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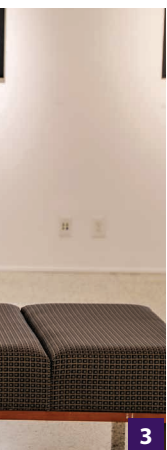




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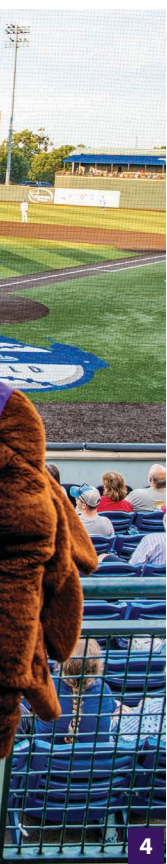
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1-2 Welcome Weekend brought a near record of new and returning students, with Asbury seeing high retention in its traditional undergraduate, graduate, online and academy students. 3 Art Education Major, Meghan Absher '26, hosted her Senior Art Show and reception this past September and October, titled "In the Overflow." Her display included a mix of pottery and collage pieces all drawing inspiration from her time studying abroad in Paris, and her encounters with the Lord while on campus. 4 Asbury University and TeamAU joined the Lexington Legends Aug. 15 for a community-centered celebration during Faith & Family Night at Legends Ballpark. The event offered an evening of entertainment, fellowship and school spirit for Asbury students, alumni, employees and friends throughout the region. The University's involvement included sponsorship of the night's programming, a presence from the Admissions and Athletics departments, and special appearances from key university representatives. President Dr. Kevin Brown threw the ceremonial first pitch alongside members of the Asbury baseball team, who participated in pregame warmups and on-field promotions. This evening also featured live music, amenities for children and families, and concluded with a spectacular fireworks show. 5 An evening of competitive canoe races in the Luce Center is a longstanding tradition between the Johnson and Trustees men's residence halls. 6 The new Gray Outdoor Venue was dedicated at Reunion. 7 Coffee and Canvas is a popular fall event on campus. 8 Students participated in the fall career fair on campus. 9 Dozens of high school students interested in becoming educators attended the annual Educators Rising Summit at Asbury in October, where they headed from education faculty, alumni, and industry experts. 10 Media Communication students set up the "Couch on the Green" to discuss current events with fellow students.





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## Schedule OF EVENTS

**DEC 5, 2025**

*Songs of the Season*

**JAN 29 – FEB 1, 2026**

*Salvation Army Visit Weekend*

**FEB 6, 2026**

*Asbury Day at Avon Park Camp Meeting*

**FEB 7, 2026**

*President's Brunch in Tampa*

**FEB 9, 2026**

*President's Dinner in Fort Myers*

**FEB 12, 2026**

*President's Dinner in Orlando*

**MAR 2, 2026**

*Homeschool Visit Day*

**MAR 26–27, 2026**

*Spring Preview Visit Event*



# President's Message



In September I had the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of accompanying approximately 80 Asbury alumni and friends to follow the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Mediterranean. Among other amazing sites, we toured Corinth, the Acropolis, Mars Hill, Ephesus, and the Pyramids of Giza. It was breathtaking! And I was especially thankful to share the experience with so many great Asburians.

Several things left an indelible imprint upon me:

- The boldness of the Apostle Paul was striking. Something redirected his zeal, changed his life, compelled his ministry, and eventually led to his death. Saul went from a persecutor of God's people to a bold proclaimer of Jesus' name. Holy Scripture tells us that "something" was his life-altering encounter with Christ (Acts 9).
- The realization that people still care about history — and in particular, Biblical history. I was moved by the dense crowds flocking to see important Christian locations and hear their associated stories.
- The pyramids we walked along are approximately 4,000 years old. This led me to think, "What are we creating today that will last for centuries?"

Ideas and stories mattered then, and they matter now. As C.S. Lewis observed, Jesus could not simply exist as a great prophet or wise teacher. Given his extraordinary claims, he was either the Son of God or he was a charlatan. He cannot be both. "What will we do with Jesus?" is a persistently live question.

Another thing that struck me during the trip was the nexus of intelligence, skill and zeal evident in these ancient cultures and among God's people. I was reminded of a quote attributed to French Christian philosopher Étienne Gilson, "Piety never dispenses with technique." In classical contexts, "techne" (Greek for art, craft or skill) meant knowing how to create something in harmony with nature and divine order.

In other words, noble intentions (piety) do not replace the need for sound methods (technique). A holy appreciation for a cathedral, for example, is not enough to build it. One must also understand geometry, engineering,

iconography, economics, design and cosmology. Building a structure of such social and spiritual significance also required imaginative vision, interdependent coordination, resilient perseverance, and a virtuous disposition.

The multidimensionality I am describing and on display during our unforgettable visit to these ancient biblical sites also speaks to a holistic education that is intellectually rigorous and spiritually formative — and timeless.

This thought excites me, because while much has changed over the centuries, such a vision of education is consistent with our work at Asbury University. It is built on a strong foundation. We continue to equip our students with relevant and enduring education; techne and intellectual fortitude that meets the demands of "academic excellence."

But it is our "spiritual vitality" — our collective compulsion to pattern the holy character of Jesus Christ — that fosters Kingdom sensibilities and enables students and graduates to channel cultivated skills and competencies toward "lifelong learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church" as our mission reads.

I left our trip thankful for the faithful footsteps that have gone before us in the faith, and I returned to Asbury thankful for the privilege of working alongside other amazing men and women to accomplish the timely and timeless work of formative education — academic excellence and spiritual vitality.

This happens in no small part due to the many people who have invested in Asbury University, casting a living vote for students to be deeply rooted in their experience and understanding of God, while stretching their minds in and out of the classroom. Thank you. Thank you for joining us in this important work.



Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.  
President

**MAR 26-27, 2026**

*AsburyGives*

**MAR 28, 2026**

*President's Brunch in Atlanta*

**APR 17-18, 2026**

*Media and Theatre Visit Weekend*

**MAY 7, 2026**

*President's Dinner in Denver*

**MAY 8, 2026**

*President's Event in Colorado Springs*

**MAY 12, 2026**

*President's Dinner in Louisville*

**JUNE 26-28, 2026**

**2026 REUNION: UNWAVERING**  
**asbury.edu/reunion**

## For more Information

**PRESIDENT'S REGIONAL EVENTS**

**[advancement@asbury.edu](mailto:advancement@asbury.edu)**

**VISIT EVENTS**

**[asbury.edu/visit-event](https://asbury.edu/visit-event)**



# President's Report

*"In Matthew 13, Jesus uses soil as a parable for receiving God's Word. At Asbury University, we root ourselves in a healthy, holistic community where we encounter responsibilities, freedom, honor, truth, and transcendence. We believe a true community is a Christian community rooted in Christ."*

—ASBURY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. KEVIN J. BROWN

This is because of a firm belief that Asbury is helping shape the future, not only of its students, but of those they will impact. This echoes what author C. S. Lewis famously said, "If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought most about the next."



**U.S. News & World Report ranked Asbury University the**

**#3 BEST VALUE UNIVERSITY  
IN THE SOUTH**

in its 2026 Best Colleges rankings. The recognition highlights Asbury's commitment to academic excellence, affordability, and Christ-centered education. Read more at [asbury.edu/news](https://asbury.edu/news).



## JOIN WITH US IN THANKING OUR LORD FOR THESE KEY RECENT CELEBRATIONS:

- **Fresh paint** in the residence halls.
- A new roof, renovated rooftop patio, and new lighting and HVAC in common areas in **Kresge** residence hall.
- A newly renovated parlor in **Glide-Crawford** residence hall.
- Updates in the **Rader Student Center**, including paint and art.
- A **new food service provider**, Fresh Ideas, along with updates to The Eatery (dining hall) and ZT's Bistro with plans for extensive renovations to these spaces in the future.
- Dedication of the **Gray Outdoor Venue**, a multi-use facility designed to enrich campus life, impact the student formational experience, host TeamAU athletics events, and grow athletics as a platform to glorify God.
- **Newly built and renovated TeamAU locker rooms** in the Luce Physical Activities Center as well as a newly resurfaced gym floor.
- Opening of **new student housing**.
- **24/7 Safety Officers**: The campus is patrolled around the clock by safety officers to facilitate a secure environment.
- Dedication of the **Campbell Animation Lab** in Miller Center for Communication Arts.
- **Paving of the gravel road** at the Challenge Course and Equine Center with planned **lighting and fencing upgrades** at the facility's entrance.
- All these new amenities are included in the **more than \$50 million in capital construction in the last several years**. Others included: Shaw Collaborative Learning Center, Rader Student Center renovation, Bayless Equine Arena, Miller Center for Communication Arts Upgrades, The Patio, Lybass Garden Plaza, Donaldson Choral Room.

## ENROLLMENT



Continued growth in retention rates and 4-year graduation rates

Second Consecutive Year of 2000+ Enrollment

2,045

Spring enrollment for 2025 was largest in

11 yrs

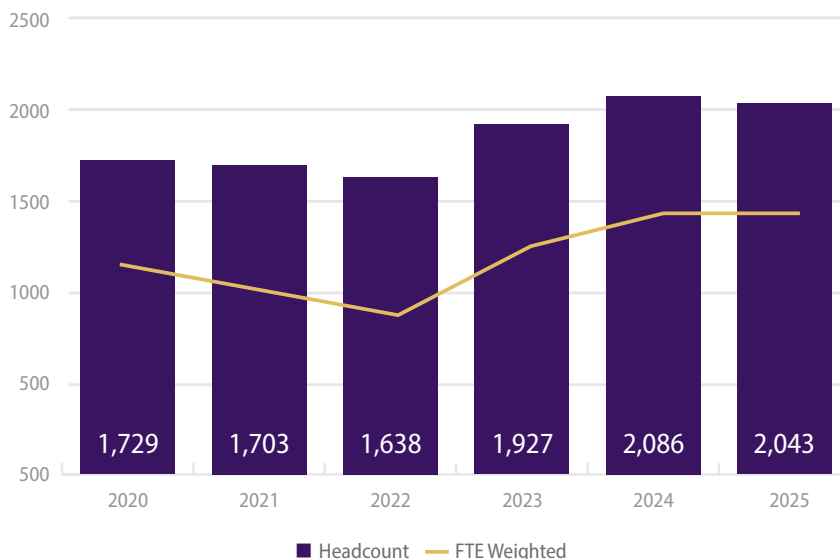
### Enrollment Statistics for Fall 2025:



15%  
graduate

85%  
undergraduate

### Total Enrollment



■ Headcount — FTE Weighted

## ASBURY WELCOMES NEW FACULTY



**Jim Krieg, MFA**  
Lecturer of Media  
School of Communication Arts



**Elizabeth King, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor of ESL  
School of Education



**Jonathan Rutledge, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
of Philosophy  
School of Christian Studies



**Michael Keck, MBA**  
Assistant Professor of  
Business Administration  
Dayton School of Business



**Elizabeth Parker, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor of English  
College of Arts, Humanities  
and Social Sciences



**Paul Sunderland, D.W.S.**  
Associate Professor of  
Worship Arts  
School of Christian Studies





## ENDOWMENT GROWTH

In the last 10 years, endowment market value has grown from **\$42.56 million to more than**

**\$84 million.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

**100% Full-time Students** receive a merit scholarship based on their incoming GPA.

**\$13,488,608**

awarded in academic scholarships to TUG students.

**\$2,003,017**

awarded in endowed scholarships

**\$1,490,043**

awarded in outside scholarships

**193 Churches** rallied around our students and gave a total of **\$268,662** in Church Match scholarships that Asbury matched with **\$172,638**

## FEDERAL AID RECEIVED:

Pell Grant

**\$3,443,433**

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

**\$85,638**

## FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS :

Traditional Undergraduate Students, subsidized and unsubsidized

**\$6,538,410**

Parents (PLUS loan)

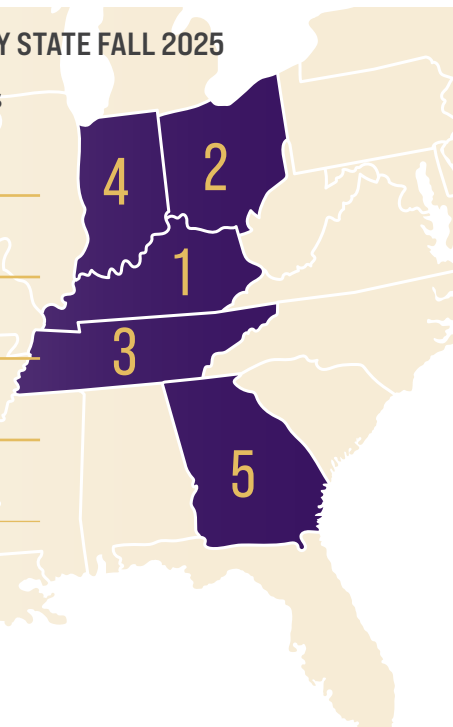
**\$1,175,048**

## TOP 10 MAJORS

RANK	COLLEGE/MAJOR	STUDENTS ENROLLED
1	<i>School of Communication Arts</i> Media Communication	160
2	<i>Dayton School of Business</i> Business Administration	79
3	<i>College of Arts Humanities &amp; Social Science</i> Psychology	71
4	<i>Shaw School of Sciences</i> Exercise Science	68
5	<i>Shaw School of Sciences</i> Equine Studies	60
6	<i>School of Education</i> Elementary School Grades P-5	57
7	<i>Shaw School of Sciences</i> Biology	44
8	<i>Asbury University</i> Undecided	42
9	<i>Dayton School of Business</i> Sport Management	40
10	<i>Dayton School of Business</i> Finance	39

## TOP 5 STUDENT APPLICATION ORIGIN BY STATE FALL 2025

STATE	PERCENT	TOTAL APPS
Kentucky	62.87%	1,238
Ohio	3.19%	86
Tennessee	2.07%	56
Indiana	2.04%	55
Georgia	1.70%	46





## ACADEMIC EXPANSION & CERTIFICATION

- Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Design
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Arts in Ministry Innovation
- Master of Science in Accounting
- Equine Business Management minor
- Finance minor
- Sport Communication emphasis
- School of Christian Studies
- ARRI Certified Film School

## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

- Set Apart Retreats
- Outpouring in February 2023
- Faith on Fire Award from the Midwest Foundation
- Embrace Conference

## HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES ITS FIRST CLASS



In May, the first graduates of Asbury University's Honors Program received their degrees. These students were part of a

close-knit learning community, an environment designed to support both rigorous intellectual exploration and authentic spiritual growth. Honor students investigate the rich truth of Imago Dei (Genesis 1:26-27). They discover the personal, professional, spiritual and cultural implications of a deeper understanding of humanity as the image-bearers of God.

Students develop a view of themselves and others through a lens informed by God's design. This view helps them anchor their identity in Christ and promotes virtue formation as they live out His character as revealed in Scripture. Recognizing God's image in every person encourages AUHP students to serve selflessly in their families, professions and communities, their actions shaped by the conviction that everyone they encounter has eternal worth.

Participation in AUHP is by invitation only. **Olivia Barracca '27**, an elementary education major, appreciates the opportunities this program has afforded her during her Asbury journey.

"Being a member of the Honors Program provides me with the unique opportunity to take part in a community with similar values but diverse interests and backgrounds. I enrich my education through Honors-specific classes, enhanced major-related courses, and informative conversations with notable speakers who visit the University.

"While I can dive deeper into topics related to my major, acquiring a more thorough understanding of my field of study, Honors classes and colloquium speakers also provide insight into topics I have never thought about before. Being in the Honors Program cultivates my love of learning by stretching it as well as fueling it."

More than \$1.1 million has been raised since 2020 to begin and sustain the AUHP.



## HADASSAH WOMEN OF ASBURY IS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

The Hadassah Women of Asbury Fellowship is building a community where members grow together in generosity, united by the shared goal of furthering God's Kingdom through impacting the next generation of servant-leaders.



"I want each student to know that someone believes in their potential, just as others believed in mine," said **Shawwna Ingram '19 Crouse**. "There were people and organizations that poured into me financially and relationally throughout my four years at Asbury. Their generosity showed me I mattered. And now, I have the opportunity and privilege to give back. Joining the Hadassah Women's Fellowship is my way of paying it forward."

Join us as we seek to pour into the next generation of women with a gift of \$250 to the Hadassah Women's Scholarship.

For more information, visit [asbury.edu/hadassah](https://asbury.edu/hadassah).



## STUDENT NO-DEBT FUND LAUNCHES WITH PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

Backed by philanthropy, Asbury recently established a Student No-Debt Fund to help selected students graduate debt-free through faith, stewardship, and support.

In spring 2026, Asbury will launch a pilot of the No-Debt Fund program, awarding approximately \$200,000 to help pay off student loans for a group of graduating seniors who fulfill specific criteria. When fully funded, the program will expand to allow eligible undergraduate students to apply for the possible support to eliminate their student loan debt after graduation.





# Building a bold future on a strong foundation

## *Asbury looks ahead at key needs for the future*

A commitment to innovative instruction, rigorous curricula, critical thinking, and practical experience, Asbury University prepares students to serve in their chosen professions with excellence and integrity.

As a Christian university, we are a vital community of believers — faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends — who are intentional about loving God and loving our neighbors. Wesleyan-Holiness values are not just tradition; they are integrated into the fabric of everyday life, overflowing into compassionate action.

“Christian higher education has multiple dimensions of value, and the totality of that value cannot be reduced to financial metrics alone,” said Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown. “To be clear, money matters. It is both our desire and confidence that Asbury graduates experience positive net gains in income, wealth, and opportunity. But something is lost when we distill all dimensions of Christian education to dollars and cents alone. And what are those dimensions?”

Brown pointed to knowledge and wisdom, morality, community, service and calling, readiness for life and work, and return on investment.

“This multidimensionality constitutes the fullness of Christian educational value,” he said. “Faith-based schools are chartered to cultivate a robust moral vision among students through habituated practices that form our desires and solidify virtue. As the ethicist Martha Nussbaum reminds us, ‘A good doctor is also a good poisoner.’ It is not just the skill, but the moral application of that skill that constitutes faith-driven education.”

Inviting students to belong, become, be set apart, and then be sent into the world as commissioned emissaries of a heavenly Kingdom is an invitation reflecting our mission and vision for the future, serving as a guiding principle for growth and development.

## **REASONS TO CELEBRATE**

The University’s enrollment numbers remain strong, even as liberal arts institutions nationwide navigate significant challenges. While addressing the culture’s shift toward tech degrees, increased economic and political pressure, and emerging technologies that create new academic landscapes, Asbury is celebrating its second year with more than 2,000 students across its programs.



New construction and renovations across campus have exceeded \$50 million over the past decade, including academic spaces with new technology and equipment; residence hall improvements; enhancements to student experience and outdoor spaces; and an athletic and event venue. In the same ten years, Asbury's endowment has more than doubled in market value, with approximately 66% of our endowment designated for student scholarships.

These changes have impacted academic programs, as well. New bachelor's degrees and master's programs have been added; the School of Christian Studies was launched, and the first cohort to the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree was welcomed. Spiritual growth opportunities like Set Apart Retreats, banded discipleship groups, Worship Him at Midnight (WHAM), and outstanding Chapel services encourage students to seek first the Kingdom of God, inviting the transformation of knowledge into wisdom and experience into purpose.

Asbury Eagles excel both in the athletic arena and in the classroom. By the end of the 2024-2025 season, TeamAU celebrated five conference championships, two regional champions, and 151 student-athletes who earned a GPA of 3.5 or above during the spring semester.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCING

This is a pivotal moment in history — for culture, for the corporate Church, and for higher education. Generation Z is emerging as a catalyst for change, both intellectually and spiritually.

"I think we all need to be alert to what is going on around us. But I'm not afraid. It's not a moment for fear. It is a moment for faithfulness. It is a moment for steadfastness. It's a moment for urgency and excellence in service of the intellectually rigorous, spiritually formative work that we do at Asbury," said Brown. "It is a privilege to invest in this generation. It is a privilege to play a role in habituating practices into their discipleship, and it is a privilege that we get to lock arms and do this together."

Building a strong future for Asbury and her students is necessary.

Together, we can renovate the second floor of the Hamann-Ray building, providing new nursing students with clinical labs and cutting-edge equipment.

Together, we can expand spiritual opportunities that introduce students to the joy of living set-apart lives of holiness, marked by servant leadership and compassion.

Together, we can make an Asbury education accessible to more students by erasing financial barriers through a robust scholarship program.

"I have grown spiritually during my time at Asbury through various events such as Worship Him at Midnight and Chapel. I have learned to trust fully in the Lord Jesus. My teammates, especially the upperclassmen, have poured into me and helped me develop as a young man," shared **Hank Burns '28**, a business administration major and member of the baseball team. "Thank you for investing in me. You have no idea of your impact when you give to Asbury. I am forever grateful!"

For everyone who has prayed, recruited students, volunteered, or made a charitable gift, we pray you will experience the joy of knowing that through your support a student has knelt at the altar in Hughes, joined hands in prayer across a team huddle, become a first-generation college graduate, or stepped into a profession with the light and salt of the Gospel inexorably woven into the very character of a servant-leader.

Asbury University remains on a strong foundation with a bold future because of those who partner with us to advance the cause of Christ around the world.

To find out more about Asbury's current fundraising priorities, visit [asbury.edu/give](https://asbury.edu/give).



## BUILDING ASBURY'S NURSING PROGRAM

After announcing it would launch the program just one year ago, Asbury's new Nursing program under the leadership of Dr. Connie Lamb is already seeing tremendous student interest.

With this pivotal moment in Asbury's history comes the need for additional fundraising to build this critical program. A key objective is to have clinical labs completed by spring 2027. The Advancement Office seeks to raise \$4.5 million in charitable funds to successfully launch the nursing program and help cultivate spiritually grounded, holistically nurtured and resilient nurses.

This includes:

HAMANN-RAY RENOVATION

**\$3 million**

SIMULATION LABS  
AND EQUIPMENT

**\$800,000**

NURSING FACULTY  
AND STAFF

**\$700,000**



# Honor Roll of Donors

SPECIAL SECTION



At the heart of our Christ-centered mission lies a community of faithful supporters whose generosity sustains and strengthens our University's calling. The combined gifts of our donors create a significant impact on campus, making a difference in the life of every student. **Thank you!**

The Honor Roll of Donors that follows lists the individuals and couples whose giving between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, totaled \$1,000 or more along with those who have made a deferred or estate gift to the University.

While our desire is to publish the names of every donor, prayer warrior and volunteer in The Ambassador, the difficult decision was made to reduce the page count of the magazine to partially offset the continued increase in printing costs. However, a complete list of all donors during fiscal year 2024-25 has been published online at [asbury.edu/give/honor-roll](https://asbury.edu/give/honor-roll).

Every financial gift, no matter the size, is a living vote for this generation. Thank you for investing in our mission. We celebrate you and the eternal impact you are making for Christ's Kingdom. To God be the glory.

## **D** Deceased

*Honors those who gave to Asbury University last fiscal year and are now deceased.*

## President's Leadership Giving Society Members



The following alumni, parents of current or formerly enrolled students and friends made gifts to Asbury University between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, totaling \$1,000 or more.

Laura Dye '74 Abbott  
Dr. Jorge '84 & Cheryl Montgomery '89 Acevedo  
Dr. Andy '79 & Nancy Fain '79 Ache  
Rev. Don '71 & Brenda Key '71 Adams  
Jim & Laura Adams  
Dr. George & Carole Allen

Nancy Chadwell '72 & Doug Ambuehl  
Aaron '95 & Brittany Ammerman  
Dr. Roger '62 & Judy Vanaugh '63 Amstutz  
Ben '06 & Emily Martin '06 Andrews  
Benjamin Arnold '04  
Edward '73 & Brenda Arrington  
Matthew '93 & Leslie Atkins  
Brad & Carrie Beth Adams '97 Atkinson  
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 Dr. George '86 & Lisa Gaulden '87 Barber  
 Steve '79 & Becky McGill '80 Barber  
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 Harold Bertrand '79  
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 Phil & Amberly Billington  
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 Rev. Keith '54 & Charlotte Crouse '56 Brown  
 Dr. Kevin & Maria Brown  
 Larry '80 & Lisa Brown  
 Max & Betty Brown  
 Dr. Phil '70 & Diana Brown  
 Joe & Amber Bruner  
 Marilyn Ramseyer '61 Buchan  
 Jerry '79 & Lynne Holmes '79 Buell  
 Rev. Ellen Walch '68 & Rev. John Bullock  
 Lori Bundy '84  
 Dr. Rob '87 & Michelle Bundy  
 Scott '85 & Dawn Swyers '86 Busby  
 Carol Sayers '63 Butler  
 Jim '63 & Barbara Eyre '64 Butts  
 Dr. Mary Cady '73  
 Grace Johnson '58 Cameron  
 Ben '19 & Maggie Richwine '20 Campbell  
 Brian & Sharon Campbell  
 Kevin & Pamela Campbell  
 Harper Carbone  
 Pat Robbins '74 & Tod Carmony  
 Erin Carper '02  
 Rev. Carlton '57 & Beth Casey  
 Cole Casey '89  
 Rev. Robert '51 & Marilyn Thompson '55 Casey  
 Rev. Dan '69 & Cherrie Casselberry  
 Joe & Melanie Wood '76 Cavanaugh  
 Emily Barlage '09 & Chris Cellier  
 Virginia Chase '82  
 Richard & Patrice Chesbro  
 Jo Etta Childs

Chuck & Kathy Christensen  
 Dr. John '79 & Karen Evans '79 Clark  
 Phil Clark  
 Donn '79 & Rebecca Coil  
 Andrew '98 & Angela Coleman  
 Charles & Joy Coleman  
 Jody Rothfus '69 & Roger Collins  
 William '72 & Sarah Conatser  
 W. Stewart Connard '71  
 Drew '19 & Robin Gericke '19 Cooney  
 Dr. Paul '92 & Jennifer Abner '93 Cooney  
 Rev. Del '55 & Nancy Nelson '56 Copeland  
 Ann Elliott '62 & Russ Copeman  
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 Dr. Steve '76 & Deni Moegerle '75 Corbett  
 Dr. Dan '79 & Mary Moutz '79 Corbitt  
 Betty Burchfield '65 & John Corey  
 Joe Coulter '79  
 Alice Creque '94  
 Dr. Andrew '10 & Christy Humason '10 Crisologo  
 C.E. '68 & Lolita Larabee '67 Crouse  
 Charles '19 & Shawwna Ingram '19 Crouse  
 Joe '69 & Barb Ferrell '69 Crouse  
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 Madeleine Meyers '63 & Harlan Diller  
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 Patricia Colquhoun '63 Donaldson  
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 Jeff '86 & Dr. Deanna Edwards  
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# GIVING BY THE NUMBERS

To every donor, volunteer, prayer warrior and team member who made our 2024 -2025 year a success, thank you for investing in Asbury's mission.

Gifts Received:

**\$7,140,046**

Number of Donors:

**2,780**

President's Leadership Giving Society Members:

**613**

Cornerstone Society Members:

**998**

Received for Student Scholarships:

**\$2,947,860**

Received for Capital Projects:

**\$1,725,223**

Received for Student Success & Spiritual Growth:

**\$760,907**

Received for Athletics:

**\$282,549**

Received from Deferred & Estate Gifts:

**\$587,642**

Endowed Scholarships Established:

**13**

First-Time Donors:

**752**





## T. W. LEWIS GRANT

A grant from the T. W. Lewis Foundation has established the **T. W. Lewis Center for Student Success** at Asbury. This center, a division of the Career Services Department, will support the Launching Well Retreat, a capstone course in the Dayton School of Business, and a new speaker series that will encourage Christian authors, entrepreneurs and business leaders to share their insights on career opportunities, development and success.

The **Launching Well Retreats** will be held once each semester, bringing together recent Asbury graduates for a time of fellowship, worship, and exploring the tools and resources needed for navigating life after college. Together, participants will discover how to build supportive communities, cultivate strong work habits, deepen their faith, and pursue a calling that is both Kingdom-focused and fulfilling.

"The Asbury Alumni Board is so excited about this new initiative," said **Rev. Bert Jones '89**, director of Alumni and Church Relations. "In our discussions with the alumni board and other Asbury alums, a common response has been 'I wish they had offered that when I first graduated.' I can't wait to see how the Lord uses these retreats to strengthen, network, coach and care for our recent graduates to help them launch well."

This grant also supports the Dayton School of Business **Capstone Course**, which invests in the personal growth, professional readiness and spiritual formation of seniors. It will prepare the next generation of leaders not only for career success but also for a life of purpose and service.

By providing encouragement, guidance and a supportive community, the T. W. Lewis Foundation Center at Asbury will empower graduates to step confidently into new chapters.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Launching Well Retreats, please contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@asbury.edu](mailto:alumni@asbury.edu).

## KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The newly established Kingdom Advancement Scholarship encourages and equips students called to serve Christ through ministry. For a period of five years, \$15,000 will be awarded annually to two full-time juniors or seniors enrolled in the School of Christian Studies. Prompted by the donors' deep appreciation for the transformative impact of their Asbury journeys, this program is designed to support students pursuing Christian ministries, international studies, pastoral ministries, worship arts, youth ministry, Bible theology or philosophy majors.

Recipients are expected to be actively involved in ministry on and off campus, integrating academics with real-world application. "Our students serve in the local church as an act of worship," said **Dr. Brian Shelton '89**, dean of the School of Christian Studies. "In this case, they also get recognized for their ministry commitment in a way that affirms their calling and helps them to fulfill it financially. It was a joy this summer to hear their thankfulness in the presentation of this new award."

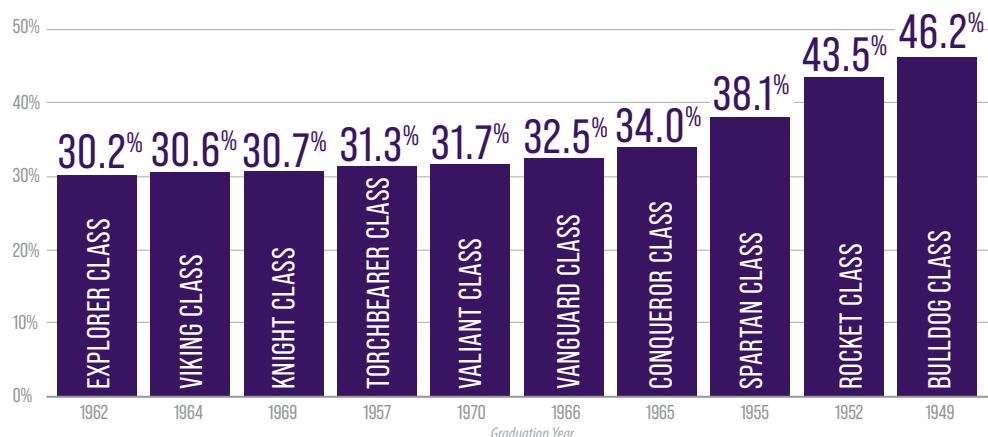
One of the first awardees, **Maria Rojas '26**, is a worship arts major. She is a member of a campus worship band, leads worship in a Lexington church, guides a women's Bible study on campus, and disciples young Christian women new to the faith.

"I believed my senior year would be a season of miracles and growth," Rojas said. "but I didn't expect God to show His faithfulness so clearly through financial provision. Your kind heart was an answer to a prayer I whispered every morning for nearly two months, and for that I am deeply grateful."

Evan '11 & Miriam Ellis '11 Fleming  
 Dr. Carl '66 & Ruth Ann Horstman '67 Fliermans  
 Nancy Grout '83 Forbes  
 Joel '04 & Maggie Foster  
 Bill '65 & Carol Foust  
 Carol Anderson '70 Freeman  
 Dr. Matt & Mary Boardman '83 Friedeman  
 Jackie Fries '58  
 Dr. Tony '92 & Joanne Sayer '92 Fuller  
 Jim '71 & Chris Allen '73 Gabrielsen  
 Dr. Ted Gabrielsen '55  
 Gary '65 & Kathie Gamble  
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 Dr. Waldon '81 & Dr. Renee Garriss  
 Ben Garverick '16  
 Allene Geary  
 Kim Kyriakidis '92 George Race & Bill Race  
 Dr. Emerson '59 & Carol Gilbert  
 John Gilson  
 Dr. Billy Glover '74  
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 Renee Shatto '07 & David Grady  
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 Ron Granger  
 Dr. Sandra & Ken Gray  
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 Larry '71 & Jacqui Green  
 Jaime Greene '82  
 Caleb Griffin '14  
 Earl & Rachel Gallimore '65 Griffin  
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 Dennis '74 & Marilyn Hadler  
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 Rev. Erich '60 & Margaret Hamm  
 Dr. Bill '80 & Valerie Murphy '80 Hammerlee  
 Dr. Jim & Carolyn Hampton  
 Linda Fries '64 Hampton  
 Fred '70 & Louise Hannah  
 Terry & Kathy Hardy  
 Lisa Falin '90 Harper  
 Daniel '00 & Kara Holeman '00 Harris  
 Jeff & Lisa Harris  
 Dr. Joe '58 & Elizabeth Harris  
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# ALUMNI GIVING

## TOP 10 CLASSES WITH THE HIGHEST GIVING PERCENTAGE



At its core, alumni support is about transforming lives and investing in the next generation of Asburians being prepared to impact the world for Christ. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a direct impact on the lives of students. Thank you!

During fiscal year 2024-25, the University's giving percentage from degree-holding alumni from the traditional undergraduate program was 12%.

Henry & Barbara Hinkle  
 Greg '90 & Trisha Fehler '90 Hintz  
 David Hitchcock '02  
 Dr. David '86 & Joanna Butts '88 Hoag  
 Rachel Bertrand '17 & Andrew Hoagland  
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 Rev. Tony '67 & Sarah Case '66 Holifield  
 Melody Simmerman '79 & Tom Horne  
 Phil & Teri Houston  
 Jim '76 & Patti Snelling '75 Howard  
 Pat Payne '65 Hudson  
 J.C. & Dr. Tammy Huizenga  
 Lt. Col. Larry Hull '55  
 Jeff Hummel '76  
 Dr. Dave '71 & Karen Crouse '72 Hunt  
 CJ '81 & Nancy Donehoo '81 Hunter  
 Kim Butler '88 & Kelly Hunter  
 Betty Vibbert '64 Hurst  
 Dan '75 & Martha Fber '76 Hutchens  
 Ken '63 & Dr. Amanda Russell '63 Hutcherson  
 Jim Isaacs  
 Laurie Ramsey '81 & Mike Jaffe  
 Larry '93 & Teri Harvey '93 Jarrard  
 Jay '95 & Chanda Crouse '95 Jeffrey  
 Joyce Marriott '64 & Jim Jensen  
 Dr. Beverly '75 & Donna Jessup  
 Cmdr. Bill '66 & Joan Crouse '66 John  
 Rev. Dr. Dan '70 & Jan Means '72 Johnson  
 Pastor David '83 & Dr. Holly Johnson  
 Rev. Rick '78 & Jan Johnson  
 Betty Neal '61 & Rev. Paul Johnston  
 Ron '69 & Carol Shaw '71 Johnston  
 Janie Wiley '70 Jones  
 Dr. Keith '73 & Sheryl Bauer '74 Jones  
 Laird Jones & Dr. Tina Elacqua  
 Margaret Jones '56  
 Matthew '03 & Elizabeth Pinkston '03 Jones  
 Dr. Raleigh & Dr. Jeannie Corbitt '76 Jones  
 Maj. John & Maj. Bonnie Jordan  
 Gwen Jurisich '02  
 Janet Kalas  
 Paul & Sara Kauffman  
 Linda Shoults '68 Keller

Keith & Patricia Kelly  
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 Alan & Linda Kersey  
 Cindy McLendon '79 & Kevin Kewin  
 Rev. Danny '73 & Rev. Kris Key  
 Peggy Kim  
 Tammi King '96  
 Wayne '70 & Mary Blanchard '70 King  
 Greg & Becki Kirchhoff  
 Nelon Kirkland  
 Dr. J.W. '56 & Ruth Luce '58 Knipmeyer  
 Bonnie Gill '64 Koteskey  
 Martha Kraus  
 Susan Kraus '78  
 Melanie Bakaysa '03 & Chris Kung  
 Betty Butler '65 Kyriakidis  
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 Dr. Gerry & Kristine Larson  
 Bonnie Hayes '64 Lashbrook  
 Baldwin '75 & Htwe Lau  
 Burleigh '95 & Holly Schopmeyer '93 Law  
 Paul '68 & Marty Stoneking '68 Law  
 Nancy Saunders '67 Lawrence  
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 Rev. John '87 & Dr. Sarah Lee  
 Marty & Teresa Lee  
 Denny Lehman '69  
 Alex George '19 & Bryson Lemons  
 Patty Walker '68 & Louis Lenover  
 Jason & Jeannie Leonard  
 Dr. Dan & Mary Lewis  
 Elizabeth Liddle '77  
 Bert & Stephanie Lindsay  
 Davis '78 & Lynne Ellen Lindsay  
 Joe '61 & Sharon Durham '62 Lineman  
 Bob Lingle '64  
 Joan Hammerstrom '66 & Carl Lingle  
 Skip '99 & Dr. Sarah Haddock '99 Little  
 Rev. Steve '73 & Marie Little  
 Joe Reeves Locke '78  
 Tom & Amy Loftus  
 Boone Logan '77

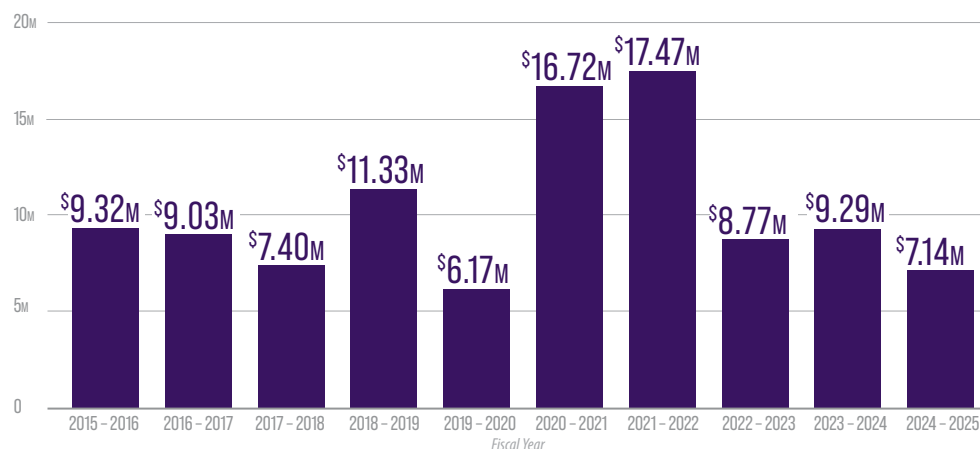
Charlene Tew '69 Lord  
 Dr. Donald '79 & Lois Miller '79 Lovejoy  
 Debbie Lovitt  
 Burt & Dr. Lynn Luce  
 Mary Jim Fuller '53 Luce  
 Sarah Luce '72  
 Steve & Mary Lu Luce  
 Dr. Elizabeth Magarian '60  
 Dr. Duane & Rachel Marchyn  
 Nela Hager '71 Marshall & Doug Marshall  
 Jama Bell '66 Martin  
 Norma Moore '73 Mason  
 Rev. John '67 & Lynn Maun  
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 Dottie Sprouse '65 McClain  
 Cmdr. Angus & Carol McColl  
 Frank '77 & Hope McFerrin '77 McFadden  
 Michael McFarland '77  
 Rev. Carl '78 & Patty Irwin '77 McGarvey  
 Maj. Annette Smith '64 & Maj. Earl McInnes  
 Jean Lancaster '50 McKenzie  
 Kevin Measel  
 Pat Medlock  
 Rudy Medlock  
 Julia Meredith  
 Dr. Betty Meriwether '56  
 Arv '73 & Judy Mommsen '65 Metcalf  
 LaVerna Saueressig '55 Meyer  
 Rev. Richard Mick '55  
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 Faye Montgomery  
 Dr. Bill '69 & Sharon Malone '69 Moore  
 Eli Moore  
 Dr. Vickie Schellack '72 Moore-Quilliams & Bob Quilliams  
 Jim Moran '67  
 Paul Moran '12  
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 Yvonne Cochran '58 Moulton  
 Mark & Elizabeth Moyer





# GIFTS RECEIVED 2016-2025

## TOTAL VALUE OF ALL GIFTS RECEIVED



Through your generosity, Asbury is able to enrich its academic programs, hire the best-in-class faculty, award scholarships, foster in students a commitment to Christ and to holiness of heart and life, provide for cross-cultural experiences, build and renovate campus facilities, and so much more.

You ensure that an Asbury University education of academic excellence and spiritual vitality remains a reality for students across the world. To God be the glory for His faithful provision.

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 Rev. Jim Pollock '61  
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 Dr. Mark '80 & Sharon Braddy '80 Salsberry  
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# NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

## Impacting Future Generations through Named Scholarship Funds

Scholarships are vital to the recruitment and retention of students and open the door to an intentionally Christian educational experience for students who otherwise might not attend. Celebrate with us the 20 named scholarship funds that have been recently established.

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Corinne Pryor '66 Brewer Endowed Scholarship
- Campbell Family Endowed Media Communications Scholarship
- Joseph M. Coulter Endowed Music Scholarship
- Joseph and Roberta Daws Endowed Scholarship
- Robert and Allene Geary Endowed Scholarship
- Andrew Harris Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Steve Kern Endowed Scholarship
- The "Miss Sue" Lauter Endowed Hospitality Fund
- Karen Leblanc Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Charles J. Slemenda Endowed Scholarship
- Daniel H. Vesper Endowed Scholarship
- Sue Ann Walters Endowed Scholarship
- Dennis Zimmerman Endowed Scholarship

### NON-ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

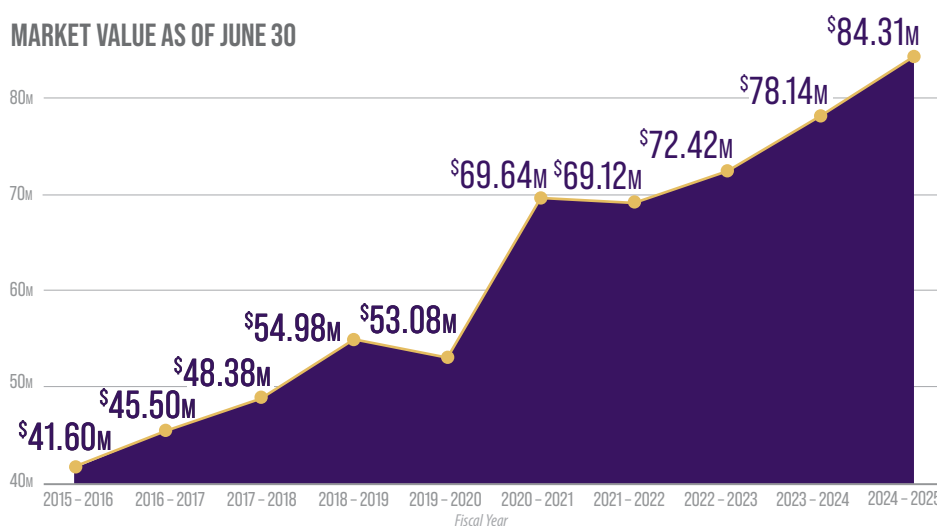
- Logan Edwards Memorial Scholarship
- Hadassah Women's Scholarship
- Harlan County Scholarship
- Kingdom Advancement Scholarship
- Consulate of Mexico in Indianapolis Scholarship
- Textbook Assistance for Dependents of Pastors or Missionaries
- Mary Jane Haley '62 and M. Wilson Weathersby Scholarship

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

\* Established scholarships have an agreement in place and a plan for funding. The Endowed Scholarships listed above may or may not have reached the minimal level of \$30,000 to fully fund the scholarship so awards can be made to students.

## ENDOWMENT 2016-2025

MARKET VALUE AS OF JUNE 30



Growth of the endowment through charitable giving and investment return has enabled the University to provide scholarships to students, build faculty excellence, launch new programs, and support a wide range of important needs.

The University employs spending and investment policies designed to provide a stable flow of support for Asbury's annual operations while preserving the future purchasing power of the endowment.

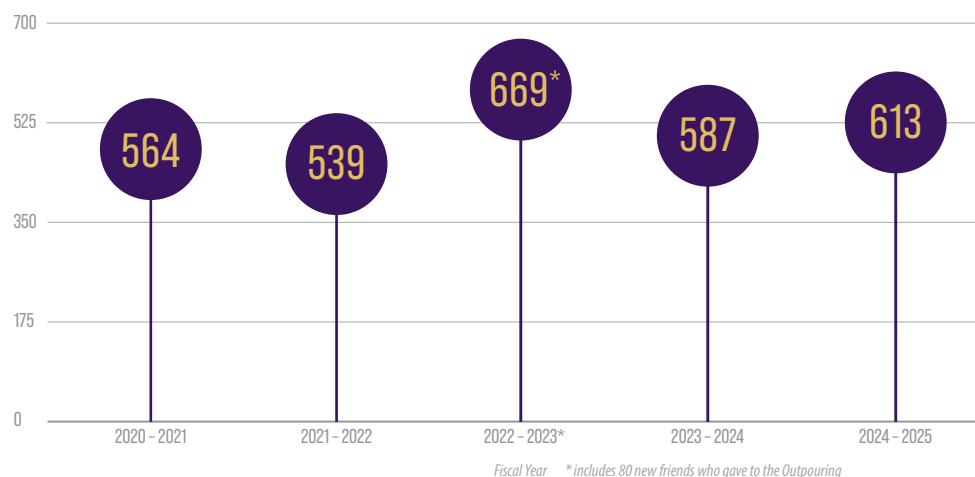
Thank you to the donors who have given to the endowment and created a permanent legacy of support for Asbury.






# PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETY


## DONORS OF \$1,000 OR MORE



The President's Leadership Giving Society connects the passions of alumni, parents and friends to their charitable giving in a meaningful way. This group of faithful investors provide the financial resources Asbury needs to provide a rigorous, Christ-centered education designed to promote the development of the whole person.

Thank you to the members of the President's Leadership Giving Society members who are leading out in joyful generosity.

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 Timothy '73 & Jane Walz  
 Dr. David '94 & Stephany Wang  
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 Dan '75 & Julie Weber  
 Karen Steinhauer '67 & Joe Webster  
 Bill '76 & Valli Hugar '77 Weethee  
 Deb Ludden '87 & Bruce Weidenhamer  
 Nadara Rodeheaver '57 Welling  
 Dr. Ron Welling '57   
 Clayton '04 & Dr. Caresse Freed '03 Wesley  
 Mike '96 & Vanessa Carlisle '96 West  
 Shirley Doerfel '80 & Roger Whiddon  
 Dr. Albin Whitworth '60  
 Kent '84 & Sarah Hunt '83 Whitworth  
 Mark '84 & Tyanne James '84 Whitworth  
 Stan & Marna Wiggam  
 Douglas Wilburn  
 Bonnie Jewell '72 & Rev. Joseph Wilcoxson  
 Dr. Bill '93 & Amanda Wiley  
 Dr. Bob '61 & Mary Ann Wiley  
 Dr. Dave '95 & Shawna Wiley  
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 Rev. Russell '66 & Claire Leinbach '69 Williams  
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 Jim Wilmot  
 Tyler & Susan Wilson  
 Larry '61 & Nancy Ross '61 Wingate  
 Janice Winslow

Dr. Corey '04 & Christy Winton  
 Warren Witschey  
 Jean Ham '60 Wolfe  
 Becky Wood '72  
 Dr. Mont '79 & Carol Ann Wood  
 Janet Lewis '50 Woods   
 Dr. Sewell '54 & Juanita Woodward  
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 Linda '75 Wright & Monty Flynn  
 Lori Lauter '87 Wright  
 Bonny Lerow '80 & Robert Wrobel  
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 Judy Henderson '66 Young  
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 Rev. Dennis '77 & Karen Zimmerman  
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 Paula Crowder '68 & Jim Zoller

## John Wesley Hughes Society

The following alumni, parents and friends have remembered Asbury University in a planned gift with one or more of the following: will, living trust, annuity, life insurance, unitrust, or as a beneficiary of a retirement plan.

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 Todd Bassett '89  
 Gordon Beardslee '74  
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 Mary Bennett  
 Dr. Dave '65 & Vangie Erny '66 Billing  
 Dr. Larry '63 & Bonnie Boram

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 Rev. Dr. David '65 & Jeanie Skinner '65 Brazelton  
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 Rev. Ron '74 & Becky Barnett '73 Brown  
 Dr. Johnny '75 & Joyce Schultz '77 Bryant  
 Suzanne Burch '72  
 Carol Guiles '64 & Jim Burghdurf  
 Dr. Dan '85 & Erin Butler  
 Dr. Mary Cady '73  
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 Erin Carper '02  
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## LAYING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

For alums **Carl '78** and **Patty Irwin '77 McGarvey**, legacy giving is more than a financial decision; it is a reflection of lifelong gratitude, biblical stewardship, and eternal purpose.

"Asbury University has profoundly influenced three generations of our family," they shared. "Our own experience there was instrumental in launching us into a life of service. We are immensely grateful."

After nearly 50 years in vocational ministry, this couple continues to live out Jesus' call to "lay up treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20). Now in retirement, they want their legacy to support causes that honor Christ — and Asbury was a clear choice.

"What better investment could we have than Asbury University? We want to further the mission of the college as it continues to provide academic excellence with spiritual vitality."

Many assume legacy giving is only for those with significant wealth, but this couple offers a different perspective. "Let's face it," Carl and Patty said. "Most of us, especially those who have been in vocational ministry, may not have a huge estate. We may assume that a modest estate distribution is not significant in the world of large donor gifts. However, in interacting with the Asbury Advancement staff, we became aware that any size gift is significant."

With the help of Asbury's Advancement team and practical tools from the Barnabas Foundation, the process of estate planning became a meaningful act of stewardship and a powerful statement of their values.

"Planning our estate was not only good stewardship — it helps our family understand our priorities."

Their legacy gift will help build a strong foundation for future students. It is a beautiful reminder that every faithful gift can have eternal impact.

Want to explore how you can make a legacy gift? Contact [giftplanning@asbury.edu](mailto:giftplanning@asbury.edu).



## COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR RECEIVES TOP PAPER AWARD AT KCA



In September, Associate Professor of Communication and Public Relations Dr. Todd Wold received the Top Paper Award at the Kentucky Communication Association (KCA) 2025 Conference for his paper titled: "Family privacy boundaries on Facebook when a child experiences a life-threatening illness: A qualitative

case study analysis of a family's Facebook community support page during a child's bone-marrow transplant."

"Social media technology has emerged over the past two decades, allowing patients and families to communicate about illness and treatment experiences with friends and loved ones," Wold said. "This health communication paper presented a qualitative case study of a Facebook page used by a family to rally support from family and friends around a child's bone-marrow transplant."

## PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR PRESENTS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION RESEARCH AT KAWI



From September 15-16, Professor of Psychology Dr. Laura Dryjanska shared her expertise in human trafficking prevention at the Kids Are Worth It (KAWI) conference, presented by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. In its 29th year, KAWI is Kentucky's premier educational event designed to meet the continuing education, networking

and programmatic needs of diverse professionals who contribute professionally or personally to the safety, well-being and permanency of Kentucky's children.

"My presentation focused on child trafficking in the United States in general and in Kentucky in particular," Dryjanska said. "I talked about psychological aspects and complex traumatic experiences inherent to child trafficking. My research with human trafficking survivors demonstrated the impact of exploitation on emotional regulation and coping, as well as physical, cognitive, spiritual and educational development, in the light of psychological coercion."

## NURSING DIRECTOR RECEIVES GRANT FROM KENTUCKY NURSE FOUNDATION



Dr. Connie Lamb, department chair of Nursing, recently received a \$2,500 research grant from the Kentucky Nurse Foundation to support her study, "Measuring Psychological Workload Among Academic Nurse Educators: An Explanatory Sequential Mixed-Methods Study." The grant will fund participant

compensation for the nurse educators involved in the interview phase of the research.

"Nurse educators are foundational anchors in the nursing workforce pipeline," Lamb said. "Any strategy to address the ongoing workforce shortage must reflect the voice of those in nursing education. This research seeks to amplify that voice, providing meaningful insight into the psychological workload experienced by nursing faculty, while informing policies and practices that foster well-being, resilience, and retention among nurse educators."

## BIOLOGY PROFESSOR AND STUDENTS PUBLISH ENVIRONMENTAL DNA RESEARCH

Professor of Biology Dr. Ben Brammell and students who worked in his lab recently published an article in the journal *Herpetology Notes* titled "The use of eDNA in the detection of the salamanders *Pseudotriton ruber* (Sonnini & Latreille, 1801) and *Gyrinophilus porphyriticus* (Green, 1827): development and validation of quantitative PCR assays and notes on phylogeographic effectiveness." Authors included **Sara Brewer '24, Rebecca Piche '22, Florene Bell '19, Angie Flores '19, Dr. Kenton Sena '12**, Dr. Thomas Maigret (University of Kentucky), **Chi Jing Leow '20**.

In this study, Brammell's lab developed molecular tools, called "assays," for use in detection of two salamander species that widely are distributed but of conservation concern: the northern red salamander and the spring salamander.



## CHRISTIAN STUDIES FACULTY IMPACT GLOBALLY THROUGH RESEARCH & MINISTRY

Asbury professors in the School of Christian Studies recently published research, participated in seminars, received election to denominations, and conducted mission-focused efforts. Associate Professor of Philosophy Dr. Jonathan Rutledge recently co-authored an article, "Love of Neighbor Assessment: Validity, Reliability, and a Template for Measurement" (forthcoming in *Frontiers in Psychology*) and authored "On Tethering Atonement Concepts to Scripture" (forthcoming in *Philosophia Christi*).

In October, Assistant Professor of New Testament Dr. Joy Vaughan presented at Lewis House Lecture Series on "Christ the Exorcist: A Theology of Spiritual Warfare and What It Means for Christians Today." In November, Professor of New Testament Dr. Suzanne Nicholson presented a paper titled "The Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Law of Love" for the Inductive Study of Scripture research group at the Institute for Biblical Research.



## SERVICE MOUNT HORSES PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL POLICE HORSE COLLOQUIUM

Twelve horses that graduated from the Asbury University Service Mounts program participated in the National Mounted Police Colloquium from Sept. 8-14 at the Kentucky Horse Park. These horses arrived from units including the Indianapolis Mounted Patrol, Louisville Mounted Patrol, Nashville Metropolitan Police, and the Kent County (Michigan) Mounted Unit.

## NURSING THINK TANK BRINGS TOGETHER FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

In the spring, members of the Asbury faculty, staff, alumni and friends convened to help build a firm foundation for the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. It engaged key stakeholders who care deeply about the future of both healthcare and the University, providing insights for nursing at Asbury.

Conversations were both visionary and celebratory. Although the BSN program at Asbury is new, it also represents a continuation of the University's ongoing mission to prepare servant leaders in the nursing profession.

One of the most valuable insights was the call to prepare nurses who are not only excellent clinicians but also resilient and Christ-centered. Participants emphasized the need for graduates who embody compassion, demonstrate strong interpersonal and communication skills, and carry a genuine desire to share the love of Christ. A recurring theme was the importance of intentionally infusing faith and biblical worldview into every aspect of the curriculum.

"I feel that nursing is a calling, not just a career," said **Tracy Faris '93 Rexford**, who was part of the second graduating class of dual degree nursing students at Asbury and University of Kentucky. "I've had the privilege of navigating the art of nursing with new graduate nurses all my career. Having Jesus as the center of my calling has been pivotal during long shifts, working alongside other professionals who may not know Jesus, and being present and compassionate to patients and families during the best and worst days of their lives. My nursing calling has been extremely fulfilling and has sharpened my perspective on life and my personal faith in so many ways. I know I have the passion, experience and knowledge to provide insight and direction into a developing nursing program."

Freshman nursing majors this fall will become the first cohort to attend Asbury for all four years and graduate with a BSN degree.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SERVES STUDENTS IN HUNGARY

This summer, the Asbury University School of Education returned to Hungary in partnership with One Mission Society to conduct an English Camp for over 80 students in Letenye. Under the leadership of **Dr. Barbara Hamilton '92**, **Glenn Hamilton '91**, and **Nathan Thallman '24**, 12 undergraduate students and two recent alumni, **Hannah Jones '25** and **Olivia Parsons '25**, served more than 80 students through lessons in English, Bible, music, crafts and recreation. At the end of the week, the campers presented a program for parents where they shared the Gospel through songs, skits and artwork from the week.

## SCREENWRITERS RECEIVE AWARDS FROM FAITH & FAMILY FILMMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Professor of Screenwriting and Associate Dean of the School of Communication Arts Sean Gaffney, Adjunct Professor Shun Lee Fong, and Media Communication major **Sabina Boyer '27** recently received screenwriting awards from the Faith & Family Filmmakers Association.

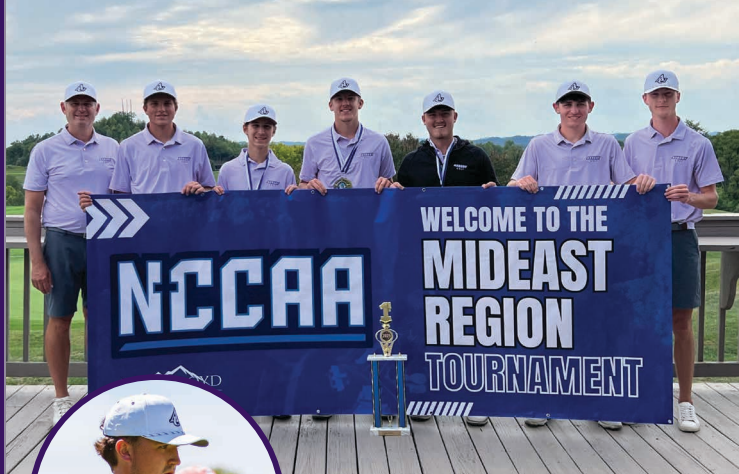
Gaffney and Fong received the Grand Prize Award for Best Screenplay, Best Adventure, and Best Comedy for "Frustration" (screenplay by Gaffney, story by Fong). Boyer received Best Short Screenplay for "Proofing Hoomans" and Best Romantic Comedy and Best Family Feature for "Christmas Across the Hall" (also runner-up for Christmas Feature and third place for Faith Based).



## HONORS PROGRAM WELCOMES DISTINGUISHED FALL SPEAKERS

This semester, the Asbury University Honors Program (AUHP) hosted two thought-provoking events as part of its annual Honors Program Speaker Series. On Sept. 15, author and editor Jake Meador joined President Dr. Kevin Brown for a conversation titled, "What Are Christians For?" The evening focused on how the lordship of Christ shapes ideals, values, and obligations in today's polarized climate. On Nov. 10, Dr. James E. Beidler presented "The Wholehearted Reader: C. S. Lewis on How to Read for Life." Beidler guides audiences through Lewis's published and unpublished writings, offering practical lessons on reading with joy, with others, and as an act of Christian discipleship.





## STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILE

## Grayson Head

Asbury golf accounting major **Grayson Head '27** is being used by God's hand during his time at Asbury University, experiencing impact on and off the course while serving, training, and competing for the glory of God. The junior from Hendersonville, Tenn., recently took first place in the Stateline Shootout Tournament and also led Asbury to a National Christian College Athletics Association (NCCAA) Region Championship. The Ambassador editorial team spoke with Head, a student-athlete committed to growth and development at Asbury.

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

**A** *My time at Asbury has been spiritually transformative and has pushed me to think about how I live out my faith. I've learned to rely on God in both victories and challenges, and I've grown in my prayer life and understanding of His purpose for me. Living on a campus that puts God first is an incredible privilege and one that can be so easy to take for granted. I'm incredibly thankful I get to compete for the glory of God at a university that only puts God first.*

**Q How has God used golf in your life?**

**A** *Golf has taught me so many different things, but the main one is that the situation is always in God's hands. My performance is based on how hard I work, however, when I go out and compete, I know everything happens for a reason. God has a plan, and He can use me to be a light to others.*

**Q Who are some of the coaches, faculty, and staff who have impacted you at AU?**

**A** *Golf coach **Joe Crouse III '94** has helped me learn how to let go and control what I can control, to compete with the utmost intensity but to let the process determine the outcome. **Dr. Emily Nestor '98** Walsh has made an incredible impact on my time at AU, teaching me discipline and patience, inside and outside of the classroom.*

**Q What life lessons have you learned from managing the demands of being a student-athlete?**

**A** *Time management is everything! Balancing academics, practices, tournaments, and personal life has taught me discipline, resilience, and the importance of prioritizing what truly matters. I've also learned how to handle setbacks gracefully and celebrate progress, not just results. Most of all, being a student-athlete has helped me understand that my identity is not in my performance, but in Christ.*



## TEAMAU CONTINUES MISSION TRADITION

Asbury softball and volleyball teams, in addition to other AU student-athletes, visited Puerto Rico during their summer break to serve and grow in their faith. AU women's basketball head coach, Chad Mayes, leads a ministry in Puerto Rico that welcomes TeamAU student-athletes annually, The LYNC8 Project.

"Our softball and volleyball teams served a Puerto Rican community this past July by painting a fence for a visually impaired man whose wife has cancer," said Asbury Softball Head Coach **Ally Moore '20**. "An AU volleyball student was also able to provide the school with a brand-new mural to decorate the walls! Our teams were able to learn about this community and culture while also serving the Lord. It was a time of spiritual growth while also connecting two women's programs who might not have otherwise." <sup>2</sup>

## ASBURY REVEALS NEW LUCE CENTER COURT DESIGN

Asbury recently revealed a new gymnasium court design in the Asbury Luce Center. The design features the primary Asbury logo, alongside affiliation branding with the NCAA and the NCCAA marks. A Luce Center script is on each side of the court, as well as the Asbury Eagle head logo. The base color of the court was upgraded in addition to the grip and traction of the floor. <sup>3</sup>





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## ASBURY TO HOST NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP 2026-2027

The National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) announced a two-year partnership with Asbury to host the Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships in 2026 and 2027. The championships will be held at the brand-new Gray Outdoor Venue.

"We are pleased to be heading to Asbury University for this championship, which will give our student-athletes an opportunity to not only experience a new host, but also a new venue," stated NCCAA Executive Director Dan Wood. "With Asbury's commitment to excellence, they will deliver a great experience and a God-honoring event, and we are grateful to Mark Whitworth and his staff for taking on this task."

"As a proud member of the NCCAA, Asbury University is thrilled to host the 2026 and 2027 Outdoor Track & Field Championships at our state-of-the-art Gray Outdoor Venue," stated Asbury President Dr. Kevin Brown. "In alignment with the NCCAA, Asbury University seeks to advance the cause of Christ through our facilities, character, hospitality, and the platform of athletics. We are looking forward to welcoming teams, families, coaches, and student-athletes."

Asbury University Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & University Communications **Mark Whitworth '84** added, "This is one of the largest gatherings of NCCAA student-athletes each year, so it is meaningful for us to host this event that goes well beyond competition. Our hope is that this championship will glorify God and enrich the lives of those who participate. We are extremely grateful for the new Gray

Outdoor Venue which provides Asbury the opportunity to host an event of this stature and showcase the talent and commitment of the more than 500 student-athletes who will compete." **1**

## ANDREWS SURPASSES ZWEIFEL AS ALL-TIME WINNINGEST ASBURY MEN'S SOCCER COACH

Asbury men's soccer 16th-year head coach **Ben Andrews '06** was honored Oct. 1, as the all-time winningest head men's soccer coach in Asbury history. On Oct. 30, 2024, in the Collegiate Conference of the South (CCS) Tournament, AU defeated Piedmont, 5-1, securing Andrews' 133rd career victory for the record. Andrews passed the long-time record holder and first-ever Asbury Athletics Director, Coach Cecil Zweifel, who won 132 games as the Asbury men's soccer head coach. **4**

### HOW TO FOLLOW ASBURY ATHLETICS

The TeamAU vision is to **serve, train,** and **compete** for the glory of God

- ▶ Follow **@asburyeagles** on Instagram, X, Facebook, YouTube, or **asburyeagles.com**
- ▶ Watch all TeamAU home games live on **AsburySportsDigitalNetwork.com**
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# Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Recently in our Advancement Team meeting, we reviewed statistics from the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Fundraising revenue received; giving percentage by alumni; projects we are celebrating; the extension of several important grants; and even the number of donors who are members of our President's Leadership Giving Society. It was encouraging. Being competitive, I like to see progress in black and white sometimes.

We are blessed by good numbers for sure, but we also shared stories. Behind the encouraging numbers that you can read about in this issue of the Ambassador are people. Great people. People who, like you, believe in our mission and in our students. Behind the numbers are alumni, parents, friends, and donors who are giving sacrificially. Behind the gifts are people who want to leave a legacy, people who want to see Asbury excel, thrive and make a difference for God's Kingdom.

For Dr. Kevin Brown, for our Alumni and Advancement team, and for me, we have the incredible privilege of interacting with great people all over the globe who see Asbury as an important place. For some, it is a great memory. For others, this is a place that impacted their kids. For many, they see God using Asbury in the world. We are honored to be able to call so many friends and partners. Thank you so much for thinking of Asbury in your giving plans.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he wrote (actually from prison likely), "Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying with a glad heart." Philippians 1:1 (MSG)

When our team looks at statistics and progress reports, we are always reflective of great people who bring us a smile and a glad heart. We do pray for you, sometimes by name, always with thanksgiving and gratitude. From our team, from Dr. Brown, and from many who have gone before us, thank you for your steadfast faith and encouragement through your prayers, your presence and your giving.



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

## Partnering for GENERATIONS OF IMPACT

Every scholarship, every Chapel, every student formed in Christlike leadership is a testimony to God's faithfulness through the generosity of His people. For more than a century, this sacred partnership of prayer and giving has sustained our mission.

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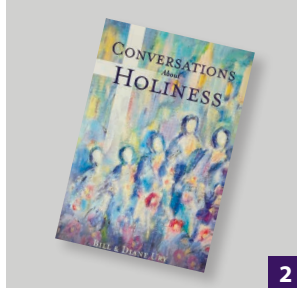
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## 1970

**Gene Ezell '70** is now fourth in the United States in his age group in men's doubles pickleball. He won the Tennessee State Championship two years in a row and reached the semi-finals in the most recent National Senior Olympics tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. He is on the top row on the right. **5**

**Bill '78 and Diane Nelson '83 Ury** have co-authored the book, "Conversations About Holiness." It can be purchased at [mytradeouth.com](http://mytradeouth.com). **2**

## 1990

**Elizabeth Stabler '94 Van Cise** wrote the book, "Forever Free." It is published by Elk Lake Publishing and can be purchased from Amazon. **3**

## 2000

**Seth McPherson '02** received his Ph.D. from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in the area of Rhetoric and Communications. His dissertation included the works of notable Asbury alum, E. Stanley Jones, Class of 1907.

**Ruth Garza '04 Hauck** wrote and published, "The Lord of Mars: A

Christian Missions Adventure." It is designed to teach missiological principles to young people in an imaginative futuristic context. It can be purchased from Amazon.

**Sheila Werner '06** and Benjamin Hurst welcomed their son, Marcus Scott, on July 14, 2025.

**Jonathan Grant '07** was named the Visiting Artist at the American Church in Paris from 2026-2030. In this role he will be painting, preaching and hosting creative retreats at the church and other sites throughout Europe.

**Richard '08 and Joslyn '09 Bloodworth** with their son, Bastian, welcomed Theodore Jackson, born in Aug. 2025. **8**

## 2010

**Marcus '14 and Abbegail Wells '15 Rixon** welcomed their third child, Levi James, in April. Levi was welcomed home by big brothers, Elliot and Colin. **7**

**Gwendolyn Cipkowski '14 Wheat** is the Marketing Support Specialist for United Methodist Communications.

**Micah '16 and Abby Adams '15 Pace** began a two-year mission to Perth, Australia. They will partner with a local church in Perth to grow, train, equip and disciple worship teams and leaders. Connect with them at: [micahandabbypace@gmail.com](mailto:micahandabbypace@gmail.com) **1**

**Jonathan '19 and Cathryn Lien '18 Miller** are proud to announce the arrival of James David Thomas in May 2025. Proud grandparents are **Danielle Boisvert '93 and David '93 Miller**. **4**

**Emily Buonocore '19 and William Sydor** were married Nov. 9, 2024. In Aug. 2025, Emily was a part of a team from the Northeast Global Methodist Conference to go to Malawi, Africa, helping start the Global Methodist church in Malawi with their convening annual conference. **6**

## 2020

**Breann Sanders '21** graduated from LMU-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2025 and was matched into an Orthopedic Surgery Residency at University of Michigan Health-West.





# IN MEMORIAM

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## Alumni

**Ruth "Suzy" Henderson '43 Lippman,**  
Education/Ministry,  
9/15/2025, Richmond, KY

**Margaret Todd '49 McNally,**  
Caregiver,  
8/1/2025, Sharpsburg, MD

**Nancy Reilein '49 Nielsen,**  
Genetics Researcher/Medical Technician,  
7/17/2025, Deerfield Beach, FL

**Rev. Robert "Bob" Williams '49,**  
Ministry, 7/10/2025, Evansville, IN

**Marvel Oswalt '51 Johnson,**  
Administrative Assistant/Former Asbury  
Staff/Homemaker/Ministry,  
8/12/2025, Oak Island, NC

**Rev. Shirley Morgan '51,**  
Evangelist/Ministry,  
7/25/2025, Hagerstown, IN

**Lt. Col. (Ret.) Eldon Smith, Jr. '52,**  
Air Force Chaplain/Ministry,  
9/30/2025, Millersville, MD

**Dr. Gene Stanley '52,**  
Veteran,  
7/6/2024, Hudson, FL

**Rev. Richard Chamberlin '53,**  
Education/Ministry,  
7/9/2025, Lancaster, KY

**Dr. Richard Farmer '53,**  
Education/Education Administrator,  
8/31/2025, Cape Girardeau, MO

**Rev. George Aist '55,**  
Cattleman/Ministry/Volunteer Firefighter,  
9/6/2025, Gaithersburg, MD

**Phyllis Thomas '55 Brom,**  
Education/Linguist/Missionary,  
5/16/2024, Xenia, OH

**Rev. Arthur "Art" Whitaker, III '56,**  
Ministry/Pilot,  
8/29/2025, Lewisville, IN

**Col. Morris Holtzclaw '57,**  
Air Force Chaplain/Veteran,  
8/17/2025, St. Petersburg, FL

**Dr. Ronald "Ron" Welling '57,**  
Missions/Retired Asbury Professor,  
9/10/2025, Wilmore, KY

**Rev. Dr. Clark Aist '59,**  
Cattleman/Director of Chaplain  
Services/Ministry,  
4/5/2025, Monkton, MD

**Rev. Donald Hall '59,**  
Ministry,  
9/15/2025, Altamonte Springs, FL

**Pastor James "Russell" Wilson '59,**  
Education/Ministry,  
4/9/2025, Colorado Springs, CO

**Rev. Richard Budden '60,**  
Ministry/Social Worker,  
5/25/2025, Scotts, MI

**Patricia Ellis '60 Glass,**  
Education,  
9/1/2025, Louisville, KY

**Sally Chmitlin '62 Benson,**  
6/13/2025, Batavia, OH

**Nancy Booth '62 Hiner,**  
United States Ambassador/US  
Government Correspondent,  
5/1/2025, Martin, GA

**Chaplain Jesse Baldridge '63,**  
Chaplain/U.S. Post Office,  
8/30/2025, Lexington, KY

**Ruth Kibbey '63 Botkin,**  
Nursing,  
9/22/2025, Indianapolis, IN

**Sandra "Sandi" Wilkinson '67 Osgood,**  
Artist/Art Education/Ministry/Missions,  
8/20/2025, Rockport, WV

**Phyllis Cramer '67 Storey,**  
Education/Missions,  
9/11/2025, Fort Mill, SC

**Betty Mohler '67 Swisher,**  
Education, 9/7/2025, Lexington, VA

**Pastor Paul Sweet '74,**  
Ministry,  
8/23/2025, Fairfield, ME

**Dr. Sondra White '76 O'Neale,**  
Business/Education/Ministry/Writer,  
9/8/2025, Detroit, MI

**Dr. Jerald "Drew" O'Neal '77,**  
Medicine,  
9/17/2025, Yorktown, VA

**Judy Wineman '79 Brown,**  
Federal Service/Music Education,  
10/3/2025, Glenford, OH

**Steven "Steve" Coil '81,**  
Counselor/Education/Missions/Technology,  
9/25/2025, Burlington, NC

**Dawn Emary '84 Smith,**  
Education, 9/29/2025, Frankfort, KY

**Pastor David Justis '90,**  
Former Asbury Staff/Ministry/Volunteer,  
8/2/2025, Lewisburg, OH

**Gary Kidd '92,**  
Missions/Security, 7/13/2025, Strunk, KY

**Joshua "Josh" Ditmer '99,**  
Ministry/Retail, 7/30/2025, Quincy, IL

## Friends

**Pamela "Pam" Maas Askey,**  
9/9/2025, Sigel, PA

**Betty Lee Chow,**  
5/19/2025, Lebanon, OH

**Pamela "Pam" Noel Graves,**  
9/9/2025, Lexington, KY

**Dr. Timothy Hickey,**  
5/21/2025, Palm Coast, FL

**Donna Jean Dunlap Hilliard,**  
1/31/2025, DuBois, PA

**Eric Lidh,**  
Former Asbury Faculty,  
9/26/2025, Andalusia, AL

**Rev. Terry Van Gilder,**  
7/24/2025, Mobile, AL

**Terry Schoeni,**  
6/17/2025, Lenexa, KS

**Rev. Linda Davis Swick,**  
9/11/2025, London, OH

**Karen Clotfelter Whitty,**  
9/15/2025, Louisville, KY

**Beverly Ketola Williams,**  
6/9/2024, Jefferson, OH

**Ralph Williams,**  
5/10/2024, Jefferson, OH



# Photo Finish

Asbury Athletics hosted the annual TeamAU Golf Experience presented by CapinCrouse on September 15, 2025, at the University Club of Kentucky. The event is an impactful opportunity for Asbury student-athletes and supporters to fellowship and celebrate what God is up to in AU Athletics.

All proceeds from the event directly help fund special projects at TeamAU, and are utilized to continue the mission of customizing and raising the level of the Asbury student-athlete experience.



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