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President's Message

Belonging, Believing, and Becoming

My father-in-law tells a humorous story about a talent show he once attended. A young teenager, who was a member of her school marching band, approached the stage to display her skill with the trombone. She played three notes followed by a ten-beat foot tap. This continued. Three notes. Ten taps. Three notes. Ten taps. The problem was, she was playing her role in an ensemble—without an ensemble. As you can imagine, the performance fell short of the intended effect. Disconnected from the coordinated assemblage of performers, instruments and sheet music, the lone trombonist was just making noise.

Certain things in life can only be done well in a community. A prime example is a student's formation. Over a century ago, Asbury's founder, John Wesley Hughes, declared that Asbury existed to "develop the whole person." Much has changed since Hughes penned those words, but the vision of providing a holistic, formative educational experience remains constant in our present Asbury consciousness. Formation is not a solitary effort. The Asbury experience seeks to absorb students into a nexus of belonging, believing and becoming. Belonging means forging lifelong friendships, being knit into the communal fabric of our campus, and finding identity, meaning and freedom in one's relationships with others and with our Creator. Believing orients the head and the heart toward rightly ordered affections, desires and impulses. And becoming is our students' story of transformation, maturation and preparation for a life of "leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church, preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world."



It takes every member of Asbury to be Asbury. Belonging, believing and becoming is a communal effort. I continue to be thankful to Asbury University faculty, staff, alumni and friends for their participation and deliberation to advance this mission.

Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.
President

Podcast: Belonging & Becoming

Life, Learning and Virtue in Today's Complex World

A podcast featuring Asbury University President, Dr. Kevin J. Brown



Join Asbury University President, Dr. Kevin J. Brown twice a month on the podcast *Belonging & Becoming*. You'll hear insights about life, learning and virtue, as well as Christian higher education. Episodes feature interviews with Asbury graduates whose lives and careers uniquely reflect virtue and continued learning. Our hope is that each episode will encourage you on your life's journey as we seek to live well. You can find the *Belonging and Becoming* podcast on iTunes and the Asbury website.

Questions? Contact: belong@asbury.edu

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- **The Virtuous Life: Is it possible in 2021?**
- **Dr. Kevin Brown interviews '97 graduate Andrea Baker**, Executive Director of Word Made Flesh, Bolivia
- **Dr. Kevin Brown interviews '03 graduate Dr. Shawn Okpebholo**, award-winning composer and professor of Music Composition and Theory at Wheaton College
- **Wesleyan Theology and Why It Matters Today with Dr. Thomas McCall**, professor at Asbury Theological Seminary



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for the

journey



The journey into God's larger story is one of transformation, discovery, surrender and ultimately experiencing an intimacy and closeness with Him.

In Genesis (12:1) God says to Abram, Go... to the land that I will show you. In Matthew (28:19) Jesus says to His disciples, Go...make disciples of all nations... God's word calls us to go, inviting each of us to step out in faith on a personal journey with Him.

For more than a century God has used Asbury to educate, equip, and inspire the journey of thousands of students from all over the world. By God's grace, that heritage of students journeying to, through and beyond Asbury will continue.

"The Asbury journey is a student's story of belonging, believing, and becoming," said Dr. Kevin J. Brown, president of Asbury University. "I eagerly welcome a new generation of students into their story—the Asbury Journey."

In this issue, you will be reintroduced to this timeless theme of the journey and how God will use it in telling the Asbury story.

Asbury University truly is for the journey of a lifetime. From the spiritual and educational underpinning of the most recent incoming undergraduate student to the celebration of

life-long ministry and service, Asbury remains committed to being a Christ-centered catalyst for the journey.

Stand back and consider the journey a young man or woman makes to just show up on campus as a freshman. What directives, promptings and open doors has God orchestrated along their journey to simply arrive in Wilmore at the beginning of a new semester?

Think now about the journey a student takes while earning their degree at Asbury. God using faculty, staff, mentors, guest speakers, Bible study groups, friends and roommates to help shape them spiritually, academically and professionally. Relationships are vital to the journey.

One's journey through Asbury not only consists of meaningful relationships but exceptional learning experiences as well. The type that allows a student to specialize in one of 150 areas of study and learn from distinguished and caring faculty. Or the type of world-class learning experience that would take budding broadcast journalists to the Olympics!

God continues to use the unique power of relationship and experience at Asbury University for the journey of a lifetime.

Email strategic.communications@asbury.edu to share your Asbury journey.



One Student's Journey:

Seizing every available opportunity

“I hope to elevate the story of others by working in a legislator’s office or even in the executive branch.”

-Demarion Johnson '21



Senior Demarion Johnson '21, a native of Maysville, KY, has not let any opportunity along his Asbury journey slip away. As the first member of his family to attend college, he has embraced each opportunity, fully.

While he originally planned to attend a public university, Demarion's youth orchestra conductor, Charlie Hunter '11, suggested he take a college tour at Asbury.

Demarion says the second he stepped foot on campus, he knew Asbury was where he was being called.

“It felt like a confirmation that I was in the right place,” Demarion recalled. “During my tour, it happened to be the birthday of my tour guide. And everywhere we went, people were calling out ‘Happy Birthday!’ to him. Because I come from a small town, seeing that same sense of community here was important to me. It felt like a promise that this was a place where everyone knew everyone and looked out for one another. And that is a promise that Asbury has delivered on.”

Following his graduation this May, with a degree in communications with an emphasis in public relations, and a minor in political science. Demarion hopes to pursue a career in government or political communications in Washington, D.C.

“I hope to elevate the story of others by working in a Legislator’s office or even in the Executive Branch,” he said.

Already, Demarion has been in touch with Asbury alumni in Washington, D.C., who have offered their help getting him connected and settled as he launches the next phase of his journey.

That supportive outreach from members of the Asbury family didn't surprise him.

It's become something that he's grown to love — and expect about being an Asburian. Thanks to the support by faculty, Demarion felt empowered to grow his leadership skills and encouraged to succeed in the classroom.

As a freshman, he got involved in Asbury's Black Student Alliance, eventually going on to serve as the group's vice president. That experience led to a position on Student Congress. Demarion also served as his class president during his sophomore year and as the campus Vice President of Student Governance his junior year. And as a senior, Demarion is serving as Student Body President.

“Dr. Jim Shores, chair of the Department of Communication, was one of the professors who invested the most in my academics,” Demarion said. “He always encouraged me to elevate my work. And for that, I will be forever grateful.”

Now that Demarion is starting a new journey as a soon-to-be college graduate, his seven younger siblings are envisioning a similar journey for themselves.

“My family has been so grateful for the opportunities that I've had at Asbury,” he said. “And now, my little sister is dreaming of playing soccer here.”

Asbury Launches New Academic Programs

Honors Program, New Programs, Majors, and Minors Create Excitement

What gives people dignity? Exploring and identifying the answer to that question is the foundation of Asbury University's Honors Program.

Applications for this program are by invitation only for incoming freshmen, who upon acceptance receive various scholarships, a travel stipend for a Study Abroad Experience, course upgrades, special access to guest speakers, and more. Instead of adding more curricular requirements to the students' studies, the Honors Program aims to help pursue the spiritual, moral, social and ethical dimensions of the human experience.

Students will be accepted from any major and can still be involved in any extracurricular programs, meaning the program will represent the diversity of the entire campus. Together they will explore what it means to be made in the image of God and how His sacrificial love compels us to recognize our social interdependency and responsibility as they study and serve others together. Then, upon graduation, they will be able to relate these important concepts to their families, career, work and the local community.

Asbury's Honors Program is directed by Dr. Paul Nesselrode '89, a professor of Psychology, who has been published in numerous journals and has recently released a textbook on statistics. Nesselrode also sponsors the Human Dignity Tour of Central Europe, an educational trip to which Honors students can apply their travel stipend.

“The Honors Program is less interested in providing ready-made answers to current pop-culture questions as it is in helping students learn how to identify and appreciate the underlying issues at play,” said Nesselrode, “and then equipping them to draw deeply from the wellspring of historic Christian thought as they grapple with the challenging issues of the day — issues that concern identity, responsibility, justice, power and love.”

The Honors Program inaugural class will be 25 students. Through the application window earlier this year, 77 applications were received and 64 of those students were interviewed. As of the middle of March, 17 applications had been accepted with the decision deadline set for May 1, 2021. For more information on this new and exciting program, visit asbury.edu/honors.

In addition to Asbury's Honors Program, new undergraduate and graduate programs are being introduced to meet the demands of the marketplace along with the evolving expectations of today's students. The following is an overview of Asbury's new academic offerings:

- New Program:** *Undergraduate Online Health Communication Program*
- New Major:** *Biochemistry*
- New Minor:** *International Social Services*
- New Minor:** *Human & Social Services*
- New M.B.A. Emphasis:** *Equine Management*
- New M.B.A. Emphasis:** *Sport Management*

By broadening the education and experience levels for our students, Asbury is continuing to position itself as the premier institution for employability skills and preparation for tomorrow's workplace.



HEAR WHAT NEWLY ACCEPTED STUDENTS TO ASBURY'S HONORS PROGRAM ARE SAYING:

“I'm so excited to come to Asbury and meet peers and professors who are as excited about learning as I am! I really enjoyed the interview process and am so looking forward to being a part of a group that values learning for its own sake.”

Asia Stubenrauch
Winter Haven, Fla.

“I would like to accept the invitation to join Asbury's Honors Program! I am so excited to be receiving this opportunity and am excited to see how God decides to move within it!”

Olivia Parsons
Ashland, Ky.

“Please extend my thanks to the entire Honors committee for selecting me to be a part of the inaugural Honors Program at Asbury University! I am extremely excited to further my education at Asbury and would be honored to accept the invitation to participate in AUHP! I appreciated your explanation of all the Honors courses that will be offered this upcoming fall. They all sound exciting and unique. I am anticipating great discussions about these concepts through a faith-based lens. Once again, I am super excited and feel privileged to walk out my faith in my college years with this group of talented men, women, and faculty!”

Elizabeth Bramer
Louisville, Ky.



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YOUNG ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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Media Communications
Broadcast Production Manager
Drone Racing League
Shelbyville, KY

Ben Campbell '19
Accounting
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Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
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Drew Cooney '19
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8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Jessamine County Schools
Wilmore, KY

Lauren Edgell '18
Youth Ministry
Director of Student Ministries
New Life Downtown
Colorado Springs, CO

Fabiola Flores '19
Biochemistry
Ophthalmology Technician
Commonwealth Eye Surgery
Wilmore, KY

Elijah Friedeman '15
Ancient Languages and Communications
Vice President of Enrollment
Wesley Biblical Seminary
Jackson, MS

Alexandria George '19
Accounting, MBA
Auditor
Elliott Davis
Chattanooga, TN

Caleb Griffin '14
Media Communications
Video Producer/Editor
12th Man Productions - Texas A&M Athletics
Bryan, TX

Berenice Soto '15 Heinlein
Elementary Education
4th Grade Teacher
Chicago, IL

Austin Kindred '18
Communications
Stadium Experience Coordinator
Tennessee Titans
Hermitage, TN

Tinson Lam '19
Music Education
Music Teacher
Lowell Community Charter Public School
Lowell, MA

Paul Liao '19
Health and Physical Education
Athletic Director Administrative Assistant
Morrison Academy Kaohsiung
Taiwan

Emily Loudon '14
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Scheduler & Assistant to
the Chief of Staff
Office of US Senator Mitch McConnell
Washington, D.C.
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Mitch McConnell*

David McCorvey '19
Communications
Communications and Marketing Associate
So Others Might Eat
Washington, D.C.

Tyler Ogden '16
Biochemistry
Physician
United States Air Force
San Antonio, TX

Tommy Otley '17
Exercise Science
Physical Therapist
Duke University Health
Durham, NC

Katie Rutledge '18
English Language and Literature
Secondary English Teacher
Heritage International School
Uganda

Tim Shell '18
Accounting
Assurance Associate
Calvetti Ferguson
Dallas, TX

Hayley Sledge '20
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Spanish
Mathematician
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Dayton, OH

Bradley Strait '15
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Miller Edwards Rambicure PLLC
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Assurance Staff
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Cincinnati, OH

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Political Science and Philosophy
JD/MBA Student
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, OH

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Marketing and Ancient Languages
Marketing Intern and Marketing Coordinator
Multitek and Grace Lutheran Church
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Jonathan Waterman '18
Business and Sports Management
Baseball Analyst
AVM Systems
Wilmore, KY

Sharayah Jung '13 Whelchel
Psychology
Physical Therapist
Select Medical
Lexington, KY

Paula Diaz '16 Willison
Journalism
Social Media Manager
Samaritan's Purse
Vilas, NC

Abby Witt '17
Media Communications and Journalism
Content Producer
The PGA Tour
Jacksonville, FL

Sarah George '17 Woodard
Elementary Education
5th Grade Teacher
Jessamine County Schools
Nicholasville, KY

Todd Yoder '16
Computational Mathematics and Recreation
Applied Math Ph.D. Candidate
Colorado School of Mines
Lakewood, CO

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On the Journey

30 Under 30 Alumni Spotlight

Young Alumni Making an Impact



We are very excited to announce this new opportunity for the Alumni Office to highlight young alums in their very own 30 Under 30 spotlight. This is an effort to affirm and recognize our young alumni, as well as to assist with the recruitment of new students. Please meet a few of our young alums below. To see the full list of Young Alum Spotlights, visit asbury.edu/30under30.

Criteria for being included:

- Asbury University alum
- Age 30 or under on or before April 1, 2021
- Exemplify Asbury University's focus on academic excellence and spiritual vitality.
- Currently making an impact in their chosen field and circles of influence



"Asbury helped me develop soft skills that are so key within the business environment, especially in the sphere of client services. I am grateful for the unique relationships that I continue to value and develop that began in college."

-Tim Shell '18

Assurance Associate, Calvetti Ferguson



"I am able to share my love for music with future generations. It has been a joy to lead my students in discovering their own musical gifts and talents. Seeing them build their 'musical toolbox' each year and make musical connections with the world have been most rewarding. I have found that the future may be unknown, and you may not know what lies ahead. But God has a purpose for you and you are exactly where you need to be."

-Tinson Lam '19

Music Teacher,

Lowell Community Charter Public School

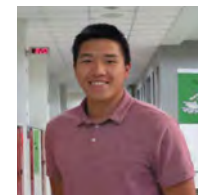
Pictured from top to bottom: Tim Shell, Tinson Lam, Hayley Sledge

"The road to graduating with a computational math degree from Asbury was not an easy one and was often marked with frustration and failure. The abstract nature of math can tend to confuse those who attempt to master it; however, one thing that brings me joy in this vocation is the practical, applied nature of the work that I do. Curiosity, ingenuity, creativity, and a willingness to keep learning are essential to entering a career in math."

-Hayley Sledge '20

Mathematician, Department of Defense, USAF

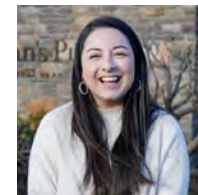
"I love working with students. There are so many things we can learn together and the first step is being curious. Whether it is something related to athletics or something related to faith, seeing students grow with curiosity brings me joy in this vocation. The more I work with students the more I realize the influence a teacher can have on



a student's life. The little actions I do can affect not only a student's feelings for the day, but also a student's character for a lifetime."

-Paul Liao '19

Athletic Director Admin Assistant, Morrison Academy Kaohsiung, Taiwan



"It really is such a privilege to work for an organization like Samaritan's Purse, that goes to the ends of the Earth to help people suffering from war, disease, famine or disaster in Jesus' Name. Though my role isn't specifically on the field on a day-to-day basis, there is pride in knowing that the content shared on our social media platforms is reaching millions of people for awareness and, more importantly, for prayer."

-Paula Diaz '16 Willison

Social Media Manager, Samaritan's Purse



-Katie Rutledge '18

Secondary English Teacher,

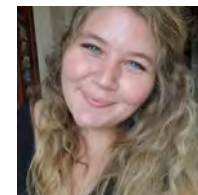
Heritage International School Kampala, Uganda



"Working as a physical therapist for high-level athletes is my dream. It pairs my interests in human performance and injury management. I find a lot of fulfillment in helping athletes return to doing what they love as well as performing at their optimal ability. I enjoy creative problem solving and collaborating with other sports medicine staff members to help our athletes achieve their goals."

-Tommy Otley '17

Physical Therapist, Duke University Health



"Asbury is filled with students that have many personalities and that come from many backgrounds. The work force is the same way. You have to be able to communicate and connect with diverse groups of people. This is where I learned to understand people who may have a different belief system than my own. At Asbury, you will grow in your faith, emotion and spirit. Who I was at the start of college is completely different from who I am now. Asbury has a lot to do with that. Stay patient, stay positive and don't compare yourself to those around you. Tunnel vision is required to reach your goals."

-Austin Kindred '18

Stadium Experience Coordinator, Tennessee Titans



"We are the second largest human services provider in D.C. and always want to figure out ways we can expand our reach and help even more people. I chose this field because I enjoy connecting with people no matter where they are on their journey. Homelessness is a special cause to me as many of these people have felt invisible their whole lives. I want to let them know that we are here for them. When people come into SOME, they are offered a full-service continuum that is a comprehensive program designed to help our most vulnerable neighbors."

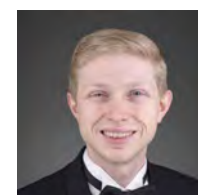
-David McCorvey '19

Communications and Marketing Associate, So Others Might Eat

"Asbury provided an excellent foundation in basic sciences, and my higher-level science courses gave me a great head start for my first two years of medical school. The small class sizes made direct interaction with professors much easier and more personal, allowing for great mentorship and very personalized letters of recommendation for my medical school applications. The friendships I formed while at Asbury are by far the best part of my experience, and I wouldn't trade my time there for anything."

-Tyler Ogden '16

Physician, United States Air Force



Pictured from top to bottom: Paul Liao, Paula Diaz Willison, Tommy Otley, Austin Kindred, Katie Rutledge, David McCorvey, Tyler Ogden



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One Alum's Journey:

A Lifelong Home

“I love staying involved on campus, I go to the sporting events as much as I can. I love doing devotionals with the teams and praying with them. It’s allowed me to remain an active part of the family that I found at Asbury.”

-Jimmie Roper '16



Jimmie Roper '16, a Detroit native, found a forever home at Asbury — one he wasn't expecting.

Jimmie had been a standout basketball player in high school, but he put college on hold for several years to find work to help support his mom.

“Basketball was my first love. That was my thing,” said Jimmie. “I wanted to go back to school to play basketball, but I didn't know where to start. All the scholarships that had been offered to me were gone. I felt like every opportunity was gone.” Then Jimmie's story shifted.

“It was definitely a God-thing for sure,” Jimmie said, noting that an email from Asbury men's basketball coach Will Shouse '02 felt like an answer to prayer. “I had been praying constantly, saying ‘God if you want me to go back to school, then show me the way.’”

Still, it took Jimmie a moment or two to adjust to the idea of moving from a large, culturally diverse urban center to a small Kentucky Christian school. That path wasn't necessarily on Jimmie's life journey plan, but sometimes life is about taking leaps of faith.

Once on campus, he knew he was right where he was meant to be.

“It was a huge culture shock, but as soon as I got to Wilmore, I just fell in love with this place,” said Jimmie, who played as a forward on the Asbury men's basketball team during the 2012-2013 season. “There was just something different about it. I didn't know what it was at the time. And of course, now I realize it was just where God was calling me to be.”

The Asbury men's basketball team became like a family to Jimmie, and he came to consider Coach Shouse and his wife, Whitney Smith '02, almost like adopted parents.

“They took me in and loved me as their own, still to this day,” he said.

Since graduating from Asbury in 2016 with a degree in recreation and ministry, Jimmie has made his home in Kentucky. He married Kayah, a teacher and photographer, one month after graduation. Together, they have welcomed a family: made up of a daughter and her three-year-old son, whom the couple officially adopted in March 2021 after several years of foster parenting. A year ago, they welcomed their biological daughter to the family.

“We just knew God was calling us to be with them for the rest of their lives,” Jimmie said.

As a student ministry pastor at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington, Jimmie is living the life of Christian ministry that he has always felt called to do.

It was at Asbury that Jimmie felt free to finally let his ministry calling shine. He organized Bible studies with teammates and for members of his residence hall. By his second semester, he'd been tapped as a spiritual leader on campus, and he often served as a keynote speaker to area middle and high schools' Fellowship of Christian Athletes programs.

At Centenary, Jimmie primarily works as a teaching pastor for middle and high school students — work he loves deeply since it allows him to pay forward the mentorship he received from his own youth pastors.

Since last September, Jimmie has also served as Asbury University's athletics chaplain, a role he cherishes. “I love staying involved on campus,” he said. “I go to the sporting events as much as I can. I love doing devotionals with the teams and praying with them. It's allowed me to remain an active part of the family that I found at Asbury.”

The Power of Prayer

“Work as if you are in charge; pray as if God is in charge.” - E.Stanley Jones 1907

Prayer. God seems to be reminding me of the importance of that word lately. My church has just finished a powerful series on prayer. We've been reminded of the crucial role prayer played in our recently concluded Ignited Campaign. The small group Diane and I are part of has played a significant role in praying for some family medical challenges and we've seen dramatic results. So many alums have told us that they are praying for Asbury and for our students in these challenging days.

Prayer. Such a simple, yet profound and dynamic word. It's been encouraging to participate in some of our monthly first Thursday Zoom prayer times with alums from literally all over the world. This kind of prayer has incredible effectiveness when linked to our all-powerful Creator who mysteriously encourages us to bring our prayers to Him. I don't understand it, but I know that it makes a difference.

Prayer. It's linked to Asbury's mission, mission, to our future and to the success and well-being of our faculty, staff and students. I love E. Stanley Jones' perspective on prayer. He understood how vital it is but didn't confuse it with being lazy or mediocre. “Work as if you are in charge; pray as if God is in charge.” It takes both. As we continue to work to fulfill Asbury's mission and advance our education to prepare students to impact the world for Christ, we are working hard. But I am reminded of the importance of that six-letter word — prayer. Thank you for your prayers and thank you for your support. It takes both.



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



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The dream of a Christian liberal arts education is becoming harder to attain for many young people due to the financial difficulties many students and their families are experiencing. Scholarships are especially critical right now.

In these challenging times, our world needs a new generation of leaders who are dedicated to holiness and full of Scriptural wisdom and discernment. These are the kind of Christ followers you help raise up when you give to scholarships.

Will you stand in the gap for Asbury students with a gift today to the Fund for Asbury University?



One Donor's Journey:

*"...for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

"As we get older and mature, we treasure what we had at Asbury, There is a hunger and we're supposed to let our light shine. Asbury is really trying to do that. We need places like Asbury."

-Linda Shoults '68 Keller



Linda Shoults '68 Keller knows the verse, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver," said the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. The Lord also loves faithful stewardship that comes not from a surplus or desire for acclaim but from the heart.

"God has blessed me way beyond what I've ever dreamed," Linda said.

The truth is Linda, a Christian Education major at Asbury, would have preferred to remain anonymous and would have if not for some arm twisting by fellow alumni who wanted her to share her story.

It is Linda's belief in Asbury's mission that inspired her to fund a variety of programs and initiatives at her alma mater, including the Visual Arts Scholars Fund, the Collaborative Learning Center, the Travis and Linda Shoults Keller Endowed Scholarship for School of Communication Arts and Asbury's journalism program.

"If I can help one or two kids a year, that's one or two who are getting a Christian education," Linda said. "I just feel for the younger generation. I hope these resources will encourage them that their faith and love for God is not being wasted because people out there are hungry for the truth."

By definition, journalism is a search for truth, which is why Linda decided recently to direct resources to Asbury's journalism program and specifically to the funding of a monthly speaker series called "Pressing Matters."

"We need to get Christian journalists out there because people aren't getting the truth," she said.

Linda said it was a conversation with her friend and former Asbury president, Dr. Sandra Gray, that sparked her interest in the journalism program.

"Journalism publishes words and God is the Word," she said. "Our students can hang onto that. If you have that talent for writing, don't be afraid. Words and the Word are powerful."

According to Linda, it was her late husband, Travis, who accompanied her to her 25th reunion at Asbury and saw an opportunity on campus.

"He really got me caught up in the mission of Asbury," she said.

"As we get older and mature, we treasure what we had at Asbury," she said. "There is a hunger and we're supposed to let our light shine. Asbury is really trying to do that. We need places like Asbury."

Travis died in 2013 but Linda carries on, providing opportunities for students, most of whom she will never meet.

And there will be scores of students, current and future, who will say places like Asbury need people like Linda Keller.



Linda Shoults '68 and Travis Keller

Campus Corner

Asbury University Celebrates Black History Month

In celebrating and honoring the work and achievements of our Black fellow citizens, Asbury acknowledges their numerous contributions that have played an integral role in the history of the United States and how they continue to do so even now. This dedicated time honors our Black fellow citizens for their exemplary accomplishments. This past February, Asbury celebrated Black History Month in many different ways — from events, music, conversations, talent shows, and even special drinks at the coffee shop that honored Black achievers.

Students, faculty and staff were invited to several community events to recognize and celebrate this important event. The month was kicked off with Rev. Esther Jadhav (1) addressing the community at Chapel, discussing God's love for each of us being without measure. Dr. Medine Keener (2), pastoral care coordinator at Asbury Theological Seminary, continued the Chapel sermons with an invitation to embrace all of God's people, a message about what we learn about racial and ethnic reconciliation through the life of Susie King Taylor.

As we continue to honor and celebrate, we remember Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's (3), most famous address at the 1963 March on Washington, D.C., where he imparted his dream for America. Among his references to the just society was the hope that, his children would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. As a spiritual leader, King elevated the significance of the content of one's character as criteria for judgment, recognizing the brokenness of human nature. For King, who we are and what we are as people mattered. In his sermon, "What is Man?" King cautions us against an illusion born of superficiality: "It should be said that we err when we assume that because man is made in the image of God, man is basically good. Through his all too prevalent inclination for evil, man has terribly scarred God's image."

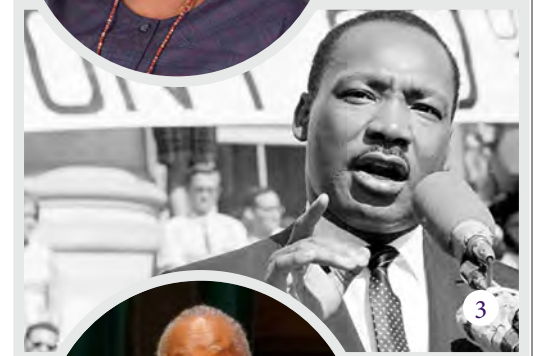
"At Asbury University it is our aim to cultivate the content of character, and it is our hope that in doing so we elevate the image of God in each one of us," said Rev. Jadhav.

Students Enjoy Fun Night Painting "with" Bob Ross

One cold January night, students braved the weather and headed over to the Student Center (STUCE) for a fun night to release their inner artist. For a couple of hours, students painted "happy little trees" (4) while learning from Bob Ross via video. The laughs and energy were contagious, and it was a great break from studying for the students.

WHAM (Worship Him at Midnight) Held Multiple Times in Spring Semester

Students experienced incredible movements of the Holy Spirit at WHAM, the all-campus worship nights. (5) Students gathered in Hughes multiple times during the Spring semester and worshiped, prayed together and listened to the Lord. Students enjoy having a place to come together as a community and worship together. God is moving on Asbury's campus and students are focusing on praying without ceasing, helping each other in times of need, standing firm and remembering that prayer is powerful.





ASBURY ATHLETICS

Story of Faith: Colton Back '20

Asbury is the place where God truly opened my eyes to Him and saved me from a selfish lifestyle I had been living before. My life has been changed forever in my time here, so I am deeply grateful for this place. I did not have a lot of solid direction in my life when I came to

Asbury, but I knew I wanted to continue to play the game I loved. I had no clue what God had in store for me. He gave me much more than just baseball.

God began to flip everything in my life upside down for the better and used Asbury to direct my steps. I was able to hear the word of God weekly at chapel and was even being taught in depth about the Bible in classes like Old and New Testament. God began to pour things into my life that I deeply needed, like mentors, godly friends and many more things that would keep me on track in the life He was calling me to live.

On top of all of that, God allowed me to play baseball for an amazing Coach (Manny Cervantes) that has constantly challenged me to grow in my faith through his example and teaching of who Jesus is. Playing for the baseball program at Asbury has been such a blessing. It has been an honor to wear AU on my chest with great brothers around me. I never could have imagined how much God would use this University to totally alter the direction of my life. The countless relationships He has given me here will last forever. I am so thankful for Asbury University and the way I was welcomed from the very beginning, where I now find a home away from home in Wilmore.

Colton is a three-time captain of the baseball team, is currently pursuing a MBA and is a graduate assistant working in the AU Athletics Department.

Women's Swimming Repeats as AAC Champions

The Asbury University Women's swimming team won its second consecutive Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Championship on February 13 in Kingsport, TN The men's team earned a runner-up finish as Asbury won five individual titles on the final day, giving them 10 event winners overall.

Head Coach Alex Keyser '08 was named AAC Women's Coach of the Year, and Freshman Amber Schulte was selected as the Co-AAC Swimmer of the Year.

"Words can't explain what this group means to me," said Keyser. "This is by far the craziest year I've experienced in my 11 years as a head coach, battling COVID and quarantine. I was blown away at what they were able to accomplish. Alex Wu breaking his AAC record in the 100 Butterfly, Amber Schulte breaking the school record in the 50 Freestyle, AAC record and school record in the 500 Freestyle, and Ronan Passman stepping up big with a school record in the 200 Breaststroke. We won every men's individual event on the final night except for the 200 Backstroke."

COLTON BACK '20



HEAD COACH ALEX KEYSER '08 Named AAC Women's Coach Of The Year and Freshman **AMBER SCHULTE** Co-AAC Swimmer of the Year



NCAA Approves Division III Provisional Membership for Asbury University

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has approved Asbury University for Division III provisional membership, beginning September 1, 2021.

"This announcement is the culmination of a thorough review to determine the best missional fit for our intercollegiate athletics program," Asbury President Dr. Kevin J. Brown said. "The process involved the Presidential Cabinet, the Board of Trustees, the Athletics Department staff, the NCAA staff and several benchmark institutions.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to provide an experience for our student-athletes, coaches and support staff that aligns with our academic and missional values."

-Mark Whitworth '84, vice president for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Strategic Communications

"Asbury is committed to the unique student-athlete experience provided in the NCAA Division III structure. We look forward to this exciting opportunity and are most appreciative of the guidance and support from current NCAA Division III member institutions Transylvania University and Covenant College."

The NCAA Division III Membership Committee approved AU's exploratory application on February 24, 2021. Once accepted into the process, Asbury subsequently submitted the application for provisional membership along

with an application to waive the exploratory year. The 10-member committee determined that AU met the conditions and obligations for provisional membership. This decision made Asbury the first institution to apply for and be granted the waiver to accelerate the membership process from four years to three years.

"This is a very significant step for our University and the Athletics program," Mark Whitworth '84, vice president for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Strategic Communications said, "We are very grateful for the opportunity to provide an experience for our student-athletes, coaches and support staff that aligns with our academic and missional values. I am so thankful for the hard work of many in our campus community, particularly our Athletics leadership team."

Asbury becomes the fifth NCAA Division III institution in Kentucky, joining Centre College, Transylvania University, Berea College and Spalding University.

At the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year, AU will transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the River States Conference (RSC) and the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC).



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SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball

20-3 record (best start in school history) ranked No. 16 in NAIA Bo Chip Power Index Rankings. Receiving votes in NAIA Top 25 poll.

Golf

Men's Golf finishes in 2nd place at the Asbury Invitational with four top-10 finishes. Women's team has finished in the top five in past two events.

Women's Lacrosse

Defeated Tennessee Wesleyan and Point University for first time in program-history. Ashley Byrd & Aubrey Curell each have achieved 100 career goals and are the first two in program history to reach this accomplishment.

Softball

Defeated No. 11 Campbellsville in season opener.

Tennis

Both teams are undefeated in River States Conference play (5-0). Head Coach Jarred Miller won his 250th career match on March 27 at IU Southeast.



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One Team's Journey:

*AU Women's Basketball Team
Plays a Game to Remember*

“Not playing never entered our minds.”

*-Chad Mays,
Head Coach Asbury
Women's Basketball*



The basketball game ended. Then, something happened that I haven't seen.

Every member of the winning team stood and cheered the players they had just defeated; six members of the Asbury University women's basketball team. There were only six Asbury players in uniform to laud. The rest of the team was in COVID quarantine.

The standing ovation was an acknowledgment by the winners, from West Virginia Tech, that they had just witnessed something unusual, something heroic. This was more than a ceremonial handshake or fist bump. This was a tribute to the extraordinary.

Tech took the last shot in a 72-72 game, a desperate three-pointer as the buzzer blared. It was perfect. The Tech players mobbed the shooter at mid-court. But as the defeated Asbury players left the floor, most of them in tears, the winning team and the crowd stood as one, in appreciation for six young women who had given every bit of themselves for each other and for those who weren't here.

This is a good story and one that needs telling because you probably haven't heard about it. Nor will you. It isn't big enough. Small-college basketball. It wasn't on TV and no one will be discussing it on sports talk radio tomorrow. But it happened.

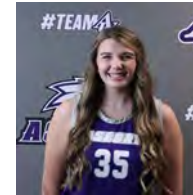
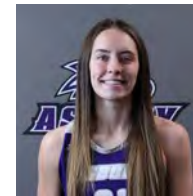
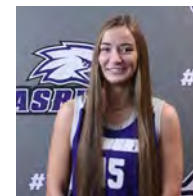
The sports-as-a-metaphor-for-life theme is overused. But if there's a better example of what a handful of young people are capable of when their greatest attributes are faith and commitment, I haven't seen it, at least not in person.

On a rainy Saturday afternoon in Wilmore, Kentucky, on Asbury's campus, the Lady Eagles basketball took the floor in a River States Conference semifinal against a powerful West Virginia Tech team. The Eagles consisted of one senior starter and five freshmen. The remaining starters and leading scorers weren't in the building. The purple and gray jerseys of those not here were draped over their seats on the bench.

With the same six players in uniform, the Eagles had already stunned a good Oakland City University (Indiana) team two days earlier, winning by 10 in the conference quarterfinal. It was the story of the year, at least so far. The conference had asked the Eagles if they even wanted to play the game.

“Not playing never entered our minds,” Eagles head coach Chad Mays said.

But Tech would be a much taller order. A better team with its full roster of players against an Eagles team which would, once again, start four true freshmen, two of whom saw very little playing time during the season. It seemed only a matter of time before the upstarts would run out of gas and hit a wall. Truth is, it would have surprised no one had the



Pictured from top to bottom: Kelsey Johnson '21, Spencer Harvey '24, Trinity Shearer '24, Paige Taylor '24, Emma Strunk '24, Kayla Harlow '24

Eagles lost by 25 — no one except the Eagles players themselves, who were unfazed by their circumstances.

Every time it looked as if Tech was ready to take control, the Eagles found a reserve, even taking an eight-point lead in the second half. This was Miracle, Hoosiers and Karate Kid in the making before our eyes.

Back and forth they went, as the lead changed hands multiple times in 40 minutes. With 53 seconds remaining, that game was tied at 72. The Eagles had a chance to take the lead but barely missed a driving layup attempt that rolled around the rim and out. Tech would hold for one last shot.

With time running out and nowhere to go, a Tech player launched a three-pointer that seemed to rest, temporarily, on a shelf in midair. And down it went.

As the Tech players piled on one another at midcourt, there stood Asbury's six — freshmen Kayla Harlow, Spencer Harvey, Trinity

Shearer, Paige Taylor, Emma Strunk and senior Kelsey Johnson — drained, staring in disbelief at the scoreboard.

No, this wasn't Hoosiers. Rocky, maybe, but not Hoosiers. And then it became something even better.

As the Tech players stood and applauded the six Eagles as they left the floor, I couldn't help but think of what those who weren't here, in this central Kentucky gym on Saturday, were missing.

It was perseverance in purple and gray. No excuses, no hesitation. It was mutual respect between rivals; a deep appreciation for one another, even those on the other side. It was selflessness embodied and a willingness to sacrifice, body and soul, for teammates.

A good story indeed. The heroes just happened to be basketball players.

Rich Manieri, M.F.A., is journalist, author and a professor of journalism at Asbury University. He is also the play by play announcer for the Asbury men's and women's basketball teams.





Alumni Class Notes

1960s

Stephen '68 and Jo Anna Allen '69 Hoard retired from the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and Reality business, respectively. They stay busy with many ministry opportunities, reading for the Radio Reading Services of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and traveling to Asia.

Mary Rush '68 Waters was awarded 1st place in the 2020 National Society Daughters of the American Revolution American Heritage Sculpture Contest. The theme was to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The title of the sculpture is "Advancing Towards Equality." (1)

1970s

Gene '70 and Cynthia Snyder '70 Ezell live in Nashville, TN Gene is a professional worship songwriter, Contemporary Christian and Southern Gospel music, with more than 100 songs recorded. He had two songs featured on albums that were nominated in the 2020 Dove Awards.

Charlotte Shannon '70 Carpenter has written four books, "A Glorious Appointmen," "A Heavenly Appointment," "A Holy Appointment," and "A Divine Appointment." All can be purchased from Amazon. (2)

Curt Olson '73 retired December 2020 after 21 years as Director of Music Ministries at Bethany United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. He has served in music ministry for 46 years. Curt and **Jane Sharrett '72 Olson** live in Cedar Park, TX.

Joe Scheets '76 has retired after many years under full time appointment with the United Methodist Church. He is now on staff at a local United Methodist Church as the Pastor of Visitation and Other Good Stuff. (3)

William B. Coker, former professor at Asbury, published his first book, "Words of Endearment: The Ten Commandments as a Revelation of God's Love" with the help of his wife, **Ann Laird '77 Coker**. It was released December 16, 2020, and is available on Amazon. (4)

Robin Rader '77 is a freelance librarian looking to join in what God is doing in Lancaster, PA.

Jerry '79 and Lynne Holmes '79 Buell were named Volunteers of the Month by the United States Eventing Association for November 2020.

1980s

Kirk Hintz '87 presented in a webinar in October 2020 on the importance of prioritizing patient follow-up. He was one of three expert panelists chosen.

Andrew VomSteege '87 is the Senior Pastor of Malibu Pacific Church in Malibu, CA.

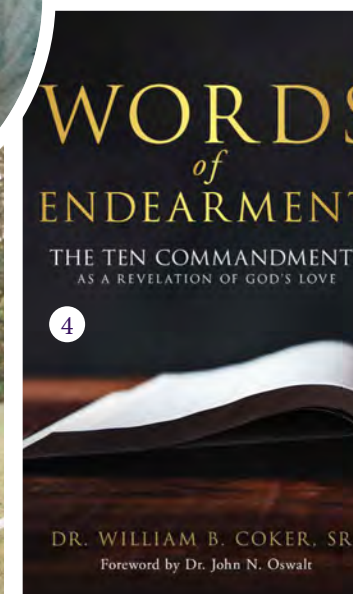
Cathy Simpson '87 graduated December 2020 with a Ph.D. in Nursing from East Tennessee State University. She works at Calhoun Community College. (5)

Timothy Holder '88 published two books in 2020, "Devotions for the Day" and "Presidential Trivia." Both books can be purchased on Amazon. He is the interim pastor of Adler Branch Baptist Church in Sevierville, TN. He is also the Assistant Dean at Walter State Community College.

1990s

Rob DeGeorge '93 earned a Ph.D. in Historical Theology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with the defense of his dissertation, "Scripture Perfection: An Historical Study of the Origins of John Wesley's Exegetical Method."

Paige Medlock '96 is the Art Education Lecturer at Middle Tennessee State University. She also supervises Art Education Residency placements.



2000s

Benjamin '01 and Essie Nelson '00 Cade opened Foothills Family Optical in Pickens, SC, in September 2020. (6)

Jeremy '01 and Sally Hatfield are proud to announce the birth of Esther Nadia on September 23, 2020. She was welcomed home by big brother, Charlie.

Christopher Kung and **Melanie Bakaysa '03** were married on October 18, 2020, in Warrenton, VA. (7)

Donnie Pearcy '04 was named the 2020 Kentucky Teacher of the Year. Donnie is a teacher at Stonewall Elementary in Lexington, KY.

Blake and **Melissa Atkins '06 Runyon** welcomed Elijah Phillip on March 3, 2020. He was welcomed home by big sister, Karissa, and big brothers, Andrew and Ethan. (8)

Judy Buskey '06 is the Staff Assistant for the Center for Wholeness and Wellness at Asbury University.

Enoch '06 and Celia Eby '07 Jacobus are proud to announce the birth of Oliver Lewis Gabriel

on December 18, 2020. Oliver was welcomed home by big brothers, Alec, Rafe and Charlie. (9)

Brandon '07 and Melissa Brown are proud to announce the birth of Miles James on September 24, 2020. (10)

Gabe '07 and Mary Lashbrook '07 Lawson welcomed their fourth child, Jesse Gabriel, on July 2, 2020. He was welcomed home by siblings, Caroline, Luke and Olivia. The Lawson family has relocated to Virginia where Gabe is the Active Duty Chaplain for Langley Air Force Base. (11)



2010s

Mark and **Lauren Foldy '10 Reyes** are proud to announce the birth of Esle Joy on July 6, 2020. (12)

Christian Loftus '11 was named Somers Elementary School 2021 Teacher of the Year. Christian regularly livestreamed half-hour musical performances for his students during remote learning under the name Mr. Lobster to cheer up his students.

Alex '11 and **Emily Johnston '11 Losekamp** welcomed Josephine (Josie) on November 26, 2020.

Tim Honchel '11 is the Executive Director of KIND: Kids in New Directions in Dayton, OH. (13)

Michael Davis '13 was awarded as one of the Pennsylvania Business Central's Top 100 People. This award highlights the vibrant economic and social life of Central Pennsylvania and those that make it happen.

Michael '14 and **Justine Vonderheide '15 Rhoades** are proud to announce the arrival of Jordan Michael on January 30, 2020. (14)

Elijah Friedeman '15 was promoted to Vice President of Enrollment at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Ridgeland, MS.

Hannah Parks '16 is the House Manager at Busara Therapeutic Support Home in Dallas, TX.

Madison Hirsch '19 is the Elementary Special Education Teacher at Woodford County Public Schools in Versailles, KY.

Gather

REUNION 2021: JUNE 25 - 26



Soon we will gather together to celebrate our Alumni Reunion, including the 50th reunion of the 1970 and 1971 classes and the 2020 and 2021 banner-year alumni (classes ending in 0, 1, 5 and 6). We are excited to welcome back classmates, friends, professors and families who are able to return to campus as well as those who will attend virtually.

The theme for Reunion, Gather, speaks to our great need and desire to be together. In the old hymn, "We Gather Together," the words remind us that God is with us: We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM." – MATTHEW 18:20

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Alumni

Rev. L. Bradley Havens '42, Ministry, 12/26/2020, Phoenix, AZ

Dr. Charles Boss '44, Education/Ministry, 12/5/2020, Cedar Rapids, IA

Elizabeth "Betty" Reynolds '44 Buyers, Business Owner/Education, 11/27/2020, Peachtree City, GA

Margaret Overmyer '45 Shepherd, Education/Ministry, 2/1/2021, Louisville, KY

Rev. Elda Diehl '45 Walker, Health Care/Ministry, 11/28/2020, Lehigh, PA

Virginia Asbury '46 LeMaster, Missions/Nursing, 1/1/2021, London, KY

Veral Broman '46 Sharp, Education/Music, 12/6/2020, Warren, IN

June Ward '47 Patrick, Christian Education/Ministry, 11/21/2020, Bel Air, MD

Mable "Jean" Presley '47 Stabler, Education/Musician, 11/17/2020, Melbourne, FL

Josie Platt '48 Aughinbaugh, Education, 11/1/2020, Guntersville, AL

Clayton Ireson Jr. '48, Military/Ministry/Music, 11/21/2020, Eules, TX

Rev. J. Paul Sutherland '48, Business Owner/Ministry, 1/7/2021, Findlay, OH

Dr. Marguerite Shirer '49 Bridge, Education/Education Administrator, 1/26/2021, Harrisburg, PA

Capt. Margaret "Betty" Doughty '49, Musician/Salvation Army, 11/3/2020, Seminole, FL

Frances Garrett '50 Baumgardner, Ministry/Missions, 1/13/2021, Boiling Springs, NC

Rev. Loren Gould '50, Ministry, 9/3/2020, Chesapeake, VA

Rev. Raymond Hahn '50, Ministry/Veteran, 1/28/2021, Greensboro, NC

Rev. Robert Havens '50, Ministry, 2/1/2020, Minneapolis, MN

Coralie Burns '50 Lee, Ministry/Missions, 12/6/2020, Springfield, MO

Mary Jane Hayden '50 Wells, Music Education/Music Ministry, 10/28/2020, Spartanburg, SC

Rev. Benjamin Edwards '51, Ministry, 10/24/2020, The Plains, OH

Edward "Wallace" Hall '51, Education/Ministry/Rancher, 11/16/2020, Sidney, MT

Darlene Moir '52 Finney, Education, 11/25/2020, Sioux Falls, SD

Bettie Johnson '52 Fry, Management, 12/9/2020, Leland, MI

Kenneth Denton '53, Maintenance, 12/25/2020, Avon Park, FL

Dr. Rex McConnell '53, Medicine/Ministry/Missions, 12/15/2020, Nicholasville, KY

Genevieve Johnson '53 Woodard, Education/Musician/Office Manager, 12/19/2020, McMinnville, Ore.

Rev. T. Owen Candler '54, Ministry/Veteran, 2/1/2021, Groveland, IL

Dr. Sterling Cauble '54, Ministry, 2/14/2021, Batesville, IN

Donna Davis '54 Bierley Hanscome, Asbury CPO/Wickliffe Bible Translator, 10/14/2020, Wilmore, KY

Dr. Andrew "Myron" Johnson '55, Education/Medicine/Musician/Veteran, 11/7/2020, Greensboro, NC

Phillip Haisley '56, Business Owner/Education/Missions, 11/17/2020, Gainesville, FL

Sally Fritzer '56 Sellers, Nursing, 11/21/2020, Central Valley, CA

Mack Bailey Jr. '57, Business Owner/Education/Veteran, 1/22/2021, Lexington, KY

Shirley Simmons '57 Toadvine, Education/Ministry/Missions, 12/10/2020, Nicholasville, KY

John Underwood '57, Education/Ministry/Veteran, 12/8/2020, Nolensville, TN

Rev. Roy Walther '57, Finance/Ministry, 12/9/2020, Sebring, OH

Dr. Jerry Dooling Sr. '58, Ministry, 1/1/2021, Dothan, AL

Barbara Hibbard '58 Gray, Business Owner/Ministry/Missions, 10/19/2020, Bellville, OH

Anne Tanksley '58 Lawrence Short, Education/Education Administrator, 11/11/2020, Cincinnati, OH

Margaret "Peggy" Basham '59 Bechtol, Administrative Assistant/Education, 1/4/2021, Indianapolis, IN

Elizabeth Mills '59 Goettee, Education, 12/22/2020, Hampton, SC

C. Jeannine Speakman '59 Mowery, Ministry, 12/14/2020, Chillicothe, OH

Dr. John "Eldon" Neihof '59, Asbury Alumni Board President/Education/Ministry, 12/3/2020, Jackson, KY

Dorothy Hughes '59 Post, Salvation Army/Writer, 2/4/2021, Summit, NJ

Joyce Farmer '59 Trammell, Editor/Music Education/Writer, 1/12/2021, Brooks, KY

Beverly Gander '60 Alcorn, Nursing, 11/22/2020, Lexington, KY

Ellen Tanner '60 Boggs, Artist/Education/Music Ministry, 1/13/2021, Peoria, AZ

Rev. Carl Ricks '60, Ministry/Veteran, 10/27/2020, Fishers, IN

Judith Weller '61 Chapman, Education, 12/25/2020, Davison, MI

Carl Evans '61, Education/Insurance, 2/5/2021, Danville, VA

Jacquelyn Bundy '61 Jackson, Homemaker/Sales, 12/7/2020, Windsor, NC

Suzanne Peabody '61 Johnson, Education/Volunteer, 5/18/2020, Loveland, OH

Genevieve "Rose" McCallum '61 Weeks Lander, Education/Ministry, 1/25/2021, Lansing, MI

Mary McCollough '61, Editor/Writer, 1/21/2021, Columbus, OH

Marlene Thomas '62 Howell, Education/Publisher, 11/12/2020, Saginaw, MI

Otis Balkcom '63, Christian Education Administrator, 12/22/2020, Wilmore, KY

Carlton "Leroy" Butler '64, Business Owner/Construction, 1/13/2021, Ringgold, GA

Rev. William "Bill" Keith Jr. '65, Ministry/Music Ministry, 11/11/2020, West Palm Beach, FL

Robin Bauer '66 Cormany, Life Coach/Ministry, 8/11/2020, Zebulon, NC

Rev. William "Bill" Moran Sr. '66, Ministry, 12/6/2020, Willard, OH

Judith Swyear '66, Education, 11/8/2020, Benton, IL

Nancy Bartlett '67 Bustelo, Author, 1/6/2021, West Melbourne, FL

Lani Sullivan '67 Grantz, Education/Media Specialist, 11/2/2020, Worthington, MN

Rev. Harry Stevenson Jr. '67, Asbury Trustee/Asbury Alumni Board Member/Ministry, 1/13/2021, Wilmore, KY

Marguerite "Aileen" King Light '68, Education, 2/2/2021, Buena Park, CA

Susan Cannon '70, Nursing, 1/24/2021, Bowling Green, KY

David Cox '71, Administration/Cashier, 6/14/2020, Hermitage, TN

David Abbott '74, Construction, 11/6/2020, Crystal Lake, IL

Martin Sigler '77, Music Education/Music Ministry, 2/11/2021, Montgomery, AL

James "Jim" Wittenmyer '78, Public Service, 1/8/2021, Lexington, KY

Michael Rice '79, Education, 1/3/2021, Blackstone, VA

Rev. Dennis Mehaffie '80, Ministry, 12/11/2020, Moundsville, WV

Jerald "Jerry" Blakely '81, Mechanical Engineer/Veteran, 1/14/2021, Essexville, MI

Cynthia Cox '81 Sharp, Business Owner/Travel Agent, 2/11/2021, Halls, TN

Rev. Donna Goff '82, Ministry/Missions, 1/4/2021, Mobile, AL

Dr. Elizabeth Koo '84 Edwards, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, 10/8/2020, Hampton Falls, N.H.

Sonya Gardner '90, Artist/Education, 11/18/2020, Lexington, KY

Rev. Matthew Hearn '96, Christian Education/Ministry, 1/30/2021, Pooler, GA

Tonya Ryan '97 Banker, Customer Service, 12/30/2020, Lexington, KY

Capt. Damon Bethel, APS Alum, Salvation Army, 2/22/2021, Buffalo, NY

Friends

Dr. Leslie Andrews, 1/13/2021, Nicholasville, KY

Dr. Damon Campbell, 10/10/2019, Elizabethtown, KY

Richard "Dick" Capin, Asbury Trustee, 11/25/2020, Charlotte, NC

Richard Cotton, 1/27/2021, Bellevue, NE

Spencer Duncan, 6/15/2020, Whigham, GA

Max Edwards, 12/15/2020, Winchester, IN

Evelyn Franks Emery, 11/4/2020, Nevada, MO

Alicia Guerra, 12/1/2020, Mount Sterling, KY

Mario Guerra, 12/17/2020, Mount Sterling, KY

Wanda Sowards Gwinn, 2/12/2021, Winchester, KY

William Hall Sr., 1/2/2021, Lexington, KY

Rev. Alan Harkey, 2/23/2021, Simpsonville, SC

Lt. Col. Gloria Bayard Hohn, 10/29/2020, Manchester, NJ

Dr. Damon Campbell, 10/10/2019, Elizabethtown, KY

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Natalie "Carolyn" McCook, 11/24/2020, Gordon, GA

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Michael Mikhael, 2/21/2021, Park Ridge, IL

Lynn Hargis Moody, 2/11/2021, Springfield, TN

Lanny Myers, 8/4/2020, Bountiful, UT

Dorothy "Dottie" Bryan Nealis, 1/20/2021, Lexington, KY

Nancy Rose Newman, 1/29/2021, Toledo, OH

Dorothy "Dot" Shearer Payton, 10/31/2020, Mooresville, IN

Rev. Susan Kelley Roads, 12/4/2020, Seaman, OH

Ray "Allen" Trovillion, 12/8/2020, Maitland, FL

Timothy Zacharias, 10/28/2019, Lloydminster, AB

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A PICTURE OF ASBURY LOVE 2020 GRADUATE CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT WITH EXTENDED FAMILY

Isaac Santala's extended family celebrated his commencement in October 2020. The family had planned to attend the commencement celebrations in Wilmore before COVID-19 forced a change of plans from May 2020 to a virtual ceremony in October 2020. The family decided to still gather and flew into Kentucky from California, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. They watched the virtual commencement in Kentucky at an off-site location to celebrate the family's newest Asbury graduate!



L-R Back Row

Mitch Santala, Todd Moegerle, Isaiah Santala '20, Amy Moegerle, Gil Mogerle '67, Ethan Wake, Gary Moegerle '64, Steve Corbett '76, Deni Moegerle '75 Corbett, Jeremy Corbett '01, Cassie Davis '02 Corbett, Michael Higdon, Jamie Corbett '04 Higdon

L-R Front Row

Jacob Santala, Lanise Moegerle Santala, Jasmine Santala, Mariah Santala, Jan Futato '71 Moegerle, Jane Smith '65 Moegerle, Kerstin Graf '11 Wake, Cindy Moegerle '86 Reasoner, Elliette Higdon, Caroline Corbett, Hill Corbett, Davis Corbett, Ryder Higdon

Future Asbury alumnae modeling their AU masks while they celebrate the newest Asbury graduate in their family, Isaac Santala '20.



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Please join us via Zoom the first Thursday of each month. All are invited.

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