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The mission of Alderson Broaddus University is to provide our students with the highest quality education, striving to prepare students to succeed in their chosen disciplines and to fulfill their roles in a diverse society as well-rounded and responsible citizens.

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Dear Alumni and Friends of AB:

There is something wonderful about Alderson Broaddus University. Actually, there are many things wonderful about AB—from meeting with alumni and listening to inspiring stories, to providing experiences that have afforded our students amazing opportunities to exercise knowledge gained in and outside the classroom.

At AB, we're living out our mission. We're providing a high-quality education to best prepare our students to be well-rounded, responsible citizens. We're creating partnerships for innovation and equipping young minds with the ability to solve both today's problems, and tomorrow's.

In this season of successes, I encourage you to read the AB Times. The stories within are a testament to the character of AB. And it's that character that gives us hope to set our sights on progressing forward...always forward...in faith.

I hope you find this edition of the AB Times to be enjoyable and meaningful. Please share your stories with us. In today's world, your words and love may mean everything to someone. They certainly mean everything to us at AB.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Tim Barry, President

2018: The year for accolades and setting the bar for academic excellence.

The Oxford Dictionary Word of the Year for 2018 was "toxic." While much of the nation—and even the world—was divided, AB united to move forward. We dug in our heels and held our ground to continue living out our mission to provide a high-quality education and graduate well-rounded, responsible citizens. And our work did not go unnoticed.

U.S. News & World Report
AB was the highest ranked West Virginia college or university in two different categories published in the U.S. News & World Report Best College Rankings.

2019 Best Regional Colleges in the South
WV College Rank: 1st
National Rank: 30th

According to U.S. News & World Report, schools are ranked based on their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence. The 322 regional colleges—including 116 public institutions, 191 private schools, and 15 for-profits—focus on undergraduate education. Regional Colleges are placed into one of four geographic divisions, and AB falls within the South.

2019 Best Value Schools
WV College Rank: 1st
National Rank: 10th

For this category, U.S. News & World Report rankings assess a school's academic quality, as indicated by its 2019 U.S. News & World Report ranking, and the 2017-2018 net cost of attendance for a student who received the average level of need-based financial aid. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal. Only schools ranked in or near the top half of their categories are included because U.S. News considers the most significant values to be among colleges that are academically above average.

College Consensus
Alderson Broaddus University was named the Best College in West Virginia for 2018, with a first-place ranking by College Consensus, a prestigious college ranking system.

Best Colleges in WV 2018
Rank: 1st

To identify the Best Colleges in West Virginia for 2018, College Consensus averaged results from the most respected college ranking systems with thousands of real

student review scores from around the web. This rating system is the most accurate and comprehensive ranking of a school's reputation and quality.

Best Regional Colleges in the South
Rank: 18th

This ranking was determined by reviewing those colleges that provide top-tier undergraduate education in the South. This ranking puts the spotlight on the smaller regional colleges that deliver the grassroots foundations of higher education. According to College Consensus, regional colleges are designated as those that offer associates and bachelor's degrees, usually in career and professional fields, and at affordable rates. That means regional colleges do the groundwork of educating a middle-class workforce, and in the South, that often means helping rehabilitate rural and industrial areas.

Best Online College in W.Va.

SR Education Group, a firm that helps students make educated decisions when choosing an online degree, ranked AB as first in Best Online Colleges in West Virginia.

The 2019 Best Online Colleges By State rankings represents the online schools in each state that have the highest return on investment. All regionally accredited schools were analyzed based on two factors which matter most to prospective students: mid-career salary and tuition rates.

Based on annual tuition and alumni salaries, AB ranked first in West Virginia for having an affordable tuition rate of $9,300 each year and the highest median salary of $91,000.

Alderson Broaddus offers two online programs: a bachelor's degree completion program for licensed registered nurses (RN to BSN) and a master's degree in education: teacher leader. For more information on each program, please visit: www.ab.edu/online-programs.

PA PROGRAM CELEBRATES 100% NATIONAL EXAM PASS RATE

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, the School of Physician Assistant Studies successfully prepared graduates to achieve a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE). Congratulations to the 34 members from the Class of 2018 who achieved this high honor!

Gold Stars for the Gold Standard

PANCE is considered the gold standard certification among physician assistants and the medical field. This certification assures the public that PAs meet established standards of clinical knowledge and cognitive skills upon entry into practice and throughout their careers. To be eligible for PANCE, a student must graduate from a physician assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

"I believe that our successful pass rate can be attributed to two major factors," said Thomas Moore, director of

The Class of 2018:

Front Row, Left to Right:

Shannon Harman Kerr, *W.Va.*
Tiffany Ann Aeling, *Ohio*
Alexandra Leigh Tranchini, *Pa.*
Brittany Nicole Abruzzino, *W.Va.*
Cara Renea Ravagli, *Va.*
Andrea P. Anderson, *Texas*
Kelsey Dawn Mathis, *W.Va.*
Alyssa Jane Barker, *W.Va.*
Callie Lynn Beegle, *Va.*
Tyler Cherie Bradley, *W.Va.*
Gretchen D. Lantz, *W.Va.*
Sierra Cheyenne Elsa Cook, *W.Va.*
Casey Shannon Hatfield, *W.Va.*
Cristina Lee Eddy, *W.Va.*
Alexa Marie Falo, *Pa.*

Back Row, Left to Right:

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Richard Chase Johnston, *N.C.*
Thomas Wilson Wood, *W.Va.*
Allison Marie Fansler, *W.Va.*
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Jimmy David George, *Texas*
David Tomczyk, *Fla.*
Brittany Elizabeth Snider, *Va.*
Katlyn Nicole Laird, *W.Va.*
Megan Ruth Bellush, *Pa.*
Catherine Mary Siegfried, *Pa.*
Alexis Despina Dandalides, *Va.*
Brooke Ann Rayokovich, *Ohio*

the of physician assistant studies program. “First, the students we attract are highly motivated, and second, our faculty are dedicated to the profession and the success of our outstanding students.”

Founded in 1968 by Dr. Hu C. Myers, the PA program boasts 50 years of success, and is centered on patient care and the physician-physician assistant team model. AB physician assistants are recognized nationwide for their high quality and professionalism.

“Our curriculum is designed to prepare our students to be excellent health care providers, so it is natural that they would do well on the national certifying exam,” Moore said. “The mission of the program is to academically and clinically prepare physician assistants who deliver high-quality, patient-centered, primary and specialty care with physician supervision, to diverse populations.”

Alderson Broaddus University stands out as one of the most innovative health education providers in Appalachia, pioneering the nation’s first baccalaureate physician assistant program of its kind and the first post-baccalaureate physician assistant master’s degree program in 1990.

The Alderson Broaddus University Physician Assistant Studies Program operates its admissions process on a rolling admissions cycle. For more information, call the Office of Admissions at 800.263.1549 or visit the AB College of Medical Science page at www.ab.edu.

$27.7M USDA LOAN MOVES AB FORWARD

"We know that the University is an economic driver throughout north-central West Virginia. This funding award will support job creation, retention, and economic vitality to help ensure the long-term sustainability of this institution in Barbour County."

*— **Kris Warner,** USDA Rural Development West Virginia State Director*

On December 11, 2018, AB held a press conference to announce the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) investment of $27,755,000 in AB through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program.

This investment allowed the AB Endowment Corporation (ABEC) to acquire certain campus assets, which were leased back to the University. This enabled AB to:

1. develop new program offerings to meet needs in the surrounding area.
2. implement the AB Strategic Decision-Making Model which includes increasing adult education and expanding degree programs.
3. reallocate resources to cover operating expenses at AB.

The immediate result on the financial position will be improved numbers in the University's Composite Financial Index (CFI), a key indicator used by the Higher Learning Commission in determining financial viability.

"Setting our financial house in order and reassuring our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and our communities that Alderson Broaddus University will always be there for them have been the top priorities of my administration," said President Barry. "We're passionate about delivering the best quality education to our students so that they are equipped to work with our communities to solve today's problems, and tomorrow's."

"We are so grateful to our partners at the USDA, especially Kris Warner, for recognizing AB's far-reaching contributions to our state and our region," said Dr. Barry. "We also want to thank those who have shared in our vision for a better AB, including Congressman David McKinley and Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin."

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety, and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov. AB

"Alderson Broaddus is vital to the community of Philippi and the entire region. This loan will strengthen the University's mission and benefit the economic well-being of Barbour County. We are proud to have worked with the leadership of AB and the USDA to see this to fruition."
— Congressman David B. McKinley

"AB is a valuable source of higher education in West Virginia and a real asset for our state. I'm glad they will be able to continue providing West Virginia students with the knowledge and skills they need to build successful lives."
— Senator Shelley Moore Capito

"I am pleased to join Alderson Broaddus University in announcing that the USDA is investing in AB. This will create new economic development in Barbour County that will benefit north-central West Virginia and beyond. Alderson Broaddus is a high-quality institution that is committed to meeting the ever-changing needs of our state and this investment will enhance their ability to step up to the plate."
— Senator Joe Manchin

Young Alumna Finds Her Passion Through Fashion, Design, & Expression

BY LORA OWSTON, *CLASS OF 2019*

If you were to consider the terms creativity and fashion, it is doubtful that the next word to pop into your mind would be management. However, for one former Alderson Broaddus student, the three areas are inseparable. Joyce Eid ’18, a recent AB graduate with a bachelor’s degree in both marketing and business administration, has set out to make a statement with the way she presents herself—both in her attire and her job.

“Fashion is important to me because there are so many things you can say through it without actually talking, just by the clothes that you wear,” Eid said in an interview.

Although her majors possessed no relation to fashion, Eid knew she wanted to incorporate her love for fashion into her career. Eid applied for numerous internships while on winter break following her 2017 fall semester, and sought out management-related positions within the fashion industry. She explained that one company stood out to her—Nordstrom.

“Nordstrom is probably the most technologically advanced in retail right now and their leadership is phenomenal.”

Nordstrom is a prominent fashion retailer based in the U.S., and was ranked number 88 on Fortune magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2018. The company’s eight week internships are also highly competitive positions. Eid was hired as a retail management intern at Nordstrom’s Cincinnati location, which only employed three interns despite receiving over 100 applications.

“I actually cried when I got the phone call,” Eid said with a laugh. “Because I am so young, having something that I knew had a future was very significant to me.”

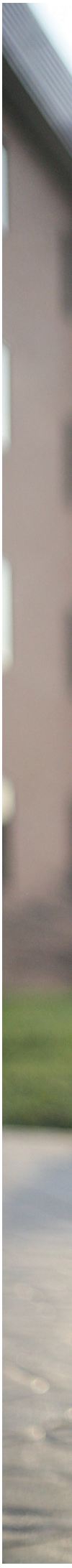
Eid explained that, in the past, an overwhelming majority of interns at Nordstrom’s Cincinnati location were pursuing a degree related to fashion. While this could have potentially hurt her chances for the position, her resume possessed a unique edge due to her experience with an organization at AB.

“I knew that getting into the fashion industry was going to be hard to accomplish without a fashion degree, so starting up the Fashion, Design, & Expression organization drove my purpose and made things clearer for me,” Eid said.

Fashion, Design, & Expression is a student-run organization dedicated to creativity and self-expression at AB. The organization launched in the spring of 2018, and was initiated by Eid herself. Because she knew it would likely be a deciding factor, she emphasized her involvement with the organization heavily in her cover letter and during her interview.

“The organization definitely set me up for my internship,” Eid said. “If I hadn’t had all that experience underneath my belt here, I wouldn’t be able to really guarantee my position.”

Eid’s position as a retail management intern entailed working and setting up the sales floor, training new employees, and learning a managerial role. The internship also included a classroom experience headed by the store manager, which emphasized character building exercises and lessons on the qualities of an effective leader.



"My store manager would sit for hours and just pick our brains on what we thought our biggest strengths...and biggest weaknesses were, and how we can defeat those weaknesses and make our strengths even stronger," Eid said. "I feel like that was one of my favorite things just because it opened my eyes to a different perspective."

While the internship was a positive experience, it also presented its own challenges. To Eid, the biggest of these was leading a team of people without extensive prior experience.

"There are people who have been there for over 10 years, and then someone brand new that's 20-years-old is coming in and telling them what to do," Eid said.

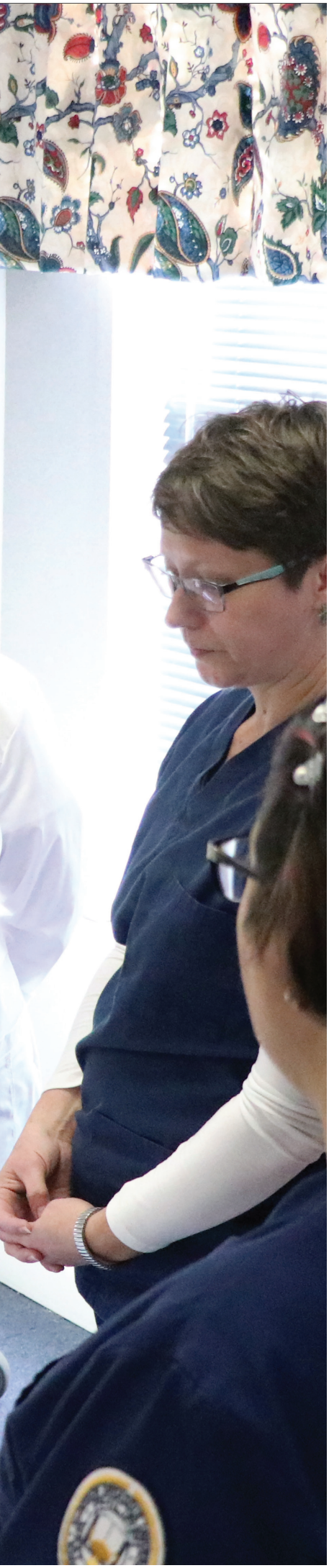
Eid feels that she conquered each challenge introduced by her internship, and that the position both solidified her resolve in her career path and helped her discover new passions. Ultimately, she believes her time with Nordstrom provided her with lifelong experiences to draw upon and with lasting mentors.

"I was expecting to have fun, but I had fun in more ways than I thought I would," Eid said.

Joyce Eid graduated from Alderson Broaddus University in December 2018. She is currently focused on advancing her career and hopes to eventually head her own business, pursuing her dream of developing a personal clothing brand.

ALUMNA & FACULTY SUCCESS

Professor of Nursing Dr. Gina Maiocco ’81, APRN, CNS-BC, served as lead researcher on a recent internationally published article in the Journal of Clinical Nursing titled, “Care of veterans in a non-veteran health administration hospital: What is the status of nursing practice after continuing education?”



U.S. Veteran, AB Alumna Published in International Journals

As a veteran herself, Dr. Gina Maiocco understands the unique health care issues veterans face on a day-to-day basis, and her research serves as a "bridge" between veterans and nurses in civilian hospitals.

Through research, Maiocco set out to identify how civilian nurses care for military veterans and to describe challenges nurses face in the provision of that care.

"Being an officer in the U.S. Air Force, I have a direct connection to fellow veterans who become hospital patients," said Maiocco. "We are a family, and I understand how to treat a veteran simply because I lived that life. Veterans take care of veterans."

She explains that, by documenting a patient's service history, relevant patient outcomes are monitored so that educational programs, clinical processes, and work safety initiatives can be considered and implemented to support both the veteran and the caring nurse.

To further assist nurses in non-VA facilities, Dr. Maiocco founded and continues to volunteer for the Veteran-to-Veteran program. It is a program that supports veterans and their families during admission to a civilian hospital and helps to educate nurses on veterans' physical and mental health needs.

"My passion is helping others, and helping fellow veterans is close to my heart," says Maiocco. "Their care is so specific, and if we can help tend to the needs of veterans of all ages as well as keep our nurses safe, then we are taking a step in the right direction."

Maiocco's Veteran-to-Veteran program is gaining national attention. Since publishing an additional article about the program in The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing, other hospitals across the country have expressed interest in starting a Veteran-to-Veteran program as well.

While in the Air Force, Dr. Maiocco performed many duties that included flight nurse, hyperbaric nursing, flight clinical coordinator, critical care clinical nurse specialist, and chief of emergency services. In West Virginia, Dr. Maiocco holds an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensure as a clinical nurse specialist—one of only 26 in the entire state of West Virginia. AB

STUDENTS SHAPING SCIENCE

BY LORA OWSTON, *CLASS OF 2019*

Morgan Winterbottom ’19 and Emily Rainey ’20 spent nine weeks on biomedical research aimed to improve the quality of life for residents of West Virginia and across the world. WV-INBRE (West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) is a federally funded program that provides opportunities for biomedical research with an emphasis on chronic diseases. The program consists of a consortium containing 16 partner institutions.

It Takes Heart: Connecting to the Community Through Research

From a young age, Morgan Winterbottom found herself enamored with science. She often fantasized about potential dream careers during her childhood, and the area represented a driving force in her life as she grew older. When Winterbottom enrolled at AB, she knew the biology program perfectly suited her goals.

“I wanted to see the research side of things,” Winterbottom said. “It’s kind of behind the scenes, but research leads into the pharmaceutical aspect of medicine.”

“I’m really appreciative of going to AB in general because I feel like I wouldn’t have had this opportunity anywhere else,” Winterbottom added. “It was so amazing to be at the small school that I love and get a big school research opportunity.”

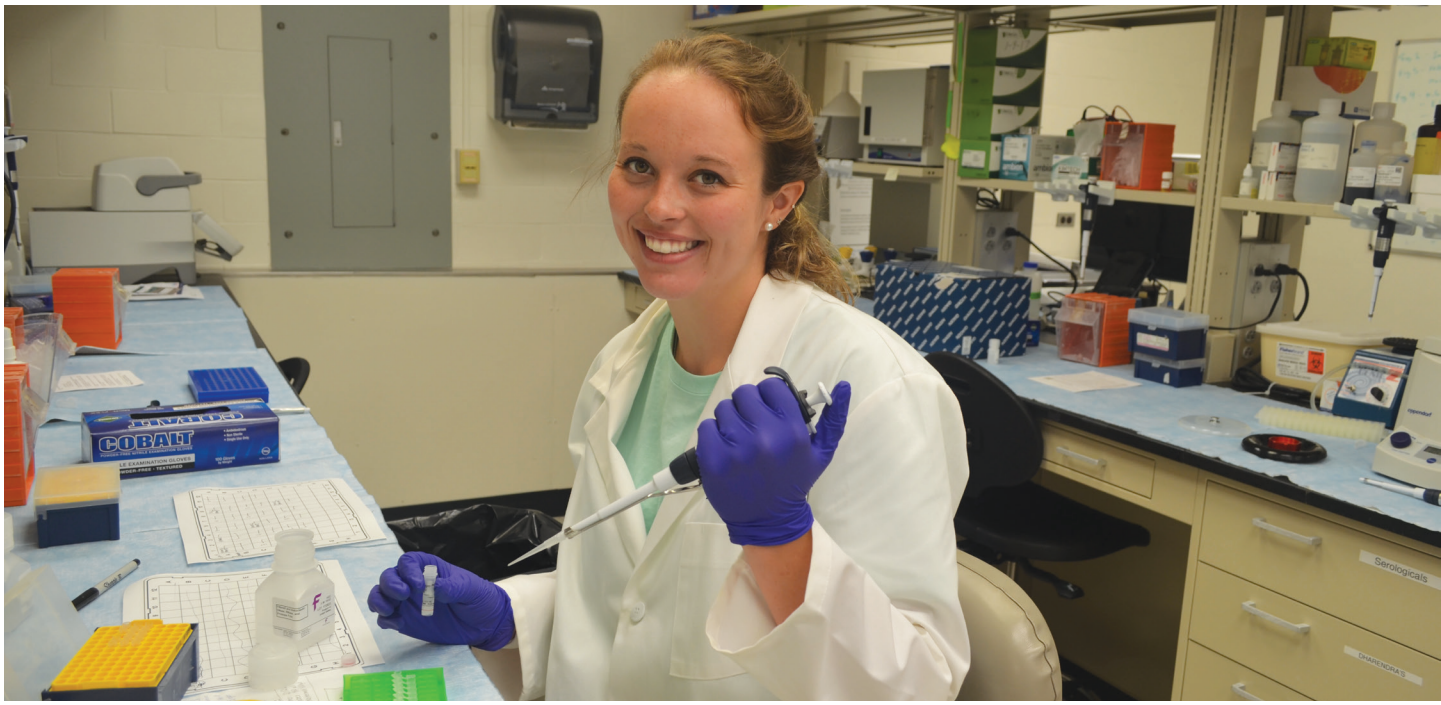
Winterbottom conducted her internship at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University under the guidance of John Hollander, professor and vice chair of exercise physiology. Hollander’s laboratory specializes in cardiovascular research, which profoundly impacts the region.

“West Virginia and, in general, Appalachia have among the highest rates of diabetes incidents,” Hollander said. “As researchers at an institution of higher education and part of the Health Sciences Center, it’s incumbent on us to be not only treating the population globally but to really be thinking about our local constituents.”

According to the most recent data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, West Virginia possesses the highest adult rate of diabetes in the United States. Winterbottom’s research examined type 2 diabetic patients to see how epigenetic changes were occurring in their DNA. Through analyzing heart tissue samples from patients, they gained insight into how epigenetic signals relating to diabetes affected the heart’s genetic code. Understanding these changes and what they are could help in diagnosing diabetic patients, and potentially help discover targets for treating the disease in the future.

Winterbottom places a heavy emphasis on helping the local population. While her time at Alderson Broaddus University opened her eyes to the unique situation faced by West Virginians, her experience in healthcare allowed her to witness these struggles firsthand.

“I volunteer at United Hospital Center’s labor and delivery section,” Winterbottom said. “I was able to be a baby cuddler for drug-addicted babies, which led me to see the effects of some of these problems.”



Morgan Winterbottom works on her research project, Epigenetic Regulation of the Nuclear Genome in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, in the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University.

According to the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, West Virginia ranks worst in the nation for prevalence of poor physical health. Access to health care coverage is also at an all-time low, with Barbour and Logan counties faring the worst. Recognizing these issues at a local level led Winterbottom to reconsider her initial plans for her senior research project at AB.

"Out of my whole four years of biology, I didn't want to do something for my capstone project that was so small-scale and just focused on students here," Winterbottom said. "I wanted to do something that was more meaningful to me and had a bigger impact in the general area of medicine. This was the perfect opportunity to do that."

Winterbottom's time in Hollander's lab gave her a newfound appreciation for research, and she believes studying both the heart and a prominent disease will prove invaluable during her experience with healthcare. She cites that, while the internship strengthened her passion for healthcare and allowed her to become surer of her own capabilities, she initially struggled with feeling inadequate. Her participation required a steep learning curve, and, as the only undergraduate student, comparing herself to other participants was difficult to avoid. However, overcoming these fears left Winterbottom with a tightly-knit network of professionals on which to rely.

"Morgan was very interested in what we were doing and integrated well with the students and staff in the laboratory," Hollander said. "She was very reasonable and enthusiastic about anything you threw at her."

Yi Charlie Chen, professor of biology at Alderson Broaddus University, works closely with the WV-INBRE program. He explains that conducting biomedical research can be quite expensive, but this program provides research opportunities for students that cannot be facilitated in the classroom. Winterbottom was one of two AB students to participate.

"The idea is to encourage undergraduate students from small schools who are interested in biomedical research," Chen said. "If they like it, it can influence their career decisions or push them to do more research."

Each year, Chen invites the WV-INBRE internship program director to speak in his classes at AB. Although Winterbottom observed these presentations several times, Chen represented the deciding factor in her participation.

"Dr. Chen really inspired me – he's super passionate about this and really encourages students to apply," Winterbottom said.

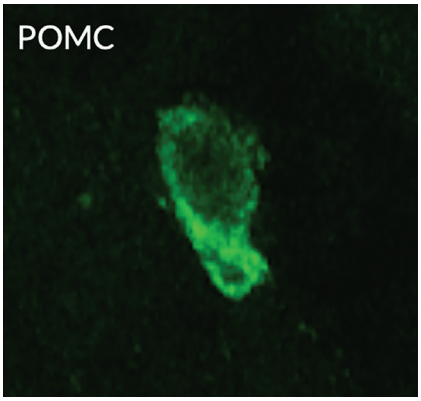
"I actually saw the presentation twice; the first time was during my junior year. I didn't apply at that time because I thought it was out of my realm."

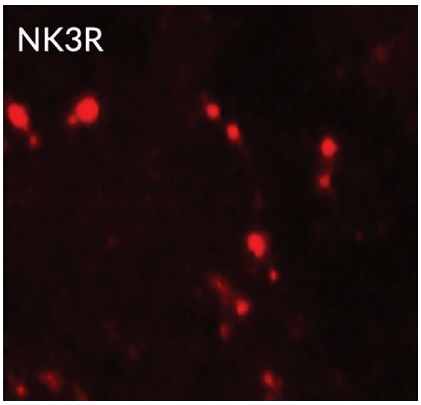
Chen's contributions to cancer research motivated Winterbottom to explore the area, and his guidance pushed her to overcome her initial self-doubt and actively pursue the WV-INBRE internship.

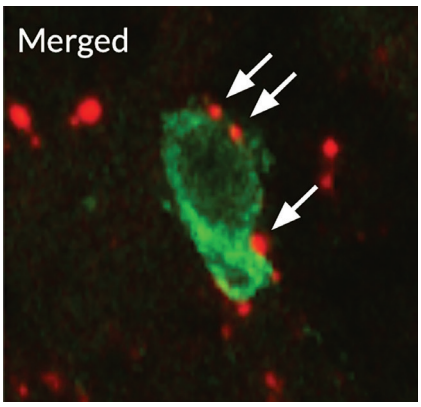
"She's worked hard," Chen said. "She's transformed into an outstanding student."

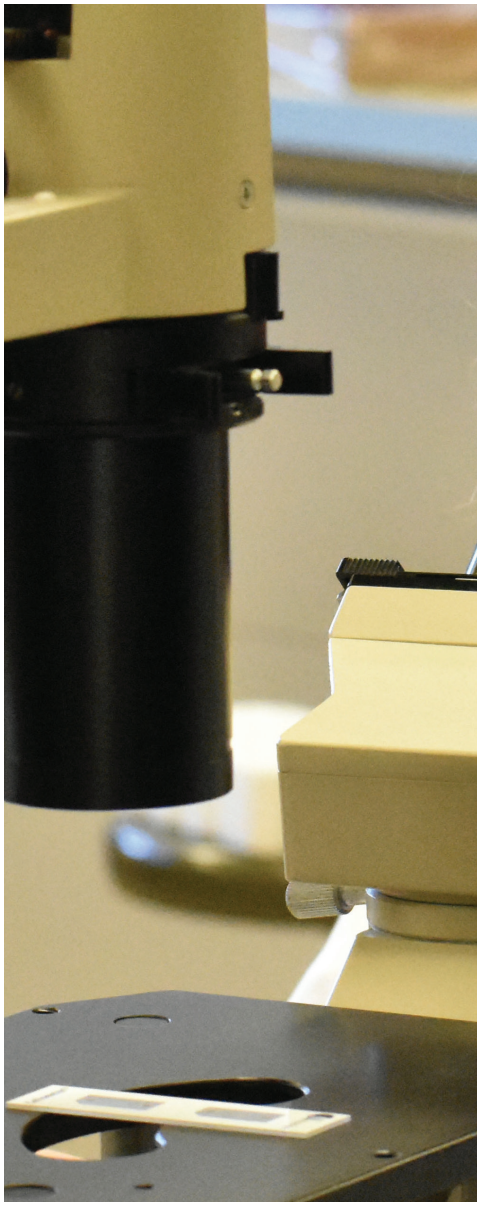
Winterbottom graduated in May of 2019 from Alderson Broaddus University. Following her graduation, she will commence studies in AB's physician assistant program. She hopes that this experience signals the beginning of her research endeavors, not just the end.

"I don't know whether it's feasible or not, but I'd really like to pursue research again," Winterbottom said. "Even in my career as a PA, I want to take time to do this."









Emily Rainey, a dual biology and chemistry major from Beckley, West Virginia, executed her research at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University during the summer of 2018. Her project was completed under the guidance of Stanley Hileman, professor of physiology and pharmacology.

Curiosity in Research Leading to Cures

"One of the biggest things I wanted going into this was to really see what it's like to do research," Rainey said. "I didn't know if I wanted to eventually do an MD or an MDPHD program, so I wanted to see what it was like."

Rainey's project studied the communication between NKB neurons, which deal with reproduction and puberty, and POMC neurons, which regulate nutrition, in order to better understand the onset of puberty in women. Tissue was taken from the hypothalamus of ewes to determine whether NK3R, a receptor of NKB, existed within POMC neurons. They then examined how estrogen and age

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH RESEARCH

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influenced NK3R expression within these neurons.

"Women, especially in developed countries, are experiencing puberty onset at much younger ages," Rainey said. "That has a lot of negative effects, but if we can understand why that's happening and what's affecting it, we can start to counteract negative things that happen when puberty onset is altered."

Some of the negative outcomes related to early puberty onset include obesity, osteoporosis, and eating disorders. Working on this research held personal significance for Rainey, as one of her primary goals is to help empower young women. However, Rainey explains that early puberty does not affect everyone negatively. In the agricultural world, this can produce the opposite effect.

"The earlier you can get ewes, lamb, and cattle at an age of maturity, the greater their lifetime productivity," Rainey said.

Rainey showcased her research findings at the 2018 WV-INBRE Summer Research Symposium on July 31, 2018 and at the Undergraduate Research Day on February 26, 2019 at the West Virginia State Capitol.

She has been invited back to Hileman's lab to work on similar projects and was one of 10 students selected nationally to serve as an ambassador of science for the West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE) program presenting this summer at Capitol Hill. Emily will meet with key Congressional staffers during the "Take your IDeA Science to Capitol Hill" day that showcases the next generation of researchers in science.

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our new Admissions View Book

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LPN to BSN
RN to BSN (Online)
Petroleum Management
Professional Leadership

ASSOCIATES DEGREES

Business
Cyber-Security
Education
General Studies

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Dental
Pre-Law
Pre-Medical
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Veterinary Science

MASTER'S DEGREES

Anatomy
Physician Assistant Studies
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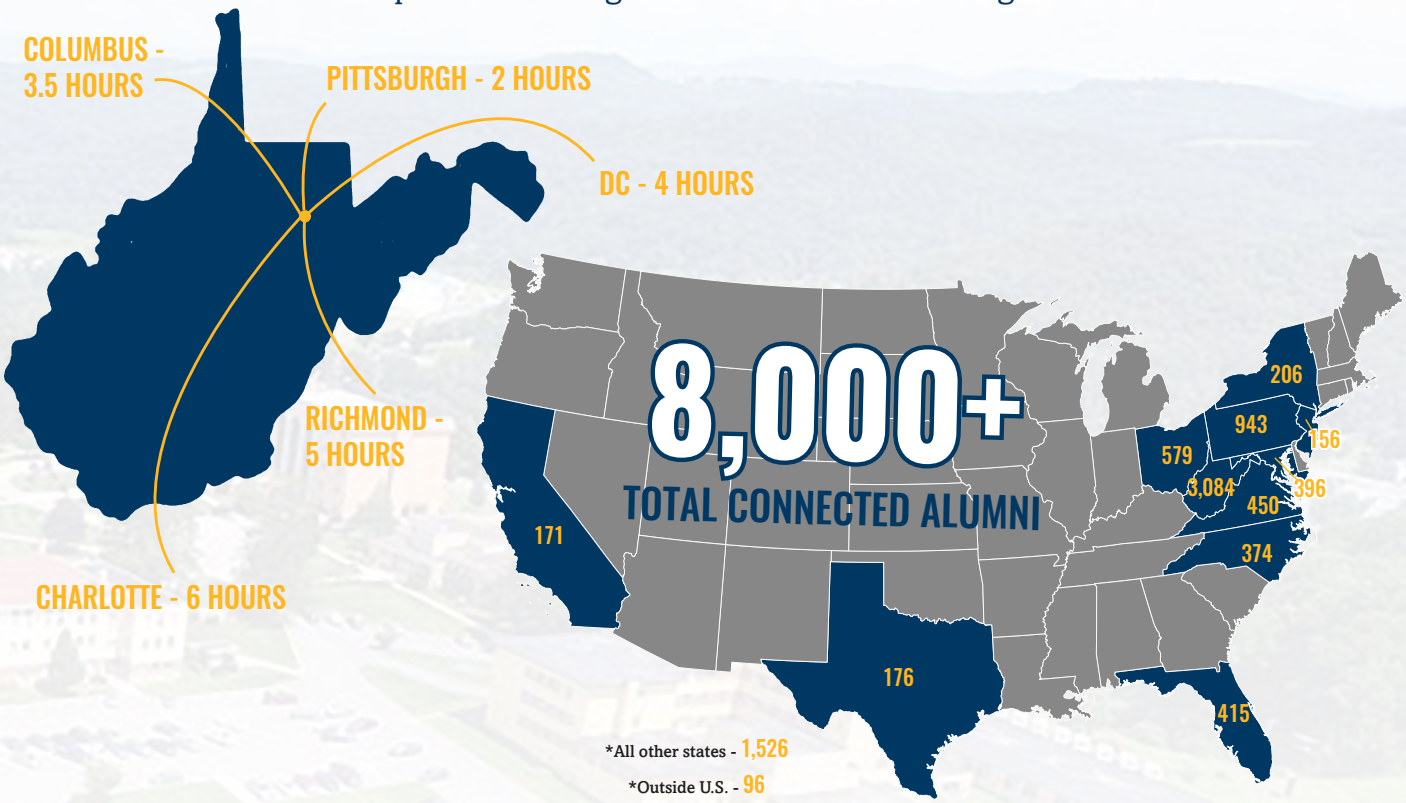
Our connected alumni provide opportunities for networking, internships, and even job placement! AB prepares students for real world problem solving and to excel in the working world.



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MEET THE AB ADVANTAGE

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

If you're earning less than $43,000 per year after graduation, the AB Advantage can help repay your federal, private, and parent PLUS loans.

YOUR FUTURE SECURED

- The AB Advantage is available to any incoming freshman.
- Often, new graduates want to explore the world before starting a career: missions, service projects, or other interests pay very little, if any, income. This program allows graduates the freedom to serve and explore without the worry of college loan repayments.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

- If your annual income after graduation is less than $43,000, the AB Advantage will help repay your student loans (including all federal, private, and parent PLUS loans).
- You'll receive full reimbursement for your monthly payments if you're earning less than $20,000 per year, and assistance is calculated on a sliding scale if you're earning between $20,000 and $43,000 (e.g., $31,500 would qualify for 50% reimbursement).

HOW IT WORKS

YOU PAY NOTHING.
This is one more way we invest in your success.

- Enroll and graduate from Alderson Broaddus University.
- Work at least an average of 30 hours per week.
- Begin repaying your federal, private, or parent PLUS loans.

This is only a summary. Please see your specific LRAP Terms & Conditions for full details.

GET STARTED

Speak with your admissions or financial aid counselor about how the AB Advantage may help.

"I would not have been able to attend the school I really wanted to if it wasn't for this program."
- JACOB

"I chose to stay in school because of LRAP. I feel so much better about my future and paying off my loans."
- DAVID

"This safety net gave me the courage to finish college."
– BROOKLYN

To learn more about the AB Advantage, please visit **mylrap.org/AB**

INTRODUCING THE **FIRST LADY OF AB:** RONDA BARRY

In late March of 2019, Mrs. Ronda Barry officially joined President Barry on campus and settled into Greystone after retiring from her position as a marketing analyst with Mercer Health and Benefits.

When President Barry initially assumed the presidency at AB, the terms were only two years—not enough time for Ronda to pack up their home in Iowa and move to Greystone. But with the contract extension and the Board's unanimous vote to officially make Dr. Barry the 10th president, moving arrangements were in order.

"I'm excited to be on campus finally! My life has always been one of positive transition, knowing that Tim's work could take him anywhere," explained Ronda. "I've met wonderful people everywhere, and I can't wait to meet the students, faculty, staff, and friends of AB throughout the community."

Ronda has much to offer AB and the community. She has extensive experience in marketing, customer relationship building, and community relations.

When asked what her official role will entail, she laughed and said, "beyond making guests feel welcome at Greystone, I look forward to being a partner and ambassador for AB throughout the coming years."

Ronda explained that her on-boarding process has started and will continue over the summer. She plans to meet with various departments to see how best she can be of service. "I follow a long line of distinguished women who have been 'partners in the presidency,' and I'm excited to keep up the tradition of nurturing young minds on campus and cheering on the Battlers."

Ronda was a first-generation college student who graduated from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, earning a Bachelor of Elected Studies in merchandising with an emphasis in marketing and business. After graduation, she started her career as a dress buyer for department stores and moved into a management position at General Growth Shopping Centers in Iowa. Later, she became the executive director of Downtown Overland Park in Kansas and then executive director of the Yankton Historic Riverfront District in South Dakota. "With every move, I've been privileged to use my skills along the way," Ronda explained.

Ronda loves painting, making stained glass works, attending concerts, and traveling. She looks forward to hosting friends and alumni at Greystone.

"Our doors are always open at Greystone. This is not just our home, but the home for all alumni and friends of AB. We welcome all our AB friends back home anytime. When you're in town, stop by 209 Greystone Drive!"

KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN AB?

MESSAGE OUR **STUDENT AMBASSADORS**, TODAY!

If you're a parent or high school student interested in learning more about AB and how to get started in one of our degree programs, our FriendlyU Student Ambassadors are standing by ready to chat with you!

Our Student Ambassadors can discuss your educational and career goals and how AB can help you achieve them—all from the perspective of a current AB student. From your first class to your graduation day, you have a caring community walking with you every step of the way, providing you with college program advice, encouragement, and answers to your questions!

Our students are important to us, and we're committed to providing the best campus experience to ensure your success from day one.

Go to **www.ab.edu** and click the yellow **"Talk to Students"** button to chat live with a Student Ambassador!

About the FriendlyU Student Ambassador Program

The FriendlyU Student Ambassador program is a leadership opportunity for current AB students who are dedicated to serving and representing Alderson Broaddus University. FriendlyU Ambassadors are our best and brightest students with the most AB spirit! Ambassadors provide campus tours, host campus and community events, and chat with prospective students through the FriendlyU app. The FriendlyU app is free and available for download for iPhone and Android.

CAMPUS NEWS

The following pages review event highlights along with accomplishments by administrators, alumni, faculty, and students at AB in 2018.

January 2018

Jayme Hykes, Class of 2019 enlisted in the Navy's Nurse Candidate Program in a ceremony held on AB's campus.

The Navy's program selects only 30 nursing candidates from a pool of over 200 applicants nationwide.

Hykes received a stipend and upon graduation in August 2019, she will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Her first duty assignment will be in Jacksonville, N.C. The Navy Nurse Corps provides Hykes the ability to travel and work in hospitals all over the world.

Hykes is the first nursing student from AB selected for this prestigious and highly competitive Nurse Candidate program. With her selection, the AB School of Nursing curriculum is endorsed by the Naval Medicine and Navy Recruiting Command.

A native of New Philadelphia, Ohio, Hykes is a member of the Honors Program as well as a member of the AB Track & Field team.

February 2018

In partnership with Congressman **David B. McKinley**, AB announces **cyber security** as a new undergraduate offering. The program prepares students for the multi-disciplinary aspects of securing software, networks, web, and mobile systems.

"A 2016 Cisco study showed that there are 209,000 unfilled cyber security jobs in America," said Rep. McKinley. "As West Virginia's economy continues growing and diversifying, this type of workforce training is critical to bring these jobs to the state. With this new program, AB is now leading the charge."

Curriculum for the program was developed to fit the current and future needs of a variety of industries including financial and healthcare and to help criminal justice agencies incarcerate cybercriminals. For more information on the cyber security major, visit ab.edu.

John Ebert, distinguished member of the **AB Board of Trustees**, delivers his TEDx speech "Helping Others Reach Their Potential" to students and the AB community. Ebert now owns 41 McDonald's franchises with 2,200 employees. He is the winner of the prestigious Golden Arch Award, and the Al Golin Brand Trust Award which is presented to one operator in the McDonald's system. One of Ebert's overarching goals is to help others reach their potential. He achieves this goal by teaching a free math ACT prep class which has helped over 2,200 students. Many have improved their math ACT score, making them eligible for the Promise scholarship. **Phi Beta Lambda**, the student business organization, sponsored the event as part of their leadership lecture series.

March 2018

The Office of Career Services releases the **Class of 2017 Post-Graduate Career Report**. The data collected from the Class of 2017 (an 85% response rate), includes the December 2016, May 2017, and August 2017 graduates. Data shows an overall employment and graduate school placement rate of 98% within six months of graduation. Of those graduates who responded to the survey, 56% were employed in their major field of study, 24% were employed in another field, and 18% were enrolled in a continuing education program.

April 2018

The AB **Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)** Chapter competes at the West Virginia State Leadership Conference in Charleston, W.Va. and qualifies 16 members for the National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Md. The Chapter was named West Virginia's Outstanding Chapter of the Year as well as the Outstanding Community Service Chapter. In all, PBL won 20 top three finishes at the state level.

AB Athletics inducted five alumni into the **Battler Hall of Fame**. The individuals honored are pictured left to right: **Ort Armstrong '89** for men's basketball, **Stephanie (Barrett) Ceponis '95** for women's volleyball, **Carrie (Whalen) Bodkins '99** for women's volleyball and basketball, **Ashley (Mooney) Johnson '08** for women's softball, and **Samario Clancy '08** for men's basketball.

May 2018

Dr. Eric Shor, vice president of enrollment management, and **Dr. Andrea Bucklew**, associate provost, participate in the National Leadership Programs hosted by the **Council of Independent Colleges (CIC).** The Academy is designed to prepare prospective leaders to assume advanced positions in independent higher education.

Commencement speaker **J. Soren Sofhauser '76**, vice president of Early Childhood Business Development School Specialty, Inc. and alumni council member, addresses the Class of 2018 during AB's **147th Commencement** ceremony. Sofhauser receives his honorary Doctor of Business degree while **Worth M. Helms**, AB Board of Trustees member, receives his honorary Doctor of Business degree. **McKenna C. Price**, 2017-18 Student Government Association president, awards **Bill Klaus '92**, associate professor of history, with the Outstanding Faculty Award.

June 2018

Officials from AB and **Pierpont Community & Technical College** sign an **articulation agreement,** solidifying an education partnership between the two schools. The deal, signed by Pierpont President Dr. Johnny Moore and AB President Dr. Tim Barry, provides students with the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree at AB after earning their associates degree from Pierpont. This partnership builds upon the joint venture in 2016 that allowed Pierpont students earning a degree in applied science in petroleum technology to work toward a **petroleum management** degree at AB. This educational partnership benefits those wanting to stay in the region to complete their baccalaureate degree.

July 2018

AB names **Dr. Michael Boehke** as the dean of the **College of Health, Science, Technology, & Mathematics**, merging the former College of Health Sciences and the College of Science, Technology, & Mathematics. Boehke joined AB in 1999 and recently served as professor of exercise science and athletic training.

AB names **Dr. James M. Owston** as the **assistant provost for extended learning**. Owston joined the AB faculty in 2014 as an associate professor of mass communication and later became dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. As assistant provost, he will develop program initiatives for **adult degree completion programs** and provide educational opportunities in partnership arrangements.

Twenty-nine members of the **physician assistant studies Class of 2019** were honored during the official **white coat and pinning convocation** at AB, signaling the beginning to clinical rotations at local hospitals and medical centers. **Tyler Bradley,** Class of 2018 and recipient of the **Clinical Excellence Award,** addressed the class, giving them six ways to optimize their clerkship year. Among Bradley's words of advice: always be grateful.

> "There are thousands of people who dream about being in your shoes at this moment; always remember that you were chosen among many to be here today. Don't take that for granted."
>
> — **Tyler Bradley**, *PA Class of 2018*

August 2018

Nine students from AB place in the top 10 of the nation at the PBL Awards of Excellence Program in Baltimore, Md., including first place and second place national spots. These awards are part of a comprehensive national competitive events program sponsored by FBLA-PBL that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. In addition to competitions, students immerse themselves in interactive workshops and listen to motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics.

AB is one of a select group of 26 institutions across the nation chosen by the **Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)**, in partnership with the **Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)**, to join the national **Consortium for Instructional Excellence and Career Guidance**. This partnership equips faculty across multiple disciplines with the instructional skills shown to promote student motivation, learning, and persistence. Faculty who satisfy the program requirements are awarded a nationally recognized Certificate in Effective College Instruction that is co-endorsed by ACUE.

Thirty-four members of the **Class of 2018 physician assistant studies** program received their Master of Science degrees during AB's **Graduate Commencement Ceremony**. Commencement speaker **Daniel J. Lauffer '81** addressed the class, giving them eight points of wisdom to help them navigate the ever-changing health care system. His last point: Stay engaged in the healthcare profession by always learning. **Callie Beegle**, **Tyler Bradley**, **Robert Brannick**, **Alexis Dandalidesk**, and **Cristina Eddy** were inducted into **Pi Alpha**, the national Physician Assistant honor society that honors significant academic achievement, leadership, research, community, and professional service.

AB University welcomes the **Class of 2022** to campus August 18-21, bringing an even more diverse and vibrant culture to AB and the community. Over 380 new, registered students representing 31 states and 18 countries participated in Orientation activities including the annual Battler Fair featuring local businesses and churches that partner with AB.

September 2018

Alderson Broaddus University was named the **Best College in West Virginia for 2018**, with a first-place ranking by College Consensus, a prestigious college ranking system.

Alderson Broaddus University was the highest ranked West Virginia college or university in two different categories published in the **U.S. News & World Report Best College** Rankings—Best Regional Colleges in the South and Best Value Schools 2019.

October 2018

Dr. Andrea Bucklew, associate provost, and **Mr. Nathan Fortney**, instructional designer, were selected to present at the **Quality Matters (QM) Connect Conference** in St. Louis, Mo. Quality Matters is a professional organization comprised globally of over 1,000-member schools from across higher education, K-12 education, and educational publishing houses. The mission of Quality Matters is to promote and improve the quality of online education and student learning through the use of a standard quality assurance rubric

and a system of professional development. AB offers two **online programs**: a bachelor's degree completion program for licensed registered nurses (**RN to BSN**) and a master's degree in education: **teacher leader.** For more information on each program, please visit: www.ab.edu/online-programs.

AB is featured as the **Best Online College in West Virginia** by SR Education Group. The 2019 Best Online Colleges By State rankings represents the online schools in each state that have the **highest return on investment**. All regionally accredited schools were analyzed based on two factors important to prospective students: salary and tuition rates. Based on annual tuition and alumni salaries, AB ranked first in West Virginia for having an **affordable tuition rate** of $9,300 each year and the highest median salary of $91,000.

AB and the **West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine** partner for a day of hands-on training. Allied health students from each of the institutions—including up and coming doctors from the osteopathic medical program and AB **nursing and physician assistant studies** majors—worked in teams in clinical settings throughout various clinical scenarios. A **helicopter demonstration** by Air Evac Lifeteam, out of Summersville, took place and allowed students to witness and participate in a mock air evacuation. The day wrapped up with case study analysis to develop specific plans to improve the "gap" in health care delivery situations. The **interprofessional learning** experience prepares students for team-based practice to better deliver high-quality, patient-centered care.

AB and **New River Community and Technical College** sign an agreement making it easier for students who earn an associate degree to earn their bachelor's degree. Under the new agreement, New River CTC students who maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) are guaranteed admission to AB. Students transferring must meet the same prerequisites, GPA, and other admission criteria when applying to AB programs. The two institutions will work collaboratively to admit students and facilitate the process of admissions. New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeastern West Virginia from the Greenbrier Valley Campus (Lewisburg), Mercer County Campus (Princeton), Nicholas County Campus (Summersville) and Raleigh County Campus (Beaver/Beckley).

President Dr. Tim Barry and New River CTC Interim President Dr. Kathy Butler sign the guaranteed admission agreement between the two schools.

HOMECOMING 2018

AB welcomes hundreds of guests to campus over the Homecoming weekend on ***Oct. 4-7***. The annual celebration hosted a variety of events that featured renowned alumni and honored friends of AB.

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2018 ABU Homecoming Queen
2018 ABU Homecoming King

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6 OUTSTANDING AB ALUMNI RECEIVE HONORS AT HOMECOMING

During AB's annual Alumni Awards Banquet, the University paid tribute to the success of its graduates by bestowing honors to six deserving alumni. Each recipient has greatly contributed to the success of their field and to the legacy of our "home on the mountaintop."

Alumni Achievement Award

Tony A. Burdette '99, an Independence, Kentucky native, was honored with the Alumni Achievement Award for outstanding contributions in his chosen profession. Burdette possesses a bachelor's degree in vocal performance, church music, and music education from AB and a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is the founding artistic director and conductor of voices for the Commonwealth, a 75-member adult chorus with a reputation of presenting high quality and innovative choral programs. The chorus has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and in England.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award, representing outstanding service to the University, was presented to **Gregg L. Montgomery '71** of Flanders, New Jersey. Montgomery obtained his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from AB and earned a master's in education from East Stroudsburg. He has accumulated numerous awards during his career and continues to assist AB's physical education program through donating valuable equipment and by mentoring students.

Hu C. and Avanelle Myers Award

Dean K. Wright '80, from Huntington, West Virginia was honored with the Hu C. and Avanelle Myers Award. This award recognizes achievement and leadership in the physician assistant profession. After acquiring his master's in physician assistant studies, Wright became the first surgical PA at Wheeling Hospital and began a rotation site for AB physician assistant students. Wright has received various honors over the years, including West Virginia Physician Assistant of the Year.

Alumni Achievement Award
Tony A. Burdette ’99

Distinguished Alumni Award
Gregg L. Montgomery ’71

Hu C. and Avanelle Myers Award
Dean K. Wright ’80

Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Samario Clancy ’08

Lord and Lady
J.D. ’80 and Linda (Funk) ’82 Long

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award, which recognizes an individual for exceptional achievement in their field within 10 years of graduation, was presented to **Samario Clancy ’08**. Clancy received his degree in administration and management information systems from AB and possesses a master’s in technology management from Pittsburgh’s Carlow University. He now serves as a basketball analytic assistant for the Dallas Mavericks of the NBA. Clancy also created his own basketball analytics company, E3 Hoops Analytics, LLC, which provides in-depth data and video analysis to high school and club basketball teams by tracking each play and the players’ movements in any given game.

Lord and Lady

Every year, a Lord and Lady are selected to preside over the Homecoming festivities. This distinction was awarded to **J.D. ’80 and Linda (Funk) ’82 Long**, a couple who differentiated themselves through their service, dedication, and gifts to AB. J.D. Long graduated with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education, and Linda graduated with a bachelor’s in elementary education. They have resided in Philippi for 38 years and have devoted their lives to educating the community’s youth.

“AB has some amazing alumni, and we were blessed to have so many distinguished alumni return to the mountaintop to help us celebrate a great many lifelong achievements.”

- President Barry

SAVE THE DATE

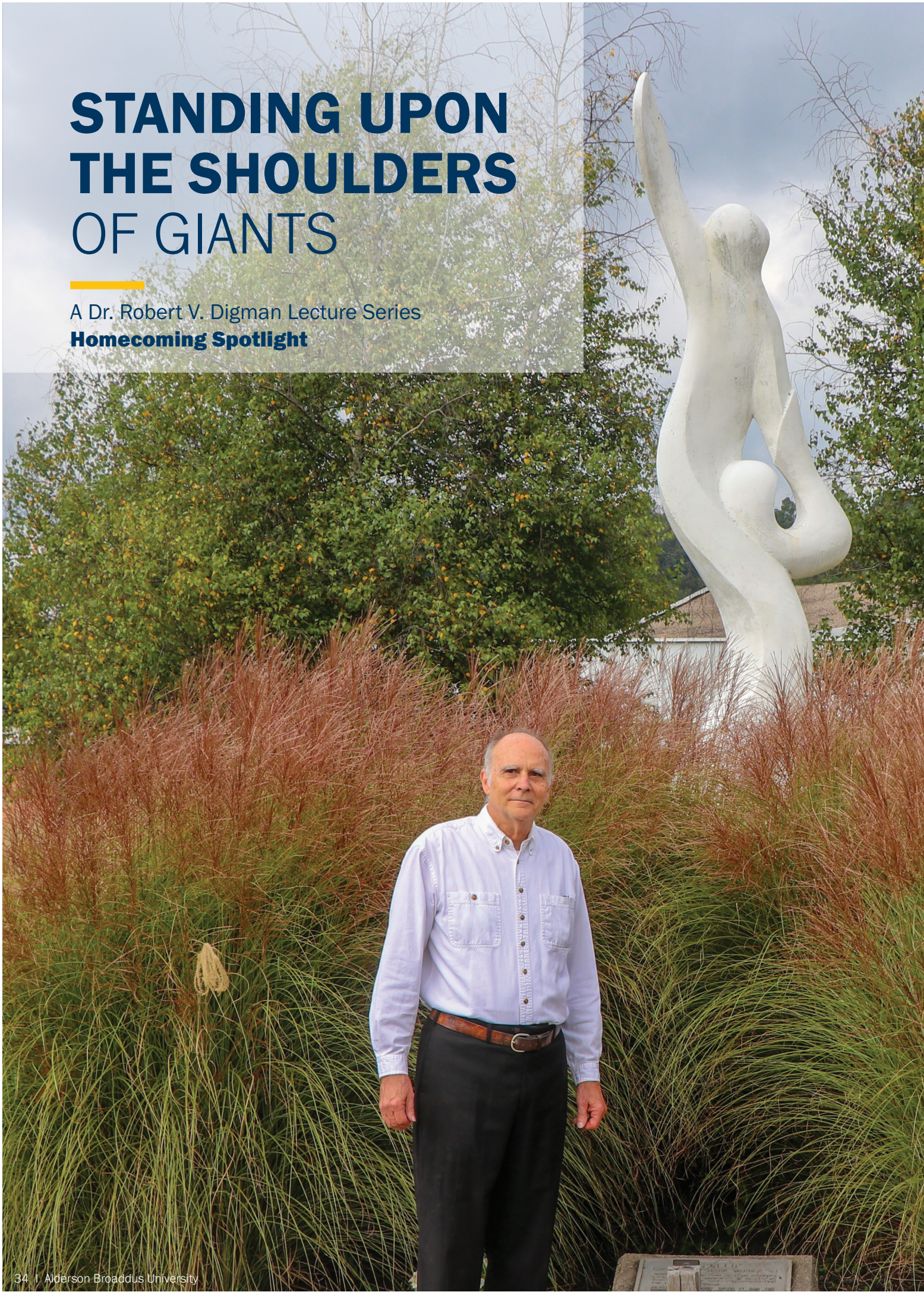
Homecoming 2019

October 10-13

STANDING UPON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

A Dr. Robert V. Digman Lecture Series

Homecoming Spotlight



Mark Warner '68 puts the finishing touches on Apollo in preparation for its move to AB's campus from his home in Tucker County, W.Va.
Photo from the AB Archives

The Man Behind Apollo

The iconic statue that stands tall in the middle of AB's campus was the vision of a 1968 graduate.

In 1972, the late president Dr. Richard Shearer commissioned Mark Warner to create a masterpiece for AB and was awestruck by Warner's vision which he named Apollo. Warner explained that the sculpture was inspired by Sir Issac Newton's quote, "If I have seen further, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants."

Dr. Shearer admired the vision and identified with the quote as a basic format for education.

"You're basically learning from those who have gone before," explained Warner, "and recognizing your achievements are because of those who have gone before you." Much of what we see and experience today is possible, in large part, because of the accomplishments, hard work, sacrifices, and ideals of others.

The current Apollo on campus is the third rendition, is entirely hollow (weighing only 70 pounds), and holds a time capsule from the 1970s-1990s. The first statue erected on campus splintered during a harsh winter and the second succumbed to UV damage.

Warner has created other works of art for AB; you can see his series of Egyptian carvings on display on the second floor of Pickett Library.

Chi Sigma Nu celebrated their 55th-year reunion during Homecoming.

Front row (left to right): Griselle Signorelli ’93, Stephanie Moran, Jennifer (Wamsley) Wingler ’09
Back row (left to right): Shelly (Conklin) Stefka ’93, Anita (Payne) Dib ’92, Michelle Fouratt ’93, Sandra (Brenneman) Harrah ’93, Amanda (Raines) Smith ’05, Sarah (Paugh) Weaver ’04, Erica Byrd ’08.

At Homecoming 2018, the **Class of 1968** celebrated their 50th-year reunion and induction into the **E.J. Willis Society**. In addition, two Greek organizations—**Phi Kappa Delta** and **Chi Sigma Nu**—celebrated their 55th-year reunion with receptions and fellowship.

AB crowned Terrell Hightower and Jaymie Snider **Homecoming King and Queen**. Hightower is a senior from Orlando, Fla. representing the Lambda Omega Mu fraternity, and Snider is a senior from Grafton, W.Va. representing the Student Psychology Association.

November 2018

The AB Board of Trustees and Governors officially announces the naming of **Dr. James “Tim” Barry** as the **10th president** of Alderson Broaddus University. Dr. Barry has served as interim president since December 2015.

Dr. Barry addresses the **Barbour County Chamber of Commerce** about the University’s challenges and opportunities, AB’s economic impact on the community, and his permanent appointment as the 10th president of Alderson Broaddus. AB has increased the number of jobs in the community from 193-301 in recent years. Also, AB employees volunteer over 16,000 hours per year to local, state, and national organizations.

The Alderson Broaddus University **School of Music** presents the Second Annual Christmas Festival **Madrigal Dinner** in the Heiner Hall/Campus Center dining room on the campus of Alderson Broaddus University. This feast is a form of renaissance dinner theater with music ensembles presenting a wide variety of seasonal music in addition to the “Come One, Come All” script written by long-time Marion County music educator Douglas Bunner.

December 2018

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invests $27,755,000 in Alderson Broaddus University through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. This investment allowed the AB Endowment Corporation (ABEC) to acquire certain campus assets and lease them back to the University.

January 2019

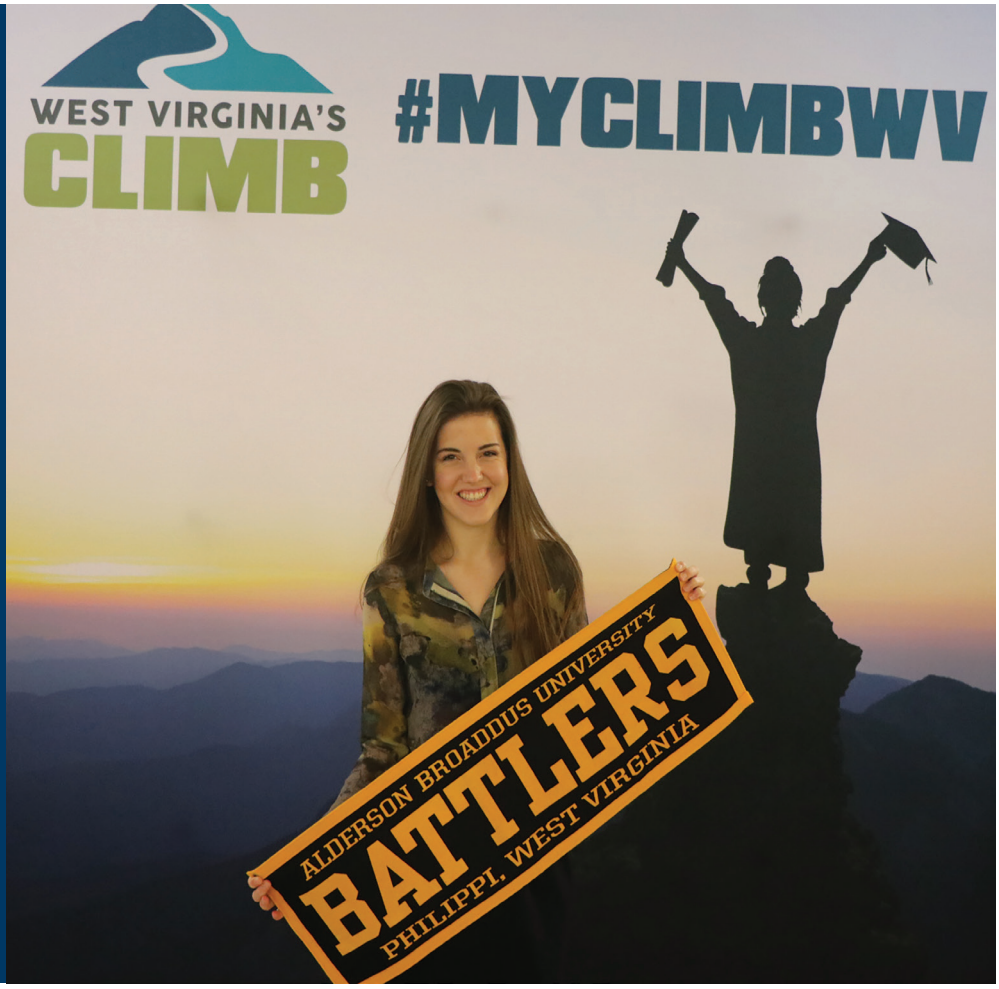
Alderson Broaddus University joins colleges and universities from around the state to attend the **Higher Education Day** at the West Virginia Legislature for a day of advocacy at the State Capitol.

Higher Education Day is an annual event that allows private and public colleges and universities an opportunity to share the importance of higher education with elected officials. As West Virginia continues to face challenges, it’s critical that our state representatives value public and private higher education and understand the very positive impacts universities like AB have on the state.

Photo: Mass communication major **Abby Smith ’19** represented AB at the 2019 Higher Education Day.

AB and **BridgeValley Community and Technical College** enter into an articulation agreement guaranteeing admission to students choosing to transfer from BridgeValley to AB. The agreement provides admission into the university for students graduating with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree from BridgeValley, provided the student has a transferable GPA of at least 2.0 and is in good standing. International students are also eligible to take advantage of the agreement.

AB University President Dr. Tim Barry and BridgeValley President Dr. Eunice Bellinger sign the guaranteed admission agreement between the two schools. **Standing left to right:** AB University Assistant Provost for Extended Learning Dr. James Owston, BridgeValley Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Pete Soscia, AB University Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Eric Shor



The **Provost's Office** releases the **President's, Dean's, and Honorable Mention lists** to recognize 254 students for their academic distinction. Full-time students who earned a 3.60 or above are named to the Dean's List. Students who achieved a 3.40 to 3.59 are given an honorable mention. To be named to the President's List, a student must be on the Dean's List at AB for five semesters. A complete list of students on all of these lists can be found at **ab.edu/lists**.

DEAN'S LIST

REMOVING BARRIERS:

ONE GRAD'S PATH TO SUCCESS, LED BY FAITH

Jeff Jeran '00 delivered a heartfelt message to faculty, staff, and students at the Dr. Robert V. Digman Lecture Series over Homecoming weekend. He opened by saying that he felt honored to be back "home."

Jeff Jeran explained that he began his college career by saying "yes" and taking a chance on AB. Jeran is a Bridgeport native and originally attended Fairmont State University, but he admits he was listless with little academic direction. When he received a call from Chad Hefner, AB's head baseball coach at the time, the conversation went something like this:

Hefner: "So I hear your father was a professional baseball pitcher for the New York Yankees?"
Jeran: "Yes, sir."
Hefner: "So, I hear you're a really great pitcher, too?"
Jeran: [hesitation]"...Yes, sir..."
Hefner: "Great, how would you like to play baseball at Alderson Broaddus in Philippi?"
Jeran: "There's a college in Philippi?"

Within three days, he visited campus, left his friends at Fairmont, and transferred to play baseball at AB.

It was 8:00 a.m. on a Monday morning, and Jeran was sitting in a creative writing class wondering "what am I doing here?" And then, in walked the woman he knew would be his wife—Stacy Foley '99. He knew it instantly, and knew this was why he was at AB—to meet her. It only took him a year and a half to talk to her.

Honing his work ethic, Jeff earned athletic and academic scholarships to graduate in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine and athletic training from AB. He went on to earn a master's degree in exercise physiology from West Virginia University, specializing in aquatic therapy.

While in graduate school, Jeff held internships in cardiac rehab, and aquatic therapy, and he served as a strength coach for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2003. Jeran recounts being in the right place at the right time when it came to working with the Phillies:

> The Philadelphia Phillies internship was during my first semester of my accelerated master's program at WVU, and it came about because of Mike Barwis, world renowned strength coach, owner of Barwis Methods, and star of the of American Muscle reality TV series on the Discovery Channel. I wanted experience in strength conditioning, so I talked with my professors at WVU, and they encouraged me to talk with Mike who was working with all sports programs at the time. I went to his office in the coliseum to tell Barwis I was there to work for free. He immediately hired me. Barwis asked what I wanted to do when I graduated, and I said "I want to coach baseball." Barwis told me I'd get a call from the Phillies the next day.

The call came and the Phillies flew Jeran to Clearwater, Fla. for an interview; they offered him the internship of a lifetime.

It seemed that Jeran was on his way to building a career, but then life took an unexpected turn. Jeran's father was involved in an accident; he fell down a flight of steps and become a quadriplegic. Jeran took action; he went back to school at WVU to become an aquatic therapist to help his dad

while he recovered at the hospital in Morgantown. While he was in school he worked as a personal trainer for Mylan Pharmaceuticals in their wellness program and taught principles of strength conditioning to occupational therapist students at WVU. After graduating, he became the director of the wellness center at Niosh, but then his wife was offered a job in Winchester, Va., so they moved.

In seven years, he advanced seven times and now is the director of ValleyHealth Wellness and Fitness Center, located on a medical campus and level two trauma center. The center is a $17 million asset serving the local community in the Winchester area. It is a 60,000 square foot facility with over 5,600 members, whose average age is 55-years old. ValleyHealth serves as a wellness center for the entire community, offering occupational therapy, speech therapy, and outpatient physical therapy.

Jeran says that the goal of the facility is to remove barriers to exercise. Onsite there is a Starbucks, a café with made-to-order healthy food options, a Kid Zone, and a pro shop. The facility provides a 30,000-gallon therapy pool and a 93,000-gallon five-lane lap pool, a two-lane indoor track, and full service locker rooms. All these amenities are to attract those busy professionals and patients needing a one-stop fitness shop. What ValleyHealth is most proud of is their ability to give back. They have awarded over $60,000 in fitness scholarships per year and $25,000 annually in donations and time to the local community.

ValleyHealth approaches fitness from a medical and preventive perspective, with the focus on delivering a superior member experience. In 2013, Jeran helped design and implement a new corporate employee wellness program called Healthy U that serves over 5,800 hospital employees at six hospitals located in West Virginia and Virginia.

In 2015, ValleyHealth was awarded the Excellence Award from Prevention Partners, becoming the first Health System in the US to earn this award. In 2016, Valley Health received the highest award for workplace wellness becoming a Platinum WellWorkplace Award winner from WELCOA. In 2017, Jeran was awarded the Medical Fitness Leader of the Year Award by the Medical Fitness Association, and was elected to the Board of Directors. Additionally, ValleyHealth was awarded the top honor of Certified Medical Fitness Center of the year.

So how did Jeff Jeran accomplish all this in his young career? He credits his success to a small close-knit college campus in Appalachia. "I could not have had a better experience. At AB, I learned structure, responsibility, how to manage time, how to meet deadlines, and how to work. I learned responsibility—not just for myself, but to my teammates. At AB, professors challenged me and actually cared about me. I needed that. I learned how to study and wanted to go to class."

Before he came back to campus, Jeran researched AB's website and found the Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs) page. "Because of AB, I achieved every one of these outcomes: communication, critical thinking, diversity, ethics, and civic engagement. I was a well-rounded student and have become a well-rounded professional. Civic engagement became my passion in life along with helping to give back to others. And it was all because of AB."

What advice would he give to students? "Take risks. Push yourself with internships and experiences, resumes, and in-person interviews. The biggest things that happened in my life were due to in-person introductions and being in the right place at the right time...led by faith. Let yourself be guided by your faith. God has a purpose for me and everyone." AB

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Jeff is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a strength and conditioning specialist and serves on the advisory board of the National Strength and Conditioning Association of Virginia and D.C. He also serves with the American College of Sports Medicine, and has been published in peer-reviewed professional journals.

GOOD NEWS: BATTLER BRIEFS

Students hone and showcase their talents through internships, presentations, research, professional development tours, and civic engagement while living out the AB mission.

Maurice Thomas, a sport management student at AB, interned with the Orlando Magic and The National Basketball Academy (TNBA) for the past three summers. Working alongside Jack Lutzeier, owner of TNBA, Thomas learned about the business side of running a summer youth camp.

During his internship, Thomas arranged guest speakers for the camp including Bo Outlaw and Nick Anderson, former NBA players, and public representatives for the Orlando Magic. The internship not only provided connections in the business world, but also with other countries.

"I've worked with kids from France, Belgium, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, and all over the world," said Thomas. "I've been invited to travel and coach overseas."

Thomas credits his success to AB and all his professors. 1

Jeremy Linaburg, a business administration and marketing major at AB, spent his summer promoting tourism for his hometown of Winchester, Virginia. While at Full Circle Marketing, a Virginia based business solutions firm, Linaburg helped publish an article in the June-July edition of Valley magazine, an upscale lifestyle publication. The magazine covers articles on art, decorating, dining, and travel.

Linaburg's article focused on the activities that took place in downtown Winchester and served as a pre-promotion for upcoming events, including the popular Shenandoah Valley Apple Blossom Festival. During his internship, Linaburg was responsible for promoting the events featured in the article through social media and flyers. In addition, he was tasked with writing a grant for the Virginia Tourism Corporation requesting money for the Apple Blossom Festival.

"The skills that are taught in our classes at AB are definitely put to the test during an internship like this, which I didn't realize until I started working for this firm," said Linaburg. 2

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Brendan Wilson, an environmental science student at AB, lives forty-five minutes from Toledo where the water crisis of 2014 still affects the residents of Wauseon, Ohio. Wilson enrolled at AB to further his education and play football, and to hopefully take home a remedy to the problem plaguing the Lake Erie area: a toxic algae bloom wreaking havoc on water quality for residents and wildlife.

In preparation for his senior research project, Wilson is investigating how nutrient concentrations of phosphorus, nitrogen, and the concentration of suspended solids are impacted by grass filter strips in the Lake Erie Basin.

"My research to explore the possibility of using grass filter strips on the edge of agricultural fields will hopefully improve the quality of the water that flows through the Lake Erie Basin to the lake itself," said Wilson. "I chose agricultural fields because agriculture has been targeted as a key contributor to the issue and also because agriculture dominates the landscape of the Lake Erie Basin."

The idea of the grass filter came from his internship last summer with the USDA in Fulton County, Ohio, just a few minutes from his home. During his placement, grass filter strips were being used to guard against soil erosion, trapping runoff containing sediment, pesticides, and other pollutants.

Professors at AB encouraged Wilson to apply for the internship to help him hone his interests and prepare for concentrated studies in a master's program. He called the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District office and inquired about any possible opportunities. He landed an intern spot in the EQIP program, part of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service program. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) helps agricultural producers confront their unique set of challenges while conserving natural resources like soil, water, and air. This program invests in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations.

Wilson plans to conduct his research over two summers and then present his project in his senior year. His goal is to gain another internship with the USDA this summer. 3

Levi Summe won $5,000 from the Appalachian College Association (ACA) for his senior research project on Northern saw-whet owls. Summe is a natural resource management major with a minor in biology at Alderson Broaddus University, an ACA affiliated institution.

Summe presented his research on "assessing nesting box location preferences to improve conservation of Northern saw-whet owls (Aegolius acadicus) in the Highlands of West Virginia" at the ACA Annual Summit in Tennessee during the Ledford Scholars poster presentation.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance for students enrolled at ACA member institutions with summer research in the fields of laboratory and fieldwork, interviews, special collections analysis, and participant observation. Ledford scholars then present their research each year at the annual summit.

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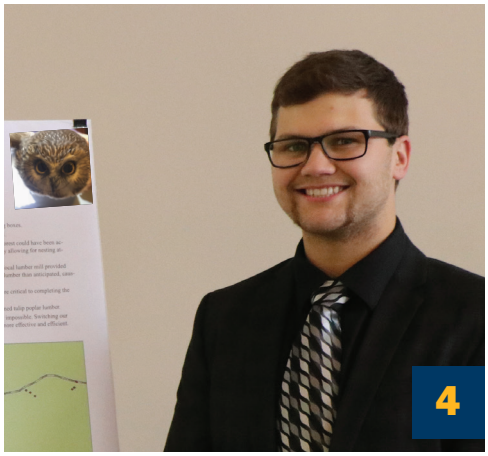
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Summe spent his summer building habitats for Northern saw-whet owls and setting up monitoring cameras. Research on the habitats of Northern saw-whet owls is minimal due to their secretive lifestyle, which is what sparked Summe's interest in the subject.

"My research will hopefully give us a better understanding of Northern saw-whet owl habitats that we currently don't know much about," Summe said. "This project and scholarship are the reasons I am at Alderson Broaddus University. College is expensive, but my education at AB enabled me to be part of this invaluable project which in turn helped me fund and finish out my four years."

Summe is from Mullens, West Virginia and plans to continue pursuing natural resource research in either forestry or wildlife management after graduating from Alderson Broaddus University in May 2020. 4

Mass communication students at AB have been showing off their talents in the digital media arts since 2015. As part of their course curriculum, students learn about the field of multimedia journalism and have been winning awards for their efforts. Students have won 13 awards for their work with radio, video, and direct marketing, making them well-rounded professionals in media.

"We have some really talented students here at AB, and they have an opportunity to show off their talents in digital design, audio production, and in video production," said Dr. Jim Owston, professor of mass communication.

The greatest achievement for AB was winning a Diamond Award from the East Central District of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) in 2017 for a feature radio story over West Virginia Public Radio concerning the "Philippi Mummies." This broadcast was also a statewide Crystal Award recipient in 2017.

AB's media practicum class was a 2018 finalist in the Society of Professional Journalists Region Four Mark of Excellence Awards for their broadcast of "A Covered Bridge Christmas." The broadcast was also a Crystal Award winner in 2018. 5

The **AB Cheerleading team** volunteered to bring cheer during the United Hospital Center's "Celebration of Life" and "It's All About You" events for cancer survivors. The events held in Bridgeport provide information and education to visitors on healthy living and the journey through cancer. The hospital has been holding the fairs for the last seven years.

The AB cheerleading team donated port pillows—small wallet-size cushions that give patients relief from the pressure of across-the-shoulder seat belts—to all survivors. Patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments have a port or a catheter surgically inserted, usually in the chest and near the shoulder, that remains intact throughout treatments. Placement of this port can make wearing a seat belt uncomfortable and most patients tend to tuck the seat belt under their arm, causing safety concerns when traveling. This is why port pillows serve as a safe and vital cushion for patients. 6

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Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a student-led business organization at AB, traveled to New York City to attend the first-ever Career Connections Conference. The conference was sponsored and coordinated by the national Phi Beta Lambda officer team to prepare business students for the workplace. Students met with CEOs, marketing directors, and data analysts and attended seminars on workplace personalities and resume building.

During their stay, students explored Time Square and toured Fortune 500 companies such as LinkedIn and the National Hockey League. PBL also attended the Fast Company Innovation Festival with inspirational speakers from Hello Sunshine—founded by Reese Witherspoon—and Home Box Office (HBO). 7

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ALDERSON BROADDUS BATTLERS GIVE BACK

55 STRONG: ALUMNI INSIGHTS INTO THE W.VA. TEACHERS' STRIKE

BY TALIA KOTZ, *CLASS OF 2020*

For thirteen days in 2018, thousands of West Virginia teachers walked out of their classrooms and stormed the Capitol building in Charleston with rallying cries of "55 Strong" and "55 United."

The teachers' strike was in response to the low wages of West Virginia teachers (whose compensation ranked 48th in the U.S.) and the increasingly high health care costs that affect roughly 20,000 public school employees. Schools in all 55 counties of West Virginia stood in solidarity to demand better resources for educators and their collective 250,000 students. The teachers and their supporters donned red shirts as a reminder of the red bandanas worn by militant miners during the West Virginia Mine Wars. They held signs that plead with legislators to value education and highlighted what their students need in the classroom.

AB "power couple" **Mark '03 and Jessica '03 (Maunz) Salfia** recall their involvement in the strike. Jessica, an advanced placement language and composition and creative writing teacher at Spring Mills High School in Berkley County, became a leader during the 55 Strong movement—from protesting at the Capitol to making lunches for students while school was closed. Her husband Mark serves as an assistant principal at Spring Mills Middle School, in the same district, and had a different experience, being on the opposite side of the picket line. Although schools across the state were closed, administrators still had to report for their job every morning. Mark became a leader in his building for distributing information and serving as a liaison to the teachers. Although he couldn't be on the front lines of the protest, he made it a point to openly communicate with his teachers and show his support for the cause.

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"Believing in West Virginia is why on February 22, 2018 nearly 20,000 West Virginia teachers, bus drivers, and service personnel walked away from the jobs they love, asking for a 5% pay raise and the restoration of proper health benefits," explained Jessica. "We didn't know when we walked out of our classrooms that West Virginia would serve as a catalyst for an educational revolution across the United States."

Jessica explained that before the call for the work stoppage, she wrote op-eds and conducted interviews with various media outlets. She called legislators' offices and spoke at length to whomever would listen about the work that public educators do. Then, she took her voice to Charleston.

Her uncle, Delegate Danny Wagner from Barbour County, had been a history teacher for thirty-four years, and has been serving the West Virginia House of Delegates since his retirement from teaching in 2014. He was a local leader during the 1990 teacher strike in Barbour County and he opened doors and helped her achieve an audience with legislators in West Virginia.

Jessica and her fellow educators lobbied, attended town halls, blogged, and conducted walk-ins at their schools to educate the public that there was a problem with PEIA insurance and public employees would face a pay cut. The goal of the walk-ins was to send a message to garner the attention of the public before having to resort to a 55-county walk-out. Jessica said it was important that the public and legislators knew that teachers were taking measures to exhaust every avenue of resolution before walking away from the classroom.

Jessica recalls, "the night before the strike, every teacher immediately thought 'what will our students eat?'" Jessica explained that for many students in West Virginia, the only square meal they receive is at school. In response, teachers gathered across the state at community centers and churches to pack lunches of nonperishable items for their students.

Mark recounted a unique experience at the picket line. A truck driver pulled up to his school loaded with school lunches to tell him he's a member of a union and would not cross the picket line. "I thanked him and said I

appreciated the support, but we had to feed our students," Mark said. He quickly negotiated a solution with the driver, asking for the food to be delivered to the local fire department instead. Mark assembled a team to unload the food and package each meal. Then he sent a message out to families that food was available for their children.

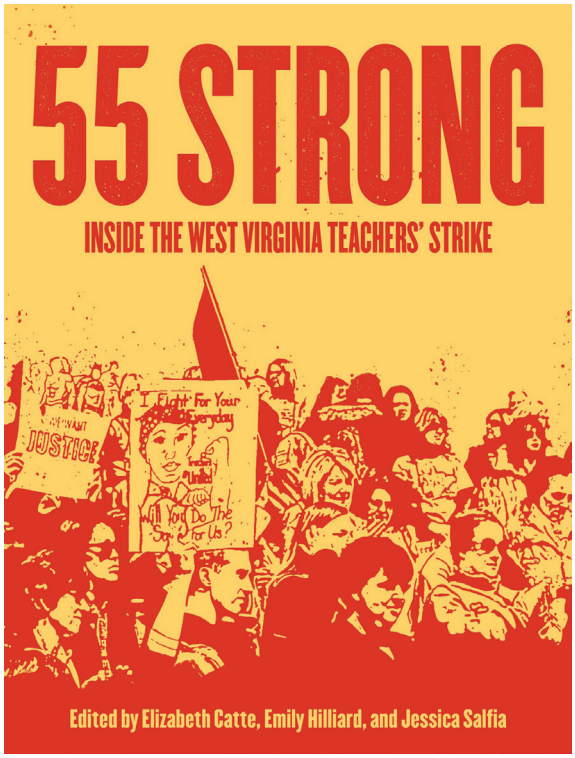
Mark stressed, "the point of the strike was not just about the pay and rising insurance costs; it was about the opportunities we need created for us to do the jobs that we do and love. For me, the work stoppage was a fight over what we value. West Virginia labor has a long and proud history of fighting for what is right. The work stoppage was about standing up as a state and telling our leadership what we value. We value the blue collar, gritty West Virginia worker. We value the coal miner, the truck driver, the teacher. This started out as a teacher and service personnel walk out, but make no mistake, it turned into a labor movement."

Jessica credits the success of the work stoppage to the power of the collective voice and stories shared from a unified group of public employees—teachers and bus drivers standing with state police and school cooks. "Teachers in West Virginia did a brave and gutsy thing. Preserving and sharing their stories of bravery and standing up for education is not just important for us now, but is critical to preserving our history and identity as West Virginians," she said.

On March 6, 2018, West Virginia's governor and the legislature agreed to a five percent raise for teachers and state employees while freezing any changes to the PEIA insurance and promising a healthcare resolution during the 2019 legislative session. The strike ended with a return to the classroom on March 7; however, the resolution proved temporary. Nearly a year later, teachers held a second statewide walk-out for two days in February 2019, denouncing a bill they said was retaliatory toward educators. The legislature proposed a bill that would create charter schools and offer education savings accounts, a type of school voucher, which would reduce the amount of funding available to traditional public schools. After two days of protest, the bill was indefinitely tabled and teachers returned to their classrooms.

From this movement, came the penning of the book 55 Strong: Inside the West Virginia Teacher's Strike that was co-edited by Jessica Salfia and includes a collection of personal accounts and essays by those involved in the work stoppage—including her own story and her husband Mark's unique perspective.

The Salfias have traveled across West Virginia for readings from 55 Strong and have consulted with teachers from other states who want to organize their own movements.



Photos courtesy of Jessica Salfia and Emily Hilliard, co-editors of 55 Strong: Inside the West Virginia Teachers' Strike

About the Salfias:

Jessica (Maunz) Salfia '03 graduated from AB with a Bachelor of Arts in secondary education and English and continued onto Shepherd University to receive a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 2012. She has won numerous awards including the Arch Coal Teaching Award in 2015, Berkeley County Teacher of the Year Award in 2016, and the Stephen L. Fisher Award in Teaching Excellence from the Appalachian Studies Association. She currently serves as the president for the West Virginia Council of Teachers of English. Her writings have appeared in the Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Belt Magazine, and the West Virginia Council of Teachers of English Best Practices Blog.

Mark Salfia '03 graduated from AB with a Bachelor of Arts in secondary education and social studies and continued onto Fairmont State University to receive his master's in education in 2006. He also received his Certification of Educational Leadership from Salem University in 2017. He started his career at Musselman High School in Berkeley County in 2004 where he taught social studies and coached multiple sports teams. In 2013, Mark was hired as the social studies department chair and head baseball coach at Spring Mills High School. In January 2018, he became the assistant principal at Spring Mills Middle School.

20 TOP 18 SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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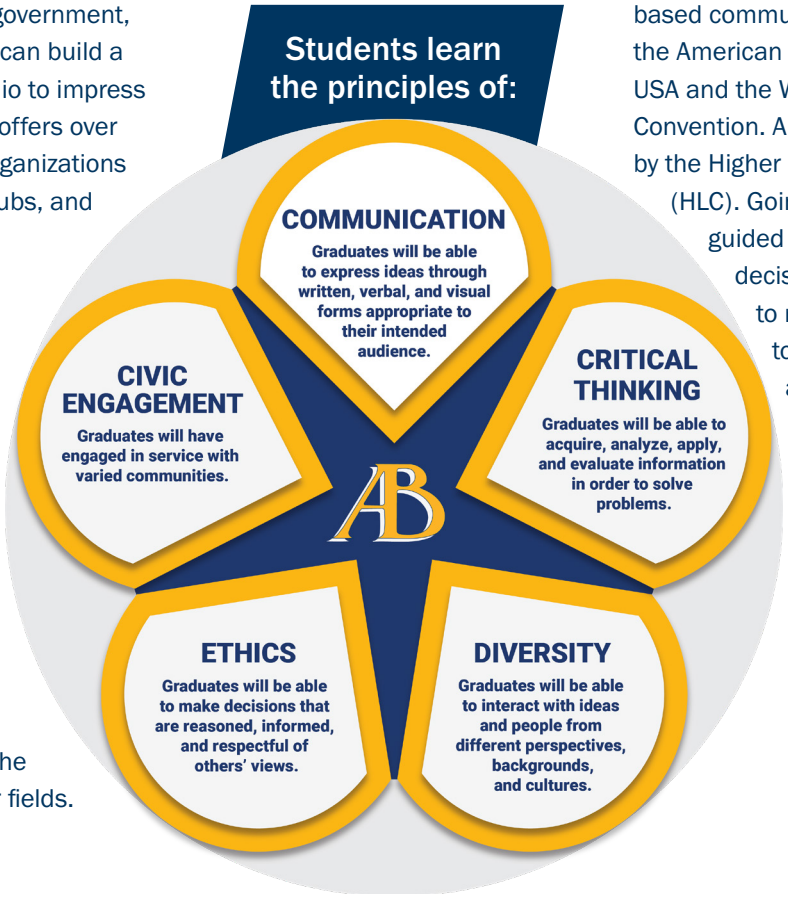
2 Exciting Opportunities:
Students at AB are involved. From service to athletics, Greek Life, religious life, student government, and beyond, students can build a comprehensive portfolio to impress future employers. (AB offers over 35 clubs and social organizations and over 20 sports, clubs, and spirit squads.)

3 The "Home" Atmosphere:
The most common thing we hear when people visit AB is how friendly our campus community is. Our caring faculty and staff make it a point to get to know our students and go the extra mile to help them succeed inside the classroom and in their fields. With students from 38 states and 20 countries, AB serves as the one place they can all call "home" away from home.

4 The Setting:
Aside from the picturesque view from our hilltop, AB's setting affords some of the greatest outdoor adventures right in our backyard: world-class whitewater rafting, regionally-renowned ski resorts, peaceful floating rivers, and all the best terrain a hiker, biker, or thrill seeker could dream of having.



5 Financial Aid Assistance:
AB has a tradition of helping our students secure scholarships and other forms of financial aid so that students can focus on becoming professionals without the worry of post-graduation debt. And with our exclusive AB Advantage Loan Repayment Assistance Program, we've helped alleviate any worry. Of those undergraduates enrolled at AB, 99% receive some type of financial assistance.

6 Faith-Based Support:
Students learn and grow in a faith-based community affiliated with the American Baptist Churches USA and the West Virginia Baptist Convention. AB is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Going forward, we are guided by our strategic decision-making model to remain viable and to continue offering a high-quality education.

Class Notes

For all the latest alumni news and upcoming events, stay connected with AB through the alumni e-newsletter. Sign up at alumni@ab.edu.

1949

Mary (Hill) Pollard is now 93 years old and living with her son and daughter-in-law, Dave & Sue Pollard, in Riverbank, Calif. They also live close to her granddaughter Deanna and her husband, Scott Grimm. Mary is also blessed with three great-grandchildren: Hayden, Delaney, and Grayson. Mary sent the following to share: "I pray God continues blessing you, all the teachers, leaders, helpers, and students. The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and without hypocrisy." James 3:17

1962

Dennis Vest was elected president of the Westminster Shores Trust, in Bradenton, Fla. He is also a private consultant to non-profit organizations within the United States and Africa.

1963

Herb Zettl, professor emeritus of history, was recently honored with the establishment of "The Herb Zettl Endowment Fund for Women's Soccer" at Springfield College. Herb was the first women's soccer coach at the college. He coached the team from 1980 to 1997. Herb retired from the college after 46 years in 2015.

1968

Jay Slater is finishing up his 50th year in the ministry which all began at AB.

1971

Bruce Karger retired in 2009 after eight years teaching high school and 31 years with IBM. After a few years he became "tired of being retired" and went back to teaching. He is now in his seventh year as an adjunct professor of mathematics at LaRoche University in Pittsburgh. In his spare time, he trains Newfoundland dogs for water rescue, draft carting, obedience shows, and showing in the conformation ring. He and his wife have earned six championships through the AKC and more than 100 other titles through the Newfoundland Club of America.

1972

Timothy M. Farabaugh and his son Chris Farabaugh have published their first book. It is entitled, "In the Beginning: A Look at our World Through the Lens of Environmental Science and Christian Theology." Chris has a Ph.D. in environmental science and provided the scientific information. Tim, having a Master of Divinity, provided the biblical and theological information. This is Tim's sixth book. His other books include "Ministry to and with the Elderly", "A Guide to Long-Term Care Administration", "Lay Pastoral Care Giving", "In Search of Revenge and Respect", and "A Guide to Christian Administration."

1973

John Gressman has retired after 26 years as President/CEO of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium. New adventures will include national health care consulting, volunteering, and relaxing by the pool.

The East Stroudsburg Elks Lodge 319 has selected longtime educator, coach, and highly respected community leader **Sharon (Schnure) Laverdure** as the recipient of the A. Mitchell Palmer Award. This award recognizes individuals for their long-term and significant contributions in the field of law, public safety, or community service. Sharon Laverdure began

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New Location?
New Baby?

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her teaching career in the East Stroudsburg School District in 1973 and over the next 43 years served in many capacities, including assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent for special projects. Mrs. Laverdure was involved in numerous state and national professional organizations. Among the many awards she has received are the Citizen of the Year BPOE 319 (2005 and 2015), Monroe County Education Award (2015), the Distinguished Alumnus Lewisburg Area High School (2013), Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Instructional Leadership Award (2015), and the Martin Luther King Community Award (2016).

1974

Robert E. "Bobby" Gray was inducted into the Marshall University Athletics Hall of Fame in Huntington, W.Va. Bobby was the head men's soccer coach from 1995-2016.

Craig D. Helm has made eight visits to Hong Kong, teaching there for three years in the 1980s. He has enjoyed vacationing in Bar Harbor, Maine, and at Pictured Rocks National Park in Munising, Mich. He was a Boy Scout Chaplain for 13 summers. He had an enthusiastic AB student experience.

Brian (Bones) M. Swann has retired from the United States Army Reserves where he was a Military PA for 27 years, Senior Primary Care for 12 years, and in the Department of Veterans Affairs. While enjoying his retirement with his wife Sandra, Brian is also actively involved in the VFW, Purple Heart, and DAV.

1978

S. Mark Courtney began his running career in 1978, and it includes over 103,000 career miles, an active daily running streak of over 14,000 days, 2,000+ career road races, and 160+ career marathons including 38 Boston Marathons in a row. Mark was the winner of the Boston Marathon 50-59 age group division in 2006.

1979

Jeanne (Osborn) Di Muzio was recently selected as a Connecticut Champion for Alzheimer's.

1980

Kenneth "Dean" Wright, PA-C, from Huntington, W.Va. has been recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the AAPA. Dean earned this national recognition due to his outstanding contributions to patient care and the profession during his 37-year career as a Physician Assistant. He currently practices as a member of the General Surgery Team for the Veterans Hospital Administration at the Huntington VA Medical Center. Dean was also the recipient of AB's Hu C. and Avannelle Myers award in 2018.

1987

Dr. Sean Loudin was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure Status at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University. Loudin is an assistant professor of pediatrics, the pediatric clerkship director, and chairman of the curriculum committee.

1988

Jennifer (Janson) Cooke, PA-C, was recently awarded a specialty credential from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). She received the credential in psychiatry. This distinction is earned by meeting licensure, education, and experience requirements as well as passing a national exam in the specialty. Jennifer is employed at Riverpoint Psychiatric Associates in Norfolk, Va.

Bryan L. Gregory is the national television host for Tech Garage, a DIY automotive repair/diagnostics weekly show on the Velocity Network. He also works as the Engineer/Field Camera Supervisor for Virginia Tech football.

Mary Vacala has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Western Illinois University. Currently, Mary is the co-owner and a physician assistant at Urgent Care of Berwick in Savannah, GA. She also serves at Chatham Orthopedics, conducting patient evaluation and managing coverage of high school and college sporting events. Vacala has also served as an athletic trainer for the U.S. Paralympics men's basketball team, medical director for the U.S. Paralympics women's basketball team, and athletic trainer with numerous World Cup and Olympic teams.

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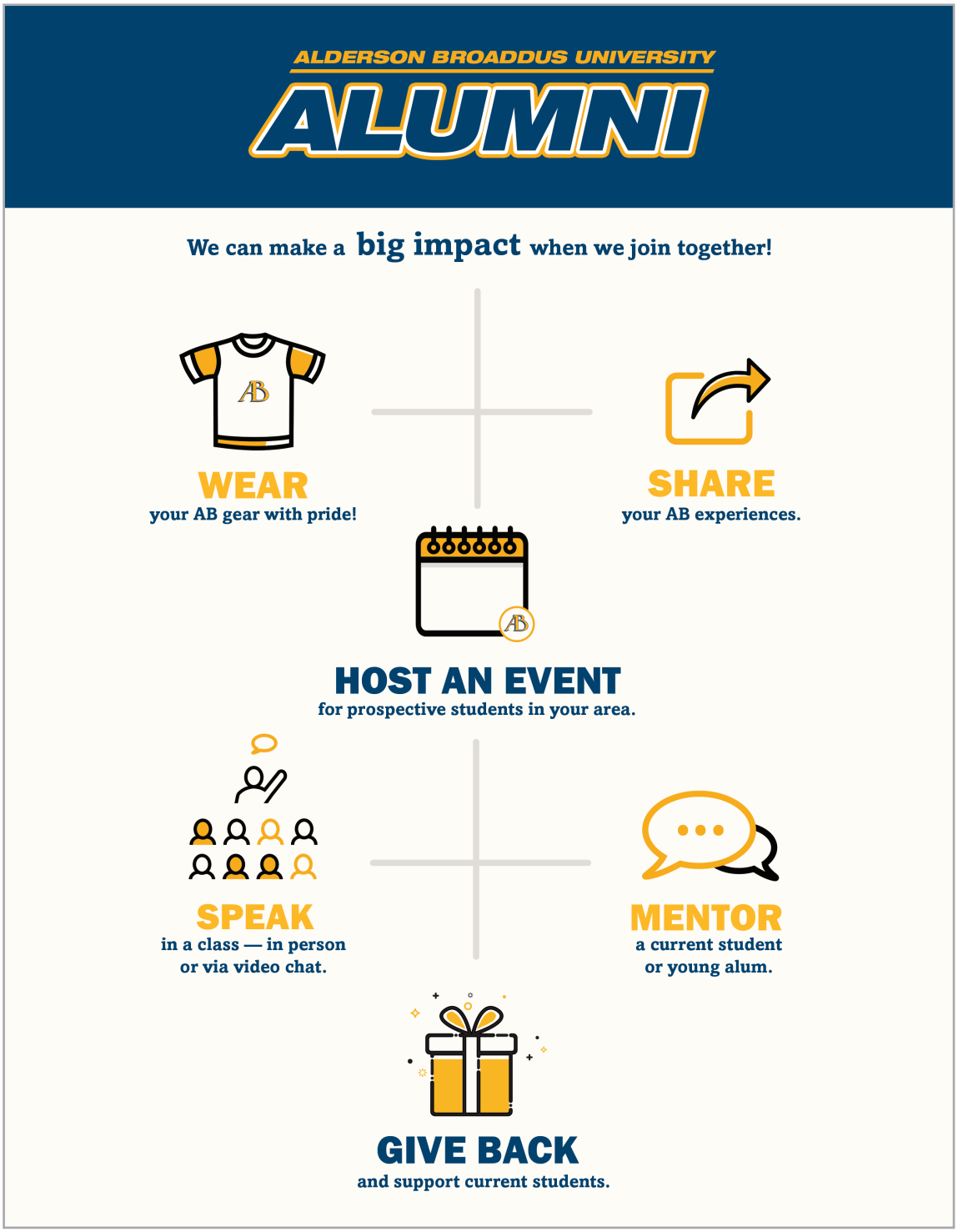

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1995

Heather (Kidd) Rumbaugh was recently named Chesterfield County South Carolina Public Schools, Davis Elementary, Teacher of The Year.

Don Yager worked in Family Medicine after graduation for 12 years. He earned his master's degree in physician assistant studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with an emphasis in emergency medicine (1999) and doctoral degree in health science from Nova Southeastern University (2005). Don was a co-developer of South College Master of Health Science PA Program in Knoxville, Tenn. in 2007. Currently, he is serving as program director and associate dean. He was selected for promotion to captain in the U.S. Navy and also works part-time for the Veteran's Benefit Administration.

1996

Curtis E. Bodkins and Carrie (Whalen) Bodkins '99 welcomed a baby girl, Harper Reece Bodkins on July 1, 2017. Harper weighed in at 11 lbs. 1 oz.

Rev. Tara (Jones) Henderson was named pastor at the First Baptist Church in Norwalk Ohio. Rev. Henderson will be the first female pastor to fill this post.

1997

Faith Bevan published a book titled, "Chemo Saved My Life - Yoga Saved My Living." Faith currently owns and operates, Flow Yoga, in Port Ritchey, Fla. She graduated from AB with a Bachelor of Science in sport management and medical science (PA) and a Master of Science in emergency medicine. She recently retired from emergency medicine and now volunteers her PA services at the local free senior services clinic.

2002

Scott Gherke and wife, Cassie, welcomed a baby boy, Maxwell Isaiah, on April 14, 2018.

2003

Mark Salfia, has been named assistant principal and attendance and discipline coordinator at Spring Mills Middle School, Martinsburg, W.Va. Mark graduated from AB with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and social studies.

2004

Rebekah (Corum) Hicks has been nationally recognized for earning a specialty credential from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Hicks, who is employed at Bridgeport Behavioral Health, was recognized for earning the credential in psychiatry. She is one of only eight Certified PAs in West Virginia to receive a CAQ in psychiatry since the program's inception in 2011.

Daniel A. Propst and wife **Jennifer Wigglesworth '19** welcomed daughter Josephine Rose on May 18th, 2017, weighing in at 8lbs, 6 oz and 21 inches long. Baby Jo is the granddaughter of Ben and **Joan (Crites) Propst '79.**

2005

William Arsenault is a proud veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. William was a physician assistant in the Army and resigned commission as a captain. He has 22 years as a PA-C in critical care and is going strong. William believes his training at AB prepared him for excellence in the profession.

2008

Erica Byrd was named the philanthropy outreach and communications specialist for the West Virginia Nature Conservancy in Elkins, W.Va.

2009

Jamie (Schoonover) Pingley, physician assistant, joined the Belington Community Medical Services Association at its Myers Clinic location in Philippi, W.Va., in February 2017. Jamie currently resides in Elkins, W.Va. with her daughter.

2010

Mike and Ashley (Willingham) Torres '14 welcomed their second child, Emmerson Jean, on June 1, 2018.

2011

Nick Dailey and Erika Whitney were married on May 26, 2018.

Colin Stephen Reger resides in Buckhannon, W.Va. and owns four companies: Monoco Constructors, Monoco Engineering, Riverbend Golf Course, and Stone River

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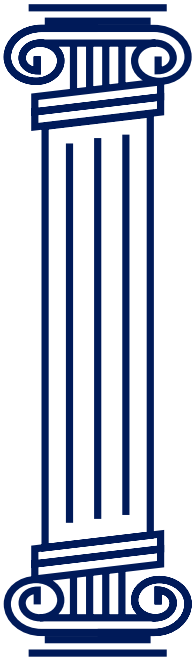

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Custom Homes. Colin is married to **Jessica (Cowger) Reger** who is a graduate of 2011 also. They have two children, Keegan & Ellie.

Jessica Spruill and Eric Waggoner welcomed son Arlo Valentine Spruill Waggoner on Saturday, May 20, 2017. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20.5 inches in length.

The West Virginia Department of Education announced **Katlin Thorsell** as the 2018 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. Thorsell is in her fifth year of teaching agriculture education at Washington High School in Charles Town, where she also serves as the National FFA organization advisor.

2012

Elias Joseph and Mary (Lough) Joseph have relocated to Buffalo NY. After getting married in 2014, Mary worked in the ENT clinic at UHC and Elias continued to medical school at WVU. In February 2017 they welcomed baby boy Tristan. Elias joined the orthopedic surgery at the University at Buffalo where he will complete a five-year program.

2013

Jacob Hill married Michelle Cottrill on July 21, 2018.

Derek Patsy was awarded a specialty credential from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Patsy received the credential in emergency medicine. He currently works at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

2014

Kristy Kellogg married Joe Funk on October 27, 2018.

2015

Audreanna (Haines) James was accepted as a WV Rural Scholar in the Harpers Ferry Family Medicine Residency Program.

John Mundey was named the 2018 U.S. Army Reserve Best Warrior Competition Best Warrior and the 2018 U.S. Army Reserve Noncommissioned Soldier of the Year. John Mundey is now married to Heather Mundey and recently welcomed his son, Lincoln Aaron Mundey.

2016

Chelsie Weed married **Stewart Goodman '17** on November 3, 2018.

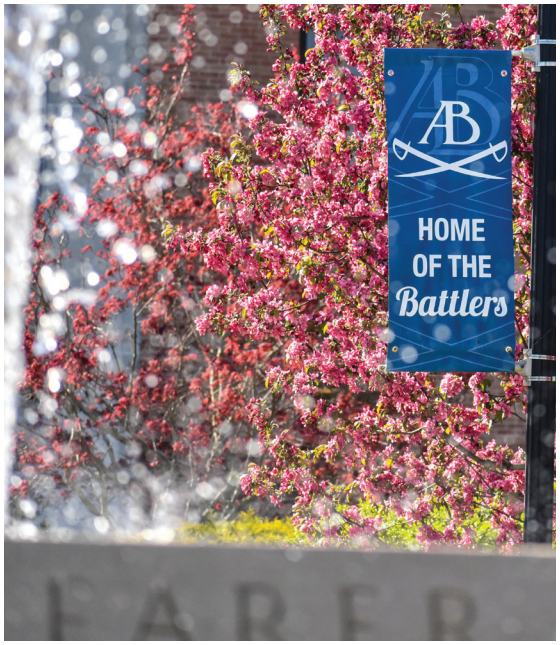
Brittany Saldivar and Keion Wright married on July 14, 2018.

2017

Randy Dobnak has recently moved through the ranks of minor league baseball. Dobnak, who signed as a free agent in 2017 with MLB's Minnesota Twins, started the summer with the High-A Fort Myers Miracle. After going 3-0 with an ERA of 0.40, he was called up to the AA Pensacola Blue Wahoos, and within a month was promoted to the AAA Rochester Red Wings.

Alia Nolan, former Acrobatics and Tumbling All-American, joined Gannon Acrobatics & Tumbling staff. Alia serves as an assistant coach.

Joel Roberts joined the Glenville State College Athletic Training staff.



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1940s

Sue Bartlett-Smith ’44, Belington, W.Va., December 22, 2018
Jobie Hammock, Jr. ’46, Simi Valley, Calif., December 6, 2017
Betty Newbrough ’48, Westminster, Colo., March 16, 2018
Martha Godfrey ’49, Mentor, Ohio, March 16, 2018

1950s

Martha (Poe) Gouer ’50, Nutter Fort, W.Va., July 14, 2018
Vergie (Gillespie) Spiker ’50, Kennett Square, Pa., August 15, 2018
Amon Jesse Clay ’51, Niceville, Fla., August 19, 2018
Albert Kukulski ’’51, Gold Canyon, Ariz., December 17, 2018
Jean Maynard-Hoff ’53, Naples, Fla., January 5, 2019
Wilma (Fisher) McClung ’55, Lakeland, Fla., May 17, 2018
Samuel Tate ’55, Lewisburg, W.Va., January 3, 2019
Norma (Collett) Stanton ’56, Morristown, N.J., April 7, 2019
Deloris (Nelson) Woodburn ’58, Springfield, Ohio, December 5, 2018
Anna (Alexander) Malone ’59, Madison, Ind., May 10, 2018
Alice (Crim) Chenoweth Collins Lehner ’59, Rutherfordton, N.C., August 5, 2018

1960s

Dorothy (Grabler) Winters ’60, Parsons, W.Va., March 1, 2018
Charles Ashley ’61, Oklahoma City, Okla., November 7, 2018
Forrest “Bud” Kelley ’61, Philippi, W.Va., February 4, 2019
Sondra (Ritter) Gay ’62, Danville, Va., September 14, 2017
Jerry Ware ’62, Philippi, W.Va., April 7, 2018
Patricia (Bailey) Waid ’63, Philippi, W.Va., October 3, 2018
David Mellquist ’63, Buckhannon, W.Va., October 9, 2017
Theodore Nesbitt ’63, St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 28, 2018
Perry Philipps ’63, Morgantown, W.Va., February 11, 2019
Tessie (Pritchard) Newbold ’63. Hawthorne, Fla., July 15, 2018
Barbara (Mosher) Bishop ’64, Crystal Lake, Ill., January 30, 2018
Retta (Brown) Taylor ’64, Volga, W.Va., February 21, 2018
Mary (Kirk) Hoge ’64, Chantilly, Va., March 20, 2018
Carolyn (Wagner) Lantz ’64, Philippi, W.Va., January 5, 2019
Samuel Edge ’65, Middletown, Ohio, January 25, 2018
Janet (Linger) Hershman ’65, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, June 21, 2018
Ruth (Cottignoli) Scott ’65, Wellesley, Mass., September 12, 2018
John Marshall ’66, West Grove, Pa., May 19, 2018
Jean Faulkner ’66, Vienna, W.Va., September 18, 2018
Frank Daniel ’66, Surprise, Ariz., February 19, 2019
David Korb ’67, Charlotte, N.C., April 19, 2017
Jane (Kennedy) Mattaliano ’67, Morgantown, W.Va., March 9, 2018
John Brallier ’67, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 20, 2018
Janice (Allen) Lahman ’67, Rochester, N.Y., October 29, 2018
Clyde Ritchie ’68, Winston-Salem, N.C., January 15, 2018
Reginald Cook ’68, Kirby, W.Va., October 19, 2018
Danny Sawyer ’68, Wake Forest, N.C., February 5, 2019
Philip Donohoe ’69, Bonaire, Ga., January 31, 2018
Alan Northcott ’69, Concord, N.H., February 22, 2018

Randall Bosley ’69, Nutter Fort, W.Va., March 8, 2018
Tracy Millar ’69, Myrtle Beach, S.C., March 20, 2018
Joseph Webster ’69, Groveport, Ohio, December 4, 2018
Judith (Evans) Hunter ’69, Waynesburg, Pa., December 12, 2018
Diana (Williams) Martin ’69, Aliquippa, Pa., January 16, 2019

1970s

Don Stoops ’71, Fairmont, W.Va., September 6, 2018
Teresa (Gaye) Calhoun ’71, Sabastian, Fla., September 13, 2018
Sheila (O’Neal) Lambert ’71, Bowden, W.Va., March 26, 2019
Joseph Fitzgerald ’72, Englewood, Fla., August 2018
John Fogle ’72, Monroeville, Pa., March 14, 2019
Lois (Miller) Dasher ’74, Petersburg, W.Va., October 28, 2018
Virginia “Anne” (Clinard) Barnhill ’74, Varnamtown, N.C., January 12, 2019
Joyce Dunay ’75, Springfield, N.J., January 29, 2018
Nancy Harrison ’77, Keyser, W.Va., February 11, 2019
Peggy Pfautz ’78, Narvon, Pa., January 15, 2019

1980s

Zenaida Casingal ’82, Charleston, W.Va., January 15, 2018

1990s

David Smith ’92, Rocky Mount, N.C., September 4, 2018
David Orlando ’93, Bridgeport, W.Va., April 24, 2019
Suzanne (Poling-DePriest) Gribble ’94, Philippi, W.Va., November 19, 2018
Lordes Labrillazo ’95, Pensacola, Fla., May 22, 2018
Bryan Rammer ’95, Merrill, Wis., June 24, 2018
Russell Stover ’95, Elkins, W.Va., June 30, 2018
Bruce Miller ’95, Rowlesburg, W.Va., February 21, 2019
Frank Poland ’96, Beaver, W.Va., January 5, 2018

2000s

Michael Mills ’05, White Plains, Md., April 3, 2019

2010s

John “Sonny” Cox ’10 (H), Charleston, W.Va., January 12, 2019
Logan Dailey ’16, Nicholasville, Ky., June 4, 2018

Friends

Beverly (Benson) McCord, Tucson, Ariz., February 14, 2017
Charles Long, Clarksburg, W.Va., April 4, 2018
Geraldine Scott, Weston, W.Va., April 16, 2018
Eleanor Creed, Philippi, W.Va., June 1, 2018
Russell Hayhurst, Morgantown, W.Va., June 6, 2018
Lewis Villers, Philippi, W.Va., July 8, 2018
Tessie Newbold, Gainesville, Fla., July 15, 2018
Calvin Shreve, Buckhannon, W.Va., September 9, 2018
Lois Wilson, Belington, W.Va., October 6, 2018
Willie (Billy) Nestor, Moatsville, W.Va., October 15, 2018
Gary “Coach Mac” McPherson, Morgantown, W.Va., December 5, 2018
Marlene Sherbaum-Kyle, Grandbury, Texas, January 5, 2019
Eugene Powell, Morgantown, W.Va., January 06, 2019
Donald Eyler, Jr., Philippi W.Va., January 12, 2019
Donald McDowell, Morgantown, W.Va., January 30, 2019
John Butler, Manchester, Conn., March 3, 2019
Deloris Taylor, Green Cove Springs, Fla., March 13, 2019
John Belcastro, Shinnston, W.Va., March 19, 2019

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