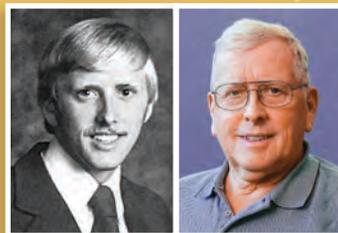
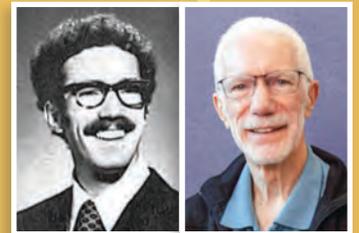
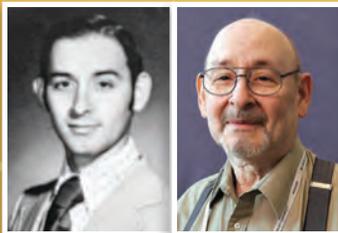
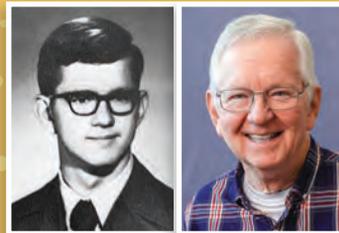
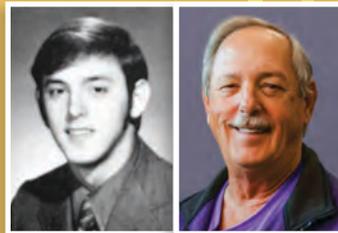
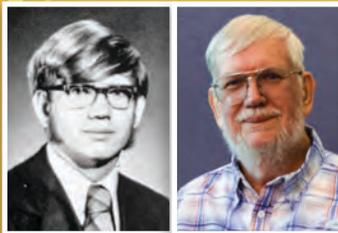
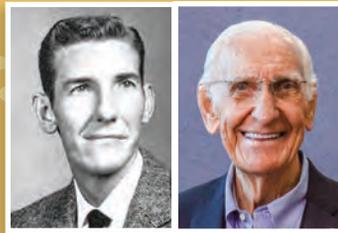


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Faces of Reunion





In June, Asbury welcomed more than 1,350 alumni and their families for our 2023 Reunion celebration. This year's event was centered around the theme *Designed for Good*. Asburians of all generations enjoyed fellowship with one another through class gatherings and meals, worship services, and a performance by the Men's Glee Club. We reflected together on God's goodness to our campus and our world, which was evident in February's Outpouring.



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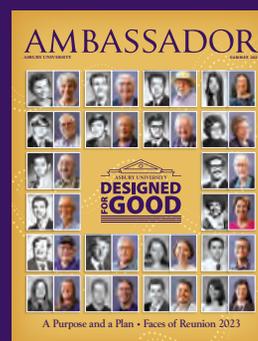
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ON THE COVER: Alumni featured in their Asbury student yearbook photos alongside a current portrait at Reunion 2023.



President's Message

DESIGNED FOR GOOD

“People are not asking if Christianity is *true*. They are asking whether it is *good*.”

In Plato's "The Republic," written more than 2,000 years ago, an extraordinarily important question sparked a debate between Socrates and several interlocutors. Specifically, why should we be good?

It is an important question. And it is timeless — that is, the character of this question is always relevant.

There is much that can be said about the value of the just and moral life and why we strive for moral excellence. But in the faith tradition, we believe we should aim for a just, virtuous, and holy life because that is the life for which we were made. In Ephesians 2:10, Paul writes: "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (NRSV).

We are designed for good.

But for the follower of Christ, there is another rationale for why we should aim for the virtuous life, and it relates to how we bear witness.

Consider some of the pressing questions that have emerged over the last decade. People are not asking Christians for their beliefs on "right and wrong." They want to know: "Does it work?" People are not asking if Christianity is *true*. They are asking whether it is good. People are not walking away from the church because they don't believe what the church is saying. They are walking away because they don't believe *the church believes* what it is saying.

In the first chapter of Daniel, several Israelites were brought into the king's service which meant, among other things, a change in their diets. Daniel appealed to the king's steward to let the Israelites use an alternative diet. He ends with this appeal: "Make your decision on the basis of what you see."

Notice Daniel does not rely upon an intellectual argument. He does not appeal to position or prestige. He does not resort to fear or threat. Rather, he says: "Observe, and respond appropriately." This is reminiscent of Christ's remark that wisdom is proved right by her children (Luke 7:35).

I believe these words from Daniel and Jesus have an important relevance for us today. People are less inclined to our arguments — our propositions. They are already bombarded with opinions. They are less compelled by mere logic. They want to see our life. Because in 2023, for better or for worse, *seeing is believing*.



Dr. Kevin and Maria Brown

Truth, ideas, beliefs, and values are often discovered in a person — not just a proposition. As an example from my own life, I could understand the biblical idea of a loving father because I was raised by a loving father. The possibility of living an "upright, Godly life, in this present age," as Paul described in Titus 2, was possible and plausible to me because I knew holy men and women. The contentedness, happiness, gratification, and satisfaction that I heard associated with living a virtuous and holy life was believable because I knew individuals who exhibited an enviable, unassailable peace and happiness. They had *Shalom*. And the statement "Jesus is Lord" made sense because I could point to others whose lives were governed by a different Kingdom and a different citizenship — a citizenship in Heaven (Philippians 3).

In sum, the teachings of Scripture were made plausible because I saw them lived out in others.

Why be good? Because we are designed for good. But living into this design is how we demonstrate the goodness of God and the love of Christ to those around us. Our life is the argument. When others see us, may they see the love, holiness, compassion, virtue, power, and humility of Christ.

Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.
President



Designed for Good:

A Purpose and a Plan

We are *Designed for Good*. This theme was evident across campus as Asbury welcomed more than 1,350 alumni, families and friends to Reunion 2023. Laughter and storytelling, the recognition of old friends and the discovery of new ones, marked this weekend of gathering and conversations, which included participants from ages two months to 97 years young.

The collective good of being together was on display in class gatherings celebrating banner-year classes ending in 3s and 8s, rehearsals, youth programming, fellowship at the Hiccup Coffee Shop, the President's Dinner, the Equine Program reunion, and in Hughes.

"It was like coming home," said one alum. "I didn't know how much I needed to be here, and I'm so glad I came."

'TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS, LOOK FULL IN HIS WONDERFUL FACE...'

The Hymn Sing began with a simple medley of choruses that filled Hughes Auditorium with the beautiful sound of congregational worship. A thousand voices lifted in praise reverberated throughout the space. The pleasure of singing together brought both joy and tears in this fellowship and communion with God. And it was good.

Gathering in Hughes Auditorium, where tens of thousands had gathered in February for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, was reverent and purpose-filled. There was remembrance, renewal and a challenge to live into all God created His people to be.

"We should strive to live 'upright, Godly lives in this present age' as Paul remarked in Titus, because this is our teleological end as persons made in the image of God. This is our design," said Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown.

Designed for Good was more than just a theme, it was a reminder of God's good purposes for His good creation. Time passes, faces change, but the weekend celebrations were attended by Asburians who continue to trust in God's faithfulness. They came with softened hearts ready to hear and share the stories of God's goodness, even when things are hard, making this gathering a rich time of refreshment and reconnections.





Designed for Good highlights the *Imago Dei* design in human beings and one component of God's goodness for us is being in community with one another. To illustrate, alumni share their stories on why the annual Reunion holds significance for them and their return to a supportive community.

"I have looked forward to attending Reunion ever since I graduated from Asbury! Everyone in my class is scattered around the world, so this was the first time since graduation that we could come together and reminisce. There was something special about being in person together that was a far richer experience than social media, which is great for seeing the highlights of someone's life, but having a space for us to come back in person and catch up on our lives was much better. I feel like the Vindicated Class had a really strong connection and I loved seeing them again!"

RACHEL VANLANINGHAM '18

"I was an Asbury student when God descended on our Chapel service in 1970. We all could feel His presence as a beautiful and wonderful force from Heaven glued us to our seats. I was a philosophy major and predominantly intellectual, but I knew of the potential of the Holy Spirit's activity among people. Before this happened, I had read a book about the 1950 Asbury revival and wondered if that could happen in our day since there was a lot of turmoil. Some students were praying for the Holy Spirit to come. Something powerful happened to me that day that I cannot explain; my spiritual DNA was rearranged. I arrived at Hughes this past February at midnight and was overwhelmed by God's presence, like in 1970. The next day, I went out on the lawn where thousands of people prayed and worshipped. I talked to so many people that were hungry for God and crying together about what He was doing. I decided to come to Reunion to meet with alumni and return to Hughes in fellowship with Jesus."

ALLEN MATHER '71

"Serving at Reunion these last few years with the Alumni Board have been such a blessing. While my wife, Kristi Henize '93 Becht, and I have never missed our own banner-year Reunions, we had never been on campus for others. Serving in an off year gave me a chance to reconnect with some great friends who weren't in my class. I cherish the memory of serving at a Golden Grad 50th Reunion class dinner. Sitting with those folks and hearing their stories was priceless. Sharing my own story as an alum, and also a parent of alums, in this Reunion season was so beneficial for me."

KEVIN BECHT '91

"I arrived at Asbury in September 1969 as a conceited 16-year-old pastor's kid who was angry at her parents for not letting her go to Harvard on a full scholarship. In the Cavalier Class, I met many other angry and confused teens struggling to figure out life. The Revival in 1970 changed us forever. I confessed my sins of pride and lying and felt instant forgiveness. The campus had been strife-filled for several years, but the Revival brought confession and repentance, even from professors and pastors. Now, my classmates live all over the globe, but past Reunions and the blessings of Christmas letters, cell phones, and emails have kept many of us connected over these 50 years. The fact that several alumni who only attended for one year came to our 50th class Reunion this June is a testimony to the bonds we formed long ago and have maintained over decades. Especially as we are all aging, I consider the Reunion a foretaste of Heaven."

DEBI GROUT '73 CLIFTON



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KEEPING TRACK OF OUR PAST

Frank Martin '73 shares his experience on the Asbury track team

Frank Martin '73 heard about the possibility of a track team during the days when the activity was only an intramural sport.

"It was a big deal when Asbury announced that a track team was going to be organized, but there were only six or seven of us on it at the start," said Martin. "Since I had run track in high school, I looked forward to returning to the track and hopefully doing well for Asbury."

Martin recalled the team members being close friends and feeling a campus-wide appreciation for the track team. In one instance, practice ran late, so the dining hall's chef fed the group in a side room after dinner's typical hours.

Little did Martin know that God would honor his decision to run track and use his years as a track athlete in his future ministry.

"My wife and I became missionary teachers for World Gospel Mission (WGM) at Southwest Indian School in Peoria, Ariz. While there, I had the opportunity to coach cross country and track and field for three years," said Martin. "Currently, my wife and I are pastors to retired WGM missionaries in the Southwest. Even with them, I can encourage them to keep running the race until the Lord calls them home."

He shares his story as a new track and field complex is currently under construction and expected to be completed during the 2023 fall semester.

"To have a dedicated facility for those who love to run will mean a lot to them," Martin said. "I ran on the old gravel track, and that's not always easy to do. Having an all-weather track will be a true blessing."

The initial phase of the Outdoor Venue includes an eight-lane track, turf field, lighting, and fencing adjacent to the school's athletics facilities. The University is still actively fundraising for the second phase of the project, which will include spectator seating, locker rooms, public restrooms, and an event space/press box designed to host university and public events.

To see facility renderings or to support the Outdoor Venue project, visit asbury.edu/outdoor-venue.

A few fun facts...

1,015

Pre-Registered through Reunion app

1,346

Total Registered Attendees

This includes those registered in Hughes

1,000 Voices for the Hymn Sing

27 Hymns (12 plus a medley of choruses at the Hymn Sing!)

26 Men's Glee Club vocalists

OLDEST ATTENDEE

97

Mrs. Verna Carter '48 at her 75th Reunion

34

Program and Worship Leaders

>100 Cavaliers and Guests of the 1973 Class Celebrated Their 50th Reunion

35+ 2018 Class Gathering Participants

14 Banner Year Class Gatherings

19

Equine Reunion Participants

11

Buildings Used Across Campus
Plus the equine farm and ropes course

about Reunion 2023

\$147k

Raised for the Reunion Class Gift project:

Common areas in the Residence Halls

50+

Events in Two and a Half Days

25

Reunion Ambassadors/
Conference Assistants

11

Alumni Board Members

12

Class Leaders

6

Livestreamed Programs
asbury.edu/reunion

6

Golf Carts for Campus Shuttles

480

Bottles of Ale 8

220

Cups of Coffee from the Hiccup Coffee Shop

600

Kona Ice Cones and Bags of Kettle Corn

105

in the Youth Program

1

Canoe Trip, Climbing Wall, Swimming and a Giant Inflatable Slide



A LEGACY IN MEN'S GLEE CLUB

For many alumni, Reunion is a time to travel back to college years and experience (or sing!) special memories. Bill Glover '74 recalls how Men's Glee Club shaped his eagerness to return to campus.

A sense of belonging. A fun family within the Asbury family. Sharing Jesus through music. All of these are wonderful memories that come to mind when I think about the privilege of participating in Men's Glee Club both as a student and now as an alumnus returning to Reunion. Growing up, I always enjoyed choral music and being in Men's Glee gave me that small group comfort of doing something I loved. And the friendships that grew out of it have lasted throughout the years, and I look forward to reconnecting with many friends during this Reunion.

Dr. Bill Goold, our director, taught us the meaning of hard work and musical excellence, but Men's Glee was not all rehearsal and performance. We had fun! Spring break concert tours allowed us to share the message of Jesus in song as well as see different parts of the country. I'll always remember the afternoon running around Washington, D.C., for the first time. I painfully remember getting sunburned on a beach in Florida one afternoon before singing later that night. And bus-ride Rook card games were a hit!

We were sharing the hope of a life with Jesus with folks in Wilmore and throughout our beautiful country. Psalm 133:1 says, "How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!"

Men's Glee taught me not only the importance of music but, more importantly, our calling to live in peace and harmony in His Spirit with our neighbors both near and far. This was an important life lesson that served me well in my years following Asbury. I was so thankful for this opportunity to be at Reunion this year and share in this renewed "harmony" once again!



Alumni Award Honorees



Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown, Arvid Metcalf '73, Judy Mommsen '65 Metcalf, Rev. Kathleen Register '53 Redeker, Joanne Davis '76, Jeanette Davis '76 Davis, Chris Bounds '88, Elijah Friedeman '15

ASBURY'S HIGHEST ALUMNI HONOR OF DISTINCTION

Every year during Reunion, the Asbury University Alumni Association recognizes a group of alumni who exemplify service, excellence and the love of Christ in their careers and callings. For the full bios of the honorees, visit asbury.edu/alumni-awards.

REV. KATHLEEN REGISTER '53 REDEKER

A faithful follower of God and a lover of all others that He places within her path is one way to describe Kathleen. She served as a missionary-teacher in Japan where, outside the classroom, she held home Bible studies. After moving back to the U.S., Kathleen became an ordained minister. As a pastor, she was a compassionate teacher who modeled the call of God to live a life of "holiness unto the Lord." She and her late husband established a family scholarship to help students attend Asbury. A fervent prayer warrior, Kathleen rarely misses a Chapel service online and is one of Asbury's greatest fans on social media.

ARVID '73 AND JUDY MOMMSEN '65 METCALF

Exemplifying servant-leadership and devotion to Christ, Arvid and Judy invest in their community in big and small ways. Judy taught science and Bible at a Methodist mission school in Panama. Arvin served in the U.S. Navy, started Metcalf Mechanical Contractors, and was a pilot for UPS. After retirement, the couple increased their service at Asbury, including Judy serving as a "hall mom" at Asbury for 10 years. The couple has opened their home to hundreds of guests over the years and continues to help families in need. Their hospitality and service are cherished throughout Wilmore and around the world.

REV. DR. CHRIS BOUNDS '88

As an ambassador for God's Kingdom and the Wesleyan Holiness doctrine, Chris advances the cause of Christ through his teaching, preaching and writings. He has served as a pastor, as a professor and Wesley Scholar in Residence at Asbury University, and as the dean of the School of Theology & Ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University. He currently serves as a professor of theology at Asbury Theological Seminary. Bounds is also on the board of One Mission Society and The Francis Asbury Society.

A theologian and evangelist, Chris desires to see people respond to the invitation to live a saved, sanctified, and sent life for God.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUM AWARD HONOREE

This award was created in 2000 to acknowledge younger alumni who are emerging as influential leaders.

ELIJAH FRIEDEMAN '15

Elijah is not afraid to place his trust in Jesus and boldly speak the truth of God's Word. After graduating from Asbury with majors in Ancient Languages and Communications, Elijah received an M.Div. Upon finishing seminary, he realized two options appeared before him in his service to God: missionary work in the Philippines or planting a church in Mississippi. "I recognized that the church in Mississippi would not get planted if I did not go there." Elijah heeded the call to establish Foundry Church in Mississippi. He also serves as the vice president of enrollment at Wesley Biblical Seminary.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Honoring those who selflessly give of their time, talents and resources in support of Asbury.

JEANETTE DAVIS '76 DAVIS

Jeanette has a "come alongside" ministry that she uses to serve the Asbury community. She works behind the scenes with Reunion, assists with serving the retired faculty group, continues to invest in the Illuminated and Consecrated Classes, and volunteered to host guests during the Outpouring.

JOANNE DAVIS '76

Generously volunteering her time and talents, Joanne found joy in helping advance Asbury's mission. She served on the Alumni Board, greeted alumni at Reunion and during online prayer times, helped with Set Apart retreats, served during the Outpouring, and faithfully prayed for the Asbury family.



1 The "Viking Six" pictured in 1962, left to right: Carolyn Range, Nanci Anne Thompson, Judy Denning, Georgia Cleveland, Beverly Moore, Karen Ruegg **2** The "Viking Six" pictured in 2014, left to right: Carolyn Range Ingles, Nanci Anne Thompson Youngblood, Judy Denning McCurdy, Georgia Cleveland Henderson, Beverly Moore Van Landingham, Karen Ruegg Montgomery **3** The "Viking Six" pictured in 2016, left to right: Carolyn Range Ingles, Nanci Anne Thompson Youngblood, Judy Denning McCurdy, Georgia Cleveland Henderson, Beverly Moore Van Landingham, Karen Ruegg Montgomery

The Vikings Return

Alumna Nanci Thompson '64 Youngblood recounts her friend group's reconnections 50 years after their memorable campus camaraderie

After 50 years, it was a huge surprise to hear from former Asbury College classmates that a reunion of the "Viking Six" was being planned. Six of us began college in the fall of 1960 in the Viking Class and became fast friends — three sets of roommates: **Judy Denning '64 McCurdy** and **Carolyn Range '64 Ingles, Beverly Moore '64 Van Landingham** and **Georgia Cleveland '64 Henderson, Karen Ruegg '64 Montgomery** and **Nanci Anne Thompson '64 Youngblood**. We began our freshman year in Fletcher Hall with 'Ms. VS' (Van Sciver) as our housemother.

So, what did we do besides take classes, study, and attend Chapel? Judy was the angel of us all. She was a Cheerleader with a capital 'C.' If we couldn't find Judy, she was somewhere helping someone with a problem. She also sang in Brahms' German Requiem in her sophomore year. Carolyn was a voice major who always seemed to be heading to the practice rooms. She sang in the Women's Glee Club, and as a member of The Salvation Army, she was in the band. Beverly was a cheerleader for our class's Viking basketball teams and played in The Salvation Army band, as did Georgia, who was also on the Student-Faculty Committee. Karen worked on the 1962 Asburian staff and was president of the French Club. Nanci Anne was vice president of the 1962 Viking Cabinet and played basketball her freshman year.

In the fall of 2014, lodging was arranged for a Viking reunion by Carolyn at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska

United Methodist Conference Center, about 30 miles from Asheville, N.C. When we met at the Asheville airport, we celebrated with hugs and the awesome realization that each of us was still alive and healthy, but some of us wondered, "Who are these old women?"

We checked into the hotel in the same roommate configuration we had at Asbury, and the reminiscing began. We pulled out old yearbooks and many pictures, bringing back rich memories. The administration and professors we had were a big topic of conversation, as were the whereabouts of former classmates and their respective careers, marriages, break-ups, and locales.

Each of our life situations was different. Some were grieving widows, others were celebrating nearly 50 years of marriage. We all agreed that our experience at Asbury was life-changing, and we were all grateful for the adventures of learning, spiritual growth, and fellowship we experienced there.

There was one more reunion in 2016 — this time in West Palm Beach, Fla., including lots of talking, eating, beach walking, and catching up, and we vowed to meet again soon in person. None of us knows what the future will hold. We all turned 80 last year and still celebrate life! We are thankful for relatively good health, memories, and the continuation of our relationships throughout the years.



Reunion Class Photos

CLASSES OF 1943-1958

ROW 1

Vince Sutlive '53
Yvonne Cochran '58 Moulton
Verna Scrabeck '48 Carter
Kathleen Register '53 Redeker
JoAnne Jordan '58
Yvonne Lorentzen '58

ROW 2

Mary Jim Fuller '53 Luce
Mark George '53
Jim Rush '58
Sandra Hancock '58 Wilmot
Elaine Beadles '58 Hotelling

CLASS OF 1963

ROW 1

Diana Sullivan Lewis
Lois McFarland Howell
Elsa Davis Jensen
Katherine Houpp Hanke
Patty Falk Moats
Judy Amstutz Vanaugh
Wanda Wiley
Judy Green Barnhouse
Sharon Long Thompson
Barb Vibbert Cook
Brenda Schroen Ledbetter

ROW 2

Carol Hahn Shaddock
Ron Koteskey
Gene Snodgrass
Elizabeth Pflaumer Simon
Judy Mayer Biddulph
David Falk
Rodger Nunn
Dale Long
Jerry Green
Wayne Vibbert
James Heidinger
Welton Wright

CLASS OF 1968

ROW 1

Frances Noah Browning
Kay Widmaier Griffith
Judy Faris Ripley

Frances Upperman Corbly
Sharon Brown Thompson
Marty Law Stoneking
May Greene
Mary Waters Rush
Mary Iwamoto Vore
Pat Waite Teeter
Sudie Williams Henderson
Charlotte Jewett Faur

ROW 2

Melvin Noah
Brice Howard
Doug Love
David Persons
David Upperman
Evie Barnard Brooks
Edie Cramer Cravens
Marilyn Satre Elkjer
Peggy Miller O'Neal
Carol Morris Redmond
Sarah Parker Whittum
Barbara Steiner Hebble
Ellen Bullock Walch

ROW 3

Fred Gardner
Dave Satre
Darlene Elliott Montgomery
Bob Barnard
Paul Law
C.E. Crouse
Kenneth Miller
Phil Thornton
Mel Jewett
Ken Wyatt
Reggie Sullivan

CLASS OF 1973

ROW 1

Mary Cady
Deborah Shaw Lewis
Lynne Hepner Thomas
Bev Brown Robb
Madelyn Beltz
Cindy Noble Saylor
Becky Barnett Brown
Debi Grout Clifton
Redonia McKnight Thomas
Elise Wiley Hinkle
Jan Griffin Potts

Beth Ziegler Miller
Corinne Calder

ROW 2

David Allison
Julia Glover Simms
Billie Lowry Goodwill
Mary-Pat Quigg Fuller
Sylvia Moore Degenkolb
Vicki Lanham
Carol Revall Freeman
Perry Broken
Suzanne Simich Scott
Parry Youngblood Huffman
Sharon Engler Martin
Lynn Moffett Cone
Marcia Harer Heminger
Ed Robb
Kathy Nulton Ware
Don Hutchison
Danny Key

ROW 3

David Simms
John Needham
Gregg Lewis
Chris Allen Gabrielsen
Louise Birk Bowers
Sharon Royster Adams
Rebecca Elliott Smith
Dusty Adams Nelson
Edward Arrington
Ken Abraham
Larry Bertsch
Derrel Cone
Vicki Case Reich
Nancy Meyers Scruggs
Geneva Hamilton Richardson
Greg Lippman
Linda Crouse Cook

ROW 4

Curt Nicholson
Sterling Ammons
Keith Jones
David Stevens
Curt Olson
Bill Bowdle
Roger Melson
Earl Blair
Franklin Martin
Paul Susan
Larry Piatt

Arvid Metcalf

ROW 5

Jim Fant
John Eisenberg
Bob Kirk
David Muir
Mark Barcelo
Mark Vance
Jeff Barber
Timothy Walz

CLASS OF 1978

ROW 1

Diane Battles Sillaman
Sandy Ritz Ebert
Marcia Behrens Copmton
LouAnne Harris Crosswhite
Cliff Ann Perry
Donald Haines
Debbie Brinson Lane
Mary Lynn Flessner Parker
Audrey Holmgren Baxter
Donna Munoz Harris
Connie Allmon Hendricks
Claire Wittwer Sigountos

ROW 2

Joe Reeves Locke
Dawn Fox Byrum
Margaret Sharian Hilderbrand
Lynn Lang Revely
Linda Lutz Sayers
Carol Amey
Sue Mash
Robin Elder Cathers
Wanda Campbell Roberts
Cynthia Farst Arnold
Dawn Ford Veazey

ROW 3

Brian Braunchwieger
Bill Ury
Robert Ebert
Douglas Moore
Tim Olmen
Rick Johnson
Rick Noah
Sam Bean
Phillip Glick





**CLASSES OF
1943-1958**



**CLASS OF
1963**



**CLASS OF
1973**



**CLASS OF
1968**



**CLASS OF
1978**



**CLASS OF
1983**

ROW 1

Meg Allinder Trump
Julie Hedden Keeton
Jane Stevens Andrus
Becky Dyer Bartmas
Diane Nelson Ury
Towanna Anstett Roller
Stephanie Browning Smith
Marcia Dillingham Bonney
Mary Boardman
Friedeman
Nancy Grout Forbes
Markie Bridwell Clements
Gail Jones Matthews

ROW 2

Dan Trump
Timothy Lee
Teri Conwell Stephenson
Daniel Andrus
Bethany Hull Petrie
Samuel Figueroa
Randy Coleman
Ray Smith
Jon Roller
Chuck Coleman
Paul Dupree
Steve Clements
Mark Matthews

**CLASS OF
1988**

ROW 1

Barbers Dow Muenze
Lisa Spahr Pause
Shellie Benz Blaur
Anna Marie Huyett Kelley
Cheryl Barker
Nesselroade
Alice Maggard
Kathleen Hysong Bregel
Karen Dougherty McBride
Valerie VanSweden
Sharon Angel Clements

ROW 2

Keith Koteskey
Philip Todd
Gene Gansz
Jim Witt
Timothy Hoffman
Timothy Davis
Jeffrey Shafer
Mike Manning
Kelly McBee-Bogges
Chris Bounds

ROW 3

John Muenze
Steven Ross
Rich Lively
Alan McBride

**CLASS OF
1993**

ROW 1

Holly Bundrant
Tracy Faris Rexford
Therese Brockinton
Hodges
Kimberly Beaty Davidson
Lynn Hendry Owens *
Jim Owens *

ROW 2

Kristi Henize Becht
Kathy Henderson Upham
Danielle Boisvert Miller
Jennifer Ballard Miller
Jennifer Abner Cooney
Sarah Thomas Baldwin
Stephanie Fox Nelson
Jana Bracken

ROW 3

Melinda Jones Hambrick
Amy Turkelson Cross
Valerie Bower Gibbs
Jen Sprigler Murrhiy
Tiffany Switzer Harper

ROW 4

Deanna Simpson
David Miller
Dave Miller
Chad Crouch
Ashley McGlone
Larry Jarrard

ROW 5

Matthew Atkins
Adam Dost
Brandon Rexford
Neil Brenner
Dave Bame
Brady Nasfell
Christopher "Toph" Jones

**CLASS OF
1998**

ROW 1

Brian Messman
Jennifer Robertson
Kantner
Cari Smith Longworth
Emily Nestor Walsh
Renee Lacy
Jacci Thompson Erney
Catherine Piatt
Bonie Jo Mayer
Kobylnski
Amanda Fryman
Jennifer Yount Driggers

ROW 2

Jennifer Schroeder
Johnson
Ashleigh Lindsay Behnke
Marshall Wise
Philip Putnam
Stan Rogowski



Devin Brown*
Chris Segre-Lewis
Amie Fiskeaux Hall
Laura O'Neal Segre-Lewis
Candace Brown

ROW 3

Paul Cablish
Mark Underwood
Brad Easley

**CLASS OF
2003**

ROW 1

Greg Austin*
Carol Amey*
Casey Corbit

Cheryll Crowe Johnson
Caresse Freed Wesley
Erin McLaughlin
ROW 2
Sarah Leckie Hogencamp
Melanie Bakaysa Kung
Tiffany Garrett Ingle



CLASS OF 1983



CLASS OF 2018



CLASS OF 2008



CLASS OF 2003



CLASS OF 2013

CLASS OF 2008

ROW 1

Kelsey Klingenfus
Birdwhistell
Felice Stanton Salmon
Elizabeth Asberry Barber
Tiffany Walz Hassler
Emily Hawks Lanier
Hannah Armour
Rachel Lynch Moore
Mary Rohrer
Shelly Reeves

ROW 2

J.D. Moran
Jordan Dongell
Nathan Kreider
Anna Bryson
Caitlynn Taylor Iddings
Grace Miller
Janna Dongell
Jessica Dupree Brout
Will Adams
Jonathan Cooper

ROW 3

Mark Hepner
Ben Kreider
Blake Barber
Richard Bloodworth
Nathaniel Richter
Nathan Lavin
Colin McGothlin
Zach Stone
Lee Peters

ROW 4

Jesse Hinson
Thad Salmon
Aaron Iddings
Dustin Ford
Clay Hassler
Caleb Stinson

Sarah Hammerlee Banter
Alexandra Richard Canada
Blaire Chambers Flood

ROW 3

Casey Cooley
Carolyn Ridley*
Abby LeCompte Carroll
Beth Crist Robson
Shannon Raidy Falo
Melissa Landon Schnell
Alison Piercey Alexin
Joshua Bynum
James Banter
Lynn Owens*
Jim Owens*

ROW 4

Andrew Hunter
Cody Guiler
Zachary Bennett
Heath Crist
Layne Hilyer
Daniel Alexander
Ethan Engelhardt
Jonathan Rehner
Richard Rutledge
Aaron Hill
George Lytle
Joel Sigler

CLASS OF 2018

ROW 1

Laney Race King
Caitlin Conyers Grammel
Sarah Boiney Moore
Lisa Humason
Kelly Hagan Turner
Phoebe Glaser

ROW 2

Jessica Segal
Kaleigh Howard
Jenna Filipiak Schell
Bryanna Staed
Kiara Yee

ROW 3

Liz Loudon
Katie Rutledge
Grace Keener
Elizabeth Griffin Renner
Madison Farrar Martin

ROW 4

Will Turner
Phillip Salmen
Adam Schell
Alaina Trump
Rachel VanLaningham

ROW 5

JB Bowman
Nathan McBride
Brenden Moore
Austin Frerman
Josh Becht

CLASS OF 2013

ROW 1

Sara Bissig Cooley
Taylor Techau Boyd
Hope Telligero
Katie Wilson Garden
Andrea Turner Goodwin
Laura Hochstetler Hales
Leah Powers
Becca Richards Dickerson
Jordan Cuckler Engelhardt

ROW 2

Lauren Draper Hilyer
Jen Bacon Guiler
Anna Leon Johns
Megan Lewellen Napier
Lindsey McKenzie
Durcholz
Catherine Flowers
Brittainy Martinez Beaver
Alisha Abner Bynum

Karen Nichols Lyngdoh
Cat Hilgers Emar
Heather Hunt Kennedy
Elizabeth Pinkston Jones

ROW 3

Brandon Spencer
Stephen Webb

Angela Hale Hardin
Mike Peters
Diane King Chisholm
Matthew Jones

ROW 4

Peter Cook
Matt Holmes

Nam Lyngdoh
Shawn Culbreath
Adam Chisholm
Kyle Vanover

ROW 5

Benjamin Bowman
Jason Parmer

Mark Siverling
Jonathan Powers
Kevin Cline
Brandon Williamson

ROW 6

Neal Schultz
Brian Dean

* Class Advisor



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1 Volunteer prayer teams were a blessing to people at the Outpouring. 2 284 colleges and universities were represented at Asbury in February. 3 Iannah Jones felt a pull to Hughes Auditorium in February, canvas and paints in hand. 4 Nathan Thallman '24, Lena Marlowe '23, Ava Miller '25, and Isaiah Friedeman '23 were among dozens of other students who traveled the U.S. and the world in the weeks and months following the Outpouring. The impact of the Outpouring continues around the world as students share in Canada, England, Ireland, Thailand, and more this summer.

ASBURY OUTPOURING

Celebrating God's Goodness

Reunion guests attended a service in Hughes Auditorium on Saturday evening during Reunion to worship and pray together and to learn more about the Outpouring that happened on campus in February.

Alumni and their families heard first-hand accounts and testimonies, including thoughts from President Dr. Kevin Brown and his wife, Maria, who shared their perspectives of Gen Z encountering God in real and tangible ways during the Outpouring.

"On that very last day of prayer, when 1,500 young adults packed into Hughes, somebody looked at them and said, 'You will not be the generation defined by anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, and addiction,'" recalled Brown. "There was a swell from those students that rose up to say, 'We will be free.' My friend David Thomas said, 'If we had the spiritual eyes to see it, we would have seen an altar filled with loosened chains.'"

After worship, attendees heard from students **Jessie Thompson '24** and **Delorges Goncalves '22**, Director of Christian Life Project **Jeannie Banter '06**, Gospel choir leader **Benjamin Black '20**, and ministry leader Zach Meerkreebs in a discussion led by Vice President for Student Life **Rev. Dr. Sarah Thomas '93 Baldwin**.

"My life hasn't been the same," said Meerkreebs. "[The Outpouring] is just starting. The 16 days here in February was a flashpoint."

Baldwin discussed the discerning process of saying 'yes' to how God was working.

"It was more than we can imagine and more than we could dream," she said. "One of those first 'yes' moments was when we were thinking if we should close Hughes at midnight. There are a lot of reasons why you don't have buildings open all night, but our whole group had the sense of 'Yes, God is doing something, and we want to steward it.'"

While sharing the state of the Outpouring four months later, Brown said, "A fire is hottest when it's dying down into smoldering embers. Even though it may look like things are dying down, what if it's just getting hot? Moreover, what if the 284 colleges and universities and 50,000 visitors from other states and countries are now torchbearers? The goal was never to localize anything because it's not ours to hold. We didn't create it, and we didn't stop it."

Before a time of guided prayer, Banter closed with Habakkuk 1:5: "Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

To watch the service, visit asbury.edu/reunion/livestreams.

A GIFT OF WORSHIP

"Impressions of Outpouring"

The day after the Outpouring began, Asbury Academy student* Iannah Jones felt called to join the ongoing worship in Hughes Auditorium in February. As she packed up necessities for the day on campus, the Holy Spirit spoke to her and said, "Bring a canvas."

"I asked why, and He said, 'To capture the moment,'" said Iannah. This nudge from God was the first step to her painting "Impressions of Outpouring," an acrylic art piece that Iannah describes as a "gift of worship" for Jesus during her time spent in the balcony of Hughes.

"I may have held the brush, but it really wasn't me [who painted it]," Iannah explained. "I've had family members say that I'm a good artist, but there was a level of expertise that was beyond my abilities at the moment."



← Scan here to watch Iannah's full story
To see her art site or purchase a print,
visit art-by-annah.square.site/

* Asbury Academy is an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit at Asbury while completing high school. For more information, visit asbury.edu/academy.

ASBURY EQUINE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

As part of Reunion, the Asbury University Equine Department celebrated its 25th year anniversary on Saturday, June 24, at the Equine farm.



Harold Rainwater '69 has led the program for all of its 25 years.

"Asbury is fortunate to be located in Central Kentucky, the heart of horse country," said Asbury University

President Dr. Kevin Brown. "As a Christian university that has spent well over a century in this region, we are so thankful to celebrate 25 years of having an equestrian program with world-class staff and faculty on world-class Kentucky bluegrass property."

NEW PROGRAM: M.S. IN ACCOUNTING

Asbury continues its tradition of excellence and market relevance with a new Master of Science in Accounting program launching this fall. The program provides students with a direct path to earning the 150 college credit hours required to become a Certified Public Accountant in Kentucky. It also is designed to be a +1 program where students pursuing an undergraduate degree in accounting can seamlessly enter the graduate program.

"Students will exit the program with education that will allow them to not only be excellent accountants who help steward financial resources, but also equipped professionals with a solid foundation to be faith-filled Christian businessmen and women," said Dr. Alesha Graves, dean of the Dayton School of Business.

SEARCH SYMPOSIUM WINNER

In April, the annual SEARCH Symposium and competition showcased student research in the Walt and Rowena Shaw Collaborative Learning Center to celebrate innovative ideas in art and research through conversation across the liberal arts.

Lillie Lewis '23 received the SEARCH Symposium Student Scholar of Excellence, for her paper, "Expression of CD56, CD16, and CD19 in Whole Blood Cells of Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease," with faculty-sponsor Dr. Bruce Branam. The prize included \$1,000 cash, an award certificate, and an object of art.

ASBURY SCHOLARS TRANSLATE AND PUBLISH BOOK ABOUT SAINT ANDREW'S MINISTRY

Associate Professor of Classical Languages Randy Richardson and Professor of History (Emeritus) **Dr. Burnam Reynolds '70** recently published a book, 'Gregory of Tours: The Book of the Miracles of the Blessed Andrew the Apostle.'

ASBURY MATH PROFESSORS SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Professor and Chair of Mathematics **Dr. Cheryll Crowe '03 Johnson** recently received acceptance into the Women's Leadership Development Institute (WLDI) within the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU). This highly competitive, year-long program aims to empower female leaders across CCCU institutions. The leadership development program with the Institute at Cedar Springs includes a tailored shadowing experience with senior-level leaders across CCCU campuses and networking opportunities throughout the 2023-2024 academic year.

Also, the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) recently selected Associate Professor of Mathematics **Dr. Ben McLaughlin '07** as a Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) fellow for the 2023-2024 academic year.

ASBURY SCIENCE STUDENTS CONDUCT SUMMER RESEARCH

The following students in the Shaw Student Research Internship Program conduct research under the supervision of science professors: **Ewing Wiley '24**, **Katherine Stanley '24**, and **Sara Brewer '24**.

Biology major **Ethan Hoogerheide '24** serves as an intern at the Division of Water in Frankfort, Ky., and chemistry major **Rebekah Bogle '24** works with NASA samples as a senior research aide at the Argonne National Laboratory's Advanced Photon Source.



Ewing Wiley '24 with faculty supervisor Dr. Marvin Ruffner



← Scan here to watch more about Dr. Ruffner's summer research



NAME AND SPONSORS ANNOUNCED FOR THE FRESHMEN CLASS OF 2027



This year's incoming class is now officially named the Beloved Class of 2027, and the class verse is John 17:23.

The incoming freshmen Class Sponsors — **Amanda Hobbs '24** and **Andrew Seamands '24** — have begun their work to welcome the group of students.

"We are so excited and expectant for this freshman class," said Hobbs. "They are covered in prayer, and we are excited to share how their class identity is aligned with the love that their Heavenly Father has for them!"

The freshmen class sponsors are designed to mentor, challenge, and walk with new students as they begin living out their college years. Along with faculty and staff advisors, senior sponsors offer a unique perspective and guidance to encourage and relate to their peers.

Along with fellow students experiencing college life alongside new Asburians, the 2027 class is also prayed over and mentored by School of Education Professor **Dr. Brittney Polis '08 Worthen** and her husband, **Ryan Worthen '03**.

SET APART RETREAT HELD IN COLORADO

Students traveled out West to rest, study and connect with God

In May, 46 students spent five days in Colorado for biblical worldview training and a refreshing time of learning what it means to be "set apart."

"It's a practical way for Asbury students to understand the theme, physically going away from campus and learning what it means to be 'set apart.' This trip was a great reminder of the need for rest and also identifying and implementing daily rhythms in my life to help me be more intentional about connecting with God," said Media Communication student, **John Teoh '25**.

At the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur, Colo., participants' daily itineraries consisted

of small breakout groups and free hours where students could hike, relax, or play camp sports. During morning and evening sessions, speakers from Summit Ministries and Asbury discussed how truth changes everything.

Students took an afternoon to hike and see the breathtaking mountainous landscapes in Garden of the Gods park in Colorado Springs.

Returning from the retreat, a survey showed that 90 percent of students who participated in the retreat felt more confident in sharing their faith while 85 percent felt a better capability of defending their beliefs.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS PRESENT CAPSTONE PROJECTS AND ATTEND INTENSIVE COURSES

Following April's commencement, The Salvation Army held its second-annual capstone presentation and intensive course for ministry management bachelor's program officers. This year, 27 officers gathered to showcase their capstone projects that develop a business plan to implement in their community.

Afterward, more than 90 officers visited campus for a May intensive week including classes on finance for nonprofits, fundraising for nonprofits, personal and spiritual care in service as a minister, mentoring in ministry, and ESL training. Time was also built in for rest and reflection.

"We try to create a refueling space even as they have class and are learning," said the Director of Salvation Army Programs **Kristi Boss MBA '20**.

MEDIA COMMUNICATION STUDENTS AND ALUMNI COLLABORATE ON SONY FILM

In May, Asbury hosted the professional feature film production "Mr. Manhattan," which was shot in several locations on and around Asbury's campus with the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts acting as hub for the production. The on-Asbury set consisted of a fully furnished apartment built in the TV studio soundstage with other classrooms and spaces utilized as dressing rooms for the actors and production offices for the crew.



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1 This recent retreat is the first time Set Apart has ventured out west after retreats to Panama City Beach, Fla. **2** For 90 years, Asbury and The Salvation Army have been united in the common cause of impacting the world for the cause of Christ. **3** The crew of “Mr. Manhattan” included more than 30 Asbury students, faculty, and alumni in a wide range of roles. **4** Each summer, Eagle Days give incoming students an opportunity to work through the fall registration process before the busyness of Welcome Weekend and to get ahead on their college planning while also making new friends. **5** ImpactU visitors can explore specific subject areas, including Equine.

“Mr. Manhattan” was written by **Andrea Gyertson '96 Nasfell** and produced by her husband **Brady Nasfell '93 MBA '17**. The couple moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 2007, where they live and work as prolific artists in the film industry. They returned to Asbury to produce the feature film of their own. Brady, an alumnus of the Media Communication program, praised the building’s capacity to accommodate a professional production of that scale:

“The building creates a lot of opportunities for students, and now we’ve been able to bring a fairly sizeable feature film and make use of the facilities,” he said. “It’s more than adequate for what we need, and it’s given students an opportunity to work on a production that is professional, and they’re learning a lot.”

“It’s been gratifying to come back and be a part of this,” Brady continued. “I’m very interested in the next generation of filmmakers, and we’ve made every effort to get students involved because of that.”

EAGLE DAYS CELEBRATE LARGE INCOMING CLASS

New students stepped onto campus from all over the country this summer as the second-annual Eagle Days exceeded capacity and welcomed more than 200 new students plus their families to Wilmore.

“We are excited to welcome Asbury’s largest incoming freshman class in over ten years, the Beloved Class,” said Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing Jennifer McChord.

Asbury expects more than 400 new students to join campus this fall, representing at least 31 states and 29 countries with an average high school GPA of 3.86.

“These students are leaders in the classroom, on the athletic fields, in their churches, local communities, and across the globe,” continued McChord. “This class will mark Asbury’s 134th freshman class and we are praying for them to belong, become, and be set apart!”

SUMMER CAMPS BRING MORE THAN 5,000 ON CAMPUS

Asbury’s annual high school camps — ImpactU, Youth Becoming Leaders (YBL) and SummitCamp — brought students and high schoolers to campus over the summer and, with the attendance of this year’s Reunion, contributed to more than 5,000 people on campus!

Students at ImpactU experienced a five-day, college-like environment with hands-on exploration of an academic area in the context of a Christian community.

YBL brought together exceptional young leaders, providing them with the knowledge, skills, experience, and inspiration necessary to become effective agents of change and leadership in their churches and communities.

“I am truly inspired by the talent, passion, and dedication exhibited by the participants of this year’s Youth Becoming Leaders,” said Dr. Brian Hull, director of YBL. “These young men and women are great leaders, and we are confident that they will go on to shape a brighter future for our church and world.”

SummitCamp is designed to engage teens with today’s top worldview thinkers and apologists and equip them to stand for truth in the marketplace while experiencing Christ in a new way. “So often in Christian culture we are told to simply ‘have faith,’ and the leaders in our lives aren’t always open to answering hard questions about God and Christianity,” said SummitCamp Counselor **Dorcus Lara '26**. “At Summit, every question is met with open arms and earns a thoughtful response.”

Not only did Asbury have high schoolers on campus, but TeamAU held kids’ sports camps including soccer, basketball, volleyball and softball.



EMMA REID BEGINS HER ROLE AS STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Visit [asbury.edu/news](https://www.asbury.edu/news) to read the full interview.



NCCAA



Will Shouse '02, left, and Mark Whitworth '84 received Asbury's #KingChasing award from the NCCAA.

Asbury Athletics Named NCCAA 2023 #KingChasing Institution of the Year

The National Christian College Athletics Association (NCCAA) recently named Asbury University the NCCAA #KingChasing Institution of the Year. Asbury Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Communications **Mark Whitworth '84**, and Men's Basketball Head Coach **Will Shouse '02** received the award on behalf of Asbury at the Annual NCCAA Convention.

The #KingChasing program uses the four values of the Game Plan 4 LIFE – Love, Integrity, Faith, and Excellence – to enhance the purpose of collegiate athletics to be more than winning championships. The mission of the #KingChasing program is to keep Christ at the center of the student-athlete experience.

#KINGCHASING



JOE CROUSE NAMED ASBURY HEAD GOLF COACH

The Asbury University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced **Joe Crouse '94** as head coach of the Men's Golf team.

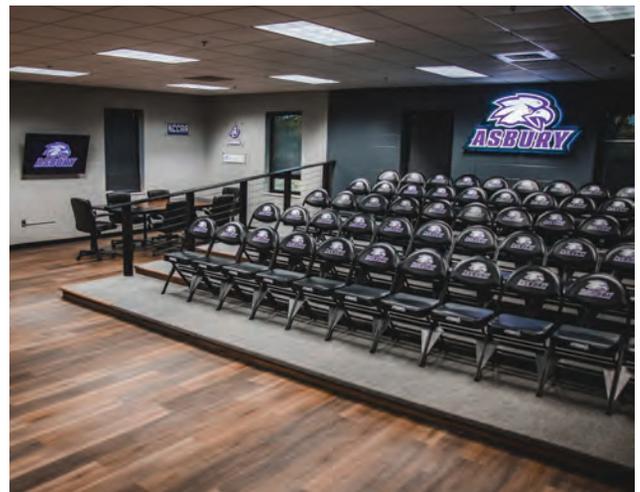
Crouse is a 1994 Asbury graduate with a B.A. in Accounting and is a Certified Management Accountant. While at Asbury, Crouse played on the varsity tennis team and has been playing golf for the better part of his life, currently holding a low, single-digit handicap. He follows Scott Ferguson, who left Asbury to become lead pastor at Harvest Church in McCordsville, Ind.

The AU men's team returns junior **Garrett Sturges** and sophomore **João Costa**, both reaching early success in their Asbury golf careers. Sturges, a Business Administration major earned NCCAA All-American honors in each of his first two seasons while tallying eight top-10 finishes. Costa, a sophomore Business Administration major won the Spalding Spring Invitational in his freshman season alongside multiple top-10 finishes.

AU men's golf made consecutive NCCAA National Championship appearances in the last two seasons after winning the NCCAA National Championship in Palm Coast, Fla., in 2021.

ASBURY TEAM MEETING ROOM

Formerly the Hospitality Room, the Asbury Athletics Team Meeting Room was recently renovated. Movie theater style risers with seating for 55 student-athletes, large video screens for film, a conference table, and a soft seating area all serve to enhance the Asbury student-athlete experience. The Team Meeting Room is for all athletics teams to gather and for coaches to meet with prospective student-athletes.





Taylor Enlow '24



Ethan Cartwright '24



Brody Bearden '26

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#KINGCHASING

TAYLOR ENLOW, ETHAN CARTWRIGHT, AND BRODY BEARDEN NAMED NCCAA ALL-AMERICANS

The National Christian College Athletics Association (NCCAA) announced **Taylor Enlow '24** (softball), **Ethan Cartwright '24** (baseball), and **Brody Bearden '26** (baseball) as 2023 First Team All-Americans.

Enlow, a junior for Asbury softball, finished the year tied for first in the NCCAA in doubles (20), seventh in AVG (.477), fourth in SLG (.826), and fourth in OPS (1.329).

In 39 games, Cartwright produced 53 hits, 35 RBIs, 38 runs scored, seven doubles, three triples, and four home runs. Cartwright was also earlier named the 2023 NCCAA Midwest Region Player of the Year, Asbury's second in a row after **Walker Paris '02** took the award in 2022.

Bearden, a freshman right-handed pitcher for Asbury baseball, opened his AU career with five wins in seven starts, an impressive 3.86 ERA, and was named 2023 NCCAA Midwest Region Pitcher of the Year.

ASBURY ANNOUNCES 37 GRADUATING SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

TeamAU announced 37 graduating Scholar-Athletes, representing more than 10 percent of the 2023 class. To be eligible for this honor, student-athletes must have maintained an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher during their undergraduate studies. The group was honored with a commemorative AU Scholar-Athlete lapel pin, received in time to wear at Commencement.

ASBURY ATHLETICS EARNS 3.48 GPA IN 2023 SPRING SEMESTER

Asbury Athletics announced a combined department GPA of 3.48 for the 2023 spring semester. In total, 212 Asbury student-athletes earned Honor Roll status (3.25 or above semester GPA) while 149 achieved the status of Scholar-Athletes (3.5 cumulative GPA following the semester).

Also, 55 Asbury student-athletes earned NCCAA Scholar-Athlete status for the 2022-23 school year, maintaining a cumulative 3.40 or higher. Asbury baseball represented nine NCCAA Scholar-Athletes for the 2023 season. The NCCAA highlighted three Asbury softball players as Scholar-Athletes alongside four AU men's and women's tennis players and an Asbury track and field member.



#TEAMAU GOLF EXPERIENCE

Asbury Athletics will host the 2023 TeamAU Golf Experience on Monday, Oct. 23, at Champion Trace Golf Course in Nicholasville, Ky.

The TeamAU Golf Experience is an amazing opportunity for Asbury student-athletes and supporters to connect in fellowship. All event proceeds help fund special projects that enhance the experience for our student-athletes at AU.

Register at www.asburycommunity.org/events/golf-experience.

HOW TO FOLLOW ASBURY ATHLETICS

- ▶ For the latest information on Asbury Athletics follow us [@asburyeagles](https://www.instagram.com/asburyeagles) on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook or visit asburyeagles.com.
- ▶ Watch all of our TeamAU home games live on Asbury Sports Digital Network (asburysportsdigitalnetwork.com)



Cheerful Givers

Alumni couple, Kurt '92 and Heidi Rupprecht '92 Jahnke share of their love for continued giving



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Alumni couple **Kurt '92** and **Heidi Rupprecht '92 Jahnke** deeply commit to pouring into the lives of Asbury students through their 29 years of giving to their alma mater.

Their unlikely journey to Asbury showcased God's divine plan. Both Kurt and Heidi planned to attend other colleges. "My mom kept leaving literature around the house from Asbury," explained Kurt. "I said that I'd go visit Asbury to get her to lay off the idea a little bit." After visiting, Kurt fell in love with Asbury and knew that it was where God called him to be.

Heidi briefly stepped on the Asbury campus for a choir competition and later applied just to see if she would be accepted. After Heidi's acceptance, her advisor, **Dr. Winston Smith '50** reached out to her in a way that she described as personal and defining.

"His encouragement was a thoughtful and eye-opening gesture unlike a state school where I thought I'd end up," Heidi recalled. "It was a big step of faith and was part of the Lord's doing to draw me here."

In their time as undergraduates, Heidi majored in biology, played intercollegiate softball, and served as a class officer and chaplain. Kurt studied music education, performed in the Asbury concert choir, orchestra, and jazz band, and served on summer ministry teams. As Heidi and Kurt became friends, they eventually formed other pivotal friendships, including mentorships showcasing the hospitality of professors.

"We were at people's homes with our peers, and it was a really unique thing," said Kurt. "All of those impactful experiences laid the formation of our lives."

Their first donation to Asbury was in 1994, two years after they graduated, and the Jahnkes have humbly given ever since. The couple regularly returns for Reunion and stays in touch with the happenings of Asbury.

"We continue to see the improvements on campus and the intentionality Asbury has with updating spaces or thinking about the student body and culture — those are worthy and worth supporting," said Heidi.

Now living in Mountain Lake, Minn., Kurt and Heidi focus time on two grandchildren, as well as their ministerial call to their jobs and community. They have been serving in the Christian and Missionary Alliance church as members for more than 20 years. The two shared that they view life as the mission field and feel a responsibility to minister to those around them through loving and serving people like Christ. One of those methods of service – giving to Asbury students through financial means.

The Jahnkes, impacted by their spiritual formation, education, and relationships as undergraduate students, felt a call to give back through donating to the general student scholarship fund and Reunion gift projects.

Their story and offerings to Asbury embody 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

"Donating is really important to us and a real blessing," said Heidi. "We felt God asking us to give back, and it's our pleasure to do so with Asbury."

Long Faithfulness in the Same Direction



My wife Diane and I recently visited Charleston, S.C., on a short anniversary get-a-way. What an historic and beautiful place with fascinating stories represented, both tragic and inspiring. Decisions and priorities are represented in various institutions and architecture, creating the DNA of this unique city.

Not long after, as we celebrated a great Reunion, at Asbury with what is perhaps one of our biggest groups ever. I was reminded that this special place has a great history of people making missional-minded decisions and sacrificially prioritizing to stay focused on God's call on this place for generations. This calling is in Asbury's unique DNA, and we are grateful for God's continued provision and presence among our university family.

We will be unwrapping what God allowed us to host in the Outpouring in February for decades, just as the classes of the early 1950s and 1970s continue to see God's goodness in his outpouring of revival in those generations. There is such a great need for a place like Asbury in this current climate and culture, and courageous faith and faithfulness are needed in the face of adversity.

Our long-term sustainability and viability are provided by God but shored up by the prayers, wisdom, and support of our larger Asbury family. That growing Asbury family continues to prioritize their support in inspiring ways faithfully focusing on excellence and increased spiritual temperature in the lives of our students and community.

We are privileged to get to know so many of you and to celebrate God's goodness to you, to Asbury and to our students. We need your prayers, support, and encouragement now as much as any time in the past. God loves this place called Asbury University and, more importantly, he loves our students, our alums and our team living into the DNA and mission. There is a bright future for AU. Continue to join us in this important work! THANK YOU!

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



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1960s

Warner Davis '67 released a book on his life as a missionary kid titled, "Peace in a Mad Dog World." It is published by Trilogy Christian Publishing and is available on Amazon.

1970s

Dr. Dave Nesselrode '70 received the Delta Epsilon Chi honorary award at Kentucky Mountain Bible College at school's graduation for his leadership ability, Christian character, and intellectual achievement. **5**

Gene Ezell '70 wrote the title song on the new album, "Love is the Voice," from The Taylors. The album was nominated for a 2023 Grammy Award for Best Roots Gospel Album. His song, "When the Old, Old Story Was New" by Kingsmen Quartet was a 2022 Dove Award Nominee for Best Southern Gospel Song of the Year. **2 3**

Kent Olney '77 retired after 26 years as a sociology professor at Olivet Nazarene University. Olney now serves as the dean of Olivet's College

of Arts and Sciences. He also recently published, "Sixty Six: A Sociologist Reflects on Scripture, Its Themes and Their Relevance." It was published by Francis Asbury Press. Olney's thesis is that just as US Route 66 that carried travelers to their dreams eventually grew obsolete, we are in danger of letting the 66 books of the Bible follow that same trajectory. This book attempts to counter that trend and point its readers back to the design and relevance of the Word of God. **7**

1980s

Captain Dr. Greg Crabill '83 retired from the Navy after 20 years of military service. He currently teaches in the Family Practice Residency Program at East Tennessee State University. He and **Billie Cozadd '83 Crabill** are enjoying life on a small homestead in Eastern Tennessee.

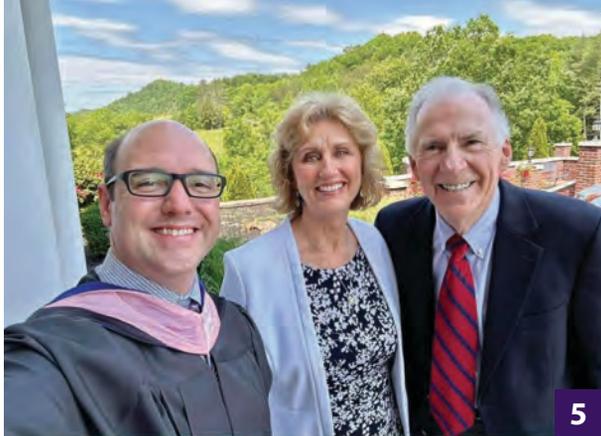
Jorge Acevedo '84 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary. He also released his seventh book, "Everybody Needs Some Cave Time:

Finding God in Dark Places" released by Invite Resources. In May 2023, he earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary with a dissertation of "Congregational Vitality: The Church's Journey from Heroic Solo Leadership to Generative Team Leadership." In August, he retired as Lead Pastor at Grace Church after serving for 27 years. He is now coaching, writing and speaking. **1**

Dr. Bev Zelesky '84 Hogue recently edited a collection of essays called, "Teaching Comedy." It was published this year by Modern Language Association and it includes essays by college professors using comedy to teach a variety of types of classes. **6**

Mindy Heitkamp '89 Bradford published a book with her husband James titled, "Masculinity by Design: Finding the True North." It is available on Amazon.

Ruth Freiburg '89 Rutherford is now the librarian for the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra.



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1990s

Dr. Henry Zonio '97 was the keynote speaker at the 2023 Godly Play North American Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in June speaking on how churches can be more intentional in addressing racism and racial justice in children's and youth spiritual formation. He is also on a plenary panel at the Religious Education Association 2023 Annual Meeting in July addressing the ways children's and youth spiritual formation practices have caused harm rather than healing and how to prevent further harm. Lastly, he wrote an article for Faith and Leadership online magazine of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity on how churches can play a vital role in the anti-racist formation of children and youth.

2000s

Dr. Jonathan Powers '03 was named the Associate Dean of the E. Stanley Jones School of Mission and Ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary in Summer 2022. In the fall of 2022,

Seedbed Publishing released the "Our Great Redeemer's Praise Hymnal" for which he served as the general editor. He has served as the general editor for the book, "New Life in the Risen Christ: A Wesleyan Theology of Baptism." It was published by Cascade in May 2023 as part of their Wesleyan and Methodist Explorations imprint.

Anna Lee Porter '05 Brown received a Doctor of Philosophy in counselor education and supervision from Regent University.

Dr. Enoch Jacobus '06 was awarded tenure in April 2023 at Shorter University, where he serves as Associate Professor of Music Theory.

Anne-Marie Buckles '07 is a missionary with SEAPC (South East Asia Prayer Center). She served in Cambodia for 2.5 years and returned to the States in July 2021. Starting in 2024, she will be going overseas quarterly for short-term trips to sensitive areas where she will work with locals to bring education opportunities to at-risk populations.

Janna Dyk '07 accepted the position of Director of Curator at Goucher College Art Galleries in Baltimore, Md., in May 2023. Janna completed her MFA in 2015.

2010s

Kyle Cope '11 graduated from the Patterson School of Diplomacy with his Master's.

Brittany Flowers '13 U'Wren was promoted to Assistant Director of Operations at Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Caleb '14 and **Gwendolyn Cipkowski '14 Wheat** adopted their third child, Jashwanth from India. He is welcomed home by siblings Jaxton and Katherine. Caleb started a new job planting a church in Northern Kentucky. **4**

2010s

Belle and **Isaac Santala '22** are proud to announce the arrival of Willow on May 5, 2023. Proud Great Grandfather is **Gil Moegerle '67**. **8**



IN MEMORIAM

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Alumni

Lura Crary '44 Griswold,
Homemaker/Missions,
3/9/2023, Westminster, MD

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Edwards Jr. '48**,
Psychology/Ministry/Veteran,
6/9/2023, Watkinville, GA

Wanda Wilson '48 Smith,
Business/Ministry/
Salvation Army,
2/23/2023, Anderson, IN

Rev. John Bagwell '49,
Ministry,
3/28/2023, Macon, GA

**Elizabeth "Billie Jean"
Knipmeyer '49 Ripley**,
4/18/2023, Phoenix, AZ

Pastor Louis Youngs '49,
Education/Ministry/
Sports Announcer,
6/16/2023, Robinson, IL

Ruby Vahey '50 Piety,
Education/Ministry,
2/14/2023, Terre Haute, IN

Ruth Wehrman '50
Purviance, Ministry/Missions,
3/8/2023, Kansas City, MO

Robert Waybright '50,
Business Owner/Veteran,
3/19/2023, Graham, TX

Sally Zeigler '51 Lefler,
Education/Volunteer,
2/13/2023, Columbus, OH

Beverly Moore '51 Massey,
Education/Writer,
3/6/2023, Lubbock, TX

**Rev. James "Jim" McConnell
'51**, Ministry/Veteran,
4/17/2023, Sebring, OH

Dorothy Chess '52 Nichols,
Education,
5/8/2023, Santa Barbara, CA

Dr. Ray Saruwatari '52,
Medicine,
3/3/2022, Harbor City, CA

Rev. Dr. James Conley '54,
Education/Ministry,
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Administrative
Assistant/Librarian,
4/22/2023, Steubenville, OH

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Christian Education/Missions/
Special Education,
3/21/2023, Atoka, OK

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10/16/2022, Venice, FL

Dawn Combellick '57 Dakin,
Education/School Counselor,
2/13/2023, Woodstock, GA

Rev. Jack Hunter '57,
Ministry,
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Norman Lindholm '57,
Business Owner/Ministry,
2/28/2023, Willard, OH

Donna Bruce '58 Fugate,
Artist/Athletic Coach/
Education,
5/3/2023, Duffield, VA

Sondra Scull '58 Marshall,
Art Education,
5/18/2023, Canton, OH

Ruth Colvin '58 Moffatt,
Education,
2/10/2023, South Orleans, MA

Alice Traylor '58 Richardson,
Bookkeeper/Education,
3/1/2022, Stanford, KY

Juanita Keilman '58 Ridener,
Education,
4/25/2023, New Albany, IN

Alice Linder '58 Walton,
Education,
4/19/2022, Livonia, MI

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Education/Volunteer,
2/21/2023, Manns Choice, PA

**Dr. James "J.E." Fugate III
'59**, Education/School
Counselor, 5/28/2023,
Duffield, VA

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4/4/2023, Coeur D Alene, ID

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Ministry,
5/2/2023, Smyrna, GA

Rev. James "Jim" Walker '61,
Ministry,
4/12/2023, Clarkston, WA

**Carolyn Blackman '62
Baillie**, Bookkeeper/
Eye-Research
Lab Technician,
6/13/2023, Danville, PA

Charlotte Ogle '62 Nulf,
Education, 6/18/2022,
North Fort Myers, FL

Carole Craven '63 Madsen,
Homemaker/Volunteer,
12/8/2022, Columbia, MO

Bernice Purvis '64 Arnold,
Tax Collector,
1/11/2022, Harlem, GA

Nancy Fairchild '64,
Administrative Assistant/
Christian Education,
4/18/2023, Grand Blanc, MI

Kathleen Hall '64 Faulkner,
3/30/2023, Mooresville, NC

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6/14/2023, Lexington, KY

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Research Entomologist/Veteran,
7/13/2022, Herndon, VA

Rev. John Weber '64,
Ministry,
3/26/2023, Russellville, KY

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Business/Pilot/Sales/Veteran,
2/15/2023, Annandale, NJ

Sharon Yates '66 Gladstone,
Education,
5/14/2023, Carrollton, GA

Karen Dulaney '67 Pearson,
6/10/2023, Newark, OH

Lynn Sparks '69 Strickland,
Ministry/Salvation Army/
Social Work,
4/26/2023, Portal, GA

Rev. Burton Schoepf '70,
Business Owner/Ministry,
1/20/2023,
Indian Rocks Beach, FL

Rev. Jerry Williams '70,
Ministry,
5/9/2023, Greenock, PA

**Capt. William "Bill"
Hackworth '73**,
Military/Ministry/Social Work,
7/9/2022, North Dinwiddie, VA

Leslie Jones '73 Smith,
Homemaker,
3/14/2023, Thomasville, GA

Tom Garrett '79,
Ministry/Missions,
5/28/2023, Granbury, TX/
Kyenjojo, UGANDA

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3/4/2023, Woodstock, GA

Jamie Strait '83,
5/7/2022, Russellville, KY

LaRae Wolfgang '85 Daniels,
Homemaker,
2/20/2023, Waynesboro, PA

Donna Crouse '87,
Christian Education,
1/23/2022, Raleigh, NC

James Eddy II '02,
5/4/2023, Ogden, UT

Carlos Espinoza '10,
Military/Psychology,
3/5/2023, Dallas, TX

Justin Spoon '21,
Cross Country Coach/
Instructor, 3/23/2023,
Columbus, IN

Friends

Richard Barkley,
3/12/2023, Clearfield, PA

Diana Moore Barlage,
3/10/2023, Bellville, OH

Rev. Gloria Burke Brooks,
4/19/2023, Columbus, OH

Gracie Buskey,
6/1/2022, Fort Myers, FL

James Byrd,
11/29/2022, Pensacola, FL

Susan DeLarme Dresch,
1/16/2022, Cincinnati, OH

Lawrence "Larry" Dunn,
2/2/2023, Lake Placid, FL

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1/30/2023, Lexington, VA

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3/9/2023, Tiffin, OH

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3/3/2023, Ellaville, GA

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ASBURY OUTDOOR VENUE UPDATE

In 2022, Asbury University announced the creation of a men's and women's intercollegiate track and field program scheduled to officially launch in the 2023-24 school year. To support this program and create additional opportunities for the university and community, Asbury broke ground Jan. 18, 2023, on the fully funded Phase I of the multi-use Outdoor Venue project.

The Outdoor Venue construction has progressed throughout the summer, and Phase I is scheduled to be complete by the beginning the 2023-24 academic school year. The initial phase includes an eight-lane track, turf field, lighting and fencing.

"The outdoor facility will not only help our track athletes train and compete at a high level, but also provide a great venue for Asbury Athletics and the campus community as a whole," said Asbury Track and Field Head Coach O'Brian Bridges. "I am thrilled to see this program coming together and can't wait to see what the future holds for TeamAU track and field."

Asbury is actively fundraising for Phase II of the project that includes locker rooms, public restrooms, and a press box/event space.

Visit [asbury.edu/outdoor-venue](https://www.asbury.edu/outdoor-venue) for more information and to give to the project.



Upcoming Events

Join President Kevin Brown at a Regional Event

Enjoy fellowship with Asburians, hear stories from the Outpouring, and receive an exclusive look at the university's progress and future.

SEPTEMBER 9
President's Brunch
in Greater D.C.

SEPTEMBER 19
President's Dinner
in Houston

SEPTEMBER 21
Alumni Dinner
at New Room
Conference

OCTOBER 14
President's Brunch
in Indianapolis

OCTOBER 19
President's Dinner
in Columbus



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