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Becoming a Transformational Community, Together

Asbury University's emphasis on the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition spurs members of the community — students, faculty and staff — to think well, love well, live well and serve well.

With 14 forward-thinking academic departments that extend far beyond the classrooms in Wilmore, Ky., Asbury's academic offerings prepare students well for a diverse and ever-changing global workplace. Students can learn in person, online, through study abroad and internship opportunities plus through crosscultural immersion.

Asbury's academic offerings span over 150 areas of study. Master's programs in business, communication and education help take expertise to the next level through a biblical perspective.

Asbury majors and minors are designed to nurture each student's tailored interests, whether those are grounded in faith, intellectual curiosity, adventure or service. Students can pursue an educational journey that is all their own. The programs are centered in liberal arts tradition and blend spiritual vitality with uncompromising inquisitiveness to uplift future servant leaders and worldly citizens.

ASBURY QUICK FACTS

- Ranked #14 in Regional Universities South by U.S. News, the highest ranking in Kentucky
- 100% of incoming freshmen receive financial aid each year
- More than 20 percent of our students represent racial and ethnic diversity from around the country and the world
- 150 areas of study

- 12:1 Student-to-Faculty ratio
- 16 intercollegiate athletics plus cheerleading in the NCAA Division III
- Three competitive club sports and intramural athletics
- Robust Christian Education Partnerships with more than six high schools around Kentucky and beyond

1 Asbury welcomed its largest incoming freshman class since 2019. 2 Asbury students, alumni and trainers competed in the world-renowned Thoroughbred Makeover at the Kentucky Horse Park in October. 3 The Latino Festival in October gave students a rich taste of life outside of Wilmore. 4 The Kentucky River offers students a hands-on learning experience for biology classes. 5 The Fall Preview weekend welcomed hundreds of prospective students and their families to campus. 6 Student life at Asbury offers a thriving, God-centered experience. 7 Senior Carolina Trumpower took first place as the women's cross country team finished first in the Asbury Chick-fil-A Invitational before heading to the NCCAA National Championship Meet in November. 8 Asbury's teams completed a successful season in the NCAA DIII. 9 Holocaust survivor and renowned filmmaker Pierre Sauvage, center, spoke to campus in October through the Honors Program.







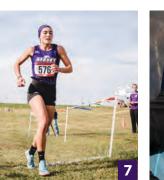


















Student Center Construction

Though completion was delayed by supply chain challenges, the newly renovated Rader Student Center will be officially dedicated on January 9, 2023. Featuring additional square footage, expanded coffee shop, new student government and common spaces, and outdoor plaza areas, the building will significantly enhance the student experience at Asbury.

"We are confident students will be pleasantly surprised at the quality and function of the new Student Center," said Dr. Mark Troyer, vice president for Institutional Advancement & Strategic Partnerships. "The outdoor spaces at the cafeteria and Shaw Collaborative Learning Centers will be enhanced by new areas outside the Rader Student Center."













1 A chili dinner followed the official dedication of the Henry and Elsie Bayless Riding Arena in October at the Equine Center. 2 Songs of the Season is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2. 3 Chapel is an integral part of student life at Asbury. 4 In November, the Educators Rising conference brought more than 130 high school students from around the region to Asbury to learn more about a career in education. 5 The Dayton School of Business is utilizing its new spaces, such as the Sales Training Suite, to enhance classroom learning with real world experience.

'PATIENCE AND TRUST'

Who are students 'becoming?' Pictured on the cover, from left to right are Braden Insko '24, Veronica Rojas '24, Maya Thomas '23, Eswin Monroy '23, Gracie Turner '23, and Melissa Richards '24.



The Ambassador team asked them who they

are becoming this semester and what they are learning.

God has taught me to be patient and to trust Him fully. I can't do this life on my own. He is humbling me to just leave everything to Him and ask Him to work throughout my life for His purposes and plans.

— BRADEN INSKO '24

This fall, I am growing in how I manage my time, making sure that I am not over-committed so that I can put my all into what I am committed to.

- VERONICA ROJAS '24

I have grown by learning to be independent and waiting on God's timing to guide me on what is next. God is teaching me patience, how to be obedient, and to listen when He speaks.

— MAYA THOMAS '23

I want to become a light to those around me and an example for all my fellow students. I want us to remember that if we place God over everything, we will go far in our lives and professions.

— ESWIN MONROY '23

This year specifically, I have been involved in many opportunities through Asbury with which my skill set has excelled more than I expected it to during my undergraduate studies. In my senior year, I hope to become an even better filmmaker than my expectations walking into my college career.

— GRACIE TURNER '23

'Becoming' to me walks alongside 'belonging.' I am so grateful for the opportunity to belong to various areas on campus. In my roles, I find that I have become a mature follower of Christ, a peer to those I'm doing life with and more humbled by this campus community. I am appreciative of this Lord-loving campus!

— MELISSA RICHARDS '24

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President's Message

WHO ARE WE BECOMING?

This year, Chapel is focused on "Becoming: You are what you love." As a campus, we have been challenged by speakers to allow the Lord to create a new heart in us. To give us eyes to see that what we love, we become.

At Asbury, we seek to create the conditions for students to belong, become and be set apart. Becoming is not something we opt in or out of at our choosing. We are always becoming. The question lies in what we are becoming? Who are we becoming — as people and as a community?

Asbury University is one of the most deliberate environments I have ever been in. Great thought and effort go into a cultivating a student's communal experience, refining their mind through rigorous education, preparing them to serve and add value in today's professional world, and orienting their hearts to, "seek the things that are above, where Christ is..." (Col. 3:1).

Asbury is not just a university experience; it is a story of becoming.

I explored this topic more deeply with two students. Madison Anderson is a senior journalism major, and Jena Pelletier is a senior sociology major. I hope you will take the time to listen to our brief conversation and enjoy learning more about what we are pursuing as a community at Asbury as we head into 2023.

Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D. President





Dr. Kevin Brown sat down with Strategic Communications student workers Madison Anderson '23, center, and Jena Pelletier '23 to discuss who Asbury is becoming.



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Editor's letter

For this issue of *The Ambassador*, Strategic Communications student worker and journalism major Madison Anderson '23 served as junior editor. As a senior who is highly involved on campus, she shares her thoughts on who Asbury is becoming, and who she is becoming in her time here.

In my time at Asbury, I have witnessed invigorating explosions of intentionality in the areas of academia, spiritual life and community that are akin to no other institute. Expansive educational tracks are enriched with biblically sound values and state-of-the-art equipment, while faculty and staff facilitate in-depth mentorships that nurture students out of being "just a number."

Each season I experience becomes a bit lovelier as age teaches me to appreciate how those changes usher me, as an individual, forward. I directly relate the influential changing of seasons with my time spent at Asbury. Each season has been pivotal to our University's growth. With contentment through each transition, the campus culture and its administration foster an expectancy for what can be accomplished in the seasons ahead.

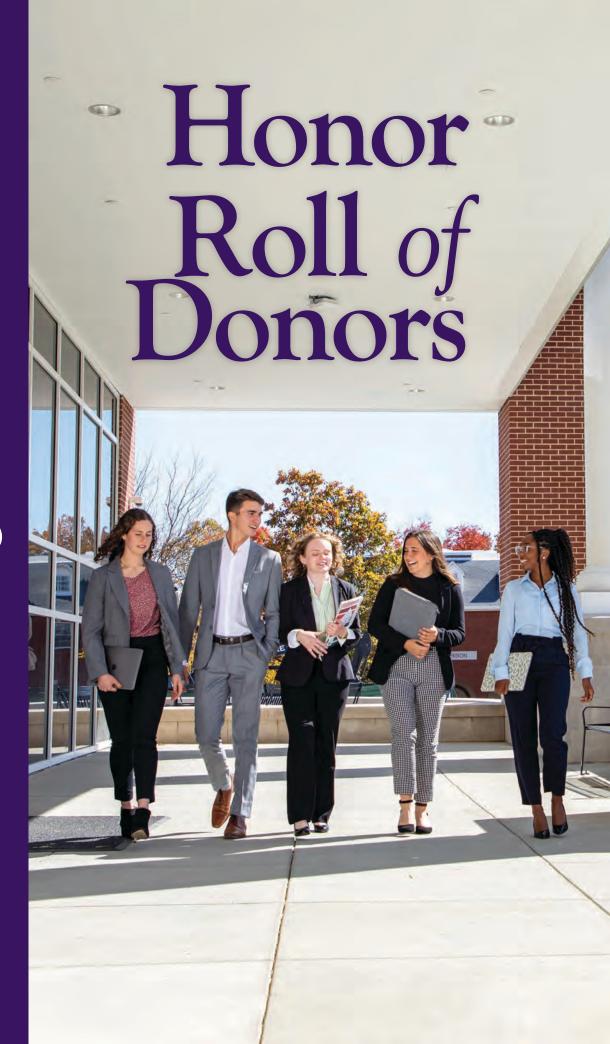
As a community, we seek to be truth-telling advocates for the broken, while practicing Christlike forgiveness and gratitude. We are relentless in our studies, confidently stepping forward in our career paths and intellectual challenges. We have expanded the vastness of our campus facilities and our students' minds. Most importantly, Asbury is becoming a place to "come as you are" and leave as the person you were meant to be.

I have seen firsthand this becoming in myself as well as the individuals that I am happy to call my friends, peers, alumni and advisors. Seasonal shifts — both literal and metaphorical — have displayed beauty alongside development and authenticity. This issue is a brief look into who we are becoming.

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Madison Anderson '23 Junior Editor

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Matthew 6:21

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Kimberly Annis

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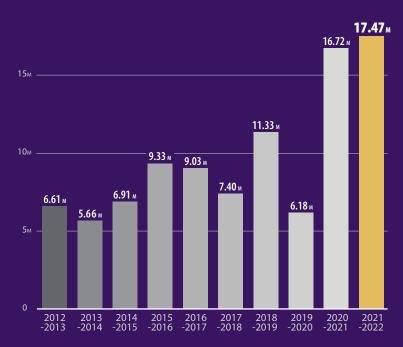
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For more information on establishing a named scholarship fund, please contact the Development Office at development@asbury.edu or (859) 858-5136.

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REUNION GIFT PROJECT 2022 RESULTS



The 2022 Reunion Gift Project will construct a Garden Plaza that will provide a beautiful outdoor space for conversation and celebration for students, families and alumni.

MORE THAN \$232,000 WAS RAISED.

These gifts were put to immediate use as construction began earlier this fall.

Thank you for your generosity!





Asbury students, faculty and staff took multiple trips to Eastern Kentucky to help clean up after the devastating late summer floods.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF

Over the summer and Labor Day weekend, two groups of Asbury students traveled to Eastern Kentucky to aid the community after recent devastating flooding, specifically serving three families. The teams cleaned out mud, ripped out ruined sheetrock and sanitized the floors and walls in preparation for new insulation and sheetrock.

"It was an absolute privilege to work alongside homeowners who have labored for weeks to reclaim their homes," said senior Social Work major **Ana-Sophia Beardsley**. "I didn't understand the power of natural disasters until I drove by homes completely washed away and destroyed. More than anything, though, I was humbled by the unwavering faith of individuals with every right to blame God."

Due in part to the generosity of donors, Asbury will continue to send groups to Eastern Kentucky, including during spring break, to share love and hope through acts of service.

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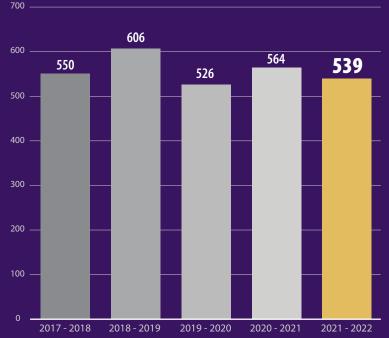
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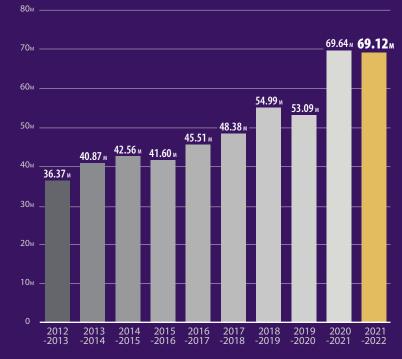
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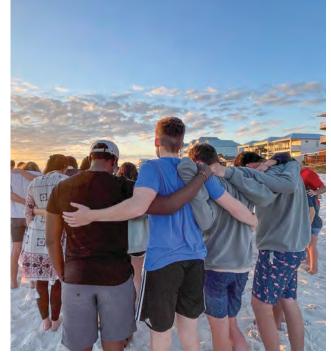
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Two more Set Apart Retreats are planned for the 2022-23 school year.

SET APART RETREATS

Cultivating an environment for authenticity and a spiritual growth experience

Just as the Kentucky weather began to get colder, this year's first Set Apart Retreat traveled to the warm beaches of Panama City Beach, Fla., over fall break. Students were fully funded by the Price Foundation to dive deeper into their faith alongside peers, Asbury faculty and staff, and the rejuvenating beachside scenery.

Set Apart Retreats are designed to cultivate a deeper understanding of a biblical worldview among students and encourage them to wrestle with life's complexities, as well as think critically about their faith. These retreats provide guidance as students explore the depth of God's love and discover their identity in Christ, so that with the power of the Holy Spirit they can fulfill God's created purpose for their life.

Director of the Student Life Project, **Jeanie Banter '06**, discussed the spiritual foundation cultivated by the retreats.

"The beauty of going on retreats with fellow classmates, faculty and staff is the power of a shared experience. Those on retreat with you will forever be able to bear witness to what God did and is doing. What happens on retreat is never meant to stay on retreat. As students come back to campus having been transformed by the living Christ, they not only bring excitement and passion, but a living testimony of what God is able to do in the lives of His children. Freedom begets freedom, and I believe what God does in the lives of students on retreats will be a catalyst for revival on our campus."

Two more retreats are planned for this academic year in this new format that will serve all incoming students to Asbury.



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ASBURY STUDENTS WIN PRODUCTION AWARDS

Asbury's Media Communication students again won multiple Student Production Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (Ohio Valley Chapter), ranging from short and long form in fiction, talent in news and sports, and large-scale programs or livestreamed events.

The Ohio Valley chapter includes Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky. Asbury students won four of the seven awards in which they were nominated, competing against schools like University of Kentucky, Western Kentucky University and Ohio University.

"The most recent four Student Production Awards bring the total number of Academy of Television Arts and Sciences awards to 43 since the year of 2003," said Dean of the School of Communication Arts **Dr. Jim Owens '79**. "These students took on huge challenges and really stretched themselves to win these awards. The award for producing an e-sports event took them into unprecedented territory."

The list of awardees is as follows:

FICTION - SHORT FORM

Cold Feet, Asbury University

Joel Pletcher '22, Gillian Sparks '22, Kylie Ward '22 • Prof. Sarah Leckie '03 Hoaencamp, advisor

FICTION - LONG FORM

Dreamcatcher, Asbury University

Chris Phelps '22 • Prof. Sean Gaffnev, advisor

SPORTS PROGRAM OR LIVE SPORTING EVENT/GAME

Mario Kart Home Circuit EGaming Tournament, **Asbury University**

Abigail Beers '23, Ian Wilkinson '23, Kevin Combs '23, Faith Osborne '23, Travis Kane Price '23, Noah Clark'23, Grace Bevin'23 • Dean Dr. Jim Owens'79, advisor

TALENT - NEWS OR SPORTS

Multimedia Journalist/Anchor, Asbury University

Allie Sutton '22 • Prof. Rich Manieri, advisor



Assistant Professor Michelle Smith, center, holding the flag, teaches her sport management students to plan successful events from start to finish.

HOLE IN ONE

Dayton School of Business promotes hands-on learning

The Dayton School of Business (DSB) Sport Management program hosted its annual, student-run golf scramble in October at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. The DSB sets itself apart, not only by the caliber of student that pursues this degree, but also because of these types of real-world opportunities.

"Our students create events from infancy to fruition, collaborate with top executives in the sports industry, learn how to sell tickets and sponsorships in real-time, and receive top-notch internships that lead to sports careers," remarked Michelle Smith, assistant professor of Sport Management. "Asbury University and the Dayton School of Business sport management program prides itself in these accomplishments all the while being centered on its faith."

Through this experience, golf scramble students become equipped in high level sport event management.

"It has definitely been a challenge, but I've enjoyed learning how to manage finances and budgeting for a large-scale event like this." said Daniel Shelton '23.

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Asbury's Summer Bridge program launched over the summer and helped 33 students get adjusted to college life.

Campus Corner

SUMMER BRIDGE WELCOMES 33 STUDENTS

Asbury's Summer Bridge program launched this summer thanks to a \$163,000 grant from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Summer Bridge welcomed 33 students on Asbury's campus from Aug. 1-17 to give them preparation, comfort and confidence before Welcome Weekend and the beginning of classes. The program helps recent high-school graduates facing academic challenges, financial barriers or family unrest and provides them a head start to their first year of college. The students who participated in the program were able to take three one-credit Asbury courses, professional development workshops in business etiquette, dress and financial literacy, and community-building trips to Cincinnati and Louisville. They were also able to buy \$350 worth of professional clothing in partnership with Macy's.

"The program offered the students an opportunity to acclimate to campus and gain much-needed success and readiness skills before jumping into their first semester of college classes," said Asbury director of Center for Academic Excellence **Dr. Henry Zonio '97.** "The Summer Bridge Program provided participants with the knowledge, resources and relationships to transition from high school successfully and confidently to university life."

FAMILY WEEKEND MERGES WITH FALL PREVIEW

At the end of September, Asbury hosted Family Weekend for students and their families to gather on campus and enjoy a weekend full of events. The weekend coincided with the Admissions Fall Preview for prospective students who wanted to experience campus life at Asbury. Guests enjoyed a full weekend including chapel, a concert in the Jameson Recital Hall featuring concert band and orchestra,

a parents' breakfast with President Dr. Kevin Brown, a men and women's swimming meet versus alumni, and other special events around campus.

World Gospel Mission hosted its famous Goat Roast on Saturday evening, providing a fun cultural experience that included live music and yard games. Asbury families, students and prospectives enjoyed a fall festival on Reasoner Green.

To learn more about other visit events throughout the year, asbury.edu/**visit**.



Dr. A.J. Swoboda spoke in Chapel during Fall Revival.

A.J. SWOBODA BRINGS FALL REVIVAL MESSAGE

During this year's powerful week of Fall Revival, Dr. A.J. Swoboda, assistant professor of Biblical Studies and World Christianity at Bushnell University, spoke to students both in chapel and daily additional sessions throughout the week. During his

evening sessions, Dr. Swoboda discussed being unafraid to bring big questions to God and casting out the idea that having doubt and questions does not dilute or negate the students' faith in God.

"What if the Bible isn't always the place you go to get the right answers?" Swoboda said. "What if sometimes the point of the Bible is that God wants to give you the right questions? The fact that the Bible gives voice to these challenges is evidence that we do not serve an insecure God that is terrified of you asking questions." The discussion merged into the biblical example of Jesus's disciple, Thomas, and how God welcomes doubt to create authenticity and growth in our relationships with Him, ultimately leading to a more intimate connection that can be disseminated to others in a broken world.

THEATRE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS STUDY AND PERFORM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

In August, 12 Asbury University students returned from studying Shakespeare and performing Macbeth at the Globe Theatre in London. After their two-week study, the students traveled to Scotland to perform in the 2022 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the largest theatre festival in the world. Joining more than 3,000 shows from August 5-29, they performed A Viking Summer, a romantic comedy that addresses difficult and important topics that was written and directed by Asbury Communications and Theatre Professor Dr. Jim Shores. Sponsoring the show was the Beating Heart Group of Scotland, which promotes initiatives that minister to new mothers, the aged, individuals with disabilities, and those living in poverty. Junior Maya Kash summed up the trip this way: "I will remember my experience in London for the rest of my life. It was the best trip I have ever been on and has completely changed my life."



Asbury theatre students had a unique acting experience over the summer.

ASBURY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RACES WITH ALUMNI

The Asbury cross country team began its 2022 season training with a friendly competition running alongside Asbury alumni. "The alumni run was something we've never done before at Asbury, but it was a good way to kick off the season and have some fun while doing it," said senior cross country runner **Lucy Bryson**. "It was cool to see all the people who showed up to cheer the runners on and to run with some of my old teammates one more time."

The evening brought in more than 30 alumni to run with the current cross country athletes with a community-fostering dinner held immediately after the run.

SONY FILMS DESTINATION HEAVEN ON ASBURY CAMPUS

During the summer, Sony Pictures filmed season one of Destination Heaven, a dramatic-comedy series expected in 2023 on Pure Flix.

Sony Pictures is considered one of the "Big Five" major American film studios and recently purchased the faith-based streaming platform Pure Flix.

Along with utilizing Asbury's campus as one of the Kentucky-based locations of the anthology series, Sony also partnered with Asbury for the entire filming process by using the media department's high-end equipment and studio facilities. Asbury students, faculty and alumni worked on the film crew with many others participating on set as extras.

William Chesser '23, an Asbury Media Communication student who was the second assistant camera (AC) on the project, discussed his prior training leading up to working on Sony's set:

"As my first big production, *Destination Heaven* was a huge learning experience. I was grateful to have received such a

thorough education from Asbury," he said. "Although it was a jump up to 'the big leagues,' I felt that I had all I needed to step into a big set as a professional."

Asbury individuals participated in hands-on experience in the film industry, including 12-hour days of preparation and tech scouting, as well as the gritty, intensive and detail focused work that is required during the filming process. They worked alongside industry professionals and actors, including Doug Jones, Harry Lennix, Dean Batali, Travis Mendel and more.

"I don't think I could have asked for more, to be honest," said Asbury Media Communication professor and key grip for Destination Heaven David Whitaker'10. "The students, alumni and faculty that were involved were top-notch, and because of their hard work and dedication, we have a great product."

To follow the show, visit **pureflix.com**.



Media Communication students, faculty and staff were a part of the summer filming of Destination Heaven.



Beginning in 1929, the Asbury Alumni Board serves as a liaison between the University and alumni communities. This gathering represents five decades of alumni who commit to help further the mission of Asbury University and increase our connectivity to our alumni.

The 2022-23 Alumni Board pictured at left:

FRONT L TO R: Lisa Falin '90 Harper (staff), Willa-Sue Ling '76 Brockinton, Humaira Tufail '90 Dale (president), Susan Hayes '88 McElroy SECOND ROW L TO R: Marcus Rixon '14, Kelly Brock '02 Tyler, Cherie Walters '99 Lowe, Melissa Natour '22, Liz Asberry '08 Barber, Heidi Raas '97 Spencer, Nick Garnett '23, Tim Bracken '87, David Wang '94, Emily Barlage '09 Cellier (representative to Board of Trustees), Taylor Bobb '12 Collingsworth (staff), Tiffany Walz '08 Hassler (president elect) THIRD ROW L TO R Michael George '07, Caleb Griffin '14, Brandon Spencer '03, Daniel Rehner '11, Kevin Becht' '91, Corey Winton '04, Rob Aukerman '81, Gwen Jurisich '02, Amy Robinson '92 Glandon NOT PICTURED: Lisa Corbett '86 Bacon (past president), Josh Kulah '16, Meredith Schellin '15 and Jean James '79 Kingery



Dr. Walt Shaw '63 created a reproduction of Gates of Paradise for the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center.

"GATES OF PARADISE" ART INSTALLED ON CAMPUS

Ranking among the greatest creations of Renaissance art, a beautifully crafted reproduction of the Gates of Paradise has been installed in the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center.

This exhibit was produced and graciously donated to Asbury University by **Drs. Walt '63** and **Rowena Phillips '63 Shaw**. Walt took photos of the panels of the Gates of Paradise while in Italy and had them crafted

into a replica of this historically significant piece of art by sculptor Lorenzo Ghiberti (1378-1455).

The Gates of Paradise showcase Ghiberti's brilliant talent as storyteller and master artist. The two doors with their ten narrative reliefs in gilt bronze were created between 1425 and 1452 for the east entrance to the Baptistery of San Giovanni in Florence. They narrate stories of prominent figures in the Old Testament.

There are approximately forty scenes depicted in the ten panels. After the first three panels which focus on the theme of sin, Ghiberti then highlights the promise of God's salvation and the prophetic foretelling of Christ's coming.

"We are thrilled to have this new addition of art on Asbury's campus that speaks to the kind of collaboration the CLC was designed to inspire," said Asbury Professor of Photography, Art and Design **Keith Barker '91**. "Having art in our campus

spaces is not mere decoration, but a way to communicate the creative partnership we all have as thoughtful and creative beings made by our Artist and Creator."

BROADWAY'S GODSPELL COMES TO LIFE AT ASBURY

Asbury Theatre Productions recently featured the acclaimed Broadway hit, *Godspell*, for a three-weekend run this semester. Written by Jon Michael Tebelak with music by Stephen Schwartz, the story, based on the gospel of Matthew, begins with a struggling world where loneliness and anxiety thrive. A rag-tag group of young people encounter each other as a man named Jesus finds them. The story of his life and ministry play out as if it were happening in today's world and culture. The humorous and vibrant rock musical's singing, dancing and storytelling ultimately revealed the good news at the heart of the gospel story—making it more than just a great Asbury theatre experience.

"Godspell has proven to be a highly entertaining musical over decades, but it also speaks to our culture in this moment," said Director and Asbury Professor Carol Anderson. "We wanted to offer Godspell as a gift of hope to this community, not only as entertainment but also as a much-needed me message of revitalization, redemption and lasting joy."



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Annette Hill is Asbury's Director of Annual Giving.

"One student can change the world," said Director of Annual Giving Annette Hill. "It's not insignificant to say 'I helped a student' when that student is Billy Graham or Martin Luther King, Jr. What we do in the lives of children rings on through eternity. We never know the impact we make when we give to a student's education."

Drawing on her lifelong experience in education, Hill is helping craft Asbury's strategy on scholarship giving through the Fund for Asbury University (FAU) to help enable students to attend Asbury through the generosity of others.

"Asbury is a very special place that is committed to making an intentional impact on students' lives," Hill said. "I believe that the University's story of faith, holiness and humility has and will continue to shape families for generations."

She said some of the key reasons to help current and future students attend Asbury through giving to the FAU is so they can form a strong biblical worldview, find a community with shared values, and understand God's call on their lives.

"The truths that Christians hold dear are systematically being stolen from our youth," she said. "Asbury stands as a beacon that shines a light in a dark world. It's a place where students come to academically learn and grow in God's truth. Students are set apart to learn and develop in an environment of belonging."

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WORK, THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE HAS LAUNCHED THE 'BUILDING TOGETHER' INITIATIVE TO BOLSTER GIVING TO THE FAU.

"Building Together' is a theme that invites all of us to share in the development of our students," Hill said. "This takes time and dedication from a group of people committed to making sure that students are loved, supported and engaged. It's our prayer that each student attending Asbury will find their purpose and the path God has for them."

HILL REFLECTS ON THE PURPOSEFUL GENEROSITY OF DONORS.

"I believe that donors to Asbury are engaging at new and exciting levels," Hill said. "They continue to be motivated by their passions and interests and are also seeking deeper engagement. They focus on competence, pragmatism, innovation, collaboration and long-term involvement. Our supporters desire to make an impact, to support what they value, to leave a legacy. Christ-centered higher education is such an impactful place to give. We need tomorrow's leaders to be strong change agents that share Christian values and serve the world.

"We invite donors to give to Asbury to continue a legacy that has lasting impact," she continued. "We invite them to stretch in their giving. We know that the blessing received when we give of our time, talents and resources is far greater than we ever imagine. What God does with a person's gift never ceases to amaze me."

To learn more about giving back to students, visit asbury.edu/**buildingtogether.**



Abby Fletcher, senior captain of the Asbury softball team, exemplifies the terms student-athlete and servant-leader. The biology major from Louisa, Ky., spends most of her days in the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center and her late afternoons and evenings at the Kirkland Complex, softball field or the Luce Center. Fletcher, who plays both catcher and infield, received Scholar Athlete honors from both AU and the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA).

The Ambassador editorial team spoke with the multitalented Fletcher who has managed a full academic schedule, fall softball practice and interviewing for medical school this semester. She was recently accepted into medical school at the University of Kentucky.

Q: What are some of your best memories of playing softball at Asbury?

A: While I do love playing the game of softball, some of the best memories I have from being a part of the team happened off the field. I am grateful for relationships I have built with my teammates and the opportunities to grow together. A highlight was my team's mission trip to Puerto Rico last summer. Though we were there to serve the people of Aguada, the families there were a light to us in their compassion and generosity.

Q: What life lessons have you learned from managing the demands of being a pre-med major and a college athlete?

A: Being a collegiate student-athlete requires dedication and discipline to be successful in the classroom and on the field. Since softball is a substantial commitment, it has been important for me to improve my time management skills to maintain my grades and take care of my health. Additionally, playing a team sport has developed my people skills and ability to work as part of a group. I have grown as a leader in my understanding of the importance of servant leadership. These skills and perspectives will be helpful to me as I start medical school and pursue my career.

Q: How have you grown spiritually during your time at Asbury?

A: The love of Christ has been demonstrated to me time and time again by my coaches, professors and peers. Because I'm loved so well, I'm challenged to be more intentional about sacrificially loving others. Though I grew up in a Christian household, I have learned even more about the value of Christian community while at college.

Q: What are your plans after AU?

A: After graduation, I plan to attend medical school to become a family physician. I grew up in a small town in eastern Kentucky, and I hope to serve people in rural communities like my own.

Q: Who are some of the coaches, faculty and staff that have most impacted you during your time at AU?

A: I have had countless people pouring into me during my time at Asbury. I am very grateful for all my coaches who have pushed me to grow both as a player and as an individual. Coaches Megan Curry, Jenn Sarver and Ally Moore have been very supportive and encouraging on and off the field. Additionally, I am thankful for my biology professors, such as Dr. Ben Brammell and Dr. Marvin Ruffner, who have helped me understand that science is not in contrast with my Christian worldview. They have taught me that studying and being in awe of God's creation is a form of worship, and that has helped me reframe my motivations in studying biology.

Q: What advice would you give new student-athletes coming to Asbury?

A: Be intentional about building relationships with your professors and classmates as well as your coaches and teammates. Being part of an athletics program is just one of many blessings that can come from being a student at Asbury. I am so thankful for the opportunity to play the sport I love at an institution that also emphasizes both academics and spiritual growth.



O'BRIAN BRIDGES NAMED TRACK AND FIELD COACH

O'Brian Bridges was named head coach for the men's and women's track and field program which begins competing in the 2023-24 academic year.

Bridges brings a decade of coaching experience along with deep connections to central Kentucky. An accomplished sprinter and hurdler at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) from 2003-2007, he later served for five years as an assistant coach for the Colonels from 2013-18. The former EKU standout's resume also includes NCAA Division III coaching experience. Bridges spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach at Transylvania University. Prior to joining the Transy staff, Bridges served as an assistant coach at Bryan Station High School in Lexington.

"First and foremost, I want to thank God for blessing me with this incredible opportunity," Bridges said. "I also want to thank Mark Whitworth for believing in me and entrusting me with the program. I am honored and excited to lead the track and field program at Asbury University. I look forward to creating a program at Asbury where our student-athletes excel at a championship level athletically and grow personally and spiritually in their time at the University."

Bridges, who earned a masters at EKU and served as an adjunct professor, has displayed the ability to train athletes to their full potential and achieve new personal bests. Under his guidance, several student-athletes experienced national and conference success, capturing All-American honors, conference championships, all-conference and qualifying to compete in USATF events.

On May 26, 2022, Asbury announced the launch of a men's and women's track and field program in the fall of 2023. Bridges, along with cross country head coach Dr. Randy Crist, will spend the next year building a full team. The University is actively fundraising and planning for a multi-use outdoor venue that will include a lighted track, synthetic turf field, meeting space,

locker rooms, public restrooms and stadium seating.



Asbury's new multi-use outdoor venue will allow the new Track & Field program to launch, plus allow for Asbury to host other events for the community.

NCCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS

2022 NCCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Sport/Participant	Date	Location	
Men's Golf	Oct. 24-26	Hammock Beach Resort Palm Coast, Fla.	
Maddie Heineman (Women's Golf)	Oct. 24-26	Hammock Beach Resort Palm Coast, Fla.	
Men's & Women's Cross Country	Nov. 11	Joplin, Mo.	

2022-23 STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Asbury's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) members are pictured from left to right. The SAAC is comprised of one student-athlete from each sport, along with two additional at-large representatives and one student representative from the Cheerleading squad and the Screamin' Eagles student spirit group. The purpose of the AU SAAC organization is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by fostering a positive student-athlete image within the Eagle teams, the Asbury campus community and in the greater surrounding communities. The SAAC encourages open communication and discussion between coaches, administration and student-athletes.

FRONT ROW: Sarah Yost (women's cross country), Abby Fletcher (softball), Lucy Bryson (women's cross country), Maliya Crump (women's soccer), Jenna Davis (women's swimming), Naomi Eriksen (women's swimming), Audrey Van Lieu (women's soccer), Trevor Matthews (men's soccer), Trent Holladay (men's swimming), Kaylee Strunk (softball), Gracie Turner (women's golf), Cheyenne Fullwood (women's basketball), Olivia Moore (women's tennis). SECOND ROW: Will Durrance (men's cross country), Owen Vick (men's cross country), Austin Dunlap (men's soccer), Ian Wang (men's swimming), Hagan Webb (men's basketball), Bryce Beavers (men's basketball), Caleb Cleveland (men's tennis), Asa Callow (men's tennis), Riley McChord (volleyball), Madi Bryant (volleyball). NOT PICTURED: Matthew Baker (baseball), Victor Vargas (men's golf), Maegan Moore (women's tennis), Emma Strunk (women's basketball), Jackson Cole (baseball).





Academic News

ASBURY BIOLOGY PROFESSOR AND STUDENTS PUBLISH E-DNA RESEARCH

Professor of biology Dr. Ben Brammell published research findings in the journal, Herpetological Conservation and Biology. Coauthors included four Asbury University undergraduates (Florene Bell '19, Angie Flores Madrid '19, Chi Jing Leow '20, Dr. Ronald Sams '17), an Asbury alumnus (Dr. Kenton Sena '12), as well as collaborators Dr. Thomas Maigret (University of Kentucky) and Dr. David Peyton (Morehead State University). Explore their salamander research: asbury.edu/news.

ASBURY SALES TEAM PREPARES FOR UPCOMING COMPETITIONS IN SHAW CLC

The Asbury Sales Team will host a series of competitions in sales training suites inside the new Dayton School of Business space inside the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center (Shaw CLC). The role play sales rooms simulate real-life trade scenarios and promote intense competition preparation for the team, as well as all students in the Dayton School of Business. The teams work alongside peers to promote sharp skills in sales competitions while preparing for their entry into the general industry.

"Coming into my freshman year, sales would have never been something I thought I would have been interested in or good at, but I decided to take a chance on something outside my comfort zone. I am so glad I did," said fourth-year sales team member **Hayley Anderson '23**. "I love the pressure and the excitement of competing, and the competitions are great for networking opportunities as well."

The team held its first Asbury-only sales competition in the fall, the "Eagles Sales Championship," as it prepares for upcoming competitions, such as the Redbird National Sales Competition in February 2023 and the National Collegiate Sales Competition later in March.

HONORS PROGRAM HOSTS LINEUP OF FALL SEMESTER SPEAKERS

The Asbury University Honors Program (AUHP) welcomed four renowned speakers for its fall Colloquium Series including Dr. John Lennox, Dr. Rebecca DeYoung, Dr. Jennifer Frey and Pierre Sauvage. Each speaker touched on ethical and moral dilemmas in fields such as mathematics, education and filmmaking, inspiring and empowering students and guests to navigate spiritual warfare in different areas of study. Dr. Jennifer Frey shared, "There are some things that humans can never do because they are incompatible with human happiness."

In a highlighted segment of the colloquium, Dr. Rebecca DeYoung discussed "The Vice of Vainglory," a deep dive into the philosophy of approval-lust and understanding how to combat it in a competitive society. "Vainglory's result is the human heart," said DeYoung, "I want to make

sure Christians aren't finger-pointing at 'the secular culture;' I want them to be thinking about the ways that their own Christianity is a vainglory tool."

In the Honors Program, students can engage with the speakers in vital discussions about how faith plays a role in academia, as well as any vocational path. For Lennox, that path focused on the natural world with his discussion on "Theism & Science."

For more information, visit asbury.edu/honors.

STUDENTS LEARN THAT ART IS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Exploring the historical framework alongside each piece and movement remains paramount. "Many contemporary artists regard their work as having a moral as well as aesthetic function," Asbury Art History and History Professor Dr. Linda Stratford said. "By conceiving the artist as a visual truth-teller who exposes social and spiritual injustice, artists envision a more perfect world."

This summer in Paris, France, Stratford co-organized with Dr. James Romaine an international art conference entitled, "The Artist as Truth-Teller and the Legacy of French Artist Georges Rouault." The Association of Scholars of Christianity in the History of Art (ASCHA) and Institut Catholique de Paris hosted this symposium, honoring the 150th anniversary of French modernist Georges Rouault.

"The research questions that I ask involve the ways in which inclusion and exclusion have influenced the reception of art movements," Stratford said. "I've long had a passion for interdisciplinary studies. In art history, we have to look at the entire story and context surrounding art movements."

To read more, visit asbury.edu/news. 5

KINLAW LIBRARY CREATES A REDESIGNED C.S. LEWIS READING CORNER

In September, Asbury officially opened the redesigned C.S. Lewis Reading Corner in the Kinlaw Library with a special ribbon cutting event.

"We wanted to create an inviting, homey space to encourage the kind of creative collaboration that great scholars like Lewis participated in," said Kinlaw Library Collections Manager **Sophie Sims '21 Sunny**. "We hope this space will serve students as a welcoming area for the meeting of minds — and friends — for many years to come."

The thoughtfully designed area showcases Lewis' literary works in a cozy corner. After the ribbon cutting, those who attended watched a special screening of *The Most Reluctant Convert*, a movie detailing Lewis' childhood and journey to faith. Asbury Professor of English and renowned C.S. Lewis scholar Dr. Devin Brown spoke on his writing of the film's discussion guide, as well as his Lewis biography, which was an inspiration and source for the film.

"We were thrilled to collaborate with the Fellowship for Performing Arts to show the film *The Most Reluctant Convert* on campus," Brown said. "Not only does it tell a great story, but it also provides a great example of excellence that I hope will inspire our students."

ASBURY C.S. LEWIS SCHOLAR PUBLISHES DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR STAGE PRODUCTION

Professor of English and Lilly Scholar Dr. Devin Brown released a discussion guide for C.S. Lewis On Stage: Further Up & Further In, the second play following C.S. Lewis' life produced by the Fellowship for Performing Arts. Learn more: asbury.edu/news.

ASBURY BIBLE SCHOLAR SHARES MESSAGE OF JUSTICE AT LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY



Professor of New Testament Dr. Suzanne Nicholson spoke at LeTourneau University's chapel service on October 12, as part of

LeTourneau's Justice Week. Listen to her message here: asbury.edu/**news**.

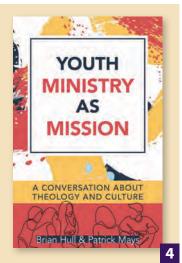
ASBURY PROFESSOR PUBLISHES NEW BOOK ON YOUTH MINISTRY AND CULTURE

Professor of Pastoral and Christian Ministries Dr. Brian Hull co-wrote a new book, Youth Ministry as Mission: A Conversation About Theology and Culture, with Dr. Patrick Mays, professor of Christian ministry and campus pastor at LeTourneau University. Kregel Publishing launched the book in July of 2022. Read more here: asbury.edu/news. 4













Professor Rich Manieri, the Frances White Ewbank Award winner, spoke on a panel after the *Don't Forget Us* documentary premiere in the Luce Auditorium inside the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center in October.

PROFESSOR RICH MANIERI RECEIVES THE FRANCES WHITE EWBANK AWARD

Professor Rich Manieri, assistant professor of Journalism in Asbury University's School of Communication Arts, received the Frances White Ewbank Award for Excellence in Teaching. The announcement was made during Academic Convocation to start the 2022-23 academic year.

"I love every minute in the classroom with my students," Manieri said. "Forming relationships that will endure long after their time at Asbury is something extraordinary and is the most rewarding part of what I do."

The Frances White Ewbank Award for Excellence in Teaching is the University's highest honor for teaching. Created in 2002 by **Drs. Paul A. '56** and **Kay Fuller '57 Rader**, the award is conferred each year on one full-time faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching effectiveness and spiritual modeling in and outside of the classroom.

Manieri has spent more than 30 years as a television and print journalist, speech writer, government spokesman, communications consultant, essayist and columnist. He holds a B.A. in communication arts from Villanova University and an M.F.A. from Lesley University. Manieri has won both Associated Press and Emmy awards for news reporting.

MVP PROGRAM OFFERS STUDENTS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN SPORTS MEDIA

Asbury's Media Communication department is partnering with TeamAU to offer a Most Valuable Player (MVP) Program, which allows students to apply media communication skills such as broadcasting, videography, photography, reporting and digital marketing learned in the classroom into live sports games.

"Being part of this team has shown me how valuable of an asset I am for the Athletics Department, and I've been so grateful for how much I've been able to be a part of this crew," said senior **Noah Clark**, the PA announcer for Asbury sports. "I'm hoping to finish this season strong during my senior year and to leave my role as 'Voice of the Eagles' on a great note."

Students studying in the MVP Program develop their skills and talents in sports management, sports information and sports broadcasts on the field for Asbury.

"The MVP Program provides students with valuable and practical experience in the field of sport event management. Our 'MVP-ers' film games, participate in stat recording, provide on-air commentating, and manage logistics of our athletics events throughout the year," said Associate Athletics Director **Benjamin Andrews '06**. "Alongside our own Athletics' event management staff, the students are able to create their portfolio to share with future employers in the field."

ASBURY APPOINTS NEW FACULTY MEMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Representing a range of distinguished academic careers, Asbury University welcomes 11 new faculty members to start the 2022-23 academic year who will further propel the University forward with academic excellence.

"Our faculty possess rich experience within their respective fields and a deep commitment to the Wesleyan Holiness approach to educate our students across these years," Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown said of new and current faculty. "Their experience with emerging technologies and pedagogy will help us to transform our students as they engage with the designed curriculum."

NEW FACULTY (Listed by School)		
School	Name	
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences	Glenn Harden, M.A.	
	Marcus Kilian, Psy.D.	
	Alex Mayfield, Ph.D.	
	Kim Okesson, M.A.	
	Allen Rivas-Prado, Ph.D.	
Shaw School of Science	Elise Kearns, Ph.D.	
	Ben McLaughlin '07, Ph.D	
Dayton School of Business	Patty Hatfield, Ph.D.	
	Robin Lim, M.Div.	
School of Communication Arts	Danine Alderete-Tomlin, M.Ed	
	Kim Okesson, M.A.	
School of Education	Christel Broady, Ph.D.	

Journalism Department Creates Holocaust Documentary

Don't Forget Us takes viewers through student experiences at historical sites in Poland and Germany.



This feature-length documentary follows the students' travels through Holocaust concentration camps such as Sachsenhausen, Ravensbrück and Auschwitz, as well as various memorials and museums in the surrounding areas of Germany and Poland. *Don't Forget Us* is a genuine account of how students, who have grown up hearing about the historical events of the Holocaust, experience and digest the reality of being fully immersed in the physical spaces of the genocide of World War II.

The journalism film crew consisted of five students under the direction of Professor Rich Manieri performing various roles in news package creation, nonfiction writing and voiceover, interviewing, producing, photography, directing, and videography on a 10-day shoot in areas including Germany's Fürstenberg and Brandenburg and Krakow, Poland.

"The opportunity was a life-changing experience and surpassed all expectations as to what I imagined it to be," said Asbury senior and director of *Don't Forget Us*, **Gracie Turner**. "This was my first big directing project, and I am honored to tell the story that most people will not get to experience themselves."

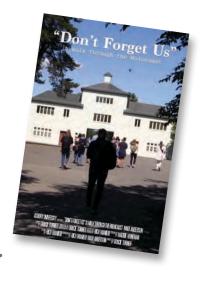
The *Don't Forget Us* screening event was coupled with two panel discussions with the journalism crew and other students who participated on the tour. Both panels discussed the process of filming the documentary, memories or insights from what they experienced, and how everyday faith intersects the takeaways of the Human Dignity Tour.

"It was surreal to conjure up and revisit certain memories and conversations five months after being in Europe," said **Madison Anderson '24**, writer and narrator for the documentary. "You relive heartbreak, solemnity and hopelessness, yet there are also instances of epiphanic realization and honoring the victims that the night truly captured."

The team expects to begin submitting the documentary and sharing their summer journey with both national and international independent film festivals.

To read more about student experience on The Human Dignity Tour, visit https://dontforgetus2022.wixsite.com/dontforgetus

1 A group of journalism students traveled to Poland and Germany over the summer in partnership with the Human Dignity Tour to capture student reactions to Holocaust sites. 2 Journalism students posed in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. 3 The group participated in a panel discussion after the on campus premiere of the documentary they created after the trip.

















1 Ethan '13 and Jordan Cuckler '13 Engelhardt share two biological sons, one adopted daughter and currently have another foster care placement in their home. Ethan is a social work professor at Asbury and is able to share his real life experiences with the social work system with his students. For more of the Englehardt's story, scan the QR code or visit asbury.edu/news.



← Scan here to view or visit asbury.edu/ambassador2022

2 Sierra Leonard '07 adopted her son, Brentley, after serving at All God's Children. She is now the full-time director of the ministry. 3 Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown and his wife Maria say they've experienced God in new ways through adoption.
4 Brian '13 and Callie Troyer always knew that adoption would be a part of their family's story.

Extending the love of Christ through adoption and foster care

Asbury University strives to be a community that answers the biblical call of helping others in need. Jesus charges us with caring for the widows and orphans among us, and through foster care and adoption by members of the Asbury family, many children have the opportunity to experience the hope and love of Christ.

For Social Work Professor **Ethan Engelhardt '13**, his personal life gives him practical experience to draw from as he teaches students how to be faith-filled facilitators of the foster and adoption process. Ethan and his wife, **Jordan Cuckler '13 Engelhardt**, shared their family's journey of fostering and adopting.

We always knew that fostering and adopting was something we wanted to be a part of," said Jordan. "It's something to handle with care and with grace. I'm really thankful I have the privilege of showing people what it's like to welcome kids into our home, letting them know that it's worth it, even though it can be hard.

Over the last several years, God expanded the Engelhardt's family of two biological sons with a two-year-old daughter adopted from foster care and an 11-month-old girl who is currently in foster care placement in their home.

"We know there are a lot of kids that needed some support or their parents needed some support," added Ethan. "We thought that this is a great way for us to advance the cause of Christ and really expand the gospel through caring for these children."

Ethan describes the process of fostering and adopting as a biblical framework that he illuminates to his students. To him, social work and faith are intertwined to showcase God's love-filled plan of service and community.

"Social work is at the heart of the mission of Christ. He sought out people and served their physical and emotional needs before even talking to them about spiritual needs," he said. "I think social work is a great spot to think about how we connect with our clients and meet them at their lowest of lows and then be able to ask, 'How do you grow in that?'"

After fostering for more than three years, the Engelhardts continue navigating the day-to-day life of fostering and all the resulting life questions. God continuously displays His divine plan for the weaving of Ethan's vocational track with his profound family experience.

"Social work is a great opportunity to connect with people and learn about them. At Asbury, we have the awesome opportunity to talk about how Christ connects in this," he said. "I once heard someone say that it's hard to be a social worker and be a Christian. I say that's wrong. I was called to be a social worker because of my relationship with Christ. I feel like it pushes me further into how I can serve, and I love to talk to my students about that calling."



BECOMING FAMILY THROUGH GOD'S TIMING

For **Sierra Leonard '07**, the path to growing her family wasn't seamless in the beginning stages. God led the single mother to her adopted son, Brentley, after placing fostering and adopting on her heart years prior.

After graduating from Asbury, Sierra began working at All God's Children, an organization that provides care and education to pregnant and parenting teens and their children. She served in their residential program, where she began to get a realistic understanding of the foster care process.

"After four years, I realized God was calling me to the younger kids," said Sierra. After receiving her master's in early childhood education, she transitioned to the daycare of her organization where she began to delve deeper into the fostering process. She began planning to enter fostering at age 34. "Because of God's perfect timing, right around turning 33, All God's Children opened up its own foster care agency."

Sierra became certified and actively participated in short-term, or "respite," fostering for two years until she felt God calling her to something more. She then met an incoming teenage mother with a 1-year-old boy she would later adopt as her son.

"Unfortunately, raising a child was not something this teen mother was ultimately able to do. The judge decided to put Brentley in permanent foster care," she said. "At that point, I had a very long conversation with God and ultimately said 'yes.' This was a faith-building process because there were many times when trusting that God had an ultimate plan was the only thing that I had to rely on."

Sierra adopted Brentley in May 2021. Now as a full-time mom and the director of All God's Children, she is helping her son find a rhythm to cope with past trauma as he navigates kindergarten.

"I love seeing the way God works in him and am already seeing a warrior spirit that God has placed in him," she said. "And now I get to ask God how to help me mold Bentley into the warrior that God wants him to be."

A CLEAR CALL

For **Brian '13** and Callie **Troyer**, adoption was a part of their plan since their first date. Once they were married and Brian began his graduate studies, "God made it clear that adoption was the path to grow our family through Gideon, a little boy that we had sponsored," said Callie. In 2017, Brian and Callie started the adoption process. After multiple detours, God called them to a boy in South Korea.

It took three months to match with their son, Gideon. They named him after the sponsor child who initially solidified the couple's assuredness on adoption as well as the Old Testament figure that modeled the bravery and godliness that Brian and Callie pray for Gideon to exemplify.

"It sounds really cliché, but we took one look and knew that he was our son," said Callie.

After 14 months of delays and question marks, in April 2018 the Troyer family brought Gideon home. Today, Brian and Callie navigate Gideon's autism along with the start of kindergarten. They are also in the process of adopting a 7-year-old boy named Sam from Bethel, an organization for the blind and visually impaired children in China.

"Sam's picture has been on our mantel since he was two," said Callie. "In 2020, we thought, 'Do you think we're the family we've been praying for during these four years?"

The Troyers are waiting for China to open its borders for the adoption process to resume.

Growing up in the church, you know in theory you're supposed to trust in God, but when the rubber meets the road and you have huge question marks, you have to step out and trust anyway. That's true for both of our boys.

— BRIAN TROYER '13

GROWING THROUGH ADOPTION

For Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown and his wife Maria, Student Life campus connections specialist at AU, God's call to grow their family of two biological children happened through adoption. Their son, Oliver, was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Browns welcomed him home in January 2012 when he was about 6 months old.

"Adoption was not something we had explicitly talked about or planned for our family. We have found the best things in our life are not necessarily things for which we planned," said Maria. "Adoption emerged as the plan for our family through a series of conversations and circumstances that we can confidently say were directed by God."

Since then, the Browns have experienced the presence of God in new ways.

"The theme that has stood out for us is redemption. God is always redeeming," Maria said. "Adoption isn't the first or best plan because it always begins with loss. And yet God is always redeeming, always restoring, always pouring out grace and mercy. We are humbled and thankful to be a part of that process of redemption."

Ensuring success for students to come

Rev. Jerry '55 and Mary Wortham establish new endowed fund



The Spartan Class member spent his career as a pastor in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and credits his experience at Asbury with preparing him for a life of service within the church. He recalled with fondness days on campus followed by years of serving in the church with his wife, Mary.

The couple have been supporting students through the Fund for Asbury University for more than 28 years. After selling their home and moving to a retirement community. they began to explore other ways they could invest in the University to ensure that students would benefit long after they left this earth.

Mary believes Asbury is uniquely equipped to help students face the challenges of today.

"When Jerry was there, and still today, the relationship between the professors and the students was special," she said. "And true to Christianity, professors care about their students and they want them to succeed. It is a part of their learning and future preparation."



The Worthams established a charitable remainder unitrust, which is an estate planning tool that provides them income for a period of time with the remainder of the trust funding their endowed scholarship at Asbury.

"During the signing of the scholarship agreement, we paused to dedicate the scholarship for God's glory and prayed for the students that would be impacted," recalled Assistant Vice President for Lead and Planned Giving Randy Nelson. "Tears of joy streamed down our faces as Jerry praised God for this moment and for allowing him to live long enough to make this scholarship happen."

Mary said she has faith that God already knows the students who will benefit from this gift.

"I don't have to think about what God will do with it because He will choose the right students at the right time," she said. "I pray the students will understand there are alumni who really believe in them, want the best for them and are very happy they chose Asbury."

To learn more about ways to give for future students, visit asbury.edu/development.

Ending the Year Well

Get a head start on your year-end tax planning.



Own an IRA and/or 401(k)?



Expect to be in a higher tax bracket?



Extra medical expenses?



or older?

As you seek to steward the resources that God has entrusted to you, here are some ways you can shift tax dollars to charitable dollars, invest in Kingdom work, and support the mission of Asbury University.

- ✓ IRA Charitable Rollover
- Outright Gift of an Asset
- Charitable Gift Annuity

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Steve "Shifty" Shifflett '93 is building a lucrative spice business with his family.



What began as a career in blogging led Cherie Walters '99 Lowe to write a book about personal finances.

Noteworthy Alumni

WALKING THROUGH FAITH SINCE 1968

Former English professor **Yvonne Moulton '58** has carried a multi-generational Bible study on Asbury's campus since 1968, when women became a part of the mass growth of ministerial programs on campus. Desiring for women to be connected to an authentic community, Yvonne created the twice-weekly Bible study during lunch hour to discuss their walks with God. After years of meeting with the group herself, she later introduced **Willa Ling '76 Brockinton** and **Cheryl Barker '88 Nesselroade** as co-leaders of the group, pouring into young women around them leading up to present day.

"Mrs. Moulton does more than listen, love and bake. She understands that in order to walk alongside someone spiritually, you have to be walking yourself," said **Haven Emery '24**. "She does not teach about faith in past tense but is living and learning right alongside us. More than that, Mrs. Moulton leads by example because God never stops redirecting our hearts and renewing our minds."

The group, ranging from college-age young women to experienced alumni, is currently working through Ruth Haley Barton's formative book, *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation*.

"No other small group has expanded my world like the experience with these ladies," said Yvonne. "They have given me insights into myself, into other worlds (which can be radically different from mine) and have shown the importance for me, as a Christian, to vocally express areas of my faith."

SPICING UP LIFE

Steve "Shifty" Shifflett '93 originated a kitchen essential that has reached nationwide status in prominent grocery stores. The all-purpose Shifty's Seasoning is made up of black pepper, diamond kosher salt, garlic, onion, and — the most shocking component — coffee. The flavorful combination comes in original Classic and a pepperenhanced Red option.

The family-run small business was spearheaded in 2019 by Shifty and his wife, **Adrienne Ferrell '95 Shifflett** and has now evolved into a five-person team, including **Freddie '20** and **Betsy Shifflett '20 Thacker**, with distribution in major and local stores as well as retail orders stretching as far as Singapore.

"We have an efficient system and can package 4,000 to 5,000 containers in a week," said Shifty. In February, the Shiffletts attended a trade show to connect with bigger grocery store chains around the United States, and the spicy sensation as a result was picked up by more than 150 Meijer stores.

"It's been a fun journey because the business is family-run," said Adrienne. "It's also been neat to see how God has provided along the way; He's the God of logistics and we are doing our part."

FINANCIAL FITNESS FOR BETTER LIVING

Writer and blogger **Cherie Walters '99 Lowe** has written multiple financial mentoring books including *Slaying the Debt Dragon* in 2015 and *Your Money Your Marriage* in 2018, as well as writing a blog and website Queen of Free that helps her audience "save money and slay debt."

Cherie's writing career began with blogging about her experience as a mother and giving casual tips and tricks about saving money. In spring 2008, Cherie and her husband, Brian, began their journey to paying off more than \$127,000 in debt. It was a private endeavor at first, but Cherie then decided to make a living off helping others become debt-free.

"Communicating the financial highs and lows to people over time, I was surprised by the people finding us on the internet and saying, 'me too,'" said Cherie. "Finances can be so isolating, especially in the church where everyone thinks they need to have things together."

She and her family's financial story made appearances on the Today Show, The Wall Street Journal and other news outlets. Throughout the Zondervan publishing contracts and educating her audience about finances, Cherie intimately ties financial literacy with her spirituality.

"There's a lot of parallels to being free from sin and being set free for a purpose and a direction," expressed Cherie. "I value the beauty in that parallel story, and \$127,000 in debt does not compare to spiritual debt."

Cherie now appears weekly on radio and television productions, writing for the tourist site, Visit Indy, to share what families can do for affordable travel opportunities, as well as updating her Queen of Free blog.

ASBURY MUSIC ALUMNUS RECEIVES GRAMMY NOMINATION



Dr. Shawn Okpebholo '03, the Jonathan Blanchard professor of composition and music theory at Wheaton College-Conservatory of Music (III.), recently received a Grammy nomination for Best Classical Vocal Solo Album for Lord, How Come Me Here? Okpebholo's collaborators on the album included Will

Liverman, Paul Sánchez, J'Nai Bridges, Leonardo Altino, and Caen Thomason-Redus.

"Motivated by the idea of community, our existence and purpose, and the hope of a better place, Lord, How Come Me Here? is an album of Negro spirituals and American folk hymns that I reimagined as contemporary art songs," Okpebholo said. "In a way, this collection of songs began as a continuation of my previous set of reimagined spirituals, Steal Away (2014), though my artistic approach was different this time."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in music composition and music history from Asbury University (then Asbury College), Okpebholo received his master and doctoral degrees in composition from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, where he also studied music theory. Okpebholo had additional studies in film scoring from New York University through the Buddy Baker Film Scoring Program.

In addition to teaching at Wheaton College, Okpebholo serves as the composer-in-residence of the renowned Fifth House Ensemble and was awarded a residency with the Chicago Opera Theater (2021-2023 seasons), culminating with an opera commission with Mark Campbell, librettist for the Pulitzer Prize-winning opera, Silent Night.

Reflecting on his formative experiences as an Asbury student in the music department, Okpebholo shares: "Asbury's music faculty are world-class, and the department is small, which means that I received personalized instruction which was a huge blessing and advantage. In addition to James Curnow and Dr. Ronald Holz, very few professors have impacted me as much as Dr. Vicki Bell. She was influential in cultivating my love for teaching composition and theory. All of these professors encouraged me, prayed for me, and served as spiritual mentors and role models for me."

Dr. Vicki Bell serves as professor of music theory and the Chorale director at Asbury University and remembers having Okpebholo in class.

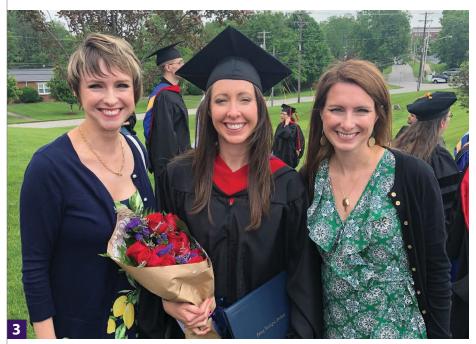
"Shawn was a precocious young student with tons of energy and creativity," Bell said. "He had an excitement and a thirst for knowledge that was unparalleled. I am not surprised about his Grammy nomination. I knew that Shawn was destined for greatness."

See more of Okpebholo's work here: www.shawnokpebholo.com.











Fall 2022

Class Notes

1970s

Tim Philpot '73 published his second novel, *Player's Progress: A Golfer's Guide to Wisdom.* It is available on Amazon.

Dawn Peterson '79 Schissler retired from full-time ministry after 21 years as the Director of Adult Ministries at Indian River City UMC in Titusville, Fla.

1980s

Michael R. Fletcher '80 wrote, illustrated and published his first children's book, *Cat and Pig, A Story of Friendship*. It is available on Amazon.

Julie Hedden '83 Keeton retired after 17 years serving at Whitefield Academy teaching kindergarten. She treasures the many families she has been privileged to know in many

schools and communities as her husband's naval career moved them all over the country. Julie and her husband live in Laconia, Ill. They enjoy being with their three boys and their families and have five grandchildren.

Robert and **Jody Dalrymple '88 Kramer** were transferred to The Salvation Army of Canton, Ohio.

1990s

Andrea Toledo '97 Baker is the Executive Director of Project Suma in Bolivia. Project Suma builds on 20 years of work to develop a trauma-informed, holistic model that moves women from victims to thrivers.

Heather Middeldorf '99 Rattray earned her MAT in teaching from the University of the Cumberlands in May

2022. She is teaching 5th grade at Christian Academy of Louisville.

2000s

Vivian Bush '02 recently achieved Candidacy status in her Ph.D. program, Organizational Leadership at Johnson University. She continues to work as a consultant/grant writer for nonprofit organizations. 1

Misti Tidman '02 served as a member of the 2022 John Newbery Award Committee. The committee is charged with selecting annually the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. The Newbery Award Committee operates under the direction of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.









Rev. Dr. D. Merricks '02 completed his Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary in May in Organizational Leadership.

Melanie Bakaysa '03 Kung completed a Master of Arts Theological Studies degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in May 2022. Her spouse, Christopher, and other family joined for the graduation ceremony, including her sisters Mary Bakaysa '06 Travis and Suzanne Bakaysa '13 McGhee.

2010s

Kevin and **Anna Mozley '12 Kornelis** welcomed Lydia Claire on July 17. She is welcomed home by siblings James and Ruth. Proud grandparents include **Mike Mozley '84**.

Phil and **Becca Richards '13 Dickerson** are happy to announce the arrival of Martha Magdalene Cecilia on May 31. She is beloved by her older brothers, Titus and Gabriel.

James '13 and Sarah Hammerlee '13 Banter announce the birth of James "Forrest" Banter, Jr., on March 10, 2022. Proud grandparents include greatgrandmother Jean Lancaster '50 McKenzie, grandparents Ken '79 and Mary Jean McKenzie '76 Banter and Bill '80 and Valerie Murphy '80 Hammerlee. 6

"Thacker D" (in honor of the apartment they shared during their senior year) gathered for a friend reunion in Owensboro, Ky. The four were also teammates on the swim team. While they live around the world—Cáceres, Spain, Los Angeles, Owensboro and Raleighgathering always brings back memories. (L-R) **Rebecca Landry '14**, **Hillary Fisher '14 Jackson**, **Katie Duncan '14 Murphy** and **Ruth Klein '14**.

Steven and **Anna Corbitt '17 Wylie** are happy to announce the arrival of Aldrich Dennison July 20, 2022. **7**

Fabiola Angie Flores Madrid '19 married Josh Turnquest '20 on December 24, 2021. Josh graduated with his master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, and Fabiola is studying medicine in Argentina.

Quinn Endicott '21 married Molly Stroud on August 5 in Austin, Texas. 4 Groomsmen included Frankie Taylor '20, Dylan Johnson '20, Jason Hastings '20, Jon Webb '21 and Andrew Coomes '21. 5 Quinn and Molly live in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Joy in this Chapter

We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul — not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that He has for us. -Colossians 1:11-12, the Message

This fall, I have talked to a lot of people about transitions into new chapters of their lives. Whether it is my daughter looking for a new house, grandson learning to walk or families who are facing their first holidays without loved ones, it seems we are continually transitioning from one chapter of life to another. It is the same in Asbury's 132year history. Asbury has been the recipient of the "glory strength that God gives" as new chapters have opened and closed, and as God has given us the "strength to stick it out over the long haul."

As Christians, we should be drawing on the strength from God that brings joy. Likewise, our institution is a living entity that should be drawing on God's strength through

the prayer and support of others as we seek who we are to become in this chapter of our institutional life. God is good and we are privileged and joyful in the work, yet sober in the responsibility.

We have been celebrating closing chapters of fundraising projects and celebrating the dedication and opening of venues and programs that will serve Asbury's students for generations to come. As we shift into our next chapters of priorities and educational opportunities, we thank you. We covet your prayers, encouragement and support as we seek to be the school God calls us to be in these times.

If it has been more than 15 minutes since you visited campus, come on over! I guarantee there is something new to celebrate that will bring you joy!



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



IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Phyllis Matthews '49 Snavely, Education/Musician, 8/5/2022, Lakeland, FL

Joseph Swetnam Jr. '49, Education/Musician/ Public Service, 8/22/2022, Ashville, OH

Barbara Chilton '50 Causey, Accounting/Volunteer, 8/7/2022, Atlanta, GA

Bettie Tissot '51 Pieringer, Homemaker/Volunteer, 6/12/2022, Lakeland, FL

Judge Thomas "Tom" Dillon '52, Author/Law/ Ministry/Missions, 8/25/2022, Saint Johns, FL

Charlotte "Jane" Baker '52 Frontone, Music Education, 4/27/2022, Columbus, OH

Joann Green '52 Zemba, Nursing/Real Estate, 7/25/2021, Mountain Home, AR

Ernest "Dick" Barnes Jr. '54, Education/Ministry, 12/23/2021, Libby, MT

Dr. Carl Blickendorf '54, Business Owner/Dentistry/ Ministry, 5/28/2022, Cicero, IN

Rev. Dr. Howard Fritz '54, Military Chaplain/Ministry/ Salvation Army, 7/18/2022, Columbia, PA

Marion Davis '54 Martin, Ministry/Volunteer, 4/3/2022, Lexington, KY

Ruth Gray '54 Solon, Education, 12/7/2021, Loudonville, OH

Rev. James "Jimmy" Raines Sr. '57, Ministry, 3/2/2022, Greensboro, NC

Sidney Campbell '58, Athletic Director/ Basketball Coach, 12/17/2021, Wilmore, KY **Rev. John Clements '58,** Ministry, 9/17/2022, Alamo, GA

Rev. O. Kemp Edwards '58, Ministry/Missions, 8/26/2022, Lebanon, IN

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Harris '59 Munson, Librarian, 8/31/2021, Dothan, AL

Betty Myers '60 Brammeier, Art Education/Education, 9/11/2021, Sparta, IL

Martha Dougherty '60 France, Education, 9/9/2022, Irwin, PA

Rosalie "Virginia" Paugh '62 Gregory, Caregiver, 2/16/2022, Ayden, NC

Grace Hardcastle '62 Holmes, Music Education, 7/12/2022, Wilmore, KY

Jessie Fendley '63 Mechwart, Administration, 8/3/2022, Canton, GA

Rebekah Wilthers '63, Hospital Staff, 7/8/2022, New Albany, IN

Dr. Susan Gilbert '64 Doctor, Counselor/Education, 7/4/2021, Sparks, NV

William "Bill" Magnuson '64, Business Owner, 6/22/2022, Xenia, OH

Peggy Johnson '65 Clark, Accounting, 4/13/2022, Mount Vernon, IL

Judi Beech '66, Construction/Music, 6/30/2022, Gray, LA

Robert Kuhlwein '66, Business Owner/ Management/Sales, 8/27/2022, Romulus, MI

Virginia "Ginny" Ridley '67 Marks, Author/Intercessor/Nursing, 8/6/2022, Wilmore, KY **Rev. Ralph Rau '67,** Education/ Manufacturing/Ministry, 7/29/2022, Cochrane, AB

Rev. Marilyn West '68 Sainsbury,Ministry, 7/5/2022,
Saint Petersburg, FL

Capt. Harry "Jim" Beecham III '70, Medicine/Military, 8/25/2022, Milton, FL

James "Jim" Holifield '70, Business Owner/Photography, 6/22/2022, Lexington, KY

Marsha Murphy '70 Lehman, Education/Life Coach, 12/2/2021, Friday Harbor, WA

Evelyn Stephens '73 Hunt, Homemaker/Volunteer, 4/26/2022, Stanley, NC

Gary Fanta '78, Athletic Coach/Education/ Volunteer, 9/14/2022, Grand Island, FL

Jonathan Linton '79, Business Owner, 7/4/2022, Grand Lake, CO

Deborah "Debbie" Lester '80 Lafferty, Office Manager, 6/25/2022, Jupiter, FL

Randall Beasley '87, 5/23/2022, Batavia, OH

Laura Lee Sims '88, Counselor/ Education/Missions, 7/16/2022, Peoria, AZ

Robert Weatherall III '88, Ministry, 8/29/2022, Union City, TN

Nancy Osterholm '91 Cox, Education/Journalism, 7/5/2022, Windsor, CO

Rev. Dr. Rom Pegram '91, Ministry, 7/2/2022, Lebanon, TN

Heidi Morris '91 Pelkey, Music Education, 6/15/2022, Nicholasville, KY To report a listing for In Memoriam, please contact **Kim Spillman** in the Office of Advancement at **kimberly.spillman@ asbury.edu** or (859) 858-5173.

Regina Lane Dongell (non-degree seeking), 6/22/2022, Wilmore, KY

Rev. Charles Sineath Jr., Honorary Degree -Doctor of Divinity/Ministry, 7/23/2022, Marietta, GA

Friends

Christine Lafferty Ball, 9/7/2022, Prestonsburg, KY

Prentess Ball, 8/25/2022, Prestonsburg, KY

Rev. Charles Bertrand, 9/16/2022, Berea, KY

Pastor Scott Cox, 7/5/2022, Windsor, CO

Sarah Hames Donehoo, 6/29/2022, Marietta, GA

Lawrence "Larry" Dost, 7/24/2022, York Springs, PA

Charles Folkart, 7/3/2022, ECUADOR

Bill Gatton, 4/18/2022, Kingsport, TN

Robert Gayheart, 9/9/2022, Winchester, KY

Dana Leno Heidelberger, 7/23/2022, Boyce, VA

Charles Holder, 7/31/2022, Winter Park, FL

Rev. Charles Hubbard Jr., 3/29/2022, Orange Park, FL

Jeffery "Jeff" Long, 7/15/2022, Farmington, NY

Marilyn Perkins Lutz, Former Asbury Staff, 6/16/2022, Wilmore, KY Joan Shinew Mason, 6/17/2022, Lexington, KY

Ruth Svendsen McDonald, 7/5/2021, Carol Stream, IL

Dr. Jerry Mercer, 6/14/2022, Lexington, KY

Gwynyth "Gwyn" Morgan, 7/3/2022, Salvisa, KY

Roscoe Osborne, 6/4/2022, Corbin, KY

Dr. Dennis Powell, 7/21/2022, Clay, KY

Herbert "Herb" Ratliff Jr., 6/6/2022, Midway, KY

Immo Redeker, 9/6/2022, Seville, FL

Wayne Rhodes PhD, 4/6/2022, Parma, MI

Antonio Sapio, 6/4/2021, Nutley, NJ

Rev. John "Ronald" Sauer, 7/21/2022, Louisville, KY

Oneida Seitz, 10/18/2021, Reese, MI

Ann Cochran Sineath, 11/28/2021, Marietta, GA

Patricia "Pat" Snowden, 7/7/2022, Ellwood City, PA

Earl Stryker, 8/1/2022, Port William, OH

Rosemary Brink Winton, 5/30/2022, Knoxville, TN





Schedule of Events

DECEMBER 2, 2022

Last Day of Classes

Christmas with the Browns Chapel
Songs of the Season Concert

JANUARY 9, 2023

Classes Begin

JANUARY 21, 2023

Nashville Regional Event

JANUARY 23-27, 2023

Holiness Conference

FEBRUARY 2-3, 9-10, 2023

Scholarship Competition

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Asbury Day at Avon Park Camp Meeting

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Tampa Regional Event

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Orlando Regional Event

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Fort Myers Regional Event

MARCH 13-17, 2023

Spring Break

MARCH 23-24, 2023

Spring Preview

APRIL 4, 2023

SEARCH Symposium

APRIL 7, 2023

Good Friday

(no on-campus classes; offices closed)

APRIL 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

APRIL 10, 2023

Easter Holiday

(no on-campus classes)

APRIL14-15, 2023

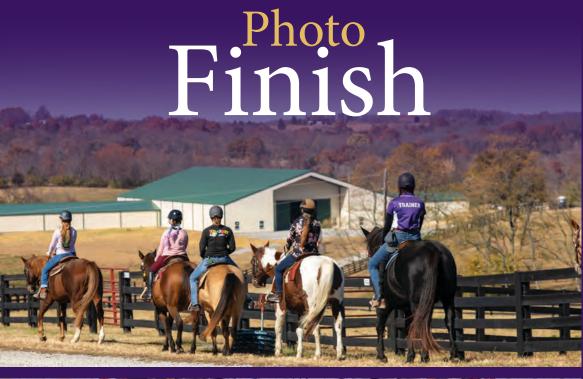
Highbridge Film Festival

APRIL 28, 2023

Baccalaureate

APRIL 29, 2023

Commencement













ASBURY EQUINE DEPARTMENT DEDICATES HENRY AND ELSIE BAYLESS ARENA

On Oct. 26, 2022, Asbury University hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Equine Program's new 29,000-square-foot Henry and Elsie Bayless Arena, a new facility that includes 26 stalls and a riding arena.

The arena will accommodate growth in the Police Mounts and Western Riding programs, giving students more variety in their equine studies and training experience. Additionally, it creates space for more boarding stalls and growth in the school's newest major, Equine Assisted Services.

"We view this facility as a strategic investment in the University's Equine Program at a time when we are experiencing increased enrollment and interest in Equine majors," said Equine Program Director Harold Rainwater '69.

The Henry and Elsie Bayless Arena was funded through the sale of an orange grove in Florida that was left to Asbury through an estate gift.

"The blessed couple,
Henry and Elsie Bayless,
were friends of the
University even though
they were not alums,"
Asbury President Dr. Kevin
Brown said. "They loved
the mission, they loved our
students and they provided
in their estate after their
passing a way for Asbury
students to benefit through
a gift of an orange grove."



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