



HADASSAH WOMEN *of* ASBURY UNIVERSITY

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For Such a Time

YOU ARE RESILIENT

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Sweet sister, you are resilient.

Have you doubted it? In these days of upheaval and rapidly changing circumstances, have you closed your eyes tightly against the tears and whispered, "*I just can't do this anymore?*"

Remember, you are resilient, not because you are naturally strong, but because the very life of God dwells within you. God, in His inscrutable wisdom, deposited that treasure of glory in a jar of clay. Why? So that the works of His hands would be unmistakably His, and so that you—and the world around you—would know that you are intimately loved. (2 Corinthians 4: 6–7)

“Resilience is His design. It’s His gracious work in and for you.”

Daughter of God, you are resilient. You are under tremendous stress, but you are not going under. You are afflicted, but not crushed. You are grappling with the whys and wherefores of a redeemed life lived out in a fallen world, yet He is gently reminding you in beautiful and surprising ways that you are not forsaken. You are putting one foot in front of the other, despite setbacks and failures, because the eternal life of God is at work within you. (2 Corinthians 4: 8–12)

My dear, you are resilient. Resilience is His design. If you did not know weakness, would you seek His strength? If you did not know helplessness, would you reach for His hand? He has always known your need for Him, even in the smallest acts of obedience. He never intended for you to follow Him in your own strength. So when you fall, you get back up. (Proverbs 24:16)

You delight in His grace and mercy, and once again you take hold of His strong arm of righteousness. Jesus, your elder Brother—the Firstborn among many brothers and sisters and your Kinsman Redeemer—steadies your steps because He has walked this path before you and knows exactly how to help.

Today, do not doubt it... you are resilient. Heroically, remarkably resilient—not because your grip on God never weakens, but because His grip on you never does.

Like King David, you preach hope to your own downcast soul. You pray with the persistence of the widow who would not stop knocking, believing that a righteous Judge hears every cry. You trust that the lost sheep you love is never beyond the reach of the Good Shepherd, because He who promised is faithful. In the midst of mourning, you find peace in His presence.

So when your heart whispers, *"I just can't do this anymore,"* answer it with the truth. Not, *"I am enough,"* but *"Christ in me is enough."* The treasure is real, even if the jar is clay. His strength is greater than your weakness, His grace is bigger than your failures, and His faithfulness is stronger than your fears.

Because He lives in you, dear sister, you are resilient.



I AM A HADASSAH WOMAN

Maggie Richwine '20 Campbell

I have a strongly held belief that we should pour back into the institutions that have poured into us. That is why I have faithfully given back to Asbury since graduating in 2020 and why I am a supporter of Hadassah Women and its mission.



Asbury helped build the foundation of who I would become in adulthood, both personally and professionally. It cultivated in me a deep desire to know Jesus—to know who He is and what the Bible actually says. Even now, as I grow in my career and life beyond Asbury, it matters to me not only what I am accomplishing, but who I am becoming.

When I graduated, I was a starry-eyed student who had recently gotten engaged and had no idea what I would do for work. I was living on the high of my senior year and the life I had built at Asbury. Looking back, I definitely did not have a plan—but God did. And it was a good thing I didn't have one.



The pandemic ended my senior year, turned wedding planning upside down, and my father-in-law was diagnosed with cancer that nearly took his life. I could never have dreamed up what my first year after college would look like. But through an incredibly difficult season, I knew I had a community back in Kentucky rooting for me, praying for me, and checking in on me.

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When I think about “for such a time as this,” I think about how my lack of a plan was actually one of God’s greatest provisions. It allowed me to say “yes” to family, let go of some of my own hopes and dreams, and fully embrace a new community I didn’t know I needed.

Asbury showed me that when people come together, live in true community, and show up for one another, we experience something that feels like heaven on earth. I have thought countless times over the past six years, “These people remind me of Asbury”—people who love people hard, but love Jesus harder.



That is why I give. I want future Asbury students to flourish, grow deep roots in Christ, and find the kind of life-giving community that has shaped me. My hope is that each woman in the Hadassah fellowship knows that same joy: the blessing of showing up, investing in others, and seeing how God uses our generosity for such a time as this.

INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Zia Hawley '27

Multimedia Journalism;
Philosophy



It's incredible what will happen when you give God your "yes."

In 2024, I graduated from high school with every intention of skipping college and moving straight into the mission field. Since I was five, I have had the dream of being a missionary and a writer. As I grew closer to God, my heart for that dream continued to grow. Yet, my parents still wanted me to at least tour a couple of colleges, specifically Asbury University. Reluctantly, I went to the Winter Preview at Asbury, thinking a tour would not change my mind or MY plans.

Throughout the tour, my heart was pounding within my chest. Something was stirring in me as I spoke with different media professors and journalism professor Rich Manieri. He told me that the disciples were journalists. He explained how they searched for Truth, wrote what they witnessed, and spread word of the one Truth through their documentation. As he was speaking, I remember thinking, "I feel like God is calling me to do this."

HADASSAH WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Hadassah Women's Scholarship is made possible through annual membership gifts and the extraordinary generosity of Hadassah Women of Asbury members. This scholarship is awarded to female students demonstrating financial need.



We left the Miller building, and I began to cry, feeling overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit on campus. Then my dad looked at me and said, "I don't want to discourage you, but the price of tuition is a LOT." When he told me the total, I thought it would be impossible, but the Lord had other plans.

I knew the Lord was calling me to Asbury. Without a plan for how I would pay, I said "yes" to God and enrolled. Months went by. A week before school, I still had no way to pay the gap in my tuition costs. Panic rose, but I told God, "If you want me here, please make a way."

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Two days before school started, I received emails and a couple of phone calls indicating that my tuition would be fully covered that year, thanks to generous donors and outside scholarships.

When there was no way, He made one.

Through HIS plan, I have gained new community, spiritual growth, and opportunities to use what I am studying at Asbury for missions and for His Kingdom. You never know what is on the other side of your "yes" to God. Coming to Asbury might be one of the best "yeses" I've ever said.



This fall, seven students received Hadassah Women Scholarship dollars. This includes both an international student and a first-generation college student (the first of her family to attend college).

"I had a gap in my financial aid this fall due to changes in my parents' finances. The Hadassah Scholarship was a complete surprise. What a blessing! Thank you for your generosity!"

Alanna '28, Sociology

HADASSAH REFLECTIONS



What a blessing it was to gather together in the Rader Student Center on June 26 during **Reunion 2026**.





Dr. Renee Garriss is a member of Hadassah Women of Asbury. She spoke about the incredible impact of Asbury University and the vital role our prayers and generosity play in advancing its Kingdom work.

Student **Ella Harkey '27 Hamby** and her mom, **Hope DePriest '06 Harkey**, shared how God's clear direction and His provision through scholarship opportunities opened the door to Ella's Asbury journey. Hope also reminisced about meeting her husband, **Chris Harkey '05**, and how they prayed together as students on Reasoner Green for the family God would one day give them; a prayer He faithfully answered.



UPCOMING EVENTS

HW Virtual Meeting

Join us for a virtual conversation with **Dr. Sherry Wilson '77 Powers**, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, as she gives us a behind-the-scenes look at academics at Asbury University.



Dr. Powers will share what's new in academics, how Asbury is preparing for the future, and discuss some of the challenges facing higher education today. As an Asbury alumna with more than 25 years of experience in higher education, Dr. Powers brings a unique perspective, a deep love for the students we serve, and a vision for Asbury's future.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
7 - 8 p.m. (EST)

Scan the QR code to register and receive the meeting link, or visit:
engage.asbury.edu/register/Hadassah_VG





Cord of Three Strands

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

The Cord of Three Strands (Ecclesiastes 4:11) invites Hadassah members, Asbury students and the Holy Spirit into a time of shared fellowship that strengthens participants through intentional mentorship, spiritual encouragement, and professional connection.

The Gift of Teaching

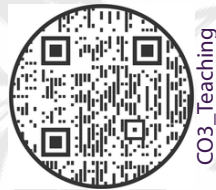
Join us as professional educators share how God uses their skills in different educational settings. Together, we will discover the many ways God uses our experiences and passions to teach, encourage and shape others, whether or not teaching is your vocation.

Saturday, October 31, 2026

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Shaw CLC Auditorium

Scan the QR code to register or visit:
engage.asbury.edu/register/Hadassah_CO3



Upcoming Cord of Three Events

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| Spring 2027 | | Communication and Connections |
| Fall 2027 | | Business and Budgeting |
| Spring 2028 | | Faith and Formation |

HADASSAH WOMEN OF ASBURY

The Hadassah Women's Fellowship at Asbury University is building a community of members who desire to inspire generosity and grow in Kingdom-mindedness through a united purpose of impacting the next generation of servant-leaders.

An annual gift of \$250 or more to the Hadassah Women's Scholarship Fund secures your membership. Won't you join us? **Visit our webpage for more information: asbury.edu/hadassah.**

HADASSAH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council for Hadassah Women of Asbury is comprised of passionate servant-leaders dedicated to steering our mission forward with Godly wisdom and Kingdom purpose.

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