

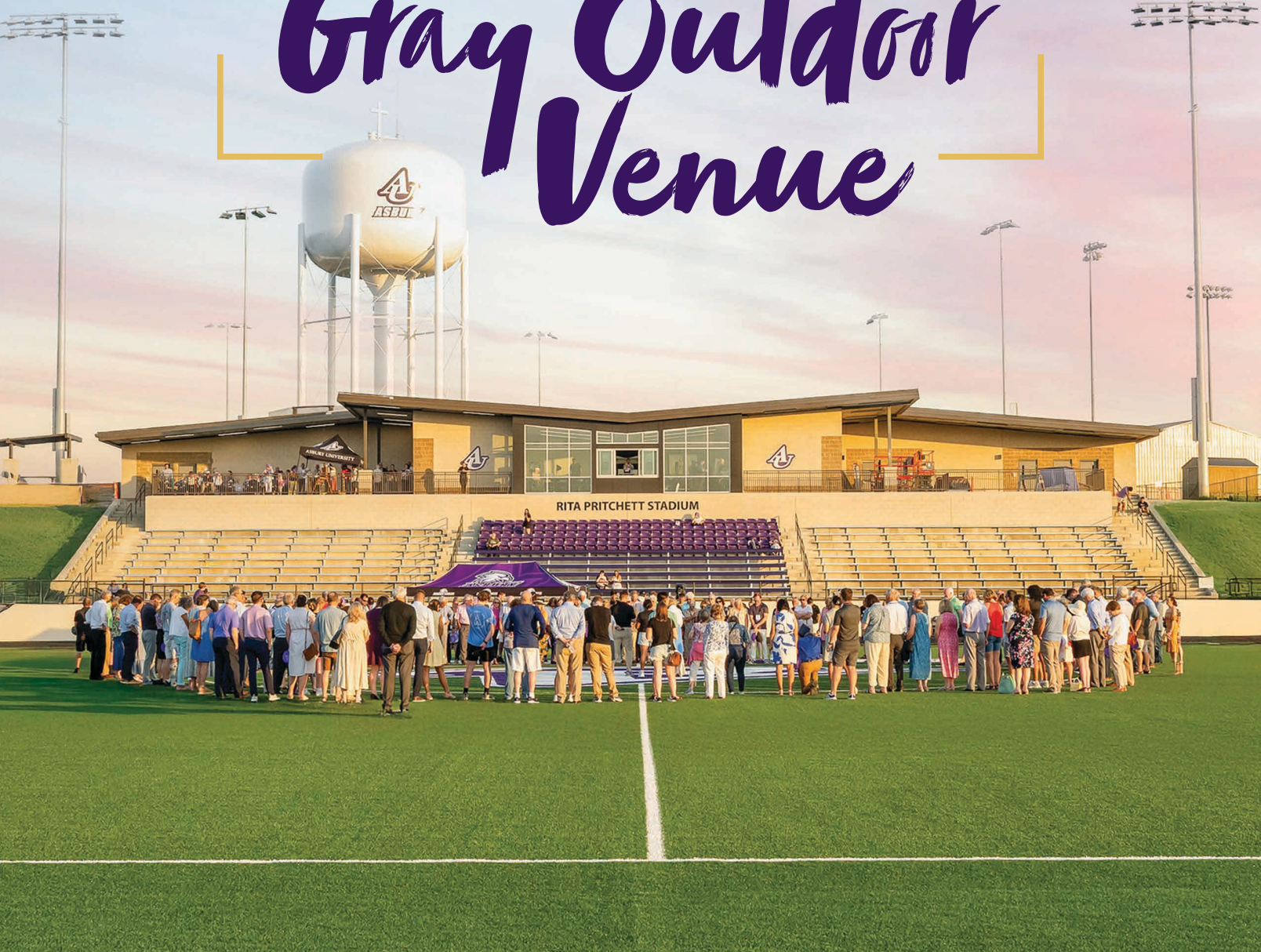
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*Gray Outdoor  
Venue*



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## President's Message



# The Enduring Vision of Asbury

Last year, some close friends gifted me a 1930-31 Asbury Bulletin they found at a local garage sale. Among other interesting content, the Bulletin described the aim and charge of Asbury with language that still resonates today:

"To build the character of the youth entrusted to them [and] high grade intellectual equipment...upon the deepest and most enduring foundations of the Christian faith ... [and] to uphold the clearly taught scriptural truths of a free and full salvation."

Certainly, much has changed since then. New buildings have been built, and old buildings removed. Our academic programs have expanded far beyond their early focus. Athletics, once absent from campus life, now play a meaningful role in the student experience. And of course, the cost of attendance has shifted with the times (the bulletin lists tuition and fees at \$450 per year). Perhaps most shocking: the bookstore used to sell...books!

But amid nearly a century of change, Asbury's essence has held steady. Our enduring call has persisted. We still aspire to an intellectually rigorous, spiritually formative experience. The primacy of the Christian faith, the authority of Scripture, and the transformative power of Jesus Christ remain central — not peripheral — to our mission. We continue to educate the whole person, head and heart alike, as a hymnal dated 1898 once put it.

How does that happen? How does an institution remain faithful to its founding mission across generations, not only enduring but flourishing?

The answer lies in more than strategic plans or strong infrastructure. Asbury doesn't merely have a mission — we have a story. It is the story of God's character, of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and of God's redemptive plan for the world. And as long as that story remains foundational to our self-understanding and practice, Asbury remains Asbury.

But it also takes people. Faithful people. Humble people. For more than 130 years, our endurance has been protected by leaders who refuse to let Asbury exist just to exist. These are women and men who have, in the words of Philippians 2, emptied themselves, putting the others above themselves.

As an example, earlier this year, we honored the life of former Asbury President and the first U.S. born International General of The Salvation Army, **Dr. Paul Rader '56**. An article by Religious News Service covering his life described him as "humble, effective, and kind." It reminded me of the distinction author David Brooks has made between résumé virtues and eulogy virtues. The former are what we list on applications; the latter are what others remember when we're gone.

The article for Dr. Rader caught my attention because moral descriptors ("humble", "kind") doubled descriptors of accomplishment ("effective"). What a wonderful aspiration for Christ followers. That is, aspiring to a life where our moral qualities exceed our achievements two-fold (or more).

And he is not alone. A humble people whose effectiveness is only outpaced by their character has made Asbury special and has helped us maintain an unwavering fidelity to our mission.

Faith, humility, and effectiveness. These are the traits that have kept Asbury steady through the decades. And by God's grace, as long as those virtues endure, so will Asbury.



Kevin J. Brown, Ph.D.  
President

**OCTOBER 21-22, 2025**  
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## THE IGNITED CLASS TURNS THE TASSEL

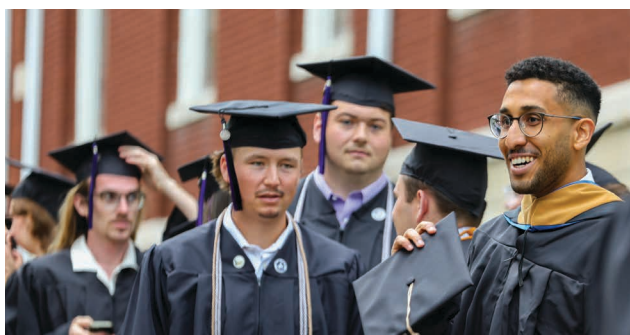
Class Verse: 2 Timothy 1: 6-7: *"Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."*

By May, Ignited Class members logged more than 142,800 combined classroom hours. Their Asbury journeys complete, 210 graduates walked across the stage to receive their degrees.

Ignited Class advisors **Wes '10** and **Taylor Bobb '12 Collingsworth** shared these encouraging words to this class: "There are great 'yeses' that you get to say in life. 'Yes' to Jesus, 'yes' to marrying your spouse, and 'yes' to following God's calling on your life. Ignited Class, you have been one of those great 'yeses' for us. Our hope for you is that you will keep saying 'yes' to Jesus and the abundant life that He has for you, 'yes' to experiences that challenge you and stretch you, 'yes' to community, 'yes' to vulnerability and 'yes' to accountability."

Ignited Class sponsors **Emma Barr '22** and **Samuel Diaz Merchan '22** offered these words to the class: "In a time when Christianity has become a social trend, we want to challenge this Class to have a faith that is steadfast and true. This Class has been tasked with wielding their power through salvation to show love and sound judgment in a time filled with hatred, unrest, and brokenness. As Christians, we are a light in a world filled with darkness, and now, the Ignited Class will share their flame with the world."

**Dr. Bill '78** and **Rev. Diane Nelson '83 Ury** served as Commencement speakers. Both Bill and Diane are ordained elders in the Evangelical Methodist Church, have pastored together, and have spent decades discipling men and women.



Bert Jones '89 spoke with Reunion guests during the 50th anniversary dinner in June.

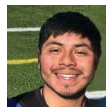
## BERT JONES '89 HIRED AS NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR

This summer, **Bert Jones '89** became Asbury's new director of alumni relations, replacing **Lisa Falin '90 Harper**, who now serves as assistant vice president for annual giving.

"From the moment I stepped on the campus in 1985, Asbury has always held a special place in my heart," said Jones. "My life and ministry over the last 36 years have been greatly impacted by the training I received, the spiritual influence in my life and connections I made at Asbury. I look forward to joining the team and serving our alumni around the world."

This position is instrumental in engaging the more than 22,000 alumni who live and serve all around the world. Jones will oversee the annual Reunion weekend, work with the Alumni Board and invest in key churches and para-church organizations as he builds the alumni network.

Jones served with the Christian Medical and Dental Association as their vice president of missions and member care and was the teaching pastor at South Bristol Church in Bristol, Tenn. He has been a lead pastor, a president of GO International and a youth pastor. He is ordained with the Missionary Church and is the author of "Dig In: A Daily Discipleship Devotional for Digging into God's Word." He and his wife, **Cheryl Glenn '89**, have three children, **Josh '14** (Kali); Allyson and Aaron, and two grandchildren.



## THREE ASBURY ALUMNI WIN EMMY AWARDS FOR NBC OLYMPIC COVERAGE



From top to bottom: Kevin Maldonado, Rosie Gary, DT Slouffman

Three alumni (**Rosie Gary '20**, **Kevin Maldonado '24**, and **DT Slouffman '97**) earned national recognition by winning Emmy Awards for their contributions to NBC's coverage of the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad.

Their work helped secure multiple Emmy Awards at the 2025 Sports Emmy ceremony. These wins highlight the continued success of Asbury's Media Communication graduates in national broadcast media.



## HADASSAH WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

The Hadassah Women's Fellowship is a community whose members grow together in generosity, united by the shared goal of furthering God's Kingdom through impacting the next generation of servant-leaders. Each member gives \$250 annually to support the Hadassah Women's Scholarship Fund. Through in-person events, virtual events, and newsletters, she discovers opportunities to support Asbury students in ways that align with her ministry and stewardship goals. The scholarships support female students who are experiencing financial need.

"Scholarships were financial lifelines and support systems were acts of kindness and faith," said **Shawwna Ingram '19 Crouse**, HWF member. "There were people and organizations that poured into me financially and relationally throughout my four years. Their generosity showed me I mattered and that I wasn't alone. It's incredibly meaningful to stand in the gap for others, to be a part of a legacy of support, and to know that I am contributing to something lasting."



Asbury hosted a Hadassah Women's gathering during Reunion in June.



The 2025 Highbridge Film Festival winners, recognized for outstanding achievement in film, pictured following the awards ceremony. Full list available at [highbridgefilmfestival.com](https://highbridgefilmfestival.com)

## HIGHBRIDGE FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 21 YEARS OF STUDENT STORYTELLING

Campus came alive as students, faculty, and guests gathered in Hughes Auditorium for the 21st annual Highbridge Film Festival, a celebration of student creativity and storytelling through film.

Held in April, the event featured a screening of the official film selections, chosen from dozens of student submissions across high school, undergraduate, and graduate levels. A panel of Asbury's media faculty curated the official selections which were then judged by industry professionals in categories including best actor, cinematography, editing, sound design, and more.

### QUICK HITS

## Campus Corner



Asbury saw more than 300 campers at SummitCamp, ImpactU, Youth Becoming Leaders (YBL), and Asbury Eagle Sports Camps.

Members of the Wilmore community celebrated the reopening of the Asbury Trails in April and honored the remarkable efforts of Dr. Larry Olsen, a retired associate professor of earth science. Associate Professor of Earth Science Olsen played an instrumental role in the creation and development of the Asbury Trails.



In May, more than 50 students, faculty, and staff traveled to Colorado on the Set Apart Retreat. Students hiked Garden of the Gods, worshipped together, and learned more about their identity in Christ.



Incoming students visited campus over three summer Eagle Days, allowing them to meet future classmates, take care of enrollment business, and get acquainted with campus.





## NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOR 3+2 PRE-ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

This fall, Asbury launches the new pre-athletic training concentration within the exercise science major, offering Asbury students the 3+2 program option in partnership with the University of Kentucky's Master of Science in athletic training program.

"We are excited about this opportunity in the exercise science department to be able to complete a bachelor's degree from Asbury and Master of Science in athletic training from UK in as little as five years," said Associate Professor of Exercise Science Dr. Elise Kearns, who serves as chair of the department of exercise science. "Athletic trainers are needed members of the health care team, and we are pleased to partner with the University of Kentucky to increase the number of highly trained athletic trainers in Kentucky and beyond." <sup>4</sup>

## ONLINE MULTIMEDIA DESIGN MAJOR LAUNCHED

New this fall, students can enroll in Asbury Online's multimedia design major, which prepares them to create online platforms that powerfully communicate their message, whether it is to educate or entertain.

Within this major, students can select one of two concentrations: digital media, which focuses on skills for marketing, entertainment and storytelling; or learning design & technology, which focuses on skills for teaching/training in corporate, education and military spaces. Taught by experienced professionals, core courses within the major include audio, writing, and creative technologies.

## EQUINE DEPARTMENT HAS WESTERN PERFORMANCE CONCENTRATION

Asbury's Equine Department announced a new Western Performance concentration within the Equine Studies major that launches for undergraduate students this fall.

"We believe there is a big need for this concentration due to the growth in the industry," said Equine Director **Elizabeth McNeil '13 Guthrie**. "The hope for this program is to continue developing students with excellence in reining, training, colt starting, and other specific western disciplines. We believe that Asbury is uniquely poised to train students in this industry and teach them to also be a light for the Gospel." <sup>1</sup>

## DINA VAN HEEMST '25 AND KLARA KINMAN '25 TAKE TOP HONORS IN SEARCH

The annual SEARCH Symposium, held April 8 on campus, allowed students, faculty, staff and guests to share their research and academic passions with their peers, celebrating innovative ideas in art and research through conversation across the liberal arts. The event invited students and faculty of every major and level of experience to learn and discover together.

Two students tied for first place, each receiving a \$1,000 award for their research projects: **Dina van Heemst '25** for her paper, "Preserving Palestinian National Identity Among Refugees in Jordan" with faculty-sponsor Dr. Glenn Harden and **Klara Kinman '25** for her paper, "Loving Herself, Regardless: How Alice Walker and Lucille Clifton Reclaim Black Female Embodiment" with faculty-sponsor Dr. Erin Penner. <sup>3</sup>





## SCREENWRITING PROFESSOR PUBLISHES BOOK ON CHRISTIAN STORYTELLING

In April, School of Communication Arts Professor of Screenwriting Sean Gaffney published “Meta Story: What Marvel & the Messiah Can Teach Us About Great Storytelling.” This fun-to-read, insightful book expands the reader’s view of storytelling and provides instruction to those learning the art of scriptwriting. It highlights three areas: divine design, story structure, and Christ and culture.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMUNICATION STUDENTS

The School of Communication Arts now boasts an animation and game design lab. Known as the Campbell Animation Lab, students utilize large capacity computers, cutting edge software, virtual reality headsets, and motion capture suites to explore basic animation, game design, motion capture, virtual reality and virtual production. An Asbury branded arcade game has been added so that students can test the games they create. Additional equipment will be installed to link the studio to the new video wall in the news room.

“We are excited about this additional new media production path for our students,” said Dean **Dr. Jim Owens ’79**. “Animation has become integral in almost all areas of media. This new lab and the new courses will better prepare our students for media careers. Games are now being used in areas outside of just entertainment, such as education and learning simulations. It will be interesting to see how our graduates will apply their knowledge in this field.” **2**

## COMMUNICATION CONCENTRATIONS REVAMPED

Asbury’s School of Communication Arts will launch significant curriculum updates this fall, introducing two new concentrations that align academic offerings with evolving industry demands.

Starting in the 2025-26 academic year, the Communication major will include Strategic Communication, and Leadership and Global Communication tracks.

## FACULTY RETIREMENTS



### Dr. George Allen

FT Faculty Year Began: 2014  
Associate Professor of Marketing,  
Program Director, Asbury University  
Center for Professional Selling



### Dr. Glen Flanigan '82

FT Faculty Year Began: 2001  
Professor of Music Education  
Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble Director



### Dr. Mike Kane

FT Faculty Year Began: 2013  
Professor of Business Administration





# ENDURING CALL: *Reunion* 2025

Alumni and friends from across the country came home to Asbury for Reunion 2025. More than 1,300 participants, ages five weeks to 93 years, attended class gatherings and activities, including the annual Hymn Sing. This Reunion favorite showcased 1,000 voices raised in song and praise, while celebrating banner year classes.

"I certainly enjoyed seeing my Voyager friends after 45 years," said **Owen Prillaman '80**. I will never forget the warm hugs, smiles, and the reminiscing as we gathered together. Singing all of the class hymns Friday night was certainly one of the highlights of our short time together. My wife and I had a fun pickleball session with an 'old' teammate, **JP Rader '83**, and the ever-young **Coach Tom Harper '64**, who was our tennis coach. I was reminded once again of this special place that helped me prepare for life adventures many years ago."

Meeting with classmates, many of whom have not been seen since the last reunion, is a highlight of the gathering.

"Bocce ball, T-shirts, and BBQ – that's how it started. Attending the Panther Class's 50th reunion was such an overwhelming blessing, one that touched me more deeply than I ever expected," said **Deni Moegerle '75 Corbett**. "Being surrounded by friends who had walked the same spiritual and academic journey all those years ago felt like coming home. It was a beautiful reminder of how God wove our lives together and continues to do so, even across decades and miles. I was renewed in spirit, incredibly grateful for the roots planted there, and humbled by the way God's faithfulness has carried us through so many seasons. Truly, my heart is full."

Gratitude was a word that was expressed throughout the weekend as alumni, friends and families reflected on their experiences.

"'Reunion' means something different to everyone," said **Caiti Maumenee '15 Woods**. "It can stir up a mix of emotions — anticipation, nerves, and the weight of everything life has brought since those college days. I felt all of that walking in. But the second I locked eyes with an old friend, all the noise in my head quieted. I feel genuinely proud of where life has taken each of us over the past five to ten years."

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## REUNION 2025 GIFT PROJECT RESULTS

Each year, banner year Classes join together to fund a project of significant importance to their alma mater. The 2025 Reunion Gift Project continues the renovation and remodeling of community spaces in two residence halls, one men's and one women's. These residence hall improvements may include main lobbies, a basement gathering area, kitchen or other key space. Co-chairs and brothers, **Elijah '15** and **Zeke '20 Friedeman** led the way in promoting this opportunity. More than \$107,000 was raised to support this project.

“Being a Reunion Ambassador has truly been one of the biggest blessings of my time at Asbury. It's been priceless to connect with alumni who were here 50 years ago and realize how similar their experiences were to mine.”

ZOE BOBB '26



SAVE THE DATE  
*for next year*

REUNION 2026  
JUNE 26-28

All alumni are welcome to attend, and we will celebrate Class years ending in 1s and 6s. Please join us!





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"There's something sacred about stepping back onto a campus that shaped you. Time felt like it moved differently while I was there — slower, more meaningfully. From being Chapel buddies once again in Hughes, singing hymns we once took for granted, to cramming at a picnic table outside the Stuce late into the night, full of laughter and stories. That kind of connection is rare these days. The nostalgia was real, but I was also struck by how Asbury continues to grow. The heart of the place remains, and it's clear that the university is investing in the future while honoring its roots. Coming back takes a little effort, but it's worth every bit of it. The gift of reconnecting, remembering who you were, and celebrating who you've become is truly priceless."

Reunion 2025 included opportunities for celebration across campus. The Tumbling Team, a ministry that has entertained audiences for more than 60 years, honored their founder and original coach, Stan Wiggam. The Salvation Army's Student Fellowship's Band and Songsters welcomed back Drs. Ron and Bea Holz and Prof. Jim Curnow as guest conductors. President Dr. Kevin J. Brown recognized Asbury's most distinguished alumni award winners before sharing his year-in-review, which highlighted students, faculty, staff and alumni. The dedication of the new Gray Outdoor Venue was a time of reflection and prayer, with field time, fellowship and fireworks closing the evening.

This annual gathering of alumni, friends and families continues to be a time of spiritual renewal and reconnection.

"Going to Reunion this year was worth every minute of our ten-hour trek," said **Kelsey Boyle '15 Broome**. "I was not prepared for all of the overwhelming, emotional moments that I experienced while I walked through campus again. Every time I saw an old friend, our jaws would drop, our faces would light up, and we'd hug for a good minute straight! It didn't matter that we hadn't seen each other in five or ten years; Asbury friends are friends for life and we just picked up like we had never left."

"My husband and I met, fell in love, and started dating on Asbury's campus. We were able to walk hand-in-hand with our three kids on the very same sidewalks where we held hands as students. We taught them about Asbury, shared silly stories and even took them to see each of our dorm rooms. They were able to see where our family truly began and that was a gift. And now they want to go to Asbury one day, too! It was easily the highlight of my year. Nothing comes close to being around such deep friendships and rich memories. It was like coming home again."

To listen to the Hymn Sing or other programming in Hughes, or to see photos from the weekend, please visit [asbury.edu/reunion](https://asbury.edu/reunion).

**1-2** The class of 1974 celebrated its 50th anniversary. **3** President Dr. Kevin Brown visited with guests Ben Campbell '19 and Charles Crouse '19 during the President's Dinner. **4** The class of 2005 celebrated 20 years since graduating Asbury.



## AWARDEES RECOGNIZED AT REUNION

### Graduates from 1965 to 2010 honored for faithful service

Each year, Asbury recognizes banner year alumni who exemplify academic excellence and spiritual vitality. Awardees included **Dr. Howard Biddulph '65**, a missionary for 30 years in Colombia. His deep love for God's people and kind invitation grew the Church from one congregation to more than seven, impacting generations of families.

**Dr. Steve Seamands '70**, a longtime professor of Christian Doctrine at Asbury Theological Seminary, was also recognized. Dr. Seamands's teaching has guided countless men and women in their ministry to the church, shepherding the shepherds who care for congregations. **Patti Snelling '75 Howard** is a retired coach, FCA leader and physical education teacher. She used her vocation as a ministry to share God's love with generations of students and families.

This year's Distinguished Young Alums are **Will '10** and **Laura Perry '10 Sallee**, who are currently serving in Spain with TMS Global, working with young adults and immigrants in a culture that doesn't encourage a personal relationship with Jesus.

Also recognized annually are the Volunteers of the Year. This year's honorees are **Dr. Ken '79** and **Mary Jean McKenzie '76 Banter**. The Banters have generously given of their time and talents, providing opportunities and spaces for Asburians to reconnect and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Their steadfast leadership, love for students and unwavering faith make them invaluable members of the Asbury family.

These awardees are not only good friends to Asbury University and our students, they are also Kingdom-focused believers, faithfully living out the call to make disciples of all nations.



### 1950

**Georgetta Owens '56 MacDonald** published a book, "George and Georgetta, Adventures on Six Continents, A Translation Team's Journey of Faith." It is available on Amazon.

### 1960

**James V. Heidinger II '63** has been named Asbury Theological Seminary Alumnus of the Year 2024. Heidinger has received several other honors, including the "A" Award from Asbury University in 1988 and the honorary Doctor of Divinity from ATS in 2001. **6**

### 1970

**Homer Pointer '70** received the Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award from Oklahoma City University where he teaches in the School of Law.

**William Kostlevy '77** published the 3rd edition of the "Historical Dictionary of the Holiness Movement."

### 1980

**Jaime Greene '82** received the Larry S. Jordan Hall of Fame Award from the Florida Department of Health, EMS Office. This award recognizes an individual who has devoted a significant part of his or her life to promoting and advancing prehospital emergency care.

**Scott Smith '82** retired in May from a 43-year flying career. He served 10 years as pilot in the US Navy and 36 years as a commercial airline pilot for American Airlines. **4**

**Doreen DePaolo '85 Moore** was ordained as a Deacon at the Alabama Emerald Coast GMC Annual Conference in May. Her husband, **Joe Moore '05**, was her sponsoring elder. They are both currently serving Global Methodist Churches in the Port City District. **5**

**Bert Jones '89** is the Director of Alumni and Church Relations at Asbury University.

### 1990

**Lisa Harper '90** is the Assistant Vice President for Annual Giving at Asbury University.

**CD Morton '92** received the Superintendent of the Year Award from

Eastern Kentucky University. He is now the Executive Director/CEO of Teach for America Appalachia.

**Maureen Miller '92 Miller** has won several prestigious Selah Awards for her writing in Christian publications. Her debut novel, "Gideon's Book", was recently published by Redemption Press and is available on Amazon. **3**

**Sarah Wilson '92** Dexter received the Educator of the Year Award from Union City Community Schools.

**Jeff Judge '93** was awarded the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Medal from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for his outstanding academic contributions at the Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University. **1**

### 2000

**Rachel Phillips '03 Gilmore** has contributed to more than half a dozen books on church planting for three publishers. She most recently co-authored a Lenten devotional entitled "Where We Meet: A Lenten Study of Systems, Stories and Hope." She resides in Phoenix with her family and serves as the convener of church developers for the western jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church.

**Jeannie Banter '06** is the Associate Dean of Spiritual Life and Asbury University Chaplain.

### 2010

**Carlton Bodine, III '10** is the Tech Director at First Baptist Church of Columbia in Columbia, Tenn.

**Hannah Grace Morrison '15** and **Nathan McBride '18** each completed a Ph.D. in Spanish at The Ohio State University. Morrison's dissertation explored gender in the Mexican Lucha Libre. McBride addressed nature and modernization in postwar Spanish literature and film. They have both accepted Spanish teaching jobs in Ohio, at Kenyon College and Miami University. **2**

**Alex Cole '19** is the Director of Residence Life at Concordia University in Chicago, Ill.

**Cy Marshall '19** is the Resident Director of Trustees Hall at Asbury University.



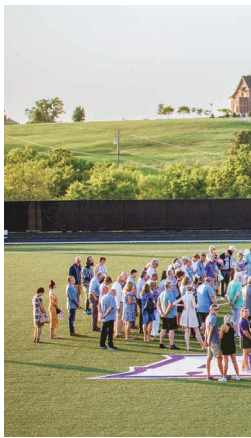




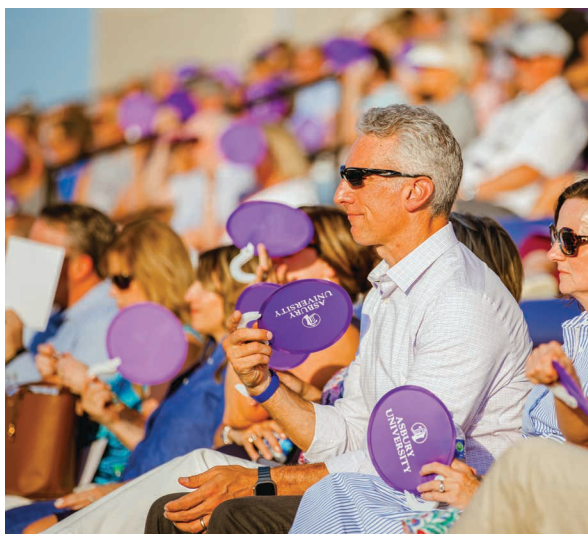
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*Gray Outdoor Venue*  
IN HONOR OF  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
*Dr. Sandra Gray*



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Asbury University celebrated a significant milestone in campus life, student development and community relations this summer during Reunion Weekend with the official naming and dedication of its state-of-the-art Outdoor Venue.

The multi-use facility is named in honor of President Emeritus Dr. Sandra Gray, a beloved leader whose legacy continues to shape the University's mission and reach.

The Gray Outdoor Venue is a space to enrich campus life, support athletics programming, and provide opportunities for worship, concerts, conferences, and other large-scale gatherings for the Asbury community and beyond. The flexible space embodies Asbury's commitment to holistic student development — particularly for student-athletes who seek a university experience grounded in faith, excellence, and community.

"It is fitting that a president who had such a sense of hospitality and love for our students and the Asbury family is honored in this way," said Dr. Mark Troyer, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Strategic Partnerships. "Dr. Gray's desire to expand Asbury's reach and impact makes this an easy decision to connect her tenure with a venue that will welcome more students, families and friends to Asbury for decades to come."

Dr. Gray served as Asbury's 17th president from 2007 to 2019 and was the first female president in the institution's history. During her tenure, she championed student formation, academic excellence, and institutional growth — priorities that are embodied in the vision of the Gray Outdoor Venue. Dr. Gray has remained an active and passionate supporter of Asbury as president emeritus.

"It is such an honor to celebrate with you the Gray Outdoor Venue," said Gray at the Dedication. "The impact and opportunities of this new facility will be far reaching and eternal. I am deeply touched and humbled, filled with heartfelt gratitude to the entire Asbury community, which spans the globe! It is only through our mutual desire and joint efforts to advance the cause of Christ that the AU mission is accomplished. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and may the Lord consecrate this Outdoor Venue for His purposes today and in the years to come."

In addition to honoring Dr. Gray, other important Asburians were also honored. The stadium within the Gray Outdoor Venue was named in recognition of another trailblazing leader in Asbury history, **Dr. Rita Pritchett '69**, who served as a faculty member and coach at Asbury for more than 40 years and was the first female Collegiate Athletic Director in Kentucky.

"What a privilege to be a part of the reception honoring Rita Pritchett," said **Becky Wood '72**. "I was somewhat overwhelmed as I looked out over the room of family, friends, former students and colleagues who came because they loved and respected Rita. I realized it was filled with people to whom she had devoted her life and loved."

Named spaces throughout the space honored alumni and friends, such as the Keller Building, recognizing Travis and **Linda Shoults '68 Keller**; the Coach Randy Crist Track and the **C.E. Crouse '68** Field. The dedication of the Gray Outdoor Venue served as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of leaders who have paved the way for generations to come.



## Ariadna Zegarra



Asbury women's tennis business administration major Ariadna Zegarra is embracing the TeamAU mission to use college athletics as a platform to serve, train, and compete for the glory of God. The junior from Lima, Peru, was named the 2025 Collegiate Conference of the South (CCS) Women's Tennis Player of the Year and then served on the 2025 Asbury Summer Ministry Team.

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

**A** Several faculty and staff members at Asbury University, including my coach, Jarred Miller, have had a meaningful and positive impact on me. I've always felt seen and supported, especially by the Admissions team, where I've worked as a Student Ambassador. I'm also thankful for my academic advisor, **Dr. Emily Nestor '98 Walsh**, who helps me strategically plan my class schedule each semester, so I don't carry too heavy a load during tennis season. In addition, the guidance I've received from Maria Brown in the Spiritual Life department has helped me see every part of my life — studying, sports, and work — as an opportunity to grow spiritually. She has reminded me that everything I do has a purpose in my walk with Christ.

**Q How have you grown spiritually?**

**A** Being a college student-athlete has taught me resilience. There are tough losses, difficult seasons, and moments when things feel overwhelming. But I've learned to keep going, persevere through adversity, and to rely on God's strength instead of my own. Most of all, it has helped me understand that my identity is not in my performance, but in Christ.

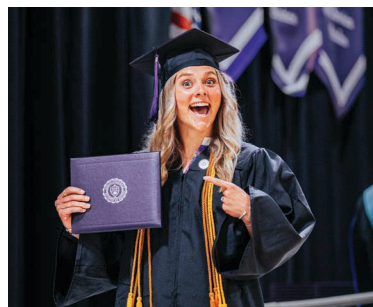
## ASBURY CAPTURES 2024-25 COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH COMMISSIONER'S CUP

After securing six Collegiate Conference of the South (CCS) Championships in its inaugural season in the conference, Asbury Athletics captured the 2024-25 CCS Commissioner's Cup Co-Championship alongside Piedmont University. The CCS Commissioner's Cup is awarded annually based on a point system that reflects regular season standings and top four finishes in conference championship tournaments.



"This is a great indication of the commitment and dedication of the student-athletes and coaches at Asbury University," said Vice President for Athletics and University Communications **Mark Whitworth '84**.

**Team Championships:** Women's Cross Country, Volleyball Regular Season, Women's Basketball Regular Season, Women's Tennis Tournament, Men's Tennis Regular Season and Tournament **Player of the Year:** **Isabelle VandeSchraaf '28** (Volleyball Rookie of the Year), **Riley McChord '26** (Volleyball Defensive Player of the Year), **Lucy Kate Gray '26** (Volleyball Setter of the Year), **Emily Sizemore '28** (Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year), **Haleigh Releford '25** (Women's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year), **Ariadna Zegarra '26** (Women's Tennis Player of the Year), **Katherine Nova '28** (Women's Tennis Rookie of the Year), **Caleb Cablish '28** (Men's Track and Field Rookie of the Year). **Coaches of the Year:** Randy Crist (Women's Cross Country), Tiffany Horton (Volleyball), **Zach Welch '13** (Women's Soccer), Chad Mayes (Women's Basketball), Jarred Miller (Men's Tennis)



## CELEBRATING SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Asbury Athletics celebrated 22 graduating scholar-athletes (cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above) from the Class of 2025. The Eagles also earned a 3.41 overall department spring semester GPA, reaching six consecutive semesters with a combined 3.36 or higher GPA.

## ASBURY CONTINUES EAGLE AWARDS TRADITION

TeamAU hosted the 2025 Eagle Awards to conclude the 2024-25 year, celebrating a year of serving, training, and competing for the glory of God. AU student-athletes, coaches, staff, faculty, and families gathered in the Shaw CLC Luce Auditorium to highlight and honor excellence.





# The generosity of an ‘Asburian of the Heart’

Reunion 2025 marked the first celebration of Asburians of the Heart during the annual Hymn Sing. Although these individuals did not graduate from Asbury University, their connection to it is meaningful and deeply valued. They are brothers and sisters in Christ, full-fledged members of the Asbury family, believe in our mission, support our students, and strengthen our community.

Sherrill Tomasino is an Asburian of the Heart. After attending Asbury for one quarter in 1966, Sherrill returned to Titusville, Fla., and worked as an administrative assistant at the Kennedy Space Center. A dedicated and hard-working administrator, she became a certified professional secretary and helped build a successful engineering consulting firm with her husband, Paul, in Tampa, Fla. Sherrill managed the business and human resources needs of the firm, and her work within the land-surveying division contributed significantly to the regional development of Tampa.

Through a family heritage of unshakable faith, Sherrill learned her love for God can and should inform how she approaches every area of life. She used her business and leadership skills to empower others to grow and thrive. With Paul's support, she became the hands and feet of Jesus to populations in and around Tampa, and through her generosity, around the world.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says, *“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

What is evident in Sherrill's response to God's directive in 2 Corinthians 9 is the way in which she gives. She gives cheerfully. And her testimony confirms that she gives as she purposes in her heart. “When I see a need, and I can do something about it, I do,” she said. Sherrill began sowing Kingdom seed as a young woman, when her finances and future were far from secure. She has supported Christian ministries ever since.

A long-time supporter of Asbury students, Sherrill most recently honored Paul's memory with a gift to the Gray Outdoor Venue. She's also given to support the launch of Asbury's Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. These two resources offer an elevated student experience and excellent academics for current students, and they will attract new applicants. These students, once on campus, will encounter God in the same powerful, transformational way that Sherrill did.



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## OFFERING HOSPITALITY AND SERVICE

In 1 Peter 4:9–10, Peter urges believers to *“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.”*

What a blessing to attend Reunion this summer, celebrating with each other, fellowshiping with classmates, and hosting new and seasoned alums and friends. As Christians, we are urged to “offer hospitality” and to “serve others.” Those attributes seem to me to be deep in the DNA of Asburians and what God calls us to do in Holy living.

Reunion is a beautiful picture of this every summer, and this year it was especially evident with the dedication of the Gray Outdoor Venue. This new multi-use facility at Asbury is named in honor of President Emeritus Dr. Sandra Gray. She and her husband, Ken, have modeled biblical hospitality and service for the sake of the Kingdom at Asbury for almost 30 years. What a privilege to celebrate the faithful leadership and partnership of the Grays and others in this way. The new Gray Outdoor Venue will serve in the future as a reminder to love others and to serve in the name of Jesus.

Through an opportunity to speak to the local Rotary Club, I spent time preparing a presentation that focused on all of the new and exciting things happening at Asbury. I was reminded how blessed and privileged we are to be growing, experiencing renewed spiritual vitality, and working alongside leaders who care about our mission.

I meet with amazing alums around the country who remind me of their weekly prayers for our president and board. THAT is holy living – praying, serving others and sharing hospitality. We are a 1 Peter 4:9-10 group of Asburians and may our light continue to shine for another 135 years.

Thanks for being part of that important mission.



**Dr. Mark Troyer**  
Vice President  
for Institutional  
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## Alumni

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**Grace Shaw '49 Stock**,  
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4/20/2025, San Dimas, CA

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6/27/2025, Fernandina Beach, FL

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# Photo Finish

## TENNIS TEAMS MAKE HISTORY

The men's and women's tennis teams made history in their 2025 seasons, earning NCAA Division III National Tournament bids. Both teams are the first Asbury programs to compete in an NCAA National Tournament, having each won their respective Collegiate Conference of the South (CCS) 2025 Tournament.

Men's tennis took regular season and tournament championships after sweeping the CCS with an 8-0 record, while the women's team finished 8-1 in the conference with an upset win over Piedmont in the Tournament.

President Dr. Kevin Brown (left) joined the tennis teams to celebrate when Asbury's name was called in the NCAA Tournament Selection Show. President Brown shared encouragement and affirmation with the student-athletes, recognizing this highlight in the first season for AU as an active NCAA Division III member.







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