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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am continually impressed by the breadth and depth of careers of our Georgetown College alumni.

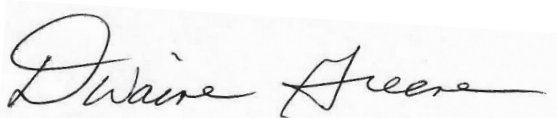
Since becoming president, I have learned of the many ways our graduates improve their local communities, states, our nation, and the global community through the excellent educational experience in the liberal arts received at Georgetown College.

For example, our graduates are leaders in the fields of medicine, law, science, government, business, education, ministry, and the arts to name a few. The list of ways Georgetown alumni make the world a better place is lengthy and has magnificent variety.

This issue of *GC Magazine* focuses on alumni engaged in public service through elected and appointed positions. They are a testimony to the value of a liberal arts education to success in any field or career.

I have noticed a theme among Georgetown College alumni, many are currently in careers they never dreamed at the time of their graduation. Their exciting vocational journeys were made possible utilizing the critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills sharpened by outstanding Georgetown faculty. I encourage you to share the stories in this issue to highlight the outstanding quality of the College.

M. Dwaine Greene



FROM THE
PRESIDENT



Sister **25** Cities
YEARS

Community leaders from Tahara City enjoyed Tiger football during their exchange visit.

TAHARA
田原市

Mariah Tearz making new friends, enjoying travel, and being enriched by the cultural awareness of living and working in Japan.

Devan Brooks enjoyed planning engaging lessons, all while figuring out how to communicate around a language barrier.

In celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the City of Georgetown's Sister City Exchange with Tahara, Japan, Georgetown College welcomed to campus a delegation from Tahara City in the fall of 2015.

The Sister City friendship bond was initiated with the arrival of Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky (TMMK). Like Georgetown, Tahara City's main industrial employer is Toyota. The cultural exchange has led to numerous opportunities for local students to enhance their knowledge of Japan through study abroad options. As a result, several graduates have experienced living and working in Tahara City as Assistant Language Teachers (ALT), a program that began in 1995. Alumnus Kelly McEuen (BA '93, MA Education '13), the first to participate, continues to coordinate the ALT program.

Other graduates who have served are Bobbi (Clark) DeCocchis '98, Holly Krebs '99, Paul Michael Richardson '00, Alison (Threlkeld) Teegarden '01, Keely Brandon '02, Elizabeth (Rich) Lawrence '03, Jennifer Kennedy '04, Daniel Harrison '04, Nathan Coppage '06, James Wright '06, Stephen Roach '06, Allison Davis '12, and Devan Brooks '13.

Mariah Tearz '15 is currently teaching in Tahara City. "Being here has taught me so much about myself and has definitely broadened my horizons," Mariah says about her experience. "It truly is remarkable how different the classrooms are from here and back in the states, however many students are still thriving and enjoying school even without the abundance of technology and resources in the classroom, for example." Mariah is teaching at seven different schools, both elementary and junior high, and gets involved in the local community as much as possible. "My experience here has shown me even more how I want to be a teacher when I return to the states."

Devan Brooks also found the ALT program experience enriching both personally and professionally. "It allowed me to live and work in a foreign environment that created opportunities and challenges I never would have experienced in America," she said. "Two years abroad as an assistant language teacher made me more adaptable, creative, and culturally sensitive. The greatest benefit was getting to know my students, as well as the locals, and helping each other celebrate our differences."



Kelly McEuen '93

CSI Group, Development Manager
MA Education/Teacher Leader '13

"Pursue the course of study that interests you most, get involved in extracurricular activities... Employers want to know you can complete tasks and overcome difficulties and your college degree is one way to accomplish that."

As a Political Science major, one of Kelly's favorite courses was Politics of Japan taught by the late Dr. Keon Chi.

"Dr. Chi taught me the first Japanese language and culture I ever learned in a class setting. He also championed my endeavors to learn about and live in Japan," Kelly related. His desire was fueled to learn the language and interact with another culture at the grass roots level.

"The liberal arts education I received at Georgetown College challenged me to learn a diversity of topics which felt like a Renaissance man's education," Kelly said. "It prepared me to connect with people and professionals with different views, interests, and skill sets."

His first job, in product shipping and automation installation for a major manufacturer, allowed him to study Japanese. When he learned that leaders of the City of Georgetown's new Sister City, Tahara, Japan, were exploring the possibility of sending Georgetown College graduates to teach English in their school system, Kelly applied and was chosen. His role as an assistant language teacher was coupled with weekly work at Tahara City Hall to facilitate the Sister City Exchange and other international relations.

After four years, he returned to the U.S. to direct the Sister City Exchange and other international initiatives for the City of Georgetown. He later came to serve as Executive Director of the Japan/America Society. From there he moved into teaching Japanese at the middle school.

"My interest in our local companies' place in the global economy never left," he said, "so at the beginning of 2015, I decided to pursue a professional move from teaching Japanese to supporting our companies now." That's when he joined CSI Group, a key resource for companies needing bilingual, technical, and administrative support. He now leads staffed professional placements - teaching Japanese and English to professionals, to document translation, and interpretation.

Lilly Endowment Grant Establishes **Faithways Academy** for High School Students



My name is Andrew Noe and I am the new Director of Faithways Academy here at Georgetown College. I am married to Hannah Noe, who works in the Student Wellness center, and we have a baby girl named Gwen who is obsessed with grabbing our dog's paws.

We are still in the early stages of developing the Academy, but our hope is that it will be a fantastic experience. My job also involves coordinating student-led ministry teams. Churches often ask the College if we can provide students for an evening or a weekend to help with children's ministry, youth, missions, etc. Our goal this semester is to connect with 10 churches and minister alongside them. If you know of a student who might be interested in serving on one of these teams, or a church that might be interested in hosting one of our teams for a ministry event, please contact me at **Andrew_Noe@georgetowncollege.edu**.



BY ROGER WARD, PH.D.

Faithways Academy is a ten-day, on-campus living experience for rising sophomores to graduating seniors from all denominations. The program includes instruction in biblical knowledge and interpretation, Church tradition and theology, worship, Christian ethics, travel for a mission experience, and recreational community building activities. The Academy is slated to begin in June.

"We are excited to expand our offerings so high school students can learn from our faculty and explore the world of faith and service," said Dr. Roger Ward, director of the Center for Christian Discernment at Georgetown.

Dr. Sheila Klopfer, chair of the Religion Department and co-writer of the grant, added, "This is a wonderful opportunity for high school students to have a fun pre-college campus living experience, build community with new friends and faculty, and learn about and practice their faith in rich, meaningful ways."

Curt Lowndes, GC alumnus and pastor of First Baptist Church in Morehead, KY said, "This is truly wonderful news for churches and high school students across the commonwealth. The community of Christian leaders at Georgetown challenged me to deepen and practice my faith in the world. I am confident Georgetown will do the same for these future church leaders."

This program was brought to Georgetown College by a grant of \$598,000 from the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s High School Youth Theology Institutes Initiative. Although some of the 82 participating schools are independent, many reflect their religious heritage, including Baptist, Brethren, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches, as well as Roman Catholic, non-denominational, Pentecostal and historic African-American Christian communities.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family - J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli - through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment supports the causes of religion, education and community development.

Lilly Endowment's religion grantmaking is designed to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

Handcrafted Cross Greets Chapel Visitors



A beautiful, handcrafted cross made of solid cherry wood now hangs in the foyer of Georgetown College's John L. Hill Chapel.

Crafted in the style of a Latin cross, the wood was selected, stained and finished by Bart Horne, the College's director of facilities and grounds. Kevin Herbert, maintenance technician, and Fred Cook, carpenter, did the assembly and installation.

In Christianity, the cross is a symbol of the atonement and reminds Christians of God's love in sacrificing his own son for humanity. It represents Jesus' victory over sin and death, since it is believed that through his death and resurrection he conquered death itself.

As a Christian institution, Georgetown College proudly provides sacred space in John L. Hill Chapel to bless members and friends of our campus community. We are grateful for the addition of this new cross and hope that all who encounter it will be blessed.



We're moving!
(the date, that is)

The Georgetown College Ministry Festival has been moved to **April 26-28, 2017.**

Please watch for dates in *GC Magazine* and e-mails.

The Georgetown College Ministry Festival is a gathering of GC alumni and friends to celebrate the role of the college in shaping young leaders for Christian mission and ministry.

Inspired by the GC Ministry Reunion of 2006, the college will recognize outstanding alumni who serve as role models for current students.

New Roles in Admissions



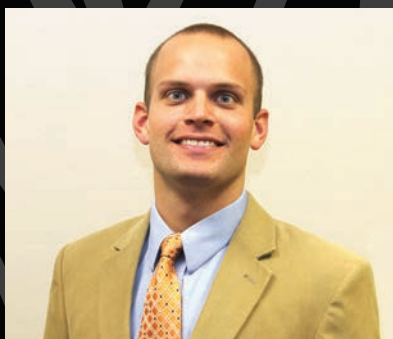
Jonathan Sands-Wise
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Admission Counselor

TIME FOR **TRANSPARENCY** IN FINANCIAL AID

BY JONATHAN SANDS WISE

There is an important national conversation right now about the cost and value of a college education,

and a lot of concern about the amount of college debt that students take on to prepare for their future careers. We have always taken these concerns seriously here at Georgetown College, and we work hard to make sure that students are both fully informed about how much debt they are accruing and also have a plan in place to pay that debt off after college.

Even so, we knew we could do better.

Starting this year, we have rolled out several new initiatives regarding admissions processes, the awarding of financial aid, billing, and the financial education of current students to be sure that the entire process is as transparent and clear as it can be. As a Christian college that takes seriously the charge to care for our students as complete persons, we know that we need to make the difficult financial aid conversations more open and help them to plan for their futures.

This starts with admissions, where we now try to make as much information available to prospective students as early in the process as possible. We have reworked our entire scholarship program so that students can be told the full amount of merit aid for which they qualify as soon as they give us their credentials, which is often even before they apply to Georgetown College, and we have worked to make these awards as generous as possible. It continues with our packaging of their financial aid, which includes not only the merit scholarship, but also a prospective student's need-based aid. This year, we are sending out all of our Financial Aid packaging much earlier in the year, with most students receiving their scholarship package by January. Finally, we are giving deposited students an estimated bill with a clear menu of what other costs they may accrue by April, allowing them as much time as possible to get other scholarships or to make fully informed decisions regarding loans.

Once students come to Georgetown College, we strive to be just as transparent and caring. This year, for example, we have speakers coming such as a recent alum, who will address the question, "Where's My Money?" a timely reality check on the personal finances of a recent college grad. We also have David Bowman, the regional director for Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation, one of the largest student loan guarantors, coming to address the repayment of student loans and the dangers of defaulting on loans.

Of course, as a small, Christian college, our offices of Financial Aid and Academic Success work personally with every student to help them borrow only what they need and to set them up for financial, as well as academic, success, wherever their Georgetown College education may take them!



CAPTION: Staff gathers on South Campus for move-in day, when it is an annual campus tradition to help freshmen move into their dorms for the first time.



Mike Lukemire named to the Board of Trustees

Michael Lukemire '80, chief operating officer at Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, has been named to the Georgetown College Board of Trustees. He majored in chemistry and biology at Georgetown College.

As chief operating officer at Scotts-Miracle Gro, Lukemire is responsible for the company's worldwide portfolio of consumer brands and products. He has accountability for overall leadership of all aspects of the Global Consumer business including Marketing, Sales, Research and Development, and Global Supply Chain. He is also responsible to the Company's Scott LawnService business, as well as leading growth and

emerging growth areas.

Mr. Lukemire began his ScottsMiracle-Gro career in 1995, his roles including director, operations; vice president manufacturing, and senior vice president, Global Supply Chain. He was also executive vice president, global technologies and operations, responsible for Global Supply Chain, Research and Development Business Transformation. He served as regional president, responsible for leading the Company's Business Development, Marketing, and Sales efforts in the southeastern U.S. He eventually led the North American sales function until March 2014, when he was named executive vice president for the entire North American business.

He had 16 years of business unit and operations management experience before joining the Scotts Miracle-Gro, with leadership assignments at Nabisco, Kraft-General Foods and Kroger.

He attended Kraft Executive Management School at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Lukemire is married to the former, Mattie Jo Todd, who also is a Georgetown College graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Lukemire are the parents of two daughters, Rachel and Courtney.



Office of Academic Success gets new Director

Alexandria (Alex) Smiley Lopez '07 is now director of the Georgetown College Office of Academic Success. She succeeds Dr. Jonathan Sands Wise, who was recently named VP of Enrollment Management.

"Alex is an ideal director for Academic Success," said Dr. Sands Wise in announcing her promotion. "She is detail-oriented, compassionate, and creative in her attempts to help every student succeed."

The Office of Academic Success oversees and designs programs and interventions to assist students. Among these are Freshman Seminar, academic advising, tutoring, and academic progress checks.

Alex is married to Jarrod Lopez, also an alumnus, who is the director of admission for Baptist Seminary of Kentucky.



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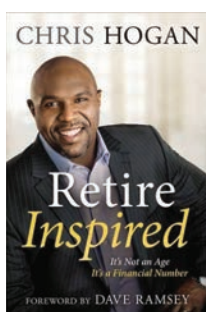
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Guarded
Angela Correll '88

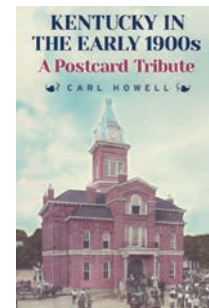
Guarded is the second adventure of Annie Taylor, a former New York City flight attendant who is adjusting to farm life when her grandmother Beulah threatens to tear down the old stone house, unable to finance a restoration. Annie's boyfriend Jake is jumping headlong into sustainable farming next door. Their new relationship is wonderful, but can it last?

Annie finds letters written during World War II that reveal a family mystery and an Italian connection. As the family mystery in Italy unfolds, Annie is forced to face her own past. Will she let history sabotage the future?



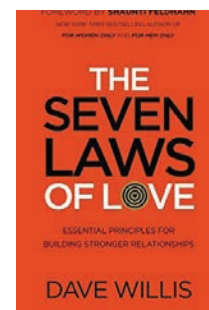
Retire Inspired
Chris Hogan '93

When you hear the word 'retirement,' you probably don't imagine yourself scrambling to pay your bills in your golden years. But for many Americans, that's the fate that awaits unless they take steps now. Whether you're starting your first job or watching the career clock wind down, today is the day to get serious about your retirement. Hogan teaches that retirement isn't an age; it's a financial number—an amount you need to live the life in retirement that you've always dreamed of. Clear investing concepts and strategies will educate and empower you to set reasonable expectations and build a dream team of experts to get you there. You don't have to retire broke, stressed, and working long after you want to. You can retire inspired!



Kentucky in the Early 1900s: A Postcard Tribute
Carl Howell '63

Images from an extensive collection of vintage postcards assembled over the last 35 years provide rare insight into the lives of ordinary Kentuckians: who we were, what we valued, and what we accomplished. During the Golden Age of Postcards, photographers captured images of transportation, mines, courthouses, county fairs, sports teams, local businesses, events and everyday life. People regularly mailed postcards with handwritten notes about the places and events depicted. Howell, a renowned and respected postcard authority, has written detailed narratives about all of the selected images.



The Seven Laws of Love
Dave Willis '01

In our fast-paced, success-obsessed culture, we've been conditioned to value possessions over people, status over relationships, and ourselves over God. Willis makes the case for a love revival: that in returning to a life of love, we have no greater model than the one who is love himself. In a humorous, down-to-earth style, *The Seven Laws of Love* takes you on a journey through the ins and outs of everyday relationships—with your spouse, children, friends, and coworkers—using examples that demonstrate what a life of love looks like. There is no higher calling than to love and be loved. It's time to make loving a priority over all other pursuits. Anything else isn't really living.

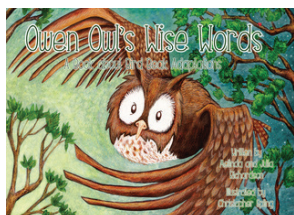


A Heart for Truth

The story of Nicodemus, An Unlikely Believer
Joyce Watkins
Cordell '66

First-century Nicodemus likes his predictable life – study the law, teach the law, practice the law. He bristles at the mention of Jesus' name. But his life radically changes when he journeys to Galilee and suffers a humiliating experience. Will this be the tool God will use to open his heart to the truth?

In this second biblical historic novel of unlikely believers, Joyce Cordell digs into the life of Nicodemus. She attempts to be true to Scripture and the culture as she develops Nicodemus' story from the well-known visit with Jesus at night to his presence at the tomb where he brings spices to help Joseph of Arimathea bury the body of Jesus.



Owen Owl's Wise Words: A Book about Bird Beak Adaptations

Melinda Richardson '03, co-authored with Julia Richardson

The idea for the children's book came when Melinda was teaching science in fourth grade. She was searching for a book about bird beak adaptations in her school library and when she couldn't find one, she and Julia decided to write the book themselves.

Owen Owl's Wise Words begins with Owen Owl trying to stop an argument that has been brewing among members of the Bird Nation. Hannah Hummingbird, Octavia Ostrich, and Pablo Pelican are some of the birds that are squabbling about which has the most special characteristics. Wise Owen Owl must work hard to help the birds realize that they are each special in their own way.

Award-winning artist Christopher Epling illustrated the story.

New Faces in Financial Planning



Financial Planning gets new Director

Bob Fultz is now Director of Student Financial Planning for Georgetown College. The appointment has been announced by Dr. Jonathan Sands Wise, Vice President of Enrollment Management, who said of Fultz, "He brings a wealth of experience to the job, having been Assistant

or Associate Director of Financial Aid at Georgetown College since 2003. Most importantly, Bob is an honest, trustworthy, and detail-oriented person who can help us to provide the best possible financial assistance for all of our students."

A graduate of the University of Kentucky where he earned a BA in Business Administration, Fultz began his career in the retail industry, first as a sales manager, then later as a sales analyst with a major retailer. This past January, he represented the private college sector on the Kentucky Educational Television (KET) College Financial Aid Call-In show.

Fultz is married to Dr. Tracy Livingston, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Biology. They have two sons, ages 12 and 9. In addition to spending quality time with his family, he enjoys CrossFit workouts.



Joseph Jaspersen, administrative specialist, and Heather Hardesty, financial planning advisor for Graduate Studies, both have a vital role within the office and provide excellent customer service to students.

Joey earned his BS and MS from EKU, after which he taught both high school and middle school at

Oneida Baptist in Clay County. He and his wife of five years live in Lexington and attend Tates Creek Presbyterian Church. Quite an avid outdoorsman, Joey is especially fond

of Red River Gorge.

Heather, a native of Owensboro, is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. She holds a bachelor's in Sociology and a Master's in Higher Education. Recently married, she and her husband live in Lexington. She is a member of American Association of University Women (AAUW) and previously worked for the Lexington Public Library.

At a time when many are urging liberal arts colleges to refocus on career preparation, a recent study by the British Council suggests that leaders of a range of organizations internationally are most likely to have degrees in the liberal arts.

The study was released during *Going Global*, the council's annual international education meeting in London, England, in June, 2015.

As reported by Scott Jaschik in *Inside Higher Education*, the survey collected information from 1,709 leaders in 30 countries. Leaders were defined as "those who are in a position of influence with their organization and their sectors more broadly."

The results, wrote Jaschik, suggest that **leaders are most likely to have a degree in the social sciences, with 44 percent holding such a credential.** And with another 11 percent reporting that they studied the humanities, **a solid majority of 55 percent have degrees in the**

traditional liberal arts fields. That doesn't count smaller numbers who studied liberal majors in the physical and biological sciences.

Today's leaders must be able to strategically think, communicate effectively both verbally and in writing, and collaboratively guide teams of diverse people. Graduates of Georgetown College who hold positions of leadership in a great variety of fields – education, ministry, medicine, business, fine arts, theatre, broadcasting, public service, for example – demonstrate these attributes.

Georgetown College continues to preserve its academic quality and distinctive approach to liberal arts learning while remaining faithful to its history and tradition as a Christian institution. At the same time, as noted by President Greene at the time of his inauguration in October, 2014, efforts will continue for expanding programs which point to professional and employment interests of students.

We are honored that four alumni

have been selected to serve in key leadership positions for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Vickie Yates Brown Glissen '76

Secretary of the Cabinet for Health & Family Services

Adam Meier '05

Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy

Jim Gardner '74

Chair, Public Service Commission

Mark D. Birdwhistell '77

Vice President for Administration & External Affairs, UK HealthCare, Leading Kentucky's Medicaid redesign

Source: InsideHigherEd.com, June 1, 2015, Scott Jaschik, "Social Sciences Produce Leaders"



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We reached out to our alumni in various types of public service leadership and invited them to share how their undergraduate experiences helped them prepare for the positions they hold today.



Mark D. Birdwhistell

**Vice President for
Administration & External
Affairs, UK HealthCare**

Class of 1977, Summa cum Laude

Mark Birdwhistell's early jobs in the Department of Medicaid Services "created a great foundation for my future career," he said. He began as an employment interviewer but soon became a budget analyst. "That positioned me in the

healthcare space through the Medicaid program. This was my passion, and that job helped me launch a healthcare administration career."

As a liberal arts undergraduate, Mark's favorite courses were in sociology and economics. "Society is greatly influenced by economic factors and processes and it was interesting to go to class and hear about those things, then to see them play out once I started my career and in the years since."

How did his liberal arts education prepare him? "On a practical level, it makes you more attractive to employers. It helps expand your horizons and increase your ability for critical and creative thinking. It fosters greater analytical and communication skills. These are the kinds of skills that have been essential to me in building relationships with people across the spectrum, whether it's elected officials, regulators, healthcare providers, insurance executives, patients, advocates and others."

Mark credits his years as a GC student with giving him the tools to be successful in building relationships both personally and professionally – with empowering him to think creatively about initiatives and projects and communicate well.

Mark earned a Masters of Public Administration at the University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Administration. He served as Director for Kentucky's Department of Medicaid Services, which gave him the skills to work with managed care programs, both as an Associate Hospital Director for Managed Care at UK, and then CEO of CHA Health. He was selected as Undersecretary (2004) and then as Secretary for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (2006) in then-Governor Ernie Fletcher's administration.

"Today, I enjoy a job in which I can use the knowledge, skills and relationships I've been fortunate enough to cultivate over the years to better serve Kentuckians and help meet the unique needs that face citizens of the Commonwealth," Mark says. "It's been a long and exciting road to get to this point, with plenty of ups and downs, but I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Mark's advice for current college students as well as high school students in search of a college is "simply to determine what your passion is and go for it! Don't be afraid to take risks to fulfill your dreams! I've never forgotten Chaucer's famous Canterbury Tales line: 'Nothing ventured, nothing gained.' I want young people to know that with hard work, determination and optimism, they can achieve all the ambitions and goals they set for themselves."



Vickie Yates Brown Glisson

**Secretary of the Cabinet for
Health and Family Services
Commonwealth
of Kentucky**

Class of 1976, Magna cum Laude

"I believe a liberal arts education provides a solid foundation for any number of career paths," Vickie remarked. "My liberal arts education exposed me to history, philosophy, public speaking

and critical thinking, which were of great benefit to me as a law student, and have been essential skills in my career as an attorney." Vickie's advice to students in the college search: Keep your GPA as high as possible to keep your career options open.

After graduating from Georgetown with a B.A. in American Studies, Vickie pursued a law degree from the University of Kentucky College Of Law. Her plan, she says, was to practice law in her hometown in Spencer County. While in law school and upon completing her J.D. she worked as a law clerk.

As an attorney, she has worked extensively in health care law and finance with a particular focus on the privacy, security and technology transfer of health information. She has served as co-chair of the Health Law Practice group at the law firm of Frost Brown Todd and chairwomen of the Health Law Section of the American Bar Association. She was also Vice Chair of the Health Enterprises Network and was a member of the editorial board of the BNA Health Law Reporter. She has written and lectured on health law topics, particularly the Affordable Care Act and health information security.

Vickie's resume includes having been special assistant to University of Louisville President James Ramsey, working with the U of L Foundation on planning development, building partnerships and securing Tax Increment Finance (TIF) funding for the University's three research and innovation parks known as Nucleus: Kentucky's Innovation Center at the University of Louisville. She eventually became President and CEO of Nucleus.

She has held a number of government appointments, including serving as a member of the National Institutes of Health's Advisory Council for the Human Genome Project and the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestion and Kidney Disease as part of the National Institutes of Health. She also served as the Commonwealth's privacy and security expert on the Kentucky Health Information Exchange and currently serves on the board of directors of the U of L and Kentucky One Health Cardiovascular Innovation Institute. Her selection as Secretary of Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services recognizes this background and service.



Jim Gardner
Chair,
Kentucky Public
Service Commission
Frankfort, KY
 Class of 1974

A double major in math and philosophy with a minor in English, Jim thought he would become either a math professor or a high school math teacher. That changed when he decided to

pursue a law degree, which he earned from the University of Kentucky School of Law in 1978.

His first job was as a staff attorney for Central Kentucky Legal Services in Lexington. Later he was a lawyer primarily in private practice but with “side public service stints, i.e. city council member and chair of the Fayette County Board of Education.”

In those positions of public service, Jim is credited as a founder of the Horizon Center for the Homeless, predecessor to the Hope Center, and the Equity Council at the Fayette County Public Schools.

As an undergraduate at GC, Jim’s favorite course, he says, was an independent study on the Philosophy of Relativity under Dr. Alan Gragg’s tutelage. “I was fascinated by Einstein’s theories and ramifications of that to our thinking. It also allowed me to combine my two majors.”

Jim credits his liberal arts background with preparing him for his career choice. “I learned to write effectively, organize my thinking, and critically analyze issues,” he explains.

He was encouraged to take advantage of the intellectual stimulation of college, which, Jim says, is the best advice he ever received. For current students, he suggests taking a finance course if pursuing a law degree is in their plan, noting that he did not. And he says ask questions if you don’t understand a matter. “Don’t worry about trying to plan out your whole career, because it is likely that you will have several.”

Jim’s encouragement to high school students surveying colleges is to “go to a small liberal arts college. You get small classes, have interaction with the faculty who care about you, and have a rich academic and personal experience.”



Adam Meier
Deputy Chief of Staff
for Policy, Office of
Governor Matt Bevin,
Commonwealth
of Kentucky
 Class of 2005 | Florida Coastal
 School of Law 2009

A double-major in Political Science and Communication and Media Studies in college, Adam enjoyed courses in Public Administration, Legislative Politics and Political Parties and Elections,

along with Persuasion and Propaganda, and Argumentation and Debate. Adam always knew he wanted to be a lawyer and says these courses prepared him well when it came time to craft persuasive legal arguments for legal writing classes and moot court.

Having been active in sports – especially football – he had aspirations for a career in sports law, possibly becoming an agent or working for the NFL. And while he did earn a sports law certificate in law school, he says he found that particular job market limited.

Politics and public administration had always been an interest, so after law school Adam took a job with the Federal Government in Procurement. He says he learned a lot about how the Government operates – things it does well as well as how much opportunity there is to create a more efficient and sustainable government.

Then came an involvement in local politics and community affairs. He volunteered for political campaigns, attended community forums, and eventually sought and won a seat on the Fort Thomas City Council. He also took advantage of an opportunity to work for then-GOP gubernatorial candidate Matt Bevin’s campaign where he became a policy and political advisor.

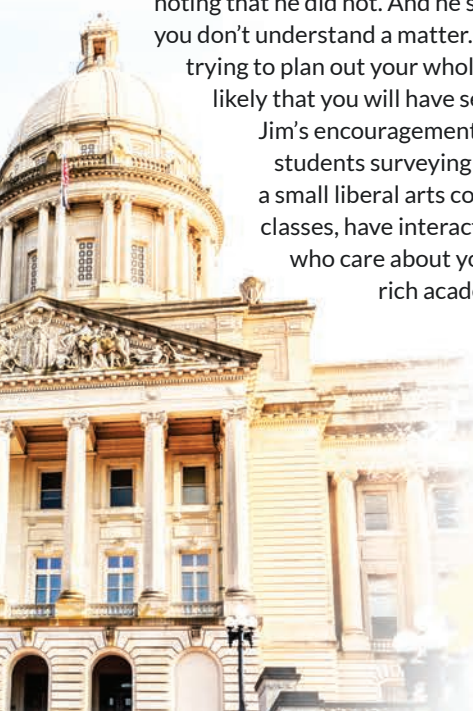
“I think the diverse subject matter of a liberal arts education, as well as a focus on honing problem-solving and analytical skills were very important for me,” he says. “The knowledge and skill base prepared me well for law school, and is critical in my newest role.”

He points out that he has to be able to assess and understand policy issues related to all aspects of state government – topics like education, taxes, pensions, healthcare, labor, for example. “My liberal arts education gave me a foundation to form an understanding of these and other issues.”

Looking back on his undergraduate years as a football player, Meier credits then-defensive coordinator Dave Campbell with having given a most valuable piece of wisdom: ‘Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.’

“I have certainly been prepared for many opportunities that never presented themselves,” he says, “but I’m prepared to capitalize on those opportunities that do.”

For high school students searching for a college, Meier advises that they choose for the right reasons, taking into account their own personal life and career goals. And then to stay focused, making time to be involved in extracurricular activities. “Balance is important,” he says. “Be a sponge amongst those around you. You can learn as much from spending time with people around you as you can from going to class.” And above all, “Enjoy the time you are in school.”





Dave Adkisson

**President and CEO,
Kentucky Chamber
of Commerce,
Frankfort, Ky.**
Class of 1975

Dave was a philosophy major and political science minor who says he had a vague interest in politics, community involvement or teaching philosophy/theology when he graduated, much of which was shaped by his participating in student

government as an undergraduate. His first job out of college, however, was selling men's clothing for minimum wage. It wasn't long, though, before he discovered an opportunity to work for the local chamber of commerce in his hometown of Owensboro. From that entry-level job, applying the skills he learned as a student, he soon worked his way to chamber presidency.

How did his liberal arts education prepare him? "It gave me the desire to see things from multiple angles," he said. "Being the leader of an organization, I have to tackle problems from various vantage points in order to make sound decisions. My liberal arts education helped take off my blinders – my personal perspective on a given issue – and consider the issues with less tunnel vision."

After his stint as president of the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, there followed eight years as mayor of that city. Then he spent six years leading the Birmingham, Al., Chamber before returning to Kentucky to serve as head of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a position he has held for the past decade.

Meanwhile, he served as chairman of the board of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives in 2010, chairman of the national Council of State Chambers in 2013, and as a director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2009-2015. Currently he serves on the Georgetown College Board of Trustees.

Dave's favorite course at GC as an undergraduate was Existentialism, he says. "Because it shook the foundations I was raised on and made me examine them from scratch." He also had the opportunity to spend a summer in Israel which "opened my eyes to a much bigger world than I had experienced before."

The best advice he ever received, he says, was "to think and believe in myself." And for today's college students, his advice is "Follow what interests you, but with a studied and realistic awareness of the pros and cons of pursuing those interests. Keep in mind that extracurricular activities can be as formative to your career and spiritual journey as the subjects you study."

And what would he advise for high school students evaluating colleges? "Go to a college that will encourage you to soak up all the experiences you can, scholastic and extracurricular."



Jordan Robinson Burton

**Public Health Advisor,
Centers for Disease Control,
PHAP Fellow**
Class of 2010

As a junior in high school, Jordan participated in a Howard Hughes internship program. Then and there she decided she wanted to be a Centers for Disease Control Public Health Advisor. "I just had to be a part of effecting positive health

outcomes," she commented.

Jordan described her undergraduate liberal arts studies as essential to discovering what she really wanted to do in her career. Acknowledging that many start college with a plan and then quickly realize that plan may not be a good fit, Jordan says her plan was on target and her liberal arts education "gave me the solid foundation I needed to be successful in my career today."

Cell Biology with Dr. Mark Christensen was a favorite course. "Dr. Christensen was by far one of the hardest professors, but I really think he pushed me to my fullest potential. He didn't accept anything but my best work. The class itself was a lot of fun," she exclaimed.

After graduating, she enrolled at ECU to pursue a Master of Public Health degree (ECU 2013). When she was first out of college, she was a Resident Hall Director. During that time, she did all she could to gain experience in public health. "I interned with the Kentucky State Department of Health and the Madison County (Richmond, Ky.) Health Department. These opportunities provided me some of the experience I needed to obtain my current position with the CDC."

Jordan's advice to current students is to seek out as many internships and volunteer opportunities as possible. She notes that employers want to see more than just classroom experience. "If you want something, it is your responsibility to go out and get it," she counsels. "If someone tells you 'no,' keep searching and working hard because eventually you will get the opportunity that's perfect for you."

For high school students looking for a college fit, she advises "keep your mind open. Don't go to a school because they have that one program you want to major in. Instead, go to a school that is going to ensure your success and provide a solid foundation" regardless of your major.



George Lusby

**Scott County
Judge Executive,
Georgetown, Ky.**
Class of 1958

Scott County's long-serving Judge Executive had his sights set on being a teacher and coach when he graduated from college.

"I taught two grades in a self-contained classroom teaching five subjects in each grade level," he says, reflecting on those years right out of college. He

taught 7th and 8th grades at Stamping Ground Elementary.

"Having a liberal arts degree, I had been exposed to all the different subjects I was teaching," he says. "In my career, it also gave me a wider view of what this world was about."

Public service in government came after a career as an educator. Judge Lusby taught school, coached three sports, and served as principal at the elementary, middle and high school levels for 30 years. He then retired to become Judge Executive, a position he has held for 26 years. And, oh yes, "in between teaching and principal jobs, I worked four years in the insurance profession," he says.

The Scott County native's advice to current students is to be true to yourself "and don't make foolish mistakes that can haunt you for many years later." The best advice he says he ever received as a young man was not in spoken word "but rather the example my father gave me by the way he lived."

Looking back on his undergraduate years, Judge Lusby reflects on the memories of the variety of lessons he learned long ago. To high school students, he says "Seek a college that will treat you as an individual and one that offers the programs that best suit your needs."



David Livingston

**Vice President,
Roeding Group-Public
Entity Insurance /
Scott County Magistrate**
Class of 1994

In his current position, David works with a niche in Public/Governmental Entities. Right out of college, he "anticipated furthering my education, without a specific goal at the time," he says.

His first job out of college was in the banking industry. While his major in psychology and minor in philosophy did not specifically relate to his first job, he says the course of study did prepare him for working in various environments and understanding how to handle different people. "My employment history has always been working with people, whether in banking, retail, or insurance," he says. "My career is all about learning the 'why' of people. I like to learn their pain (concerns) in their insurance and risk management program, then I can bring solutions to help them. Through my liberal arts degree, I am able to work in different situations and feel comfortable."

His career in the insurance industry spans 16 years and as his work coincided with a focus on the niche of Public/Governmental entities, he decided to run for public office. He is now in his second term as Scott County Magistrate.

"My elected position gives me the opportunity to work with other elected officials . . . Mayors, Council Members, and School Board Members. Being a Magistrate allows me to understand the stresses that my clients encounter in their elected position."

David says his favorite course as an undergraduate was Psychology, then taught by Dr. Macy Wyatt, Professor Emeritus. "Dr. Wyatt was great at bringing the students into wanting to participate in class," he added.

The best advice he was ever given, he says, was "work what you love. Find your place in life and stick with it." His council for current students is to take the time to learn about the future career that interests you. "Job shadow or intern during summers to make sure you understand what the real work experience will be like. Plus that experience will make it easier to obtain employment upon graduation."

For those in high school in college pursuit, "visit the colleges which are in your top 3-5 and spend time with current students, in class, in the dorm, at ballgames. Get a real feel for the campus life." It was that type of experience that brought him to Georgetown College. "It felt like family and friends before I had even decided to attend. Because of Georgetown College, I have my lifelong friends still today from my college years."





Yvonne Egbudin Umeh

Clinical Pharmacist, Norton Audubon Hospital
Class of 2008
PharmD

"The breadth and diversity afforded to me by my liberal arts education has provided me with a unique global perspective. I am better able to interact with a diverse group of patients, as well as with individuals from multiple health disciplines," Yvonne

wrote in response to our questionnaire about the benefit of a liberal arts degree. She added, "I have been privileged with (having) important critical thinking and problem solving skills needed to be successful in a challenging healthcare environment."

As an undergraduate, Yvonne majored in chemistry with a minor in biology. She cites physics taught by Dr. Jonathan Dickinson as her favorite course of study. "His enthusiasm for teaching is infectious," she wrote, "and he has a unique ability to make the most difficult concepts seem so simple."

After graduation, Yvonne had her sights set on a career in either community or hospital pharmacy. She initially worked as an intern at Kroger pharmacy in Lexington and then pursued her PharmD at the University Of Kentucky College Of Pharmacy, which she earned in 2013.

"Upon graduating from the UK College of Pharmacy, I sought out additional training in the form of a post-graduate residence program," Yvonne wrote. "This additional experience opened several doors. I was blessed with my current position as a clinical pharmacist, as well as the privilege of precepting pharmacy residents through a cardiology rotation." In precepting, she is able "to take several new pharmacists under my wing, and provide them with additional clinical training in a hospital environment."

Believing that one's education never ends, Yvonne is pursuing additional training as a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS), as well as a Master's in Public Health from the University of Kentucky College of Public Health. "You may graduate from college and attain advanced degrees but it is up to you to make lifelong learning a priority in your professional practice," she wrote. "Always push yourself to be better."

For current college and high school students alike, Yvonne counsels that while "your first job may not be your dream job, take that job and give it 110%, because that job may just be the stepping stone to your dream job." She adds, "Don't let your grades define you. Yes, good grades make a great impression; however, being a well-rounded candidate speaks volumes as well. Take the time to volunteer and give back to the community, actively participate in extracurricular activities and college events. The more likeable and well-rounded you are, the better your chances."



O'Shea Hudspeth

Pharmacy Manager, Kroger, Lexington
Class of 2002
PharmD

O'Shea raves about the personal attention he got from his professors and credits his liberal arts education with providing him an invaluable set of skills, including but not limited to developing the ability to communicate effectively and think both "inside and outside of

the box." His favorite courses of study were Chemistry, Business, and Japanese.

"At Georgetown, the class size allows you to get to know the professors and allows them a chance to get to know you as well," he said. "I feel like if I saw any of those professors today I could strike up a conversation and immediately learn something new from them."

Even though he has worked factory and office jobs, O'Shea says working with the public in a healthcare environment is where he was meant to be. As a biology major and chemistry and business minor, he started working as a technician at the local Georgetown Kroger store during the summer before he graduated. It was enough to convince him he wanted to become a pharmacist, so the next year he entered pharmacy school and graduated from there in 2007.

The best advice he ever received was from his grandmother, O'Shea tells us. "She told me to keep God first in everything that I do, and I would continue to be blessed."

For current students, O'Shea advises, "find a field that you think will make you happy. Then, in that field, find something that you excel at and give 110% effort to make sure you reach your full potential."

And for high school students in pursuit of a college fit, O'Shea adds, "Look for a college that will allow you to grow as a student, professional, and, most importantly, a person."



Knox Thames
Special Advisor for
Religious Minorities in the
Near East and South /
Central Asia
United States Department
of State, Washington, D.C.
 Class of 1996

Upon graduation with a History and American Studies double major, Knox worked for two years as an AmeriCorps volunteer, helping resettle Iraqi, Bosnian, and Somali refugees in

Atlanta who were fleeing civil wars. He says he always felt called to service, crediting his parents with setting an example of public service through their years of teaching and working with public education systems, adding that he “also felt that Christians are called to serve.”

After working with refugees, Knox moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a law degree which he earned from American University. From there, he worked in a variety of U.S. government positions, including at the State Department and at two foreign policy advisory commissions, all focusing on human rights and international religious freedom.

Of his Georgetown College liberal arts education, Knox says “It gave me a comprehensive understanding of many topics. It encouraged a broad worldview, not narrowly focused on one topic or discipline.”

He cites history as his favorite course of study in college.

“I loved every history course. I was always drawn to learning about how past civilizations and world leaders dealt with the challenges of their day,” he says. “Why did some succeed and others fail? I remember Dr. Tallant emphasizing in our study of the Vietnam War how U.S. policymakers did not have a grasp of the culture and history of the region. They ‘didn’t know what they didn’t know’” He notes that he is mindful of that each day as he works at the State Department.

Knox encourages students to learn a foreign language and travel internationally. “The world is becoming increasingly small,” he says. “Diversity and cross-cultural contact will be the hallmark of the 21st century. Never before in human history have so many cultures and religions come into such close contact.”

The best advice he says he ever received was this: to increase chances for success, work hard, constantly learn, and follow God. His advice to students? “To be ready to succeed in an increasingly competitive global market, prepare yourself through study, travel, and language ability.”



Emily Brandon
Program Manager,
Global Talent &
Workforce Inclusion,
Greater Louisville, Inc.
 Class of 2002

As an English major and Philosophy minor, Emily says that at graduation she was “the stereotypical Humanities Major without a career plan. Everyone told me I should go to law school ... I’m not sorry I didn’t.”

A favorite undergraduate course was Social Psychology with Dr. Karyn McKenzie. While outside of her major, “the course in particular was interesting to me because every single class was filled with scientific explanations for quirky human behaviors.”

Her first job was teaching French. “Honestly not at all in line with what I had studied,” she said. “But I did learn a lot about the ‘soft’ side of teaching from my professors at Georgetown College. The value of life-long learning is a foundational aspect of GC’s liberal arts approach, and this is critical is today’s world.”

Her career has ranged from language and culture instruction to heading International Programs at Georgetown College. She taught French in Kenya and spent a year in Belgium with the Fulbright program teaching English and American Studies.

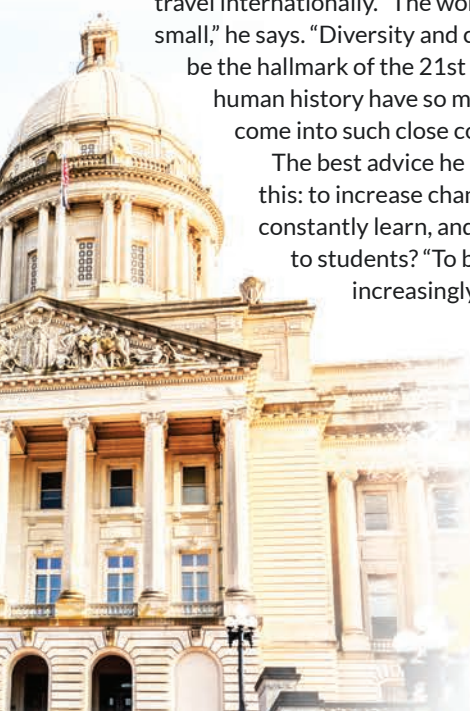
“I was eager to expand my knowledge base to better understand the world of business,” she says, “so I jumped at an opportunity to move to Louisville to help manage a network of international professionals based in the region.” She works with a summer program for interns, serves on the boards of two Hispanic professional and business organizations, and leads a coalition of professional organizations.

Emily says that while there are still traditional career paths, “the world is changing so quickly that one must embrace an ethos of constant change, growth, and continual learning.” She notes that she employs these skills constantly in her work:

- Analysis and distilling of information; repackaging and communicating to different audiences clearly, effectively, and concisely
- Dealing with people from numerous cultural and linguistic backgrounds, different needs, different fields
- Character studies – “that’s right, nobody is safe from becoming a character in my living novel”

For current students, Emily adamantly says, “do not graduate without completing at least one internship. The more, the better.” She encourages volunteerism, reaching out to the College’s career center, creating a LinkedIn profile and keeping it updated, and being aware of opportunities for professional development. “Employers don’t care if you had a 4.0. They care that you can help them solve their problems,” she adds.

And for future students, Emily says, “Pick a college where you can thrive. Don’t go for the easy option; go for something that will stretch you, expand your horizons, and grow you as a person. This (college) is one of the biggest investments you’ll make, so don’t take it for granted.”





Mary Ann Blankenship

**Executive Director,
Kentucky Education
Association**
Class of 1972

Literature and French courses were always favorites, along with a course in religion on contemporary social issues. After graduation, Mary Ann says she expected to teach high school English and/or French for a few years and then start a

family. She did teach public school 8th grade English and 7th-9th grade French but along the way quickly realized that students and her colleagues did not always have what they needed to be successful.

"Rather than just sit in the teachers' work room and complain, my unrest took the form of action," she says. "I got involved in my local teachers' association to make things better and to learn from veteran, inspiring teachers."

The skills she sharpened through her liberal arts studies at Georgetown College were thinking and writing, how to work in a group, develop relationships, and be in the world with a spiritual filter, she shared recently. After eight years teaching, she decided to put those skills to work and pursue association work full-time.

Besides KEA, Mary Ann has worked for the Maryland State Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association and the national organization, the National Education Association. With all of these organizations her focus has been on making things better for students – especially those too often overlooked, she notes – and for teachers and other school employees.

"I believe that through my work with KEA I am able to live my spiritual mandate to care for 'the least of these,'" she says.

Some advice for high school students in the college search? "Look for one that is different from high school in order to benefit from different experiences, and look for one that is consistent with individual values but that also helps expand views to become accepting and knowledgeable of others."

For current college students, Mary Ann counsels, "focus on developing relationships with other students and professors as well as on academics. Those relationships can be the foundation for the rest of your lives and provide invaluable connections. I would also encourage involvement in community service."

She notes that she first got involved in politics as a Georgetown undergraduate, working for a presidential candidate and working for social justice in the community.



Kelly Elizabeth McNew

**Director, Shelby Prevention
Class of 2012**

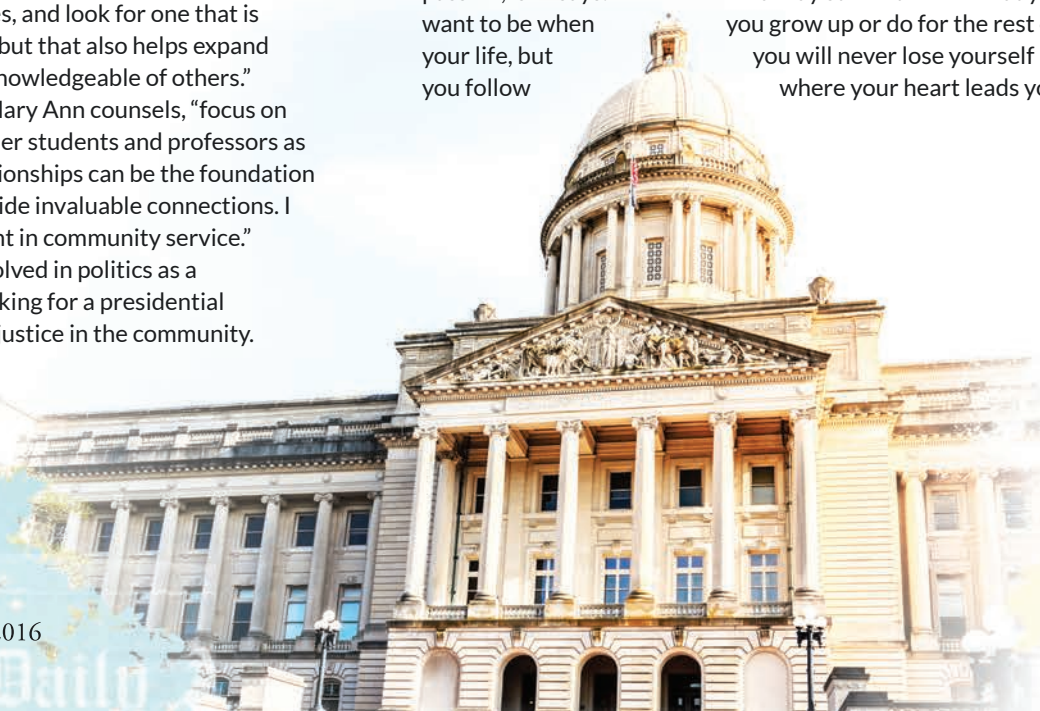
At the time of her graduation, Kelly wasn't quite sure of her career path but she knew she wanted to pursue her goal of ultimately becoming a professional motivational speaker. As a major in Communication and Media Studies, she had been so

inspired by Associate Professor Dr. Susan Dummer in the study of the history, ideas and concepts of communication that she wanted to apply what she had learned to her personal relationships.

She was encouraged by her professors to pursue her goal and is appreciative of the personal attention she received, crediting them with providing the liberal arts education that benefits her today. "My professors helped me every step of the way," she says, "whether it was deciding what class to take, what topic to use for a paper or answering all of my questions. I've been gone from Georgetown College for four years and I am still able to call my professors to ask them to be a reference, ask for help with networking, have them proofread a book I'm working on, or even just to chat."

As an undergraduate she began applying her natural speaking ability, often traveling throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky to lecture on the perils of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Through those speaking engagements and others subsequent to graduation, she made many contacts which have "given a lot of opportunities." It was one of those which led to her current position as director of a non-profit organization that promotes, educates and brings awareness to the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

What advice has she for current students? "Follow your passion," she says. "You may still not know what you want to be when you grow up or do for the rest of your life, but you will never lose yourself if where your heart leads you."





Distinguished Alumni

One of the this year's Homecoming highlights was the naming of four Distinguished Alumni and one Distinguished Young Alumnus. The awards were presented during a luncheon attended by alumni, families, and friends.

William Hughes Owens '53

William H. Owens, a long-time educator and college administrator, earned a Master's of Science degree from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1958 and did additional graduate work at George Washington University, University of Kentucky and University of Louisville. He holds Honorary Doctorates from Centre College (1997), Pikeville College (1997), and Georgetown College (1998). He served on the faculty of Centre College and held various administrative duties during his tenure there. He became interim president of then-Pikeville College in 1985 and was elected to the presidency a year later, a position he held until retirement in 1997. From 2007 to 2011, Owens came out of retirement to serve as President of Buckhorn Children's Home, a school he attended as a boy.

Fred D. Owens, M.D. '55

Dr. Fred D. Owens has dedicated his life to patients with hearing and balance conditions. He trained as a resident physician in Ear, Nose, and Throat at the West Virginia University Hospitals program, completing his residency in 1969. After further training as a fellow at the prestigious House Ear Clinic in Los Angeles during which time he witnessed the development of the early cochlear implant, Dr. Fred entered into private practice in Dallas in 1972. He founded the Hearing School of the Southwest in 2002, and serves as the President of the Board.

Benjamin Warf, M.D. '80

Dr. Benjamin C. Warf serves as the Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida chair and Director of Neonatal and Congenital Anomalies Neurosurgery at Boston Children's Hospital, and as Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School. He was the founding medical director of CURE Children's Hospital in Mbale, Uganda, where he served for six years after moving to Uganda in 2000. There he developed a new, minimally invasive, shuntless

treatment for hydrocephalus ("water on the brain"), which was not only a lower cost solution but one that required much less post-surgery care. As Dr. Benjamin Warf was unable to attend in person., his award was accepted on his behalf by his father, Dr. Curtis Warf.

Kathy Fields '84, M.A. '87

As Superintendent of Schools for Jessamine County, Mrs. Kathy Fields exemplifies what it takes to be a quality educator. The former classroom teacher is credited as a visionary and administrator engaged in the day-to-day activities of the schools she supervises. A nationally-noted conference speaker, she embodies servant leadership and serves on the boards of numerous non-profit and charitable agencies throughout Jessamine County and the City of Nicholasville.

Ashley Clayton '09

New for 2016, Georgetown College also recognizes younger alumni who are distinguishing themselves soon after graduating. Ashley Clayton, Director of Evaluation and Research Associate, Center for Wellness of Women & Mothers; Department of Psychiatry; Yale School of Medicine, was extremely involved in community service as an undergraduate. She was Chair of the Social Justice Committee, served as a member for GC's Diversity Focus Group, created the Invisible Children chapter on campus and was President of Kappa Pi and Vice President then President of the Resident Hall Association. Off campus, Ashley was involved in Camden, New Jersey's Urban Promise Program and volunteered to work with children in Arlington, Texas as well as children and women in need in Haiti. She completed the University of New Haven's Community Psychology master's program in 2011.

Football ran the table the final six weeks to claim the Tigers' 19th Mid-South Conference title and first since 2012. It was a rocky start against stiff competition from the MSC West Division. Once the dust settled and the new quarterback and offensive coordinator got on the same page, it was business as usual. The defense finished the season with three complete shutouts and had a fourth where the only score came on an interception returned for a touchdown.

MSC East All-Conference: **Jake Blust, Tyler Brooks, Ross Cox, Josh Depp, Kent Gainous, Josh Harris, Cade O'Bryan, Cameron Oshodi, Mitchell Wessel, Dustin Haraway, JJ Jude, Jordan Nicoll**

MSC East Offensive Freshman of the Year: **Ross Cox**

MSC East Coach of the Year: **Bill Cronin**

MSC All-Academic: **Luke Collins, Blake Ellis, Conner Ford, Dustin Haraway, Dylan Haraway, Blake Hinkle,**

Nick Kathman, Kyle Longworth, Gus Schrader, Jonathon Stocking

NAIA Scholar Athletes:

Dustin Haraway, Blake Hinkle

FALL SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL



The Tigers went to the national tournament for a fourth straight year, and sprang into the quarterfinals with an epic five-set win. It is the seventh time GC has been in the quarterfinals and first since their 2009 runner-up finish. The team rallied from two sets down to hand No. 9 Hastings a season-ending loss. They finished with the program's 25th 30+ win season, fifth under Coach Nick Griffin. Griffin tallied his 200th win early in the season. GC climbed the rankings all season with impressive wins over No. 2 Viterbo and national champion Columbia.

NAIA All-American: **Jenny Howell, Corri Muha**

MSC All-Conference: **Jenny Howell, Corri Muha, Lauren Schneidtmiller, Courtney Grafton, Lindsey Martindale, Kaysie Massie**

MSC Libero of the Year: **Courtney Grafton**

AVCA NAIA All-Region: **Jenny Howell, Corri Muha, Lauren Schneidtmiller**

NAIA Scholar Athlete: **Ashlee Howe, Kaysie Massie, Corri Muha, Kristen Schellhaas, Lauren Schneidtmiller**

MSC All-Academic: **Ashlee Howe, Jenny Howell, Lindsey Martindale, Corri Muha, Kristen Schellhaas, Lauren Schneidtmiller**



FBALL

SPORTS REVIEW



CROSS COUNTRY

MEN'S: Under first-year head coach Lucas Garnett, the harriers showed individual improvement and were recognized nationally for their community service work with the 2015 NAIA Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Team Award. On the course, the Tigers had several rookie runners mixing with the veterans. They dealt with injuries and illnesses that sometimes forced them to race with just four – the exact number for a scoring team. Garnett sees good things in the future with five sophomores and a freshman returning.

MSC All-Academic, NAIA Scholar Athlete: **Nick Slucher**

WOMEN'S: The harriers had another strong season, watching personal records fall. Senior Tayler Godar qualified for her third straight national championship and fifth national championship overall (including two years in track and field). Coach Garnett was pleased with all the progress, including beating University of the Cumberland in the Sand Shark race. While the women's team were not specifically recognized by the NAIA for their community service, Garnett assures all that the award is a team award. The women were right there at all the outreach projects, helping to lead the way in making the world a better place.

MSC All-Conference: **Tayler Godar**

MSC All-Academic: **Sydney Berry, Haley Carr, Kristen Just, Tayler Godar**

NAIA Scholar Athlete:
Kristen Just



FALL SPORTS

The team battled through injuries and a couple of heartbreaking overtime losses on their way to a sixth-place conference finish. GC posted solid wins against University of Pikeville and Shawnee State. University of the Cumberland snuck out a one-goal, overtime win against the Tigers and NCAA Division II Trevecca Nazarene did the same in double overtime. After a tough middle portion against mostly ranked opponents, GC finished strong with three wins in six games.

MSC All-Conference: **JT Stevens, Aaron Stover**

All-Academic: **Blaine Alexander, Hunter Conner, Michael Hatfield, Austin Howard, Isaac Meisner, Noah Mills, Matthew Murphy,**

SPORTS REVIEW

The Tigers roared out of the gate with six wins, the best start under Coach Leah Crews Castleman. They finished tallying 13 wins, tying the best under Castleman, with just three losses. Midway through the season, GC received its first Top 25 ranking and remained in the rankings for the rest of the season – another program first. The three losses all came at the hands of two teams, who both ranked in the Top 20 and went on to the national tournament. GC was close to making its first-ever national tournament appearance, something the returners play to build on for next year.

MSC All-Conference: Sarah Hencke, Jodi DeJohn, Zoe Stovik, Max Zimmer

MSC All-Academic: Emily Connor, Jodi DeJohn, Sara McKinney, Emily Wright, Danielle Lang, Brittney Moshos, Abby Sobolewski, Max Zimmer, Sarah Hencke, Jackie Powell

NAIA Scholar Athletes:

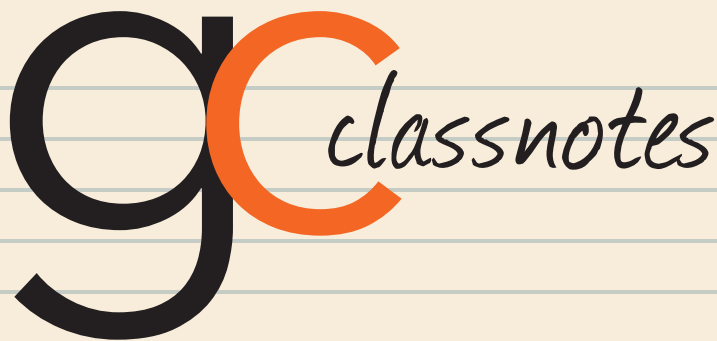
Danielle Lang, Brittney Moshos, Jack-

WOMEN'S SOCCER



MEN'S SOCCER





1965

Dr. Ben Oldham (MA '68) was selected by the Southeastern Athletic Conference to participate in a Megacast "mock replay booth" at ESPN studios in Connecticut during the NCAA National Championship Football Game between Alabama and Clemson. This feature was provided to educate viewers on the replay process during the championship game. Ben joined the Southeastern Conference in 1976. During his career, he has officiated 24 bowl games and six Southeastern Conference Championships. A former professor, associate vice president for academic affairs, and director of athletics at Georgetown, Ben was inducted into the GC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. He is married to the former Marilyn Stephens '68 and the father of Dr. Shannon Sampson '95.

1976

Attorney **Vickie Yates Brown Glisson** has been selected by Gov. Matt Bevin to oversee Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

1977

Mark D. Birdwhistell, former state health secretary, was selected by Gov. Matt Bevin to lead the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Medicaid program redesign.

1978

Bill Alverson, CEO of Traditional Bank, has been named to the board of Home Builders Association of Lexington.

1982

Sam Simpson, football coach at Henry Clay High School in Lexington since 1993, was recognized as a "Caring Coach of

the Year" by the College Football Hall of Fame and Dove Men+Care in a November ceremony at the school. The award, which recognizes "the most caring youth and high school football coaches around the country," goes to four coaches each year.

1993

James Riley, host of the nationally syndicated "Rockabilly N Blues Radio Hour," was nominated for "Ameripolitan DJ" in the 2016 Ameripolitan Music Awards.

Lori H. Collins was recently named vice president of program services, East Region, for Goodwill Industries of Kentucky.

1994

Tucker Ballinger, President and CEO of Lexington-based Forcht Bank and a GC Trustee, has been appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland as a director of the institution's Cincinnati branch.

Kendra Redd Hernandez has been elected to City Council in Washington Court House, Ohio.

Alicestyne Turley, Ph.D., Director of Berea College's Carter G. Woodson Center and Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies, has been appointed to the executive boards of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in Washington, D.C., and the Kentucky Center for African-American Heritage (KCAAH) in Louisville, KY.

Dane Damron is now head football coach for the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

1995

James S. Koeppe is now Acting Dean of Students as well as Director of Campus Recreation for the University of Illinois Springfield.

1996

Knox Thames has been named Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South and Central Asia at U.S. Department of State.

1998

Matt Wallingford has been named assistant city manager for the City of Maysville, KY.

1999

Jason Mays has joined Valdosta State Athletics as an assistant coach for Blazer basketball.

2002

Emily Brandon is program manager for global talent at Greater Louisville Inc.

2004

Seth Molloy Flynn has been named Executive Director of MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations for the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW).

Summer Gortney has been named the advisor to the Kentucky College Coaches Program by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Joshua D. Powers has accepted the call to pastor First Baptist Church, Briscoe, NC.

2005

Elizabeth Marie Bradley and Elliott (Eli) Hawes DeJarnette V were married Sept. 13, 2014 in Virginia Beach, VA, where they now reside. Both are Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys in that city. After graduating from GC, Elizabeth earned her law degree from the University of Kentucky.

Adam M. Meier has been named Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy for Gov. Matt Bevin. An attorney, Meier is also a graduate of Florida Coastal School of Law. He and his wife, Laura, reside in Fort Thomas with three children.

2006



Tommy Restivo is now defensive coordinator for the McNeese State University Cowboys, Lake Charles, LA.

Jesse Harris worked as the Writer's Assistant on Marvel's *Jessica Jones*, a show which had its season premiere Nov. 20 on Netflix.

2007



Cameron and Erin (UK '06) Edwards welcomed a son, Robert Lee "Lee" Edwards, on August 11, 2015. He won top honors in Kentucky Farm Bureau's Excellence

in Agriculture Awards program during their 96th annual meeting in Louisville. Cameron went on to represent Kentucky in national competition at the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual convention, held in Orlando, FL, in January. In March, he travels to Brazil for a few weeks as part of AFBF's Partners in Agricultural Leadership 2-year executive training program. Cameron received the 2015 Excellence in Agriculture Award.

2010

Caleb Taylor is working in Los Angeles as a personal assistant to Carrie Fisher.

2012

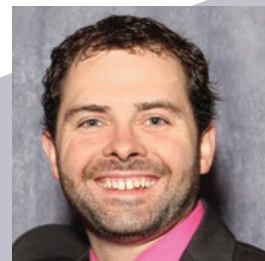
Jonathan Yelton has been accepted for the cast of The pH Comedy Theater in Chicago.

Chastity Webb married Weston Jenkins at Connersville Christian Church on Sept. 5, 2015. She is employed by Paris Physical Therapy. Mr. Jenkins is employed by Aisin World Corp of America at TMMK as a Lexus quality Residential Engineer.

2014

Maddy Fritz has joined the Henderson Tourism Commission as Marketing Coordinator.

Say
Hello
to the
Crow



Alumnus
Michael McCord '08
restored the voice of
a local legend.

Pete, the Legendary Talking Crow

who lived in Georgetown, Ky., from 1829-1832, is back – well, sort of. Pete was special to the locals back then – so special that his replica earned a permanent place in the Georgetown-Scott County Museum. For years, the talking, animatronic version of Pete attracted visitors of all ages. However, the original motion control computer's power supply was damaged by lightning.

Thanks to the expertise of alumnus Michael McCord '08, the mechanics have been restored and Pete is fully functional. McCord, a math, computer science and theatre triple major, was asked to rescue Pete by his friend and mentor, theatre professor George McGee, who serves on the Museum's board.

"I couldn't really get replacements for any of the damaged parts, so I set about designing a new motion control system," commented McCord, a software engineer with a health insurance claims analytics company. Using his thespian talent, he is also the new 'voice' for Pete.

"Pete the Crow is feeling better!" exclaimed Museum director Ruthie Stevens. "Wait until you hear and see Pete. Head turns, beak opens, wings flap, voice is clear. Yes, he talks! Crows do that, you know."

As the story goes, Pete was only in town a short time, but the Talking Crow left behind an enduring, obnoxious legend. Hat shop owner Dave Adams would attend horse races with his crow Pete, who developed the habit of yelling "Go!" at the horses. B.O. Gaines' *History of Scott County, Kentucky, Vol. II* states that soon after the crow discovered that he could yell "Go!" he began to say it often around the horses. "He is quoted as the origin of the use of the bell," Gaines wrote, "his words being mistaken for those of the starter and the horses sent away when the starter had no intention of doing so."

Pete was shot in 1832 by a boy visiting town and was buried with highest respects in a little coffin on the grounds of Georgetown College.

Visitors can enjoy the restored replica and many other local artifacts at the Georgetown-Scott County Museum at 229 E. Main Street, which has reopened after extensive renovation. Among other exhibits, there will be a Georgetown College timeline with a costume used in a former Georgetown College dinner-theatre program called "An Elizabethan Evening."



In Memoriam

1927

Ruth Searce Agee
1/1/2007 | Brookings, SD

1929

Frances Bryan
7/26/2013 | Atlanta, GA

1932

Sue Dyche Miller
1/3/2004 | Corbin, KY

1934

Elbert Burns
6/1/2003 | Bowling Green, KY

1937

Violet Jabara Jacobs
1/12/2015 | Pasadena, CA

Jane Utterback Weimer
7/26/2012 | Saint Marys, OH

1939

Nora Belle Devers Hall
10/11/2015 | Georgetown, KY

1940

Hilma Claxon Pierce
9/19/2015 | Stamping Ground, KY

1941

Sherwood Bennett
8/3/2015 | Delaware, OH

1942

Ruth Robinson Mardis
12/1/2015 | Campbellsville, KY

1945

Margaret Elizabeth
Da Costa Mein
9/19/2015 | Round Rock, TX

Dorothy Key Rogers
10/30/2015 | Cincinnati, OH

1947

Donald A. Butler
10/18/2002 | Bowling Green, KY

Louise Lancaster Ostrander
7/22/2015 | Louisville, KY

1948

James Edgar Johnson
11/8/2013 | Maitland, FL

James Argel McCamish
5/24/2015 | Athens, OH

Betty Joan Sanders
4/20/2014 | Oklahoma City, OK

Dorothy Davis Bradley
Whitcomb
11/8/2008 | Pensacola, FL

1949

Ishmael A. Centers
6/1/2015 | Lebanon, OH

Audrey Bradley Childers
12/1/2014 | Kennesaw, GA

Caywood W. Pemberton
9/13/2011 | Crossville, TN

Betty Pepper Thompson
10/28/2013 | Jamestown, NC

1950

Mary Louise Swann Fisher
9/27/2015 | San Antonio, TX

Lee Hopkins
10/29/2015 | Bellevue, KY

Phillip Edward King
12/10/2015 | Covington, KY

1951

Jean Flowers Albright
11/23/2015 | Louisville, KY

Joyce Hurt Cates
6/9/2015 | Sedalia, KY

Julian Lamar Cooke
12/20/2010 | Midway, KY

Jean Richey Hatchett
10/10/2015 | Chattanooga, TN

Erma Cutter Keys
12/3/2015 | Midway, KY

William Oliver Willham
8/7/2015 | Titusville, FL

1952

Helen White Brown
9/9/2015 | Lexington, KY

John Grigsby
9/30/1995 | Lawrenceburg, IN

Harry M. Hudson
10/29/2015 | Louisville, KY

1953

Don Bruce Eads
2/22/2015 | Gresham, OR

Charles Simpson
10/5/2014 | Eminence, KY

1954

Libby Ree May Flanery
12/15/2015 | Langley, KY

1955

Evelyn Ruth Jones Bourne
9/13/2015 | Owenton, KY

Joseph Henry Bunch
7/6/2012 | Lewisburg, KY

1956

Reva Lee Haigis Bratcher
11/9/2015 | Frankfort, KY

1957

John C. Huffman
11/22/2015 | Louisville, KY

Diane DeMoisey Steffer
10/20/2015 | Paris, KY

1958

Doyle Eugene Brown
8/27/2015 | Fort Mitchell, KY

1959

Ema Janet Neeley Wilson
11/30/2015 | Warrenville, IL

1960

Velma Berkshire Hunt
10/2/2015 | Carrollton, KY

1961

Anson Steve Dowd
6/28/1963

1963

C. Richard Dendler
8/15/2015 | Thomson, GA

Jack Randolph Willmoth
5/31/2013 | Bellevue, KY

1964

Stephen Foster Pumphrey
11/8/2015 | Gilbertsville, KY

Marie Bratcher Whitaker
8/29/2015 | Junction City, KS

1967

Jerome A. Geselbracht
8/12/2015 | Maineville, OH

George Howard Lockard
11/15/2013 | Georgetown, KY

Matthew Wilson McConnell
9/22/2015 | Newcomerstown, OH

1969

Patricia Anne Denny Spears
3/15/2014 | Fairfield, OH

1971

Adetayo Foluso
Adegbite Hollist
4/18/2015 |

Jeffrey Louis Pitstick
10/9/2015 | Fairborn, OH

1975

Anne Powell Anderson
2/8/2013 | Cynthiana, KY

John Michael Grimes
12/22/2014 | Indianapolis, IN

James A. Williams
8/19/2015 | Georgetown, KY

1982

Sally Parker Kitchen
8/25/2015 | Georgetown, KY

1984

Anne Denise Blackburn
11/21/2015 | Lawrenceburg, KY

1987

Todd R. Gohmann
11/15/2015 | Bellbrook, OH

2000

Travis Gerome Gevedon
11/21/2015 | Charleston, SC

2011

Stephon Deandre Burton
10/16/2015 | College Point, NY

FRIENDS

Russell Carithers
9/21/2015 | Pewee Valley, KY

A. James Clark
3/20/2015 | Bethesda, MD

Orlin Corey
10/11/2015 | New Orleans, LA

Glen Dunavent
7/25/2015 | Owenton, KY

Densel Dyer
10/5/2015 | Dry Ridge, KY

Vernon R. Mallow
3/8/2015 | Sadieville, KY

Rodney Eugene Mason
8/13/2015 | Georgetown, KY

H. Milton Patton
11/27/2015 | Georgetown, KY

Teresa Perry
9/1/2015 | Lexington, KY
Wilda Chambers Profit
6/6/2012 | Campton, KY

Royce C. Pulliam
10/13/2015 | Lexington, KY

Mary Katherine Tackett
12/13/2015 | Georgetown, KY

Linda Morris
Nordheim Thornton
6/30/2015 | Butler, KY

Trudy Waltraud Woyack
11/22/2015 | 14169 Berlin

Orlin Corey

Orlin Corey, former professor of theatre and director of the Maskrafters at Georgetown College, passed away October 11, 2015 in Louisiana.

A native of Oklahoma, Professor Corey came to Georgetown College in the 1950s. Soon after arriving, he and his wife, Irene, began production on a religious drama based on the Biblical character of Job. The actors appeared in unusual makeup that was designed to resemble Biblical figures depicted in stained-glass windows of cathedrals. In the summer of 1958, twelve players known as the Maskrafter European Company, visited Britain and France. *The Book of Job* production was performed in churches with the assistance of the Religious Drama Society of Great Britain and The English Baptist Union. Later, *The Book of Job* would be performed off Broadway and was a summer attraction at Pine Mountain State Park in Kentucky for 20 years.

After leaving Georgetown College, Professor Corey led a number of theatrical productions and co-founded and directed the Everyman Players, a touring classical troupe. That group toured for 24 years on four continents. Professor Corey also was producer of the American College Theatre Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. He led theatre festivals in Washington, Montreal, and at the Louisiana World Festival.

Orlin and Irene Corey were inducted into the Georgetown College Maskrafter Hall of Fame in 1995.

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GC, Elkhorn Crossing Partnership studies high profile criminal cases

A new partnership between Georgetown College's Department of Psychology and Elkhorn Crossing School's Law & Justice Village enabled college and high school students to study the legal and psychological aspects of several high profile criminal cases.

Since August, students in Dr. Karyn McKenzie's Psychology and the Law class at Georgetown and Michael W. Tackett's Law & Justice at ECS have reviewed and analyzed the cases of serial killer Ted Bundy, kidnapper Ariel Castro, and the more recent Slenderman fictional supernatural character stabbing case involving adolescents Morgan Geyser and Anissa Weier. The project culminated recently with presentations at Elkhorn Crossing of findings from the studies.

"My students focused on the legal side of things," explained Tackett, who is both a teacher and an attorney, saying that his high school juniors learned from "examining not only the facts of the case, but also the criminal statutes involved and their varying elements, as well as phases of the criminal justice system such as the arrest, trial proceedings, plea bargaining, and sentencing."

Dr. McKenzie said the psychological aspects of the studies addressed such things as primary motivations, a criminal's

childhood, personality disorders, etc.

Tackett said that the experience has not only enhanced his students' legal understanding of criminal cases, but by way of the criminal psychology student presentations they also learned about the psychological aspects of the cases, "which they found very intriguing." His students were able to put their work as beside that of their college colleagues. "They did an exceptional job," he said, adding, "I believe that both groups not only learned new things about their respective cases, but also gained a greater respect for each other's work and professionalism."

Both instructors expressed a desire to continue the partnership. 18 Georgetown students and 24 ECS students collaborated.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity to partner with ECS," said Dr. McKenzie. "Our joint project allowed our students to learn significantly more about each case than they would have otherwise. I look forward to continuing our work together."

Tackett earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Georgetown College. He also serves as the Scott County Teen Court Coordinator. Dr. McKenzie is Professor and Chair of Georgetown's Department of Psychology.



Exercise Science receives second professional endorsement

Georgetown College has received approval of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Education Recognition Program (ERP) for Personal Training. The NSCA ERP recognizes regionally accredited

academic institutions for their educational programs that have met, and continue to meet, educational guidelines recommended by the NSCA, according to the organization's Web site.

This is the second exercise science professional organization to endorse the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science program. It has previously been recognized by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

"I am pleased with the growing stature of our programs in Kinesiology—a testament to the energetic engagement of the

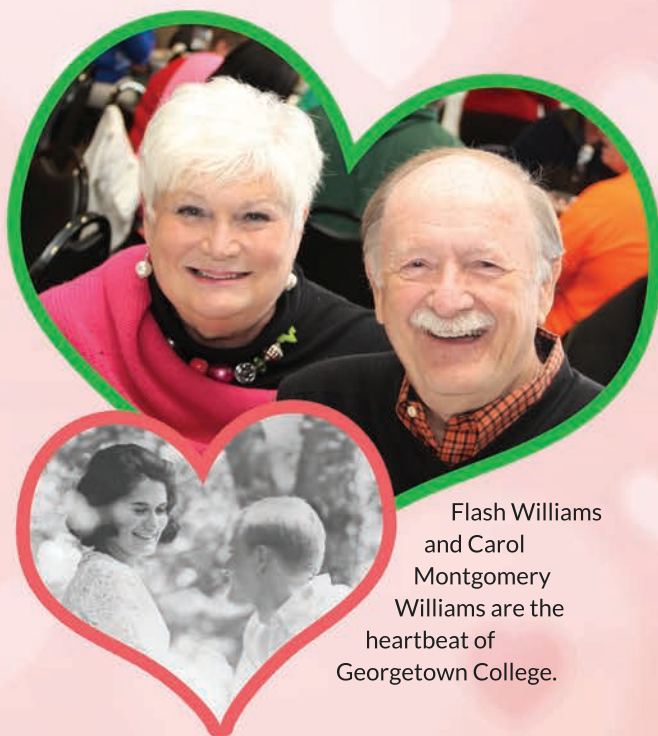
students and the faculty in the program," commented Dr. Rosemary Allen, Provost. "Kinesiology is one of the fastest-growing fields in the nation—and our students have the benefit of earning their degree in a program that has worked to earn national recognition."

Dr. Brian Jones, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Health Studies, who serves as faculty director, added, "Aligning our curriculum with these international professional organizations is beneficial for recruitment and retention. Another benefit for students is that they get discounted memberships, conference admissions, and certification testing fees."

Jones now plans to work toward the NSCA ERP for Strength and Conditioning.

NSCA is the second largest exercise science professional organization after the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

PAR FOR A COURSE OF LOVE



Flash Williams and Carol Montgomery Williams are the heartbeat of Georgetown College.

The lifeblood of a small, liberal arts, Christian college involves family and community – something the Williams express through their actions. They met as young coeds in Edwina Snyder’s speech class, had their love bloom and over the past two-plus decades, shared their love of their alma mater with hundreds of GC students.

Both officially retired from the college in January. However, neither plan to stop being who they are for the school that means so much to them.

“Georgetown is family,” Flash said. “We didn’t plan to come back after graduating, but now can’t imagine not being here.”

Upon retiring from GTE, Flash was the first to be pulled back through consulting work. He helped form committees to design a long-term, financial plan as well as starting the diversity initiative.

Carol was still teaching in the Scott County public schools, but God’s plan existed for both to use their talents at GC.

While Flash’s consulting work shifted to a trustee position and then to creating a women’s golf team and serving as head coach, Carol’s retirement caught the eye of fellow GC alumnus, Chair of Graduate Education and then athletic director Ben Oldham.

“I was preparing to announce my retirement and on that day Flash calls and says ‘I found you a job,’” Carol laughed. “I wasn’t looking, but knowing how strong Georgetown students were was an exciting opportunity of which to be a part.”

Her role was only supposed to be as a one semester sabbatical fill-in during the fall of 2000 in the education department. Fifteen years later she retired, again.

“Not in my wildest dreams could I anticipate the opportunity or what it blossomed into, but it was an incredible experience,” Carol said. It was barely two weeks into her stint in 2000 when Oldham and the rest of the education department knew Carol needed to stay.

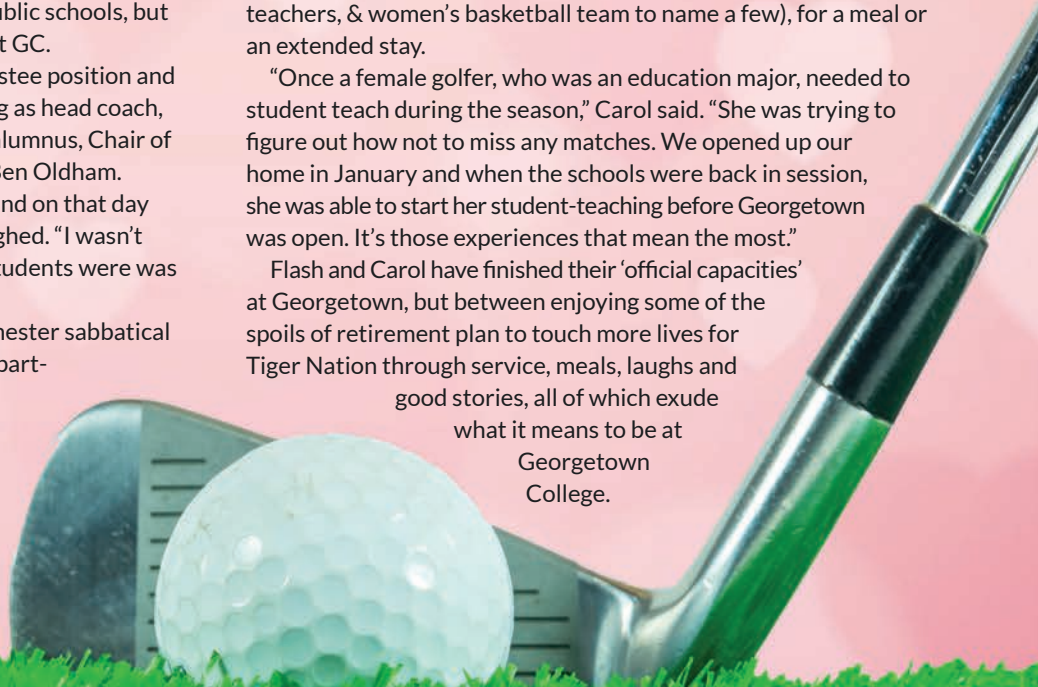
Meanwhile, Flash expanded the women’s team and two years later took over the men’s team, pulling double duty until December, when he hung up his bag for the final time. His success rate was undeniable. He says he never had a student who didn’t come play for him if he took them on the campus tour.

“I never planned to retire,” Flash said. “However, I had knee surgery this past spring and didn’t quite recover as well as I hoped. The doctors encouraged me to continue to coach, but as I’m driving 15 or more student-athletes around late at night I’m just not comfortable with that anymore. I can’t coach as I want, going out on the course and helping search for balls or lifting bags into the bus before trips. It was time.”

Flash’s and Carol’s dedication went beyond academia and coaching as they opened their homes to countless students (golfers, student teachers, & women’s basketball team to name a few), for a meal or an extended stay.

“Once a female golfer, who was an education major, needed to student teach during the season,” Carol said. “She was trying to figure out how not to miss any matches. We opened up our home in January and when the schools were back in session, she was able to start her student-teaching before Georgetown was open. It’s those experiences that mean the most.”

Flash and Carol have finished their ‘official capacities’ at Georgetown, but between enjoying some of the spoils of retirement plan to touch more lives for Tiger Nation through service, meals, laughs and good stories, all of which exude what it means to be at Georgetown College.



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