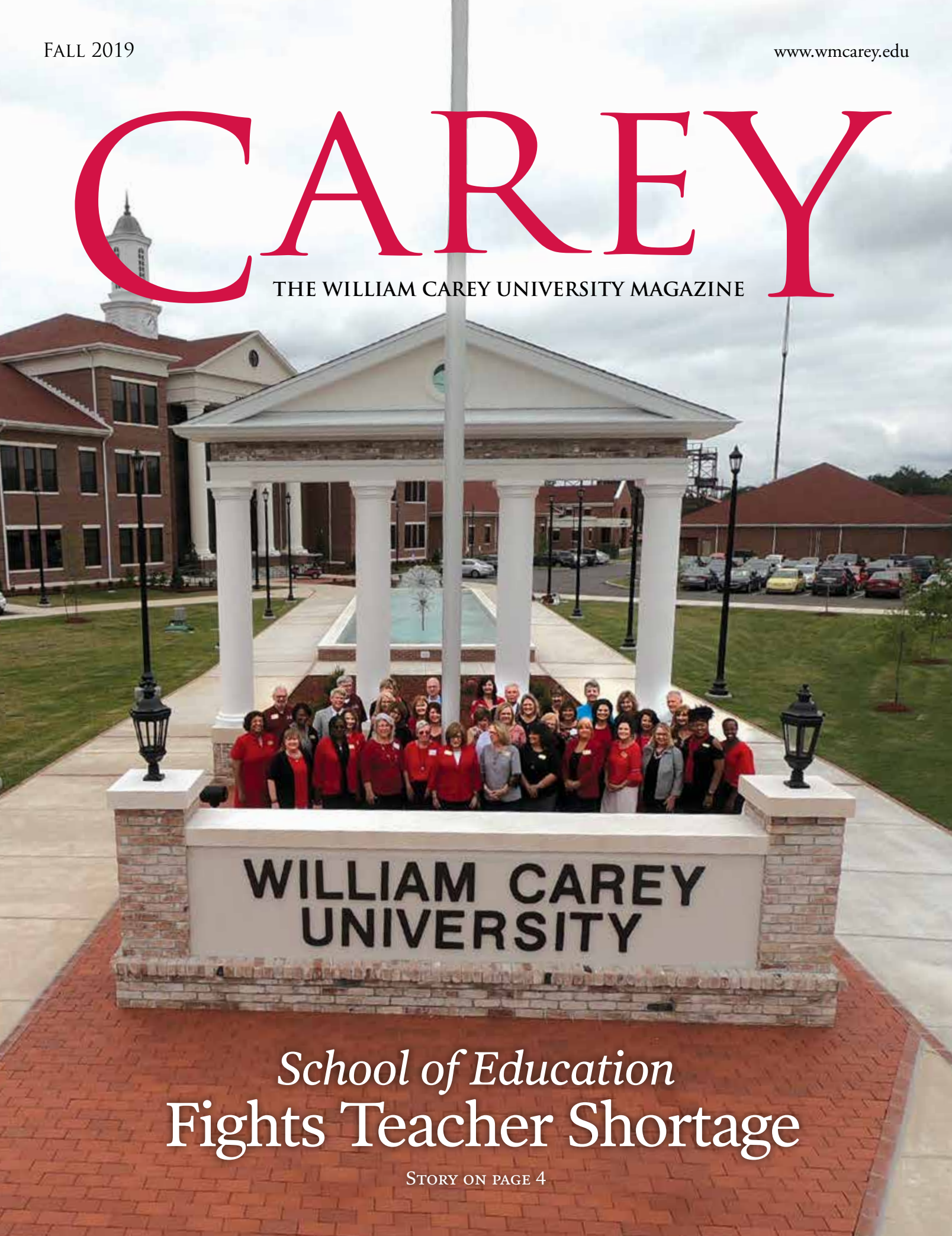


# CAREY

THE WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE



**WILLIAM CAREY  
UNIVERSITY**

## *School of Education Fights Teacher Shortage*

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# LETTERS FROM CAREY



*To all alumni and friends:*

*During Carey's forty years in India, he kept his friends and supporters in England and elsewhere abreast of his mission work by writing letters. This column is patterned after Carey's letters from Serampore.*

*I am pleased to report that our fall enrollment continues to increase. While so many other schools are experiencing a downturn in enrollment due to numerous factors, William Carey continues to grow as a result of new and expanded programs. This would not be possible without the support of our alumni and friends, and especially the Baptists in churches throughout Mississippi. Your support is needed if we are to accept a number of significant challenges that are now before us. First, in order to increase nursing enrollment to address the severe nursing shortage in our area and the nation, we must have a larger nursing facility. Second, a new nursing building will then allow us to increase enrollment in our College of Osteopathic Medicine, which would occupy the vacated nursing building. Third, we are being asked to expand our healthcare offerings to establish programs that do not now exist in Mississippi. Fourth, ministry, music and education are all growing in enrollment, and offerings and increased support are needed for these programs.*

*Elsewhere in this magazine you will find information about the "Campaign for the Future." This campaign provides an avenue for our alumni and friends to support any program that they choose. Within the past two weeks we have received a commitment from a graduate of our COM school to establish a regular donation to his alma mater. As COM, nursing, physical therapy and MBS students become established in their professions and address their loan repayment, we ask that they consider starting a regular contribution in order for us to establish scholarships for future students in these professions. For information about establishing a recurring donation, contact the Office for Advancement at [dpace@wmcarey.edu](mailto:dpace@wmcarey.edu) or 601-318-6542.*

*In the spring of 2019, the hard work and progress of the past few years culminated in a milestone achievement for Carey—earning doctoral level status from the Carnegie Classification. This is the most prestigious higher education commission in the United States. Carey is now included in the list of the finest universities in the country. Carey is one of the smallest universities to achieve this status and is one of only two private institutions in the state so classified. I do not wish to brag, but in this first-time listing, Carey is above Liberty, UAB, Boise State, USM and other fine institutions. This puts your alma mater in very good company.*

*Continue to pray for us and stop by for a visit if you are in the Hattiesburg or Biloxi area.*

*God Bless.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Tommy King*

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**COVER PHOTO:** *The faculty of the School of Education represents an average of 27 years of experience in the K-12 classroom.*

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## Mississippi Data

School of  
Education

# Fights Teacher Shortage

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS EXPERIENCING A TEACHER SHORTAGE. THE PROBLEM IS COMPLEX AND NOT SIMPLY A NUMBERS GAME. HOWEVER, NUMBERS ILLUSTRATE THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF THE CRISIS.

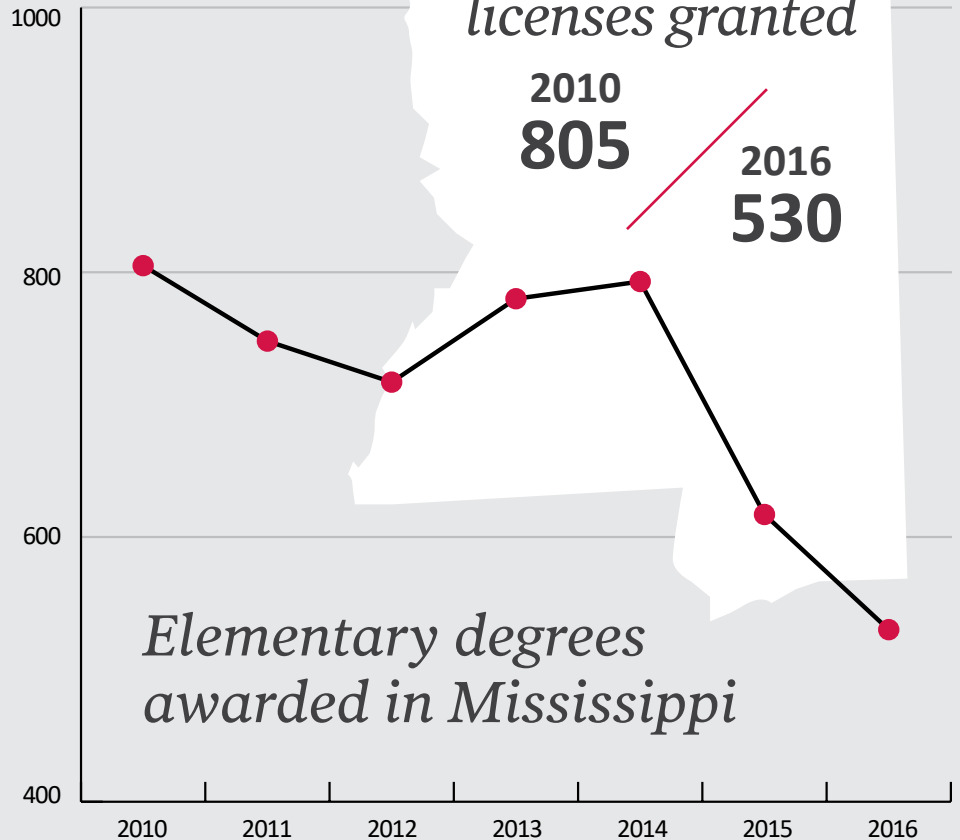
In 2007, the state granted 7,620 teachers' licenses, but in 2017, only 603.

From 2010 to 2016, the number of elementary degrees awarded in the state declined from 805 to 530. But it's not just a Mississippi problem. Enrollment in teacher-preparation programs dropped by 35 percent between 2009 and 2014, as wages for public school teachers sank 17 percent below comparable college-educated professions. Schools were short about 60,000 teachers last year, and shortages may reach 100,000 by 2018.

Currently, public education is experiencing a shortfall of about 410,000 teachers.

Take a look at how Carey's School of Education is fighting the teacher shortage in innovative ways with grants, partnerships and exponential growth.

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# Investing in The Future

## Grant Supports WCU-PRCC Partnership

*Clyde Dease Jr. of Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation, poses for a photo after the grant presentation with education partners Dr. Adam Breerwood, left, and Dr. Ben Burnett. Breerwood holds two Carey degrees ('98, '99) and is a member of the Carey Alumni Hall of Fame.*

**LOWER PEARL RIVER VALLEY FOUNDATION HAS RENEWED A GRANT THAT WILL ALLOW THE CAREY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION TO EXTEND A PARTNERSHIP WITH PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ATTACK MISSISSIPPI'S PERSISTENT TEACHER SHORTAGE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.**

"The foundation supports the efforts of William Carey University to partner with PRCC to address the shortage of certified teachers in our district. Our schools and community will be the long-term beneficiaries," said Clyde Dease Jr., CEO/President of Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation.

Through the partnership, WCU and PRCC house a third- and fourth-year teacher education program at the Poplarville campus. Participating education students remain at the community college campus after their graduation from PRCC and finish their bachelor's degrees as Carey students. The grant supports an on-site coordinator and helps defray instructional expenses. WCU also provides support for the program by reducing the hourly tuition rate for these students.

In return, participating students agree to teach for a minimum of three years in one of Pearl River County's three school districts – Pearl River County, Picayune or Poplarville.

"William Carey University is committed to assisting K-12 schools across the state during this critical teacher shortage," said Dr. Ben

Burnett, dean of the WCU School of Education.

"We appreciate the generosity of Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation and the willingness of Pearl River Community College's president, Dr. Adam Breerwood, and his entire staff in helping us recruit and educate teacher candidates who will contribute to the lives of children across south Mississippi for years to come."

Clyde Dease said he would like to see programs like this across the state.

Burnett agreed: "While most colleges of teacher education are experiencing a decline, William Carey's undergraduate teacher education enrollment increased by 25 percent this school year. This is due, in part, to the great students in our PRCC partnership program. We look forward to not only continuing this program but also to expanding it in the future."

# WCU Pilots New Teacher Residency Program

## EDUCATION GRANT

Carey received a three-year, \$600,000 grant from the Mississippi Department of Education to administer the Teacher Residency Program. It seeks to make new elementary school teachers “effective on day one” by providing them with more classroom experience and access to mentor teachers while they’re still in college. WCU’s Tradition campus is partnering with the Ocean Springs and Gulfport school districts on the project.



MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

Ensuring a bright future for every child

## THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS LAUNCHED A PILOT PROGRAM AIMED AT CHANGING THE WAY NEW TEACHERS ARE PREPARED FOR A CAREER IN THE CLASSROOM.

Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of the School of Education said the goal of the three-year Mississippi Teacher Residency Program is to make new classroom teachers “effective on day one.”

“People don’t go into teaching because it’s easy. Think about your favorite teachers. They knew how to explain new concepts in a way that made you want to know more. They knew how to maintain order and create a learning environment free of distraction,” Burnett said.

“New teachers sharpen their skills by spending more time working with students. As they begin their careers, they reach out to older, more experienced teachers for feedback and guidance. Becoming a seasoned and effective teacher takes time.

“But what if brand-new teachers could start out with more classroom experience? What if they had already worked extensively with mentor teachers?”

The Mississippi Teacher Residency Program seeks to answer both needs.

### HOW IT WORKS

The teacher residency program is a partnership among a university, one or more school systems and a select group of education majors entering their junior year of college.

The future teachers are assigned to an elementary school. They complete the requirements for a bachelor’s degree – dividing their time between working in classrooms with elementary students and taking required courses from the university partner. The



*Dr. Lori Windham, center, poses with the education majors assigned to William Carey University during an orientation session in Jackson. They are first row from left, Molly Ferguson, Abby Fisher, Rachel Brown and Ashlee Slocum. In the middle row are Ashea Wells, Priscilla Rocha, Caitlin Love and Katelin Black. In the top row are Samantha Guyton, Janet Spears, Katelyn Babischkin and Kimberlee Kelley.*

university also provides experienced mentor teachers to answer questions, demonstrate techniques and give the next generation of classroom teachers a head start.

In June, the Mississippi Department of Education announced \$600,000 grants to three universities to administer teacher residency programs:

- William Carey University, working with Ocean Springs and Gulfport public school districts;
- Mississippi State University, working with Jackson Public School District; and
- Delta State University, working with the Sunflower County Consolidated School District.

The funding comes from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in response to a grant request written by Cortez Moss, the Mississippi Department of Education’s director of educator talent acquisition and effectiveness. The foundation also awarded a grant to the National Center for Teacher Residencies, which has helped launch 35 teacher residency programs in 18 states since its founding in 2007.

“We have teacher shortage, retention and diversity issues across the state. I had been speaking with the National Center for Teacher Residencies before we ever applied to the Kellogg Foundation because we knew we needed a research-driven approach to addressing these challenges,” Moss said.

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# WCU Pilots New Teacher Residency Program

*“As a learning model, a teacher residency is much like a medical school residency. The student is learning while also practicing in a real-world environment.”*

**- Dr. Ben Burnett**

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The college students taking part in the teacher residency program were chosen in the spring. Participating universities will welcome 12 new students each year of the three-year grant. Students chosen for the program will receive full tuition scholarships. And at the end of the process, 108 brand-new teachers will receive job offers from the public school districts where they practiced.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The first group of education majors chosen for the Mississippi Teacher Residency Program gathered June 28-29 in Jackson with state-level MDE officials and representatives from William Carey, Mississippi State and Delta State.

Dr. Lori Windham is the WCU School of Education's undergraduate program coordinator at the Tradition campus. She met with William Carey's newest students on June 29. With its proximity to Gulfport and Ocean Springs, the Tradition campus will be administering the program for William Carey.

Windham said, “It was a pleasure to meet this group of talented, committed students.

We're excited to be a part of the Mississippi Teacher Residency Program and to help prepare them to teach in diverse classrooms in our state.”

Dr. Burnett said he feels fortunate to partner with the Ocean Springs and Gulfport school districts.

“We've worked with both school districts on initiatives to address the teacher shortage and help retain quality classroom teachers,” Burnett said.

“In addition, Dr. Bonita Coleman, the Ocean Springs school superintendent, is an adjunct instructor for William Carey – as are both assistant superintendents from the Ocean Springs and Gulfport school districts. These are old friends and colleagues and we look forward to getting started on this new project.”

And to the 12 new education majors chosen for WCU's Teacher Residency Program, welcome to the Carey family:

- Katelyn Babischkin of D'Iberville
- Katelin Black of Gulfport
- Rachel Brown of Hurley
- Molly Ferguson of Gulfport
- Abby Fisher of Pass Christian
- Samantha Guyton of Hurley
- Kimberlee Kelley of McHenry



## The Julia Goodwin Burnett Scholarship

Dr. Ben Burnett's family established a scholarship honoring the life of his grandmother, Julia Goodwin Burnett, a 1929 Mississippi Woman's College graduate and schoolteacher in the Jackson area. The Julia Goodwin Burnett Scholarship benefits an undergraduate education major at Carey who shows great potential, high academic standing, and strong Christian values.

*To establish a scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Dean Pace in the Office for Advancement at 601.318.6542 or [dpace@wmcarey.edu](mailto:dpace@wmcarey.edu).*

- Caitlin Love of Ocean Springs
- Priscilla Rocha of Vancleave
- Ashlee Slocum of Vancleave
- Janet Spears of Moss Point
- Ashea Wells of Biloxi





# The Alternate Route

THE ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED FOR NON-EDUCATION GRADUATES TO ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION. COLLEGE GRADUATES CAN UTILIZE WORK EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE FROM THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREE TO ASSIST THE K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE IN FILLING THE MANY TEACHING VACANCIES THAT MISSISSIPPI IS EXPERIENCING IN THIS MASSIVE TEACHER SHORTAGE. GRADUATES CAN ALSO CONTINUE AFTER THEIR INITIAL LICENSURE PROGRAM AND EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE.

Carey leads the way in the production of teachers through this certification process which enables many schools all over our state to address critical shortage areas. In the latest data released by the Mississippi Department of Education, Carey had 116 graduates in the alternate route program. The university in second place had 66. In the last two years alone, WCU has supervised 260 new teachers who have gained licensure through the alternate route process.

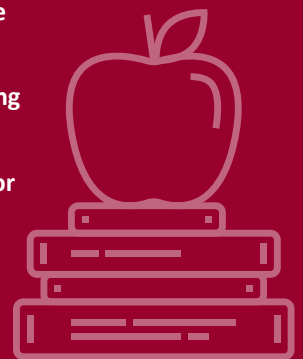
The initial classwork in the certification process is taught in a hybrid, face-to-face and online format. To aid students and districts across the state, WCU has taken this program to schools all over Mississippi. Aside from the classes on the Hattiesburg and Tradition campuses, our teachers have served students in Vicksburg, Moss Point, Marks, Winona, Meridian, Ocean Springs and Lamar County. Several more cohorts are currently forming.

The Alternate Route program is supervised by five long-time K-12 educators and administrators: Dr. Candice Aycock, assistant professor of education, coordinator of alternate route and SMART grant; Dr. Carol Payne, assistant professor of education, graduate program coordinator; Dr. Laurie Pitre, assistant professor of education; Dr. Bitsy Browne-Miller, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Rosemary Woullard, assistant professor of education.



## School of Education Signing Day

Most people have heard of athletic signing day but Carey has put a new spin on the tradition by hosting academic signing day. The School of Education hosted this event in Fairchild Hall as an opportunity to honor future teachers and to give them the attention they deserve by choosing this profession. Carey is leading the way with creative solutions for solving teacher shortages by having events such as this one.



# Summer Missionaries are called to serve

By Edidiong Essien  
WCU Student

**CAREY'S MOTTO IS, "EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD; ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD." OVER THE SUMMER, SOME OF OUR STUDENTS SERVED IN COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD.**

"We start the process at CareyWOW. We begin talking to the students. The returning summer missionaries share their experiences and our Baptist Student Union lets students know about the opportunities they have to serve," said BSU Director Dr. Tim Glaze.

"If a student believes that God is leading them to do this, if it's something they feel and

know, we want to walk with them through the process. It's pretty intense but fun. Year to year our numbers vary. We had 15 students last summer and this year we had six."

Three of this summer's missionaries shared some thoughts about their experiences.

## MACKENZIE BRITT

Sophomore Mackenzie Britt is a native of Wesson: "I wanted to serve the Lord in some capacity, as far as my vacation plans went, and I decided not to hunt for a paid summer job."

The BSU helped Britt find a place as a discipleship intern in Worcester, Mass.

This was a welcome surprise because she has always wanted to visit New England and do mission work there. Her love for church-planting and discipleship is a driving force in her life and guided the choice to be a summer missionary.



## Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union sponsored six missionaries over the summer in communities in the U.S. and abroad:

- Alex Moore, Orlando, Fla.
- Julie Jackson, New Orleans, La.
- Mackenzie Britt, Worcester, Mass.
- Tra'Kevious Thompson, Arlington, Texas
- Beth Girma, Clarkston, Ga.
- Brooke Riley, Southeast Asia

Britt said it was hard to leave home and be so far away – but it was a learning experience.

"Life is not just about fulfilling my personal pleasures. This taught me sacrifice and how God sustains us even in hard times," she said.

"I believe strongly that God calls his people forth in times of trouble, and that's when we need to rise to the occasion and perform our ultimate duty as Christians – spreading the Gospel."

## ALEX MOORE

Alex Moore is a junior from Spanish Fort, Ala.

"I remember Landon Adams, the assistant BSU director, called me into his office and asked me if I was interested in doing summer missions. I told him that I was thinking about it, but I hadn't really decided one way or the other," Moore said.

On May 24, Moore found himself in Orlando, Fla. He has a new understanding of what it is like to be a worship pastor, which he wants to pursue in the future.

"A lot of what I am doing down here is leading worship in churches. I've been able to learn what that is going to look like," Moore said.

"It has been a really good experience. I have



*Mackenzie Britt, right, takes part in a Bible study during her mission trip to Worcester, Mass.*



*Mackenzie Britt, left corner, poses for a selfie with fellow discipleship interns in Worcester, Mass.*

lots of opportunity to grow in my faith. It taught me to trust in the Lord. He knows what he is doing. When I am tired and when I don't want to do anything, He has a plan and He will give me the strength I need to continue what I have to get done."

### BETH GIRMA

Girma is a recent graduate of WCU from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"At first I wanted to do a missions trip for selfish reasons. I was looking for something to do in the summer," Girma said.

"But the more I prayed about it and got closer to God throughout this process, I felt like this is something that I wasn't deciding on my own. It is God putting all of this together and I decided to follow His will."

Girma was posted in Clarkston, Ga. on June 1: "I love it so much. I can't imagine being anywhere else this summer. I have learned so much. I had no part to play in this. It was all God. I gained more trust in Him and I'm able share the Gospel better. I have the desire to share it. The community is amazing."

She is the daughter of missionary parents. "See, the thing about being a missionary kid is, when I first applied for this I was very arrogant. I assumed that me being one meant I already knew what to do – which wasn't the case at all. I became humbled throughout the summer."

*Edidiong Essien is a senior mass communications major who completed a practicum this summer in the Media Relations & Marketing office.*



### MADLIN REED

Madlin is a Poplarville native studying nursing. She works as a resident assistant in Davis Residence Hall and works in the registrar's office. Her major gives her little time for leisure and she quips that "studying is my hobby." She has two brothers and one sister.

She said, "I initially wanted to be a pre-med major but that wasn't what God called me to do. So, I prayed about it and God let me know his plan. Everyone is living their best life, and I only have time to study!"



### ELIZABETH MOODY

Elizabeth is a senior mass communications major. She worked in the advancement office this summer.

She hails from Lucedale and has one older sister. Elizabeth is always open to meeting a new friend and enjoys the outdoors, photography and traveling. Her minor is psychology.

Elizabeth said, "I am grateful to Carey for bringing me closer to people I will have in my life, not only for the next couple of years, but for the rest of it. I'm excited to see what happens in the future! I love my major because of how broad it is. There are so many job opportunities that come with it, and I have enjoyed the last three years of learning."



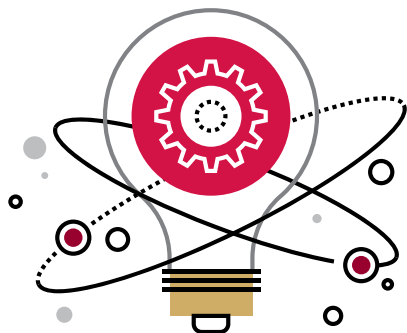
### JACOB COOPER

Jacob is a senior biology major with minors in chemistry and Spanish. You might also see him working with the

housing office because he is the resident director of Braswell Residence Hall. Jacob considers himself a professional Marvel Movie Spectator. He was born and raised in Hattiesburg and has one brother.

He said, "I've had a passion for sciences since I was young. Coming to Carey has definitely been a great experience, academically challenging and a great place to grow spiritually. There's no place I'd rather be!"

# Students as Researchers



THE 2019 SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS' REAFFIRMATION PROCESS HAS GIVEN WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING THROUGH A NEW PROGRAM, STUDENTS AS RESEARCHERS: AN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN. BEGINNING IN THE FALL 2019 TRIMESTER, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN CO-CURRICULAR RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF FACULTY MENTORS.

"The goal of our Quality Enhancement Plan is to have completed, finished research projects of varying types across most fields of study," said Dr. Jalynn Roberts, Director of the Office of Research and Support. "Research efforts will culminate with formal research papers, poster presentations, literary works, or performances or exhibits of original work in the arts."

Students within majors will engage in co-curricular research projects under the guidance of faculty mentors. Students who participate will make formal proposals, which must be accepted by the student's major department. A faculty mentor will guide the student in carrying out the project, which can extend beyond a single term.



## Student Research Projects

**Kiran Bist**, senior math major, is researching the properties of manifold induced neural network architectures.

Senior history major **Benjamin Brockway's** project is titled "Music and the Last Crusade: Baroque Cantatas Commemorating the Siege of Vienna, 1683."

Senior English major **Ashton Dodd** is researching gifted education and the flipped classroom.

Junior biology major **Shriya Pandey's** project title is "Nutritional Analysis of Produce Grown by Conventional Non-Organic, Conventional Organic and No-Till Organic Methods."

**Sharen Leigh Prine**, senior English major, is researching the connection between art and literature and their applications in the English classroom.

**Rhett Riley**, junior history major, has titled his project "Mapping the Last Crusade: Geospatial Analysis of the Siege of Vienna, 1683."

Junior math major **Jakolbia Shipmon** is researching training methods for deep neural networks.

**Jonathan Sircar**, senior psychology major's project is titled "Visualization of Deep Neural Networks."

Junior biology major **Saroj Upreti** has titled his project "Four-Dimensional Hybrid Lattice Euclidean Networks for Image Analysis."

**James Nelson Conley**, senior chemistry major, is researching "Carbon and Nutrient Sequestration over Time in Soils Subjected to No-Till Gardening Methods."



# Carey Finishes Second *In Learfield Directors' Cup*

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS (NACDA) ANNOUNCED THE FINAL 2018-19 LEARFIELD DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS AND CAREY RECORDED ITS HIGHEST FINISH EVER IN THE PRESTIGIOUS STANDINGS, FINISHING IN SECOND PLACE OVERALL AMONG NAIA SCHOOLS.

The Learfield Directors' Cup points are based on each institution's finish in 12 sports within the NAIA, six each for women and men. At the national level, WCU qualified thirteen sports for NAIA national championships and won a national championship in women's soccer, finished second in outdoor men's track & field, and finished in fourth place in men's tennis, women's tennis, men's basketball, and men's soccer. Carey led all NAIA during the spring campaign.

For the year, eleven sports finished the year ranked in the final NAIA Coaches' Top 25 poll. Carey produced thirty-six NAIA All-Americans, Head Coach Danny Owens was named NAIA Women's Soccer Coach of the Year, and

sixteen student-athletes were named as NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athletes.

At the conference level, the Crusaders won SSAC regular season championships in men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, and women's tennis and SSAC tournament championships in women's cross country, men's soccer, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's track & field as they won their third straight SSAC Commissioners Cup. Carey had 86 athletes named to the first All SSAC team, 31 earned second team honors, and 12 were named third team. The Crusaders were honored to have 77 named to the SSAC All Academic Team.

"The 2018-19 year was truly a remarkable year for William Carey Athletics," said Athletic Director DJ Pulley. "It all started in the fall with women's soccer winning our first national title in fifty years and the men's soccer team making a final four run. The momentum carried over to men's basketball's incredible postseason run, and then in the spring we qualified seven sports for postseason play with men's outdoor track & field finishing second and men's & women's tennis making semi-final runs. I can never say enough about all the hard work our coaches and student-athletes put into this year. The 2018-19 year was definitely one for the record books."



## *Nine Carey Teams Earn NAIA Scholar Team Honors*

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0-grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average includes all eligible varsity student-athletes.

### **2018-19 NAIA SCHOLAR TEAMS**

Women's Basketball  
Men's Cross Country  
Women's Cross Country  
Women's Golf  
Men's Soccer  
Women's Soccer  
Softball  
Women's Tennis  
Volleyball





# Sports Hall of Fame



**C**AREY INDUCTED FOUR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES INTO THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME DURING THE NINTH ANNUAL SPORTS HALL OF FAME CEREMONY AT SOUTHERN OAKS HOUSE AND GARDENS ON MARCH 23. THAT EVENING WCU ALSO RECOGNIZED THE 1969 BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM WITH THE LEGACY AWARD AND PRESENTED THE 2018 NAIA WOMEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM WITH CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS DURING THE EVENT.



*Alicia Wilson,  
Megan Dawson,  
Greg Ott, Shona McLaurin*

**1969 Baseball Team**

## THE 1969 NAIA BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

On the fiftieth anniversary of William Carey's first National Title, the 1969 team was honored with legacy induction into the Sports Hall of Fame.

The 1969 NAIA Baseball National Championship Team members included Junior Broome, Dale Willis, Kenny Fogg, Forrest Stevenson, Leon Tingle, Anthony Ladner, Clyde Dearman, Darwin Lott, Elwood Friemel, Monk Byrne, Bobby Eades, Steve Proffer, Bill Collins, Chuck Harlan, Billy Kouns, Jim Smith, Mike Harris, Harold Sealy, Wes Krogstad, Roger Wright, Claude Yarborough, Dennis Ray Smith, and coaches John Stephenson and John O' Keefe.

## GREG OTT '83

### Baseball

A three-year starter for the Crusaders, Greg Ott appeared in 149 games for head coach John Stevenson from 1981-1983. A two-time All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference selection, Ott finished his Crusader career with a .409 batting average, 196 hits including 19 home runs, two triples, 31 doubles, and 130 RBI's.

## MEGAN DAWSON '06

### Softball

A two-year starter for WCU Sports Hall of Famer Wendy Hogue, Megan Dawson was a key component of the rebuild and rebirth of Carey Softball. A two-time All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference selection, Dawson hit .348 with six home runs, 11 doubles, and 40 RBI's for the Lady Crusaders.

## SHONA MCLAURIN '91

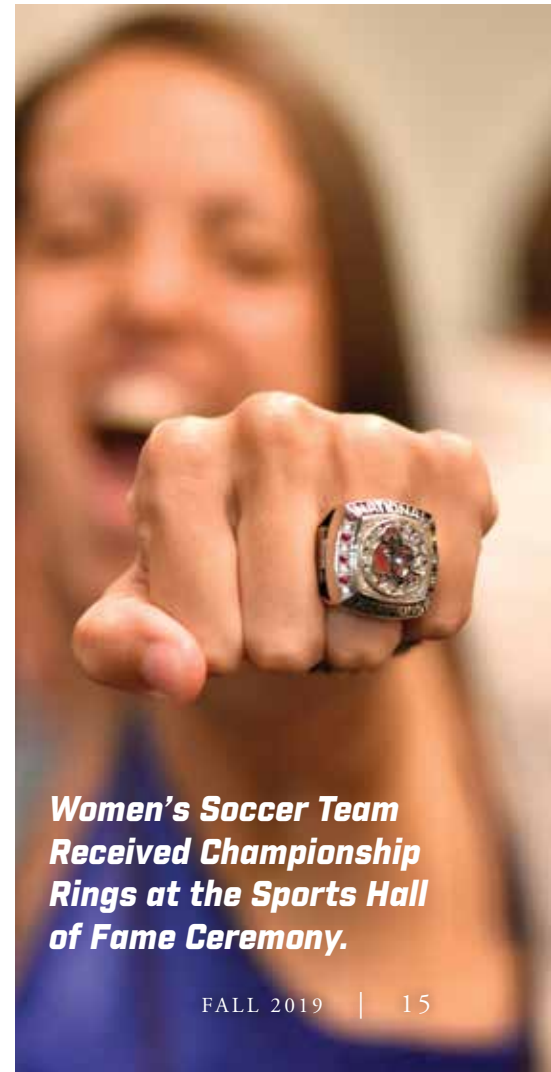
### Women's Basketball

A four-year starter for the women's basketball team, Shona McLaurin finished her four-year career as the second all-time leading scorer in WCU history with 1,772 points and her 1,070 rebounds is a school record. The four-time All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference selection finished her WCU career averaging 15.4 points and 9.3 rebounds per game.

## ALICIA WILSON '05

### Women's Soccer

A four-year starter for the women's soccer program, Alicia Wilson played for head coaches Doug Stovall and Nigel Boulton during her time at Carey. Wilson was a second team NAIA All-American in 2001 and a three-time NAIA Honorable All-American. In 2001, Wilson was named the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was a four-time All-GCAC Selection. In 2002 and 2003, Wilson played for the Jamaica National Team in the World Cup and Olympic Qualifying Soccer Tournament.



**Women's Soccer Team  
Received Championship  
Rings at the Sports Hall  
of Fame Ceremony.**



**LADONNA DAVIDSON**

LaDonna Davidson, administrative assistant/recruiter for the COM, was elected to serve as Secretary of the AACOM Council on

Admissions for Osteopathic Medical Education.



**READ DIKET**

Read Diket, professor of art and Distinguished Fellow of the National Art Education Association, was published as representative of proceedings from the

PennState@50 conference. Dr. Diket's "Living the Vision: A Seminar in Art Education for Research and Curriculum Development, 1965 to 2016" explored the influences of the original proceedings' "Red Book" on art education in America. The first Penn State Seminar took place during a period of sustained curricular growth in which the arts embraced domain aesthetics, studio, art historical and critical practices and continued interest in creative initiatives. Fifty years later, standard based practices reflect transdisciplinary sources and strive for humanitarian purposes. To understand how expectations actually impact student learning, Dr. Diket follows the path of art education in the deep South and shows how regional interpretations mirror the sense of national articulations.



**RANDALL HARRIS**

Randall Harris, associate dean of preclinical sciences at the COM, received third place in the Annual Research

Poster Competition at the 2019 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Education Conference in Washington DC. Dr. Harris' presentation was titled "Using Artificial Intelligence to Map the Medical School Curriculum." This award is the COM's first national research award and demonstrates our strong growth in the area of educational research and technology.



**NOEL MANN**

Noel Mann, professor of chemistry and physical science, was included in the 2019 Marquis Who's Who. Dr. Mann retired

from the military with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is a veteran of the Vietnam War, Cold War, and Gulf War and completed the Command and General Staff College. With more than 48 years of professional experience to his credit, Dr. Mann has excelled as professor of chemistry and physics at Carey since 2013. Prior to teaching at Carey he taught at Presbyterian Christian High School and performed research in the Polymer Science Department at USM. He also taught for 31 years at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. During his 25-year tenure in the military, Dr. Mann obtained a patent for an ultrasound device used to identify chemical agents in a sealed weapon in support of the verification portion of the bilateral chemical treaty between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union. Dr. Mann has served in a variety of church related positions during his 38-year Baptist ministry including pastoring churches in several Mississippi counties, serving as chair of the Board of Trustees for Southeastern Baptist College, as a member of the board for the Miss. Baptist Children's Home, and in several other positions of leadership.

About the Who's Who: Since 1899, when A. N. Marquis printed the First Edition of Who's Who in America®, Marquis Who's Who® has chronicled the lives of the most accomplished individuals and innovators from every significant field of endeavor.



**LORIE WATKINS MASSEY**

Lorie Watkins Massey, associate professor of language and literature, has been named to the editorial

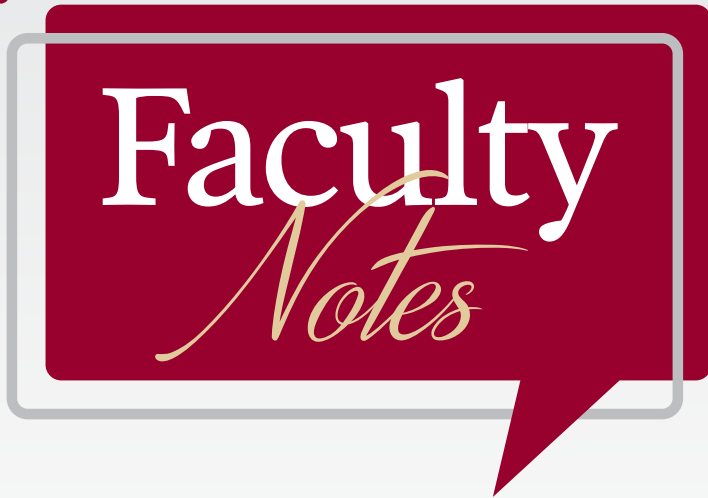
board of the *Mississippi Quarterly*. Recognized as a premiere journal in the field of southern studies, the *Quarterly* was founded in 1948 and is housed at Mississippi State University. Dr. Massey's long history with the journal began in 2001 when they accepted her first essay for publication.



**MELISSA STEPHENS**

Melissa Stephens, director of graduate medical education and population health at the COM, was awarded the 2019 Innovation

Award by the Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators for "Implementation of Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST) in Medical Education." Dr. Stephens received the award at the 2019 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Education Conference in Washington, DC.



**Faculty Notes**





## *Dr. Ben Waddle Named Professor Emeritus*

During an opening assembly Aug. 20 for faculty and staff, Dr. Tommy King announced that the board of trustees had passed a unanimous resolution to honor Dr. Ben Waddle with the title of Professor Emeritus of Physical Education.

Dr. Waddle is retiring after 52 years of distinguished service to WCU. In total, he served the field of education for 70 years, including time as a teacher and administrator in K-12 schools and higher education.

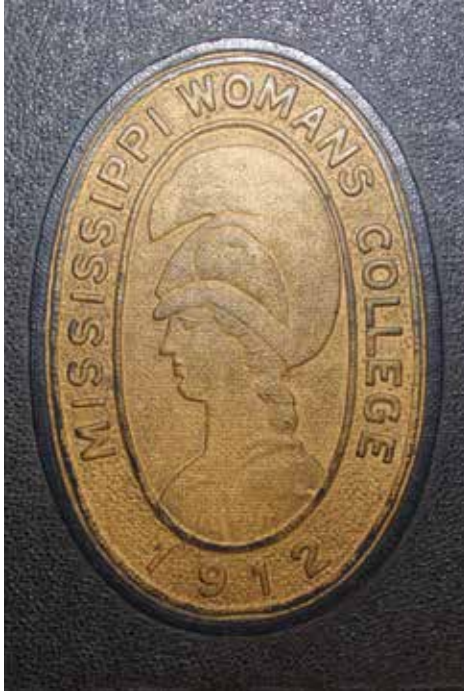
## *Forever Young* **AWARD**

Coast Young Professionals honored Dr. Tommy King with a “Forever Young” award July 18 during its annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala in Biloxi. As president of Carey since 2007, Dr. King has led the school during an enrollment increase of 100 percent, the addition and expansion of educational programs, and the recovery of the Hattiesburg campus after devastating damage caused by a 2017 tornado. Coast Young Professionals said, “The ‘Forever Young’ award is given to individuals who are excellent mentors and leaders for not only their employees, but for their communities as well. Congratulations to our award recipients. Without your mentorship, Coast Young Professionals would not be where we are today.”





Math and chemistry were strong academic programs at Mississippi Woman's College. In 1939, three students competed in the national William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, finishing third behind Brooklyn College and MIT. They beat Harvard, Rutgers, Berkeley, UCLA, and 33 other teams, thus demolishing a number of stereotypes, being from a small female college in the South. Pictured above from left to right are Louise Tate and Mary Emma Fancher; to the left is Nina Pearl Byrd.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Years ago

## That Time Mississippi Woman's College Beat Harvard University

By Edidiong Essien  
WCU Student

**THE YEAR WAS 1939. AGAINST ALL ODDS, THREE MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE STUDENTS PLACED THIRD IN A NATIONAL MATH COMPETITION, DOMINATING TEAMS FROM HARVARD, UCLA AND RUTGERS. THEIR NAMES WERE ETHEL LOUISE (TATE) BERRY, NINA (BYRD) WHITE AND MARY EMMA (FANCHER) BEEMON.**

The William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition has been held every year since 1927. It is sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America.

"I think it is one of our proudest achievements. Very few universities in the South had ever placed in the competition," said WCU Provost Dr. Scott Hummel.

"It is an inspiring example. When people work hard and have a professor who invests in them, they can accomplish anything."

Almost 50 years after the win at the Putnam Competition, "Dimensions in Mathematics Quarterly," published by the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics, interviewed the MWC team. Here's what they said:

### MARY EMMA BEEMON

Beemon was a native of Raymond, Miss. She was the second of four children.

"I became interested in math while I was

in high school and I had a very energetic math teacher, Beemon said. "I decided then that I wanted to be a math teacher, but had it not been for my math professor at MWC from my sophomore year through my senior year, who gave me encouragement and help, I probably would have fallen by the wayside."

Beemon graduated from MWC in 1939 with a major in math and chemistry. She earned her master's degree in math from the University of Alabama and spent several years teaching math in high school.

### NINA WHITE

White was the first of eight children. She attended Jones County Junior College for two years and enrolled in MWC in 1937. She was a math major.

"In 1938, five of the math majors entered the Math Contest of Colleges and Universities of the South. This contest was held each year and was divided into five districts. We won first place in our district and went to Ada, Oklahoma, for the finals. The other four teams were made up of all boys. They were really shocked when five girls walked into the room to take the finals," White said.

"We did not win, but our math professor and our college were proud of us. In 1939 we won our district again and the finals were held in Jackson, Mississippi. We did not win, but we gave the university much-needed publicity. Then our math professor entered us in the Putnam contest – he gave us more tutoring for this one!"

She began a teaching career in 1939.

### ETHEL LOUISE BERRY

Berry was encouraged from an early age by her mother, who taught all grades in a one-room school in Alabama.

"My senior class at MWC had only three math majors and we each received a great deal of extra attention. Our professor, Dr. Brown, led a very private life and I know little of him," Berry said.

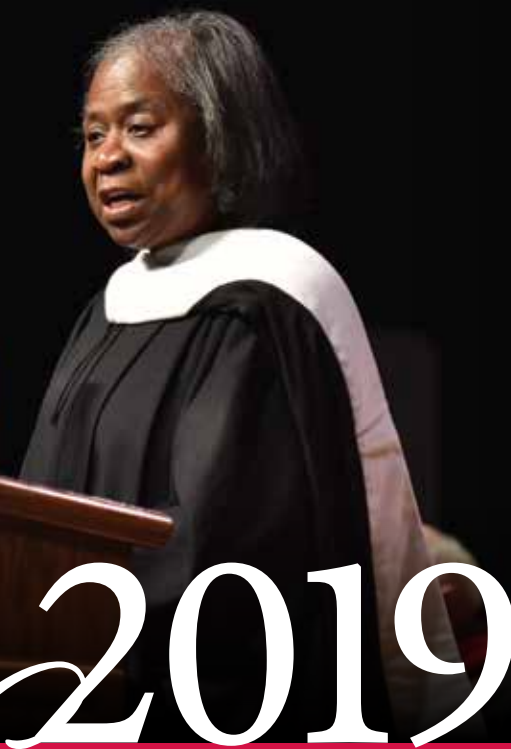
"After graduating from MWC, I taught for one year and then married. After our youngest child entered high school, I went back to teaching and taught for six years."

The team's math professor, Dr. Brown, was a member of the MWC Mathematics and Physics Department, with a doctorate from Ohio State University. He organized a special class for the three women. They studied as a team and individually.

White, Berry and Beemon all received scholarship offers for graduate school, which they had to decline in order to take jobs.

The three women had much in common. Their families dealt with financial strain during the Depression, but it did not affect the support and encouragement they received. They all had an interest in math from childhood. They had supportive teachers and, at MWC, attended small classes led by an expert professor who went above and beyond for them.

*Edidiong Essien is a senior mass communications major who completed a practicum this summer in the Media Relations & Marketing office.*

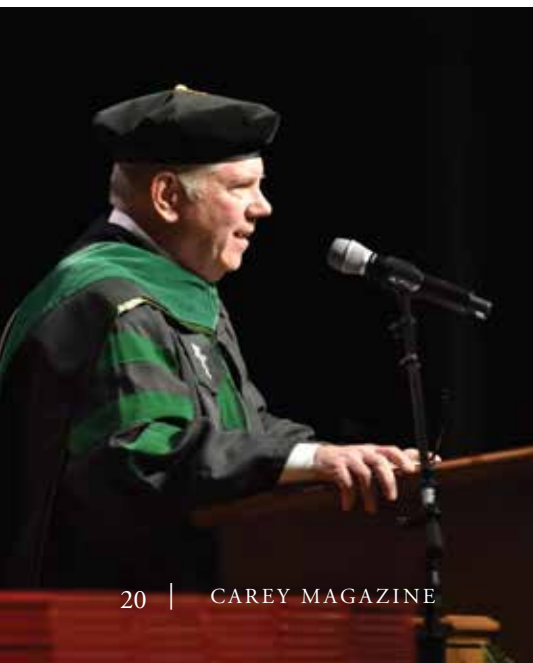


*Ms. Vermester Bester, retired school teacher and WCU alumna, was the commencement speaker for one of the May ceremonies. May marked the 50-year anniversary of Ms. Bester's 1969 graduation with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Bester was one of the first African-American students to attend what was then William Carey College. She enrolled in 1965 with her friend and fellow Rowan High School honor graduate, Linda Williams Cross, following Carey's decision to voluntarily admit African-American students under the leadership of Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, who was the college's president. This ceremony included the awarding of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Vermester Bester.*

# 2019 Commencements



*More than 1,300 students graduated in 10 ceremonies in May and August on the Hattiesburg campus. The Alumni Association welcomes you all!*





**ABOVE** *In May, an honorary Doctor of Piano Performance degree was awarded to Philip Fortenberry, a 1980 Carey alumnus. A native of Columbia, Fortenberry is a renowned and versatile pianist known for his wide range of musical genres and expansive career – including performances at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the White House. He was inducted into the Carey Alumni Hall of Fame in March 2019.*





# WCU

## DOCTOR of PHYSICAL THERAPY

*Graduates  
its Inaugural Class*

**ABOVE** Summer commencement festivities opened with an afternoon reception at Tatum Court for the inaugural class of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. The 25 members of the DPT class were among those hooded that evening during a graduation ceremony at Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.

**MAY AND AUGUST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES INCLUDED THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM.**

The DPT program hosted a reception for its first graduates at Tatum Court the afternoon before their commencement. Dr. Cynthia Scott, program director, took inspiration for her remarks from John 1:16, "For from His fullness, we have all received grace upon grace."

"These words have guided my thoughts this week as I reflected on what's happened over the last five years to get to this point. It means

a lot to me, to the faculty and the students, to the patients we serve and ultimately to the healing ministry of Jesus Christ," Scott said.

"Grace upon grace. These words could easily be the motto of this program. I have personally felt the gracious hand of our heavenly father from the moment Dr. King and I began to discuss a physical therapy program at William Carey University."

For two physical therapy students at the reception, the milestone means a temporary separation. Lauren Reynolds was graduating as a member of the inaugural class. Her husband, Nate, started the program a year later and will graduate in 2020.

Nate and Lauren Reynolds have been together since the 10th grade. Both graduated from Mississippi State University with bachelor's degrees in kinesiology before entering the program at WCU. As physical therapists, they will work with people after injuries or surgeries.

"We both played a lot of sports in high school, and we enjoyed anatomy and the sciences. We knew we wanted careers in healthcare," Lauren Reynolds said.

Like all the physical therapy doctoral graduates, Lauren Reynolds returned from a three-month clinical rotation just before commencement. She worked at Watauga Orthopaedics in Johnson City, Tenn.

"It was an outpatient setting, and I worked closely with a group of doctors. I was able to observe surgeries and evaluate and treat patients. It was valuable experience to talk to the doctors about their patients and the surgical procedures they had performed," Lauren Reynolds said.

"It intrigued me to see how the body is so resilient and to see that you can work with people and help them get back to what they were doing before, or help them modify the activities they were doing to accommodate their

condition. It can be a mentally and physically exhausting time in people's lives, and it's nice to be able to be there and care for them."

The couple would also like to work Christian outreach into their careers as physical therapists.

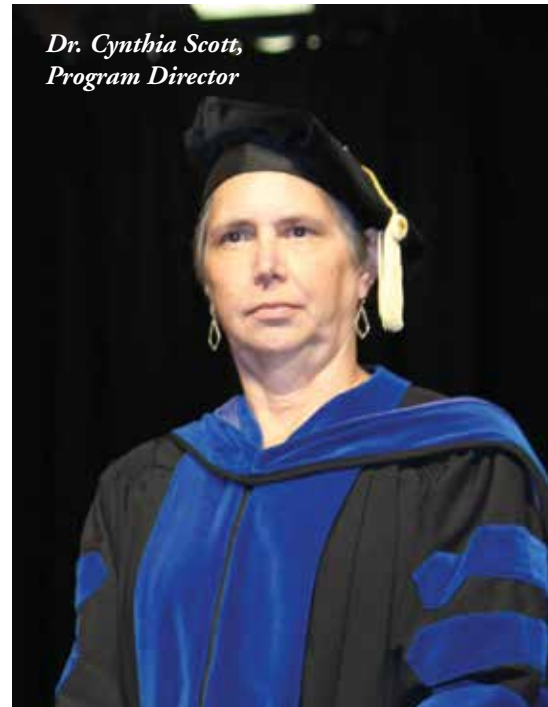
"We knew that, as physical therapists, we would have a chance to spend a good amount of time with people," Nate Reynolds said.

"That's one of the reasons we chose physical therapy. We want to build relationships with patients to help them out physically, but also spiritually. We hope to share the Gospel with them, too."

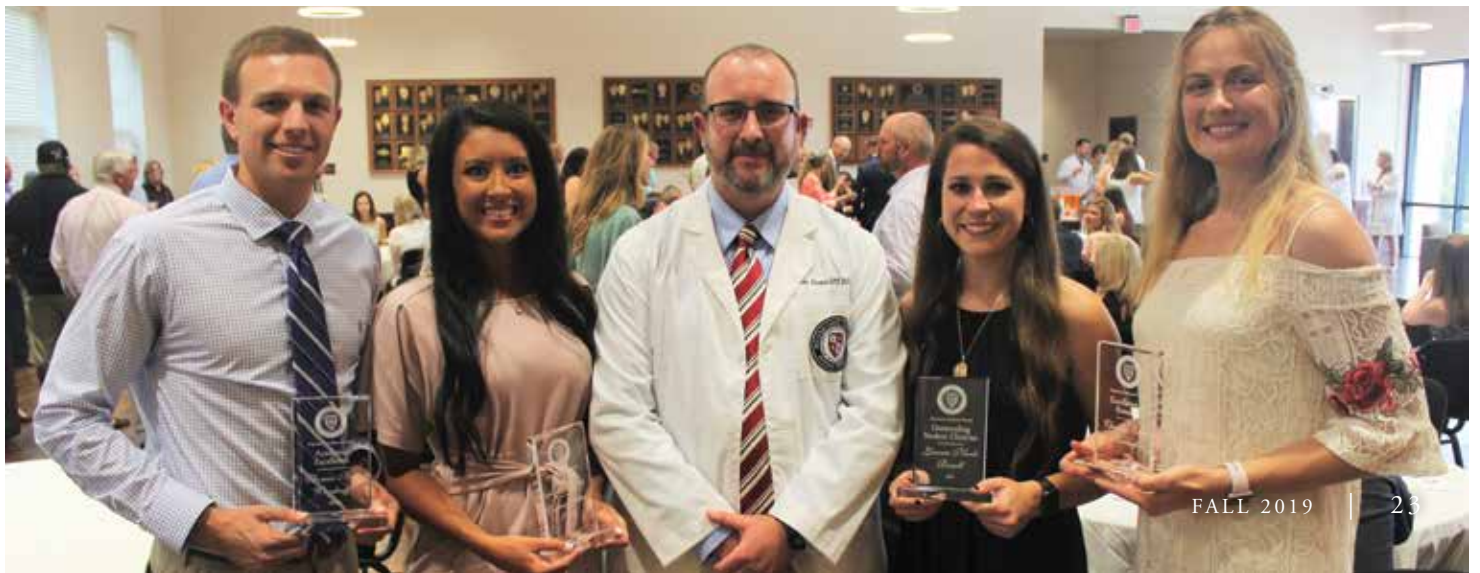
**BELOW** *Lauren and Nate Reynolds were married in 2017, but they've been together since the 10th grade. Lauren received her doctorate in physical therapy on Aug. 9. Nate will graduate next year.*



*Lauren Reynolds is hooded during commencement at Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.*

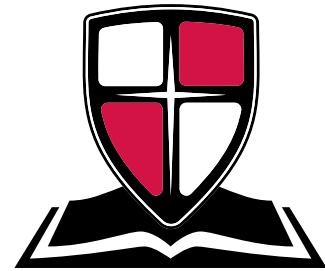


*Dr. Cynthia Scott, Program Director*



# DESIDERIUM SCIENDI

## WCU Annual Theme



DESIDERIUM  
SCIENDI PHIL. 3:10

LONGING TO KNOW

*T. Brett Golson, Ph.D.  
Department of Christian Ministries, Chair*

**PASTOR, AUTHOR,  
ENTREPRENEUR, LIBRARIAN,  
BOTANIST, CONSERVATIONIST,  
AGRICULTURALIST, EDITOR,  
PROFESSOR, SOCIAL ACTIVIST,  
HUSBAND, FATHER, LINGUIST,  
COBBLER, AND MISSIONARY—  
AS THE FATHER OF MODERN  
MISSIONS, WILLIAM CAREY  
PERSONIFIES THE LATIN TERM  
WHICH SERVES AS OUR 2019-  
2020 UNIVERSITY THEME—  
DESIDERIUM SCIENDI. THE  
PASSAGE THAT WE HAVE  
CHOSEN TO ACCOMPANY  
THIS LATIN PHRASE, PHIL.  
3:10, TETHERS THE ACADEMIC  
“DESIRE TO KNOW” WITH  
OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH. THE  
APOSTLE WRITES:**

*If anyone else thinks he has reason  
for confidence in the flesh, I have more:  
circumcised on the eighth day, of the  
people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,  
a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law,  
a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of  
the church; as to righteousness under  
the law, blameless. But whatever gain*

*I had, I counted as loss for the sake of  
Christ. Indeed, I count everything as  
loss because of the surpassing worth  
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For his sake I have suffered the loss of  
all things and count them as rubbish,  
in order that I may gain Christ and be  
found in him, not having a righteousness  
of my own that comes from the law,  
but that which comes through faith  
in Christ, the righteousness from God  
that depends on faith—that I may  
know him and the power of his  
resurrection, and may share his  
sufferings, becoming like him in his  
death, that by any means possible I may  
attain the resurrection from the dead.  
(Phil. 3:4b-10)*

We can certainly conclude that the Apostle possessed a strong academic desire to know. Paul was a student of a prominent Jew named Gamaliel, a Pharisee and celebrated doctor of the law.

Paul was a philosopher. Acts 17 reveals his ability to argue successfully with the greatest thinkers of the day. The passage mentions by name the Epicureans and Stoic philosophers as the ones Paul debates at the Areopagus in Athens. Paul is standing in the birthplace of western philosophy, the home of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

Paul read poetry. At the Areopagus, Paul not only makes a successful defense

of the Gospel, but he even quotes their local poets. “In him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring’” (Acts 17:28). In Paul’s letter to Titus he quotes the local poet as saying, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” (Ti. 1:12.)

Yet, with all his formal education, the Apostle’s greatest desire was to know Christ. Paul writes, “more than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Phil. 3:8).

The Greek term γινώσκω [ginosko /ghin-occe-ko/] is used here. To know means to use all the senses (seeing, hearing, investigating, reflecting, feeling) for the acquisition of knowledge. This experiential knowledge brings about mental change. Mental change brings about spiritual and behavioral change. Knowing Christ, then, is more important than all other knowledge. Paul desired to know Christ in a life-shaping way.

What makes WCU a different choice for families is that we intentionally meld a strong academic desire to know with our strong desire to know Christ Jesus our Lord. We have a rare opportunity to ignite and fuel the life-long flame of academic *Desiderium Sciendi*, “Longing to Know.” We also have a rare opportunity to ignite and fuel the desire for our students to come to know Christ Jesus as their Lord.



# THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA



**IN HER 25 YEARS AT WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY, DR. CONNIE ROBERTS HAS DIRECTED AND/OR CONDUCTED NEARLY 20 CHAMBER OPERAS AND MUSICALS – BUT “THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA” MARKS HER DEBUT APPEARANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE CAST.**

The roles of Margaret Johnson and her daughter, Clara, were played by Dr. Connie Roberts and her real-life daughter, Maggie Day Roberts, a singer and actress who lives in New York. WCU students and alumni completed the cast of 20.

## **HOW IT HAPPENED**

“I first saw this work at Lincoln Center in 2006. It was some of the most beautiful and moving theatre I had ever experienced. Our whole family was on that trip to New York and

our elder daughter, Maggie, and I began to muse about how wonderful it would be to do this show together,” Roberts said.

“It was just a dream until 2016, when Maggie and I studied for our dream roles with Victoria Clark, who originated the role of the mother, Margaret Johnson, on Broadway and won a Tony Award for her performance.”

Mother and daughter spoke with several performance companies about staging the show, but what finally made it possible was a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission to present it in conjunction with an educational project called Piazza Arts Day.

“Piazza Arts Day happened the day before the official opening, when hundreds of high school students arrived at William Carey for seminars in the morning and a performance in the afternoon,” Roberts said.

“The seminars highlighted the work of Elizabeth Spencer, the Mississippi author who wrote the novella the work is based on,

the art and architecture of Italy and other subjects pertinent to the play – allowing the students to appreciate the story with deeper understanding.”

## **MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION**

William Carey University received a \$4,400 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission in support of this project, part of \$1.4 million grants the Commission will award in 2019-20.

“The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to support arts organizations, arts activities and festivals in our state through grant-making. These funds help broaden the reach of arts by educating our communities about Mississippi’s enduring creative legacy and offering arts experiences and performances to people in nearly every area of the state,” said MAC Executive Director Malcolm White.

These grants are made possible by support from the Mississippi Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.



## Dave Bush Wins Shoe Leather Award

Each year Carey presents the Shoe Leather Award to an individual who is involved with his alma mater and is very supportive of Carey events and the growth of the university. Dave Bush is a worthy recipient of this award. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Carey in 1978. Bush is a banking veteran of 40 years in Hattiesburg, with the last 25 years leading a banking division focused on private banking and wealth management. His civic/community involvement includes:

- Former President, William Carey Alumni Association
- Former American Heart Association National Treasurer
- Former chair, Pine Belt Family Y
- Past chair, Forrest General Hospital Healthcare Foundation
- Former chair, Area Development Partnership Retirement Attraction Division
- Past board member, United Way of Southeast Mississippi

# All-Online MBA Program

*A Bachelor's Degree in Business is Not Required for the MBA Program*



**BEGINNING IN THE FALL 2019 TRIMESTER, CAREY BEGAN OFFERING ITS MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM 100 PERCENT ONLINE. TRADITIONAL CLASSES ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE HATTIESBURG AND TRADITION CAMPUSES.**

With an online MBA, students have the flexibility to complete the program from home, on their own schedule, while keeping in regular contact with classmates and professors.

"The affordable online MBA program offered by William Carey University will help people meet their career goals," said Dr. Cheryl Dale, dean of the William Carey University School of Business. "The online delivery

of courses will give students flexibility in completing the requirements for the degree."

Students may enter the program in the fall, winter, spring or summer trimesters. The MBA online curriculum consists of 30 credit hours, or up to 39 hours for those without undergraduate business coursework. Courses are offered during a 10-week trimester. Candidates who have already completed the required business foundation courses can complete the degree's required 10 courses within a year.

Also, students who have a qualifying grade point average and work experience may not be required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test, or GMAT.

*For more information, call the School of Business at (601) 318-6199 or visit [wmcarey.edu/business](http://wmcarey.edu/business).*



*Martha Morris Thames  
with her children:  
Douglas Mitchell Morris  
'97, Stephanie Morris  
Stewart '92, and  
Jeffrey Morris*

# The Morris Family

## Scholarship for Student Missions

**T**he Morris Family Scholarship for Student Missions has been endowed to assist students in experiencing service to others through Christian mission activity. The family believes that missions experiences all over the world offer special ways to share the love of Jesus and enhance Christian maturity in the student. Members of the Morris family have been active in mission work for many years. "We believe that this scholarship is a special way that we



can honor the memory of Jerry O. Morris, who served cancer patients as a radiation physicist in Hattiesburg and Mississippi for many years," said Dr. Martha Morris Thames, his widow and a retired nursing faculty member and administrator. Two of the Morris's children are Carey graduates, Stephanie Morris Stewart '92 and Douglas Mitchell Morris '97. Granddaughter Lizzie Stewart is a current Carey student.

*If you are interested in establishing a scholarship to honor the memory of a loved one, contact Dean Pace in the Office for Advancement at 601.318.6542 or [dpace@wmcarey.edu](mailto:dpace@wmcarey.edu).*



**ABOVE** *Lizzie Stewart, Dr. Martha Thames's granddaughter, is a current Carey student.*



**LEFT** *Dr. Martha Morris Thames poses with some of her students at Linyi University in China where she taught English for four months in 2010.*

# JERRY BRACEY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



*The library at William Carey University's Tradition campus was re-named the Jerry Bracey Learning Resource Center in honor of the retiring dean. In the photo, Jerry Bracey, left, is shown with Regional Librarian Hugh Donohoe and Dr. Tommy King.*



# WCU Tradition

## Dean Retires

### AFTER 27 YEARS

FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER-CENTURY, JERRY BRACEY HAS WORKED HARD FOR CAREY'S GULF COAST AND TRADITION CAMPUS. OVER THE SUMMER, HE ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT.

"I love all the people, and my time here has meant a lot to me. It's been a real blessing. The faculty and staff care about each other, and they care about the students. Everybody works together to make things happen. It's a family," Bracey said.

"I'm going to work until the last minute, of the last hour, of the last day of my contract."

And so he did, leaving Tradition Aug. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Bracey was dean of what was called "Carey on the Coast" when Hurricane Katrina struck. The campus was right on the beach. Dr. Cassandra Conner, new dean of Tradition campus, described what came next.

"When we left campus on Friday, we were prepared for a storm, but we didn't know it was going to be the monster it turned out to be. When we came back to school on Monday, all our buildings were destroyed," Conner said.

"So Jerry went to the superintendent of Gulfport and secured a building for his night classes, and then he went to a local pastor and secured buildings for his MBA and nursing programs. He didn't stop there. He secured trailers and brought all the students back together on one campus.

"We were in trailers for three years, but look at us now."

#### "NOT A RETIREMENT PARTY"

Dr. Tommy King praised Bracey's integrity during a "not a retirement party" fish fry in July.

"Dean Jerry Bracey didn't want a retirement party, so we're having a fish fry, because we had to come together to wish him many happy years in retirement and thank him for the outstanding job he has done for William Carey University," King said.

"The list of his accomplishments is long. His dedication to recovery after the hurricane, his commitment to establishing the Tradition



*Before joining William Carey University, Jerry Bracey served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years. In honor of his retirement from WCU, staff members recreated a shadow box holding all his medals to replace one just like it lost during Hurricane Katrina.*

campus, his help in guiding the WCU School of Pharmacy in its early stages, opening two buildings in two months – these give him a permanent place in the history of William Carey University."



*Alumna Hannah Jarrell ('19) made her way to the "not a retirement party" gathering and brought a gift for Jerry Bracey.*

May you be proud of  
the work you have done,  
the person you are,  
and the difference  
you have made

HAPPY RETIREMENT  
JERRY BRACEY  
2019

# Dr. Cassandra CONNER

*Named Dean of Tradition Campus*

A NATIVE OF GULFPORT, CONNER HAS BEEN ACADEMIC DEAN OF THE TRADITION CAMPUS SINCE 2011, COORDINATING PROGRAMS AND ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH THEIR ACADEMIC NEEDS OR CONCERNS. SHE IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, TEACHING COURSES IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, LITERACY AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

“Dr. Conner had a distinguished career in public schools on the Gulf Coast and is now committed to strengthening the programs at the Tradition campus. Her expertise in education and her familiarity with the Gulf Coast will serve her well,” said Dr. Tommy King.

Before joining WCU, Conner retired as an administrator in the Mississippi public school system, where she served as teacher, principal and, ultimately, director of curriculum and instruction and director of technology for the Harrison County School District.

“It has been exciting to watch the Tradition campus grow, both in terms of programs and infrastructure. We are working to expand our course offerings in all areas. Last year, we held ribbon-cuttings for two buildings in two months, Scianna Hall and Sanderson Hall, our new School of Pharmacy,” Conner said.

“I’m looking forward to being a part of the future growth planned for this campus. I consider myself blessed to be a part of the team at William Carey University, where we strive for excellence. I am confident that our graduates are destined to make a difference.”

Conner holds four education degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi – ranging from a bachelor’s degree in elementary

*Dr. Cassandra Conner succeeds Jerry Bracey, who retired in August.*



education in 1973 to a doctorate in educational leadership and research in 1997.

“As we wish Dean Jerry Bracey many happy years in retirement, we reflect on the outstanding job he has done for William Carey University. His dedication following Hurricane Katrina, and to the building of the new campus

at Tradition, give him great status in the history of Carey on the coast,” King said.

“In addition, his guiding of the pharmacy school in the early stages, and the construction of Sanderson Hall and Scianna Hall, give him a permanent place in the development of Carey on the coast.”

# School of Pharmacy

## Receives Good News on Accreditation



**THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY WAS GRANTED “CANDIDATE” STATUS IN JUNE BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR PHARMACY EDUCATION (ACPE), THE NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY FOR SCHOOLS OF PHARMACY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

“Candidate” accreditation status is the second step in a three-step process that is finalized after the inaugural class graduates. The WCU School of Pharmacy admitted its first class in July 2018; these students will graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May 2021. Schools of pharmacy who pass this milestone while meeting all ACPE standards are granted “Accredited” status by the ACPE Board of Directors.

“I am extremely pleased that we were able to achieve the next level of accreditation – ‘Candidate’ status,” said Dr. Michael Malloy, dean of the School of Pharmacy.

“The faculty, staff, students, the community and the university have done an excellent job in creating a quality program that allows us to be on schedule to earn full accreditation and serve the needs of the Gulf Coast and entire state of Mississippi.”

WCU School of Pharmacy offers the only accelerated, three-year Doctor of Pharmacy program on the Gulf Coast from New Orleans to Pensacola.

“I am so pleased with this step toward full accreditation and I commend the leadership, faculty and staff of the School of Pharmacy for their fine work in achieving this status,” said Dr. Tommy King.

The School of Pharmacy also welcomed its second class of students to the Tradition campus in late June. The process included orientation and a traditional “white coat ceremony” on June 28, signaling the students’ entry into the study of pharmacy. After all students had received their white coats, they recited the Pharmacy Student Pledge of Professionalism.

The 51-member Class of 2022 hails from all over the Southeastern U.S. and Texas.

The home of WCUSOP is Sanderson Hall, a three-story, 33,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art complex completed in October 2018. It currently houses 97 students and 29 faculty and staff members.





# Alumni Hall of Fame

**C**AREY INDUCTED THREE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME DURING HOMECOMING 2019: PHILIP FORTENBERRY, PROFESSIONAL PIANIST; VERNON MANGUM, MILITARY MASTER INSTRUCTOR AND CYBER TRANSPORT EXPERT; AND RON MELTON, LIFELONG EDUCATOR. DIDI ELLIS, FOUNDER AND CEO OF HUB KIDS ADVOCACY CENTER, RECEIVED THE YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD. "IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE OUR HALL OF FAME HONOREES BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY OUTSTANDING CAREY

ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS YEAR, WE COVERED FOUR DIFFERENT ACADEMIC AREAS – MUSIC, HISTORY, BUSINESS, AND PSYCHOLOGY," SAID PAM SHEARER, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS. "ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF HOMECOMING EACH YEAR IS HEARING OUR GRADUATES TELL THEIR STORIES. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT CAREY HISTORY BY LISTENING TO THEM RECOUNT THEIR EXPERIENCES. SEEING THE JOY ON THEIR FACES AS THEY RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS AND FACULTY MEMBERS IS PRICELESS."



## PHILIP FORTENBERRY '80

Philip Fortenberry earned a bachelor's degree in music from Carey in 1980, a master's degree in classical piano performance from New Jersey City University and is currently pursuing a doctorate in musical arts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

A resident of Las Vegas since 2004, Fortenberry is the associate conductor/music director for Jersey Boys, serves as pianist for Faith Community Lutheran Church, and is the featured artist in a one-man show, "Liberace and Me," at the Liberace Museum.

Fortenberry began his musical career at age four in his hometown of Columbia, Miss. He simply sat down at a piano and played. By age seven, he was the accompanist for his church. He studied piano at the famed Juilliard School and made his debut at Carnegie Hall in 1986 as the pianist/conductor for Eartha Kitt. He has since performed with 10 Broadway productions and toured North America with "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber."

He has also performed at the White House, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and Kennedy Center, and completed a 14-city, 19-day national concert tour of China.

Fortenberry shares credit as producer, composer, and director of several musicals and is co-founder and host of "The Composers Showcase," a Nevada non-profit that provides opportunities for composers to present original music to an enthusiastic and supportive audience.





### VERNON MANGUM '02

Vernon Mangum earned a bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University before attending Carey, where he earned a master's degree in business administration in 2002. He subsequently received his U.S. Air Force commission from the Academy of Military Science on McGhee Tyson Air Base and leadership training from the Squadron Officer School from Air University on Maxwell Air Force Base.

A 25-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Mangum served in Bahrain, England, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, and New Mexico. He was a member of the 2000 Moss Point High School 5A Mississippi State Championship coaching staff and founded the Mangum Foundation, a non-profit mentoring foundation.

Mangum is a member of Omega Psi Fraternity and Military Officers Association of America. He is a former member of the Mississippi Association of Coaches. He served as vice president of Blacks in Government and first vice president of the Biloxi NAACP.

After the January 2017 tornado that devastated Carey's Hattiesburg campus, Mangum generously donated to his alma mater and is an avid supporter of the university's athletic department.

He and his wife, Commissioner Sugar Stallings, are actively involved in the Gulf Coast community. Mangum's awards for community service and leadership include the NAACP Southeast Region Medgar Wiley Evers Award and inclusion on the Mississippi Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40" list.



### THOMAS RONALD MELTON '70

Thomas Ronald Melton earned the bachelor's degree in history from Carey in 1970. He then attended the University of Mississippi, where he earned the master's degree and doctorate in history.

Melton began his teaching career at Brewton-Parker College in Georgia, where he was a faculty member in the history department and later joined the institution's administration as vice president for academic affairs and provost. He was named the Distinguished Professor of History in 2011 and retired from full-time teaching in 2015.

For his four decades of service to Brewton-Parker College, Melton was inducted into the Hall of Fame and named Professor of the Year.

In addition to his academic duties, Melton serves as the eligibility chair for the Southern States Athletic Conference. He was awarded a place in the Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service and received the Wally Schwartz Award. He served as chair of the Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives, the National Coordinating Committee, and the Competitive Experience Committee, and as parliamentarian at the NAIA Annual Meeting.

A resident of Vidalia, Ga., Melton is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Gamma Mu, American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, Georgia Historical Society, and Georgia Association of Historians.



### DIDI ELLIS '12

DiDi Ellis earned a master's degree in counseling from Carey in 2012. After graduation, she worked as a therapist at the Southwest Mississippi Children's Advocacy Center in McComb, providing trauma-focused mental health services to victims of child sexual abuse. She also worked as a multi-disciplinary team coordinator with the Family Resource Center, a child advocacy center in Tupelo.

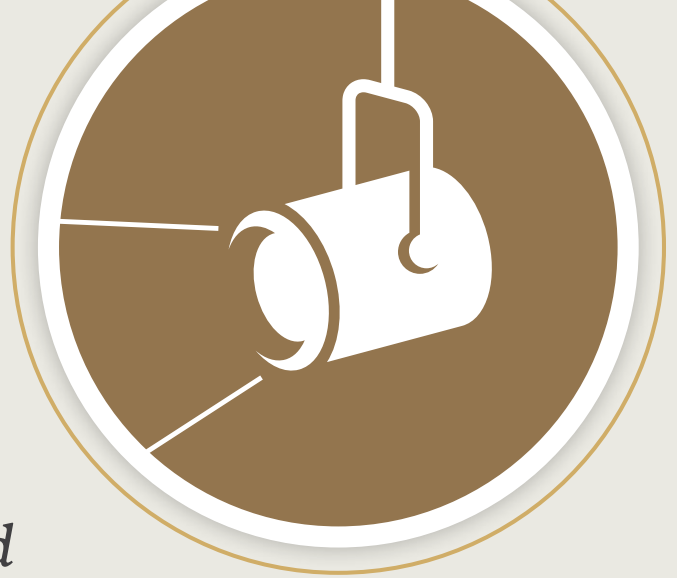
At a symposium on child abuse, Ellis took to heart the speaker's admonition to "fight the good fight until the good fight is no longer necessary."

Already passionate about fighting child abuse, she used her Carey education and her work experience to take a leap of faith in 2014, when she began the journey of establishing a new non-profit organization. Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center opened in July 2015, and serves children involved with investigations of child abuse from four counties. To date, Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center has served more than 1,000 children in the Pine Belt.

Ellis said she chose to study at WCU and to establish Kids Hub for the same reason – to follow God's lead and walk through the doors He opens. Her mission in life is to remain obedient to God's call to fight for some of the bravest children in our community.

Ellis resides in Petal with her husband Tyler and son Miles. The family attends Petal Harvey Baptist Church.

# Alumni Spotlights



## Three Carey Alumni Inducted Into 2019 Hattiesburg High School Hall Of Fame



### CHARLES J. BROWN

Charles J. Brown graduated from Carey with a Bachelor of Science in 1973. Charles is known nationally for his valor in the Vietnam conflict from the History Channel's documentary "Vietnam in HD." He was Senior Class President at Rowan High School, graduated in 1958 and joined the U.S. Army right out of high school. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his leadership role and courage.



### STEVE KNIGHT

Steve Knight earned a Master of Education from WCU in 1999. Steve graduated from Hattiesburg High in 1975 and was named All-Big 8 Conference and All-State in basketball at HHS and started on the 1974 state basketball championship team. He played basketball and baseball at Southern Miss and pitched two seasons in the Seattle Mariners organization. He's the winningest basketball coach for four-year colleges in Mississippi, was named the NAIA Men's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2014, and was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.



### CARLTON PALMER

Carlton "Corky" Palmer earned a Master of Education from Carey in 1986. Corky graduated from Hattiesburg High in 1972. He played catcher at HHS and USM, then coached in high school and college, eventually taking charge of the USM baseball program. His teams won numerous championships, and he was named Conference USA Coach of the Year in 2003. He is in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, the USM Sports Hall of Fame and the USM Alumni Association Hall of Fame.



# Alicia RAMSHUR-SAMSON



*Alicia and Cris have two sons, Benjamin and Asher, and are currently in the U.S., traveling and speaking in churches to fund their ministry in the Philippines.*

Alicia grew up in the Mt. Gilead community near Columbia, Mississippi, and attended Columbia Academy. Even while in high school, she felt led by God to be a missionary, but was unsure what career path to take. She made the decision to seek a nursing degree at Carey with the idea that some day she would use nursing on a foreign mission field, still with doubts and fears that it would ever materialize. She graduated from Carey in 2007 with her B.S. in nursing, and after many short-term mission trips and much preparation, traveled to the Philippines for full-time missionary service.

She met her husband Cris at the Bible College there, and God opened the door for her to attend medical school in the Philippines, a wonderful opportunity to advance their ministry. She graduated from medical school in 2017. Their ministry has grown to include church planting with medical ministry as an adjunct to reaching people with the Gospel of Christ.



*The McRaney family is Carey all the way! Jerry and Jackie (in the front) graduated in '73 and '70. Their daughter Gayla (far left) graduated in '98. Daughter Kristen (next to Jackie) graduated in '16. Kristen's daughter Leah (in the back) graduated in '18, and her son Clay started as a freshman this fall.*

## Generations of Ross Hall Residents

The McRaney Ross Hall tradition began in 1968 with Jackie Knight. Jackie graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in business and earned a masters in 1982. She married Jerry McRaney, class of '73, and both of their daughters lived in Ross Hall while at Carey. Their daughter Kristen McRaney Graves was a Ross resident in 1992-93, and younger daughter Gayla McRaney Darden lived in Ross in 1997. Kristen, who works in the COM, finished her bachelor's degree in 2016 and Gayla in 1998. Kristen's daughter Leah Graves Boren was a Ross resident from 2015-17 and graduated in 2018. Leah was living in Ross Hall when the January 2017 tornado destroyed the campus.

## 60's

**DREW LEBLANC '67** sounded "Taps" for fallen Army veteran and former HPD Chief David Wynn. Drew is an official bugler for "Bugles across America," an organization founded to provide live "Taps" for military funerals.



**CHERYLE MOREHEAD DODD '69** retired after 40 years with The Florida Bar, where she was editor of The Florida Bar Journal and The Florida Bar News. She was a member of the National Association of Bar Executives and served as secretary of the Florida Magazine Association.

**CHERYL SAUCIER SHOEMAKE '69 AND KEN SHOEMAKE '70** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2019 in Enterprise, Alabama. During the celebration they renewed their wedding vows and held a reception and dinner in the church fellowship hall. Their son Michael read a history of their marriage and their daughter Michelle directed the reception.



## 70's

**DAVE BUSH '78** was named as a director to the Mississippi Public Broadcasting governing board. Dave is a long-time Hattiesburg resident and thirty-nine-year veteran of Mississippi's banking industry. He is also a former treasurer of the American Heart Association's National Board of Directors.



## 80's

**DON BIADOG '83** retired from the US Navy after thirty years of service. He continues to serve Southern Baptist churches in Southern California and to lead mission teams to Asia. The photo shows his final salute being relieved of duty from the United States Navy.




# Class Notes

## 90's

**RICHARD "RIC" L. WILLIAMS, JR. '93** has joined The First, A National Banking Association, as Harrison County President. Ric has served on the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce as president and is a Leadership Gulf Coast graduate. He is a member of the Gulfport Rotary Club, Gulfport Mainstreet Board, National Financial Planning Association, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber Community Foundation and Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gulfport. Ric and his wife Heather have seven children and live in Gulfport.



**DAPHNE LYNN SAVELL '96** lives in Mobile and works as controller at Larson and McGowin. She stays busy working full time, volunteering at their church and her children's schools, parenting a blended family of six children, and fitting in a run or bike ride a few times a week.

**JAMEY MITCHELL '98** completed Toyota North America's General Managers Evaluation Program and has been promoted to variable operations director for South Toyota of Dallas. Jamey, his wife Meredith, and sons Alex and Jack Ryan, reside in Mansfield, Texas.



**CRYSTAL BREWER '99** was elected as a board member of the American School Counselor Association. Crystal is a school counselor at Simpson Central School, in Pinola, Mississippi.



## 00's

**SUMMERS DUNAWAY BOUTWELL '00** recently published *Breaking the Glass Ceiling without Breaking Yourself*. The book and Ted talk are available on Amazon and Youtube. <https://breakingtheglassceilingbook.com/>



**FELIX GINES '01** serves as Ward Two City Councilman for Biloxi and previously served as acting mayor of the city. For the past 30 years, he has served his country in the Air National Guard. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.



**JOHN W. TWEEDDALE, PH.D. '01** recently published *John Owen and Hebrews: The Foundation of Biblical Interpretation* (T&T Clark) and coedited *John Calvin: For a New Reformation* (Crossway). John is Academic Dean and Professor of Theology at Reformation Bible College, Sanford, Florida.

**TERRY DALE CRUSE '03** has been promoted to associate vice president and head of campus for Mississippi State's Meridian Campus.



# Class Notes

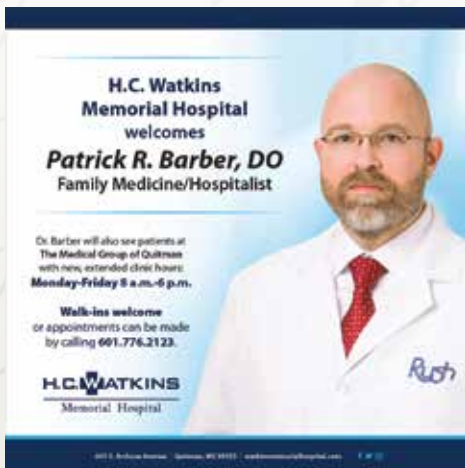
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**CHARLENE STEPHENS '09, '19** won the Outstanding Professional Educator MACTE (Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education) award for the 2018-19 school year. She currently serves as a history teacher at Pass Christian Middle School where she has taught the past 14 years.



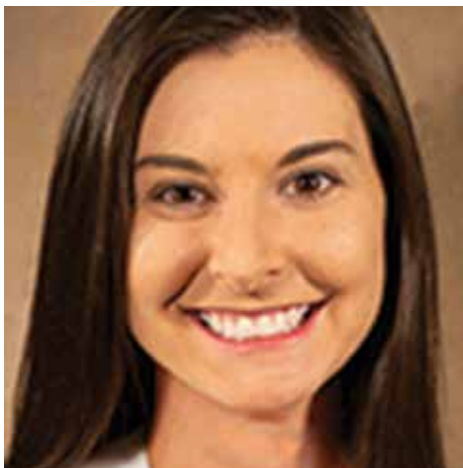
### 10's

**PATRICK BARBER '10, '16** started a new position with Rush Health Systems as a hospitalist and urgent care physician. He and his wife have five children and live in the Clarkdale community near Meridian.



**SONIA C. LASTER '11** joined Hattiesburg Clinic Comprehensive Care, providing care for patients with complex medical conditions. Sonia is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners.

**DANIELLE H. MCVEIGH '11** has joined Hattiesburg Clinic Heart and Vascular. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She has experience working in emergency care and telemetry.



**BRITTANI CLARK KIRTMAN '12** and her husband Trevor welcomed their daughter Lucia on April 11, 2019. Lucia was warmly welcomed by her two brothers Jonah (6) and Silas (3). The Kirtmans reside in Bloomington, Indiana, where Britt teaches at Lighthouse Christian Academy and Trevor works at Indiana University.

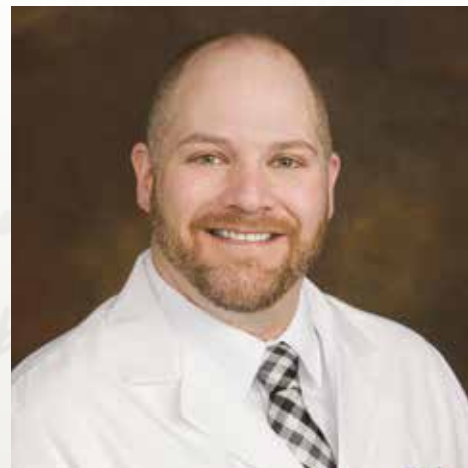


**JOSH WILSON '12, '14** is director of marketing and communications for United Way of South Mississippi, Inc., and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Foundation, both in Gulfport.

**NICOLE RIBET '13, '18** has partnered with Flint Rehabilitation Devices in Irvine, California. Nicole's company, Ribet Rhythms Music Therapy Services is now the exclusive distributor for Flint Rehabilitation devices. Nicole is also employed by the Gulfport School District as an inclusion educator and board certified music therapist.



**JASON DEFATTA '14** joins Rush Health Systems in Meridian as a general surgeon. After graduating from WCUCOM, he completed his residency in general surgery through Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan.



**MICHELLE SISSON '19** has been named assistant principal at Oak Grove High School. Michelle earned the specialist in education at Carey.



**ABIGAIL ARNOLD '18** was promoted to assistant principal at Jefferson Middle School in Columbia, Mississippi.



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# Alumni & Faculty Passings

**GERALD FERGUSON ('63)**

*Died February 6, 2019*

**FRANCES HATTEN TIMS ('59)**

*Died March 14, 2019*

**MARIE LYNETTE HOWELL ('53)**

*Died April 19, 2019*

**AARON ALTON FAGAN ('78)**

*Died May 26, 2019*

**DUSTY ALAN HAMMOND ('97)**

*Died June 4, 2019*

**RICHARD LEE "MUGSY" DAVIS ('73)**

*Died July 4, 2019*

**RANDLE S. POSS ('56)**

*Died August 17, 2019*

**FRANCES LAVERNE GULLETTE  
MCCRORY ('65)**

*Died August 23, 2019*

**ELDREDGE C. BOYD ('59)**

*Died September 1, 2019*

**DONNA L. O'QUINN ('90, '93)**

*Died September 7, 2019*

**RUBIN N. QUIDLEY ('57)**

*Died September 27, 2019*

**PAUL HENRY WIGGINS ('62)**

*Died October 17, 2019*



# Campus Visits

*(left to right) Sylvia Grant Alford '76, Joy Chance Tyner '75, Kathy Blackstock Long '76, Carol Jean Myers '76, Susan Rayburn Robinson '76, Cathy Collins Watkins '74, Diane Dobson '76*



**ABOVE** *Mrs. Louise Busby Bruce '52 and Dr. Tommy King '64.*

*We enjoy meeting with alumni and friends who visit campus, making sure they see new construction, hear about the vision for the future and have a chance to reminisce about days gone by.*

**RIGHT** *(Left to right) Nancy Lindley Shows-Rounsaville '71, Martha Evans Blair '73, Cheryl Parker '72, Jackie Cochran Lee '72, Joyce Yeatman Craft '72*





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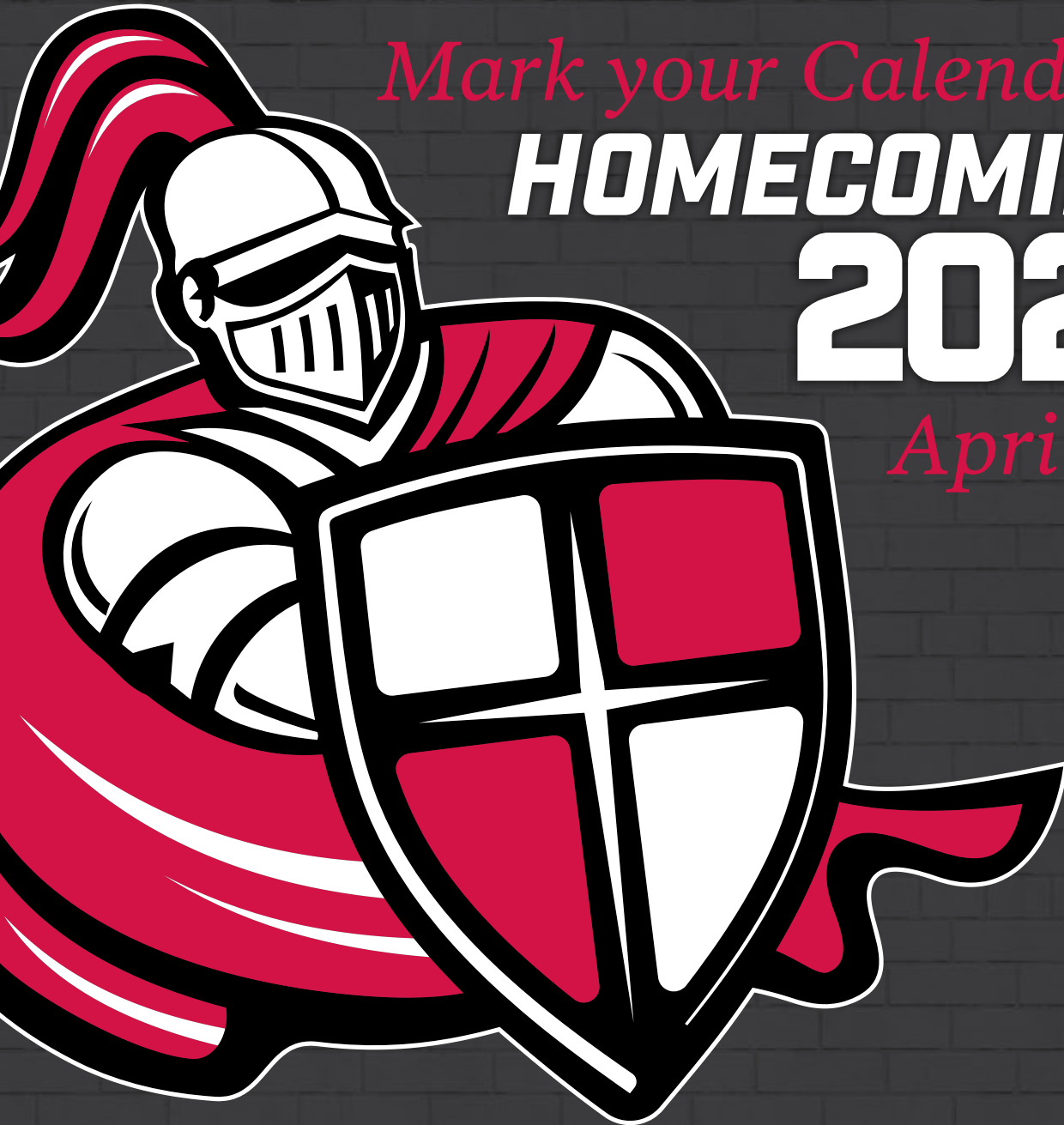


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