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Envisioning a bold future

By MIKE WILLIAMS, *president*

HARDING IS DEEPLY EMBEDDED in my DNA. I remember walking the Benson stage and graduating with my undergraduate degree as the first person in my family to graduate college. What a pivotal moment that was. I have walked over every inch of this campus giving campus tours. And my memories of those tours are not the towering, magnificent oaks or the beautiful azaleas and budding dogwoods in the spring. They are the administrative assistants, faculty members and staff members who shepherded my life as an undergraduate and as a young staffer.



It is absolutely humbling to be asked to serve as the sixth president of Harding. For my wife, Lisa, and me, our Harding experience was a major catalyst to propel us spiritually and professionally. We were shaped, inspired and mentored by so many men and women of deep conviction. Our cherished friendships are more valuable than any earthly possession. We are impassioned to make a Harding education a reality for a new era of emerging adults.

At this consequential moment, we find ourselves in a sea of change in American higher education. Coupled with this market upheaval, we are seeing the value of a Christ-centered education being questioned. Given this challenging landscape, I believe we pursue these imperatives:

- First and foremost, we run toward our mission. We strive to envision a contemporary expression of our historical mission while anchoring ourselves in God.
- Second, we relentlessly pursue excellence. We build on our tremendous strengths, and we attack our weaknesses with tenacity.
- Finally — and the fun part — with ingenuity, creativity and innovation, we envision

a bold future for Harding. We need a “second-century ethos” that is bold, courageous and aspirational. Our founders would want nothing less.

I am honored to introduce you to the newest member of the senior leadership team who will play a key role in these imperatives at Harding, Dr. Jean-Noel Thompson, our executive vice president. Read more about him on page 7.

Given the seismic changes in our culture, the world needs Harding to be Spirit-led, robust and relevant. I pray that the Harding Nation will lock arms with us as our collective dreams come together to raise up a new generation of leaders. Most importantly, I pray that God will grant us wisdom and discernment as we exalt Him in all that we do. 🙏

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Spring Sing '22

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Dogwoods frame the quadrangle side of the David B. Burks American Heritage Building in early April.

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Tristan Pendergrass provides CFIT instruction to Alec Bove and Travoris Cameron.

Harding is where the heart is

A **NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM** culminating in a Master of Science in cardiac function and interventional technology will begin Fall 2022. Partnering with business and industry leaders who will provide training and equipment to prepare clinical professionals specializing in cardiac rhythm management and electrophysiology, this program is the first of its kind in the nation.

After several conversations with exercise science alumni who were enrolling in certificate programs at other institutions, Dr. Ken Turley, professor of exercise science, wondered if Harding could offer a graduate degree that would better equip professionals in the field. He and his wife, Kelsie, attended training at Arrhythmia Technologies Institute where they met founder Mark Sweesy, who is now a consultant for Harding. Turley was later introduced to Tristan Pendergrass — the only professional in the world to hold three certifications in this field — who has now joined the faculty. Together this team is leading program development.

In addition to working in classrooms and labs, students will be trained in clinical settings. “These health care professionals will help us train because they want to hire our students,” Turley said. “When I spent two weeks training for one of the certificate programs, I kept hearing, ‘We like the graduates from Harding University.’ The one thing I

kept hearing about was their soft skills. This is a very technical field, but it’s not just the technical skills you have to have; it’s the soft skills too.”

The College of Allied Health provides an appropriate setting for this program where students receive a quality education enhanced by training that encourages patient-centered care.

According to the World Health Organization, heart disease is the leading cause of death globally, with an estimated 17.9 million deaths each year. Cardiac rhythm management and electrophysiology are areas of intervention to detect, treat and manage cardiac electrical disorders. These are dynamic fields with everchanging technical components that require highly trained clinical professionals to meet the growing demand. Harding will be the first degree-granting institution training students for the cardiac device industry.

“One of the most unique features about offering a master’s degree program is that these students will be able to leverage the resources that the University provides with other allied health, business and engineering programs to help build a program that is not just technically robust but also helps students communicate well with patients, physicians, health care professionals and coworkers to become great organizational citizens out there in the workplace,” Pendergrass said.

The first cohort in the 10-month master’s program will begin classes in August.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Board appoints three new members

MARK CREWS, Dr. Swaid Swaid and Mark Weeks were added to the University’s board of trustees on May 6 and attended their first board meeting in June. Their appointment brings the number to 23 men and women serving as Harding’s governing body.

“Each of these men are great supporters of the University and align with our mission,” Chairman of the Board Robert Walker said. “They will each bring a unique talent and will join with the current board in thinking strategically as we transition to our new president.”

Crews serves on the board of directors for Texas Institute of Science, Cimarron Energy and Detection Technologies. He has held several leadership positions including executive-in-residence for Summit Partners, senior vice president and general manager within the Oilfield Division for Lufkin Industries and vice president for Cameron International Corp. He earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University and completed a program for management development from Harvard Business School. Crews and his wife, Roxi, live in Searcy and have three children.

Swaid is a neurosurgeon and currently serves as CEO of the Surgical Institute of Alabama. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and serves as chairman of the Certificate of Need Board of the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency. He has held numerous positions including medical director of CyberKnife of Birmingham, chairman of the Department of Surgery at Brookwood Medical Center, chairman of the Neuroscience Division and medical director of HealthSouth Medical Center. Swaid graduated from Harding with a degree in biology and earned his Doctor of Medicine from

the University of Alabama in Birmingham Medical School. He and his wife, Christy, live in Birmingham, with their two children.

Weeks is founder of Woodmark Associates LLC, an investment management company based in Brentwood, Tennessee. Previously, he served as senior vice president of finance and controller for CVS Caremark Rx Inc. and as a senior manager at Ernst & Young. Weeks earned his undergraduate degrees in accounting and computer science from Harding and his Master of Business Administration from Vanderbilt University’s Owen School of Management. He is a CPA and member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He



Mark Crews

Dr. Swaid Swaid



Mark Weeks

Richard Gibson

and his wife, Stacy, live in Brentwood and have three children.

Additionally, longtime board member Richard Gibson announced his retirement on May 6, after serving 54 years.

“Richard will be sorely missed as he has served on the finance/investment committee and overseen the growth of our endowment,” Walker said. “His contribution to the board has been unmatched.”



Dr. Jean-Noel Thompson

Executive vice president named

DR. JEAN-NOEL THOMPSON WAS APPOINTED executive vice president June 1. Thompson is serving alongside President Mike Williams as he begins his tenure.

“I am truly honored by the trust and tremendous responsibility President Williams has given me in the role of executive vice president,” Thompson said. “Having worked closely with him for seven years at Faulkner University, I stand amazed at his ability to cast clear vision as well as to move a community together toward kingdom work. This is such a momentous opportunity for the University, and I am zealous to play a collaborative leadership role in our future. Harding’s unique combination of stellar faculty and staff, vibrant campus life, robust alumni base and an unwavering commitment to God’s truth played out in acts of faith is unparalleled. My family and I are humbled and blessed to be a part of this special community.”

Thompson previously served as vice president for student services at Faulkner University, Abilene Christian University, Grove City College and Grand Canyon University. He also was a member of the faculty and gained leadership experience in strategic planning and student retention efforts for each institution. Thompson earned a bachelor’s degree in organizational communication from Arizona State University, a master’s degree in student affairs in higher education from Colorado State University and a doctorate in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University. He has been published in education journals and has presented at national conferences.

“Dr. Thompson is a highly talented, Spirit-led leader who will be intimately engaged with the entire University community,” Williams said. “He wants nothing more than to build a relational and supportive culture.”

Thompson and his wife, Tonya, have been married 30 years and have eight children.

SWAID AND WEEKS PHOTOS SUBMITTED. CREWS, GIBSON AND THOMPSON PHOTOS BY JEFF MONTGOMERY



SENIOR ACTING MAJOR AND ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT MINOR LYDIA BLACK BRAVELY EXPLORES MULTIPLE PASSIONS.

Everyday STUDENT

WHY HARDING Lydia Black, a senior from Kilgore, Texas, grew up in theatre and dance. "My older sister and several friends studied theatre at public universities, and after hearing their stories, I decided I wanted this to be a time when I would be challenged but not pushed beyond my boundaries. Harding's theatre department seemed like it had the best balance of good, quality theatre while telling stories that actually matter and are honoring God, including him in our personal lives."

INTEGRATION OF PASSIONS Pursuing both theatre and business led Black to recognize a synergy between the fields that has prepared her to start her own coffee shop after graduation, a challenge she is eager to take on. "Learning about how to manage people and problems, creating and presenting a vision to the customer - I had learned all of that hands-on in the theatre department, especially in directing. My understanding of how to be a leader, handle pressured situations and make executive decisions on the spot was what Mr. Robin Miller taught us in directing classes. Working on so many productions taught me that everyone has something unique to contribute, and I should seek out what they're gifted at and place them where they are most useful for the entire company."

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING As a young girl, Black believed that she would always be different from the "pretty" girls and would never fit in. She certainly never saw herself entering a pageant, but the director of Miss Central Arkansas saw her perform in "Elf: The Musical" at Harding and invited her to participate in the competition. "The Holy Spirit encouraged me to ask, 'why not?' It wasn't because I didn't want to or because I didn't think it would be fun or educational but because I still saw myself as different from those girls, and I didn't want to face rejection. I grappled with that for a long time and finally decided to try it. All the girls I met were incredible: so intelligent, caring and genuine. I'm still in contact with some of them. They wanted me to challenge myself more. That was a healing experience where God showed me that I could put that anger and bitterness to bed and let go of that shame because these girls are beautiful, and now I know that I'm also beautiful."

CAMARADERIE "The most special thing about Harding is the community and culture that the students have cultivated. COVID-19 meant that we had to hide away, and I can see that people are still scared to reach out and talk to strangers, but I also see all the people who are intentionally introducing themselves to each other or talking while waiting in line. I think that's Harding's strength. That's what's going to make a difference in each individual student's life, especially as we go forward. We grow by making connections with people who are different from us. Harding has something special, but we have to be brave about it."

- Hailey Pruitt

For more from the interview: harding.edu/lydiablack



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HEARD in CHAPEL

JAN. 26 "You feel like, 'I just don't want to be so committed that I make a fool out of myself.' You don't really know how much you were forgiven. If we knew how much we were forgiven, you and I would become absolute fools for Christ. Nothing could get in our way to show our appreciation to Jesus Christ."

Gary Jackson, instructor, College of Bible and Ministry

JAN. 31 "This morning, I ask you, as we contemplate this question, 'How do we get wisdom?' Are you listening to the call of God? Are you listening for God's truth in your life? Are you listening to God's call to wisdom in your studies? The potential job you might have? Are you listening to God's call in your relationships?"

Dr. Michael Crouch ('09), adjunct, College of Business Administration and Harding Online contractor

FEB. 16 "The world talks to us every day. You turn on the news, and there's nothing but negativity, nothing but fear. People try to divide us; people produce hate, and they feed it to us 24/7. But as followers of God, we cannot ascribe to that. We've got to be different. If we want to change the world, we have to change the way we think."

Dr. Michael McGalliard, dean, College of Allied Health and associate provost for health sciences

FEB. 21 "The God that stands before you loves Jesus, loves you and wants you to take advantage of every opportunity you

have outside these walls and inside these walls. There are people that need ministering here in this room."

Terry Davis ('93), Bible teacher, Ouachita Christian School, Monroe, Louisiana

MARCH 30 "Become rooted and established in the love of God that moves beyond knowledge, from your head to your heart. How? In a word: location, location, location. It's where you plant yourself. You have to plant yourself by the stream - by the living water that is the presence of God. You have to practice absorbing the presence of God. You're going to have to practice stillness more. You're going to have to practice what it looks like to listen more."

Dr. Monte Cox ('81), dean, College of Bible and Ministry

APRIL 6 "I want to spend the rest of my days, however many days God gives me, proclaiming the message of Christ. I want to tell people about all that Jesus is. I believe there are all kinds of fears and problems and crises in the world, but those aren't the things I'm going to give my life to so much as proclaiming all that Jesus is."

Dr. Bruce McLarty ('78), fifth Harding president

APRIL 15 "If the message that Christ came to give to all of us is going to be proclaimed to all the world, it'll have to be done by every individual committed believer. We are the aroma of Christ, and we are ministers of the new covenant."

President David Burks ('65)

EVENTS

SEPT. 14-16

Presidential Inauguration

The events surrounding the inauguration of Dr. Michael D. Williams as the University's sixth president will culminate in a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Friday. harding.edu/president

SEPT. 16-17

Family Weekend

Join your student on campus! Attend chapel and classes, tour residence halls, tailgate before a Bison game and experience Harding's community firsthand. harding.edu/familyweekend

SEPT. 25-28

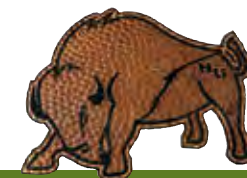
Lectureship

The 99th annual event features presentations on "Culture and the Crucified Christ: Studies in I & II Corinthians." Each year, this event proves to be a time of reflection and renewal for fellow believers to worship and study. harding.edu/lectureship

OCT. 7

Fall Break

Faculty, staff and students take a day off to enjoy fall, friends and fellowship.



OCT. 27-29

Homecoming

We invite you to come back to campus for a fun-filled weekend! Enjoy tailgating, the Homecoming parade, Class of '72 anniversary, Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" and more. harding.edu/homecoming

For a complete list of events, visit harding.edu/calendar.

BY THE NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

560

Frequency of Memphis, Tennessee, radio station WHBQ, owned by Harding from 1946-56



Swings on campus

443

Inscribed brick pavers in campus sidewalks

375,000+

Print and microform items in Brackett Library

\$68,000

Total repayment of the mortgage, which was celebrated with a bonfire on Thanksgiving Day 1939.

1964

Year Harding acquired its first and only live mascot, Benny the Bison



Welcome Center conference room honors Ann Guffey

THE WELCOME CENTER on the first floor of the David B. Burks American Heritage Building officially opened April 14 for Spring Sing weekend. This inviting space extends hospitality to families of prospective students and visitors on campus and houses the offices of undergraduate admissions, alumni and parent relations, and financial aid.

The space includes the Ann Guffey Conference Room to be utilized for team meetings and financial aid advising with students and parents. One of the largest gifts dedicated to the Welcome Center project was given by anonymous donors who chose to honor Guffey for her faithful service in financial aid from 1977-2011. Devoted to the mission of Christian education, she helped thousands of students achieve their dreams.



“Ann Guffey was thoroughly committed to helping students,” said Jay Simpson (’83), senior associate director of financial aid services. “She would do anything possible to assist every student who came to her for help. With her characteristic southern charm, she endeared herself to the multitudes she served.”

Robin Starck (’84) credits Guffey with making his education possible. “I transferred to Harding my junior year from University of Wisconsin. At the end of my junior year, I was broke. I met with Ann that spring semester, and she was able to help me get access to more federal student aid, both grants and loans. She also contacted some of my professors and was able to get me a

small scholarship, the only one I ever received. Additionally, she found a position for me as a resident assistant for intersession and the following school year. Without Ann’s help, I would not have been able to return to Harding to finish my degree.”

Starck is now following in Mrs. Guffey’s footsteps as a counselor, helping the next generation of Harding students secure aid for their education. “Ann always treated me like someone special,” he said. “Now I do my best to help students who want to come to Harding – or those like me who want to stay at Harding – pursue their dreams.”

Guffey’s legacy also continues as students are awarded funds each year from the Guffey-Musick Scholarship. Jane Musick was Guffey’s longtime friend and colleague.

QUOTABLE



“The secret to happiness is **love** for God, **love** for your family, **love** for your friends and **love** for everybody expressed through your vocation.”

— Arthur Brooks, ASI Distinguished Lecture Series speaker March 31, 2022

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McLarty portrait unveiled

ON APRIL 5, FACULTY, STAFF AND THE MCLARTY FAMILY gathered in Cone Chapel as Dr. Bob Walker, chairman of the board of trustees, and President Burks presented the fifth presidential portrait to Dr. Bruce McLarty in honor of his service to the University.

“He will be remembered for his emphasis on community and mission,” Dr. Walker said. “He was an integral part of the community. He wanted to be known as Bruce and was completely okay with the student body addressing him as such. ... He communicated with students as students communicate, often sending tweets. ... This communication style very much resonated with the students. I don’t think anyone has connected with students better since the days of J.N. Armstrong.”

The portrait artist, Joshua Granberg (’08), shared his own video tribute, having known McLarty from a young age as their families worked together on the mission field in Kenya. Years later, as a University student, Granberg had the opportunity to get to know McLarty better and characterizes him as an “honorable man of God.” He visited with the McLartys last summer as he began the portrait commission, and McLarty reflected on his time as president, discussing fond memories and

challenges he faced. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, he said “joyful” and “approachable.” During each phase of the painting process, Granberg continued to ask himself, “Does this look like the McLarty we know and love?” Granberg is a world-class portraitist, having been trained at the Florence Academy of Art following his education in Harding’s Department of Art and Design, and his depiction of the University’s fifth president is warm, inviting and full of joy.

After the portrait was unveiled, McLarty expressed gratitude for his family, whose presence enhanced the celebration, and for all those he worked alongside during his presidency and who came to honor him that day.

“I am so thankful that we got to work together, and I am so proud of what we did working together,” McLarty said. “I believe it was to the glory of God.”

McLarty’s portrait is displayed outside Cone Chapel on the second floor of the David B. Burks American



Dr. Bob Walker and Dr. Bruce McLarty unveil the presidential portrait painted by 2008 alumnus Joshua Granberg.

Heritage Building, along with those of other former presidents. In addition, a framed composite of photos featuring highlights from Dr. McLarty’s presidency was revealed and hangs in the Founders Room.

• To see the video: harding.edu/McLartyportrait

New roles on campus

FOUR LEADERSHIP PROMOTIONS have been announced by the University recently.

Dr. Todd Patten was named associate dean of the Cannon-Clary College of Education effective Aug. 1. This position previously was held by Dr. Clara Carroll, who retired this spring. Patten also serves as chair of the department of mental health and wellness. He has been working at the University since 2004 and served as the inaugural dean for student success from 2012-15.

Dr. Justin Bland was appointed chair of the department of exercise and sport sciences on Feb. 24. This position previously was held by Dr. Ken Turley who was named director of the new Master of Science in cardiac function and interventional technology program. Bland joined the University faculty within the

exercise and sport sciences department in 2011 and is currently serving as an associate professor.

Dr. Jesse Robertson was named associate dean of the College of Bible and Ministry on May 3. Robertson has taught for six years in the college and completed his first year as assistant dean for church connections in May. Robertson fills the role previously held by Dr. Daniel Stockstill, who retired this spring.

Dr. Dan Atchley was appointed dean of the College of Pharmacy June 1. This position was previously held by Dr. Jeff Mercer. Atchley has



Drs. Jesse Robertson, Justin Bland, Todd Patten and Dan Atchley

been working at the University since 2021, serving as dean for faculty affairs and chair of pharmaceutical sciences. Prior to this he served as assistant dean for preclinical medicine and chair of microbiology, immunology and pharmacology at Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine.



NEWSMAKERS

ADVANCEMENT

Archie Shelton joined the team Feb. 7 as a major gift officer. He previously served in development at University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

ALPHA CHI

Dr. Jeremiah Sullins, associate professor of behavioral sciences, was awarded the 2022 Alpha Chi Faculty Scholar Award in April.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Bison and Petit Jean were recognized at the Associated Collegiate Press Spring National College Media Conference March 5 in Long Beach, California. Best of Show awards were presented to the Bison (sixth place), The Link (eighth place), and the 2021 Petit Jean (fifth place). Bison head photographer Madison Meyer was awarded first, second and fourth places in the photojournalism category.

Dr. Dutch Hoggatt, professor of communication, was awarded Best of Festival in the audio documentary category at the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts Faculty Audio Competition in April. The title of his piece was "Artist Spotlight - Patsy Cline."

Emma Jones, a junior multimedia journalism student, was selected as the Arkansas Press Women 2022 scholarship recipient in May.

Kimberly Laing, assistant professor of history, has been appointed the Clifton L. Ganus Jr. Distinguished Chair of History and Political Science. She will serve a five-year appointment beginning July 1.

Mary Grace Golden, a communication studies and public administration graduate, presented her honors thesis work at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2022 Annual Conference in San Francisco in February. Her poster was titled, "Unpacking Political Identity in First-Time Voting Christian Women: an Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis."

University electronic media and video production students were honored at the 80th annual convention of National Broadcast Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho Honor Society in March. The Link received first place in the website category. The Coach's Show with Paul Simmons, director Jillian Jarvis and executive producer Tim Hamilton was awarded first place in the professional sports program category. The University's NBS/AERho chapter also was recognized as one of six model chapters this year.

Sarah Hickerson, a broadcast journalism graduate, was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Rho Electronic Media Honor Society in March.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Taylor Conaway, a graduate nursing student, was appointed president of the National Student Nurses Association in April.

FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

Faculty members Dr. Josh Brown, Dr. Michael Claxton, Dottie Frye, Dr. Susan Grogan, Dr. Lance Hawley, Emmie Mercer, Dr. Debby Nutt, Dr. Keith Schramm and Richard Wells are the 2021-22 Teacher Achievement Award recipients. Staff members Jane Cavitt, Debbie Harrison, Brian Jones, Zach Neal, Robyn Nickleson, Audra Pleasant, David Robison and Grant Slane received the 2021-22 Distinguished Service Awards.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Riley Davis joined the office in January as enrollment and information management specialist.

HONORS COLLEGE

Dr. James Huff, associate professor of engineering, was appointed senior faculty fellow Feb. 8.

Dr. Amy Qualls, associate professor of English, was named faculty fellow in April. She will serve a two-year appointment beginning in August.

STUDENT LIFE

Kathy Allen, director of housing, received the Bob Cooke Distinguished Service Award at the Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers conference in February.

UNIVERSITY POST OFFICE

Jamie Wilson was named postal services manager March 1 replacing Randy Smith, who retired. She previously served as the assistant director.

Inspiring lives of leadership

IN FEBRUARY, 20 STUDENTS left Searcy on a trip hosted by the American Studies Institute to spend four days in Washington, D.C. Led by Dr. John Richard Duke, associate professor of history and executive director of ASI, and Lori Klein, associate professor of political science and public administration, these students were given opportunities to see firsthand what alumni are doing in the capital city.

Throughout the trip students were able to learn about careers in business, history, government and politics; witnessing the purpose of the American Studies Institute — to inspire lives of leadership by exposing students to people, places and ideas that have helped shape the United States.

While in Washington students visited the Smithsonian's African American History and Culture Museum as well as the Rayburn House Office Building, speaking with Congressman Rick Crawford's Chief of Staff Jonah Shumate ('02) and Legislative Director Ashley Shelton ('12), both University alumni. The group also met with leaders from the Department of Justice's National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of State and Boeing Co. Students spent their free time visiting other museums, monuments and sites in the capital city.

In addition to seeing these locations, students spent one evening of the trip meeting with nearly 30 University alumni learning about the work they do in and around the nation's capital. Among these were David ('92) and Carmen ('93) Bell, Lance ('94) and Toria ('94) Boyd, and Joel ('88) and Lori ('18) Reed.

"Everyone in the room stood up and introduced themselves and talked about what they do," said Duke. "We really gave students every opportunity to make connections with alumni — everybody from a member of the personal security detail for the secretary of state to a longtime accountant and executives from various business enterprises."

The students ended the weekend at the church of Christ in Falls Church, Virginia. Jonah Shumate, whom they had met earlier in the weekend, led communion during the service. The group was inspired by seeing these two worlds, profession and church, come together.

The idea of this trip was originally proposed in 1952, the same year the American Studies Institute was founded. Duke says this trip was one of the first events discussed nearly 70 years ago, and they were excited to offer it to students this year at its original cost of \$100. Additional funds were contributed by the American Studies Institute, the Clifton L. Ganus Jr. Distinguished Chair of History and Political Science, and an anonymous donation by an alumni family.

"I was very impressed with our students. The entire weekend they spoke about their goals, visions and what they thought and believed. ... My hope is that this trip lets them know that there is a big world of opportunity they can pursue."

MY VIEW JIM GALYAN

A struggle not wasted

Jim Galyan ('88, MFT '08), a partner and therapist at ReGroup in Searcy, shares his thoughts on the mental health struggles many are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEAR, CONFUSION AND DISBELIEF started early in 2020. I remember people saying they were not sure we would meet the following Sunday at church. I thought there was no way that could happen. I was stunned to receive the message, midweek, that church services were, indeed, canceled. Things became very real with the announcement that March Madness would be lost as well.

The following week my wife was diagnosed with cancer. Surgery was scheduled and canceled twice due to closures and furloughs as hospitals prepared for the COVID-19 crisis. What came next were additional complications due to testing, chemo and radiation. While some folks were scrambling to find toilet paper and prepare for what felt like a long snow day, others were learning to sing songs as they washed their hands compulsively. These were odd times. We were told to socially distance ourselves and stop shaking hands. Hugs were definitely out. Eventually, faces became masked, and reality began to sink in.

At our counseling offices, we documented temperatures and asked every client a series of questions about potential symptoms. We fumigated offices between sessions, added air filters to every room and cleaned door-knobs and surfaces multiple times a day.

Many clients and therapists were not comfortable coming to the office in the early days, so we made arrangements for teletherapy, as well as completed additional training. Conflicting reports added to the confusion, and conspiracy theories abounded. We grew to know the experts and tried to decipher the constantly changing information on how best to respond. As all of this was happening, we watched political and racial division grow. The threadbareness of our human race was beginning to show.

Two years later, we are still adjusting to the psychological toll the pandemic has taken on people worldwide. Death, illness,

isolation and job loss, along with other interruptions to our normal lives, have weighed heavy on many. Weddings, funerals, graduations and holiday gatherings were lost. Schools were closed and quickly shifted online, creating a dilemma for parents, students and teachers. Many abruptly adapted to working from home. We learned the term "essential workers." For those who had served us without much recognition, we soon found new gratitude. This compounded stress was beginning to show, and there were increased reports of public outbursts, addiction, abuse and despair.

Global studies show that one in four people experienced some level of depression. Other studies reveal extreme growth in anxiety, depression and/or sleep disturbance. Unavoidable increased screen time proved to have an adverse impact. As we struggled to find connections online, it only added to our fatigue. Only now are we beginning to discover the hidden mental health side effects of the global pandemic.

We love the illusion of control. This period of history is a reminder of how little control we really have. The number of clients grew exponentially, and the demand for counseling services overwhelmed our ability

to adequately serve. Social anxiety increased when many social skills atrophied. Existential uncertainty grew as our church attendance saw declines. Many are struggling to move to acceptance of a new normal.

Yet, we have also discovered there are some things we might not want to return as they were. I have heard it said, God does not waste a struggle. Maybe this period has brought some things to the surface that need attention. New appreciations are causing some to adjust to shifting priorities. Like a new landing on Mount Ararat, maybe it's time to redefine what once was and realize the importance of connection, redemption and what could be. 🙏



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A man who soared

Excerpts from the eulogy by PAUL SIMMONS, head football coach

DR. JIM CITY WAS MANY THINGS to many people: Bible teacher, elder, mentor, encourager, Bison, doctor, husband, beloved father, grandfather and, most recently, great-grandfather.

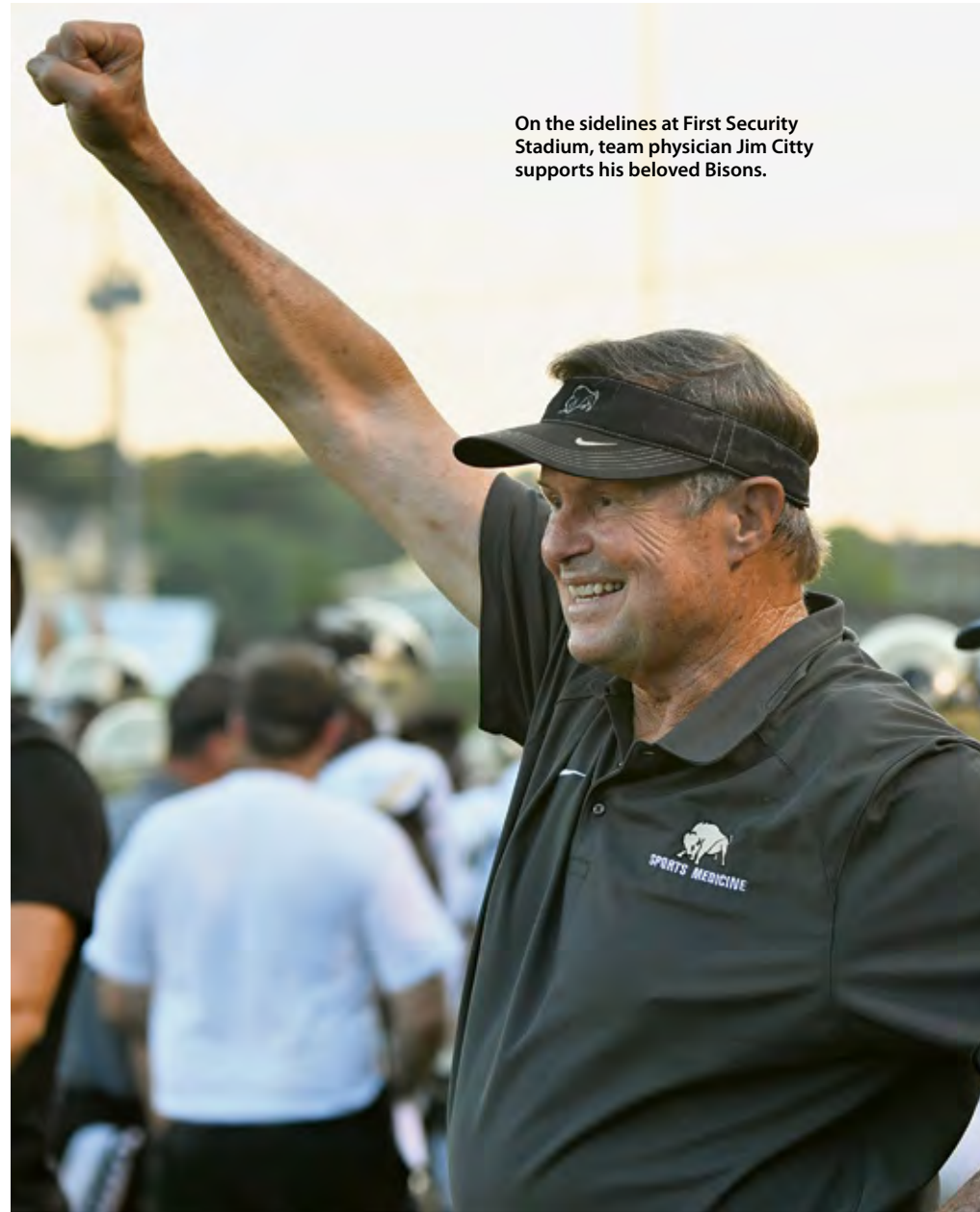
For me and most Bison football players, he also was a legend. He was an icon, larger than life, steady, consistent and true. He leaves behind a tremendous legacy of integrity, passion, servant leadership, family and great faithfulness. He was deeply loyal and valued loyalty in the people around him. He had an incredible, profound impact on the Searcy community.

Doc City never chose to be the leader out in front, but because of the way he lived his life — the wisdom he displayed and the way he treated other people — he had no choice but to be the leader, always. When he spoke, everybody listened.

Doc City was proud to be a Bison and especially proud of Bison football. He was a member of the original group of Bisons that brought football back in 1959. He was a two-time team captain and by all accounts a warrior. There was a lot of losing in the early years, and those losses were really hard on him. He was a competitor, a winner. However, he was most excited about seeing young men give their lives to the Lord. He constantly reminded me that the joy and fulfillment of winning is awesome, but it is nothing compared to the joy of introducing Jesus Christ to the young men in our program. Nobody was more excited about a Harding football player being baptized than Doc City.

Because of his kindness and compassion, he was adored by his patients. He had huge, gentle hands — that is, unless he was treating a Bison football player.

Doc was a tough guy, and he wanted everybody associated with Bison football to be tough. Until the day he died, I still believe that Doc City could whip almost everybody in any place he happened to be in. Doc wanted his own kids and grandkids to be tough — to know how to battle — and they are. He is incredibly proud of each of them. I have had the privilege of



On the sidelines at First Security Stadium, team physician Jim City supports his beloved Bisons.

coaching three of his grandsons as Bisons, and they are tough and loyal. They are tremendous teammates just like their grandpa, and that made him really proud.

His goal was to raise up children who loved

the Lord and would commit their lives to God. He prayed that his kids would marry godly spouses, and all of them did. Doc wanted nothing more than to see his family walking faithfully with the Lord. He was dedicated to his

family, but he had a special devotion to Maralyn and Kent. The three of them were always together. They were a team, and they were a really good team. Doc would say, “Maralyn is the wind beneath my wings. I am able to fly because of her.”

His favorite scripture was Isaiah 40:31: “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”

This description fits Doc so well. His hope was always in the Lord. He was a man who soared. He truly flew on wings like an eagle and lived each of his 82 years to the fullest. May we all remember the example he left for us and live in a manner that will honor his memory.

“And then the master replied, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant...’” Matthew 25:21
Well done, Doc. We love you, and we will miss you greatly. Thank you for everything. See you soon, Captain! 🏈

Jimmy Charles City ('61), 82, of Searcy died May 23, 2022. He began his medical career at University of Tennessee Medical School, and in 1965, started residency in family medicine and obstetrics in the Army Medical Corps at both Fort Bliss and Brooks Army Medical Center in Texas. Upon completion of his training, he established a practice in DeQueen, Arkansas. In 1975 he was invited to be the football team physician and returned to Searcy where he practiced family medicine and obstetrics at Searcy Medical Center and was an adjunct instructor in the College of Nursing. He was the chief medical officer for the Great Physician Clinic, an outreach to the underserved in Searcy. He led medical mission teams to the San Blas Islands in Panama for 30 years and served College Church of Christ as an elder. He was inducted into Harding's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990 and was the University's Outstanding Alumnus in 2019. He is survived by his wife, Maralyn Bailey ('62); four children, Kellee Blickenstaff ('87), Kent, Kris ('92) and Kyle ('94); a brother, Michael Binns ('78); nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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BY THE NUMBERS

28 Hitting streak by senior Chris Witzke as he recorded a hit in 28 straight baseball games, smashing the old record of 15 games set by Billy Ninemire in 2013.

17 Number of lead changes in men's basketball's 76-73 upset of eventual Great American Conference regular-season champion Southeastern Oklahoma on Jan. 1.

50+ & 100+ Senior Hannah Collins became the first Lady Bison basketball player ever to make 50 or more 3-pointers (53) and 100 or more free throws (103) in the same season.

900 Number of rushing yards more than the 4,214 set by Alan “Snake” Dixon from 1970-73, run by Berryhill Award winner Cole Chancey, who set Harding football's career rushing yards record with 5,114.

80 Career soccer games played by Lady Bison and Berryhill Award winner Emma Roberts, the 2021 Great American Conference Offensive Player of the Year, more than any other player in program history.

292.5 Scoring average of Harding's four-player golf team in the 2021-22 season, which broke the previous school record by more than three strokes per round.

40 Single-season birdies record set by sophomore golfer Brenda Sanchez

with 40 birdies in 2021-22. The previous record was 39, set by Brittany Marquez in 2012-13.

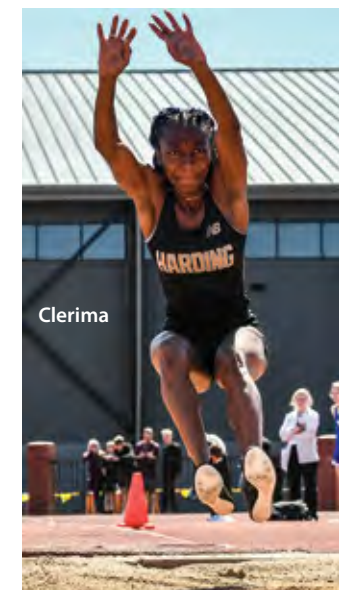
15 Home runs by sophomore Nicole Shano during the 2022 softball season, topping the previous mark of 11 set by Peyton Mills (2016) and Amanda Fields (2019).

70+ & 60+ Senior Morgan Salvan became just the fifth Bison men's tennis player to win 70 or more (72) career singles matches and 60 or more (62) career doubles matches. The others are David Redding, Richie Roberts, Nate Malone and Leoncio Dominguez.

362 Combined singles and doubles tennis victories from Harding's Carpenter sisters — Allison, Emily and Lindy — during their four-year careers.

18' 1/2" Harding record clearance by Dorian Chaigneau to win the Division II national championship in the outdoor pole vault. It was Chaigneau's second national championship as he also won the indoor title in 2021. Chaigneau's outdoor clearance tied for seventh in Division II history.

5 Number of events in which senior Anne-Noelle Clerima earned All-GAC honors at the 2022 GAC Track and Field Outdoor Championships. She won the 400 meters, placed second in the 200 meters and 4x400 relay, third in the 400-meter hurdles and fifth in the 4x100 relay.



Clerima

MILITARY HISTORY ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI



The main entrance to Vicksburg provides an impressive entryway.



Standing in front of the USS Cairo, Robert Williams reads the display board.

Outside the cemetery gates, Dr. Jared Dockery discusses the significance of the Battle of New Orleans with the group.

By JARED DOCKERY
Photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

Experiencing the strategic importance of the Mississippi River firsthand made history come alive for a group of students, alumni and faculty who toured Vicksburg, Mississippi, and New Orleans March 25-27. This field trip is a component of the U.S. military history course offered by the history and political science department.

During the Civil War, Confederate forces fortified the bluffs at Vicksburg and placed cannons overlooking and commanding the river below. The task of neutralizing this menacing stronghold fell to the Union general, U.S. Grant, in 1863.

Grant ordered his men to attack the Confederates entrenched in their high places on May 19 and 22, but these attacks were repulsed. Even a century and a half later, visiting the battlefield allowed us to gain an appreciation for the daunting challenges the steep terrain presented to the Union troops as they tried to fight their way uphill. Sensing the futility of these attacks, Grant shifted tactics and settled down to a siege which forced the Southern troops to surrender on July 4, 1863.

The most prized artifact at Vicksburg is the remains of the USS Cairo, a Union ironclad gunboat sunk by a Confederate “torpedo” near Haines Bluff, Mississippi, on Dec. 12, 1862. She remained buried in the Mississippi for a century before being raised in 1964. Now displayed in an open-air pavilion, the Cairo provides a fascinating glimpse of the mid-nineteenth-century transition from the old wooden-hulled navy of John Paul Jones and Stephen Decatur, to the steel-hulled, steam-driven warships that were traversing the oceans by century’s end.

Historically, the city of New Orleans, located at the mouth of the Mississippi, was even more strategically important than Vicksburg. During the closing days of the War of 1812 — after the peace treaty

had been signed, but before this was known in New Orleans — the British army tried unsuccessfully to seize the city. Their hopes came to naught at the Battle of New Orleans, fought at the Chalmette plantation on Jan. 8, 1815.

We toured the battlefield on a pleasant Saturday morning. In sharp contrast to the rolling hills and sprawling expanse of Vicksburg, the Chalmette battlefield is a small, flat rectangle, bounded to the north by a cypress swamp and to the south by the Mississippi River itself. American Gen. Andrew Jackson — commanding a motley force that included free men of color, Choctaw Indians and pirates — positioned his men behind field fortifications stretching from the river to the interior of the swamp. The British obligingly attacked across open ground, suffering 2,034 total casualties, according to the American Battlefield Trust. By contrast, the victorious Americans suffered just 62 casualties.

After Chalmette, we made our way to the massive National World War II Museum. Within the museum’s five large buildings, several

aircraft are dramatically suspended overhead, including a C-47 transport plane, a B-17 heavy bomber and an F4U Corsair with its distinctive bent wings. Another eye-catching artifact is the “Higgins boat” landing craft in the main lobby. We wrapped up our visit by watching the 4-D film “Beyond All Boundaries.”

Our group ate supper that evening at the Original Pierre Maspero’s restaurant, one of two New Orleans establishments that claim to be the site where Andrew Jackson met with Jean Lafitte to plan the Battle of New Orleans. On Sunday we headed home, stopping to worship at the McComb (Mississippi) Church of Christ and then enjoying a family-style meal at the Dinner Bell restaurant in McComb.

The trip was partly funded by student fees but also was generously subsidized by the Clifton L. Ganus Jr. Endowment for History and Political Science, fitting since Ganus lived in New Orleans before attending Harding. Another military history field trip is scheduled for spring 2023; alumni and colleagues interested in joining are invited to contact the department at history@harding.edu. 📍

Prepared for SUCCESS, poised for SERVICE

By HAILEY PRUITT

Photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

On May 7, more than 700 students, representing 39 states and 18 countries, walked across the Benson stage in three commencement ceremonies.

Recommended by their deans, 11 seniors sat down with us to reflect on their time at the University, sharing memories of mentors who invested in them, a community that nurtured them and the fun they had along the way. *Harding* magazine is proud of them and all of their classmates and wishes them well as they move on to the next chapter, whether in graduate schools, professional careers or the world.

• To view the full interviews: harding.edu/SpringGrads22



College of Arts and Humanities

Lydia Marshall, Westminster, Colorado

THEATRE EDUCATION

LYDIA MARSHALL came to Harding for its rare Christ-centered theatre program. When she visited as a high school senior, she felt welcomed by the theatre family and everyone on campus and fell in love. She will be teaching high school theatre in Huntsville, Alabama.

CHRIST AND CREATIVITY: At Harding, I learned how to share the gospel in real ways, and that's something I want to be a big part of my future. Professionally, I learned every skill needed to teach theatre and how to foster that learning in high school students. I feel well prepared for my future.

IMAGINATION IS KEY: My favorite class was Children's Theatre with Dottie Frye. Being in a college environment that's very academic and professional, it was a breath of fresh air to go to a class every day and use my imagination, pretending I was a dragon or playing with toys or focusing on my senses and observation skills. It was so much fun and taught me how to help students unlock that creativity.

A ROLE MODEL: I took Acting with Dottie Frye during my freshman year and was terrified of her. But the Children's Theatre class really clicked with me, and I loved everything we were doing. I learned so much from her, and then I tried out for Pied Pipers, the improv troupe she sponsors, and I fell in love with the creativity. She's been so encouraging to me. I tell her all my prayer requests, and she's understanding and also pushes me to stand up for myself. I want to be Dottie Frye when I grow up.



College of Arts and Humanities

Eric Johnson, Gahanna, Ohio

AMERICAN STUDIES

ERIC JOHNSON chose Harding after years of being determined to choose a school other than the one his family — mom, sister, cousins — had attended. The summer after his junior year in high school, he attended Honors Symposium and then decided he wanted to be at a Christian university. He has loved it ever since. He plans to work and live in his hometown for a year before beginning law school.

LEARNING IN COMMUNITY: I've had great classes and great professors who have challenged me and helped me grow. I've also been given a great community of friends, and I have had so many great experiences here.

A FACULTY MENTOR: I've been very lucky to have several faculty members invest in me. The first one who comes to mind is Dr. J.R. Duke, associate professor of history and executive director of American Studies Institute. I met him on one of my first visits to Harding, and we talked about music and sports. He then became my advisor, and I am involved in *Tenor of Our Times*, a student history journal, because Dr. Duke recommended I seek it out.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: I studied abroad with Harding University in Australasia in Fall 2019, and we ended that trip in Japan in December 2019 with no thought of a pandemic. Within a few weeks, Japan was an international COVID-19 hotspot. I went from a semester abroad with the most freedom in my life to full lockdown. Looking back, it was an unbelievable experience.

College of Allied Health

Madeline Rubio, Franklin, Tennessee

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

MADELINE RUBIO chose Harding because she felt the spirit on campus was full of humility and everyone was friendly and down to earth. Harding felt like coming home. She is spending her summer as an intern at her home church and will return in the fall to begin the Master of Science in speech-language pathology.

INTEGRATING FAITH AND LEARNING: I fell in love with Jesus in Bible class my first semester. Since then, I've watched professors conduct their classrooms and speak to each other and their students in a way that shows me how to follow Jesus in every aspect of life. My professors and classmates in the communication sciences and disorders department took me just as I was and pushed me to grow into someone who learns not just for her grade but for understanding to benefit her future patients.

FREEDOM TO EXPLORE: When I declared my major freshman year, I hadn't thought through what I wanted to do with my life. Later, I bounced around to several different majors, trying to find an option that would work with my strengths and desire to serve others. Harding made me feel safe to take that time, and I landed back in this department because of the freedom to ask questions and discover what was best for me.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: I loved participating in Spring Sing. I can't believe how much sleep I lost, but learning how to dance, sing and perform alongside so many new friends was a great experience.





College of Business Administration

Julio Montenegro, Chinandega, Nicaragua

FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

JULIO MONTENEGRO came to Harding as a recipient of the Walton International Scholarship. He will partner with Manna Global Missions doing development work in Costa Rica.

LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE: Harding has prepared me to be a servant leader, a philosophy that will shape my life as a professional. It's not just about the education I've received but also about the ethical foundations of a Christian university.

MODELS OF PROFESSIONALISM: Mike Allen provided great resources to help me go deeper into studies of international business. From Ellis Sloan, I learned not only how to be a good finance student but also how to be a professional and how to relate to other people as an ethical Christian in the business world.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: I went on the American Studies Institute leadership trip to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the trip was to learn about the business world, democracy and the foundations of the U.S. government. We visited the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Department of Justice and Boeing headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. It was a good opportunity to apply the knowledge and leadership experience I have as a business student.

ADVICE TO FRESHMEN: Harding provides a lot of opportunities. It's just a matter of being able to be open with ourselves and with other people about our passions. It's important to share with other people the goals we have in mind and learn how to take advantage of opportunities to achieve them.



College of Nursing

Brandon Johnson, Oceanside, California

NURSING

BRANDON JOHNSON chose Harding because he was looking for a faith-based community and an excellent nursing program. He will be getting married and moving to Virginia to work as a surgical intensive care unit nurse.

HIGHLY SKILLED: Harding's nursing program is daunting, but as a senior looking back on all the knowledge I've gained, I can see that everything was relevant and important. Meeting other nurses in clinicals and hearing about their experiences showed me that Harding goes above and beyond, with high standards in each class.

PERSONAL CONNECTION: The most influential professor in my nursing career is Dr. Greg Brooks. I was really struggling early in the program, and he saw something in me that was worth advocating for and helped me see my potential. He talked with me weekly and communicated with other professors, helping me succeed in their courses. He could have ignored me, but he invested in me.

A HEALTH CARE HIGHLIGHT: In high school, when I was originally considering what career I wanted to pursue, I was thinking about being a paramedic. My dad is a firefighter and paramedic, and he offered to let me ride along with his crew. That experience of watching paramedics leading at the scene and treating multiple patients ... They were bold and equipped with so much knowledge and ultimately were saving lives. It was inspiring. That was the moment that I knew I wanted to be in health care.

College of Bible and Ministry

Noah Jordan, Cincinnati, Ohio

BIBLE & FAMILY MINISTRY

NOAH JORDAN chose Harding because he knew he was called to youth ministry. He ended up following a girl to Searcy, and she is now his fiancée. He will be working as a youth minister in Columbus, Georgia.

PREPARED AND COMMISSIONED: I didn't come here with a lot of Bible knowledge, but I did know that if I was going to work with the spirituality of children and adults, I had to know what I believe. Harding has helped me look at Scripture and know how to consider context and be humble in my understanding of what it is to be a Christian. Harding also has provided me with resources to connect with other ministers and participate in internships outside the classroom.

FACULTY INVESTMENT: I was a teacher's assistant for James Bury, who teaches Greek and biblical interpretation. He mentored me and gave me advice as well as resources for paper writing. Dr. Monte Cox's classes in living world religions and spiritual disciplines also made a great impact on me.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: Studying abroad in a combined program with Harding in Greece and Florence, Italy, was a highlight of my college experience. Getting to go to Greece and Israel and walk where the apostle Paul and Jesus walked and see what they saw — it provided perspective for my understanding of Scripture.

ADVICE TO FRESHMEN: You are loved. You are worthy. Not because I say so, but because he does. You are a child of God.



College of Education

Chenyang (Hope) Li, Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

HOPE LI attended her senior year of high school in Washington, D.C., living with a host family that had three sons who attended Harding. Her host family brought her to Searcy for a visit, where she learned there was a large group of Chinese students on campus, making her feel even more comfortable. She plans to return in the fall to pursue a master's degree to teach English as a second language.

PERSONALIZED EDUCATION: Since English is my second language, I always have trouble turning in my assignments on time because I have to write them in Chinese and then translate them into English. All my professors gave me the time I needed. They not only helped me with my teaching but also helped me grow my faith.

A DREAM COME TRUE: I have always wanted to be a teacher since I was a little child. In China, we only focused on academic grades, but here we were taught that we should also care about students' personal lives. Kids come to school with different backgrounds and experiences, and that's why I chose the English as a second language program in graduate school. I know what it's like to struggle with languages, and I want to help them.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: I'm involved in the Chinese church on campus. We are trying to get more Chinese students to join us because most of them are non-Christians.



College of Sciences

Alina Stout, Searcy

BIBLE AND MINISTRY AND MATH WITH TEACHER LICENSURE

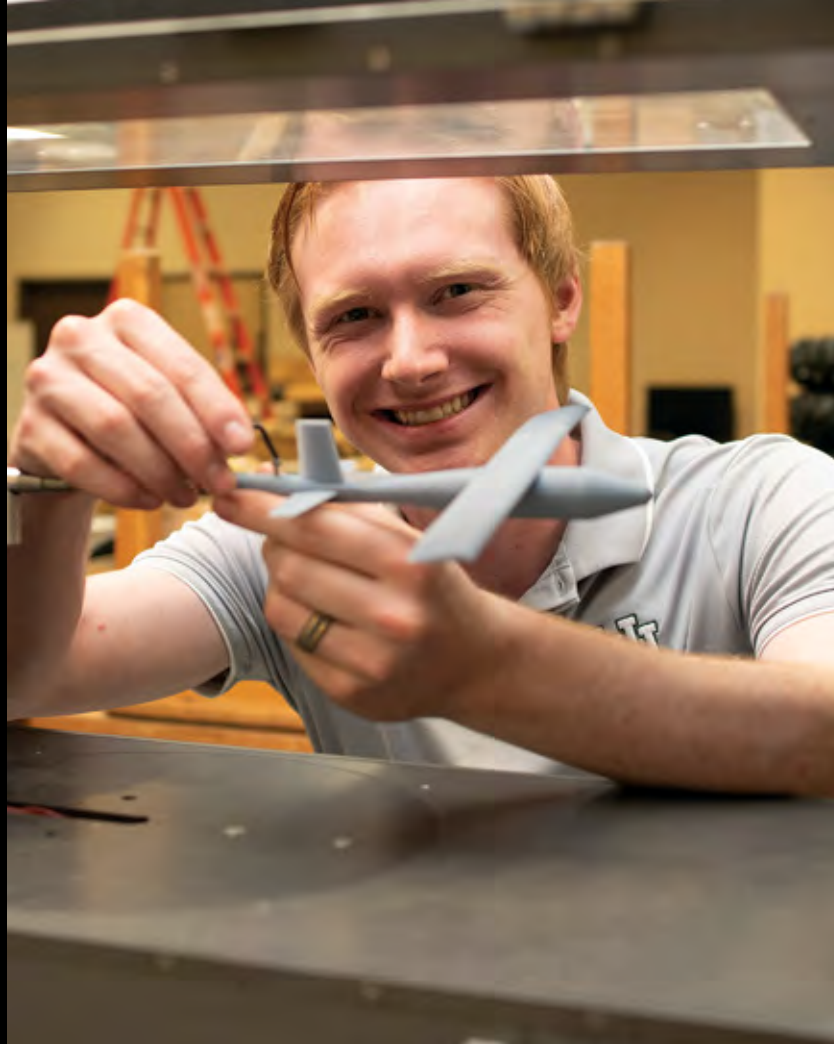
ALINA STOUT chose Harding because it was close to home and she loved the Harding community. She and her husband are moving to Oklahoma where he will be a youth minister, and she will teach Algebra I.

MATH AND MINISTRY: Harding has prepared me for my future better than I could have expected. I just finished my student teaching semester, and I feel very prepared to start my job in August. I also think my Bible degree has helped with the ministry my husband and I are planning to do. We are prepared to help the church, and we have a good depth of understanding to apply to our careers.

GLOBAL EXPERIENCE: I studied abroad with HULA, Harding's program in Latin America, which was an amazing experience that encouraged me to learn more Spanish. I also did an internship in Albania with Global Outreach, and I've enjoyed working with local churches and supporting them each summer.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: I've been a part of the Thundering Herd marching band throughout my time here and have really enjoyed all the memories I've made with them playing baritone at the football and basketball games.

ADVICE TO FRESHMEN: It's okay to change your mind.



Honors College

Mary Grace Golden, Columbia, Tennessee

COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

MARY GRACE GOLDEN went to Honors Symposium after her junior year of high school and chose Harding because of the community it brings and the opportunity to be involved in many different things. She will begin graduate school at Purdue University, pursuing a master's degree in organizational communication and working as a graduate assistant.

INTENTIONALLY MENTORED: During my freshman year, I was recruited by Dr. James Huff to join the Beyond Professional Identity research lab, and we met several times a week throughout my college career. He helped me learn qualitative research, and we've submitted a manuscript for publication. We focused not only on academics but also on how we can use academics to be good Christians and do good in this world.

SEEKING A CHALLENGE: I started in the Honors College my freshman year because I wanted a challenge. Honors contracts allow us to add to assignments or create different assignments that allowed me to research topics that I was interested in, creating an academic plan that worked for me. I also completed a multi-year study on political identity of Christian women for my senior honors thesis and presented it at conferences in several places including Austin, Texas, and San Francisco.

ADVICE TO FRESHMEN: Branch out. Do anything you're even a little bit interested in, and you might find something you love. Be confident in yourself because Harding gives us opportunities to grow in ways we never thought we could.



College of Sciences

Thomas Marshall, Fort Collins, Colorado

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

THOMAS MARSHALL transferred to Harding from a public university in Colorado upon marrying his wife, Lydia, and joining her in Searcy. He was excited about research opportunities with the NASA space grant and the close-knit community. He will join Special Aerospace Services in Huntsville, Alabama, as a design engineer.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING: Harding does an amazing job at educating students in a really well-rounded way. In the engineering department, we are taught technical skills and also interpersonal and presentation skills. The faculty show us all aspects of engineering with real-world experiences. Dr. Massey has made a difference in my life, both in and out of the classroom. I enjoyed the opportunities he gave me to explore the science behind many different subjects that might not be offered in a specific class.

A TRANSFER'S PERSPECTIVE: I've been able to be part of two different school systems, two different atmospheres. As a Christian in a public university, I learned to seek out relationships. At Harding those relationships are abundant, and I've been able to create connections that are meaningful. I've learned how to interact with people no matter the circumstances.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: My favorite memory was the snow day [in 2022] when campus was closed, but Tacker's Shake Shack opened and started selling milkshakes. Everyone was out in the snow drinking milkshakes.



University College

Jesse Hutcheson, Powder Springs, Georgia

APPLIED STUDIES • SCIENCE

JESSE HUTCHESON chose Harding after visiting his brother on campus and falling in love with the Christian atmosphere. He will be moving to Georgia to pursue a job as a cargo loader and further develop his blacksmithing hobby.

EQUIPPED TO SHARE: Harding has given me the skills and biblical knowledge to discern what's right and how to best glorify God. It's given me the motivation to do my best to preach the word of God to those who don't know him.

QUALIFIED PROFESSORS: My favorite classes were Gospel of John and Romans with Dr. Shawn Daggett. His classes are challenging, but he teaches in a way that makes it easy to understand the material. Dr. Phil Thompson is always fun to talk to and invests in his courses. Dr. Stockstill is a phenomenal teacher. I loved every minute of class with him, even five days a week. They've all been amazing teachers and men of God.

A HARDING HIGHLIGHT: When I joined men's social club Chi Sigma Alpha as a freshman, I was introverted and kept to myself, but since then I have made wonderful friends who would do anything for me. I'm so thankful for that opportunity. They encouraged me to participate in Spring Sing, and it really helped me be more social. I loved every minute of it. The fellowship we got to have helped solidify those relationships. I also loved caroling at all the girls' dorms every Christmas. Without Chi Sigs, I wouldn't be the man I am today. 🙌



← The Ganus Building first opened its doors in 1951.
↓ Shown in 2017, the Ganus Building is being torn down this summer.

The Ganus Student Center, named by students in honor of then board chairman C.L. Ganus Sr., opened in 1951. It was part of a seven-building campus expansion made possible by a \$1.5 million fundraising campaign that began in 1948. Those funds also provided Armstrong Hall, Beaumont Memorial Library, Cathcart Hall, Claude Rogers Lee Building and the Administration Building, renamed in 2021 in honor of Bro. Elijah Anthony and Dr. Howard Wright.

C.L. Ganus Sr. was a businessman and philanthropist in New Orleans involved in leading countless organizations for the betterment of the city and the future. He was a member of the Charter Committee of the City of New Orleans and owned A&G restaurants, with several New Orleans locations, as well as Mrs. Drake's Sandwiches. Both names were locally famous for more than 60 years. He was a founding elder of Carrollton Avenue Church of Christ and started the Lake Terrace School in 1950, which eventually became the Clifton L. Ganus School and served thousands

of students until its closing in 1995. He was instrumental in organizing civic activities and raising funds for the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, United Service Organizations for National Defense, New Orleans Airport Commission, Louisiana Restaurant Association, several boards of the City of New Orleans and many more.

At Harding, Ganus Sr. served as chairman of the board of trustees from 1940-54 and was a well-known advocate for students. According to the Jan. 27, 1951, issue of *The Bison*, Charles Cranford, 1950-51 student association president, said, "The student center was named for C.L. Ganus, president of the board of trustees, because of his outstanding service and sincere concern for the students at Harding College. It is only fitting and proper that the building be named for a man who is so devoted to youth and who helped make this building possible." Ganus Sr. established a \$2,000 student loan fund, a significant amount in a time when students were paying \$7.50 per credit hour, as well as awarded a \$100 prize to the top male

BUILDING ON THE PAST

Reflecting on the Ganus Building's 71 years of history

By HAILEY PRUITT
Photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY and from UCM ARCHIVES

While it's difficult

for most students today to imagine a morning without a Chick-fil-A chicken biscuit after chapel, 70 years ago, students would descend on a student center on the other side of campus for hot donuts baked by Dixie McCorkle and then later, in the 1960s and 1970s, Mrs. Lomax's cinnamon rolls.



BUILDING ON THE PAST

and female student of each graduating class.

The new student center included the College Inn cafe, post office, alumni office, bookstore and offices for the staffs of the *Petit Jean* and *The Bison*. The first floor area, which students called “the Hub,” was the center of student life where many remember meeting their spouses and forever friends, running for student association elections and attending social club events. The Emerald Room, a second floor banquet hall, was the site of many formal dinners, class reunions and even wedding receptions. A dumb waiter made it possible to transport food from the College Inn or Pattie Cobb cafeteria to the second floor receptions. The Ganus Student Center served for more than 20 years as the social focus of campus until the student body simply outgrew the space.

By 1973, enrollment had grown to 2,319, and the space designed to serve 750 was bursting at the seams. That year the Hammon Student Center opened, and the Ganus Building entered a new era, repurposed for academics to house the office of admissions as well as the departments of foreign language and speech and the campus radio station, KHCA. In a new 12-room speech clinic, speech pathology majors provided free and low-cost services to many Searcy residents.

The 1980s proved to be a season of growth for the department of communication, requiring yet another renovation to add a new computer graphics lab, darkroom and video production editing space. In 1998, communication joined the department of music in the new Reynolds Center, and the department of history and political science

Mrs. Lomax’s cinnamon rolls recipe

DOUGH INGREDIENTS

3 cups very warm water
 ½ cup sugar
 3 packages dry yeast
 ½ cup powdered milk
 3 eggs
 1 tablespoon salt
 1 cup Crisco
 7 cups all-purpose flour

FILLING INGREDIENTS

1 cup softened butter
 1 cup sugar
 4 tablespoons cinnamon

ICING INGREDIENTS

1 pound powdered sugar (approximately 3 ½ cups)
 ½ cup all-purpose flour
 7 tablespoons water
 2 teaspoons vanilla

In a large mixing bowl, dissolve the dry yeast, sugar and warm water (105-115°) until it is foamy (5-6 minutes) then dissolve ½ cup powdered milk in the yeast water. In a separate bowl or mixer, beat eggs, salt and Crisco. Add egg mixture to the yeast water, then add 7 cups of flour to make dough. Knead about 5 minutes using your hands or use a dough hook attachment on a mixer. Add dough to a greased bowl, cover and let rise until doubled (about 45 minutes). Roll dough into a large rectangle on a well-floured surface and spread with softened butter. Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle evenly. Roll up and cut into 1-inch pieces. Put in two greased 9x13 pans. Cover again and let rise till doubled. Bake in 400° oven about 15-20 minutes. While baking, make icing. Whisk powdered sugar and flour together; then add water and vanilla. If desired, use clear vanilla for white icing. Ice while hot. Yields 24-30 cinnamon rolls.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Mrs. Lomax’s family shared her recipe as “an extension of her ministry.” Alumni and Parent Relations Director Heather Kemper tested and verified the measurements. They are yummy!



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 A fireplace serves as the focal point of the Ganus Student Center, the student body hub from 1951-73.



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 At the dedicatory festivities, visiting dignitaries are served lunch in the Emerald Room on the second floor of the Ganus Building. The namesake, C.L. Ganus Sr., is shown second from the right at the front table.

moved into the Ganus Building. Many changes, especially the addition of new technology, supported the education of students in both departments. A new language learning lab was created in honor of retired foreign languages faculty Winfred and Dottie Wright, and political science students were provided with their own computer lab space. History and political science students enjoyed a student lounge, and the basement provided an area for various meetings and celebrations.

In 2017, the Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr. Distinguished Chair for History and Political Science provided yet another connection between the department, the building and the Ganus family. Named for the son of the building’s namesake and Harding’s third president, the endowment provides additional resources and experiences for both the department and the community. A History Faire for local school children, a virtual book club for secondary classroom teachers, and History Explorers, a weekly class for children in grades 3-6 interested in history, have all been made possible by the endowed chair. In November 2019, the department displayed a portion of the Berlin Wall in the Benson Auditorium lobby. Remembering the end of the Cold War 30 years later, this exhibit

was visited by University classes, area high school students and community members — a piece of history in their own backyard. The endowed chair is both a fitting tribute to Dr. Ganus Jr. and his leadership of the department of history and political science and the University as well as another way to continue the legacy of his father, C.L. Ganus Sr., who was generous to students, the University and the communities in which he lived.

Although the demolition of the Ganus Building began this summer, the story of the Ganus family’s dedication to Harding and the kingdom continues. The Clifton L. Ganus Sr. Department of History and Political Science will be housed in the Holland-Waller Center slated to open Fall 2023. The facility also will include the department of foreign languages and international studies, ROTC program, Office of International Student Services, Walton Scholars program, Sino-American Studies Institute and English as a Second Language program.

The Ganus family hosted a celebration of the history of the building at Spring Sing April 16, and many who fondly remember their time in the Ganus Building gathered to reminisce. It was a time to honor a rich legacy as a new structure welcomes the future. 📍

25 YEARS IN THE MAKING

By SANDY REYNOLDS, *Harding Place marketing and resident services director*
 Photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY



Originally opening its doors in 1997, Harding Place was the vision of the late Dr. Jimmy Carr Sr. during the presidency of Dr. David Burks. As a part of our week-long 25th anniversary celebration on April 18-22, we paid tribute to our Harding University roots with a variety of events including a presidential reception, golf cart campus tours, Bison Bingo, photos with Buff the Bison and a Black & Gold dinner.

Opening as a Christian independent retirement community, Harding Place has evolved through time into a community that helps seniors and their families navigate through the health challenges of life, which is what sets us apart from other retirement communities. The Harding Place staff believes that our role is to serve seniors and their families by providing opportunities to stimulate their bodies, minds and souls through Bible studies, games, events and outings. We work with licensed care providers to allow our residents to have an exceptional quality of life while remaining at home.

We love doing “firsts” with our residents from hot air balloon rides to train trips to major league ball games and more. We find unique ways to help our residents continue serving others in the Searcy community and beyond through our formation of Harding Place Christian Ministries. Some of our ongoing projects include the food bank ministry, school backpacks, the sleeping mat project, sewing pillowcase dresses and Operation Christmas Child.

As part of the Harding family, our residents find great joy in participating in campus activities and amenities. A highlight for residents is interaction with University students. Students, in turn, love an opportunity to join us for a delicious meal in Carr Café.

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Marketing and Resident Services Director Sandy Reynolds and Activities Director Harrison Dell enthusiastically lead Bison Bingo during the Harding Place birthday party April 21.



Louise Younger, the longest resident at Harding Place, poses with Buff the Bison.



Dr. John Richard Duke tells residents the history of the University.



Residents and guests pray before the Black & Gold anniversary dinner April 22.



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Send us your news! Let us know about your wedding, a birth, job change, promotion, award, retirement, etc. Email your items to alumninews@harding.edu or write Harding University, Office of Alumni Relations, Box 10768, Searcy, AR 72149-5615.



1966

Johnny Vaughan has written a book titled *Against all Odds: Coincidence or God's Providence?* relating a number of his personal experiences which appear to be too well coordinated to have been merely coincidences with the thesis that God's providence continually intervened in his life. His college experiences, including a narrative of Harding's 1966 national championship business team, consume several chapters. He and his wife, **Shirley Swayne** ('70), have three children and seven grandchildren.

1985

Jeriel McGinness retired after 36 years as an art teacher. His first three years were spent at Beaumont Christian High in Beaumont, Texas, and the remaining 33 years he taught in Woodstock, Illinois. He led several school/community mosaic projects which were recently chronicled in the Chicago Sun Times. He received a Master of Arts in art education from the University of Illinois. He and his wife, **Kristy Barhydt**, have two sons, Jake and Drew, a current engineering student.

1987

Blaine Alexander is the new principal at Sheridan High School. He was previously interim principal at East End Middle School. He had been working since 2009 with the Arkansas Leadership Academy where he was responsible for collaborating with school districts across the state to develop strategic plans for continual district and campus-level improvement. He obtained his Doctor of Education from the University of Arkansas and has achieved Master Principal designation.

Bob Davidson joined Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, as vice president of marketing and communications with three decades of experience in the health care industry, including 17 years in pediatric hospitals. He came to Children's from SSM Health in St. Louis, where he most recently served as system vice president of marketing operations. He holds a master's degree in media communications from Webster University in St. Louis.

1991

Kristine Witzeling Morris successfully defended her dissertation titled "The Impact of Immigrant-Focused Public Policy on the Completion of Undergraduate Nursing Degrees by Latinx Students Enrolled in U.S. Public Institutions,"

earning her doctorate in higher education from University of North Texas. She serves as director of undergraduate programs for the College of Nursing at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

1993

David Kirkbride is the new superintendent of schools at Denison Independent School District. He brings 16 years of service at DISD to the superintendent's position, including nine years as principal of Terrell Elementary School followed by seven years as assistant superintendent for administration. He holds a doctorate from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in education from Delta State University. He previously served as an assistant principal in Shelby County Schools in Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, **Christine Hill** ('92), have seven children.

Stacy Kymes is president and CEO of BOK Financial. He was appointed to the company's board of directors in August 2021. He has been with the company for 25 years serving in various roles including chief auditor, director of mergers and acquisitions, chief credit officer and chief operating officer. He is married to **Angel Freeman**.

1994

Jeff Goodson is a new partner in the Clarksville, Tennessee, law firm of Batson Nolan. He obtained his law degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. From 1994 until 2001, he worked at Lovell Communications Inc., a marketing communications firm headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. He then worked as an associate at the Law Office of John Cobb Rochford, and in 2008 he formed the Law office of Jeff T. Goodson. In 2012 he joined the Clarksville City Attorney's Office, and in 2013 he was promoted to deputy city attorney. He previously served as president of the Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association.

Poppy O'Guin Steele received her Juris Doctor from Nashville School of Law in 2021. She is working for Elder Law of Middle Tennessee. She and her husband, **Chris**, live in Nashville, Tennessee, and have two daughters and one grandchild.

1995

Ryan P. Blue has joined the Rogers, Arkansas, office of Hall Booth Smith PC. He earned a law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law and a Master of Divinity from Multnomah Biblical Seminary.

1996

Michael C. Moore is the new executive deputy medical center director of Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System in Little Rock. He oversees delivery of health care to more than 79,000 veterans and a budget of \$817 million at one of the largest Veterans Affairs medical centers in the country. He joined the VA more than 20 years ago and has held progressive leadership positions across VA Heartland Network in Kansas City, Missouri, most recently serving as deputy network director, VISN 15. He obtained his master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Texas Tech University. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a graduate of the Veterans' Health Administration's Executive Career Field Development Program.

1997

Daniel Velasco earned his Master of Business Administration from Harding in 2002. He entered seminary in 2014 and was ordained in 2020. He has a dual assignment in Fort Smith, Arkansas, serving as associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Church and chaplain at Trinity Catholic School, where he helps coach tennis. He keeps his skills up by playing tennis with several local pros.

2000

Daniel Fosbinder has joined the Austin Hatcher Foundation staff as the facilities and industrial arts manager. He has more than 15 years of experience in construction and low voltage electric work.

2005

Steven and **Naomi Richardson Valentine** announce the birth of a son, James, Feb. 14, 2022 — a Valentine born on Valentine's Day. They have two other children.

2006

Chris Hanvey has been named manager of Proprietary Property Management/Special Access Programs for Boeing with employees across the country in multiple locations. He has worked for Boeing more than 15 years in property management and quality assurance roles supporting Boeing's Defense Space and Security Division after first interning there in 2005. He and his wife, **Christina**, have two daughters, **Peyton** and **Skylar**, and live in McKinney, Texas.

2007

Michael ('09) and **Emily Morris Daniel** announce the birth of a daughter, Rose Lee, Jan. 19, 2022. Michael is a physician assistant, and Emily is a singer-songwriter and entrepreneur. They live in Nashville, Tennessee.

2008

Adam Bledsoe has joined the THVII team in Little Rock, Arkansas, as co-host for the station's lifestyle program "The Vine." He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served in Arkansas Law Enforcement agencies for nearly a decade.

Eric Wallace and **Heather Browning** announce the birth of a daughter, Zoey Monroe, Dec. 2, 2021. They reside in Washington, D.C., where Eric is a naval aviator and Heather is a fundraiser for the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

2009

Langdon Dement earned a master's in occupational health and safety from Murray State University. He is a global EHS Specialist with Evotix. He has more than 10 years experience in implementing and maintaining health, safety and risk management programs and policies. He is a Certified Safety Professional and an Associate Ergonomics Practitioner and is a member of American Society of Safety Professionals and American Industrial Hygiene Association. He has presented nationally and internationally on culture transformation, the importance of incident management, and job hazard analysis.

Kate Ramsey is a software developer with Mainstream Technologies. She has a certificate in Backend Software Development from Iron Yard.

2010

Shayna Varner received an award at City and State's Above and Beyond Gala held in Philadelphia. This was the first-ever event celebrating influential and thought-provoking women in Pennsylvania who have demonstrated leadership in their field and made significant contributions to society. She is vice president for strategy for the Pennsylvania Health Care Association headquartered in Harrisburg and received her master's from West Virginia University.

2011

Brian Maupin is the new head football coach at Maumelle High School. He spent the past eight seasons as an assistant at Joe T. Robinson, his high school alma mater. He and his wife, **Sallie Carswell** ('14), have three children.

Heather Porto Williams is the new principal at East End Middle School in the Sheridan (Arkansas) School district. She previously served as principal at Perritt Primary School in the Arkadelphia School District. In 2021, she was named National Outstanding Assistant Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She holds an Educational Specialist degree in educational leadership and administration from University of Central Arkansas and a Master of Education degree in reading from University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Advocating for Arkansans PROFILE | ANNETTE CONE HERRINGTON



ANY LOVE PBS for its educational and family-friendly programming.

Annette Cone Herrington ('75) has served on the Arkansas PBS Commission for 10 years, appointed in 2012 by former Gov. Mike Beebe and recently reappointed by Gov. Asa Hutchinson to a second term running through March 2028.

"My husband and I are viewers," Herrington said. "We watched the children's programs when our kids were little, and now we really enjoy all the programming that public television provides. A supporter of PBS said, 'Everything you watch on PBS makes you a better person.' I think that is so true, and that's the reason a lot of us volunteer our time."

Arkansas PBS serves Arkansans with content and services that educate, inform and inspire. It delivers local award-winning productions and classic, trusted programs aimed at sharing Arkansas and the world with viewers through multiple digital platforms.



In the last 10 years Herrington has served in multiple roles on the commission including chairman, vice chairman and treasurer and is currently serving as the liaison to the Arkansas PBS Foundation. She also has represented Arkansas PBS at the public media summit, held annually in Washington, D.C.

In addition to her work with Arkansas PBS, Herrington was recently elected to serve as a trustee for America's Public Television Stations. APTS is a nonprofit membership organization ensuring a strong and financially sound public television system and helping member stations provide essential


public services in education, public safety and civic leadership to the American people.

As a trustee for APTS, Herrington serves on the finance committee and advocates for public television with the surrounding community as well as legislators and the congressional delegation, when needed.

Herrington could not stress enough the importance of the work of public television and her interest in serving the state of Arkansas in this way.

"Nearly half of children get all their pre-K education through public television," Herrington said. "That and the fact that it is free to everyone means a lot to me. I am lucky that I am blessed by a foundation of faith and serving others. My father was on the Harding board for 30 years, and my brother is on it now. And this is the way I have chosen to serve because I think we reach a lot of people, and I believe service is what we are supposed to be all about."

Herrington says many don't know that in addition to the children's educational programs, Arkansas PBS offers a selection of adult educational programs as well. They also produce free professional development information to 78,000 teachers each year through ArkansasIDEAS.

"I started watching PBS with my sister," Herrington said. "I was 13 when she was born, and I started watching Mr. Rogers with her when it first came on. I remember from the beginning how much I loved it, and I was maybe 15 by that time. But then my children watched and yes, those shows have evolved into being more relevant to today, but they still have such great values that they present."  — *Katie Clement*

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2012

Matthew Cramblett is vice president and commercial loan officer at Citizens Bank's location in Rogers, Arkansas. He began his career as a credit analyst at First Security Bank and then entered commercial lending at Relyance Bank, where he worked as vice president for more than five years. He serves as treasurer on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters and volunteers as a basketball coach at the Boys and Girls Club.

2013

John ('21) and Elizabeth Jones Golden announce the birth of a son, Hunt Jones, Sept. 24, 2021. They live in Brookland, Arkansas.

Will Reno is an assistant women's soccer coach at George Washington University. He previously served as an assistant with the University of Connecticut men's soccer program. He also had served as the goalkeeper director of Arlington Soccer Academy and head coach at Texas Spirit Club Soccer.

2014

Emily Clark Hill is a stockholder with Cromwell Architects Engineers. She is an award-winning interior designer involved in the American Society of Interior Designers and has worked in multiple positions at the local level, including the emerging profession chair to the South-Central Chapter Board, chair-elect and chair to the Central Arkansas Design Community.

Brian and Emilee Pryor Petree announce the birth of a daughter, Andee Elizabeth, on Sept. 16, 2021. Brian is youth minister at University Church of Christ in Shreveport, Louisiana.

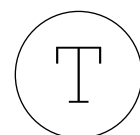
2018

Brooke Bartel married Brady McVay on Sept. 25, 2021. Both are employed by NVR Mortgage.

Kamisha Watson Burlingame (M.Ed.), a fourth-grade teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Bentonville, Arkansas, received the prestigious Milken Educator Award April 27. She serves on the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports committee and sponsors the student council. An avid mountain biker, she helped start Jefferson's bike club and often hits the trails with groups of students after school. She attended The Ron Clark Academy in 2015, which trains teachers in creative engagement strategies, many of which have made their way into her classroom. She holds National Board Certification in K-6 literacy.

Opening his own business

PROFILE | LOGAN FOSHEE



THROUGH A COMBINATION OF HARD WORK, daily prayer and dream chasing, Logan Foshee ('19) is now the proud owner of Foshee Equipment Co., an outdoor equipment store in Murfreesboro, Arkansas. He began the process of starting his own business in March 2020, immediately facing challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But Foshee persevered and

achieved his goal one year later.

Foshee was raised on a poultry and cattle farm in Kirby, Arkansas, where he operated farm equipment most of his life. He interned at a farm equipment dealership one summer while at Harding, and he eventually worked there full time after graduating. Advancing through sales and management, he enjoyed his experience there, but God had bigger plans. A nearby dealership announced its closure, and without hesitation, Foshee called the owners and began the process of buying the business. He said the year that followed was agonizing as they filled out paperwork, loan information, contracts and many other legal documents. He prayed daily for God's will to be done, no matter the outcome. Foshee closed the deal March 5, 2021, and his business has been successful.



During its first year, Foshee Equipment Co. overcame many obstacles caused by the pandemic. The company continues to navigate nationwide shortages of equipment and parts. Foshee said he, his family and his employees often take long road trips to track down the items their customers request. His work ethic sets his company apart as one that goes above and beyond for its customers.

Foshee's education at Harding prepared him for owning a business through challenging coursework and inspiring professors. He graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in management, and one class that stuck with him was Negotiations with Dr. Mark Davis. "That class taught me that everything, excluding faith, is negotiable," Foshee said. "The skills learned that semester have proved to be of immeasurable value, along with so many of the other courses that I took."

Utilizing his education and experience owning a business, Foshee said he would love to expand to another location when the time is right to broaden his reach and market. At the moment, he is content where God put him. "I am amazed every day at how God has blessed me with this business and this opportunity," he said. "I don't ever want to take that blessing for granted." — Luke Humphrey

Passages

Mary Lee Strawn Jorgenson ('50), 94, of Bettendorf, Iowa, died March 6, 2022. Graduating from high school in 1945 as WWII was winding down, she went directly to Washington, D.C., where she became a specialist in fingerprint analysis for the FBI. She married on Harding's campus on May 29, 1947, where she had completed her first two years of college. Following her husband's career, she attended classes at Southeastern Christian College in Kentucky, Texas Woman's University, Bethany

College in West Virginia and Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, from which she received both her bachelor's and master's degrees. She began teaching English after her children were all school age, first at Brashear High School and later at Ophelia Parrish Junior High School in Kirksville, retiring in 1987. She traveled to 49 states and made 14 trips to Europe supporting her husband in academic research and professional meetings. She edited every article or book he wrote. She sang in church and choruses, participating in performances of major oratorios, as well

as in college musicals and concerts. She became a Christian in 1944 and served six congregations as a minister's wife. She was a member of Kirksville Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Dale ('48). She is survived by five children, Dale, Rebekah Stringert, Mark, Janet and Eric; a sister, Colleen Martsoff; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Bandell "Dick" Homard ('51), 94, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died April 4, 2022. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and in the U.S. Army in Korea. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from University of Arkansas and a doctorate from University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1988. He volunteered at Harding, building scientific instruments. He earned the title of Professional Engineer #1408 and was an executive at Arkansas Power and Light. He was a past member of many Masonic organizations and past president of the Arkansas Academy of Electric Engineers, Sigma Xi and Heritage Seekers. He was a member of Rotary Club 99 and Lakewood United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margie Brown ('48); and his second wife, Patricia.

Jack Dean Poland ('52), 92, of Fort Collins, Colorado, died Feb. 18, 2022. After his army duty, he entered University of Kansas medical school and later completed an Epidemic Intelligence Service fellowship which set the course for the rest of his career. In 1968, he moved his family to Fort Collins where he would serve the remainder of his career as chief of CDC's Plague Lab. His scientific accomplishments there included elucidating the biology of Colorado Tick Fever, decreasing the incidence of human plague and evaluating the Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Sue Allen ('53); two children, Robert and Cindy Burnham; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Jackie Francis "Jack" Purdom ('52), 89, of Monett, Missouri, died Jan. 19, 2022. He earned his master's in education from Drury University. He was a school teacher, coach and elementary principal, retiring in 1987. He was a member of East Side Church of Christ in Monett and enjoyed farming. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Norma and Tammy Smallwood. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Maxine Riskey; three children, Michael ('78), Jacquelyn Schlessman ('77), and Martha Sue Welch ('81); three siblings, Larry, Barbara Paulus and Carolyn Courtney; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Lola Dene Eades Courtright ('57), 87, of Abilene, Texas, died Jan. 7, 2022. Her family moved to San Diego during World War II where she received a home economics degree from San Diego State University and met her husband, a Navy pilot. They

moved to Texas where she sold real estate, was a small business owner and served as her husband's legal secretary. She volunteered at local public libraries and the Salvation Army. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken. She is survived by two children, Leslie Andrews and Christopher; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Norman Dykes ('57), 86, of Lafayette, Louisiana, died April 17, 2022. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force in Wichita Falls, Texas, before attending Harding. He graduated from University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock and completed his internship and residency at Menorah Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. He then completed a fellowship program in gastroenterology at Little Rock Medical Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, and practiced internal medicine and gastroenterology until his retirement 50 years later. After retirement, he worked with Freedom Recovery Addiction Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. He was a Christian. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol; two children, Lisa Morton and Kevin; and four grandchildren.

David Spence Eldridge ('58), 85, of Oklahoma City, died March 8, 2022. He taught English for one year in Tucumcari, New Mexico. He briefly attended University of Oklahoma in a graduate English program and then enrolled in law school at Oklahoma City University where he graduated second in his class. He was an expert in banking, bankruptcy and commercial law. He also was a businessman who led a public company, developing housing and commercial properties. He established a foundation, Go, Set a Watchman, in order to fund "the little guy" battling a Goliath. He is survived by three children, Mike, Gregory and Robin Bell, and her son, Nicholas; a brother, Kent; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Donna Carole Thomas Isom ('60), 83, of Searcy, died March 5, 2022. She began her teaching career at Harding Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, where she taught three years. After moving to Searcy, she taught first grade at Harding Academy for 17 years. She was a member of College Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by two children, Danny and Alana Rose ('86). She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Allan ('60); two daughters, Susan Henry ('91) and Jeanne Burks ('94), a sister, Norma Dorris ('62); 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" Howard Jones ('61), 81, of Durham, North Carolina, died Jan. 26, 2022. He received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1965. His residency at Duke University was interrupted by military service as a captain in the Air Force. He then completed his residency and joined the Duke Department of Surgery as an assistant professor in 1975. His Duke career spanned



40 years as a cardiac surgeon, clinical investigator, resident educator and an agent of change in the provision of cardiac care at Duke and around the world. Beginning as a Howard Hughes Investigator, he made a number of seminal contributions in the field of lung scanning and nuclear cardiology imaging. His major interest was in the treatment of patients with coronary artery disease. He published more than 250 manuscripts and co-founded the Heart Center in 1989. He retired in 2014 as the Mary and Deryl Hart Professor of Surgery. He was named Harding's Distinguished Alumnus in 1990 and was a member of Cole Mill Road Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Catherine Ann Peters; three children, Julie Anne King, Natalie Beyer, and David; two sisters, Doris Lee Bever ('57) and Rose Marie Rice ('59); and eight grandchildren.

Anne Kirk Ritchie ('61), 83, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, died April 30, 2022. She retired from the mission field in Switzerland and Belgium and from the Murfreesboro Symphony as an office assistant. She was a former member of Middle Tennessee Choral Society. She was a member of North Boulevard Church of Christ where she taught ladies Bible classes and operated the church bookstore. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Edward ('59); three children, Rachel Perkins ('82), Rosemary Ramsey ('85), and Ronnie ('89); a brother, David Kirk ('62); and 11 grandchildren.

Ward Bryce Roberson ('61), 82, of Searcy, died Jan. 12, 2022. After receiving both his master's and doctoral degrees from Utah State University, he returned to Harding in 1967 and taught biology, microbiology, genetics and anatomy-physiology. He retired in 2002. He attended College Church of Christ for 40 years and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church since 2007. He was a master gardener for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Rivers ('70); a daughter, Lydia ('95); and three siblings, Philip ('69), Laurie Tyra and Keith.

James "Don" Stanley ('63), 80, of Kennesaw, Georgia, died Aug. 8, 2021. He worked for Lockheed for almost 40 years and was an avid golfer. He served as elder for Blairsville Church of Christ and loved doing visitation. He also attended Piedmont Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol Sue Cook; two children, Dana ('88) and Steve; a sister, Brenda Rains; and two grandchildren.

Mary Haley Stoddart ('63), 79, of Ringgold, Virginia, died Jan. 15, 2022. In 1990, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting at Averett University. She worked in the health care industry as a transcriptionist at multiple doctors' offices and hospitals. She is sur-

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vived by two daughters, Lisa Wintrode and Amy Beth; three siblings, Howard Haley, **Betty Rega** ('67) and David Haley; and a granddaughter.

James Thomas "Tom" Watson ('64), 83, of Columbia, Missouri, died April 19, 2022. After graduating high school in 1956, he served in the Missouri National Guard and then attended Harding on a basketball scholarship. After graduating with a degree in art, he became a member of Harding's art faculty, beginning a lifelong career in higher education. He completed two Master of Fine Arts degrees at the University of Missouri in 1977 and 1979. From 1971 to his retirement in 2012, he served on Columbia College's faculty as professor of art, chairman of the art department and professor emeritus. Referred to as "the Renaissance man," he mastered techniques in multiple art disciplines. He is survived by his wife, Kim; four children, Tina Wheeler, Lee Keith, Thomas and Severin; a sister, Marjean Crane; and seven grandchildren.

Ronald Lee Thomas ('65), 78, of Spokane, Missouri, died Feb. 19, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting in 1965 from Pittsburg State University in Kansas and his master's degree in business administration from Oklahoma City University. He was a navigator on C-130 transport missions for the Oklahoma Air National Guard and served in Vietnam. He worked in accounting and personnel management before retiring in 2009. He also held licenses in insurance and real estate. He was a member of Union Hill Church of Christ in Nixa, Missouri. He had an outstanding baritone voice and raised horses and purebred dogs. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Carol Sexson** ('65); five children, Craig, Trina, Gretchen Davis, Rhonda Newman, and Shane; two siblings, Lowell and Betty Griffith; and eight grandchildren.

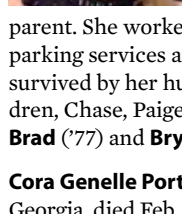
Nancy Watson Gautney ('67), 76, of Florence, Alabama, died Feb. 22, 2022. After teaching a few years, she continued her education at University of Alabama, where she earned master's and specialist degrees in education with a strong focus on history. She was a member of University of North Alabama Institute for Learning in Retirement, Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, Lauderdale County Cemetery Rehabilitation Committee and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Shoals. She was a longtime and dedicated volunteer at the Friends Bookstore in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Larry Jr.; and two sisters, Ellen Tipper and Becky Lewis.

Linda Minor Thompson ('72), 72, of Searcy, died Feb. 2, 2022. She earned her master's degree in counselor education from University of Arkansas and doctorate in higher education from Memphis State University. She obtained two certifications from Appalachian State University in develop-



mental education. She was the initial director of the PASS, Student Support Services and McNair Scholars programs at Harding. She was president of the Arkansas Association for Development Education and was president of the National Association for Development Education. For many years she chaired the Accreditation Council of NADE. Additionally, she served on the editorial review boards for the Journal of Development Education, the Journal of College Reading and Learning and CASP Journal. She co-authored "Factors Influencing the Teaching and Learning Process" in the revised NADE guidelines. She was named a fellow of the Council of Learning Assistance and Development Education, the field's highest honor. For many years, she sponsored the Sign Language Club at Harding. She taught Bible classes for the deaf while a member of White's Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, Louisiana, from 1971-73. Upon returning to Harding in 1985, she resumed her interest in sign language and scheduled interpreting services for the deaf at College Church of Christ. She loved singing and everything Disney. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, **Travis** ('71); a son, **John** ('98); two siblings, Sara and Steven; and two grandchildren.

Brenda Joyce Davis Layman ('81), 62, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, died Feb. 18, 2022. She had many jobs including being a postwoman and driving a rural route. Her hardest but most rewarding jobs were working at Southern Christian Children's Home in Morrilton, Arkansas, and Fair Haven Children's Home in Strafford, Missouri, as a foster parent. She worked as a part-time secretary in parking services at Harding from 2012-14. She is survived by her husband, **Timothy** ('14); three children, Chase, Paige Bailey and Sean; two brothers, **Brad** ('77) and **Bryan** ('78); and five grandchildren.



Cora Genelle Porter (M.Ed '82), 82, of Duluth, Georgia, died Feb. 2, 2022. After graduating from Lipscomb College, she began teaching at David Lipscomb Elementary School in Nashville, Tennessee, and later at Searcy's Southwest Middle School for 16 years before retiring in 2000. She enjoyed sewing and provided aid and support to African children by making clothes and "Ouchie Baby" dolls. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Lee; and a daughter, Genette. She is survived by a son, **Harold "Hal"** ('96); and two grandchildren.

Dennis Wayne Ard ('82), 62, of Mineral Bluff, Georgia, died Feb. 23, 2022, from cancer. He worked for Ard/Knox Insurance until his retirement in 2019. He was a member of Murphy (North

Carolina) Church of Christ where he led singing, taught classes and provided messages. He went nine times to Lithuania on mission trips soon after its liberation from Russia. He had an avid prison ministry and at one time was writing and/or visiting 30 individuals. He is survived by his wife, **Nell Calvert** ('83); and his parents, James and Sarah.

Tami Rhinehart Thomas ('84), 58, of Homewood, Alabama, died Nov. 19, 2019, from ovarian cancer.



She worked in health care administration prior to devoting herself to full-time care of her three sons. As they grew older, she found her true calling in early education and spent many years at Homewood Day School teaching and running special projects. Passionate about children's literature, she collected shelves of books and served as school librarian. She was a member of Homewood Church of Christ and ran the connections program for young adults away at college. She is survived by her husband, Frank; three sons, Marcus, Miles and Mason; and two siblings, **Tracy Ishman** ('85) and **Todd** ('92).

Steven Loyd Jones ('86), 58, of Garland, Texas, died Aug. 19, 2021 from COVID-19. He was employed as a computer information technician for several firms in the Dallas area. He was a member of the church of Christ and a longtime member of Vocal Majority, an all male singing group featuring barbershop harmony. He also was a member of Single Action Shooting Society. He was survived by his wife of 28 years, **Tammy Johnson** ('91), who died Sept. 11, 2021; three children, India, Autumn and Benjamin; his parents, Milton and Bobbie; and four siblings, **Stuart** ('82), **Sylvia McDonough** ('80), Teresa Owings and Cheryl Smith.

John "Scott" Ripley ('86), 58, of Boise, Idaho, died, Feb. 18, 2022. He spent the majority of his working career with Fedcomp as a senior software developer. He is survived by his wife, Lynne Harden; two daughters, Sarah Tucker and Suzanne; a stepson, Eric Harden; his father, Richard; two sisters, Judy Graham and **Dawn Richardson** ('84); and three grandchildren.

Patrick William Simpson ('88), 56, of Cave City, Arkansas, died March 14, 2022, from cancer. After Harding, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served four years. He had a 10-year career at Indco Cable Co., eventually becoming a licensed contractor providing home improvement services for more than 20 years. He enjoyed woodworking and playing the guitar, violin and banjo. He was a Christian. He is survived by his wife, Robin; a daughter, Shelby; two stepsons, Brandon and Cameron Ward; a brother, Erik; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Bradley "Brad" Keith McAfee ('90), 58, of Manchester, Tennessee, died, March 21, 2022. He worked as director of recruitment and development for the School of Biblical Studies at Harding from 2002-05. He was a member of the church of Christ and was a minister and missionary. He is survived by his wife of five years, Diana Keele-Williams; two children, **Joshua** ('09) and **Rebecca** ('12); his mother, Brenda; two brothers, Greg and Carson; and three grandchildren.

Tammy Lynn Johnson Jones ('91), 53, of Garland, Texas, died Sept. 11, 2021, from COVID-19. She was a homemaker and home-schooled her children, teaching classes in her children's home-school co-ops. She was a member of the church of Christ. She was preceded in death by three weeks by her husband of 28 years, **Steven Loyd Jones** ('86). She is survived by three children, India, Autumn and Benjamin; her parents, Lloyd and Joyce Johnson; and two siblings, Wendy Crownover and Craig Johnson.

Derek Lee Waddell (MSN '21), 31, of Maynard, Arkansas, died April 18, 2022. He earned his Bachelor of Science in nursing at Arkansas State University. He served as a family nurse practitioner at Access Medical Clinic and as a clinical/lab nursing instructor with Arkansas Northeastern College. He is survived by his parents, Ligie Jr. and Kim; a brother, Ryan; and grandmother, Minnie Barber.

Alfred Heber Taylor II, 97, of Searcy, died Feb. 28, 2022. He finished his freshman year at Memphis State before being drafted into the army in July 1943. Deployed to France in September 1944, as part of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, he was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. During the occupation, he wrote sports for the Bremen Port Commander and traveled with the teams until he repatriated in March 1946. Utilizing the GI Bill, he earned his bachelor's in journalism from the University of Arkansas in 1948, serving as sports editor and then managing editor for the Arkansas Traveler. He received a master's from Vanderbilt in 1949. In 1955, he was among the first to earn a doctorate in journalism from the University of Missouri, the only institution then offering the degree. As recipient of Fulbright and Rockefeller Fellowships, he traveled to Oslo to study the Norwegian press in 1953. His dissertation surveyed Morgenbladet, one of the leading newspapers of Scandinavia. He taught at public and private universities, including Abilene Christian, Tennessee at Martin, Wisconsin at Superior, Memphis, Arkansas at Little Rock, Texas State, Stephen F. Austin and Harding. He also chaired journalism departments and advised student



publications. At the age of 90, he represented the Greatest Generation when President Francois Hollande of France selected him to be the only American decorated in 2014 at the Palace of Salm, the seat of the Legion of Honor, in Paris. He was the only veteran to attend the inauguration of the only monument in all of France dedicated to his 10th Armored Division in 2016. In 2017, he was received at the George C. Marshall Museum of Lexington, Virginia, as the last apparent surviving American witness of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony of 1953 honoring Gen. Marshall. He was a member of the church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Capiker. He is survived by two sons, **Heber III** ('84) and Jeff.

Judy Smith Morris, 81, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died March 4, 2022, from multiple myeloma. She was a lifelong member of Mabelvale Church of Christ and supported Christian education, serving on the Harding board from 1993-99 and also the board at Central Arkansas Christian Schools. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Dale; two children, **Scott** ('88) and **Jill Horton** ('90); a brother, Lynwood Smith; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



Elizabeth Soisouvanh, 21, of Waldron, Arkansas, died March 9, 2022. She was a Christian and a junior nursing major at Harding. She was a member of the Air Force Reserves with plans to commission as an officer and become an Air Force nurse upon graduation. She is survived by her parents, Victor and Ouphavanh; and three siblings, Alice Price, Olivia Wood and Archibald.

Bonnie Byron "Sarge" Napier, 87, of Pangburn, Arkansas, died March 14, 2022. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years, winning many medals and honors, while working as an airplane crew chief flying missions, many in Vietnam. After retiring from the military, he worked at Harding from 1974-97 in custodial services. He was a Christian who served as a deacon, building manager and treasurer. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gwendolyn; two children, **Barry** ('80) and **Lavon** ('82); a sister, Caroline Hodges; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bobby" Michael Barnett, 67, of Judsonia, Arkansas, died March 22, 2022. Known as "Bob the builder," he was first hired as a temporary worker at Harding in 2007 to install Christmas lights. He was offered full-time employment in the Department of Physical Resources in 2011 where he worked until his retirement in 2021. He re-

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ceived one of Harding's Staff Achievement Awards in 2021 and also received the first Heart of a Servant award from Women for Harding. He and his wife were members of the President's Council. He is survived by his wife, Edie; two stepchildren, Denise Norwood and Frank Davis; his parents, J.R. Barnett and Jamie Querry; four siblings, Robin Seals, Leah Colclasure, Laynie Ashlock and Jason Barnett; three stepsiblings, Nikki Dillard, Steve Mauldin and Bill Querry; a half sister, Leann Stevenson; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

Deborah Elliott Johnson, 67, of Searcy, died March 23, 2022. She worked in the library at Harding from 1996-2005, and in the American Studies Institute from 2005-19. A member of Downtown Church of Christ, she was a talented artist and owner of Red Suit Studios. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Floyd; three children, **Michelle Organ** ('03), **Kyle** ('06), and **Billie Jean "BJ" Connolly** ('12); four sisters, Pam Boettcher, Susan Miller, Mary Beth Hake and Sara Turner; and four grandchildren.

Hallie Hellen O'Quine, 27, of Marksville, Louisiana, died May 30, 2022. She received her bachelor's in chemistry from Xavier University in New Orleans in 2017 and was pursuing both a Doctor of Pharmacy as a member of the Class of 2023 and a Master of Business Administration at Harding. She was a member at Starlight Baptist Church in Marksville. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jayden. She is survived by her mother, Gretta Lavalais; her father and stepmother, Lorenzo and Yolanda O'Quine; a step-grandfather, Emanuel Murray; a stepgrandmother, Agnes Ford; and a sister, Ebony O'Quine.

Mark Andrew Emberson, 21, of Searcy, died May 31, 2022. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to hike, kayak, hunt and fish. He had completed his junior year at Harding as a nursing major. He worked in Physical Resources at Harding as well as being a CSA at Unity Health. His passion was to care for and serve others. He is survived by his parents, Mark and Monica; his grandparents, Melvin and Christine Querry; and two siblings, Adam and **Amy Dreher** ('20).





Holding on to the memories

By TOM BUTERBAUGH, editor/designer

I WROTE MY EDITOR'S REMARKS for the colophon of the 1978 *Petit Jean* never thinking I might be writing one for any other Harding publication ever. I left Harding the day after my graduation in May 1978 to return to my home state of Pennsylvania with no idea if or when I would ever return to my alma mater. I remember running to the art building for one last look that very early Monday spring morning before my parents arrived to pick me up in front of the Heritage Center. There I found two of my dear friends, Polly Mullen and Anthea Harvey, who also had graduated the day before and had chosen to spend their last night at Harding creating one more art project. Polly gave me hot off the press one of her prints fittingly titled "Never Letting Go." It hangs in my home to this day. Yet, I returned 12½ years later, and now I am completing my final issue after serving 31 years as editor and designer of this magazine and its predecessor, the *Bulletin*.

I can't remember when I didn't have a passion for publications. Putting beautiful photos and captivating words together into layouts which capture the eye has always intrigued me. I loved yearbooks and would carefully study any I could get my hands on to gain all the ideas I could while in high school and college. And I truly love magazines: the smell of ink, the feel of paper in my hands, and all the creative ideas and thought that go into making each publication a reality. It was my desire to work on one, and editing and designing Harding's has been a great honor and privilege.

But this magazine has never been anything about me; it has always been about our readers and sharing the Harding story with alumni and friends, while connecting across the miles. As I retire and look back, I am proud of the stories we have been able to tell. And I feel frivolous using this page to say anything, even after playing a part in creating 105 magazines and bulletins.

So many great times and people have blessed my life more than I ever could have imagined. There are too many names to mention, but I have to list a few. David Crouch hired and mentored



me for 25 years and was a huge blessing to my life and family. Floyd Daniel was David's boss and such an encourager. Our photographer, Jeff Montgomery, has been by my side for almost the entire time, and I can't imagine a better friend or photographer. Pat Golding was my printing sales rep at Magna IV in Little Rock, Arkansas, the majority of the time, and a more caring representative there could not have been. The customer service I

received at Magna from Barbara Bosshardt was the absolute best. There have been so many talented copy editors, writers and contributors through the years who became more than staff; they became family.

I can't imagine what it will feel like to get a copy of this magazine without having poured myself into it. I will always be a fan and look forward to seeing it flourish while reading the stories of this great University that will continue to be told so capably.

What I said in that yearbook colophon in 1978 holds true for this publication, too. It has been a part of me; I hope you have found a part of yourself here.

Thanks, Harding, for enriching my life and allowing me to share through this magazine the Harding story with you, our readers, wherever you may be. 📧

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