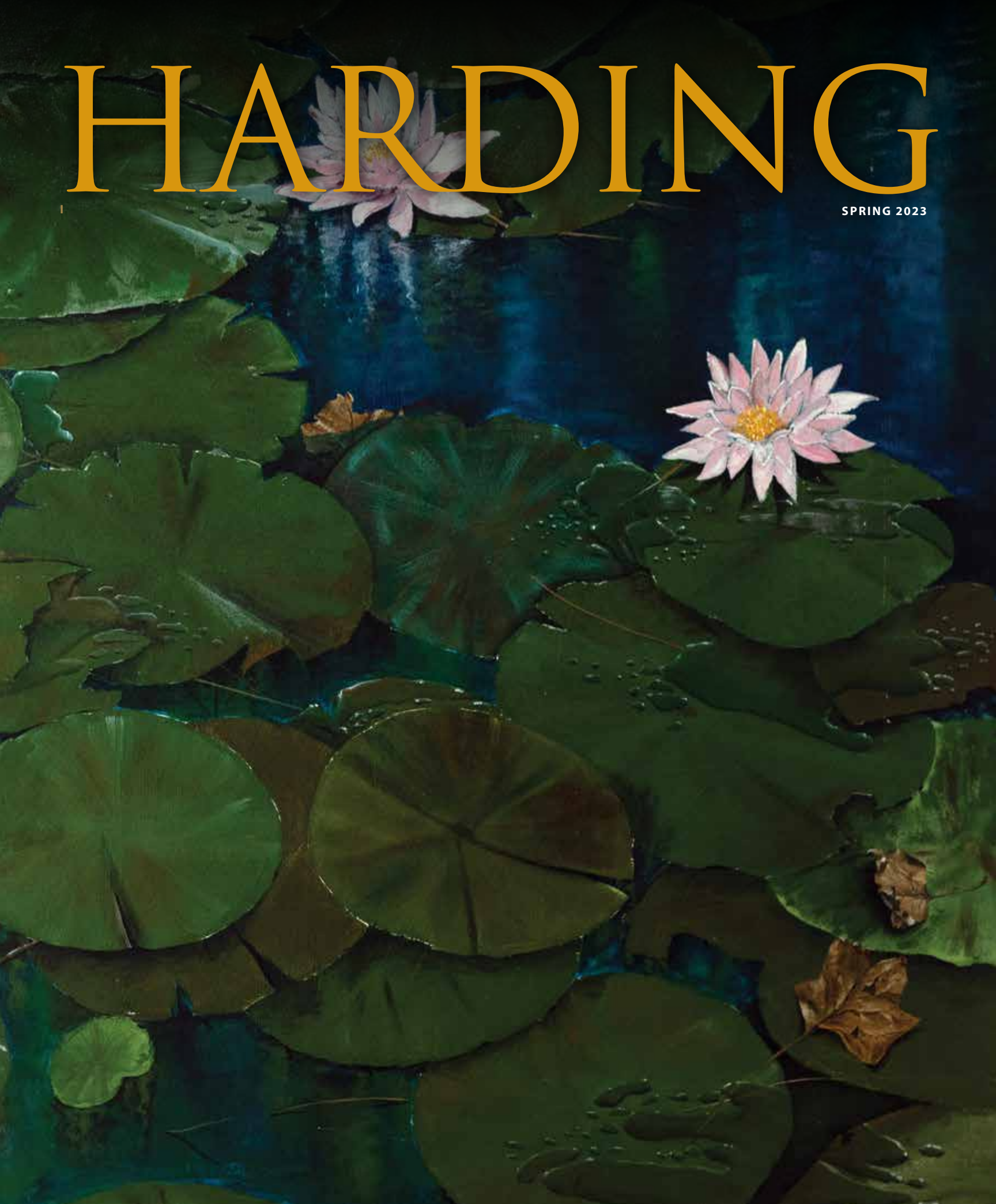


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VIDEO BY JAKE WARD

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John Keller painted "Water Lilies" for the American Heritage Building lobby shortly after joining the art faculty in 1978. His half-century career was celebrated in an exhibition in November 2022.



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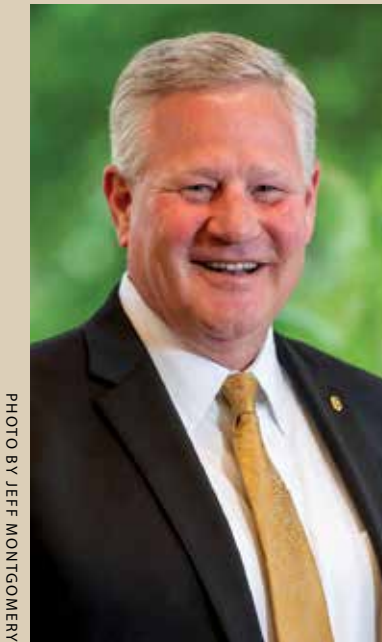


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We have a remarkable and rich heritage — a legacy that needs to be remembered and honored. But the board of trustees did not ask me to be a curator of Harding's past; they challenged me to champion its future.

We find ourselves in the midst of one of the most significant recalibrations of higher education in the history of our country. The competition for students and for philanthropic support has escalated exponentially. The financial model of higher education is being questioned in regard to our long-term sustainability. Tragically, even in a knowledge economy, higher education has been under complete assault.

Despite this challenging landscape, I believe Harding has capacity that far exceeds its current position. Without compromising our anchored theological convictions, we must adapt; we must excel; we must courageously move forward. It's essential for us to construct a robust strategic vision to flourish in this kind of challenging landscape.

A vision for Harding cannot be crafted by one person. It absolutely has to be a collaborative effort, and I look forward to hearing about your dreams and aspirations for this great institution. I believe what binds us together is so much stronger than what pulls us apart.

We have the opportunity to connect with some of the brightest Christian students in the nation during the defining decade of their lives. Our efforts are not to save them but to inspire them to restore the world to what God intended from the beginning. In the University's second century, we need to restore first century love, first century compassion and first century mercy. We need to run toward broken humanity with the intensity of the Holy One. We need to give this generation a reason to stay.

On page 26 of this issue, we invite you to reflect on your experience with and perception of Harding University and share with us your perspective. These responses will be considered thoroughly and prayerfully as we cast a bold vision for the future.

Harding is absolutely poised for this decisive moment. May God give us wisdom and discernment. May he guide us through the holy text and the power of the Holy Spirit, and may we give him the glory for everything that is accomplished.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
TRUSTEE LINDY INGRAM
 1962 - 2022

“We are heartbroken at the passing of Lindy Ingram,” said Charles Ganus, board chairman. “While on the board for only three years, Lindy made a significant impact and was an outstanding board member. She worked at it, was well prepared for meetings, and was actively engaged in the Harding family. Her love for the Lord and his church, her family, and Harding’s mission was evident.”

Lindy Lunceford Ingram ('84), 60, died Dec. 31, 2022. A member of the board of trustees, she also was co-owner, chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Lone Star Behavioral Health, a psychiatric hospital and the Houston area’s largest behavioral health partial hospitalization and outpatient program. In addition to her executive leadership roles, Ingram was a certified medical compliance officer and a certified instructor in nonviolent physical crisis intervention and was a member of several community and charitable organizations.

Ingram graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business systems analysis in 1984 and earned a Master of Business Administration in 2015, both from the University. She completed her Master of Jurisprudence from Texas A&M University in August 2022. She was added to the board of trustees in October 2019 and will be remembered for the significant influence she had on the Harding family.

“Lindy Ingram was the consummate Harding graduate,” President Mike Williams said. “Spirit-led faith, impeccable integrity and passionate love for others were hallmarks of her life. Her keen intellect and gregarious personality will be missed on the board.”

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Nathan Ingram ('84); three children, Logan ('09), Caleb ('10) and Carter ('16); her mother, Nancy Lunceford; and nine grandchildren.

Recently, members of the board of trustees each shared with us their favorite Bible verses for a future project. Scan the QR code for the Ingrams’ reflections on Matthew 16:18.



HEARD in CHAPEL

OCT. 31

“I want to live an inspired life full of peace, hope, love and contentment. I want to live it with every fiber of my being. There is no room for living in mediocrity if we want to live an inspired life of transformation.”
Dr. Mike Williams ('85), president

NOV. 14

“Discipleship making is not a meeting; it’s a waiting.”
Nathanael Obadiah, sophomore Bible and divinity major

NOV. 15

“Embrace the concept of grace — the idea that we can’t do it completely right — and that’s OK. Jesus calls us to be “with”nesses — to be with God, dwelling in him and his word. Embrace the flawed.”
Kent Jobe ('96), lead minister, Downtown Church of Christ, Searcy

NOV. 17

“We all need to operate out of a position of gratitude — being walking prayers of gratitude in the tender normalcies of life. At Harding, I pray we build a culture of gratitude and thankfulness.”
Dr. Heath Carpenter ('01), associate professor of English

NOV. 28

“In this season of Advent, he has been making all things new and will continue to. Our lives are characterized by seasons of waiting, but we know that Jesus is right here, right now.”
Malachi Brown, junior Bible and divinity major

NOV. 29

“We protect what we care about. We give to what we want to last. We invest in what we want to see improved.”
Zach Neal ('01), vice president of student life

DEC. 2

“The answer is hurry up and wait. You have to wait and be patient because you learn discipline in the waiting.”
Jason Darden ('05), instructor of Bible and ministry

EVENTS

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS, VISIT HARDING.EDU/CALENDAR.

APRIL 6-8

Spring Sing Weekend

Join us Easter weekend for Spring Sing 2023 “Stand Out!” and discover how our students stand out from the rest! Performances will compete for cash donations to charities of their choice.
harding.edu/springsing

APRIL 20

Arts & Life Series: Aubrey Logan with Harding Jazz Band

Vocalist and trombonist Aubrey Logan and the Harding University Jazz Band close out the Arts & Life series for the academic year with an evening of jazz at 7 p.m. in the Anthony & Wright Administration Building Auditorium.
harding.edu/artsandlife

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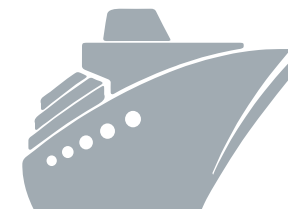
Spring Commencement

The class of 2023 makes their way across the Benson stage in three ceremonies at 9 a.m., 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Join us as we celebrate their tremendous accomplishments.
harding.edu/graduation

JUNE 8-9, JULY 13-14, AUG. 16-17

Bison Bound

New students and their parents are invited to a two-day orientation filled with information and fun preparing them for their first year at Harding. Students will create their class schedules, meet other future Bisons, select meal plans and more.
harding.edu/bisonbound



JUNE 9-16

Cruise Alaska

Set sail with fellow alumni and friends aboard the Oceania Regatta, and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Alaskan wilderness. This seven-day cruise includes activities, five-star dining and excursion opportunities.
harding.edu/alaska

JUNE 17-22, 24-29

Uplift

This weeklong summer camp for seventh-12th graders provides times of praise, worship and fun. Campers will live in residence halls, eat in the cafeteria, listen to speakers and enjoy entertainment. Spark provides a similar experience for fourth-sixth graders June 11-14.
upliftonline.com

JUNE 23-JULY 7, JUNE 30-JULY 14, JULY 7-21, 14-28

Honors Symposium

High school juniors are invited to apply for this two-week program designed to challenge students spiritually and academically. Participants are awarded three college credit hours upon completion.
harding.edu/symposium



MY VIEW

Jeanie Smith, assistant dean for student affairs and admissions, College of Pharmacy

CHRISTIAN HEALTH MINISTRY OF WHITE COUNTY is a charitable medical clinic in Searcy where volunteer-only staff has provided free medical care since 2001. Originally located in a donated home on East Vine Street, the busy clinic was open for four hours on Sundays offering Harding students and faculty an opportunity to serve people in the community who are uninsured or underinsured.

WHAT A GIFT WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE THE FAMILIES WE SERVE.

In 2002, more than 2,500 patients received care — a trend that continued for many years.

When the Affordable Care Act was enacted, the clinic hosted representatives from the Arkansas

Department of Health and Human Services to enroll patients in much needed health insurance. Over the coming months, patients left and entered the traditional health care setting. The clinic decreased hours to accommodate the smaller patient population and is now open only once a month. Located on North Main Street, Christian Health Ministry shares physical space with Mission Machine, a local organization providing assistance to people experiencing homelessness. This has proven to be a mutually beneficial relationship.

I have been blessed to serve on the board of directors for Christian Health Ministry of White County along with Karen Kelley in the Carr College of Nursing as we provide patient care.



PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

I love serving at CHM. What a gift we are able to give the families we serve — quality health care along with medications at no cost. It is a blessing to the patients and to the volunteers.

This ministry includes hundreds of pharmacy and nursing students who have provided service over the last 21 years. These health care students have learned how to measure vital signs, take medication history, and provide prescription counseling in a service-oriented setting. Service is at the heart of health care, and Christian Health Ministry provides a unique opportunity to serve.

Sophomore Lynley Eller experiences a miracle and a community of connection

WHY HARDING? Lynley Eller, a sophomore from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, found home when she came to visit campus in 2019. Eller wanted to find a community that cared for her well-being and in which she could also invest herself.

“I found out about Harding from a friend and thought I’d look into it. During Trustee Scholar Weekend I got to tour Harding, and everything was awesome. I didn’t want to go to some big school where nobody would know who I was. I wanted to go to Harding where I could know everyone, and everyone could know me in an intentional way.”

BEATING THE ODDS In Fall 2021, Eller went home for Thanksgiving, and following a church event in her hometown, she was in a serious automobile accident in which she hydroplaned into oncoming traffic. She sustained life-threatening injuries, and her doctors believed she would not survive to see the next day.

“Luckily, that is not where God left me. The first night I was in the hospital, they told my parents, ‘Go home. She’s not going to live.’ But the next day I did survive. The doctors told me that I wouldn’t leave the hospital bed for a month at best, but I moved to inpatient rehab by mid-December. Then they told me, ‘You’re not going to open your hand, talk or walk until June at best.’ Every time the doctors said something like that, my mom, without my knowledge, would send out a Facebook notification asking friends and family to pray that I could open my hand, run or even jump, and the very next day I would do it. It doesn’t make sense outside of God’s glory.”

CONNECTION While on the road to recovery, Eller considered what her future would hold after her accident. She made it her goal to return to Harding because of the support and connection provided for her.

“Although it’s been hard readjusting to school, it’s been so rewarding and a blessing to my soul. I am retaking classes, and the workload, although less than ever, has been really hard because I don’t remember how to study. But I knew that I just had to come back because I need and love this community so much.”

INSPIRED PURPOSE Eller is studying communication sciences and disorders so she can work with children who need speech therapy. After her accident, her passion only intensified. She wants to aid young adults who have experienced accidents similar to hers.

WORDS OF WISDOM “One of the biggest pieces of hope I could give someone who is going through a hard time is to give your burdens and your hardships to God who can help you with anything. Just lean on him every second of your life because life is hard, but it can be outrageously rewarding when you live your life for and through Christ.”

— Hannah Diles



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Everyday STUDENT LYNLEY ELLER



Scan to see an interview with Lynley Eller.

The Gift of Sabbath

Dr. Justin Bland, IN A SLEEP-DEPRIVED SOCIETY
 chair of the department of exercise and sport sciences
 Excerpts from his presentation at Lectureship 2022

“AND THERE WAS EVENING AND MORNING ...”

“SO GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY AND MADE IT HOLY BECAUSE ON IT GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK THAT HE HAD DONE IN CREATION.” GENESIS 1:5, 2:3
 Why does each day begin with evening? What does it mean for God to rest on the seventh day? The word “blessing” is used twice in the first chapter of the Bible — first in verse 28, “And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply ...’” Surely then the blessing of the seventh day is connected to life and abundance. On the seventh day of the week, Israelites were not to gather what they needed to live. They were to stop and rest. Sabbath is a regular enactment of this profound truth: God himself sustains creation. Anything we do in an attempt to control or provide life is ultimately an illusion. If we have been tracking with the biblical narrative, it should come as no surprise that humanity’s decision to ignore God, the author and source of life, and define what is good in our own eyes comes at our peril — exile and death. Rest, instilled by the almighty in the very fabric of creation, is generally believed to be unnecessary. We say we need rest, but our actions say otherwise.

Through the years, I have been trying to understand, practice and communicate how we can use our bodies to the glory of the king. A basic tenet of exercise science is that rest between exercise bouts allows for muscles to respond fully. But not just any rest will do. Sleep particularly promotes muscle growth. We all know sleep is important, yet we ignore it. We act as if sleep is a nuisance, something we “have to do,” “wasting a third of our life” doing nothing, just sleeping. These statements are the antithesis of the truth.

There are two phases of sleep: non-rapid eye movement and rapid eye movement. NREM sleep consists of four stages of increasing depth whereas REM is the lightest sleep and is marked by elevated brain activity. We cycle through NREM and REM every 90 minutes. Even though NREM has lower brain activity, it has been causally linked to brain development. In a study that prevented young rats and cats from NREM sleep, the brain stopped maturing.¹ Another study observed a reduction in NREM sleep decreased brain development of the frontal lobe, which is the area of the brain propelling youth into adulthood.² Furthermore, one study suggests that sleep disturbances and the subsequent loss of deep NREM sleep often precede the onset of Alzheimer’s by a few years.³ The second phase of sleep, REM, is commonly known as the dreaming phase with reports of up to 30% more activity in REM than when we are awake.⁴ It is during this time that the brain is attempting to find and make critical connections among all our waking experiences, which is absolutely essential, for example, to understand subtle



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facial expressions and to interpret social scenarios. Choosing to sleep less than we need has catastrophic consequences — exile and death.

Sabbath is more than sleep, but it is not less than that. Appropriate sleep is a gift from the almighty and requires us to stop what we want to do and “trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5). Obey the king, and he will bless you so you can be a blessing to the nations.

HOW CAN I SLEEP BETTER?

- SET SMALL, ACHIEVABLE GOALS.
- GET UP AND GO TO BED AT THE SAME TIME EVERY DAY – EVEN ON WEEKENDS.
- TURN OFF SCREENS ONE HOUR BEFORE BED.
- SLEEP IN A ROOM THAT IS DARK AND COOL.
- DON’T NAP FOR LONGER THAN 30 MINUTES.
- SCHEDULE REST LIKE YOU SCHEDULE MEETINGS.
- GET REGULAR EXERCISE.



Scan to download the full lecture.

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NEWSMAKERS

DISABILITY SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

Elizabeth Ellis was appointed assistant director Oct. 1, 2022. She previously served as the administrative coordinator for the master’s entry to professional nursing program.

SEARCY SUMMER DINNER THEATRE

“The Play That Goes Wrong” was recognized in five areas for the 2022 BroadwayWorld Arkansas Awards. Awards were received in the following categories: best costume design of a play or musical, Katy White; best direction of a play, Steven Frye; best performer in a play, Asher Patten; best scenic design of a play or musical, Seth Fish; and best play.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Mary Darden, director, received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Vanderbilt University in August 2022.

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

Steve Martin was named textbook assistant Dec. 1, 2022. Prior to this role he served as director for Benson Auditorium technical services.

NEW COLLEGE COMBINES ARTS AND SCIENCES

Beginning with the 2023-24 academic year, the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Sciences will merge to form the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Dana Steil, associate provost for academic affairs and associate professor of computer science, will serve as dean.

“The programs in the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Sciences have been the academic heart of Harding since 1924,” said Dr. Marty Spears, provost. “These programs offer rigor and quality from a Christian perspective that prepare our students well and have a reputation that sets our students apart. This strategic move going into the centennial year promotes a renewed focus on our traditional, time-honored academic programs.”

Steil came to Harding as a computer science faculty member in 2000. He has been named an outstanding teacher having earned the Teacher Achievement Award in 2011 and 2017. He was appointed assistant provost in 2019 and “has established himself in that role as a strong leader who is well respected by academic leaders and faculty across all colleges and departments,” Spears said.

Also effective for the 2023-24 academic year, the centralized support and services currently under University College will continue to be provided as the Center for Student Success under the leadership of Dr. Kevin Kehl.

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Scan for a message from Dr. Mike and Lisa Williams.

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Seniors Daniel Risser and Haley Johnson enjoy a warm afternoon on the front lawn. In the background can be seen the ongoing construction of the new Holland-Waller Center, which is scheduled to open Spring 2024.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

What stories did Bob Goff inspire you to tell?

Nov. 29, 2022, the American Studies Institute hosted Bob Goff, New York Times bestselling author, as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series. Goff is also honorary consul to the Republic of Uganda, an attorney, and founder of Love Does — a nonprofit human rights organization operating in Uganda, India, Nepal, Iraq and Somalia. Goff's lecture, titled "Undistracted in Business and in Life," was the anchor event for his visit, which included a special presentation for ASI students and a writing seminar for members of the Student Association. His encouragement to live bold lives and share meaningful stories inspired many.

Grant Countess, senior ASI student

Bob Goff shared his unbridled happiness and interest in the world. He taught students the art of storytelling: tell a story with good characters and conflict, say something important, and do not resolve the conflict. He reminded us that when we are not spending so much time fighting others for Jesus' sake, we are more free to see and meet and love people.

His genial demeanor paves the road for the stories he shares. He talked about his service as an honorary consul of Uganda, a position he found himself in because he took time to ask questions and be genuinely curious in his pursuit of relationship. He is committed to connecting with people to help them reach for their dreams, and that is the story Bob Goff inspired me to repeat.

Kristen Prince ('02), chief operating officer at Searcy Physical Therapy

I was blessed to share a meal with eight students before Bob Goff's presentation; what a treat it was to spend dinner learning about their areas of interest and career dreams. One of the students asked me why I was such a fan of Goff. In a word, it's accessibility. In a world full of "Treat yourself!" and "You do you!" messaging, he is teaching the same accessibility we see in the life of Jesus.

During my sophomore year at Harding, I had a series of kidney stones; I was hundreds of miles from home and terrified. A teacher saw me suffering and immediately canceled her day to take me to the ER. I expected her to get me settled and get back to her responsibilities. Instead, she stayed for hours until I was discharged and took me to recover on her sofa rather than in my dorm room. She was accessible to me in a way that made me feel loved and safe. A friendship began as she encouraged and challenged me in ways that continue to bless me, even more than 10 years after her passing. Mrs. Neva White set an example of accessibility I aspire to live up to. Bob absolutely would have loved her.

Kendal Escue ('16), graphic designer

I adventured to Costa Rica with 19 strangers. This was totally out of our comfort zones, but we were freshly involved in a book club called Between the Covers. Twenty strangers in a foreign country with only *Rising Strong* by Brene Brown and a howler monkey we named Steve.

One of those strangers was Madison Bynum. She is the spark that ignited sisterhood across the nation. It all started when her life began to unravel. She realized her friendships were unfulfilling and toxic, fueled by gossip, alcohol and drama. Secondly, her twin brother started contemplating suicide. On her way to and from visiting him, she had a mental health awakening. These are real problems affecting real people, and she knew none of us were alone in them.

On her way back from visiting her brother, Madison heard a tiny voice in her head urging action — to start a book club. At first she laughed and rolled her eyes, but that voice persisted, pushing her to start a unique community where the members could be wrapped in love, vulnerability and self-betterment. Life is hard, and we all need a safe place.

Today, Between the Covers book club has grown to include more than 50 chapters with more than 2,000 women meeting across the country actively reading, traveling and sharing their lives with one another. All because Madison felt a nudge in one of her darkest times. What has been nudging you?

Jake Ward ('22), videographer

Stories allow us to temporarily exist in a different time and place. They allow us to see, hear and feel through someone else, and the hidden emotions connect us to each other.

Hearing Bob Goff speak on compelling storytelling reminded me not how to tell stories but why we tell them in the first place. We tell stories for people to consume, and we consume stories to feel and learn. I am blessed with the rare opportunity of a platform to share stories and to give others the chance to have their stories heard.

Living is an interesting experience. Nobody really knows what's going on, and every person has a very different perspective. It is important to live through others' stories to gain the wisdom required to live the best life possible — a life that's meaningful and a life for God.

So to Bob Goff, I say thank you for coming to Harding to share your story. The energy on campus was electrifying, and because of you I know more stories will be told and more people will be heard. Thank you for inspiring me to share life.

Megan Sledge, Student Association president

The SA theme for this year is "We Tell the Story." We have encouraged our community to tell more stories — about their lives, the Harding experience and ultimately Jesus. Bob Goff is a storyteller. It amazes me to see how God works through all of his stories. I have read all of his books and learned so much from him, but experiencing him in person inspired me to tell more of my own story. I see the importance of spreading the love of Christ through our own unique experiences. We can focus so intently on telling the story of the word of God that we don't realize we are also given individual stories worth telling to lead others to Christ. Bob Goff helped open my eyes to the impact my own personal story can have in conjunction with the truth of Scripture. We should never keep quiet about the ways in which the Lord has bestowed blessings upon us to share his goodness with others.

Scan to view a recap of Bob Goff's lecture.





for the LEAST of THESE

By Katie Clement, Photography by Jeff Montgomery

Nov. 2, 2022, the American Studies Institute hosted Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme and former South Carolina Gov. David Beasley along with U.S. Sen. John Boozman and former Walmart CFO Brett Biggs for a series of conversations on the future of global food security. This event, part of the Distinguished Lecture series, was held to educate the community about the global food crisis and learn how the University can partner with the community to help address food insecurity.

During chapel that day, students heard about the statistics surrounding hunger and starvation globally. Beasley said when he was appointed executive director of the World Food Programme in 2017, 80 million people were “marching toward starvation.” That number grew to 135 million ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic primarily due to human-caused conflict. Now, following the Ukraine crisis, the number of people facing starvation is 350 million.

As Beasley works to decrease these numbers by helping bring aid to millions, he has witnessed many tragedies first hand.

“Eighty percent of my operations in the World Food Programme are in war zones. I see hell on Earth every single day,” Beasley said. “I see people dying and starving because of man-made conflict. I see what happens when we have division versus unity.”

“Can you imagine if every human being saw one another as an equal?” Beasley said. “... When you love God, you will love your neighbor; ... when you love your neighbor, you are loving the image of God. ... Imagine if we could live that simplicity every single day of our lives.”

Through these encounters, Beasley has experienced what it means to live out Matthew 25:40: “... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” This theme continued to surface throughout the day.

During the afternoon panel, President Mike Williams mediated a Q&A session with Beasley, Boozman and Biggs.

“I cannot think of a more timely topic for us especially at Harding University where we are operating from an inspired purpose where we’re trying to prepare leaders,” Williams said. “We become change agents, influencers, revolutionaries.

“... All of us can do something. Everybody in this room, I assume you are here because you want to do something. And whatever that looks like to you, I encourage you to go out of this room today and do that.”

– Brett Biggs



We want to envision the world as God intended from the beginning, and this is a Genesis 2 conversation where we reflect on the fact that God asked us to partner with him, the shepherd, to steward his creation.”

Biggs recalled a trip to India where he witnessed extreme poverty but stressed that the fight against food insecurity only resolves by addressing the root causes.

“I think businesses have a chance to [help address these issues] — and companies the scale of Walmart certainly can — by

educating farmers in Central America, South Africa and India on how to grow crops,” Biggs said. “How to make them sustainable. How to not only grow crops for their own family but eventually take it into the market and help create a permanent solution. ... Events like today are important, but we’ve got to go do something after this.”

Though this issue may seem insurmountable, Boozman, ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, believes it is a problem we can solve together.

“We’ve had difficult times in my lifetime before, and this is a difficult time in our history right now in regards to feeding the world,” Boozman said. “... This is going to take everybody working together. ... We are a great nation; we’ve overcome a lot and will continue to overcome a lot, and that’s really what it’s all about.”



The conversation

continued later in the week with Dr. Andrea Morris, assistant to the provost for strategic initiatives, and Tucker Lovell, a junior integrated marketing and communications major, discussing tangible ways students can help their neighbors facing hunger.

“One third of students at a four-year campus like Harding suffer from food insecurity,” Lovell said. “EDUmed.org surveyed around 100,000 students after COVID-19. ... Only 14% of colleges and universities rank food insecurity a top five issue when there have been so many studies and problems that have been put in front of us.”



Dr. Jon Singleton leads his class in a discussion following the Q&A on Wednesday morning.

Scan to view a recap of the lecture.



INVOLVED ALUMNI

Chris Long ('98) graduated from Harding with a bachelor's in psychology and went on to earn his doctorate in personality and social psychology in 2003. Now, he is a scientist at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences where he designs and leads projects implementing and evaluating programs to improve access to healthy food for people who are experiencing food insecurity and chronic diseases. Partnering with food banks, food pantries, school districts, health care providers and churches, they develop effective and cost-effective approaches to support the well-being of families facing food insecurity. These efforts are funded by the National Institute of Health, U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as private organizations like the Walmart Foundation and the Alice L. Walton Foundation. Long also serves as a principal research scientist at the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition, an independent, nonprofit research center that evaluates nutrition-related programs across the United States.



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“Arkansas has one of the highest prevalences of food insecurity in the U.S. We have amazing agricultural production, dedicated food banks and food pantries, but we still have a lot of people of all ages who worry about where their next meals are coming from. My work is motivated by the chance to use research to identify the best ways communities can benefit by better connecting our food systems and our health care systems. I am lucky to spend every day bringing science into communities to work on solutions that are effective in rural areas, urban areas and everywhere in between.”



PACK SHACK

One way students have begun contributing to helping their neighbors in White County is through two Pack Shack events on campus. Pack Shack is an organization that helps supply provisions and opportunities for neighbors in need. The University hosted two “feed the funnel” parties, sponsored by the Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration and the Honors College, packing thousands of dried meals to be passed out to families in White County.

In addition to Pack Shack events, Morris and Lovell have discussed beginning a community closet on campus that will store food, hygiene products and other supplies to meet the needs of the community. Groups will be formed to discuss various needs such as food supply, funding, accessibility and more.

“There is no shame in need,” Morris said. **“I don’t want anyone to go hungry, to go without meals for a day because they are concerned about how it might look. Shame on us as the body of Christ if we ever make someone feel ashamed for being in need. And remember, we are all in need in one way or another: mentally, emotionally, spiritually.”**



“... We have the opportunity to grab hold of hands and walk together in this. And I’m challenging us to do that. There can be no fear of shame or dignity being damaged by this.” – Dr. Andrea Morris



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INVOLVED ALUMNI

Mark Moore ('90) recalls learning about food aid while working with the U.S. Senate after graduation, and he founded MANA shortly after.

MANA creates and distributes a ready-to-use therapeutic food composed of peanut paste, milk, and a special mix of vitamins and minerals. Carefully formulated to meet a child’s basic nutritional needs, MANA gives the world’s most at-risk kids

the boost they need to return to good health. At its current production level, MANA can produce up to 121,000 pounds of food per day, which is enough to feed 4,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition for six weeks. Today, MANA has distributed food in 45 countries to more than 3 million children.

Moore encourages students to get involved as well.

“Give an hour. Just an hour. Not your whole life. Then see if that hour fills your soul and helps you hunger and thirst for righteousness. I bet it will. And it will give someone a meal as well.”

JOHN KELLER

A Retrospective

By John Keller

John Keller celebrated his 50-year art career with a retrospective exhibit in the Stevens Center for Art and Design gallery in November. The visual autobiography included pieces in diverse media from various seasons of Keller's life – all focusing on beauty that is “often overlooked in the rush of life.” This feature includes a sampling of the extensive collection.

The walls of our home and my office were quite bare while these paintings hung in the exhibit. As I go about typical daily activities – at work or at home – my eyes will fall on a painting, and a flood of memories comes to mind. When an artist creates an image, whether realistic or abstract, he is sharing his thoughts with the viewers. In reading captions, you are sharing my memories.

As a visual autobiography, this collection is largely about beauty as I see it – often overlooked in the rush of life. Recognition of beauty is perhaps one of the more important means we have of seeing God and one of the higher forms of visual communication. Much of the modern period of art history has viewed beauty as trite, something to be avoided by any serious artist. Granted, the concept of beauty can become a cliché, but we must never lose our sensibility to beauty around us, no matter how small or fleeting it may seem.

Garden County High School in little Oshkosh, Nebraska, had no art teacher. My father, seeing that his son liked to draw, sold a cow from his small herd and purchased Art Instruction School's correspondence course. My high school English teacher, Mrs. Jensen, commandeered a small closet that we converted to an art studio. I spent my senior year working on the art lessons during study hall.



With four years of high school drafting and architectural drawing courses and an interest in pursuing architecture professionally, I likely would have become an architect had Harding, or one of its sister colleges, offered a degree in architecture at the time.

Plan B was to attend York College and pursue a degree in art. Because York's art courses were taught by a speech teacher, it was not until my junior year at Harding that I was able to take my first in-person art classes taught by actual art teachers.

In an academic advising session, Don Robinson suggested that printmaking might be a class to consider. Six years after graduation from Harding while teaching elementary and high school art in Henderson, Nebraska, I was offered a job teaching art at Harding. I believe that offer came primarily because I could teach printmaking, which Don Robinson needed to hand off as he became chair of the department. With my background in teaching elementary and high school art, I have taught art education courses and supervised our student teaching internships for 41 years.



I. "Benson House Window Latch" Watercolor 1980

The Benson House became our gallery and offices in 1969, when we moved into the new art building. A small guest room became the art department's front office. The west window's peeling paint and the window latch fascinated me enough to make it the subject for this painting. When the Benson House was razed in 2000, I kept the window latch and attached it to the painting.

Dr. Benson's master bathroom was my office from 1978-2000 when the current gallery space, offices and graphic design classrooms were added to the Stevens Center for Art and Design.



J. "Old Pangburn Highway" Watercolor 1992

This is one of the large boulders that had been moved aside to form a bermed section of the old Pangburn highway, the wagon trail between Searcy and Pangburn. The trail cuts across my property. An individual who collects old Arkansas maps supplied me with several copies of maps dating back to 1840 that include the old trail to Pangburn. I think, perhaps, I have the oldest man-made structure in White County running across my property.



- A. "Boothbay Harbor Boats" Watercolor 2015
- B. "Vernazza Balcony" Watercolor 2000
- C. "Still Life" Acrylic 1977
- D. "Deep Water" Watercolor 1981
- E. "Tannenbaum Woods" Oil 1986
- F. "Memento Mori: Study in Light" Watercolor 1996
- G. "Double Vision" Watercolor 2006
- H. "Complimentary" Watercolor 2006
- K. "New Smyrna Beach" Watercolor 1982

Scan to view an interview with John Keller.



HUF

L. "Harding Villa"
Watercolor

The front gate from Via Triozzi with the facade of the Harding villa obscured by the cypress trees. This was used for the cover of Harding Magazine Spring 2006. The milky green color trees on the left and right are olive trees.

M. "Harding Villa"
Miscible Oil 2002

From the villa you can see the red tiled roof of the Duomo, which is actually hidden by a hill from this vantage point. However, I took my artistic license to include Brunelleschi's iconic dome.



N. "Scandicci Lighting"
Watercolor 2006

On an early Sunday morning, while riding on the bus through Scandicci, Italy, on our way to worship in Florence, I took a photograph of this lamp on a Tuscan-yellow wall. It was the cast shadow of the lamp that captured my attention. Of course, the title has a double meaning, alluding to the lamp itself as well as the case shadow from the early morning sun.



O. "Harding Villa"
Watercolor 2000

This view of the villa was painted on location from the patio behind the villa, looking across Scandicci to the Tuscan mountains in the distance. The low roof is now the kitchen, but in the 15th century, before the villa was constructed, it was a little chapel beside Via di Triozzi.

P. "View from Castello di Porciono"
Watercolor 2001

The inspiration for this painting came from photographs that I had taken while looking down from the crenelated roof of the castle. The little white specks in the field near the center of the painting are the sheep that earlier we had witnessed being herded to the field on that winding road.

T. "Castello di Porciono"
Watercolor 2005-06

The Summer 2005 HUF group consisted of 22 art majors plus 10 students with various majors, and three art and design faculty: Steve Choate, Beverly Austin and me. On our visit to Castello di Porciono, Robbie Shackelford had arranged for the watercolor class to have some time to paint. This painting was begun on location but completed at the villa. You can see one of the students working at his easel near the base of the castle.



Q. "View from Via di Triozzi"
Watercolor 2005

One assignment for the watercolor class was to find a subject along Via Triozzi, down the hill from the villa. Sitting on the hillside above the rock wall at the edge of the road, I painted this scene. It includes pretty much everything the students would see on their walk up the hill from the bus stop. I have added a few more cypress trees than what were actually there as they are fun to paint.

R. "Harding Villa"
Watercolor 2000

The story is told that, during World War II, a German tank became wedged between the villa and the rock wall you can see in this painting. During the war, several families were living in the villa. Concerned that Allied bombers would take out the tank, the residents of the villa covered the tank with branches, even though they were sympathetic to the Allied forces. However, it was expedient to save their home.



S. "Lucca Duomo & Campanile"
Watercolor 2005

This painting of Lucca's Duomo, Cattedrale di San Martino, was begun when my watercolor class had several hours to paint while visiting Lucca. I settled on this view of the bell tower from the fortified wall that still surrounds Lucca. The wall had been built to protect Lucca from a possible attack from nearby Firenze.



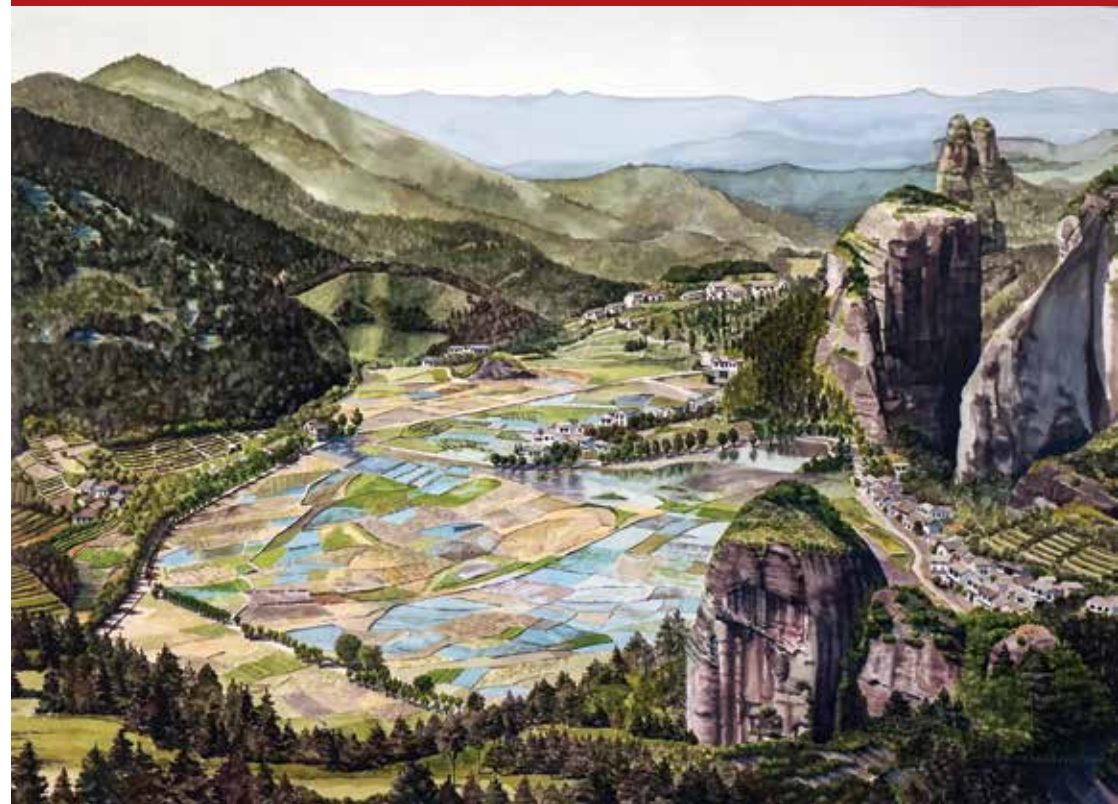


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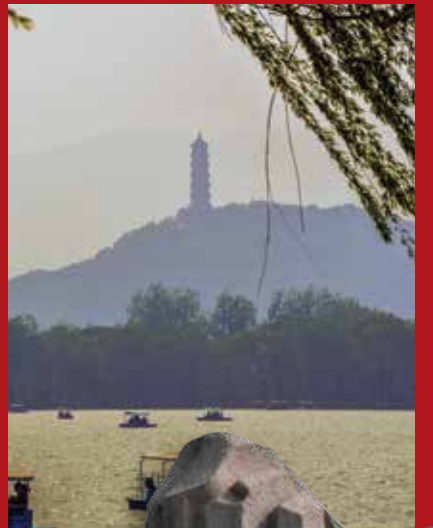
There are two competing philosophies regarding photography as an art form. Originating around 1910, each had roots in debates that likely began soon after the first daguerreotypes were printed in the 1840s. Straight photography maintains that the art revolves around the skills needed to take a good photograph without having to manipulate it in what we now call post-processing. Pictorialism, on the other hand, maintains that the art revolves around what one can do with a photograph — when shooting or in the darkroom — to create content or emotion.

I believe that both philosophies have merit. The symmetrical designs in the Symmetree Series certainly fall into the realm of pictorialism as Photoshop has a myriad of tools that are fun to play with in creating something unique. I tend to avoid the tools that replicate other media or create special effects with the push of a few buttons. In sharing some of these images with my photography class, one of the students, remarked “Oh, symmetree!” I thanked her for the title of the series.



“Langshan Mountains, China”
Watercolor 2013

In the summer of 2011, I taught watercolor at the University of Art, Science and Technology in Loudi City, Hunan Province, China. We went on a weekend tour of the exotic Langshan Mountains in Ganzu Province. The photographs employed to render this painting were taken from a walkway that hugged the edge of the mountainside. I overcame my acrophobia long enough to enjoy hiking the walkways that were anchored to the cliff sides hundreds of feet off the ground.



CHINA

During Summer 2013 I taught watercolor in Hunan Province, China. They asked if I would rather visit a famous regional cave or Ziquejie Terraced Rice Fields, created during the Qin Dynasty, between 221-206 B.C. I’m a photographer with no lighting for large caves, so I opted for the rice fields. It was a four-hour drive on rural roads through a very remote area of China. I was shooting photographs out the window the entire trip.

The next day we rose before sunrise, ate breakfast and hiked among the rice fields for several hours. The only sounds were the gurgling of the spring water that fed the rice fields and the occasional rooster crowing. The ambience complemented by the fog hanging over the hills and the beauty of the contour terracing made it the most serenely beautiful place I have ever experienced.



SIBLINGS SHARE A CALLING, CAREERS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

By Hannah Diles

THE EMLAW SIBLINGS HAVE A COMMON TOUCH POINT: A LOVE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE WHERE LOGIC AND CREATIVITY MERGE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND INTRICATE PUZZLES.

Brandon ('18) and Matthew ('21) were drawn to Harding by the academic opportunities and community atmosphere. They both began their careers at ArcBest Technologies in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Brandon built and maintained software for shipment visibility and tracking while Matthew continues to work with software that schedules pickup appointments. Their younger siblings, senior Nick and sophomore Rachel, followed in their footsteps, each majoring in computer science. All four have created a lasting impression in the department and around campus. Their chosen field remains a common bond among the siblings, and their Harding education has equipped them for the professional world.

Brandon values the environment Harding created to nourish his curiosity, building a strong foundation for the future.

"I chose computer science because it's an amazing way to combine designing an elegant structure, solving complex problems, and seeing your ideas come to life," Brandon says. "Computer science is a critical skill in the modern world, and there are so many different ways we can contribute to improve people's lives. My time at Harding gave me not only a foundation for a successful career but also memories that will last a lifetime."

Matthew is grateful for mentors who invested in him, enriching the quality of his education.

"The main reason I came to Harding was because I was looking for a school that had both a strong Christian background and strong academics," Matthew says. "What made Harding stand out to me was the outstanding faculty in the computer science department. Those four years

are a time that I will always remember very fondly and, without a doubt, played a pivotal role in the person I am today."

From childhood, the Emlaws were strongly oriented toward STEM fields by their parents, Michael and Theresa, who work in meteorology and actuarial science. The Emlaws were home-schooled in elementary school, and special emphasis was placed toward their interest in technology, programming and numbers. In high school, they participated on the robotics team.

Rachel's programming experience and a visit to Harding's campus inspired her to pursue computer science.

"In my middle school math class, I learned how to do some simple programming on my calculator," Rachel says. "I joined the robotics team in high school. Later, my

family and I came to visit Harding, and I sat in on one of Matthew's computer science classes, and I just knew that's where I wanted to be. Computer science is something I enjoyed and was pretty good at."

Moving into their college years, the siblings were able to maintain strong friendships with each other while growing in their own interests and talents. They have all been a part of the American Sign Language club, and Brandon and Matthew were active in the Honors College and Chi Sigma Alpha social club. Nick is a member of Rome social club as well as a beau for Regina. Rachel is part of the Harding University Choir and is a member of Chi Omega Pi social club.

Nick believes having siblings at Harding and in the same department enabled him to grow individually from strong roots in his family.

"It's been nice having my siblings around to spend time with them and talk things through," Nick says. "We've made a good balance of maintaining quality friendships on campus while

branching out and exploring our own unique interests. Having siblings in the same department is a good support system, and we can discuss previous classes, professors and learning styles to be prepared for what we are studying. We've become really good friends who share the same interests that we can bond over long distance or in person."

Dr. Tim Baird, chair of the computer science department, attests to the character of each of the Emlaw siblings and expresses gratitude in establishing a mentoring relationship.

"The Emlaw siblings have been a joy and a delight to have in class," Baird says. "I have been blessed to be their teacher, department chair, small group leader, brother in Christ, friend and huge fan of the entire family. Each sibling is unique and has their own personality and interests, yet all share a common core of the best traits that we all desire in our own children. I admire their parents and the wonderful job they have done in raising outstanding, well-rounded, individual and unique Christian servants."





12

sets of sisters who have played Lady Bison volleyball since the program began in 1983



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HARDING SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS



94

Academic All-American honors since 1978, 48 of them since 2013



617

goals scored by the men's soccer team since its inception in 2000. The 600th goal was scored this season by freshman Matthew Sanchez.



14K

miles run by 26 members of the cross-country team in its 14-week season



36

foreign countries Harding men's and women's tennis players have represented throughout the programs' history



144

active student-athletes in 2022-23



4

eagles by the women's golf team in the 2021-22 season. Previously, there were only five eagles in the history of the program, which began in 2005.



1,152

Academic All-GAC honors since the conference began in 2010-11, more than any other school in the conference

18
NCAA sports in which Harding competes



2,436

games played by Bison baseball, the most of any Harding sport



5

sets of twins who have played women's soccer since Fall 2013



7,122

3-pointers made by Bison basketball since college basketball instituted the 3-point line before the 1986-87 season



568

rushing touchdowns by the Bison football team since 2010. In the same time period, their opponents had 120 rushing touchdowns.



2,727

rebounds by which Harding women's basketball has outrebounded opponents since Tim Kirby took over in 2005-06. The Lady Bisons have had more rebounds than their opponents in all 18 seasons.



8

team rounds of par or better by the men's golf team in the 2021-22 season, a new school record that doubled the previous high

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

“Our goal is to learn how Harding can better serve its entire community and the world with Inspired Purpose.”



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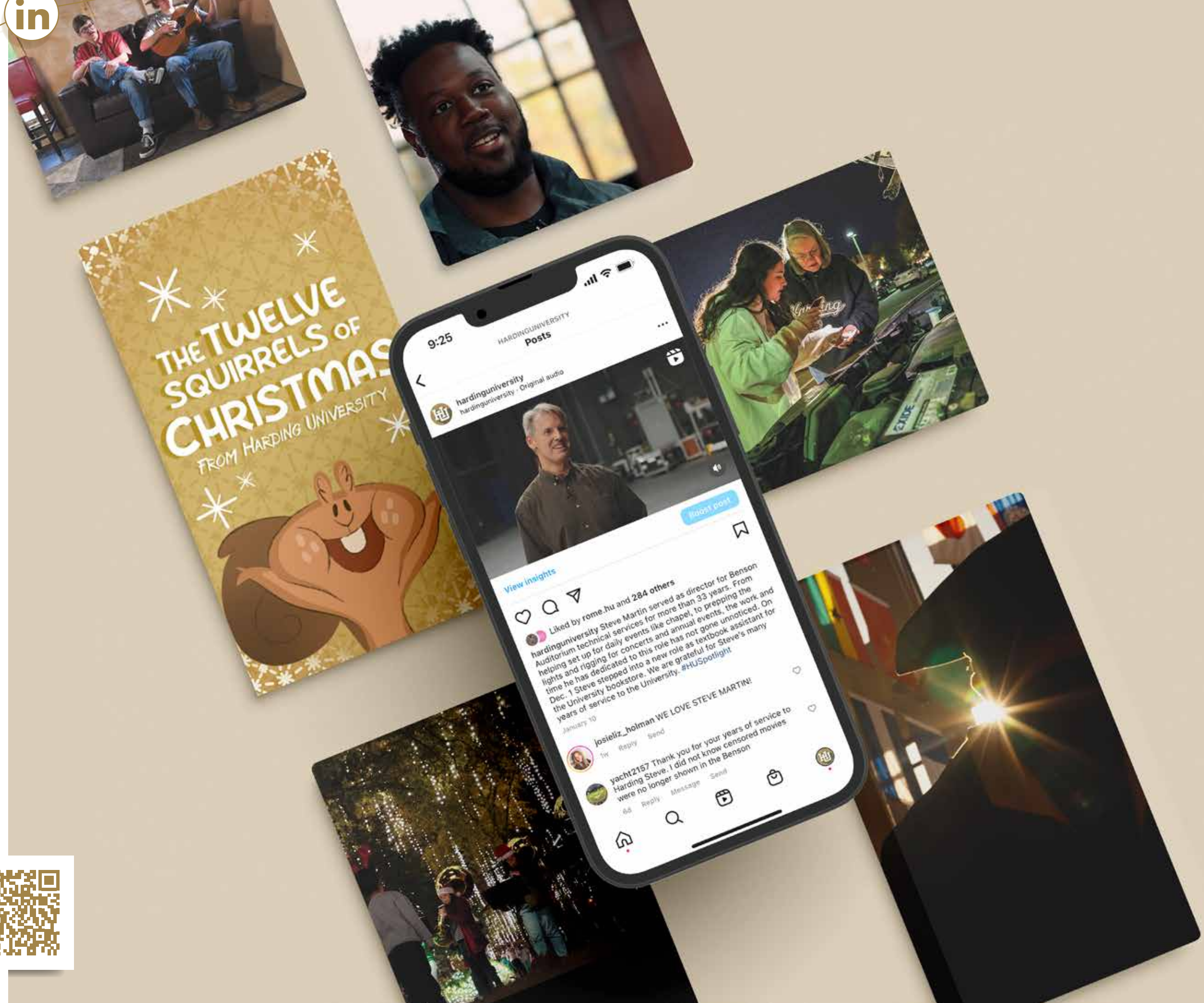
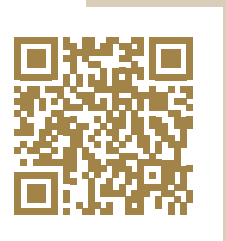
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- Connect with alumni in your area or profession or those who share your favorite Harding memories (social clubs, study abroad programs, athletic teams, etc.)
- Reunite with classmates and favorite faculty through the online directory

2000

Mick Wright was reelected to the board of commissions for Shelby County, Tennessee. This will be his second four-year term. He is a government relations and public policy manager for Youth Villages. He is married to **Alison Hiatt** ('99) who is a pediatric ICU nurse at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

Joshua Hutchinson is the director of forensics at KPMG. He spent the last 13 years as an FBI special agent in the Dallas division and as a member of the FBI Dallas SWAT team.

2001

Brian Brophy was named lead minister at Reidland Church of Christ in Paducah, Kentucky, following **Terrell Lee** ('82) who recently retired after 39 years. Brophy is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry at Anderson University in South Carolina. He and his wife, **Alicia Lee** ('02), have two children, Ashton and Barrett. Alicia earned her master's degree from Western Kentucky University and has served as an elementary educator for 19 years.

2002

Brad Palmore was appointed director for the multi-door dispute resolution division for the Superior Court of Washington, D.C.

2003

Michelle Scobba Avery earned a Master of Arts in communication from Johns Hopkins University. She is the manager for provider communications for Humana and resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

2007

Peter ('09) and **Tara Curtis Snell** announce the birth of a daughter, Hazel Dean, on March 14, 2022. Peter is in private practice with Gastro One, and Tara is a dermatology physician assistant at Tanenbaum Dermatology Center. The couple have two other daughters, Lena and Ruby, and live in the Memphis, Tennessee, area.

2010

Riley (HST '16) and **Robin Gould Pate** announce the birth of a son, Philip Riley, on July 12, 2022.

PROFILE | SHEILA COX SULLIVAN



Patient care with the love of Christ

Throughout her life, **SHEILA COX SULLIVAN** ('82) has made it her mission to provide care and compassion to people in need and help them experience the love of God. This mission led her to a career in nursing.

Sullivan works as director for research, evidence-based practice and analytics in the Office of Nursing Services for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. In this role, she combines that passion with her love for research to create better treatment plans for her patients.

"I know that in looking at these core nursing subjects like anatomy and physiology, science shows us that God designed everything," Sullivan said. "In truth, my research is looking into exactly how God designed these intricate parts to function."

In addition to exploring God's design, Sullivan has dedicated her research to finding the best ways to help patients instead of accepting how things have always been done. This applies to her studies, teaching as a nursing research professor at Harding and current work.

Recently, her team has explored the importance of movement for hospital patients. In general, Sullivan said most patients are not very active during their time at the hospital, but her research has shown that ensuring patients are mobile during their stay can benefit them with shorter stays and better long-term health. She and her team continue to research and analyze how best to put this concept into practice.

Above all, compassionately serving her patients is the most important part of care to Sullivan. She knew from a very young age she wanted to be a nurse in order to help people, and at Harding she was encouraged to dedicate herself to the values that have driven her career.

"I went to a community college before I started classes at Harding, and I took some nursing courses there," Sullivan said. "I remember during that time I asked what I should do if a patient asked me to pray with them. They told me never to pray with the patient but to bring the chaplain to them instead, but that was never the kind of nurse I wanted to be. Coming to Harding, I learned more about how to bring the love of Christ to my patients."

Bringing the love of Christ to others, especially those who are vulnerable and suffering, is crucial to Sullivan in both her nursing career and her role as a board member for Ghana West Africa Missions, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing fresh water wells to people living in rural Africa without access to clean water. She believes Jesus' compassion and attention to those who were hurting and downtrodden made the gospel an easily acceptable reality to them, and she strives to bring that same compassion into everything she does.

— Grant Stewart

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PROFILE | DAVID ARENCIBIA



The positivity principal

"It has definitely been my mission and my passion that I lead by example, and I always want people to say, 'There's something different about him,' and the way I live my life," **DAVID ARENCIBIA** ('01) said.

His positivity-led approach to leadership was noticed by his peers, which led to his being named 2023 National Principal of the Year Finalist — one of only three finalists out of more than 90,000 secondary principals in the country.

Arencibia started his career as a high school Spanish teacher and football and baseball coach in Texas, but he discovered his calling to mentor and invest in students led him to administrative roles. Now in his seventh year as principal at Colleyville (Texas) Middle School, Arencibia strives to create an environment and culture of positivity and high engagement to make learning fun for the students. As a result, Colleyville Middle School was named a Texas School to Watch and a nationally recognized model campus.

"Our community is so invested in our school and our kids that we actually have more members of our PTA than we have students," Arencibia said. "That's really significant when you think about the level of buy-in that represents."

As his school was being recognized for excellence, so was Arencibia. He was named 2022 Texas Principal of the Year, which put him in the national running as principal of the year and eventually led to being in the top three finalists. He was recognized with the other finalists at a conference and gala in Washington, D.C., and will deliver professional development courses and keynote presentations at various events throughout the year.

"This is an absolute calling, and I feel like I've been placed in these positions to really impact and mold our current generation and future generations in a Christlike way," he said. "It's not very often you hear people saying

they want to be back in middle school, but that's the kind of environment we've tried to create. All my life I've been trying to share God's love and message through what I'm doing, and I think it shows."

— Jennifer Hannigan

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Passages



Winnie Elizabeth Bell ('49), 97, of Crossville, Tennessee, died Nov. 28, 2022. After graduation, she worked as a secretary to the president of Security State Bank in Wewoka, Oklahoma, from 1949-1959. She then moved back to Searcy to serve as a bookkeeper in the Brackett Library. She served as assistant librarian from 1960-1975 when she became head librarian, a position she held until retirement in 1990. After retirement, she continued to volunteer in various capacities at the library. She was a member of the American Library Association, Arkansas Library Association, American Association of University Women, Harding Business Women, and Christian College Librarians. She received the Arkansas Library Association Distinguished Service Award in 1987, a Tribute of Appreciation from the Christian Librarians Conference in 1990, and the Distinguished Service Award from Harding College in 1978. Additionally the Bell House at Harding University was named in her honor. She was a member of the Crossville Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her foster daughter, Gwendolyn DeLong Carter. She is survived by three foster daughters, Lana DeLong Davis, Lynnette DeLong Jeffrey and Joanne Miller Satele; 10 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Peggy Ruth Crutcher Turnbow ('53), 91, of Mobile, Alabama, died June 16, 2022. She was a piano teacher and kindergarten teacher as well as a dedicated volunteer for her children's schools. She worked with her husband in the family CPA practice for more than 40 years. She was a member of Port City Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Wood "Woody" Turnbow Jr. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, **Robert** ('53); two children, Donny and Tracey Lane; and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Leonard D. Hall ('54), 90, of McKinney, Texas, died Nov. 24, 2022. He served as an educator, coach and administrator in three private Christian schools as well as public schools in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming. He also preached on both a full-time and

part-time basis for churches of Christ in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Bonnie Bell. He is survived by three children, Bonnie Lynn, DeWayne and **David** ('89); a brother, Richard; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ronald D. Bever ('55), 88, of Oklahoma City, died Nov. 5, 2022. He received a doctorate in public address and group communication from Northwestern University. In 1964, he joined the faculty at Oklahoma Christian College. During his 32-year tenure, he served as chair of the communication and fine arts division for 20 years and was prominent in the formation and operation of the campus radio station. For 10 years, he served as faculty sponsor of a student missions organization, which later became Outreach. He organized, promoted and led numerous mission trips. He encouraged many to become missionaries and everyone to share their faith regardless of their vocation. He had a particular passion for Hope for Haiti's Children, a ministry his son, Ken, and daughter-in-law, Rhonda, began in 1995. He filled numerous roles for churches of Christ including preacher, youth minister, song leader, deacon and elder. He served as an elder at the Britton Road Church of Christ from 1975 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Doris Jones** ('57); four children, Ken, Stan, Jane Raulston and Annette; a brother, Dale; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



William Joseph Mattox ('55), 86, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Sept. 5, 2022. He earned his bachelor's degree from Harding and his medical doctorate from University of Arkansas School of Medicine in 1959. He served as an intern at the U.S. Public Health Service in New Orleans and completed his residency training at the USPHS hospital in Galveston, Texas. He returned to Searcy in 1962 to open a private family practice. He served as Harding's team physician for football and basketball. As a 1965 founding member of Harding's President's Council, he served to advance Christian education. He later had a private practice in Boulder, Colorado, from 1969-72 and served as team

physician for the University of Colorado at Boulder football team. He then moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he opened a private family practice and joined the staff of New Hanover Memorial Hospital and Cape Fear Memorial Hospital. While his children attended Greater Atlanta Christian School from 1987-1991, he served the Atlanta area through Shallowford Hospital and private practice. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Kathy; and five children, Mark, Gretchen Davis, Jill Berkana, **Ryan** ('01) and **Brent** ('02); a sister, Patti Bryant; and six grandsons.

Marilyn Lee Caldwell ('59), 85, of Kennett, Missouri, died Nov. 30, 2022. She was a piano teacher; a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs since 1961 and life member since 1985; a member of the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs serving in various offices such as state president (1983-85), chaplain (1997-99), historian, first vice president (1991-93), editor of Missouri Music Notes (1979-81 and 1983-85), education chairman and district president (1977-79); a member of the Wednesday Music Club serving as president (1971-73) and chairman of the Scholarship Endowment Fund; a member of the Azalea Garden Club; and a member of the Slicer Street Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, **Finis Jay Jr.** ('57); six children, **Tim** ('84), Garrett, **Craig** ('86), Jeremy, **Kerry** ('17) and Christine Harris; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Charlene Kimbro Stewart ('59), 84, of Statesboro, Georgia, died Feb. 22, 2022. She graduated from Tillar (Arkansas) High School where she played basketball on the 1954-55 county championship team. She attended Harding, Texas Tech University and Mississippi State College earning her Master of Science. After living in Lubbock, Texas; Columbus, Mississippi; and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, she and her husband moved to Statesboro, Georgia, where she taught at Marvin Pittman Laboratory School and was instrumental in starting the physical education program. Later, she was assistant professor in the College of Education at Georgia Southern University, retiring in 1997. She was a member of the church of Christ; served on various volunteer boards and committees, many in leadership roles; and was involved in many civic and social clubs including Bulloch

County Friends of the Library, Community Bible Study, The Botanic Garden at GSU, Civic Garden Club and Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, **Lewis Moore Stewart Sr.** ('57); two sons, Lewis Jr. and Richard; a sister, **Louellen Glosop** ('64); two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Harold A. Valentine ('61), 83, of Searcy, died Oct. 15, 2022. He earned a master's degree in education from Harding. He spent the majority of his career in education. He was an official on the city, state and national levels. He participated in state and national track and field programs and was always encouraging young people to participate. He was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame, Harding University Sports Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Officials Association Hall of Fame. He not only officiated track and field events but also was a national director of Dixie Youth Baseball. He was a lifelong member of the church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Dolores Christal** ('62); three sons, **Stan** ('83), **Scott** ('87) and **Michael** ('91); six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



Paul DuWayne Learned ('64), 80, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, died Nov. 16, 2022. He graduated from Harding in 1964 and earned a master's in the theology from Harding Graduate School of Religion in 1967 and a master's in religious education from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1968. He served as minister of education for Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas, and Gateway Church of Christ in Pensacola, Florida. He also worked for Sweet Publishing Co., David C. Cook Publishing Co., and Standard Publishing Co. He taught workshops all over the country for the National Training Institute. He also taught many Christian education workshops for Bible school teachers and small group leaders. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nan; three sons Perry, Dustin and **Evans** ('01); a sister, **Suzanne Bennett** ('67); six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Mary Ann Bettis Flippin ('75), 86, of Searcy, died Oct. 23, 2022. She taught fifth grade at Kensett Elementary. She owned the Suntan Shop with her husband, was secretary for the Arkansas State Board of Optometry, and was a licensed cosmetologist. She served as a Cub Scouts leader and a Girl Scouts leader. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, **Howard** ('58). She is survived by three children, **Karen Thomas** ('85), **Patricia Cunningham** ('91) and **Dane** ('91); and seven grandchildren.

Jack M. DeLong Jr. ('84), 63, of Williston, Tennessee, died Dec. 1, 2022. He graduated from DuBois Area Senior High School in 1977 and earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State University. He later attended Harding and the University of Arkansas. In 1990 he earned a bachelor's in civil engineering from Memphis State University. He was a licensed professional engineer in 27 states. He was a structural engineer with Williams Steel Company in Jackson, Tennessee, and was a founding partner and vice president of engineering for WDE Structural Engineers Inc. where he worked for 27 years. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, **Jeanne Chambers** ('84); a son, Taylor Bishop; mother, Beverly Miller DeLong; three siblings, **Debbie Flanary** ('83), April Bundy and Doug; and a grandson.

Tamara Lynn Carter Tapp ('84), 59, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died Dec. 11, 2021. She loved her family and took care of them as a stay-at-home mom. She was a member of Pathway Community Church. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, **Marvin** ('89); three children, Meghan Wallace, Jonathan and Ryan; parents Pat **Carter** ('62) and **Gail Shoptaw Lackey** ('59); three siblings, **Kerry Holder** ('81), **Mark** ('86) and Jessica Blosser; and 11 grandchildren.

George Frank Carder III (MBA '06), 71, of Searcy, died Nov. 17, 2022. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law in 2004. He was also a graduate of the Institute of Politics and Government and General Motors University College of Dealership Management. His diversified career included banking, real estate, the automobile business and law. During his time in banking, he enjoyed positions with

First National Bank, National Bank of Commerce of Memphis, Central Arkansas Mortgage, and White County Guaranty Savings and Loan. In 1979, he joined Carder Buick-Olds Co. During his tenure, he served as director and later regional vice president of the Arkansas Automobile Dealers Association. He also served as the president of Carder Investments and as a former secretary-treasurer of Searcy Aviation. In 2004, he joined Carder Law Firm. He served as the president of White County Bar Association and was recognized as "Best Attorney" by the Daily Citizen. He served as a Little Rock Air Force Base honorary commander for the 19th Airlift Wing JAG and an Arkansas oil and gas commissioner. He served as president of the Rotary Club, director of the Searcy Public School Education Foundation, and a director of the White County Community Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; four children, George Frank "Beau" IV, Casey Rockwell, Casey Hawkins and Blaine Jones; and five grandchildren.



Bill Wayne Oldham, 87, of Searcy, died Oct. 18, 2022. He earned his master's from Oklahoma State University and his doctorate from University of Northern Colorado. He taught in public schools in New Mexico and Oklahoma and at Harding from 1962-2000, serving as a professor of mathematics and director of math education. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, **Monda Ruth Underwood** ('89), and a son, **Brent** ('83). He is survived by two sons, **Clifford** ('79) and **Bill Jr.** ('92); a brother, **Cecil** ('53); eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Taxing questions:

What you need to know about filing your 2022 taxes

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1. Tax rates for 2022 have changed, and the tax brackets are graduated.

For example, single individuals with taxable income of \$50,000 appear to be in the 22% tax bracket. However, they will pay 10% on the first \$10,275 and 12% on the next \$31,500 earned only incurring a 22% tax on the last \$8,225. (For more information, visit [irs.com](https://www.irs.com).)

2. The traditional IRA and Roth IRA contribution limits are the same as last year. Individuals may contribute up to \$6,000 to an IRA. However, individuals age 50 and older are able to contribute an extra \$1,000 annually.

3. The 2022 401(k) contribution has been raised to a maximum of \$20,500. However, individuals age 50 and older are able to contribute an extra \$6,500 annually.

4. The standard deduction has been raised to \$12,950 for individuals, \$19,400 for single heads of households, and \$25,900 for married filing jointly.

5. The 2022 child tax credit returns to \$2,000 per child age 16 and younger. The credit is subject to a phase-out starting at taxable income of \$200,000 for single filers and \$400,000 for married filing jointly. For other qualified dependents, you may claim a \$500 credit.

6. The estate tax exemption for 2022 is now \$12,060,000. This exemption is scheduled to expire at the end of 2025 when the amount will be cut approximately in half – unless Congress takes action to extend it. In addition, the annual gift exclusion, which allows giving without incurring any tax liability, has been raised to \$16,000 per recipient.

7. Are you 72 or older? Be certain you have taken the appropriate amount of required minimum distribution from your retirement accounts prior to the end of the year. (First-year RMDs are granted a one-time exception to draw out by April 1, 2023.) Any undistributed funds below the required minimum will incur a 50% penalty.

Source: [irs.com](https://www.irs.com)

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When should I seek the advice of a tax professional?

- You prefer not to prepare your own taxes.
- You are uncomfortable preparing taxes yourself.
- You seek advanced tax planning and wish to consider future tax consequences prior to making financial decisions.
- You have multiple sources of income and incur a variety of expenses. Some types of income and expenses are granted preferential tax treatment.

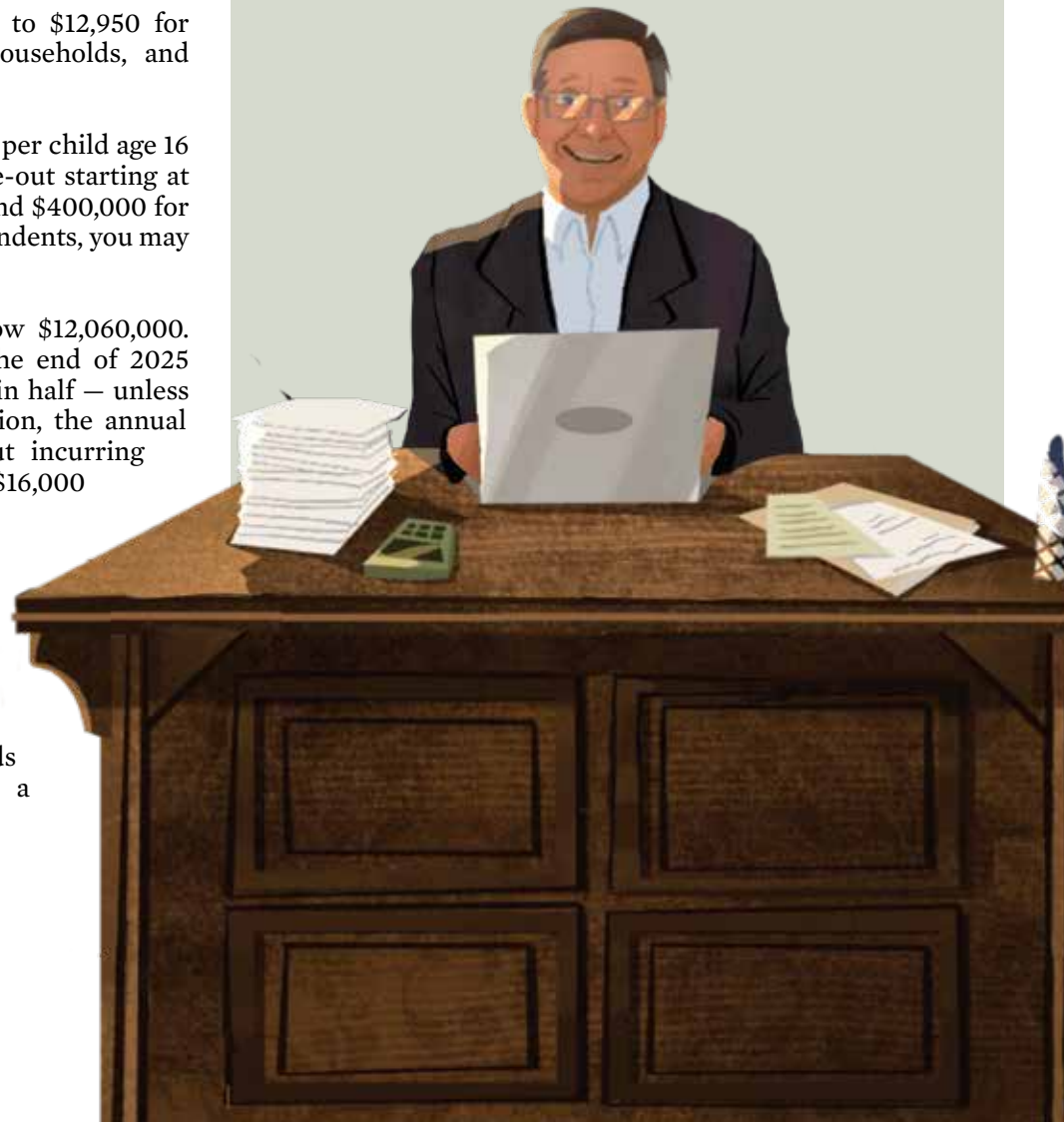


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