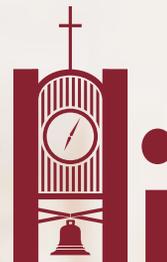


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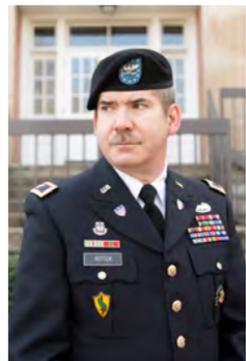
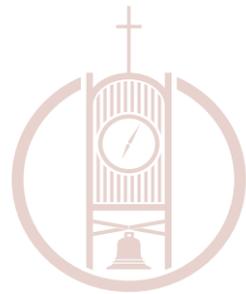


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From Iraq to CU

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Col. William Ritter trains soldiers in the area of public relations in addition to training students on campus. He is a full colonel in the United States Army. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

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# “A MESSAGE FROM THE” PRESIDENT

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Campbellsville University is on the way to another 8,000 plus enrollment for spring 2018.

A large part of the increase is attributed to the number of students enrolled in the Master of Science in Information Technology Management (MSITM) program at the Louisville Education Center and at Costa Mesa, California.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, vice president for communication, profiles the highly successful program (see page 14) and credits the accomplishments to the hard work of Dr. Anil Palla, assistant professor of business.

Dr. Palla is joined by a set of colleagues who are unique in coming to service at CU. Did you know Campbellsville University has a full colonel in the United States Army on staff? Col. William Ritter, an assistant professor of public relations in the Department of Mass Communication, works with students while performing public relations duties for the Army at various locations across the USA.

There are stories about two other military veterans in this issue. Lee Miracle, coach of the national champion women's wrestling team, disabled bombs for the U.S. Navy, and Alex Carcioppolo, a retired Marine, is now a 30-year-old freshman and junior-varsity baseball player. Alex, who's overcoming an arm injury sustained in Afghanistan, is batting over .300.

Sara Coffman, a 2017 CU alumna, is Campbellsville University's first woman security officer. Her major was criminal justice, and she's glad to apply her professional credentials at CU.

Casey Clark, a 2005 graduate of Campbellsville University, is a carpenter extraordinaire who has his own company at clarkmanship.com. You'll see a story about him in this issue, along with an alumna, Anita Snow Riggs, a 2000 and 2005 graduate, who has founded a painting of rocks Facebook phenomena in LaRue County.



You also don't want to miss a story on Sue Stivers, a 1955 Campbellsville College alumna, who recently retired as director of the Columbia-Adair County Chamber of Commerce. "My relationship with God was deepened here," Stivers said about her experience at Campbellsville College.

And, there are more stories coming. With the university having experienced a record December commencement, we now have 313 graduates who could be featured in upcoming issues.

Since our last issue, our physical footprint has grown. Ground was broken for the Athletic Fieldhouse, and there has been a ribbon cutting for a second building at the Conover Education Center in Harrodsburg. Be on the watch later this year for our new wellness center, as well as the third building in the Dr. E. Bruce Heilman Student Complex.

The university also established the Tiger Health Clinic, a full-service on-campus health center for students, faculty, staff and coaches.

God has blessed Campbellsville University, and we owe you gratitude for helping us with our capital campaign - "Our Time, This Place." As of press time, we are on the cusp through gifts and pledges of meeting our \$61.1 million goal, gifts which are meeting the needs of the next generation of students.

Our mission is to provide Christian higher education to all students, and you are part of this mission through prayers, financial support and sharing our message with the students of tomorrow.

May God bless you in all that you do. Feel free to contact me anytime at president@campbellsville.edu.

Most Cordially,

Michael V. Carter

# United States Army Col. William Ritter

## From Iraq to Campbellsville University

BY JOSH CHRISTIAN, STUDENT NEWS WRITER, OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Whether training soldiers for the battlefield or students for careers in the media, Col. William Ritter strives to make a lasting impact.

Ritter is an assistant professor of public relations at Campbellsville University and a colonel in the United States Army.

“In the Army, we are all about tough love,” Ritter said. “You can divvy out punishments for disobedience. Here, you have to find other motivations.”

“Here, it’s more of a big brother, softer kind of love.”

“Every kid has their own story.”

Ritter has, in the last two years, made the transition from instructing soldiers full time, to the university classroom, where he teaches public relations.

Ritter, of Lancaster, Penn., enlisted in the United States Army 31 years ago, at age 18.

“I joined because I needed money for college,” Ritter said.

Ritter chose the United States Army because of the history of military service in his family. His first contract was only for six years.

“But I fell in love with being a soldier,” Ritter said.

Ritter was in the Army Reserves while working as a civilian in advertising and attending college.

The war in Iraq changed things.

“In various conflicts, I always served stateside,” Ritter said. “But I didn’t want to be a reserve soldier who had never served his country in a time of war.”

So, after a conversation with his wife, Cheryl, Ritter decided to volunteer to serve overseas.

A sergeant and longtime mentor happened to call him only a few days later. He needed an officer for his unit.

“Within 10 days, I was in Chicago, ready to go to the Middle East,” Ritter said.

Ritter spent his time in active duty as a public affairs officer. He started in Kuwait and ended in Iraq.

As a public affairs officer, Ritter trained public affairs soldiers and helped connect outside media with their units. There, he met and worked with famous faces in the media such as Tom Brokaw and Diane Sawyer.

With his tour ending and a second child on the way, Ritter remained in active duty but stayed stateside.

He was transferred from Florida to Virginia, Virginia to Alabama and Alabama to North Carolina.

The declining health of Ritter’s mother-in-law, M. Jean Miller-Doughman, brought him to Campbellsville, Ky.

According to Ritter, through God’s providence, he began to consider working at Campbellsville University.

Ritter sent his résumé to the university at the same time former public relations professor Dr. Russ Barclay was planning his retirement. That résumé eventually ended up on the desk of Stan McKinney,



Col. William Ritter instructs Abagael Murphy in Photoshop during his graphic design class. Murphy is from Lebanon, Ky. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

associate professor of journalism and lead professor for mass communication.

“I was impressed by his résumé,” McKinney said.

“I immediately recognized how significant his experience was and what having him on staff could mean to our department.”

And on a summer vacation to Campbellsville, Ky., Ritter visited the university and ended up meeting Dr. Sarah Sims, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of English at Campbellsville University.

“Dr. Sims just happened to be in her office,” Ritter said.

An interview with her and McKinney was arranged. Ritter was hired to teach several classes in January 2016. That fall, he became a full-time professor.

Ritter spoke of God’s providence in that he could spend more time with his mother-in-law than he’d ever spent with her, months before her death.

“Being a college professor was never on my radar,” Ritter said.

Ritter came to the university as a lieutenant colonel and has since been promoted to full colonel.



*“One piece of advice can change someone’s life. It’s the difference between a student or soldier succeeding or not.”*

– Col. William Ritter

“I admire Col. Ritter for his service to our country and now his service to our classrooms,” McKinney said. “He has been able to arrange many internships for our students at Fort Knox and opened career opportunities that might not have been available without his efforts.

“I don’t know how many recognize how significant it is that we have a full colonel on staff,” McKinney said.

“Col. Ritter took part in a special Veterans Day ceremony last year that I had an honor to be a part of along with many veterans in the community. Those veterans were very impressed that a ‘Full-Bird’ Colonel is part of our staff.”

McKinney said Ritter is a genuinely nice guy and is deeply concerned about his students and the university as a whole.

Ritter has embraced his new role as he is a strong believer in the power of mentorship.

Ritter is also in agreement with the mission of Campbellsville University, as he believes everyone should strive to serve someone else.

Ritter still serves in a unit as an observer, contributing by certifying a public affairs unit for the field.

At Campbellsville University, Ritter has started a veteran and military support group.

In fall 2017, almost 100 veterans and their dependents attended Campbellsville University.

He believes there are shared experiences only a veteran could understand.

Ritter has organized four or five events throughout the semester for these veterans and is in the process of contacting the American Legion to have older veterans mentor younger veterans.

He also volunteers his time to help cadets in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. He also volunteers to teach a level 3 military science class to juniors, working with Western Kentucky University’s professor of military science who administers Campbellsville University’s ROTC program.

Ritter’s best piece of advice for college students is to not be afraid to step off the ledge and try something different. ♣

# 'Rock lady'

paints and hides rock around LaRue County

BY LINDA IRELAND, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Anita Snow Riggs, the founder of the Larue County Rocks program and Facebook page, is sharing her lifelong love of art in an unusual way.

She paints rocks and hides them for others to find, share and collect.

The group's Facebook page has more than 8,100 members — quite a feat considering LaRue County's population is about 14,000.

"It's unbelievable," Snow Riggs said. "I never dreamed it would take off like this."

Snow Riggs, who grew up in Russell Springs, graduated in 2000 from Campbellsville University. She earned a master's degree from CU in 2005.

Later, she found a job teaching art at G.C. Burkhead Elementary School in Hardin County.

She and her husband, Tracy, moved to Hodgenville, to raise their children, Nolin and Aubrey-Cate.

Between her full-time job and taking care of her family, she found she had little time to pursue her own art projects.

One of her friends suggested she paint rocks. Snow Riggs researched the subject on the internet and decided to try. Her first rocks came from the landscaping around her home. Before long, she had found her niche.

"I remember telling (Tracy) that God was telling me to do this," she said.

Her talent shines through the mini-masterpieces. One of her favorite rocks is a lifelike, coiled green garter snake on a flat stone. It took four hours to complete. Each tiny scale can be seen in detail, showing the painstaking care she invests in each project.



A recent theme is old-fashioned Valentine rocks. Others are inspirational quotes, cartoon characters and religious icons.

She painted about 100 rocks before "going public" on Facebook. The members have the option of keeping the rocks they find or re-hiding them. Each rock has written on its back: "Keep or re-hide. Post pic on Larue County Rocks Facebook page."

She advises members to use acrylic paint and spray the finished artwork with a clear sealant such as Rust-Oleum®.

She encourages others to be courteous when hiding or looking for rocks. She has provided a list of areas to avoid including national parks and inside certain stores. Another list includes "rock-friendly" areas.



At least one of her rocks went international. An Abraham Lincoln rock was hidden in The Lincoln Museum in Hodgenville. A visitor from Montreal found it and promised to hide it in Canada, according to Rob Thurman, assistant museum director.

"We always enjoy finding Larue County Rocks around The Lincoln Museum," Thurman said. "It's so fun to share stories from our community with visitors from all around the world."

One of Snow Riggs' most exciting moments was finding, for the first time, a rock someone else had painted. She kept the blue polka-dotted stone as a reminder of how her project has impacted others.

She said the hobby is appealing because it is inexpensive and provides incentive for families to turn off the TV and video games.

"It's a chance to get out in nature and make memories," she said. 🐾



For more information about Larue County Rocks, visit [www.facebook.com/groups/1051138665000149/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1051138665000149/)

# "CU Deepened my Relationship with God"

-Dr. Sue Cravens Stivers

BY LINDA WAGGENER, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A modest church scholarship was the bridge that led Russell Springs High School graduate Sue Cravens to Campbellsville College. She would become a 1955 graduate, successful alumnae and lifetime supporter of her alma mater.

Dr. Sue Cravens Stivers had expected to follow her siblings either to Western Kentucky University or Lindsey Wilson College whenever her parents Jason and Zella Cravens made it clear to all six of their children that college would be in their future. That scholarship and the newly developed home economics program gave the slight edge to Campbellsville.

She said she would choose Campbellsville again if she had her school days to live over. "My relationship with God was deepened here," Stivers said, "I was involved in every activity on campus and nearly every activity began with a prayer."

Well, she said, there was one activity that didn't start nor end in prayer — a mischief-maker who regularly teased her who, to this day whenever she sees him, never lets him live down the time she walked out of Stapp Hall all dressed up and he sprayed her with a water hose. John Mark Carter, son of then-President John M. Carter, was that kid and she said, "I was drenched and had to go right back in and start getting ready for my date all over again."

Earning her way by helping "Mama Smothers" in Stapp Hall, along with

the small scholarship, allowed her to complete her two-year degree and be ready for the next step.

She was able to go seamlessly into the University of Kentucky home economics program due in part to her strong mentor, Professor Ina Blakeman, who she recalled had used her connections at UK to help organize an excellent home economics program at Campbellsville.

Stivers enjoyed a 30-year career as Adair County's home extension agent and has gone on to hold numerous community positions since then, including serving as a member of the Lindsey Wilson College Board of Trustees from where she received an honorary doctorate.

Stivers was a leader her entire career and has such a following she was honored recently with an official "Sue Stivers Day" in the City of Columbia, Ky., complete with an open house at

her retirement from director of the Chamber of Commerce where dozens of friends, family and peers came to honor her.

Sen. Max Wise and Rep. Bam Carney presented her with a citation issued by the Senate of the Commonwealth and, on behalf of Rep. Jamie Comer, who spoke honors from the floor of the US House of Representatives, District Director Sandy Simpson presented Stivers with his signed and framed document.

Now retired for a second time, she still has one job going forward, director of Adair County Tourism Development. There's no stopping.

"Anybody who meets Sue Stivers, remembers Sue Stivers," said Natalie Burdette, Campbellsville University director of annual giving, acknowledging, "She's unforgettable in so many wonderful ways!" 🌸

From left, Natalie Burdette, director of annual giving at Campbellsville University, with Dr. Sue Stivers. (CU Photo by Linda Waggener)



# Woodworking

## is a hobby and profession for Casey Clark

BY ANDREA BURNSIDE, STUDENT NEWS WRITER

From playing around a walnut tree that stood for years on his grandfather's farm to building a 10-foot-walnut dining table that his family will sit around for years to come, Casey Clark, an alumnus of Campbellsville University is continuing a family legacy that spans several generations.

Everything is built on heritage and legacy. "It is a family thing," Clark said.

"If you build it, they will come," Clark said, quoting the movie "Field of Dreams." He built his home on his family's farm property, which they have owned for five generations. Clark did much of the interior work himself, like trim, windows, flooring and other detailed woodwork.

"I did not want to hire anyone if I thought that I could do it by myself," Clark said.

Woodworking began as a hobby for Clark but

progressed into taking custom orders for friends and family. He started out with basic carpentry, like tables, cabinets and baby gates.

After selling six custom bourbon cabinets, he started to think that getting out-of-state contacts, as well as local clients, meant he could have something worth pursuing.

Clark's first project was to make a table his wife, Ashley, picked from Pinterest. "The plans were there," he said. "It told you what cut to make, what lengths it needed to be — it told you everything," Clark said.

The table now sits on his front porch.

Being self-taught means a lot of trial and error, he said, but he learns as he goes and picks up tips from his grandfathers and from other woodworkers on Instagram.

Clark has been woodworking for four years and decided to turn it into a business in November 2016. He liked the idea of something original and unique. He chose the name Clarkmanship.

Seeing something go from a stack of lumber to a table in six days makes it enjoyable. Plus, he says it keeps him motivated, although he readily describes himself as very determined.



Casey Clark of Clarkmanship cuts a piece of sassafras wood on his miter saw. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

"It has more meaning than just going and buying a piece of furniture," he said.

Clark doesn't say no to his clients. Even though he might have not done something before, he likes to figure it out and gets it done.

He connects his aspiration for a Christ-filled life to his work. "If He can do it, then why can't I?" drives Clark's commitment to quality and excellence in what he does.

People like things with a story, he says, and they are appreciating handcrafted items again. He calls woodworking a hobby and a profession for a lot of "old souls."

Clark works as an occupational therapist for HealthSouth Lakeview Rehabilitation Hospital in Elizabethtown, Ky. He also has an occupational therapy business that contracts with schools and hospitals.

Clark graduated from LaRue County High School in 2001 and went on to play football at Campbellsville University for two years. In 2005, when he graduated from Campbellsville University with a bachelor of science in

marketing, he pursued his master's in occupational therapy from Eastern Kentucky University.

Clark is married to Ashley Cecil. They have three daughters, Haven, Della and Bodhi.

Clarkmanship's website, [clarkmanship.com](http://clarkmanship.com), showcases previous projects and provides contact information for custom orders. Clark is very active on Instagram (@clarkmanship), where he says he finds both clients and inspiration. 🐾



# Lee Miracle

## Disarming bombs and winning championships

BY KASEY RICKETTS, ASSISTANT EDITOR

A suspected bomb is in the distance during a routine route in a Middle East country. Everyone is tense. A man emerges among the U.S. military group dressed in a dark green bomb suit.

He glances at his partner and starts walking toward the bomb, breathing heavily and nervous, but fully concentrated. He approaches the bomb and cuts, what he hopes to be, the correct wire.

Everyone holds their breath. Then, the man looks back at the rest of his group, smiling and relief floods over everyone.

This is a common scene in war movies and how Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians are portrayed in them.

However, this is just a fraction of the job of a Navy EOD technician. They are a jack of all trades – from clearing shipping routes and using explosives, to fighting their way into areas and utilizing their skills to make it safer for other soldiers.

“EODs can be used in so many ways,” Lee Miracle, a retired Navy EOD chief and Campbellsville University women’s wrestling coach, said.

“There is no telling what you will encounter at any time. You always have to be ready. You can be doing anything from cast and recovery, a dive operation, repelling, fast roping, parachuting or a mixture of any of these components,” he said.

Miracle served in the United States Navy for 20 years, retiring as an EOD chief.

In 1992, Miracle made the decision to enlist in the Navy

with the goal of deciding what direction he wanted to go in life and to really “grow up.”

After making it through boot camp and with a high score on his ASVAB, a test used to determine whether a person qualifies for a rating (job), Miracle found himself as an Aviation Maintenance Administrationman.

“This was right around the time computers became a huge deal, and the rating was in high demand. I would be in an office with air conditioning and help keep aircraft maintenance activities running smoothly,” Miracle said.

“After three years of doing that I felt I had mastered this rating and wanted something more challenging.”



Lee Miracle, a former Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, trains seamen.

Miracle screened to become a Navy SEAL and was on route to BUD/S, Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training when he tore his ACL and meniscus in a dirt bike accident.

“I got surgery to fix the damage, ended up meeting my wife, and after I was healed up and was ready to go again I decided to screen to become an EOD technician,” Miracle said.

“I thought I would be home more and gone less when making the decision for EOD. No one could have forecasted that the next few wars would become IED (improvised explosive device) centralized,” Miracle said.

When the Twin Towers were attacked Sept. 11, 2001, Miracle was aboard the USS John C. Stennis, a U.S. aircraft carrier.

“I was in the IT office and they had the TV on and we all watched the first tower go down, so I hustled back to the office and turned on the TV – afraid of getting yelled at by the Senior Chief, who had a no TV policy, just in time to see the second tower get hit,” Miracle said.

“In that moment, everything changed for us.”

This would be the causing factor of Operation Enduring Freedom - The War On Terrorism.

“This new wave of war made EODs in high demand – and they would become the make or break of winning,” Miracle said.

Miracle became a Master EOD Technician Chief/Team Leader and supervised 707 successful Navy, Army, Secret Service and various law enforcement missions.

◀ Lee Miracle congratulates his daughter, Kayla, at the Women’s Collegiate Wrestling Association (WCWA) won by the women’s wrestling team. Kayla Miracle became only the fourth WCWA wrestler to win four titles and joins an elite list, which includes Olympic and two-time World champion Helen Maroulis, two-time World Team member Victoria Anthony and Emily Webster. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

During one of his five tours, repelling into the windows of foreign ships that were suspected of illegally transferring oil out of Middle Eastern countries would become a well-known activity for Miracle.

“Although booby traps were getting more creative, with electric railing or windows welded shut, I still managed to sneak me and my team onto many ships in the dark of night to take them down,” Miracle said.



Finally, it came to a point where Miracle had the opportunity to build another team and ship out again, but he was now a father of four, and wanted to spend more time at home around his family – leading to his decision to retire in 2012.

“I took a year off to figure out what I really wanted to do. I had a few offers on the table and after boiling it down to three choices, I chose to come to Campbellsville to coach women’s wrestling,” Miracle said.

“I really felt like it was a calling – not anything else. My other options were like, this is great, except for this or that reason. But with starting this wrestling program at CU there was potential to make a big impact on many lives and it was something I wanted to be a part of,” Miracle said.

So Miracle took his knowledge of building teams and utilized it in creating the CU women’s wrestling team, who are now in their fifth season.

And the team just won its first Women’s Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championship and held an undefeated team record of 15-0. Coverage of the championship is on page 19. 🐾

# From maroon to blue

Sara Coffman wants to be role model for girls

BY SARA FARMER, INTERN WRITER

Since she was a young girl, Sara Coffman knew she wanted to help people.

“My dad has been the sheriff in Casey County for 20 years, and my mom is a nurse. I looked up to both of them. I wanted to help other people just like they had,” Coffman said.

She came to Campbellsville University undecided, unsure of the path she wanted to take. She first took anatomy, but later found her calling in criminal justice.

“When you take anatomy, you’ll know if it’s for you. It just so happened it wasn’t for me,” she said. She recalls being part of the few females who joined the criminal justice major, but she knew she was right where she belonged. In May, she graduated with a Master’s in justice studies.

“The scariest part for many people is taking the degree you earn and actually getting a job in your field. Luckily, Campbellsville University helped me find my calling,” Coffman said.

She had been working part time as a custodian on campus when she was informed of a job opening as a campus security officer. She was told they were looking for someone with the degree she had pursued, and she took a shot at the application process. Later that day, Kyle Davis, director of campus safety/security, called her in for an interview for the job.

After an interview with a panel of staff and mounds of paperwork, Coffman received the job. “This was my first ‘big girl’ job, I was so lucky to get this opportunity,” she said.

She said her job on campus is to “patrol and keep everyone that steps foot on this campus safe.”

“The job ranges from locking down buildings and putting up barriers for games to working with the actual State Police,” she said.

*Sara Coffman, second from left, talks with her colleague security officers about day-to-day campus safety tasks. From left are, Mark Blakeman, Zack Johnson and Kyle Davis, director of campus safety and security. (CU Photos by Joshua Williams)*

“I’m the one to call when you need help.”

Coffman became the first female Security Officer on Campbellsville University’s main campus and has gone from maroon clothing to a navy blue uniform.

“I was intimidated, going from male-dominated classes to a male-dominated work field,” she said. “It’s hard not to be scared. I mean, I’m a 5’2” girl. How are these people going to take me seriously?”



Coffman said everyone she’s worked with has been super supportive of her, and her fears of not fitting in did not materialize.

“I feel very empowered as a female, to lead and shatter the stereotypes of the job.”

She contributes her success to all of the staff and people who have pushed her.

“Just as people have been role models to me, I hope that I can be that female role model for others, especially girls, on campus. I want them to see that there are opportunities here, and you can do whatever you put your mind to, no matter who you are,” Coffman said. 🐾



Odell Hall, the second classroom building in Harrodsburg, has been completed, and the ribbon cutting took place Feb. 7. In the photo from left are: Myrna Miller, Jill Cutler, Pam Brough, Dr. Michael V. Carter, Amy Matthews, Dr. G. Ted Taylor, Andrea Miller, Wes Carter and Dr. Eric Carter. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

## Second building in Harrodsburg dedicated

BY KASEY RICKETTS, COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT

Campbellsville University’s Conover Education Center in Harrodsburg held its ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for its second building on Feb. 7. The new building includes more class and administration space.

Trevor Short, one of the first students to attend classes at the Conover Education Center, gave his testimony during the ceremony.

“Campbellsville is in the business of creating leaders. If I can do it, we all can — because of the lens that Campbellsville views people through — our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It brings us all together no matter what race, no matter what type of mountain we face and through that we can all come together for the common good and accomplish what we never thought was possible,” Short said.

“One of our mottos is ‘life change happens here.’ Christian higher education can be a true vehicle to a positive life change,” Wes Carter, executive director of university outreach, said.

“This education center gives us a chance to provide life changing opportunities to men and women across the region so that they can

expand themselves vocationally, professionally and spiritually,” Carter said.

Before the ribbon cutting took place, Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, said, “If you would have told me two years ago that we would be adding another building, and planning for a third I wouldn’t have believed it. The city, county and citizens have embraced us and we are so thankful for them,” Dr. Carter said.

He said the third building plans are to contain a chapel, classrooms, cosmetology studio and a coffee lounge for the community and students. 🐾

## CU online programs receive high rankings from U.S. News

BY JOAN C. MCKINNEY, EDITOR

Campbellsville University’s online programs received high rankings from U.S. News & World Report in an announcement Jan. 9, including being ranked first in Kentucky for 2018 Best Online Business Programs (excluding MBA).

CU also ranked second in Kentucky for Best Online MBA Programs, fifth in Kentucky for Best Online Bachelor’s Programs and sixth in Kentucky for Best Online Graduate Education Programs.

The university’s online programs are among more than 1,200 programs surveyed by U.S. News. Only regionally accredited institutions whose programs are offered mostly or entirely online were evaluated.

“We are thrilled with the recent rankings from U.S. News & World Report concerning our online programs in education and business,” Dr. Shane Garrison, vice president for enrollment services, said.

“Our academic areas have sought to be on the front lines of delivering high-quality, academically-rigorous, student-friendly programming for today’s working adults.”

Garrison said the university’s School of Business, Economics and Technology is “focused on technology, innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit required for all business leaders today.”

For more rankings received by Campbellsville University, go to [www.campbellsville.edu/about/president/rankings-and-accolades](http://www.campbellsville.edu/about/president/rankings-and-accolades). 🐾

## Dr. Anil Palla: constructing the essential pathway for tomorrow's IT leaders

BY DR. H. KEITH SPEARS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATION

Making his way down the hallway of Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center (LEC), professor Anil Palla is often stopped by a multitude of international students.

Providing advice, giving directions, offering words of support and encouragement, Dr. Palla is the most sought after teacher in the Master of Science in Information Technology (MSITM).

The reasons become obvious with an understanding of the story of this Canadian of Indian ancestry who now teaches for CU's School of Business, Economics and Technology.

"My parents raised me and my brothers to strive for education in Hyderabad, our home city in India," said Palla. "While I was not too keen on going to medical school, my mother insisted, so I did."

Upon graduation, Palla used his medical degree to provide wellness and healing service for three years to the people in Andhra Pradesh, a state in southern India. His work gained him acclaim from his professors and the medical community.

"We were very pleased to have Dr. Palla with his calm and intellectual approach to health," said Dr. Ramesh, medical specialist in general medicine at the Rajid Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bangalore. "When Anil approached an issue, he always gave it his full attention and would work to cure the patient no matter how long or to what extent he needed to pursue it."

But, Anil Palla knew that medicine was not his calling. Rather, it was education.

"Although my parents persuaded me to go to medical college, it was their greater emphasis on education that drove deeper into my heart," Palla said. "They directed all of us to college."

One brother, Kishore, is the IT director for Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd., a \$500M company in India. Another brother, Kiran, is a project manager for Humana Inc. in Louisville, Ky.

Palla migrated to Ontario, Canada, where he lives in the off-season with his wife, Pragjna, and two daughters, Sanvi and Aanvi. He chose America's friendly northern neighbor to pursue opportunities in more education. He has received advanced degrees in education leadership and business.

Along his journey, Palla met Dr. Eric Harter, a Harvard post doctorate Ph.D. in business who was at one time a CEO for a top 500 healthcare company, and who, like Palla, found education to be his real career path. The two of them saw a need for finding higher education pathways for international students in the U.S., developing a communication process that opened doors for graduate business programs.

"Anil is one of the smartest people I know," Harter said. "While I had ideas for educational programs, he synthesized the methods and integration of the curriculum into a practical application. He became the glue that brought a lot of disseminated thoughts together into a working formula."



Anil Palla, with his wife Pragjna and two daughters, Sanvi and Aanvi

Palla understands the dilemma that surrounds many international students. "They want an education, but they also want a conduit to a job, a career," Palla said.

Harter and Palla approached Campbellsville University with the idea of placing the MSITM and another program, a Professional Master of Business Administration, in Louisville, predicting that CU could attract students from other cities who are looking for academic programs with practical experience attached. Both business programs seek students who are working in the IT field.

"We were impressed with Dr. Palla's theory on education," said CU Provost Donna Hedgepath. "He brought several elements to the table... professional education, practical application and a scheduling approach that made it possible."

Students in the LEC graduate business programs have residencies on weekends, augmented by online learning.

"Dr. Palla had a unique perception on graduate business programs that was student centered," Dr. Pat Cowherd, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology, said.

The Palla method allows the students to work, yet gain the credentials that will permit them to advance in their fields.

While the education idea was inspiring, a deeper reasoning from Palla caught the ear of CU President Mike Carter.

"Yes, we saw that this was an opportunity to expand the business programs, but it became extraordinary when we learned why Dr. Palla came to us," Carter said. "He wanted to bring this to a Christian university. Wow! That was the moment that we all knew that this was an exceptional idea from a very outstanding and spiritual person. We immediately became believers in his idea and we were right."

Palla explained from his perspective. "Many students come to colleges and universities and receive a great education. But, there is an element of trust that CU provides which goes beyond the instruction," he said. "I thought that a true Christian-based university like Campbellsville would provide a better level of trust for international students and credibility for domestic students."

Recalling his own journey and the obstacles that he had to overcome, Palla is now one who many international students look to for motivation. His phone number is on many of their speed dials and by casual observation, it can be noted that he always responds. "Right, I do get a lot of calls and texts," smilingly holding up his mobile phone. "But, I try to get back to them ASAP. Even the most minor question could be of great consequence to the student."

Jaynth Para is a MSITM student from Milwaukee, Wis., and has been under the tutelage of Palla since coming into the program in January 2016.

"Dr. Palla has always responded quickly. He is a friendly voice with the right answers and professional classroom conduct," Para said. "How I wish that I could have had all of my undergraduate professors with the same demeanor."

Palla has helped his business school at CU expand to horizons not thought possible.

"His simple idea has captured the imagination of hundreds of students," said Dr. Chuck Crain, LEC's business programs chairman. "He really understands the students, their needs and the programs that attract their attention. He is a powerful mentor for the next generation of IT business leaders."

Palla is a quiet spoken professor who allows his actions to speak loudly on behalf of his students. As he looks across his classroom it is as if he is gazing back over his own pathway.

Anil Palla is shining the light of education to those who would follow him. "These are students whose families have sacrificed a great deal, in some cases — everything — to bring them to a foreign land for a betterment of their life," he said in an emotional voice.

"We speak of students finding their calling at Campbellsville University. What better calling could I have than to be part of our mission to help them?" 🌱



## Campbellsville University graduates 313 students, largest in history for December commencement

BY JOAN C. MCKINNEY, EDITOR

On Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, told 313 undergraduates and graduate celebrants in two ceremonies that the day would be something they will remember forever and to thank those who helped them on their journeys. The largest December graduation in CU history featured a 54 percent increase over the previous year.

Although the 313 graduates knew they were going to be honored, one 80-year-old woman in the audience had a surprise waiting for her.

Jan Parrott Robinson of Burgin, Ky., attended Campbellsville Junior College from 1956 until 1958, where she met her future husband, Gene Robinson, and where they became Mr. and Miss Campbellsville Junior College in 1958.



Jan Parrott Robinson of Burgin, Ky., celebrates after having been awarded her associate of science degree in social sciences - 60 years later after attending Campbellsville Junior College in 1956-58. At left is Campbellsville University President Dr. Michael V. Carter. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

Robinson received her associate of science degree in social sciences, completing her requirements after almost 60 years, Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

She has a history rooted in Campbellsville. Her father, the late Rev. Henry Parrott, helped start Lowell Avenue Baptist Church in Campbellsville. She worked for many years for the National Grocers Association and would eventually become a lobbyist on their behalf in Frankfort, Ky.

Robinson supported her husband in his endeavors in banking where he became a successful banker for Farmers National Bank in Danville, Ky.

Hedgepath said they have “lovingly” supported Burgin Baptist Church over the years with Robinson “faithfully” singing in the choir and Gene as the “craziest deacon” one of his previous pastors has ever known.



Diego Cardenas of Venezuela expresses his happiness after his graduation ceremony at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

Hedgepath said both have attributed much of their success in life to Campbellsville Junior College, now Campbellsville University.

“Six decades later they continue to love Campbellsville University more and more with each passing year,” Hedgepath said.

In his charge to the graduates, Carter urged the students to be servant leaders and to live forth the great attributes the Lord has taught us.

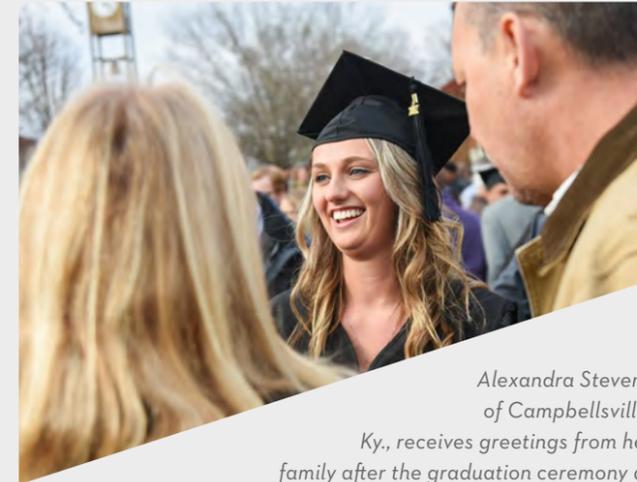
Valedictorian of the class was Ashley Nicole Lee of Louisville, Ky., who received a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education.

Salutatorian was Cullen Faith Byrne of Danville, Ky., who received a bachelor of science degree in middle grades education/5-9.

Clark Hunter Tippet of Midway, Ky., and Erin Dawn Jarrett of Louisville gave the charge to the graduates.

Darryl Peavler, director of alumni relations, a two-time graduate of Campbellsville University, welcomed the graduates into the CU Alumni Association, that has more than 13,000 graduates.

He charged them to embrace their role as new alumni and to be proud Campbellsville University alumni, give back to the university and recruit students. 🍀



Alexandra Stevens of Campbellville, Ky., receives greetings from her family after the graduation ceremony at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)



From left, Brandon Lakes, resident director of South Hall West, and Hilary Lakes, head coach for cross country, pose with their daughter, Haily, after the graduation ceremony at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Andrea Burnside)



From left, Francis Thurman and Cory Ater, third from left, celebrate with Christian Thurman of Elizabethtown, Ky., as he graduates from Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)



From left, Reagan Williams ('17) congratulates her friend, Lauren Mayton, after the graduation ceremony. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)



Yumi Tsutsumi, a student from Japan, graduates from CU's English as Second Language (ESL) program during the December graduation. (CU Photo by Maiya Henderson)

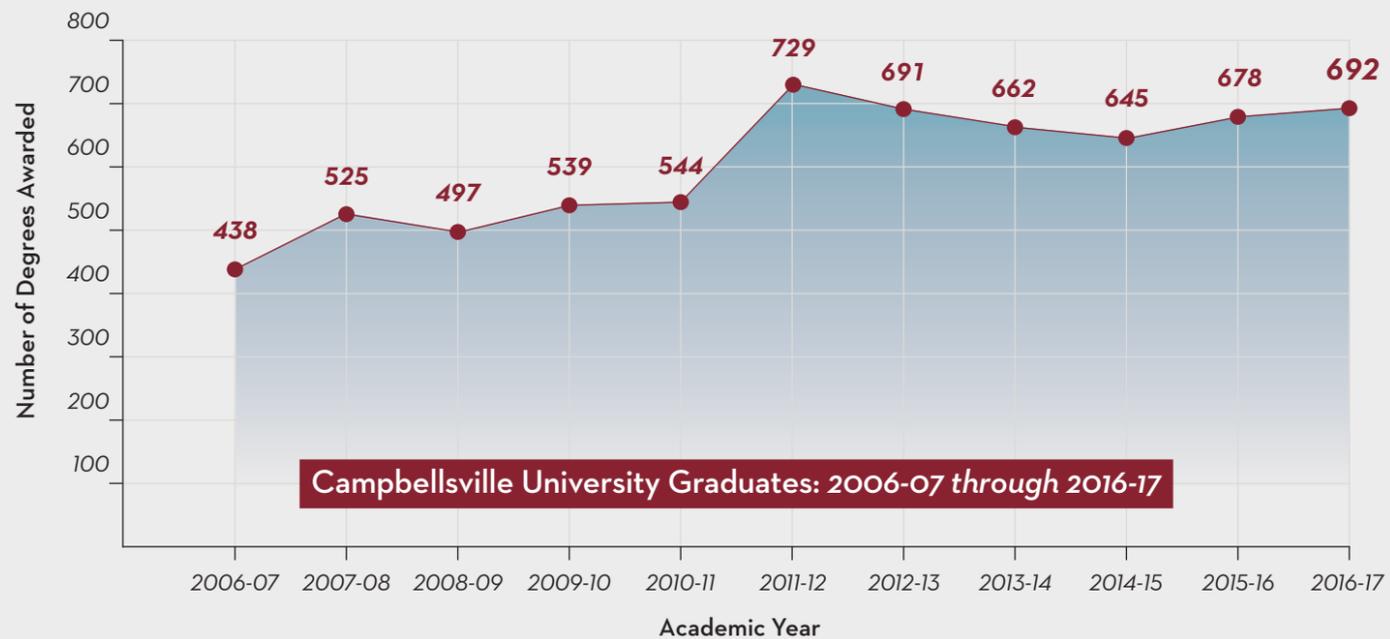


Sarah Stults of Sonora, Ky., laughs after her commencement Dec. 15 from Campbellsville University. She received a bachelor of science in psychology graduating magna cum laude. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)



From left, Gangishetty Saikiran Goud of India takes a photo with Dr. H. Keith Spears, vice president for communication and assistant to the president, after the graduation ceremony at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Andrea Burnside)

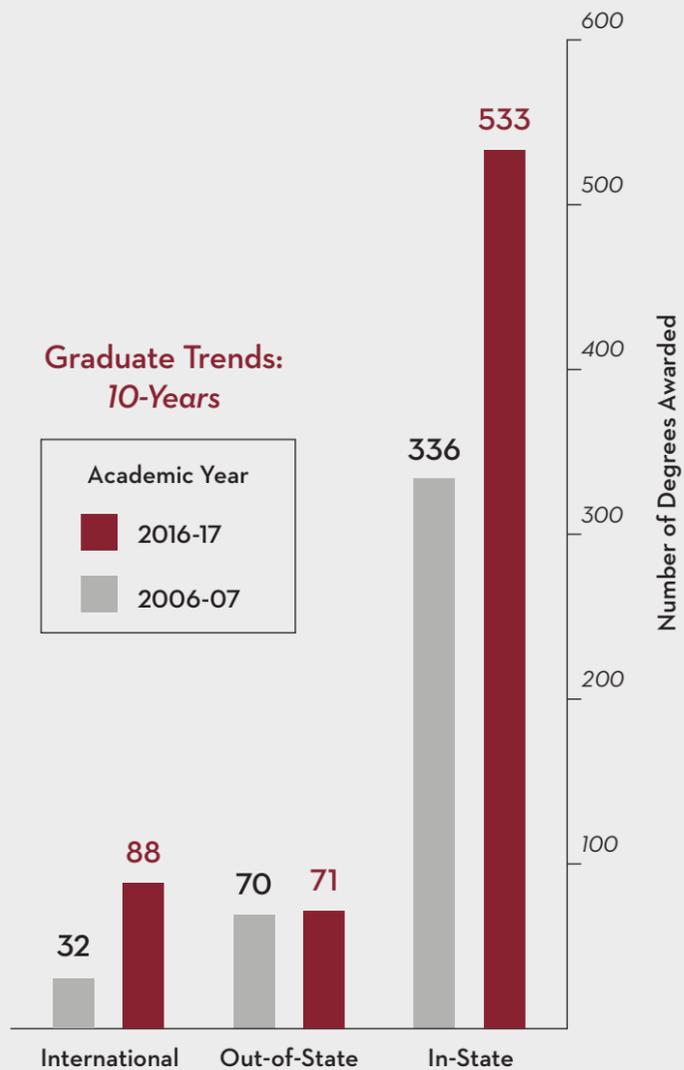
# CU Grads By the Numbers



## Graduates by Campus Location: 2016-17

Campus Location	Number of Graduates
Main Campus	289
Online	301
Louisville	83
Elizabethtown	9
Somerset	9
Harrodsburg	1

## Graduate Trends: 10-Years



# Lady Tiger wrestling brings home first national championship in program history

BY JORDAN ALVES, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Five years ago, Campbellsville University adopted women's wrestling as its 26th varsity program. On Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, Lady Tiger wrestling won its first Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championship (WCWA).

The Lady Tigers didn't just win one title this season, though. Coach Lee Miracle led the program to the first National Wrestling Coaches' Association National Duals Championship in early January, the inaugural Mid-South Conference regular season title in the fall and the MSC Tournament championship in November.

In two of the four championships, Campbellsville had to rally late. With their backs up against the wall and behind 17-4, Lady Tiger wrestling outscored No. 3 McKendree University, 20-2, in the final five matches to win the National Duals title.

Overall, the Lady Tigers swept their way to the National Duals title by beating No. 10 University of the Cumberlands (37-9), No. 6 Emmanuel College (26-18) and McKendree (24-19).

The three wins in the national duals improved CU's record to a perfect 15-0 this season.

One month later, No. 1 Campbellsville had to erase a 13-point lead from second-ranked Simon Fraser after Day 1 of the WCWA National Championship. The Lady Tigers totaled 155.5 points, while No. 2 Simon Fraser tallied 168. Simon Fraser had five wrestlers in the championship round and four in the consolation bracket, while the Lady Tigers had three and seven, respectively.

After Day 1, Campbellsville had an impressive number of 11 wrestlers move on into the quarterfinal of the championship bracket and each earned All-American honors - McKayla Campbell (101), Katlyn Pizzo (109), Charlotte Fowler (109), Koral Sugiyama (123), Grace Bullen (130), Shelby Hall (130), Kayla Miracle (136), Alexia Foca (143), Mariah Harris (170) and Kaitlyn Hill (191).

Miracle, Fowler, Sugiyama, Hall and Harris are all repeat All-Americans.

Moving into the championship day, Simon Fraser had a slight edge after the consolation rounds were finished. Needing two wins in the final two matches of the championship to



Grace Bullen, a freshman from Norway wrestling at 130 lbs, defeated three-time WCWA finalist Nicole Depa of SFU with a pin to set up Kayla Miracle for a storybook ending as the wrestling team won the WCWA championship. Bullen, a two-time age-group World medalist and six-time age-group European champion, did not allow a point all championship and out-scored her opponents 42-0. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

claim the first team title in Lady Tiger wrestling history, who else would you rather have in your corner than Grace Bullen and Kayla Miracle?

The freshman Bullen's defeated three-time WCWA finalist Nicole Depa of Simon Fraser with a pin to set up Miracle for a storybook ending. Bullen, who is a two-time age-group World medalist and six-time age-group European champion, did not allow a point all championship and outscored her opponents 42-0.

Bullen's win pulled Campbellsville within 1.5 points of Simon Fraser and that set up the most iconic finish in Lady Tiger history— with arguably the greatest athlete in Campbellsville Athletics history.

Only needing a win to claim the team title, top-seeded Miracle impressed with a pin over No. 2 Desiree Zavala of Grays Harbor College late in the first period. Zavala got the first takedown, but it was Miracle who emerged victorious.

Miracle became only the fourth WCWA wrestler to win four titles and joins an elite list, which includes Olympic and two-time World champion Helen Maroulis, two-time World Team member Victoria Anthony and Emily Webster. 🌟

# Brotherhoods exist everywhere for Campbellsville University

BY MAIYA HENDERSON, STUDENT NEWS WRITER

Alex Carcioppolo's love of baseball began with breaking windows while swinging a stick as a bat and hitting rocks.

His goal was to just connect the makeshift bat to the rock, but when he did, his aim was not always the best at such a young age — resulting in broken windows.

His parents realized his love for this activity and signed Carcioppolo up for Little League.

Now, as a retired Marine and a non-traditional freshman at Campbellsville University, Carcioppolo has jokingly declared baseball as his major.

Carcioppolo has had a love for baseball ever since he picked up a bat and swung it. Throughout his youth, he played baseball beside his number one fan, his grandfather, David Cassidy.

“My grandfather supported me through everything. He was my number one fan and my inspiration for pretty much everything,” Carcioppolo said.

Because of this influence, Carcioppolo joined the military — out of respect of his grandfather who served in WWII as a Navy Marine.

“When I think of Marines, I think of fearless men who are more than prestigious and someone who works harder than most,” Carcioppolo said.

Carcioppolo served as a Marine for six years completing two tours in Afghanistan from 2010 until 2012.



During his last deployment in January 2012, Carcioppolo became wounded in action and suffered severe damage to his right arm.

Doctors did not believe his injuries could be corrected and suggested amputation, but Carcioppolo refused.

His hope led to 23 surgeries on his right arm, which was his dominate arm.

There were struggles along the way and times where he wanted to give up, but his family and brothers in the field reminded him he was a fighter.

Carcioppolo's fighting led him back to his first love of baseball.

Carcioppolo had many opportunities to play and coach baseball before joining the military and even after serving his country and undergoing an abundance of surgery he wasn't ready to walk away from the game.

That is why he is now a 30-year-old freshman on the JV baseball team at Campbellsville University with a batting average of over .300.

He found his way to CU after traveling through the Eastern and Southern states trying to find his niche, until he eventually reconnected with CU baseball coaches, Beauford Sanders and Randy LeBleu, who he knew through mutual friends.

Sanders and LeBleu helped Carcioppolo with his decision on applying to CU.

“It has just been a blessing to be around Alex. He has inspired me. He is a positive influence on the guys. I don't have any doubt that he is going to continue to make a positive difference in the world. And I think that is why we are here. To make a difference,” head coach Sanders said.

Carcioppolo received his acceptance to CU and was officially a CU Tiger. After getting around his new, younger teammates, Carcioppolo realized with his experiences and age, he could help influence them in a positive light.

“I never knew that I would find the type of brothers I found in the Marines, but it turns out my brothers can be on both fields,” Carcioppolo said. 🍀

# Don Bishop dies at 82 leaves lasting mark on CU

BY JORDAN ALVES, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Don Bishop, former Campbellsville University Athletics Director and CU Athletic Hall of Fame member, died Dec. 27, 2017, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky. He was 82.

“The Campbellsville University family is deeply saddened to learn the passing of Mr. Don Bishop,” CU President Dr. Michael V. Carter said. “Mr. Bishop was the epitome of what a true Christian servant leader is. He not only made impacts in our athletics department but in our academic programs and inside the community.”

Bishop and his wife, June Holman Bishop, who survives, were active supporters of Campbellsville University for many years. Mr. Bishop, a member of the Campbellsville Junior College class of 1955, served as director of athletics from 1968 until his retirement in 1997. Mrs. Bishop, who graduated from Campbellsville College in 1962, was a public educator for many years. Bishop was also a professor in the physical education department and was granted faculty emeritus status in 1998.

Both their daughters, Robyn Bishop Lawless and Susan Bishop Pollock, are alumni, as are both their sons-in-law, Randy Lawless and Michael “Sarge” Pollock, who also served as CU director of alumni relations.

In 1986, as evidence of their sport of the mission of their alma mater, the couple established an endowed scholarship fund to provide scholarships for “students with strong interest in either the areas



of health and physical education or the athletic programs at CU.”

The family asks expressions of sympathy be donations to the Don and June Bishop Scholarship Fund at CU or Gideon Bibles.

“Don Bishop was a strong and significant leader for both our athletic and academic programs,” said Dr. W.R. Davenport, who was CC president from 1969 to 1988. “The present success for our programs were built on the foundation that he laid so many years ago.”

“Don Bishop was a gentleman. He was a kind man who loved the students at Campbellsville and who loved the Lord. He was truly a one-of-a-kind man who worked hard to give Campbellsville University a strong athletic base,” Dr. Kenneth W. Winters, president of Campbellsville from 1988 until 1999, said.

In his 29 years of leading the athletics department, he was instrumental in starting and reinstating multiple programs. CU started men's and women's programs for soccer,

swimming and diving and oversaw the reinstatement of football following a 50-year absence as well as the reinstatement of cross country.

Bishop received the NAIA District 32 Athletic Administrator of the Year for 1987-88 and 1990-91 and the NAIA Award of Merit for 1990-91.

Bishop also coached men's golf, men's and women's tennis, track and field, cross country and was the freshman men's basketball coach.

Dr. Frank Cheatham, senior vice president for academic affairs emeritus, said, “Don Bishop was always interested in the success of student-athletes, and he spent many hours working with students to help them succeed. Most importantly, Don always lived his life showing his love for the Lord.”

Bishop started the golf program in 1969 and served as the coach until 1978.

Bishop was instrumental in starting the Athletics Boosters and Big Maroon Club, leader in establishing the Mid-South Conference in 1996-97 and led Campbellsville to joining the National Christian College Athletic Association prior to his retirement in 1997.

CU honored Bishop by naming him the only inductee to the Hall of Fame in 2000.

Bishop provided private swimming lessons to more than 10,000 children, earning him the reputation of “a gentle and effective instructor” from their parents. 🍀

## Ground broken for new athletic fieldhouse

BY JORDAN ALVES, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR



Breaking ground for the new fieldhouse at Campbellsville University Feb. 6 were from left: Brian Ferguson with Pittman Green Civil Engineering; De'Sean Patterson and Mark Simpson with Kessler Simpson Architects; Rusty Hollingsworth, vice president for athletics at Campbellsville University; Barry Blevins of Blevins Construction Inc., CU Trustee; Adam Preston, head men's soccer coach at CU; Perry Thomas, CU head football coach; Henry Lee, chair of the CU Board of Trustees; Hailey Chappell, women's soccer team member; Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University; Jim Hardy, director of athletics; and Ronnie Hord of H&W Sport Shop Inc. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

Exactly 363 days from Feb. 6, 2017, Campbellsville University's H&W Ronnie Hord Athletic Fieldhouse caught fire, ground was broken Feb. 6, 2018 for the state-of-the-art facility that is replacing it.

Chairman of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees Henry Lee, President Michael V. Carter, Vice President for Athletics Rusty Hollingsworth and Director of Athletics Jim Hardy have worked diligently with locally owned and operated Blevins Construction to make this new reality come to life.

"This is a historic day for Campbellsville University athletics," Hollingsworth said. "Not since the 1960s when J.K. Powell Athletic Center was built has the athletic department at Campbellsville had such a project that we broke ground on today. Not only is it the largest facility, but it will be the largest athletic campaign we will be working on in the history of the program.

"The previous fieldhouse was around 4,000 square feet, and this new facility will be just under 24,000 square feet. This is a big undertaking we are pursuing for our student-athletes."

The new two-story fieldhouse will be located on the corner of Tiger Way and Chandler Street across from the Hawkins

Athletic Center. The fieldhouse will be the new home for men's and women's soccer and Fighting Tiger football. It will feature locker rooms for all three sports, coaches' offices, administration offices, new and improved Hall of Fame room, the Big Maroon Club, conference rooms and a new spirit shop with official athletics apparel.

The cost of the fieldhouse, which is the first addition since the wrestling facility was opened in fall 2016, is estimated around \$3.5 million. The project is expected to take 10-12 months, meaning the fieldhouse will open in spring 2019.

"Campbellsville University is making the largest investment of the history of our athletics department," Carter said.

"I'm a firm believer in one of the most powerful ways to learn is through experiential learning. When you experience something, it registers and stays with you. When we start thinking about the great lessons that are taught in athletics, it's one of the most powerful forms of experiential learning.

"Campbellsville University is committed to making sure powerful experiential learning takes place so lives are changed. It's not about the brick and mortar, it's about the changed lives that will come about." 🌱

## Julianna Bradley and Tucker Hardin Mid-South Conference Champions of Character

BY DAVID GERHART, ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR



Julianna Bradley is the third Lady Tiger in women's cross country history to be named a Mid-South Conference Champion of Character. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)



Tucker Hardin becomes the second Tiger in men's swimming program history to be named a Mid-South Conference Champion of Character. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

Earlier this season, Julianna Bradley and Tucker Hardin were selected as the Mid-South Conference Champions of Character in women's cross country and men's swimming, respectively.

Bradley becomes the third Lady Tiger harrier to earn the award in program history. Mallory Vest won the award in 2014, and Summer Rines earned the accolade in 2012.

"The biggest part of my life is my relationship with Jesus Christ, and, because of this, it is my privilege to serve Him by serving and being a good example for others," Bradley said in her personal statement for the award.

Bradley is part of Campbellsville's Baptist Campus Ministry and leads the organization's public relations team, while also being involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Campbellsville. Outside the university, Bradley volunteers throughout Taylor County including reading to elementary school students and helping with children's ministry at Campbellsville Baptist Church.

This past summer she went on a short-term mission trip to Poland to work an English camp. During her time in Poland,

Bradley helped teach teenagers from Poland about the Bible and helped with English lessons. She taught an English class as well as crafting and dance classes.

"Since arriving at Campbellsville, she [Julianna] has been a standout athlete on this team from both running and being a leader on the team," Hilary Lakes, head coach of CU's cross country team, said in her recommendation. Despite Bradley battling injuries over past year, Lakes said, "It kills her to not be able to race and be there with the team on race day every weekend this year. Even through the injuries, she has remained positive and uplifting to both her teammates and in general."

Lakes said, "She has been a great addition to the team and is always someone that has a smile on her face. Julianna is someone that always exemplifies a champion of character personality."

This marks the second-straight season a Tiger swimmer was selected the MSC Champion of Character after Isaac Lewis won the award last year.

"My relationship with my heavenly father is what drives me to do my absolute best," Hardin said in his personal statement. "Due to my relationship with Him, I believe that it helps me serve others in a way that points them to Him."

Hardin works with Campbellsville's Athletic Leadership Team and participated in Dance Maroon, while also helping in different areas throughout the campus. He also assisted Campbellsville with the Green River Cleanup Day.

Within the community, Hardin has taken part in the Color Run for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, worked with special education programs at the local high schools, visited nursing homes within the community and also helped pass out meals to the homeless in Lexington, Ky.

"Tucker has blessed our growing men's program with a refreshing attitude of hard work, determination, leadership and the desire and ability to win," head coach Casey Smith said. "Tucker leads the team's spirits to victory by helping them believe they are capable of achieving greatness."

Smith said, "Tucker has a great attitude and leads by example always. Tucker is a Champion of Character." 🌱

# Remember When?



Dr. John Hurtgen, a theology professor who is now dean of the School of Theology, plays guitar in a classroom Oct. 16, 2003.



Dottie Davis, now Dr. Dottie Davis, associate professor of education, was secretary to Dr. Kenneth W. Winters at the 16th annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Service April 23, 1999, as Winters performed his famous magic tricks. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)



Danny Curry, left, and Gary Ford sit on a bench on campus in June 1981.



Reginald Bethel, a 1953 graduate, was one of the honorees at the President's Club dinner in 1986 with Dr. W.R. Davenport, president. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)



## Alumni Greetings

from Darryl Peavler ('03, '05)

### Alumni & Friends,

*"There's a buzz in the air around Campbellsville University!"*

We can't help but wonder what amazing ways God will bless CU this spring.

I'm sure each of you has seen the press release and publications announcing the groundbreaking ceremony for the new athletic fieldhouse. Last year when the H&W Fieldhouse burned, memories came flooding back. Hundreds of young men had celebrated victories together, shared stories, fought through defeat, mourned the loss of loved ones and accepted the Lord as their savior right inside that building.

Each generation of Tigers had its own rituals such as not stepping on the C in the middle of the floor. I share these things not to mourn the loss of a building but to celebrate the great times and the lives changed that entered that fieldhouse.

As an alumnus and proud supporter of our alma mater, I'm even more excited to see the next generation enter the new fieldhouse and have its own set of experiences!

In the coming months there will be many opportunities, not only at the fieldhouse but other new buildings as well, for alumni and friends to support our new generations of Tigers.

Have you ever thought of having your name on or in a building? It's much more affordable than you may think! It's a perfect opportunity to support the next generation by honoring the past by paying homage to the legacy that is Campbellsville University.

Stay tuned for opportunities to be involved, and never hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have!

Go Tigers,

Darryl Peavler (BS '03, MBA '05)  
Director of Alumni Relations

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Editor's note: Years of graduation or attendance at Campbellsville University are determined by the last year of attendance. For example, ('65) is a 1965 grad; (a '65) is someone who attended his or her last year in 1965; and ('65, M '69) is someone who graduated with a bachelor's or associate degree in 1965 and a master's degree in 1969.

## '70s



DAVID EATON ('76), city administrator for Simpsonville, Ky., was honored as one of the 2017 City Employee of

the Year recipients from the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). He has been on the job 12 years and has done work in the city including the creation of Simpsonville Village Center, a downtown district that is now the site of community events and is attracting downtown business. He oversaw construction and expansion of several city properties including a wastewater plant and expanded recreational facilities. Under his direction, Simpsonville has strategically attracted a healthy mix of business and industry, most notably the Outlet Mall of the Bluegrass with more than 100 businesses and 2,000 jobs, all while maintaining the city's rural appeal. Prior to Simpsonville, Eaton served as a councilmember and as mayor of Shelbyville, Ky. The winners were recognized Oct. 4, 2017, at the KLC Conference & Expo in Covington, Ky. Eaton played baseball for Campbellsville College from 1972 to 1976. He is married to **DONNA DEVORE EATON** ('77), and they have two children, Carol Pence and Matthew Eaton, and six grandchildren. Address: 48 Cherokee Drive, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Email: dde20@aol.com.

# Guess Who?



Mike Crain, a 1971 graduate who served as former director of alumni relations at Campbellsville College, won the T-shirt for guessing the correct name of the blood donor in the November 2017 issue of the Campbellsvillian.

Crain guessed Dr. Robert Doty, the first correct response to win. Others guessing correctly were Ken Parks, David Holland, Terry Eastridge, Jim Haton, Rachel Roberts Weinblum, Valerie Davis, T.J. Vogt, Ed Pavy, Eric Graves, Christina Kern, Marilyn Goodwin, Janet Clark, Megan Watkins, J. Brad King, Brian Meers, Debbie Hammers, Marbara Stivers, Corey Williams and Jack Fields. Also guessing were Andrea Nimmo-Downing and Allie McGuire.

This issue's Guess Who? is of two basketball players from June 1977. Can you name them to win a Campbellsville University T-shirt?

Contact Joan McKinney with your guesses at jcmckinney@campbellsville.edu, (270) 789-5214 or Campbellsville University #787, 1 University Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

We will announce the winner 10 days after we receive the Campbellsvillian in the mail.

Good luck! 🐾



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## '80s

**KIM STALLINGS SMITH ('82)** works for the Department of Revenue in Frankfort. She was involved in Baptist Student Union (BSU), BSU Council and Choir, Chorale and Homecoming co-chair at Campbellsville University. She is married to the **REV. LEE (B.B.) SMITH ('82)**; they have three children and two granddaughters. Smith was also involved in the Baptist Student Union Council and Choir and the Student Government Association and Student Senate. He is a retired military officer who works for the Kentucky State Police and is pastor of Van Buren Baptist Church. Address: 1014 Stonecrest Court, Lawrenceburg, KY. Email: kimberlyasmith@ky.gov.

**GLENNA JO BACON ('85)**, who works for the City of Glasgow, Ky., serves as a volunteer at the Plaza Theatre. Address: 105 Beverly Drive, Glasgow, KY 42141.

**SCARLETT CATLETT INGRAM ('87)** works for Toyota Boshoku Corp. in Harrodsburg and Lebanon, Ky., as a human resources senior specialist. She and her husband, Brad, have two children: **HANNAH (a '18)** and Kellie, who graduated in November from Summit Salon Academy. Address: 124 K-Leigh Drive, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

**ROZY SNIDER ('88)** is an artist in Louisville, Ky. She was involved in the Art Club and Baptist Campus Ministry while a student at Campbellsville University. She is married to Tim Snider, and their daughter, **JORDAN SNIDER ('17)**, graduated from Campbellsville University. They have a son, Jacob. Address: 9406 Fairground Road, Louisville, KY 40291. Email: rozy.snider@gmail.com.



**LARRY MILBY (a '89)** of Campbellsville, Ky., played doubles with Lee Hays, formerly from Elizabethtown, Ky.,

who now lives in Weldon Spring, Mo., in the 2017 Ed Rhawn Men's Tennis Tournament in Louisville, Ky. The doubles team won runner-up in the 55 and older category. Milby played on the 1988-89 tennis team at Campbellsville University. Milby Address: 913 Rosecrest Ave., Campbellsville, Ky. 42718.

## '90s

**BOBBI LYNN WYLAND THOMPSON ('92)** is a 20-year teacher, department chair and professional development coordinator at North Hardin High School in Radcliff, Ky. She received her teacher certification in 1995 from Campbellsville. She is married to Clinton Thompson. Address: 515 Old Lebanon Road, Springfield, KY 40069-9225.

**CHRIS WRIGHT ('99)** recently graduated with a master of education degree in career and technical education and was hired as the associate director of post-secondary education programs at Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Address: 9242 Angelica Drive, Sturtevant, WI 53177-3806. Email: chris.wright9242@gmail.com.

## '00s

**ANDREA GOODMAN ('02)** is a Nashville recording artist and also a math tutor at the Learning Lab in Brentwood, Tenn. While at Campbellsville University, she served as Kentucky Education

Association – Student Program (KEA-SP) president. Address: 2312 Oak Court, Nashville, TN 37206. Email: andreagoodmanmusic@gmail.com.

**MEAGAN KENNEDY BENNETT ('07)** is director of donor relations at Clarity Solutions in Elizabethtown, Ky. Clarity Solutions is a full-service pregnancy center that provides medical services to women as well as providing classes, resources, mentoring and support to both women and men in the community. She is responsible for creating an annual development plan to raise funds to finance the annual budget and carrying out said plan. She is also responsible for activities oriented toward donor relations and event organization as well as fundraising planning and implementation, which shall include public relations efforts, newsletters and supporter marketing. She is a mass communication graduate from CU in public relations. She is married to Chris Bennett, a manufacturing engineer at Summit Polymers; they have two children, Audrey and Scott. Address: 812 Freeman Lake Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-2159. Email: maeganbennett@hotmail.com.

**ALISA FLORENCE BUTLER ('08, M '14)** is teaching at Pembroke Elementary School FMD functional mental disability class in Christian County. She was a member of Kentucky Education Association – Student Program (KEA-SP) at CU. She and her husband, David, have two children: Ryan and Lilly. Address: 137 Grant Ave., Oak Grove, KY 42262. Email: alisa.butler@christian.kyschools.us.

**EMILY BUCKMAN ('09)** is working in the Office for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) in Washington, D.C. She formerly worked as senior legislative assistant for U.S. Congressman Brett

Guthrie. Address: 701 SE Apt. 1136, Washington, D.C. 20003-4840. Email: Emily.buckman@osec.usda.gov or emilybuckman09@gmail.com.

## '10s

**CHRIS PATRICK PRICE ('11, M '13)** is a retirement planner at Fidelity Investments and serves as the minister to youth at Highland Baptist Church. His wife, **ANNA STEPP PRICE ('13)**, works with TEAM, a missions agency, and trains churches around the United States and Canada on how to send and care for missionaries. Address: 702 Thomas St., Denton, TX 76201. Email: c15price@yahoo.com.

**SARAH SULLIVAN GOMEZ ('12, M '15)** began working as an assistant professor of social sciences at Iowa Wesleyan University in August 2017. At Campbellsville University, she was involved in Phi Alpha Theta and Alpha Chi. She is married to Richard Gomez. Address: 1025 E. Division St., Apt. 38, Ottumwa, IA. Email: sarah.sullivangomez@iw.edu.

**NATASHA JANES ('13)** is attending graduate school at Lipscomb University for marriage and family therapy. She was on the cross country and track teams at Campbellsville University played intramurals and belonged to Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Address: 1214 McKays Court, Brentwood, TN 37027. Email: najanes266@my.pfeiffer.edu.



**JOSE SORIANO ('13)** is a customer success manager for Microsoft, mainly focusing on Azure Cloud Services. He is an adviser to Microsoft's Cloud customers in the business and enterprise area. He helps business leaders realize the full potential of

Microsoft's services aligned to their desired business goals and outcomes, driving improvement in the customer experience at each touch point. Additionally, he is responsible for providing best practices and key insights that drive increased customer results, adoption and success within Microsoft's cloud services. Soriano was a mass communication/public relations major at Campbellsville University. Address: 303 11th St. N, Apt. 506, Fargo, ND 58102.

**MATT SCHMUCK ('14)** is employed at Campbellsville High School as an early childhood education instructional assistant while also coaching softball and soccer for CHS. Address: 2112 Pearl Circle, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: mattheweschmuck@gmail.com.



**STACY BATHRICK (M '16)**, is an adjunct college instructor at Coastal Alabama Community College in Gulf Shores and Fairhope, Ala. She is instructing public speaking courses. "I am grateful for the superb education I received from Campbellsville University. I was blessed with outstanding professors who were great examples for me as I begin my own profession as a college instructor." Address: 3667 Prestwick Circle, Gulf Shores, AL 36542-2748. Email: stacyluzcary@yahoo.com.



**BREANNE WARD ('17)** is employed with Old Glory Distilling Co. in Clarksville, Tenn. She oversees all marketing, public relations, event planning and venue management for the company. Address: 830 Preachers Mill Road, K136, Clarksville, TN 37042. Email: breanneward121@gmail.com.

**KATIE MICHELLE CADANCE CAVE WISE ('17)** is working for Centerstone of Kentucky as a "Supports for Community Living" case manager of Louisville. She belonged to Social Workers in Touch Can Help (SWITCH) while a student at Campbellsville University. She and Michael W. Wise were married Nov. 12, 2016. Address: 387 Midland Boulevard, Shelbyville, KY 40065. Email: cadance.wise@gmail.com.

## Former Faculty/Staff



**DR. LARRY REED**, former professor in the School of Music, was recently honored by the Florida Music Education Association

with the 50 Year Music Education Service Award. Reed is a faculty associate in the Department of Music at the University of West Florida. He has taught musical education for 56 years, including 34 years at UWF. As a vocalist and choral director, he has dedicated his career to training music teachers who will educate a new generation of musicians. Additionally, Reed has presented precursor lectures for the Masterworks series for the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. Before joining UWF, he was an arts administrator at the Escambia County School District, associate professor of music education at Eastern Kentucky University and associate professor and director of choral activities at Campbellsville University. In 2002, Reed received the Florida Arts Administrator of the Year Award for dedication to his profession. He was also president of the Kentucky Association of College Music Departments and president and board member of the Gulf Coast Chorale. Address: 313 N. Barcelona St., Pensacola, FL 32501-4805.

## WEDDINGS



**ZACHARY TANNER LEFTWICH ('16, M '17)** and Sarah Brooke Bennett were married Nov. 11, 2017 at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Mt. Sherman, Ky. Leftwich is an office assistant in the Office of the President at Campbellsville University. Mrs. Leftwich is a data analyst at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown, Ky. Address: 1550 Eve Road, Summersville, KY 42782. Email: ztleftwich@campbellsville.edu.

communications office manager at Campbellsville University's Office of University Communications. Mr. and Mrs. Williams live in Campbellsville Ky. Address: 105 Todd St., Apt. C1, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: w.joshua42@yahoo.com.



**CORTNI CRUSE ('17)** and Sawyer Rambo were married Sept. 30, 2017 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cunningham, Ky. Mrs. Rambo works at WPSD-TV, Paducah, Ky., as a promotions/writer producer. Rambo is a history teacher at Carlisle County Middle and High School. Address: 1940 County Road 1032 Bardwell, KY 42023. Email: ccruse@wpsdlocal6.com.

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**JOSHUA WILLIAMS ('16, PMBA a '18)** married **REAGAN WEISKIRCHER ('17)** on Oct. 14, 2017 at The Galloway Farm in Franklin, Tenn. Mr. Williams works as

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**ADAM HICKS ('17)** married **KAITLIN ROBERTS ('17)** on Sept. 9, 2017 at Brown-Lanier House, Mill Springs, Ky. Hicks is a youth director at Youngers Creek Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Ky. Hicks also works as CLS at Growing Minds, that works with clients on the autism spectrum. Mrs. Hicks works with the non-profit Big Brothers Big Sisters as a program support specialist. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks live in Bowling Green Ky. Address: 2370 Cave Mill Station Blvd., Apt 615, Bowling Green, KY 42104. Email: kaitlinnicole1@outlook.com.

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**ELLEN FAYE COWHERD ('50)** died Nov. 18, 2017 at T.J. Health Columbia. She was 89. She taught in and retired from the Taylor County School System in elementary education with over 25 years of experience in Campbellsville, Ky., attended Russell Creek Academy (Campbellsville College) and Georgetown College before receiving her Bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky State Teacher's College, now Western Kentucky University. A member of Early Chapel United Methodist Church, she was active in United Methodist Women, the Order of the Eastern Star, Homemakers and had served on the Soil Conservation Board. She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling on bus tours and going to Kroger. She was the widow of Theodore Cowherd who died Aug. 24, 1996. She is survived by two sons, David Cowherd and his wife, Sherry, of Campbellsville and Tommy Cowherd and his wife, Betsy, of Illinois; five grandchildren, Carrie Gupton and her husband, Joe; Jessie Brockman and her husband, Steven; Kyle Cowherd, Lane Cowherd and Rebekah Cowherd; and three great-grandchildren, Ella and Maggie Gupton and Theo Brockman. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy are suggested to the Kentucky United Methodist Church Home for Children and Youth or Gideon Bibles.

and attended Campbellsville Christian Church for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Phillips. Survivors include: two daughters, **ANGIE ('78)** (Allen) Johnson of Campbellsville, Ky. and Pam (Mike) Flanagan of Somerset, Ky.; three grandchildren, Andrea (Chris) Hutson of Yellow Springs, Ohio; Alex (Jennifer) Johnson of Campbellsville, and Ryan Flanagan of Atlanta, Ga.; and two great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Johnson and Luke Johnson. Burial was in Pellyton Cemetery in Adair County.



**PATRICIA GAIL PERKINS MILLS ('64)** died Sept 27, 2017. She was 75. She was a retired school teacher in the Green County School system and was an active member of the Green County Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include her mother, Ruth Perkins; her son, Tom Mills; her daughter and son-in-law, **VALERIE MILLS DAVIS ('92)**, and Mike Davis, and two grandchildren, Andrew Davis and his wife, Sidney, and Nathan Davis, all of Greensburg, Ky. She also left behind two sisters and their spouses: Betty Church and Don, and Judy Froggett and Louie, all of Green County, and many special nieces and nephews. Valerie Davis can be reached at 3720 Highway 1464, Greensburg, KY 42743-9433. Email: valerie.davis@cville.kyschools.us.

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**BETTY JO COFFEY PHILLIPS ('61)** died Jan. 29, 2018 at the Signature Health Care Summit Manor in Columbia, Ky. She was 80. She was a teacher in the Adair County School System for over 40 years. She taught in the one room schools, Knifley and Shepherd Grade Centers. She received her master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She was a member of the Kentucky Teacher Association and the Taylor Regional Hospital Auxiliary. She was active in the Adair County and Taylor County Homemaker Clubs. She was a member of Tabernacle Christian Church

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**MAURICEN LEE "SONNY" SMITH (a'64)** died Dec. 17, 2017. He was 72. He was employed by South Central Bell as a telecommunications engineer and served his country in the Army National Guard. He played on the State Championship 8-man football team for Perryville High School, was All State in basketball and football and attended Campbellsville College under a basketball scholarship.

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He enjoyed playing chess with his sons, was an avid University of Kentucky football and basketball fan; he liked tinkering on all sorts of gadgets and enjoyed traveling. He was a member of Salt River Baptist Church. Survivors include three sons, John Maurice Smith, Shane (Jackie) Smith, Lee Hunter (Jessica) Smith; four grandchildren, Hannah, Trinity, Will and Vincent Smith; two sisters, Lindell Logue, Gail (Bob) Holsclaw, and a brother Bob (Ruth Ann) Smith. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery. Contributions are asked to the children's ministry of Salt River Baptist Church.



**VIRGINIA CAIN WALKER ('65)** died Dec. 9, 2017 in Georgetown, Ky. She was 73. She retired as a coordinator of Scott County Middle Youth Service Center, was a member and former secretary of First Christian Church in Middlesboro, Ky. She was also a graduate of the University of Kentucky. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi of Middlesboro and a former member of the Middlesboro Garden Club and the Middlesboro Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her daughters, Beth Walker Cox (Shawn Matthew) of Great Falls, Va.; and Alice Walker Farley (Donahue Kevin) of Sadieville, Ky.; grandchildren, Anna Catherine Cox, Matthew Phillip Cox, Caroline Elizabeth Farley and Logan Weslee Farley. A native of Columbia, Ky., burial was in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia. Memorials may be made to Bluegrass Care Navigators, 1317 US Highway 62 E, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

County Middle Youth Service Center, was a member and former secretary of First Christian Church in Middlesboro, Ky. She was also a graduate of the University of Kentucky. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi of Middlesboro and a former member of the Middlesboro Garden Club and the Middlesboro Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her daughters, Beth Walker Cox (Shawn Matthew) of Great Falls, Va.; and Alice Walker Farley (Donahue Kevin) of Sadieville, Ky.; grandchildren, Anna Catherine Cox, Matthew Phillip Cox, Caroline Elizabeth Farley and Logan Weslee Farley. A native of Columbia, Ky., burial was in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia. Memorials may be made to Bluegrass Care Navigators, 1317 US Highway 62 E, Cynthiana, KY 41031.



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## BABY TIGERS



**DARRIN JENKINS ('92)** and **DANIELLE POSEY JENKINS ('01)** announce the birth of a son, Charles (Charlie) Jenkins Feb. 14, 2017. He weighed 5 pounds and 9 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Jenkins is a senior systems support specialist at Ventas. Mrs. Jenkins is a homeschool mother. Address: 424 Reader Lane, Shepherdsville, KY 40165.

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**SARAH ROSE ESTES ('11, M '13)** and her husband, **MATT ('12)**, announce the birth of a son, Owen Reid Estes, Dec. 19, 2017 at 10:28 a.m. in Edgewood, Ky. He weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces and was 19.25 inches long. Mrs. Estes is a human resources assistant for Amazon, and Estes is a StateFarm agent. Address: 218 Owl Overlook, Burlington, KY 41005-6555. Email: SarahEEstes@hotmail.com.

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**JESS ELAINE STILLER ('12)** and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of a daughter, Lorelai Elaine Stiller, born Dec. 27, 2017. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Mrs. Stiller is the front office coordinator and social media specialist at Express Employment Professionals in New Albany, IN. Email: jesselaineharris@gmail.com.

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and was a highly-recruited basketball player. She continued her basketball career at East Texas State University and then Campbellsville University where she graduated. She later obtained her master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and most recently was working as an assistant principal for JCPS in Louisville. In her spare time, Blackmon enjoyed riding motorcycles with her husband. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lee Blackmon. She is survived by her husband, Mark Bell; a son, Caleb Bell; her father, Ronny Blackmon; a sister, Carri Winnecke and her husband, Erich; a niece, Chloe Winnecke; a nephew, Eyan

Winnecke; and her grandfather, Taesong Yi. The body was cremated. Her husband can be reached at 2419 Ashley Drive, Jeffersonville, IN 47130-5717.

**LAURA ELIZABETH "LIZ" SADLER**, of Louisville, Ky., former professor at Campbellsville University, died Jan. 14, 2018. She was 95. She was a pioneer in girls' sports in Kentucky. She was inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in 1994 and was past president of the Kentucky Athletic Health Physical Education and Recreation Program. She was a graduate of Western Kentucky University. Most

of her teaching career was at University Breckinridge School. She was a long-time member of both First Baptist Church of Morehead, Ky. and Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville. In her retirement, she was a missionary with the International Mission Board. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, **GEORGE SADLER**, and her son, George Ronald Sadler. She is survived by her children, Dr. Nancy Corbett, Laura Jean Sadler-Harperink (George), John Cad Sadler (Tersa) and Sally Anne Tisdale (Eric); 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Kentucky Women's Missionary Union.

### Dr. Pamela Zhu Dies at 77

Dr. Pamela Zhu, former professor in the School of Education from 1992 until 2011, died Nov. 9, 2017 as a result of a pulmonary embolus at Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital, Torrance, Calif. She was 77.



Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, said she helped many students during her time at CU. He expressed sympathy to her family.

"As I reflect on Pamela and her career at Campbellsville College/Campbellsville University, I acknowledge the great contributions she made to both the undergraduate and graduate programs. She was very instrumental in the success, especially of our new master's in education program, the first in the state aligned with KERA," Dr. Carolyn Garrison, professor of education, said.

Garrison said she and Zhu shared a passion for children's literature and traveled together to several IRA conferences; one of note occurred in the mid '90s in Toronto, Canada. Garrison said, "We drove to the conference and while there, visited the World's Largest Bookstore, just around the corner from our hotel. One night we went to Pantages Theater to see 'Phantom of the Opera' performed by a troupe from England. On the way home, we drove by Niagara and visited there awhile."

Garrison said Zhu began hosting Chinese New Year celebrations in her classes in the basement of Druien Hall, hanging lanterns and dressing like dragons.

"She was a kindred spirit, and we worked together on many projects in the School of Education," Garrison said. In the late 1990s, they began having regular Chinese New Year celebrations with the education faculty.

"One year Mardi Gras occurred on the same day, so we celebrated both, which provided several different entrees for

our luncheon. She was always very excited about sharing her culture with us," Garrison said.

Garrison worked with Zhu 18 years. During her time at CU, there were three accreditation visits, two KDE accreditation visits, in 1992 and 1998, and the School of Education's first NCATE accreditation visit in 2007. "Pamela was a very hard worker and did her part to make those accreditation visits successful," Garrison said.

"She touched many lives at both the undergraduate and graduate levels while here," Garrison said. At the undergraduate level, she taught the first reading class and children's literature for the P-5 program throughout her career here. At the graduate level, she also taught a series of reading classes which were face to face at that time.

Zhu was born in Shanghai, China. She studied English at Shanghai Teachers College and taught 24 years at Shanghai No. 3 Girls High School.

At 45, she began her study at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and taught at the university's primary school for two years.

By 51, she had earned a master's in English and a doctorate in education. She then taught at Slippery Rock State University and Campbellsville University for 18 years.

At 69, she retired to California and enjoyed life with family for eight years.

She loved reading children's books and the Bible, and playing piano and ping pong.

A private service was held Nov. 16 where her husband, Desheng Andy Zhu; her son, Richard; daughter-in-law, Tong Zhou; and niece, Scarlett Matthews, paid their final respects and took three deep bows. The body was cremated.

Her husband can be reached at deshengzhu@hotmail.com. 🐾

# SCRAP BOOK



From left, Alejandro Rosner, a senior from Caracas, Venezuela, shows his artwork to Abby Murphy of Lebanon, Ky., during his senior show at The Pence-Chowning Art Gallery. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)



C.J. Burgess, a sophomore from Campbellsville, Ky., hosts his radio show "The Morning Drive" on 88.7 The Tiger. He's on air Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)



Marquette Venson of Kentucky State University's Gospel Ensemble performs during a concert at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Shelby Hall)



In the final scene of "A Servant of Two Masters," Truffaldino, played by Nathan Puckett of Bardstown, Ky., asks for the hand of Smeraldina, played by Hollie Nall of Elizabethtown, Ky. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)



Randy Stonehill, singer/songwriter, performs at Campbellsville University's chapel service. (CU Photo by Luke Young)



Terrah Ray, a junior from Hopkinsville, Ky., studies outside on a swing near Carter Hall at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Andrea Burnside)



Cassie Emery was crowned CU's Valentine Queen by last year's Queen Shelby Stringer as Tanner Wilson, Student Government Association vice president, handed her flowers. Maiya Henderson, first runner-up, is at right. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)



The Campbellsville University women's wrestling team won its first Women's College Wrestling Association (WCWA) national title in February. The team had 10 all-Americans and Grace Bullen and Kayla Miracle were national champions in their respective weight class. (CU Photo By Brett Pierce)