapel, the exposure to the challenging messages that we heard [in chapel], dorm life, and the way we interacted with spiritual matters in the dorm,” he said all proved beneficial in his walk with God and built on his faith foundation from high school.

Ted studied computer science, mathematics and English before switching to accounting. He was hooked, and his newfound passion led him to Indiana University, where he completed his MBA with a concentration in accounting. Years later, he earned a law degree at Indiana University McKinney School of Law. Ted worked as a Certified Public Accountant at several companies with a bent toward

nonprofits and planned giving. He takes that experience directly into service on the Asbury alumni board and planned giving council.

“We provide different ways to give to Asbury above and beyond just writing a check,” Ted said. He has assisted various donors and prospective donors, and recently supported a Chicago couple in their financial walk to donate to the University. “This is an opportunity for me to give back, from specialized expertise that I possess, to the college that I love. I want to see the college be successful in the future.”

Ted was class chair for the Contender Class of 1986, where he supported the provision of funds utilized for the '86 class gift and current student's cross-cultural experiences.

“My giftedness tends to be around how to help people think creatively about how to give, not in making the ask, but supporting the people who make the ask,” he said. “The clients I'm serving is about the kingdom of God. Dr. Brown talks about Asbury being a covenant community and I'm very desirous that Asbury remains strong in that covenant, but that it also be a light to the world in the midst of that.”

Ted lives in Indiana working as a CPA, and he and his wife serve at their home church, Eagle Alliance Church.

# A Legacy of Giving

## A Donor's Journey

*Dr. Robert '61 and MaryAnn Wiley*



**Dr. Robert Wiley '61 learned how to give from a young age and allowed God to use his generous heart to serve others.**

"I grew up in a family of godly people who demonstrated a life of giving," Bob recalled. "Mother and daddy were giving of themselves in service to the Lord at Asbury, and mother to her children and her husband's ministry at the college. And we were taught early to tithe and to give as the Lord enabled us to give."

Bob, a board of trustees member since 1981, came from a long line of Asbury graduates dating back to early 1900s. Many of his family members, including his children, earned their undergraduate degrees in Wilmore, and most went on for advanced education — some in ministry and many in medicine.

"As the Lord has blessed us being a physician, it's an opportunity and a joy to give and share what the Lord's given us," he said, adding that he learned about cheerful giving through family Scripture reading as a child. "I was 10 years old when the 1950 revival took place at Asbury and daddy was part of that leadership as a faculty member. And he came home one night and said to mother and us children, 'I feel the Lord would have us to expand our time as a family and read the Bible through in one year.' We did that every year until I left home about age 20 or 21."

With that example it just seemed natural to give, and Bob has since instilled the same love into his own family, and specifically toward Asbury. The Wileys participated in Ignited: The Campaign for Asbury University and

have always supported reunions, including serving on leadership for his 50th class reunion.

He recalls other pivotal moments in his life tied to Asbury that contribute to the reason he gives, including working for the Luce family in Georgia and "it was there that I yielded my life completely to the Lord and experienced the infilling of his Holy Spirit." Another time, a staff member in the cafeteria encouraged him to volunteer as a camp counselor in Maryland, and he met his future wife, MaryAnn.

The couple raised four children during his medical career that began upon graduation from Asbury with a degree in pre-medicine. He attended Vanderbilt Medical School, went to the University of Cincinnati to intern in surgery, and then was recruited into the military to serve as a battalion surgeon in Vietnam. Afterward, he worked as a surgeon in Ohio for almost 30 years, and it was then he began actively giving back to Asbury.

"I loved Asbury for all that it had meant to me as a boy and then a young man, and it was a great community to grow up in," Bob said.

In retirement, he and MaryAnn volunteer their time with underprivileged children and continue to foster the family legacy of giving.

"Setting an example for our children and our grandchildren is where the greatest influence will be," he noted. "We want to bring honor and glory to the Lord. He's given us both fairly good health and it's been a joy and a privilege to continue in the Kingdom of the Lord."



# The Asbury Experience in High School

*Camps are the highlight of summertime in Wilmore*

When Asbury students are home for the summer, campus is bustling with future college students at a variety of summer camps from sports to leadership preparation. This year's camps were highlighted by Summit Ministries' SummitCamp at Asbury in June. More than 60 high school students from around the United States came to hear from world-renowned Christian thought leaders and to gain a better understanding of how to apply their faith to their school, work and relationships.



John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, spoke to students at SummitCamp over the summer

Camper Preston Adams said **SummitCamp** allowed him to learn practical tools to live out Christianity in a world hostile to faith.

"There is so much truth. And it is so applicable to your life," he said. "There are not a lot of places that you can go to hear how you can apply the Bible to your life. Because to the world it's just an old book that is outdated. And the community of so many Christians

in one room feels like such a warm welcome. It's not often you can open your heart up to people in these small groups and really get at what's on your mind and be with other believers who care, no matter what the problem or situation is that you're facing. It says in His word that we have to have strong community, because where I'm weak someone else is strong and where they're weak I'm strong."



Students heard from daily lineups of in-person speakers including John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview and the daily voice of BreakPoint, the nationally syndicated commentary on culture founded by the late Chuck Colson. And they had a visit from Dr. Jeff Myers, president of Summit Ministries, renowned author and speaker, and expert on worldview training and youth leadership.

Dr. Myers encouraged students to lean into that community and embrace the longstanding traditions at Asbury because they are still relevant to today's culture.

"I loved my time at Asbury," he said. "I see these young adults as being the hope of their generation, because like every young adult they struggle with a sense of life purpose, but they're realizing that their hope can be found in Jesus. And that from there, they can go into literally any area of life and make a difference. It's one of those things I love about Asbury, they have the mission focus. We recognize historically this place has sent out a lot of missionaries, but they also recognize there are missionaries going into business, going into media, and in every other area of life."

Stonestreet challenged students with the question of "Where is the intersection of our faith and culture?" And he encouraged them that while the world feels extra dismissive of faith and traditional values, God chose them for this moment in His bigger Story. "The God who created everything intentionally put you in this time and this place... It's not just your gifts that determine your calling, it's your time and place ... We have a doozy of a cultural moment. That moment, as serious as it is, is still just a moment. But Christianity gives you a Story, the big Story of the universe. There are Truths that come from the Story, despite what is happening in the moment."



He said he admired Asbury's commitment to the larger story that the Lord is writing for the institution and its capacity to stay connected to the Truth.

The nearly 100 students at Asbury's **ImpactU Camp** touched on similar themes during the camp, in which students are immersed in the full Asbury campus experience.

"It's really great for them to be among diverse leaders and engaging in a diverse curriculum as well," said Camp Director Tanner Fouts.

Campers — who came from as far away as Montana — could choose tracks emphasizing film making, forensics, choir, theatre & film acting, and adventure leadership. Camper Riley McChord said her camp experience was very informative and has stretched her academically.

"I've learned a lot from the professors and advisors, and I've had a great time," she said. "The leaders at ImpactU have really done a great job orchestrating ways for us campers to really get to know each other and spend time together. It's so cool to see people from around the country who have never met each other before...become friends over night. You felt very cared about at ImpactU and that's something you don't always find anywhere, let alone a summer camp."

Fouts was thrilled to be able to offer the kids social and spiritual engagement, especially since some have missed it during the COVID-19 shutdowns of the last year.

"We can see faces again, it's been great," he said. "The kids have exploded with having that social engagement again. They've gone through so much and with our themes during worship, we've been talking about belonging, believing and becoming — as students it's really neat to see them reflect on their lives and see them stepping into a new chapter."

### Youth Becoming Leaders: High School Christian Leadership and Global Transformation Institute

attracted 24 campers from across the country, ranging from rising high school sophomores to incoming college freshmen.

Associate Professor of Youth Ministry and YBL Director Dr. Brian Hull noted that eight Asbury students and four staff served as camp counselors.

"Our theme this year was 'Known' and our passage was from Exodus 3:1-15, the call of Moses," Hull said. "We explored the passage from three main perspectives: God knows us, God invites us into a relationship with Him where He can be known, and God knows the cries of his people. In addition to classroom sessions with world-class scholars from Asbury University and Asbury Theological Seminary, students participated in active learning, a service project with Cornerstone International, daily prayer and worship sessions, developed a ministry project that they took home to their home community, and had a ton of fun."

Hull noted the importance of the camp in developing young people into a new generation of Christ-like leaders.

"It immerses young people in a Kingdom rhythm and community that helps them be present to God and say 'yes' to what He is calling them to do," he said. "And it exposes them to some of the best scholars and ministry leaders that will communicate at their level in ways that are truly transformative. It also helps them see where God is already at work in the world they live in."

Students are empowered to leave camp and complete a ministry project at their home church.



# Building for the Future

*Facilities highlight exciting new opportunities for students*

Asbury University's historic foundation is amplified by the additions of vibrant new facilities on campus, highlighted by the addition of the new \$25 million Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) arriving the summer of 2022.

The CLC will provide a state-of-art space for the Dayton School of Business and the School of Science, Health and Mathematics. It also will be a hub for campus activity, including technology and lab spaces, a 400-seat auditorium, breakout rooms, common areas and spaces for faculty and student collaborative research.

Next door is the 2021 Reunion Gift Project, the outdoor dining area that will be attached to the Johnson Cafeteria. The spaces will include a grille and food prep area in addition to dining tables and additional seating for larger gatherings.

In athletics, some new amenities will help usher in the exciting switch to NCAA Division III competition. The Kirkland Complex will have an updated look for the 2021-22 season with a new press box at the softball field. The two-story structure features a climate-controlled elevated view above the softball grandstands for game management staff and livestreaming broadcasts on the Asbury Sports Digital Network.

Asbury Athletics also created a new state-of-the-art indoor practice facility in the Luce Center for the Men's and Women's Golf teams, featuring two hitting bays, a turf putting surface with six holes, a SkyTrak launch monitor and a smart TV that deliver instant and real-time 3D shot analysis.

On top of that, the Luce Center pool upgraded to a new eight-lane scoreboard. The scoreboard also features live timing and scoring results which will help enhance the experience of Asbury University swim meets.

Asbury is thankful for the many gracious donors who made these campus improvements possible, including a record-breaking gift for the CLC. Last August, Dr. Walt '63 and Rowena Phillips '63 Shaw, founders of Avanti Polar Lipids, Inc., broke Asbury's record for the largest single gift in the school's 130-year history when they donated \$10 million to Asbury's Ignited Campaign.



# God Made Us for Community

## *The power of gathering together*

This year's reunion was something a bit different than I've experienced in other years. From the lunches, to the Hymn Sing, to the President's Dinner, there seemed to be a pent-up need to gather and see others (and to sing together more vigorously than ever). God made us relational beings and the opportunity to live into that in person was just fantastic.

Asbury has a special place on this earth and a more and more unique mission as the culture around us shifts. The opportunity to gather together with colleagues and friends and to focus on how God is working in the world around us and how God is working in our own lives is something perhaps we have taken for granted. Probably not anymore. The power of believers gathering and challenging each other, supporting each other and praying together is more evident now than ever.

Christian higher education is in a challenging place in our culture. It doesn't surprise God, He asks us to ask Him for guidance. It is so encouraging to know that our Asbury family is supporting our mission through prayer and through giving of their time, their treasure and their talents.

Thank you!



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— Philippians 1:3

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LEFT: Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown and his wife Maria joined student athlete mission trips in Puerto Rico over the summer.

RIGHT: Bethany Fye, pictured second from right, senior captain of the volleyball team, served as an intern for LYNC8 in Puerto Rico this summer. "My time in Puerto Rico gave me the opportunity to experience the work of Jesus every single day," she said. "I was able to learn more about servant leadership and the importance of extending grace through different barriers presented along the way."

# TeamAU On Mission

The Asbury Eagles celebrated an exciting spring that included the announcement of the move to NCAA Division III, which opens up new opportunities for student-athletes. Among many other accolades across the Eagles landscape, the baseball team celebrated a school-record 38 wins.

However, at the end of the day Asbury is about serving, and women's head basketball coach Chad Mayes witnesses that firsthand each summer when he and his wife and their five children host student-athletes in Puerto Rico.

"We have students we've recruited at Asbury that are just high character people," he said. "They're here to get an education and to grow closer to the Lord."

### Part of that experience is serving others.

"When the Asbury teams are in Puerto Rico, the people know the name of Asbury and it's synonymous with serving," Mayes noted. "People know that when Asbury is in Puerto Rico, they'll work hard and serve the people. It's a true reflection of Christ serving."

He added that sports are a perfect bridge to people in Puerto Rico because it is a huge shared interest and morale booster.

Over the summer, Asbury teams participated in mission trips to Puerto Rico and McAllen, Texas.

"This has been a remarkable mission season for TeamAU," Mayes said. "The impact these teams have made on the communities and people of Puerto Rico this summer is long lasting. Our student athletes, along with the coaches, are so

invested in serving selflessly. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for Asbury Athletics and what God is doing here in Puerto Rico."

**Multi-Sport group:** The multi-sport group traveled to Puerto Rico by working with a couple who ministers to the homeless and drug addicted in their area. They also served those homeless due to Hurricane Maria.

**Women's Basketball:** The team spent their time at the home of a local missionary where they built a roof and fixed up his home alongside assistant coach Chris Gordon. The team also provided skills clinics on the island, where women's basketball is growing.

**Women's Soccer:** The team focused their efforts at a local school that has been placed in the hands of the LYNC8 Project and is now being converted to a community center. This space has already served as an important relief center distributing supplies after Hurricane Maria, the earthquakes of 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic. Asbury is playing a vital role in the growth of the center with the teams and support. The Lady Eagle soccer team also led youth soccer clinics each afternoon for children in the surrounding area.

**Women's Lacrosse:** The women's lacrosse team ventured to McAllen, Texas, where they served and introduced the game of lacrosse to local high school students. One of the highlights was the opportunity to speak to more than 325 students about trust, value and their identity in Christ. Their service also included assisting with a clothing ministry to low-income families and landscaping a local school playground.

## SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**BASEBALL:** School record 38 wins and won multiple games at River States Conference (RSC) Tournament for first time

**MEN'S GOLF:** Placed 5th at RSC Championship

**WOMEN'S GOLF:** Finished in 3rd at RSC Tournament

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE:** Won first postseason game at conference tournament in program history

**SOFTBALL:** First 20-win season since 2011 and advanced to RSC Tournament

**MEN'S TENNIS:** Won 9th RSC regular season title and 4th RSC Tournament Championship; Advanced to NAIA Nationals

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:** RSC Championship runner-up



## 15 STUDENT ATHLETES RECOGNIZED AT 2021 HONORS CONVOCATION

Asbury Athletics was well-represented at the 2021 Honors Convocation last April as 15 senior student-athletes were recognized for their outstanding efforts in the classroom during the 2020-21 academic year.

NAME	SPORT	SCHOLARSHIP
Bethany Fye	Volleyball	Dr. Alan & Yvonne Moulton Scholar's Program
Heather Hall	Cross Country	E. Stanley Jones Scholastic Award in Missions
Bethany Hamilton	Cross Country	Lee Fisher Psi Chi Award for Leadership, Service, Academic Excellence, and Character
Autumn Herriford	Women's Basketball	Outstanding Achievement in P-12 Education & Outstanding Senior in HPET
Siah Holifield	Men's Basketball	Outstanding Graduate in Accounting
Emma Ingalls	Volleyball	Dr. Alan & Yvonne Moulton Scholar's Program
Bethany Laue	Volleyball	Outstanding Academic Achievement in Spanish & Bible Theology
Alexandra Lerma	Women's Tennis	Dr. Alan & Yvonne Moulton Scholar's Program
Ethan Mayo	Men's Soccer	Association of Youth Ministry Educators Certificate of Excellence
Fionn McCartan	Men's Soccer	Outstanding Achievement in Traditional Elementary Education
Hannah McCrabb	Golf	Outstanding Graduate in Sports Management
Brandon Pruitt	Baseball	Kenyon Science & Mathematics Award
Lucy Rinehart	Cheer	Outstanding Academic Achievement in French
Bree Sanders	Softball	Outstanding Senior in Biology
Ryan Wall	Cross Country	Excellence in Creative Writing



## AU JOINS NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



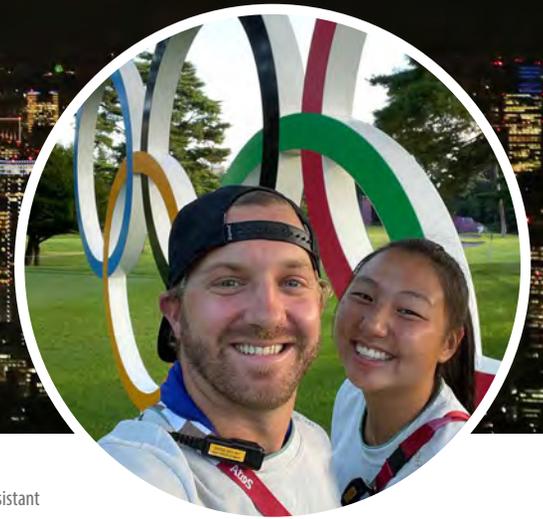
Asbury University joined the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. Asbury Athletics begins NCAA Division III provisional membership and competition for the fall season, and the NCCAA will provide its student athletes with postseason competition opportunities — including regional and national championship — as it transitions to full membership status with the NCAA.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to not only compete with other Christian colleges and universities across the nation, but also participate in ministry and service," said Mark Whitworth '84, vice president for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Strategic Communications. "Our mission to use the platform of college athletics to glorify God perfectly aligns with the foundational principles of the NCCAA."

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**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Tokyo cityscape photo by Asbury Media Communications major Tasha Mathews '22. Rosie Gary '20 posed with a Tokyo Olympics camera operator while working at the games. Rosie is currently a graduate assistant working in the athletics department.

# Asbury Sends Record Number to Work at Summer Olympics

Asbury University students and alumni returned to the U.S. in August after working for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. More than 140 current students, faculty and alumni traveled across the globe to work alongside Olympic employees in different areas such as video, camera operation and logging for sports archives.

"The Tokyo Olympics was an incredible learning experience for our students — the cross-cultural learning, getting to see and possibly work with state-of-the-art technology and working with some of the best media from around the world," said School of Communication Arts Dean Dr. Jim Owens '79.

Students worked hard and also enjoyed the unique cultural experience in Japan.

"Working at the Olympic Games in Tokyo was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To be in a new country surrounded by people from all over the world was such an incredible experience," said Jonathan Waide '19, a logger for the Olympic archive department. "Everywhere you go, you are given a new chance to learn more about the culture and gain perspective on a lifestyle that is not your own."

Students learned hands-on, career-applicable skills with the various jobs that were provided for them.

"It taught me about focusing on little details," said Tasha Mathews '22, a Media Communications major who worked as a mixed zone feed operator. "With the work that I do as a photographer and someone going into production design, that's something that's really big."

For the first time, Asbury had nine students remaining at the Olympics to aid in the Tokyo Paralympic Games production. From traveling abroad to working in a professional setting with media and production experts, Owens noted that students were challenged on many levels.

"I think many of our students were pushed outside of their comfort zone, working in a cross-cultural context while learning more about media at the largest media event in the world," he said.

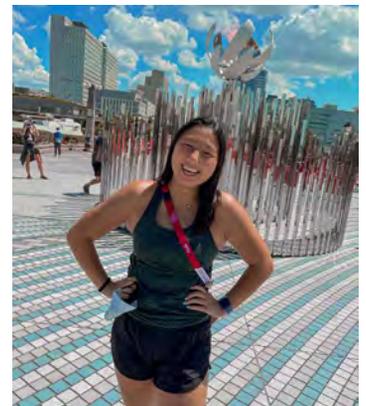
Asbury alumni from as far back as 1996 joined the trip, including a group of 2020 alumni whose trip was postponed last year due to the pandemic.



Jonathan Waide '19 served as a logger for the Olympic archive department while in Tokyo.

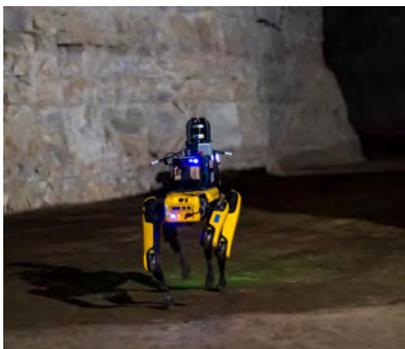


Rosie Gary '20, pictured at right, captured a photo of Olympic gold medalist Nelly Corda on the course.





Pastor and author Clay Scroggins spoke to students in August.



NASA's TeamCoSTAR, including both scientists and robots, made two visits to Asbury this summer.



Asbury's Take No Prisoners! showing in the spring attracted Kennedy Center reviewers.



The Appointed Class of 2021 celebrated in-person Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

# Campus Corner

## Commissioning Service

Asbury's spiritual life office hosted an annual Commissioning Service in August for upcoming Student Life student leaders. The leaders participated in a worship service and communion on Reasoner Green, followed by the Student Life staff anointing and commissioning them before their semester of spiritual-life service and involvement.

## Chapel with Zondervan Author Clay Scroggins

A pastor at North Point Community Church (Atlanta, Ga.) and author of multiple books including, "How to Lead When You're Not in Charge" (Zondervan), Clay Scroggins took the Hughes Chapel podium to worship with Asbury students Aug. 23, preceded by a powerful and praise-filled worship service.

## That's One Small Step for Robots, One Giant Leap for ImpactU Students

In June and July, NASA engineers on Team CoSTAR swapped the Golden State's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for Asbury University's accommodations as they fine-tuned their robots designed for cave and mine search and rescue maneuvers. To ultimately support interstellar life in the future, the team has been dedicated to a three-year research and development competition, the DARPA Subterranean Challenge, which aims to develop autonomous subterranean vehicles and solutions for military and civilian first responders.

Team CoSTAR lead Dr. Benjamin Morrell, a robotics technologist at the California Institute of Technology, also took the time to speak to ImpactU students at Asbury about searching for evidence of life on Mars and also encouraged them about heading into the field of robotics. "There are some brilliant facilities at Asbury, and I love the new one being built," he said in reference to the cutting-edge Collaborative Learning Center. "The facilities here are world-class."

## Take No Prisoners!

In the spring, the Asbury Theatre Department showcased an exciting drama that was long in the making. Written by Chair of the Department of Communication Arts and Theatre Dr. Jim Shores and directed by Theatre Lecturer Carol Anderson, the story centers around video game characters exploring their origin, purpose and existence. The Kennedy Center came to review the play, and as a result there are six actors going to compete for the Irene Ryan Acting Award.

Shores also is preparing for another trip to Scotland in 2022 for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He recently finished a play, "Viking Summer," commissioned by The Beating Heart Group in Linlithgow, Scotland. The project, supported by a Huston Foundation grant, examines the value of life from conception to last breath and is set on the island of Iona. Asbury students will perform Viking Summer at Asbury in April 2022 and then take it to the Fringe Festival in the summer. The play looks at the hard choices that come from two unanticipated pregnancies and celebrates the lives of the young, the old, the disabled, and the yet-to-be born.

## 2021 Commencement & Baccalaureate

In early May, the Appointed Class of 2021 celebrated in-person Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies. Rev. D. Merricks '02 reminded the seniors of Joshua 24:14-15 and to "Remember who you are" as they exited the comfort of Asbury's spiritual environment. President Dr. Kevin Brown gave a farewell speech to both Commencement services, encouraging graduates to "do what others will not do and go where others will not go" and "A Still More Excellent Way" based on 1 Corinthians 12:31.



# New and Innovative Ways to Learn

*Hands-on learning in Sports and Equine give students a leg up*

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Asbury's equine studies program is at the center of several exciting new educational initiatives this fall. Students can now earn a Master of Business Administration with Equine Management emphasis. The convenient online degree equips students with expert knowledge and skills centered on finance, management, marketing, law, facilities and event management pertaining to the equine industry.

"The new Equine MBA focus is a pathway for men and women from around the world or here at Asbury to move into a graduate-level curriculum to integrate faith and work with a distinctive focus on Equine Administration," said Asbury's Equine Program Director Harold Rainwater '69. "Many of our students are drawn to the operation of an equine business, training, boarding or farm management, and we are excited that this program will serve this important industry."

Rainwater's equine team also is working this fall to train two retired Thoroughbred racehorses for a rehabilitation competition. The Thoroughbred Makeover hosted by the Thoroughbred Charities of America is a program that takes off track Thoroughbreds and retrains them with other usable skills. The horses are freshly off the racetrack and must be redirected to a new career, which is a common conundrum facing the racing industry. The equine occupational re-training culminates at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington in October for the Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium.



Mary Jim Luce '53 kisses the horse she sponsored for training in the Thoroughbred Makeover competition.

Asbury students and professor Jessica Hayes were selected to participate in the program, which attracts participants from around the world. Horses can be retrained as ranch horses, hunter-jumpers, dressage, trail horse "and anything in between," Rainwater explained. "These horses need a new job and need to be retrained. As Thoroughbreds they're trained to go fast and that's it. They don't know how to stop, turn, work with a human being and be a relational animal, because they've not been treated that way."

The winners of the competition's 10 different categories bring home prize money, but Rainwater is even more excited about the growth prospects that it could bring for the program.

"It says that our students have got another avenue to go along with our police horse training," he said. "Now we have a Thoroughbred training program, and next year we're launching a Western horse or quarter horse training program. The idea is to continue to open up different avenues for students to find a place. This is somewhere you fit, and this is your niche. We're just trying to give student opportunities and horses are benefiting, too. We're saving horses, training students and honoring Jesus as a result of how we do it."



The all-new MBA with Sport Management emphasis equips students to excel in the multi-billion dollar sport industry.

In addition to the Equine MBA, Asbury also is launching an MBA with Sport Management emphasis to equip students with expert knowledge and skills centered on finance, management, marketing, law, facilities and event management pertaining to organizations in the sports industry. The MBA with Sport Management Emphasis can be completed exclusively online and is designed to enhance Sport Management knowledge or transition into a new career in the in-demand field.

“Favorite sports teams or athletes are easily identified, but there is an entire team of professionals working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly within this nearly \$614 billion-dollar industry. Earning this degree can put graduates onto those highly sought-after teams,” said Michelle Smith, assistant professor of Sport Management. “This specialization enhances student knowledge in sport areas such as events, facilities, sponsorships, branding and overall leadership inside the corporate side of sports.”

Sport Management students learn from industry leaders how to plan, organize, lead, market and communicate within the context of the sport industry. Students will build on core business principles with specialized Sport Management specific related content such as Sport

Management and Leadership, Foundations of Sport Venue and Event Management, and Integrated Sport Marketing Strategies. The curriculum provides students with a degree that combines coursework, experiential learning, project-based courses and professional experience. Asbury’s MBA program is 36 hours and can be completed in as little as 18 months. It pulls students from around the nation and the world, and 100 percent of responding alumni reported a pay raise, promotion or new employment within three months of graduation.

Asbury’s rigorous, distinctively faith-focused and student-centric MBA programs expand on essential business principles by equipping committed leaders for the purpose of eliminating economic, social, and spiritual poverty around the world.

***“We’re saving horses, training students and honoring Jesus as a result of how we do it.”***

— Harold Rainwater,  
Equine Program Director



# Faculty Head Around the Globe

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Asbury Professor of Worship Arts **Dr. Dan Pinkston's** summer in Alaska "Composing in the Wilderness" offers a glimpse — or a listen — into what Asbury faculty and staff have accomplished in and out of the classroom over the spring and summer.

**Pinkston's** faculty scholarship trip to Denali National Park, Fairbanks and Twin Bears Camp was part of an exclusive wilderness endeavor that culminated in the composition of a chamber piece. Led by adventurer-composer Stephen Lias, Pinkston and eight other participants traveled into the wilderness accompanied by scientists and guides to gather ideas, experiences and inspiration to write pieces — in only three or four days — that are premiered by top players at the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival. Pinkston said he plans to play the piece at Asbury with students this fall.

In other creative work, Associate Professor of Screenwriting **Sean Gaffney** facilitated a student experience with content and character creation through a seminar in TV Writing for Children in the spring. Gaffney's students developed scripts for *Wondermore*, a children's series produced by In Touch Ministries. This spring, two of the students from that class were brought on to help create additional scripts. Several students from TV Writing for Children have been able to use their skills to apply for writing positions at another company. Also, as a result of the course, *The Superbook Show* (produced by CBN) is offering freelance script writing positions to two other students.

And in the spring, *Orbie for Orphans*, a ministry recently acquired by One More Child, came to campus to work with a group of students to develop animation characters and stories for their ministry. Asbury provided a workshop, brainstorming a new animation series to work with their curriculum for orphans. The workshop included undergraduate and graduate students. Jill and Carl Toth, executive directors of *Orbie for*

*Orphans*, came to campus for the workshop and left with a complete set of characters and settings for *Harper's Pearls*, an under-the-sea animation.

Sculpture and graphic design also got into the mix with Associate Professor of Ceramics and Sculpture **Margaret Park Smith** and Associate Professor of Graphic Design **Josh Smith's** collaborative *Dovetail Practice*. Over the past year they created *Attention Bridge*, a project which responds to "increasing polarization within all realms of society and culture," according to Park Smith. The duo identified 10 critical tensions that contribute to polarized thought and attitude, and re-imagined these tensions as part of a spectrum, rather than isolated poles, connected by a bridge, where tension is a source of strength, as it is within a tension bridge: *Attention Bridge*.

The project includes symbols and writings for each tension and subsequent art objects to give the project a material form. A grant from the Faculty Development Committee allowed this material transition to take place. Smith said it is a necessary response to "political/religious/institutional ideologies that are feeling increasingly polarizing." The project can be viewed at [dovetailpractice.com/ATTENTION-BRIDGE](http://dovetailpractice.com/ATTENTION-BRIDGE).

Another Asbury collaboration shared new work. Assistant Professor in Chemistry, Science and Health **Dr. Will Shafer's** students, Caleb Engler '21 and Elizabeth Strasko '21. They presented their work in March at the Kentucky Regional Air Quality Web Conference where the host encouraged them to patent their ideas. Their article "New mechanism insight for the hydrogenation of CO/CO<sub>2</sub> gas mixtures to hydrocarbons over iron-based catalyst" was published in *Catalysis Communications*, Volume 152 in April.

A collection of articles is also completed and is published as "Future insights into Syngas Conversion" edited by Belma Demirel, Muthu Kumaran Gnanamani, Wilson Shafer and Michela Martinelli. View it at [mdpi.com/books/pdfview/book/2436](http://mdpi.com/books/pdfview/book/2436).

## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Dr. Sydney Penner**, senior lecturer of Philosophy, published "Making Use of the Testimonies: Suárez and Grotius on Natural Law" in *Grotiana* 41(2020), 108-36.

**Keith Barker**, professor of Photography, shared his photographic piece "Stones of Help" along with **Kristina Erny '06**, assistant professor of Creative Writing, at CIVA Gather (Christians in the Visual Art) online in March. Shared and discussed her poem "Resurrection Psalm" and Barker gave a short artist talk. They had the opportunity to discuss their artistic collaboration and the connection of their art to the Resurrection celebration in the Christian liturgical calendar.

Dean of the School of Communication Arts **Dr. Jim Owens '79** sixth edition of *Television Sports Production* was released in April. The book is published by Routledge/Taylor Frances Group/Focal Press.

Chair of the Department of Communication Arts and Theatre **Dr. Jim Shores** recently finished a play, "Viking Summer," commissioned by The Beating Heart Group in Linlithgow, Scotland. The project, supported by a Huston Foundation grant, examines the value of life from conception to last breath and is set on the island of Iona.

**Dr. Craig D. Saunders**, adjunct professor in Christian Studies published his doctoral thesis for London School of Theology at Middlesex University. His book is entitled "A Mediator in Matthew: An Analysis of the Son of Man's Function" in the First Gospel with Pickwick Publications (an imprint of Wipf & Stock Publishers).

**Dr. Chuck Gobin**, professor of English, and **Dr. Linda Stratford**, professor of Art History, recently completed a four-week faculty course, *Why Does "Blackness" Matter?: The Socio-historical Context of Racism in America*, sponsored by InterVarsity Faculty Ministry and the Veritas Forum. The course was taught by Dr. Angela M. Simms, assistant professor of Sociology and Urban Studies at Barnard College-Columbia University and hosted by Dr. Cullen Buie, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, the Esther & Harold E. Edgerton Career Development Chair at MIT.

In the past year, **Heather Hornbeak**, assistant professor of Media Communication and Journalism, designed a website and social media campaign for TrueLight Childcare (TLC), a nongovernmental organization which works to support orphans and vulnerable children and their families in the capital city of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. The campaign raised \$35,000 in COVID-19 relief for mostly single mothers and families in Ethiopia. The organization continued their sponsorship giving of \$80,000 for children and their families and also created a Christmas giving campaign which raised more than \$21,000. Hornbeak also helps design ornaments, which are cut with a laser cutter, and taken by volunteers to Ethiopia to raise funds for the organization. Visit [tlcproject.org](http://tlcproject.org) for more information.

Adjunct Professor in Education **Shad Lacefield** worked hard to engage his fourth graders online since April of last year. As teaching migrated completely online due to COVID-19, Lacefield saw enthusiasm waning. He knew he had to do something to keep fun alive in his virtual classroom and wanted to build community among his

students, so he donned more than 100 costumes and started a home visit initiative called "Vader Visits" to motivate and encourage his students. His project increased student participation and gave them hope during a time of stress and also caught the eye of local news outlets.

In March, **Dr. Devin Brown**, professor of English, gave a guest lecture on C.S Lewis for Northwind Seminary, and in April he lectured at the UK Honors College on "J. R. R. Tolkien: His Life, Works, and Legacy." A Lewis biographer, Brown was recently invited to write a book review of "Becoming C. S. Lewis: A Biography of Young Jack Lewis" by Harry Lee Poe. His review appeared in the *Journal of Inklings Studies*. And this spring, he was one of eight Lewis scholars interviewed for a program titled "Remembering Walter Hooper." Hooper died in December after managing Lewis's literary estate for 50 years and publishing his collected letters. Brown also appeared on the podcast *Mythic Mission*, where he discussed his book, "The Christian World of The Hobbit." And during Lent, he gave a series of talks titled "Words for the Journey" at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral.

Associate Professor of Communication **Dr. Elizabeth Jones** served as the chair of the Communication and Aging Division for the 105th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association in November 2020. She chaired several paper sessions, and served as a Legislative Assembly delegate. She also authored and presented a panel titled "It's just killing old people: Messages about aging and older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic" with other communication faculty members from across the U.S.

Additionally, a book chapter Jones wrote with two current graduate students in the Digital Storytelling M.A. program is releasing this year entitled "#Marketing faith: The megachurch pastor as social media influencer" in *Research Perspectives on Social Media Influencers and Their Followers* edited by Brandi Watkins published with Lexington Books.



Heather Hornbeak recently worked in partnership with TrueLight Childcare to raise \$17,000 for TLC's COVID relief fund. The funds will benefit 250 TLC families who were already at risk.



# Asbury Students Shine in the Workforce and Leadership



Ty Schadt '20 won a prestigious Sports Emmy.

## Recent graduate brings home a Sports Emmy

**Ty Schadt '20** was a senior at Asbury University when he wrote a piece as an intern for NFL Films, and in June his hard work was recognized with a prestigious Sports Emmy. The 2020 graduate, with a double major in journalism and media communications, was recognized for his Outstanding Writing — Long Form on the “The Lumberman Quarterback.”

“Winning this award is an unbelievable honor that wouldn’t have been remotely possible without the help of many talented people working alongside me,” he said. “I always thought it to be true, but this recognition only strengthens my belief that I’m in the right spot, I’m doing what I’m supposed to be doing.”

Ty reflected on his time at Asbury, and how it shaped him as his career begins to take off.

“One thing that’s always stuck with me from my time as an Asbury student is something Professor D.T. Slouffman ’97 said in his Sports Storytelling class,” Ty said. “He said, ‘Writing is the bedrock of storytelling.’ The more I’ve grown as a storyteller, the more I see how right he was.”

His writing beat out the likes of HBO’s *Hard Knocks* and Kareem Abdul-Jabaar.

“We are extremely proud of Ty. It is an incredible feat for a student to write a story that receives a national Sports Emmy,” said Dr. Jim Owens ’79, dean of the School of Communication Arts & professor of Media Communication. “While Ty worked incredibly hard on his schoolwork and his internship with NFL Films, it is still amazing that a student competed with other high-end professionals and won this award. Ty was able to write a story that won over full-time professional writers at sports networks across the nation.”

Ty, who is still working with NFL Films, said the work with the NFL came out of an assignment by Dr. Owens while he was a junior.

“He gave us an assignment to research 10 places we might like to work,” he recalled. “When I searched NFL Films on Google, a link to an internship application popped up. I decided to throw my hat in the ring, and after a couple rounds of interviews I ended up getting offered a spot

during the Fall of 2019. It lasted the entire NFL season, so I returned to Asbury in February of 2020 to finish out my degree, and that’s when I wrote the Lumberman piece.”

Read more at [asbury.edu/news](https://asbury.edu/news).

## Wilmore celebrates a Pulitzer Prize winner

Wilmore native **Will Houp ’13** is part of a team of journalists at the New York Times who won the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for their coverage of the pandemic. Will helped collect and create a public data source that updates daily with case and death counts across the country. Will, his wife, Dara ’11, and their 17-month-old son, Elias, live in the New York City area where Dara works as a clinical psychologist in private practice.

The Houps recently enjoyed taking advantage of working remotely to get more time with “Papaw and grammy” in Wilmore.

## Burns named to AIKCU’s inaugural class of Emerging Leaders Program

The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) over the summer announced student leaders, including Asbury’s **Kayla Burns ’23**, from its member campuses who will participate in the AIKCU Emerging Leaders Program this fall. AIKCU Emerging Leaders are rising juniors with various majors and extracurricular interests, selected by their respective colleges and universities for the two-year program that incorporates leadership insight, career development, mentoring and funded summer internship placements.

“The AIKCU Emerging Leaders Program ensures talented students have equal opportunities, regardless of their background or family income,” said AIKCU President Dr. OJ Oleka.

The program focuses on serving student leaders of color, with special emphasis given to first-generation, low-income students who are less likely to be able to accept unpaid internships than their peers with greater financial resources.

Kayla and almost 20 other students from across Kentucky will participate.

Asbury University's Presidents' Trip to the Holy Land is back in 2022



# and now is the time to register!

Join current Asbury University President **Dr. Kevin J. Brown** and President Emeritus **Dr. Sandra C. Gray** on the experience of a lifetime as Asbury partners with Icon Destinations for the Presidents' Trip to the Holy Land! Running September 10-17, 2022, the trip will provide Asbury alumni and friends with eight days of sightseeing and touring across the most famous spots in Israel, fellowship and learning as well as live music. Tour highlights include Tel Aviv, Caesarea and Megiddo, Tiberias, Nazareth, the Jordan Valley, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.



To learn more and register, visit:  
**asbury.edu/  
HolyLandTour**

*Belonging and Becoming:*

## A Podcast

**With Asbury University President Dr. Kevin Brown**

Asbury University President Dr. Kevin Brown engages in cerebral and current topics designed to expose the audience to biblically-based insights about life, learning and virtue, as well as Christian higher education on his podcast *Belonging and Becoming*.

Episodes feature interviews with Asbury graduates whose lives and careers uniquely reflect virtue and continued learning, as well as discussions held with Asbury professors and staff members, enriched in knowledge of the argumentative concepts.

Dr. Brown's goal is that each episode will encourage the audience, student, alum or otherwise.

You can find the *Belonging and Becoming* podcast on any podcast streaming outlet or on the official Asbury website at [asbury.edu/belongingandbecoming](http://asbury.edu/belongingandbecoming).





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# Class Notes

## 1960s

**Gilbert '60** and **Janice Shaw '61 Crouse** co-authored a chapter, "Evangelical Leadership in the Public Square," in a forthcoming Fall 2021 book from Southern Evangelical Seminary.

**Gerald Miller '66** was awarded with lifetime Emeritus status from Asbury University. Upon completing his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins, he served as Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages since 1973. During his 48 years on the faculty — longer than anyone in Asbury's history — he taught more than 12,000 students. He served terms as department chair of both the Foreign Language and the Bible/Theology Departments. He continues to work on several research and writing projects. Jerry's wife of 55 years, **Claudia Fisher '66 Miller**, retired several years ago after a career in interior design and art administration. She has exhibited her acrylic paintings in several art galleries and other venues in Central Kentucky. Jerry and Claudia reside in Wilmore and enjoy their family of two children and four grandchildren. **2**

**David Toussaint '68**, executive director for COMPASS in Indiana, has written and published a book, "Troubled Finances? There is Hope!"

**Mary Greene '68** wrote a poem, "TOGO," and it was printed in the spring issue of the Siberian Husky Club of America's magazine. The director of Poland Spring Museums in Maine will use the poem to help raise money to erect a statue of TOGO.

**Mark Elliott '69** published "Pieces of History: The Stories Behind the Street Names of Wilmore, Kentucky." It can be purchased at Wilmore City Hall.

## 1970s

**Mary "Rusty" Lewis '71 Parenteau** has published the book, "Drawing in the Light of Scripture, An Inspirational Tool for the Christian Artist." It is a devotional that delves artistically into scripture.



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Following each devotional, blank pages are included where the reader can sketch out their discoveries, whether poetry, song or drawing.

**Gary Wright '73** published "He Just Showed Up! An Eyewitness to Revival," recounting his personal experience at the 1970's Revival.

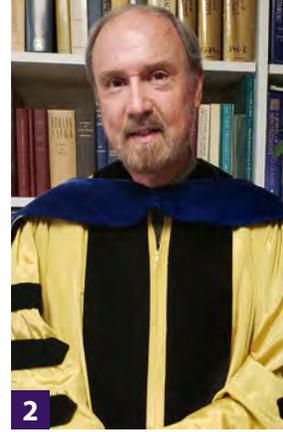
Ken and **Linda Blackburn '74 Hubel** retired from 45 years of active ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators and will continue serving at the International Linguistics Center in Dallas, Texas, as retired volunteers. They are parents of **Laura Hubel '06 Hirsbrunner** who also resides in Dallas. **5**

**Chuck Miller '76** has published devotions and his poetry has been published most recently in "Times of Singing" and "Penwood Review" magazines. He has several books available on Amazon.

**Gordon Carnes '77** retired from the practice of medicine, separated from the Army Reserves, and has answered the call to preach. During the 2021 Alabama West Florida Annual Conference, he received his license to preach from Bishop David Graves. Gordon is currently serving a charge in the Dothan District, joining those who have preached before him, **Rev. B. G. Carnes '27** and **Rev. Benis G. Carnes '45**. **7**

**William B. Coker, Jr. '79** was conferred the Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. His dissertation was "Spiritual Formation Practices to Facilitate Spiritual Health in Clergy on the East Ohio District." William serves as pastor of the Powhatan Point Church of the Nazarene in Powhatan Point, Ohio. **6**

**Gary George '79** retired from the East Ohio Conference of the UMC following 41 years of service as a pastor, district superintendent and assistant to the bishop.



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**Tim Helm '79** retired from pastoral ministry in the UMC after 38 years. He is now an adjunct professor at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind.

## 1980s

**Charles R. Smith, Jr. '82** is retiring after 38 years of faithful ministry service. Charles and his late wife, Shirley, served in the Alabama/West Florida Conference and in the Cumberland River Districts of the UMC.

**Bethany Hull '83 Petrie** was appointed to a new role as a retired Salvation Army officer as the divisional leader of the Heartland Division (Central Illinois and Eastern Iowa), following 35 years of service.

**John Wettlaufer '84** is the Commander of the Regional Police SWAT team in Lancaster County, Pa.

**David Hoag '86**, president of Warner University, was named to the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities board of directors.

## 1990s

**Geoff Schultz '92** is a member of the Malone University Board of Trustees in Canton, Ohio.

**Anna Cates '95** wrote two poetry books, "The Golem & the Nazi" (Red Moon Press 2019) and "The Journey" (Resource Publications 2020). They have been nominated for the Elgin Award, listed here on the Science Fiction Poetry Association (SFPA) website: <https://www.sfpoetry.com/el/elgcand.html>

Vaibhav and **Malinda Stull '95** were married on December 8, 2020.

**Cliff '96** and Rebecca **Mitchem** celebrate the graduation of their son, Jonathan Daniel (JD), from West Jessamine High School, Nicholasville, Ky. JD is attending Asbury University as part of the incoming Fall Class 2025. **1**



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**Melissa Brown '98 Hostetter** gave a TEDx Talk titled, "Can We Afford to Ignore the Science of Reading?" at the University of Illinois Springfield. The talk focused on the research surrounding phonics and reading ability data throughout the lifespan. **3**

**Franco '99** and **Stacy Law '01 Salvatori** are missionaries in the Dominican Republic with Bold Hope International. They are living in La Romana and serving in areas of community development, pastoral training and advocacy. To find out more visit [thehopefulendeavor.com](http://thehopefulendeavor.com)

## 2000s

Circle, a new OTT country music network co-owned by Nashville's Opry Entertainment Group, boasts the crazy panel-driven flagship series Circle Country Countdown. This country-fried take on top 10 lists is the inaugural executive producing effort of Asbury alumna and former School of Communication Arts Graduate Studies Coordinator, **Bonnie Bruner '00**. As series co-executive producer, Bruner hired **D.T. Slouffman '97** to act as a consulting producer and writer and **Jen Bruner '98 Casselberry** as a production coordinator. Bruner also insisted on the additions of coordinating producer **Cody Guiler '13** and associate producer **Joy Marshall '21**.

**Jessica Creech '00** celebrates her five-year anniversary as a support center analyst at Harvard University Information Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

**Zach '03** and Janet **Neumann** announce the birth of their first child, Sophia Grace, on November 11, 2020. Zach earned his MS Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Old Dominion University in May 2021. He currently serves as the K-12 world languages instructional specialist for Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

**Charles '03** and **Larissa Colich '04 Powers** are thrilled to announce the

birth of Ezra on April 9, 2019. He was welcomed home by big brothers, Elijah, Josiah and Micah.

**Mark Siverling '03** is the recovery director for Summit Church in Fort Myers, Fla.

**Elizabeth Moon '04 Carter**, of Ferndale, is the director of social services at the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish from Asbury University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Missouri. She represents individuals submitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Nathan '04** and Taylor **Pyle** are proud to announce the arrival of Quinn Jordan Alexy on March 16, 2021.

**Justin Meeker '04** is the COO of Seedbed, a 21st century movement and media platform to gather, connect, and resource the people of God to sow for a great awakening, based in Franklin, Tenn.

**Ashley Dalton '05 Grigg** was named in the "40 under 40" in the Triad Business Journal for her work in Marketing and Communications for High Point Market Authority in High Point, N.C.

## 2010s

**Ian Slater '10** is the vice president for Student Development at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass.

**Sarah Rudy '11** earned a Master of Arts in Higher Education with a concentration in Academic Support from Messiah University.

Michael and **Rene Sawders '14 Porchowsky** welcomed twins, River Hope and Zion Peter, on March 15, 2021. They were welcomed home by big brother, David.

**Molly Robinson '16** is a junior technical editor at Applied Research Associates in Florida.

**Luke '17** and **Lynette Cagle '17 Cooney** are proud to announce the birth of their

daughter, Alyssa Diana, on July 1, 2021. Proud grandparents include **Paul '92** and **Jennifer Abner '93 Cooney**.

**Andrew Higginson '17** is the runner up for the Outstanding Enlisted Military Representative for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Committee. This award is given to soldiers for their above and beyond community service in the local area. Andrew is a religious support specialist in Headquarters and Headquarters Company for 1st Space Brigade in Fort Carson, Colo.

**Joshua Kulah '18** is an associate with the Gbaintor Law Firm and an adjunct lecturer for upper level Political Science courses with the University of Liberia.

Jeremy and **Elizabeth Griffin '18 Renner** were married on October 24, 2020, in Crestwood, Ky. Bridesmaids include **Alyssa Martin '18 Barnett** and **Sarah Griffin '21**. **4**

Nathaniel and **Sierra Leach '19 Krause** are proud to announce the arrival of Sophia Nycole on April 8, 2021. Sophia is hopefully a future Asburian, class of 2043!

## 2020s

**Laura Martin '20** is the admissions marketing content specialist at Berea College.

Steven and **Florence Rozefort '20 Bell** are proud to announce the arrival of Joia Grace in April 2019. Florence is the lead scientist for Solaris Diagnostics in Nicholasville, Ky.

**Isaac Santala '20** and **Gil Moegerle '67** produced a new business podcast on entrepreneurialism for the national financial services company Executive Scheduling Associates. The first-year guest list includes two AU entrepreneurs, PR agency founder **Jamie Corbett '04 Higdon** and medical services start-up leader **Jeremy Corbett '01**. You can hear the conversations at [www.thewholeenchildapodcast.com](http://www.thewholeenchildapodcast.com).

# IN MEMORIAM

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

## Alumni

**Helene "Gen" McDavid '44** Blow Hooper, Artist/Business Owner/Writer, 7/15/2020, Dallas, TX

**Ruth Diehl '46** Feagin Gordon, Nursing, 1/12/2021, Hunker, PA

**Lois Evans '47** Williams, Education/Librarian, 2/19/2021, Indianapolis, IN

**Clara Stanley '48** George, Education/Ministry, 3/24/2021, Lexington, KY

**Lois Rothrock '48**, Business Owner/Education/Missions, 7/3/2021, Swiftwater, PA

**June Smith '49** Macadam, Education/Missions, 6/22/2021, Newport Beach, CA

**Jack Stowell '49**, Business Owner/Missions/Veteran, 1/29/2021, Wilsonville, OR

**Asylee Baker '50** Hulme, Ministry/Music Ministry, 3/25/2021, Jackson, TN

**Marvin Johns '50**, Education/Veteran, 2/21/2021, Shell Knob, MO

**Lavine Amos '51** Hunter, Education Administrator/Music Education, 2/9/2021, Irvine, CA

**Rev. Roger Rulong '52**, Ministry, 4/8/2021, Pittsburgh, PA

**Rev. Wayne Blakely '53**, Education/Ministry, 2/16/2021, Louisville, KY

**David Carlton '54**, Education Administrator/Veteran, 3/17/2021, Springfield, IL

**Rev. Fred Gilley Sr. '54**, Editor/Journalism/Ministry, 1/9/2021, Stuart, VA

**Blanche Linton '54** Hall, Education, 3/4/2021, Paoli, IN

**Rev. Takashi "Taki" Kakazu '54**, Administration, 4/6/2021, Danville, VA

**Peggy Henson '54** Miller, Missions/Music Education/Music Ministry, 6/19/2021, Wagarville, AL

**Rev. Jack Newsome '54**, Ministry, 5/23/2020, Saint Louis, MO

**Charles Vanlandingham '54**, Business Owner/Pharmacy, 4/4/2021, Milton, FL

**Rev. Gary Buhl '55**, Ministry, 6/19/2021, Franklin, NC

**Phyllis James '55** McCarty, Education/Homemaker, 5/4/2021, Lexington, KY

**Rev. Edward "Buddy" Coleman '56**, Ministry, 3/19/2021, Shelbyville, KY

**Marilyn "Lynne" Kline '56** Fritsch, Beautician/Manufacturing, 11/26/2020, Cincinnati, OH

**Joy McLean '56** Harris, Business Owner/Interior Design, 12/12/2020, Chesterland, OH

**Laura Rothacher '56** Laser, Social Work, 5/9/2021, Ashland, OH

**Betty Ann Young '56** Smith, Education, 1/16/2021, Highland Park, NJ

**Rev. Randall VanLandingham '56**, Ministry, 5/13/2021, Decatur, AL

**Kenneth Wicklund '56**, Missions, 5/20/2020, Golden Valley, MN

**Joanne Pemberton '57** Anderson, Administrative Assistant/Education/Missions, 4/30/2021, Hamden, CT.

**John Finrock '57**, Education/Farmer/Military, 3/1/2021, Altamont, IL

**C. Lewis Casey '58**, Development/Retail, 4/22/2021, Williamsburg, VA

**Sheila White '58**, Education/Librarian, 2/14/2021, Clayton, NM

**Dorothy Kocher '59** Porter, Author/Ministry/Musician/Nursing, 3/1/2021, Columbus, MS

**Rev. Edgar Farmer '62**, Ministry/Missions, 3/29/2021, Mansfield, OH

**Rev. Thomas Mitchell '62**, Ministry, 4/25/2021, Ridgeland, MS

**Elvin Ellison '63**, Education/Funeral Home Director/Ministry, 12/23/2020, Laveen, AZ

**Rev. William "Bill" Barry III '64**, Ministry, 2/26/2021, Fordland, MO

**Dr. Robert Bickert '64**, Education/Ministry/Missions, 4/13/2021, Wilmore, KY

**Brenda Willis '64** Cagle, Ministry/Nursing, 4/10/2021, Columbus, NC

**Kurt Valade '64**, Education, 5/5/2021, Colfax, NC

**Sharon Hatfield '65** Berning, Missions/Nursing, 3/24/2021, Shawnee, KS

**Della Conley '65** Dorsey, Education, 3/20/2020, Waynesboro, VA

**June Morgan '65** St. Clair, Musician, 8/21/2020, La Grange, KY

**Thomas "Doug" Crowe Jr. '66**, Business Owner/Chaplain/Veteran, 6/12/2021, Winchester, KY

**Maj. Nedra Francis '66**, Salvation Army, 9/20/2020, Dayton, OH

**Martha Hearn '66** Schuppe, Education/Homemaker, 5/2/2021, Shepherdstown, WV

**Maj. Alice Mantle '68** Scott, Salvation Army, 4/5/2021, Westfield, IN

**Dr. Raymond Hundley '69**, Author/Education/Missions, 5/16/2021, Sarasota, FL

**Janet Eastman '69** Lyons, Homemaker, 3/16/2021, Cicero, NY

**Dorothy Miller '69** Styons, Education/Ministry, 6/11/2021, Hertford, NC

**David Wilson '71**, Farmer, 6/3/2021, Needham, IN

**Stella Keener '72** Kidd, Business Owner/Humanitarian/Photography, 5/9/2021, Lexington, KY

**Cynthia McDonald '73** Panik, Education, 2/23/2021, Dafer, MI

**Catherine Martin '75** Koufopoulos, Editor/Mission Executive Director/Volunteer, 6/14/2021, Lawrenceville, GA

**Linda Saun '76**, Education, 6/25/2021, Oaklyn, NJ

**James "Jim" Wright '76**, Nursing, 3/9/2021, Fowler, KS

**Rev. James "Jim" Cooney '78**, Chaplain/Ministry/Veteran, 6/17/2021, Crossville, TN

**Dr. Timothy Kidd '80**, Education/Ministry, 6/7/2021, Siloam Springs, AR.

**David Lanpher '81**, Ministry/Real Estate/Volunteer, 7/1/2021, Moorhead, MN

**Catherine "Carmen" Ray '81**, 4/1/2020, Winter Park, FL

**David Tevis '81**, Education/Farmer/Veteran, 5/26/2021, Owingsville, KY

**Michael Pozucky '88**, Administrative Assistant, 6/30/2020, McKinney, TX

**Geoffrey Barrett '90**, Building Inspector/Ministry, 5/24/2020, Harrodsburg, KY

**Eunice Boss '90** Dailey, Social Work, 11/21/2020, Kokomo, IN

**Dr. James Krumenacker '96**, Education, 5/23/2020, Lake Worth, FL

**Howard Young '96**, Medicine/Missions, 6/28/2021, Allentown, PA

**Cheryl Osborne McKee Phelps**, APS Alum, Photography, 3/11/2021, Somerset, KY

**Billy "Keith" Adams**, Graduate Program, Education Administrator/Ministry, 4/8/2021, Blackey, KY

## Friends

**Willard Akers III**, 5/12/2021, Hixson, TN

**Pamela Rogers Arms**, 3/26/2021, Marion, IL

**Everett Avila**, 8/19/2020, Pasadena, CA

**Julia Priour Bacon**, 3/16/2021, Lakeland, FL

**Rev. Richard Barker**, 3/3/2021, Wilmore, KY

**Zollie "Eugene" Barnett**, 5/22/2021, Florence, KY

**Dr. George Batson**, 9/4/2020, Flowery Branch, GA

**William "Bill" Brunk**, 12/9/2020, San Diego, CA

**Fred Buhler**, 3/9/2021, Battle Creek, MI

**Dr. Joe Butler**, 4/24/2021, Crothersville, IN

**Robert Calder**, 4/26/2021, Irvine, KY

**Dr. Donald Donaldson**, Retired Asbury Professor, 6/21/2021, Fort Wayne, IN

**Betsy West Guthrie**, 3/5/2021, Wilmington, NC

**James Hendricks**, 1/4/2021, Jay, FL

**Mary Frances Hayes Hendricks**, 1/17/2021, Jay, FL

**Rev. W. Laurens Hudson**, 3/2/2021, Kennesaw, GA

**Rev. Paul Juvinall**, 4/10/2021, Orlando, FL

**Kaoru Kakazu**, 12/3/2020, Danville, CA

**Dr. Samuel Kamaleson**, 2/28/2021, Arcadia, CA

**Neil Kinley**, 9/23/2020, Upper Sandusky, OH

**Rev. Peter Lord**, 3/4/2021, Titusville, FL

**William "Ken" McCarty**, 5/6/2021, Lexington, KY

**Jean Ewart McCracken**, 3/15/2021, Anderson, IN

**J. Frank McGill**, 3/3/2021, Tifton, GA

**William McGuire**, 1/4/2021, Corpus Christi, TX

**Joseph Mesite III**, 4/3/2021, Oxford, MA

**Jack Newman**, 3/26/2021, Newport Beach, CA

**Paul Nichols**, 2/22/2021, Lodi, CA

**Beverly Brown Peace**, 5/12/2021, Lake Forest, CA

**Ruth Atcher Porter**, 5/21/2020, Nebo, KY

**Norman "Norm" Quick**, 4/13/2021, Dublin, OH

**Dr. David Randall**, Retired Asbury Professor, 4/11/2021, Versailles, KY

**Thomas "Tommy" Reeves**, 3/2/2021, Fayetteville, NC

**Eva "Lynn" Pugh Smith**, 7/1/2021, Wilmore, KY

**Robert H. Smith Sr.**, 3/25/2021, Highland Park, NJ

**Gordon Snowden**, 12/31/2020, Traverse City, MI

**Donald Stricklin**, 4/22/2021, Smyrna, TN

**Mary Kelly Stricklin**, 11/3/2020, Smyrna, TN

**Paolo "Paul" Tomasino**, 6/16/2021, Dalton, OH

**Rose Buschynski Warner**, 2/3/2021, Edgewater, FL

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# Drawing Wilmore

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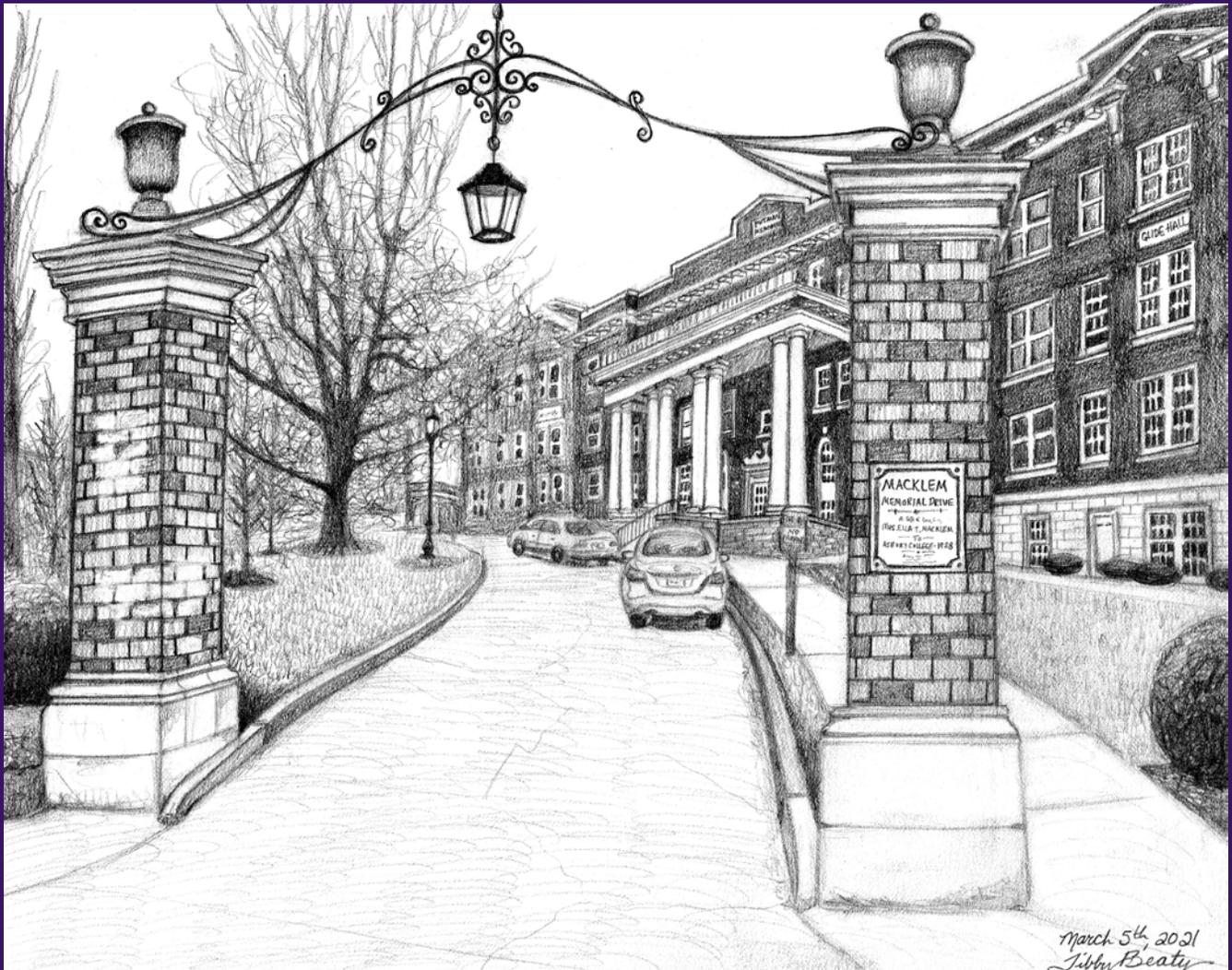
The “Drawing Wilmore” project was born last year when **Libby Whelchel '97 Beaty** returned to Wilmore after spending almost 20 years living abroad.

“I started my ‘Drawing Wilmore’ project last year in the middle of the pandemic when I found myself home a lot and needing a creative outlet,” Libby said. “After so many years away from Wilmore, it's been fun to come back and see familiar Wilmore scenes with a fresh perspective.”

Libby, her husband and their three children were previously working at international schools in Kenya, Qatar, India, Norway and South Korea.

Libby earned her degree in Art Education and taught art overseas before the family made its move back to America. Her husband is an assistant principal at a local elementary school.

See more of her art at [fineartamerica.com/profiles/libby-beaty](https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/libby-beaty) or follow on social media; Instagram: [@drawingwilmore](https://www.instagram.com/drawingwilmore) and Facebook: **Drawing Wilmore**.





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*10:00 AM Alumni Zoom Prayer Service*

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*Fall Revival*

#### **NOVEMBER 1**

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