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Dr. Michael V. Carter, and his wife, Debbie, have retired from Campbellsville University after serving as president and first lady since 1999.

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For the past 22 years, this page of the Campbellsvillian is where you would have read a letter from Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University. On Dec. 31, 2020, my friend and colleague retired, leaving a legacy that has changed this institution and those who she serves for the better.

Mike Carter and I have been friends for decades, so I don't think that he will mind my using his nickname. We first met when he was a college student, pastoring a country church in West Virginia. Over the years I observed him grow in his academic stature and, in 1999, when asked to be a representative of Marshall University at his inauguration, I readily accepted.

At that time, Campbellsville University was a small school, enrolling less than 1,600 students. I will never forget on that inaugural day when the two of us were overlooking the land just south of Carter Hall. He told me, “Keith, I see a chapel right there.” It was difficult for me to imagine such a grand scheme, but for the past 14 years, countless lives have been touched and changed in the Ransdell Chapel. Life change will continue into the future as a testimony of how Mike turned his abstract vision to concrete reality.

I have never known anyone who “eats, drinks and lives” higher education more than Mike Carter. He identified American university trends and pushed CU to the forefront. As many schools were still clinging to traditional classroom settings, he moved CU to embrace online education, which now surpasses the total enrollment when he became CU’s president.

For those of us who have worked closely with him, Mike asked that we not “look outside the box” rather that we “throw away the box.” Such thinking led CU to initiate new programs and start new centers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and beyond. CU is now in California and is moving forward with plans for a new center in Windsor, Ontario. His view of higher education has brought our student population to more than 13,000 from 80 countries, and studying in more than 100 programs.

Within these pages you will read about other legacies, such as the impact of the Hardy family, Dr. Carolyn Garrison’s heritage of teaching and a new level of student service in counseling with Erin Jarrett. Like Mike and Debbie Carter, each has placed his or her own building block in the foundation of Campbellsville University.

Having been part of this institution for 12 years, I have “cleaned my spectacles” and see better the vision that Mike Carter once revealed. I am humbled and thankful that I can be part of something very special in the world of higher education.

I ask for your continued prayers and support as I do for you. May God bless you and God bless Campbellsville University.

Sincerely,

H. Keith Spears, Ed.D.
Interim President
Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, announces his retirement

Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, announced his retirement. The president, in his 22nd year at CU, said, “It has been a great honor to serve this wonderful university, its faculty, staff, coaches and students. We have accomplished and exceeded many of the goals we first envisioned. It is time for a new chapter in my life.”

Henry Lee, chair of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, said, “The tenure of Mike Carter at this institution has had a profound influence for positive change. He has set a course that has forever transformed Campbellsville University.”

Carter was appointed president on Aug. 1, 1999 and had his thumbprint on a multitude of improvements in programs, physical facilities and budgets. Carter said, “I felt a calling to come to Campbellsville University. I now leave knowing I found my calling and fulfilled it.”

The university has moved to a Level 5 institution in its Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges designation, graduating its first class of Ph.D. students December 2020. This is opening the doors for additional doctoral degree programs.

Dr. Donna Hedgepeth, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, “During Dr. Carter’s administration, Campbellsville University aggressively pursued a vision of expansion and growth for academic and technical programs. Improving opportunities for all students to access quality Christian higher education has been a top priority. This is evidenced in the wide array of educational offerings now available to students from certificate programs to doctoral degrees.”

With more than 500 students in the Virginia Ponser Flanagan Technology Training Center, the programs are educating students in industrial, business and healthcare fields to enter careers of choice.

In accordance with the program growth, the university full-time faculty body has increased from 74 to more than 200. Overall, nearly 1,200 full and part-time faculty and staff are now employed by CU.

Enrollment numbers in the Carter tenure have grown from 1,600 to more than 13,500, including a record freshman class of 680 students in fall 2020. This occurred in the midst of a pandemic year.

Dr. Shane Garrison, vice president for enrollment services and professor of theology, said, “I consider the time Dr. Carter has served as CU president to be the golden era in our institution’s 114-year history. There has never been a period where we have experienced such growth, expansion and visionary leadership like we have with Dr. Carter at the helm.”

During Carter’s presidency, the university has moved from its single campus location in Campbellsville, Ky. to eight centers across Kentucky and the United States, including two centers in California.

CU is moving forward with plans for yet another new center in Windsor, Ontario. The university has offices in India and China and is working on new opportunities in Europe, Africa and Central America.

“Mike Carter is the consummate entrepreneurial university president,” said Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president. “I saw his work in higher education before he came to CU. He painted a portrait of CU as a microcosm of
America's advancing universities, and it has come to reality. Carter said, "The mission of Campbellsville University is to develop servant leaders, and we have never considered political boundaries as stopping points. A Christian university's mission should be worldwide, and that is where we have taken this institution."

Coupled with new locations, the physical footprint for CU has been augmented by leaps and bounds during the Carter years. "More than 45 new buildings have come under the university's domain," Otto Tennant, vice president for administration and operations, said. "President Carter came with a vision for a landmark chapel, but that was just the first of a greater foresight that he brought to CU," Tennant said.

The university properties span 1.1 million square feet. As a private institution, CU depends on donations and Carter took the annual giving and capital campaigns to new levels, Benji Kelly, vice president for development, said.

More than $125 million has been raised for program and capital improvements. "Dr. Carter's vision has been bold," Kelly said. "He has shown it would take significant dollars for Campbellsville University to become a premier Christian university. In many respects, Mike Carter became the lead fundraiser and givers have responded to reach our goals and go beyond," Kelly said. Under Carter's leadership, the university endowment increased nearly 400%.

The budgets for CU have climbed accordingly under Carter's influence. From 1999 to 2020, university budgets have grown nearly 650%, with total assets increasing by more than 375%. Through this progress, the university has made itself a major economic player in many communities.

Tim Judd, vice president for finance, said of Carter's work, "The physical borders of CU have expanded significantly over the past 20 years, leading to increased enrollment and strong financial stability. This stability will serve as the foundation for growth in years to come."

The communities and the government agencies that serve the region have seen the financial and cultural influences of the university become increasingly evident since Carter took his position in 1999. The most recent university economic impact study in 2019 showed CU has an economic impact of over $137 million in Taylor County and nearly $200 million across the university system.

Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president of Campbellsville University for government, community and constituent relations, said, "During the presidency of Dr. Carter, the overall economic impact of Campbellsville University has grown tremendously in terms of taxes generated in the local economy of the community and expansion of training and educational programs. CU has also been an agent of social change in terms of commitment to diversity and growth at its main campus in Campbellsville-Taylor County and the communities served by its regional centers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

New teams and sports programs have become synonymous with the Carter years. "I have always seen this extracurricular activity as essential," Carter said.

Typically, a new sports team was developed each year with a growing athletic coaching staff. CU has over 1,000 students competing in 19 sports across 42 teams. A new football/soccer stadium is in the final stages of construction on the main campus.

Rusty Hollingsworth, vice president for student services and athletics, said, "I will always appreciate the support that athletics received from Dr. Carter. CU was able to add a significant number of facilities, programs, coaches and student-athletes during the last two decades.

Debbie Carter, who is the wife of the president, is also retiring. She was instrumental in the early days of securing national accreditation for the Carver School of Social Work. Not only has Mrs. Carter been a teacher and premier First Lady, but she has become part of the fabric of "caring" that has been a hallmark of the Carter administration.

She became well known throughout the Commonwealth in seeking locations for social work students' field work assignments to gain professional experience while sharing the Christian values of the university.

In recent years, she originated and oversaw the 'Bridge to Success' program, raising funds and creating a way for qualifying students, who were without financial means or home support, to attend the university.

Dr. Ted G. Taylor, special assistant to the president and former vice president for university outreach, said, "It has been my honor to serve under Dr. Carter's leadership in a variety of roles over the past 22 years. I was always energized by his ability to connect to the campus community and inspired by his personal energy. Dr. Carter was always open to input around a common concern for the student-centered mission of Campbellsville University. The example of Dr. and Mrs. Carter illustrated there was joy in serving and learning.

"Just as Paul in Scriptures, Dr. Carter believed in something bigger than himself (Acts 13:47). His passion that Campbellsville University would be Christ-centered, Church-connected, with changed lives, would be non-wavering. "Dr. Carter gave many like me a chance to develop our leadership abilities by giving us leadership opportunities. He believed in all of us that we could be more than we thought we could be. With a commitment to excellence, Dr. Carter modelled the courage, strength, and humility to be a servant leader. For 22 years the First Lady, Debbie Carter served faithfully and gracefully alongside President Carter while also serving in the School of Social Work as a faculty member.

"Sheri and I truly have found great joy in our journey at Campbellsville University serving under and beside our 10th President and First Lady Dr. Michael V. and Debbie Carter."

Dr. and Mrs. Carter’s last official day was Dec. 31, 2020.
On behalf of Debbie and me, “thank you” for the opportunity to serve 21 plus years at Campbellsville University. It has been a tenure that has been fulfilling, joyful, and rewarding!

We felt a call to come to Campbellsville in 1999, and it was not long after our arrival, that we spoke about “the joy of serving and learning” and that the “joy is in the journey.” These phrases still speak to the importance of the Campbellsville mission today.

Our theme “find your calling,” has demonstrated in service among the extraordinary students, faculty, staff, coaches, alumni, friends, and a dedicated Board of Trustees. Countless volunteers across our Advancement Board, Church Relations, Board of Alumni, Athletic Boosters, Big Maroon Club, and academic specialty boards have also helped to move CU to new levels of service to our students and the larger community.

“Our Baptist heritage is based on sharing the Good News through missions, and reaching out to others, especially in ways that can improve the lives we serve. We felt Campbellsville University should be a Great Commission university, where reaching out, versus just maintaining the status quo, has been a hallmark in serving many people and communities. As we reflect, we are pleased to see this strategic initiative continue to be a hallmark of diversity and inclusion for those who are and have been impacted.

Today Campbellsville University serves over 13,500 students, at several locations in Kentucky and beyond. Numerous campus improvements have been made at every location and Christian higher education is available financially for thousands who thought they would never be able to afford a university experience.

The mission of CU is further demonstrated by our alumni who are engaged in amazing acts of service and various forms of work across our globe.

While all programs at Campbellsville University are important and further the mission of Christian higher education, there are several that have been especially meaningful to us. They are Debbie’s work in the Carver School of Social Work, especially during the early and formative years; the creation of Church Outreach, seeing the Kingdom Advance Network be created, both who came out of the Church Relations Program; and the very special outreach to foster and homeless youth through the Bridge to Success program.

Also seeing the Ransdell Chapel become a reality and witnessing the thousands of lives changed while in worship and study bring us joy.

It takes a lot of dedicated people to grow a university for which we would be remiss if we did not thank the entire CU family and thousands of donors whose prayer and financial support have made all of these life changing initiatives possible.

Thank you for allowing Debbie and me to be a part of the Campbellsville University community. We are deeply appreciative and look forward to what God will do in the future. Please know of our continued support and prayers.

Most Cordially,

Mike and Debbie Carter
Best wishes to the Carters

Spring 2021

“I don’t believe anyone could have done any better to bring CU from where it was to where it is today, except Dr. Michael Carter. We owe his family more than we can ever say with words. Job well done!”

DR. DONNIE GOSNER
TRUSTEE, CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“Among your many accomplishments, your steady hand at the helm of CU has been instrumental in continuing to provide a top-notch education to students, especially during this global pandemic.”

HON. MITCH MCCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR AND SENATE MINORITY LEADER

“It’s not only you increased the size and the academic reputation of the university, but you have also kept the Christian commitment and have made it even stronger.”

DR. GARY R. COOK
CHANCELLOR, DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

“I can’t think of any tenure in the history of Kentucky higher education with a more remarkable run than what you and Debbie produced under your leadership.”

DR. BILL LUCKEY
PRESIDENT, LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE

“It started with a vision, It ended with a change. Some said it wouldn’t happen, Some said it was strange. He did not give up, He knew he could succeed. Hard work and determination, Through it all he achieved.”

AN EXCERPT FROM A POEM WRITTEN FOR DR. MICHAEL V. CARTER
BY CORRI J. IRVING (A ’07)

“Dr. Carter presided over a 650 percent increase in the university’s budget and a 400 percent increase in its endowment, and since 1999, Campbellsville University has had an economic impact of over $337 million in Taylor County and nearly $200 million across the university system, becoming an agent of social change through its commitment to diversity and the prosperity and well-being of its region.”

AN EXCERPT FROM A RESOLUTION FROM THE COUNCIL ON POST SECONDARY EDUCATION
DR. AARON THOMPSON, President
BENJAMIN E. BRANDSTETTER, Chair

“He left his legacy with Campbellsville and whoever takes on his role has large shoes to fill because he has done an amazing job to put Campbellsville on the map. He knew everybody on campus, and he knew everybody by their name. He always made a point to acknowledge them and to greet them, and I thought that was really impressive for him to have that opportunity to really show that he cared about everyone on campus.”

J. PAUL Crippan
CONSULTANT, J. PAUL CRIPPAN & ASSOCIATES

“He was a very versatile president. He related to the students really well, he related to the board members well, and he was aggressive in expanding the financial wealth of the university itself. He proved it by evidence—how the college has grown, especially in the last five years.”

IVAN BENNETT
TRUSTEE, CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“What he has done at Campbellsville is just remarkable, and I celebrate his intuition, his initiative, his ability to take risks that have been calculated and well thought out and are real hallmarks of the type of leader that he is. I congratulate him on his 22 years and just wish him the very best in this next passage of his life.”

DR. BILL CROUCH
FORMER PRESIDENT, GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

“President Carter was the board chair when I started my role as AIKCU president, and we had a strong working relationship. In our frequent conversations, Mike always put the interests of Campbellsville University first. May he enjoy retirement as much as he enjoyed leading one of the great gems of Kentucky higher education.”

DR. OJ OLEKA
PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT KENTUCKY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (AIKCU)

“Debbie Carter exemplifies Christian Servant Leadership. It was a blessing to have her on the faculty of the Carver School for over 20 years. While serving with the Carver School of Social Work, her Christian leadership skills included integrity, honesty, selflessness and humility. Her servant’s heart was evident as she served diverse populations and communities across the nation. She loved to travel and serve with our social work students. Debbie’s last assignment at the Carver School was the Bridge to Success program. Through her leadership in this program, Debbie provided guidance and mentoring to first-generation high-risk college students. She saw potential in others and made a difference in the lives of all she touched.”

DR. HELEN MUDD
DEAN, CARVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

“You and Debbie have been such a blessing to the institution and the impact your leadership has had will benefit students for generations to come. Who could ask for a better legacy?”

TERRY HEILMAN SYLVESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARENT PHILANTHROPY, UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

“I first met Dr. Carter in 1990 at Carson-Newman College (now University) as I interviewed for the Chairman of the Speech Communications Department. He was the provost and was the final hiring authority. I knew from the time that we started talking that I wanted to get to know him better. I was fortunate to get the offer and while circumstances dictated that I not accept the job, that was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. It is a friendship that I have cherished throughout these many years.”

When he was named president of Campbellsville University in 2000, I learned through the grapevine of that appointment. I had not talked with him for a while but knew that he was in the running for the position. It was just a few months after he arrived at CU that I got a call from him and an invitation to join the Board of Trustees.

I was totally shocked with the offer to become a board member. In fact, I asked him if he had dialed the wrong number!! But he said no, he had called the right person and needed me on the board. What an honor that was. I remain grateful to him for introducing me to an entirely new perspective on higher education. It has been a real honor and great experience to work with him since that time.

Dr. Carter did an incredible job in his 21 years at CU. The school has grown and flourished under his leadership. It is almost hard to imagine how far we have come in these years. And I believe that we are well positioned to continue that growth in the coming years.

Mike is one of the most intelligent and capable leaders that I have ever known. His ability to be on top of an immense number of details is phenomenal. He lived, breathed, ate and slept CU. He had an unquenchable thirst to always make CU a better place for students, faculty, staff and friends of the university. He worked tirelessly to keep the momentum going for the school and all who love her.

I consider him both a personal and a professional friend of my family, and I will do whatever is necessary to maintain that friendship as long as I have the opportunity.”

DR. JAY CONNER
TRUSTEE AND FORMER CHAIR, CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I was Chairman of the Board when Dr. Carter first came to CU. While I was Chairman, I worked very closely with him. I can attest that during that time he did a good job.

DR. LARRY NOE
TRUSTEE AND FORMER CHAIR, CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“During my time as Chairman, the university faced several major challenges. Dr. Michael Carter stepped up and faced them with strength and commitment. He maintained the Christian mission of this great university.”

DR. JOSEPH L. OWENS
TRUSTEE AND FORMER CHAIR, CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dr. Michael V. Carter and his family are featured on the cover of the Fall 1999 Campbellsvillian. Carter began his presidency in August of that year. From left are: Wesley, Debbie, Eric, Carter and Alicia.

From left, Otto Tennant, vice president for operations and administration; Dr. Frank Cheatham, senior vice president for academic affairs; and Carter are guests on the Dialogue on Public Issues show hosted by Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations, right. (Photo from CU Archives)

Debbie Carter serves soup at a kitchen during a Carver School of Social Work mission trip to Harlan County, Ky. in 2014. (CU Photo by Dr. Helen Mudd)

Dr. Jay Conner, member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, receives a certificate naming him the advancement chair of the Board of Trustees from Dr. Michael V. Carter during the Oct. 24, 2005 Board of Trustees meeting. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

Dr. Joseph Owens is presented with a certificate of appreciation from Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University, Oct. 25, 2016. (CU Photo by Drew Tucker)

Dr. Michael V. Carter speaks at Campbellsville University's opening fall chapel service Sept. 9, 2020. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)

The living presidents of Campbellsville University and their wives posed in Sept. 17, 2005 for a picture at the dedication of the E. Bruce Heilman Student Complex. From left are: Back row – Dr. Michael V. Carter, president from 1999 to 2020; Dr. Kenneth W. Winters, president from 1988 to 1999; and Dr. W.R. Davenport, president from 1969 until 1988. Front row – Debbie Carter, Shirley Winters and Janet Davenport. (Photo by John Bramel)
Dr. Michael V. Carter speaks at the ground-breaking ceremony for the athletic fieldhouse on the main campus Feb. 6, 2018. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

Debbie Carter, first lady from 1999 to 2020, works to restore a wall with fresh paint on a mission trip to New Orleans in 2013. (CU Photo by Dr. Helen Mudd)

From left, Jerry Bennett, former chair of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees; Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, former member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees; Betty Dobbins Heilman, and Dr. Michael V. Carter celebrate Carter and Betty Heilman’s August birthdays on Sept. 9, 2005. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

Donnie Gosser, member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, speaks with Dr. Michael V. Carter at the dedication ceremony for the Betty Dobbins Heilman Student Wellness Center July 13, 2019. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)

From left, Dr. Michael V. Carter, Debbie Carter, Doris Wellman and Sam Wellman, parents of Debbie, attend the Derby Rose Gala April 29, 2016. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

From left, Benji Kelly, vice president for development; Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations; Gwinn Thompson, chair of the Derby Rose Gala; Debbie Carter, first lady, and Dr. Michael V. Carter, president, attend the Autumn Evening in Derby City fundraiser for the Bridge to Success program. (CU Photo by Alexandria D. Swanger)

First Lady Debbie Carter, left, speaks with June Honeycutt during the Autumn Evening in Derby City Fundraiser for the Bridge to Success program. (CU Photo by Alexandria D. Swanger)

Dr. Ralph Tesseneer receives the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award during the 2006 spring commencement ceremony. He was recognized during a luncheon in October 2006. From left are: Front row – Laura Tesseneer, Tesseneer and Dr. Michael V. Carter. Second row – Joe Walters and Susan Tesseneer Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walters. (Photo from CU Archives)

Dr. and Mrs. Michael V. Carter ride in the 2018 Homecoming Parade. They are riding with Al Hardin in his 1956 Ford Fairlane Sunliner. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

Dr. Michael V. Carter and Dr. Donna Hedgepath process in the master’s commencement ceremony Aug. 23, 2019. (CU Photo by Joshua Williams)

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Dr. William R. ‘Randy’ Davenport

Former President of Campbellsville College
dies at age 95

By Joan C. McKinney, Editor

Dr. William R. "Randy" Davenport, president of Campbellsville College from 1969 to 1988, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at his home in Campbellsville following an extended illness. He was 95.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University, said Davenport was "a stalwart that kept this institution moving during tough times. He was a solid rock that provided a foundation on which the success of CU rests today."

Davenport served Campbellsville College (now Campbellsville University) during one of "the college's most difficult times," according to the university's history book written by the late Dr. J. Chester Badgett.

The history book said: "He inherited a tremendous debt when enrollments were falling, with fewer military personnel attending under the G.I. bill, and fewer students graduating from high school."

"The trustees recognized that he had rendered invaluable service to the college, and that at his retirement the college was a thriving institution in a much-improved financial state," Badgett wrote.

Dr. Frank Cheatham was hired by Davenport as an assistant professor of mathematics in fall 1973. "I have great respect, admiration and appreciation for Dr. Randy Davenport," Cheatham, who is retired and eventually became vice president for academic affairs, and who is working part time for the university, said.

"I have always appreciated the opportunities he provided me to grow as a person and professor and his support of academic freedom. Dr. Davenport served as president for Campbellsville College during some of the most tenuous days for CC. He served during the Vietnam war growth period for CC and the decreasing enrollment period of the early '80s, Cheatham said.

"When enrollment dropped to a little above 500 in the mid-1980s, everyone except Dr. Davenport thought that Campbellsville College was on the road to closure. His faith and commitment to CC guided him and thus CC through these hard years. I would quickly add that 'hard' is an understatement.

"One of his many accomplishments is the laying of the foundation for the return of football, absent since the 1930s, to start immediately after his retirement in 1988.

"Dr. Randy Davenport was always deeply concerned about the example employees set as Christian servant leaders, but just as concerned that students received a quality education. His door was always open for students and staff to discuss any concern," Cheatham said.

Davenport retired Dec. 31, 1988 when he had concerns with his health. He felt he had done what he had hoped to achieve which was "a college with strong academic quality possessing the vital margin of an equally strong evangelical Christian orientation and commitment," he said in the history book of Campbellsville University.

He was followed by Dr. Kenneth W. Winters in 1988 who served until 1999. Winters said, "I was so sorry to hear of Dr. Randy Davenport's death. His son Marty, who lives in Murray and attends the same church that we do, had kept me informed on Randy and Janet's condition over the past several years.

"Randy was a special person and so very supportive of me during my presidency at Campbellsville University that I will never forget his council and encouragement."

When Dr. James E. Jones came to Campbellsville from Alabama in 1981 as pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church, he met Davenport. They became prayer partners immediately.

"Dr. Davenport was one of the most honest men I have ever met," Jones, who serves on the university’s Board of Trustees, said.

"He would come to my office every Tuesday morning, and we would get down on our knees and pray for the college," he said.

Jones said Davenport was concerned about paying the college's bills, and he would "pour out a prayer that would touch anyone's heart. He knew how to talk to the Father."

He said Davenport used his Godly ability to encourage others to help the college financially.

"He was definitely a man of deep prayer and commitment to Jesus Christ," Jones said. "He was concerned about the future of the college and believed the college had a great future. He was willing to fight for the college."

"He was a very kind man and was an encourager," Jones said. "He loved the students and wanted to know about them personally."

Davenport was a strong supporter of The Gideons, serving from 1954 until his death. He served as the group's international president. Jones said he heard many messages from Davenport about The Gideons when he was raising money for them.

"He could touch your heart with those messages and want you to support The Gideons. He was definitely a man of deep prayer and commitment to Jesus Christ," Jones said.
Dr. William R. "Randy" Davenport, third from left, agreed to introduce a football program at Campbellsville College resuming the sport after a 50-year absence at a press conference in 1987. His condition was that Dave Fryrear, far left, and Ron Finley, far right, be coaches. Fryrear withdrew his being named head coach, and Finley took the job. Don Bishop, director of athletics, second from left, led the press conference with football beginning in fall 1988.

Davenport, who is retired and worked at the university from 1968 until June 2011, agreed with Jones that “Davenport was one of the most committed Christians I have ever known. His unwavering love for Jesus and the Bible was a great influence on many individuals including me," Hardy said.

"He not only knew the Scripture, he lived by it," Hardy said. "His work with the Gideons was indicative of his desire for all peoples in this world to have a copy of the Bible and thereby learn to trust in Jesus."

Hardy worked in many different positions with Davenport and said, "Dr. Davenport’s presidency was one of inheriting a financially struggling college. It was during this time that his impeccable character brought stability upon which those who followed have built."

Virginia Flanagan, who served under Davenport as director of public relations, alumni relations and TV, called him "a gentleman who was exemplary of Christian honor and character."

She said he led Campbellsville College through years of challenging times but with Christian values and hard work as the guiding force. "It was my honor and privilege to serve during his tenure," Flanagan said. Flanagan now serves part time as special assistant to the president for communication relations.

"Dr. Randy Davenport was a beloved Christian higher education leader who served with great honor and distinction as president during a strategic period in the history of Campbellsville University (then Campbellsville College)," Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations, said.

"He was known for his strong Christian faith, belief in the transformative power of Jesus Christ and commitment to Christ-centered higher education. Dr. Davenport was well known and highly respected across Kentucky and beyond for his service and leadership as president."

"We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Davenport and all the Davenport family and are thankful for his service and commitment to Campbellsville University.”

Dr. Michael V. Carter, president of Campbellsville University from 1999 until his retirement in 2020, said, “It is with great sadness that I learn of the passing of Dr. Randy Davenport.

"Dr. Davenport was a stalwart voice of Campbellsville College during a time much social unrest was present in our country. He was dedicated to keeping the academic and spiritual mission of the school first and foremost.

"In the line of CU presidents, he played a key role in the life and development of the college. He was joined by his dear wife, Janet, and their wonderful family as they served the college for 19 years."

“His contributions to the Gideons and to Campbellsville Baptist Church are too many to mention. His voice was one of clear reason, dedicated to being fair and Christ-centered in all that he undertook,” Carter said.

Davenport was born in Pineville, Mo., and attended elementary and secondary schools in Missouri. He earned an A.B. degree in chemistry from the University of Louisville; a Master of Science in Science Education from the University of Arkansas; and his Ed.D. in Administration and Supervision from the University of Arkansas.

He began his academic career teaching science and serving as a principal. He was instructor in education at the University of Arkansas; associate professor of education and director of student teaching at Butler University in Indianapolis; professor of education and chairman of the Department of Education at the University of Michigan at Flint; and a consultant on television instruction with Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction.

He served as a reserve in the United States Navy and was active in various community and church activities. He belonged to Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa and was a member of Kiwanis International, past chairman of the Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) and various positions with the Gideons International and locally.

“Campbellsville University and the greater Campbellsville community have lost one of her finest,” Carter said.

Davenport is survived by his wife, Janet; four children, three of whom graduated from Campbellsville College, and are: Marty Davenport ('74) of New Concord, Ky.; Mary Davenport ('76), of Louisville; Susan Davenport ('79) of Carbondale, Ill.; and Liz Wilson of Louisville; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Noah and Braeden Stewart and William Stovall. Two of the grandchildren, Julie Davenport ('06) and Ben Stewart ('04) graduated from Campbellsville as well as Sue Davenport ('74), wife of Marty Davenport. The other five grandchildren are: BJ, Jon and Mike Wilson, Jenny Davenport and Abbie Stovall.
Al and Peggy McKnight Hardy are pictured as newlyweds before their three-generational legacy began to build and grow, starting at Campbellsville Junior (two-year) College, to Campbellsville College and now Campbellsville University.
Ask Al Hardy about his mid-1950s student experience and, after saying everyone treated him wonderfully, a smile begins - he tells of a sassy freshman in a bright yellow corduroy jacket who caught his eye and captured his heart.

Peggy McKnight, the Danville, Ky. freshman who sassed the sophomore for breaking line in the cafeteria, would accept his proposal just a few months later. She said in the background on a recent phone visit with the couple, “and we’ve been married for 500 years.”

In all those years together - actually only 64 as of Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 - they have created a three-generation legacy of alumni that continues at Campbellsville University today. The spark that began the Hardy family and extended family numbers, almost too many to count, could possibly qualify as having grown into its own alumni division.

It could all have been lost before it began. He said he’d been headed to Berea College because of financial challenges in those days in his native Hardin County, Ky. However, his pastor, a Campbellsville alumnus who was to speak at chapel, invited him along.

He said the people were wonderful to him and offered work opportunities, which would allow him to earn his education at CU rather than going to Berea. Luckily he had some specialty electrical experience that would allow him to earn seventy-five cents per hour over the forty cents per hour, the going rate for general labor at that time.

Peggy came to Campbellsville on a piano scholarship as a music major. She would later become one of the first music performance majors. She graduated in 1974. They took their two years at then Campbellsville Junior College in 1956 and 1957, and continued building toward their degrees as they raised their family, and Al became an ordained minister.

He was full-time pastor at Goshen Baptist, Hillcrest Baptist in Fort Knox and then at Good Hope in Taylor County for 23 years. During those years working in outreach for CU and speaking at churches, he helped many churches bridge the gap between pastors, acting as interim pastor all over Kentucky as he was called. They had three children, each encouraged to earn their degrees from CU, because, as Peggy, a 1974 alumna said, “I had a wonderful experience as a Campbellsville student, and wanted each of our children and grandchildren to have the same.” Al agreed, probably having learned over their lives together not to sass Peggy.

Their first child, Pam, specialized in teaching English and received a bachelor’s in 1988 and her MAED in 1999. She is working on her doctorate. Their middle child

Jim, (‘85), is present athletics director at CU. The youngest, Kathy Hardy Snow, a 1990 alumna, specialized in music and theater. Pam and Jim live close by while Kathy lives out of state.

The two oldest children are continuing the legacy started by their parents: Pam’s daughter, Sarah, is a 2017 CU graduate; and daughter, Holly, is working on her degree while working as an enrollment specialist at CU. Holly and her husband, Kevin Rothacker, (‘15, M ‘18), had baby girl, Emma, in October 2020, giving Al and Peggy their second great-grandchild.

Kevin, McKenzy and Tyler all hold both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from CU.

There are aunts and uncles and other relatives who have also attended Campbellsville.

The family legacy continues to grow at Campbellsville University, and the two who started it all – J. Alvin and Peggy McKnight Hardy – live in gratitude.
“Time to see what else the Lord has in mind”

Dr. Carolyn Garrison

Retires from Campbellsville University after 47.5 years
The joy is in the journey with the college and the students, and it is a neat journey.

By Scarlett Birge, Student News Writer

From chalkboards and overhead projectors to online classes and Zoom calls, Dr. Carolyn Garrison, former professor of education and assessment coordinator, was one of the longest serving faculty members of Campbellsville University with nearly 48 years of service to her name when she retired Dec. 31, 2020.

Coming to what was then Campbellsville College in fall 1973, Garrison started her journey teaching basic reading and studying skills to student teachers with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Berea College and a Master of Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She spent her first 20 years at Campbellsville teaching freshmen through the dual role teaching program.

Garrison said it was challenging for her when at one point she had up to 55 students in class with very few other teachers involved with the program.

“When I first came to the college in August of 1973, there were only five education faculty, and it stayed that way until about 2000,” she said.

“There were so many students in class, I thought it was challenging to handle,” she said.

But her worries were soon eased as Campbellsville College grew to become Campbellsville University, allowing for substantial growth to commence within the institution.

“It was kind of mind boggling just getting the university status,” Garrison said as she recalled the then two-year college becoming a four-year university in 1996.

The growth only continued as CU introduced its first online course. “When the first online program on campus began in the School of Education in 2002, the programs and number of faculty began growing substantially to where it is today,” Garrison said.

Garrison started the online platform through earning a multi-million dollar grant for special education, was one of the most notable changes she experienced during her years at the university.

Garrison said the university being able to kick off its special education graduate program has helped impact the School of Education to grow to over 24 faculty members now.

Garrison said the School of Education sought out national and state accreditation for the first time in 2000. She said the accreditation process was another challenging, yet necessary, part of her job.

“It takes a lot of energy and time. It takes an enormous amount of work to get it all together,” she said. “But we do it because we want to prepare future teachers in the best way possible and be as effective in the classroom as possible.”

Garrison has helped through many accreditation cycles and has witnessed first-hand how the process has changed over the years. She said at first all the reports she sent in were written with a typewriter, but as technology advanced, the disc became the common method for several years. Now accreditation documents are shared through state and national databases.

Along with compiling reports every few years for accreditation, Garrison has been teaching at least seven different courses a year, with a binder full of materials for each and every single one of them.

Garrison said the dedication to Campbellsville University’s students is what has kept her going throughout the years.

“The students have spurred me on,” she said. “The joy is in the journey with the college and the students, and it is a neat journey. I love what I do. I love the students. My first love is preparing teachers,” Garrison said. “As I think back on these last 48 years and look back at all the courses I’ve taught, it’s just tremendous.”

Even after all these years, the students at Campbellsville have remained close to Garrison’s heart as she said she keeps a folder full of notes and cards that have been given to her. “It makes it all worth the while,” she said. “The students have affirmed to me that this is what I should be doing.”

To avoid burnout, Garrison said furthering her own education is what helped to keep her mentally stimulated throughout her career. While teaching, she earned her Doctorate of Education from the University of Kentucky in 2007, having also studied at Drake University, University of Missouri and Western Kentucky University.

But above all, the relationships she made with the people at Campbellsville is what she said has impacted her greatly and kept her coming back throughout the years. “Even though the opportunity came up to work at other colleges, I chose not to because I really just love Campbellsville,” she said.

“The people have kept me here this long. They have always been wonderful and are very dear to me,” Garrison said.

Having built her life around Campbellsville with her husband, Bruce Garrison, and their children, Angie and David Garrison, leaving the City of Campbellsville was never even considered an option.

“I know a lot of people tend to move on, but not us,” she said. “Even though we are from eastern Kentucky, Campbellsville is home to us.”

“I prayed a lot and asked the Lord to give me a sign to show me when it was my time,” Garrison said about knowing when she needed to retire. “I had been contemplating about it a lot since my husband retired in 2009.”

Promising to help her colleagues at the School of Education through one more accreditation cycle, Garrison said she had already decided to stay until the end of 2020. However, with the highly unexpected global pandemic of COVID-19 drastically affecting the previous way of life, she said it helped to finalize her decision to retire. “COVID nudged and pushed me along because I no longer feel comfortable getting out like I used to. My husband and I are homebound,” she said.

“With everything happening this fall semester, it seemed like the right time had occurred for me, but I still let the university know that I’m available,” Garrison said.

Garrison will continue to be an adjunct instructor for CU. She taught two adjunct courses for the 2021 spring semester and develop a doctoral literacy course for a new program at the university.

Now that she is retired, Garrison plans to reach out to the people most important in her life and enjoy her extra time by making new memories and getting more personally involved.

Apart from spending time catching up with family and friends, Garrison has many dreams and desires she still wishes to fulfill in her lifetime. “I have a desire to write and illustrate children’s books.” Having taken many art classes during her high school experience at Middlesboro High, from which she graduated in 1965, Garrison said it was a passion she intends to pick back up.

“I had an art teacher push me to pursue art education but I never did,” she said. “So now could be a time to see what else the Lord has in mind. He still has a lot of work for me.”

Opening up her own bookstore is among the many aspirations she has now that she is retired. “I have a dream of opening what I would call ‘Three in One,’” she said about the idea of creating the bookstore that would offer tutoring, teaching and school supplies.

With limited resources and spaces for teachers and students alike, she said her idea of the “Three in One” bookstore might be able to offer a much-needed service. “It’s a far out there dream, but I feel that it is a great need in our community for something like this,” she said.

“Whatever doors the Lord has opened, I’m ready to do whatever He has in mind,” Garrison said.
Jarrett helps people ‘heal and discover their capabilities’ as new director of counseling services at Campbellsville University

By Scarlett Birge, Student News Writer

Administering counseling, teaching life skills and creating lessons and treatment plans are all regular pursuits of Erin Jarrett of Louisville, Ky. “Helping people to succeed is a part of my life’s best work,” Jarrett said about her new position as Campbellsville University’s director of counseling services.

Jarrett has a rich background in therapy and counseling as she has worked as the quality of care clinical administrative coordinator/senior auditor of United Behavioral Healthcare for nine years, senior behavioral coach from AbleTo Inc. for two years, a marriage and family therapist for the Counseling Center of Kentucky and as a substance abuse course facilitator at the Revelation Counseling Center in 2017, among several other occupations within the field.

She served as a mental health practitioner in the Jefferson County Public School district in 2019 before she accepted the new position with the university in August 2020. “Adapting to counseling college students has been a smooth and fulfilling transition,” she said.

However, she said the job has not gone without difficulty. With the global pandemic, the new way of living has increased stress levels in many individuals. “I think COVID has had a major impact on the way college students live and work, affecting their physical, emotional and mental well-being in profound ways such as immediate economic distress, mental and social aspects,” she said.

The biggest challenge Jarrett said she has seen and faced in this position in light of COVID-19 is maintaining social participation. “Even though virtual activities are an option, many students experience virtual fatigue,” she said, noticing the change throughout the year as it became increasingly harder to maintain a safe social life. This change is seen to have thrown off many, she said.

“Many times, stress and depression are a strong indication that one’s life is out of balance,” Jarrett said. In order to work against a negative imbalance and to improve one’s mental state, Jarrett uses her position to teach the importance of learning to act on mental health needs.

“I love being a counselor because I get a front row seat in witnessing people heal and discover their capabilities,” Jarrett said.

In order to foster a reduction in stress and depression, she said. “Creating a daily routine and sense of normalcy is so important especially during this difficult time.”

Jarrett is confident in her education of the matter. She earned a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy from Campbellsville University in 2017, Master of Arts in School Guidance Counseling in 2016 and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2014 from Spalding University.


She is founder and president of the non-profit organization Healing Alternatives, as well as a member of the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the American Association of Professional Counselors (AAPC).
Getting what he called a “sense of guidance from God,” Ed Pavy retired from Campbellsville University on June 30, 2020 after serving as campus minister for over 26 years.

“This was His desire for me at this time,” Pavy said. “From the time I felt God calling me into the ministry, which was back in college, I have believed he would initiate the process of sending me where He wants me to go.”

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Police Administration from the University of Louisville in 1978, Pavy followed his calling and received his Master of Divinity in Religious Education from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1981.

Pavy said throughout his life God made his plans known to him and it was up to him to be obedient.

Increasing the spread of mission opportunities is what Pavy considers one of his biggest accomplishments in the position at Campbellsville University as the campus minister.

Four years after he took his position in May 1994, Pavy used his passion for ministry to begin offering multiple mission trips over the campus’ spring breaks with the help of the university’s Baptist Student Union/Baptist Campus Ministry organization.

“Over the years there have been hundreds of CU students go on a mission trip somewhere,” he said.

He said his fondest memories of serving in ministry are of the people he worked closest with. Doing construction, offering disaster relief and expanding the ministry through several outlets with the help of others are all examples of what he said made up his favorite times in the position. “It was always great to work alongside students in a different environment,” said Pavy.

The most difficult part of his job was facing moments where it seemed no spiritual progress was being made on campus, he said. He recalled expressing his frustration over feeling stagnant with other faculty members. “I described it as if we were driving with a flat tire; something was just off,” he said.

When faced with these periods of spiritual stillness, Pavy said his colleagues helped to encourage and push him forward. “We agreed to challenge our student leaders to pray specifically for the Spirit to move on our campus,” Pavy said.

“While I have retired from campus ministry at CU, I have not retired from life or ministry. I am seeking God’s leading to what that will be, and I believe He will show me,” Pavy said.

Pavy said shortly after his retirement a friend of his suggested he take the first year to relax and to not commit to anything, just to use the time to relax, decompress and seek God’s leading for what is next.

“So that is what I am doing now,” he said.

He is enjoying time with his wife, Kathy Brookshire Pavy (’78) his children and their spouses, Emily (’07) and Blake Jessie and E.J. (’09) and Anna Marie Pavy (’09, M ’16) as well as his grandchildren: River, Josiah, Judah and Pav Jessie, and Olivia, Nazareth, Spencer, Noah and Gideon Pavy.

“Life is precious and so is family, so I choose to treasure what I consider to be the greatest responsibility I have been given from the Lord,” said Pavy.
Lawrence named new campus minister

Jamie Lawrence, executive director of ministry and church outreach and campus minister, performs at a virtual chapel service at Campbellsville University in September 2020. (Photo Submitted)
Jamie Lawrence, executive director of ministry and church outreach, has spent his entire life surrounded by ministry.

From growing up as a preacher’s kid to serving as a preacher himself, Lawrence has made ministry a focus of his life that continues to prevail as he takes the position of campus minister at Campbellsville University.

“I feel like ministry to students is a top priority,” Lawrence said. “My ultimate goal is for every student to walk that stage in graduation with not only a degree in hand but also a spirit encouraged by the Lord.”

He said there are many great ministry aspects the university will continue going forward, but he has a vision for more. “I want to personally connect with the entire campus,” Lawrence said. “I want to offer ministry and partnership to all departments.”

Having nearly 27 years of experience, Lawrence was introduced to the field of ministry at a young age, having listened to several sermons and participating in church activities alongside his father, Jimmy Lawrence of Smiths Grove.

“I accepted Christ at the age of 13 and felt God calling me to serve in ministry at the age of 17,” he said.

When he went to Oakland Baptist as youth pastor, he met the pastor, Dr. Tom Stokes, who would become his long-time mentor. “Dr. Stokes took me under his wing and taught me so much about practical ministry,” Lawrence said.

They served alongside each other at First Baptist Church in Tompkinsville, Ky. In addition to serving as a youth pastor, Lawrence has also served as an educational minister, worship pastor, interim executive pastor and senior pastor.

His educational experience has also helped prepare him for the position. Lawrence has a Master of Arts in Religion with an emphasis in worship studies and a Master of Divinity from Liberty University, a Master of Theology from Campbellsville University, as well as being a Doctoral Candidate at the Institute for Worship Studies.

“I feel all of these areas will help me organize this ministry and develop a plan of intentional ministry across a great campus,” Lawrence said.

Lawrence is married to Dr. Elisha Lawrence, associate professor of education and assessment coordinator at Campbellsville University, and they have two children, Kaylee Grace and Kellis William. “As a family we are committed to ministry through missions and worship ministry. Music has been a binding factor for us,” Lawrence said. “My wife and I have led worship together since before we got married.”

Music has been a strong influence in Lawrence’s life that he has shared with his family. “Music has been a passion of mine since a very young age. Both of our children share the same love of music,” Lawrence said.

In addition to ministering through music, Lawrence also finds sports to be a ministry outlet. “I have seen sports as a ministry for many years, having coached basketball, volleyball and most recently bowling,” he said. “It is more than a competitive spirit, but it is the drive to see success that builds character. I feel there is a lot of ministry in the athletics realm.”

Lawrence takes the campus minister position after the retirement of Ed Pavy, former campus minister. “Ed Pavy is someone I have looked up to for many years. He laid such an amazing groundwork in ministry here, and I find it an honor to follow him in ministry,” Lawrence said.

The job of the campus minister has a profound affect on the lives of others, Lawrence said. He recalled the personal impact Bryant Rudolph, former campus minister of Western Kentucky University, had on him while he and his wife were involved with the Baptist Campus Ministry at the university in 1999. “I owe so much to my campus minister. I want to pay that forward,” he said.

“I can truly say that Bryant’s mentorship and friendship influenced my walk with the Lord,” Lawrence said. “I want to have that kind of impact on the students I come in contact with.”

Jamie Lawrence is married to Dr. Elisha Lawrence, associate professor of education and assessment coordinator at Campbellsville University, left and they have two children, Kaylee Grace and Kellis William. (Photo Submitted)
Campbellsville University recognizes first group of Ph.D. graduates in institution history

By Ariel C. Emberton, Staff Writer/Photographer

“The first cohorts of students who graduated in December were highly intelligent, career minded, dedicated and motivated,” Dr. Patricia Cowherd, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology, said.

Campbellsville University held its first doctoral hooding ceremony Dec. 11, 2020 in Ransdell Chapel where nine students were recognized for receiving their Ph.D. in Management with a specialization in Leadership. The Ph.D. program began with the first cohort in October 2017 Cowherd said.

“This an academic milestone for the university. More importantly, it is a landmark for these graduates and their families,” Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president, said.

The students were recognized a week later during Campbellsville University’s virtual commencement ceremony. Graduates from the Ph.D. program were as follows:


The degree is designed to be completed in three years. “The program requires 60 semester hours with the dissertation, six of the 60 hours, required in the last semester of the program,” Cowherd said.

“The Ph.D. degree will allow graduates to teach in a college or university setting, serve as an administrator or work in a high-level management position. The program will encourage CU faculty to conduct high-level academic research that will contribute to developing knowledge in the fields of management and leadership,” Cowherd said.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program must have completed a master’s degree from a regionally accredited university.

“As dean, I feel honored to have the first doctoral program housed in the School of Business, Economics and Technology,” Cowherd, who has served in her position since 2001 and who has been employed at Campbellsville University for 40 years, said.

Cowherd said the next Ph.D. cohort is expected to begin in May 2021 with a maximum of 12 students.

Campbellsville University graduates 1,027 students in first virtual commencement ceremony

By Ariel C. Emberton, Staff Writer/Photographer

“Be bold, be courageous and be yourself,” Parish Howell Jr., a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education graduate of Norfolk, Va., said during his speech for Campbellsville University’s December 2020 commencement ceremony.

Howell was asked to speak on behalf of the graduating class in the first virtual commencement ceremony which aired on Campbellsville University’s Facebook page Dec. 18, 2020.

“Something else they taught me was that wherever you go, whether it be tomorrow, the next day or a couple years down the line, go there with all your heart - 100%,” Howell said.

Howell said fear has driven him to more success because it allowed him to reach more than he ever imagined he could both on the football field, in the classroom and when making friends.

“It’s allowed me to grow as a servant leader at Campbellsville University, and Campbellsville University has taught me that servant leadership is a great way to make friends, and it’s a great way to showcase what God has done for us,” Howell said.

He encouraged graduates to get used to their new normal because with normal comes change and if opportunity doesn’t come knocking, build a door.

Dr. Donna Hedgepeth, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, “Our graduates have worked really hard over the last few years to get to this moment, and we wanted to have something special for you as we celebrate our graduates.”

Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations, welcomed the new graduates into the diverse and proud family that makes up Campbellsville University’s Alumni Association. “As a graduate, you now have a network of over 17,000 alumni that spans many states and countries. You will always be a part of this community.

“Campbellsville University is in your story, your successes and your experiences. We are so proud of what all you’ve accomplished and hope to be a resource today and in the years to come."

Rusty Hollingsworth, vice president for student services and athletics, congratulated the graduates on their perseverance during their time at Campbellsville University. He challenged them to go and do great things in this world.

Henry Lee, chair of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, led the opening prayer, and Dr. Terry Wilder, director of the Master of Divinity program, led the closing prayer.

The video featured Campbellsville University students singing a variety of songs including “Campbellsville, We Love Thee” and “God Will Take Care of You.”

Students were recognized in the video with a photo, degree level, name, degree area and their hometown. Those recognized for receiving their bachelor’s degree were also recognized for being summa cum laude, magna cum laude or cum laude, an honors student, valedictorian and salutatorian.

The ceremony featured Campbellsville University’s first group of Ph.D. graduates. They received their doctorate Ph.D. in Management with a specialization in leadership.
Pavy named Healthy-at-Work officer at Campbellsville University

By Ariel C. Emberton, Staff Writer/Photographer

E.J. Pavy, Title IX coordinator and assistant director of human resources, has been named the Healthy-at-Work officer for Campbellsville University. He assumed the position Jan. 1 and will be performing the duties of the Healthy-at-Work officer in addition to his work in the Office of Human Resources.

“E.J. has taken on one of the most critical positions in the university today,” Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University, said. “COVID-19 has changed the way we operate at CU, and his professional guidance will allow us to do this safely,” Spears said.

Pavy is taking over the position from Dave Walters, interim director of Center for Global Engagement, after Walters was named associate vice president for regional administration in December.

“This role is very much an extension of my responsibilities in the personnel office,” Pavy said. “My intent for this role is to continue supporting employees by promoting transparency and ensuring compliance while garnering feedback in an effort to steadily improve our response;” he said.

Jason Lawson, director of human resources, said, “I have no doubt E.J. will excel in this role as we continue to work to keep our campus and family safe.”

Vaughn named director for presidential operations

By Ariel C. Emberton, Staff Writer/Photographer

Kellie Vaughn has been named director for presidential operations at Campbellsville University.

Vaughn works to schedule Board of Trustee meetings, maintain the president’s schedule, coordinates Campbellsville University’s multiple commencement ceremonies, participates in various cabinet meetings and fulfills other duties. Vaughn has worked in the president’s office at Campbellsville University since 2002 in various positions including office assistant, presidential ambassador coordinator, secretary to the president and assistant to the president and major events coordinator.

Prior to her work at Campbellsville University, Vaughn worked as a customer service representative for Campbellsville National Bank from 2001 to 2002.

Vaughn enjoys playing golf, basketball and softball. She gardens, hikes, mountain bikes, reads and enjoys spending time with her family at the beach. Vaughn is a member of Saloma Baptist Church and teaches first through third grade Sunday School classes.

In 1998, Vaughn graduated from Taylor County High School. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a business administration emphasis from Campbellsville University in 2003. Her Master in Business Administration was also obtained from Campbellsville University in 2006.

Vaughn is the daughter of Pat and Julie Bruce of Campbellsville, Ky. She is married to Daron Vaughn and they have one daughter, Kallie Vaughn.

Valedictorians were as follows:

Sydney Harris of Campbellsville, Ky., who received her Bachelor of Science in Educational Ministries Area; Carson Kovalic of Winchester, Ky., who received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and Political Science; Claire Edwards of Benton, Ky., who received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Human Resource Management; Salutatorian was Skylar Lanham of Philpot, Ky., who graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work.

Degrees were conferred by Hedgepath.

Graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work. Administration/Human Resource Management. who received her Bachelor of Science in Business Accounting; and Beverly Thomas of Springfield, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration/Political Science; and Sydney Harris of Campbellsville, Ky., who received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration/Global Engagement, after Walters was named associate vice president for regional administration in December. Vaughn is named director for presidential operations at Campbellsville University. Hedgepath. degrees were conferred. 

Bachelor of Social Work; Master of Business Administration/Human Resource Management.

Valedictorians were as follows:

Teacher Leader Master of Arts in Education; Teacher Leader Master of Arts in Special Education; Master of Arts in Special Education; Master of Arts in School Counseling; Master of Arts in Music; Master of Arts in School Improvement; Teacher Leader Master of Arts in Education; Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; Master of Business Administration;

Master’s degrees conferred are as follows:

Professional Master of Business Administration; Master in Management/Leadership; Master in Marriage and Family Therapy; Master of Music in Music Education; Master of Science in Computer Science; Master of Science in Justice Studies; Master of Social Work; Master of Divinity; Master of Theology; and Master of Science in Information Technology Management.

Bachelor’s degrees conferred are as follows:

Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Fine Arts; Bachelor of Music; Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and Bachelor of Social Work. Associate degree in nursing and associate of science degrees were also conferred.

The commencement video can be found on Campbellsville University’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/campbellsvilleuniversity.
When Mark Mann became Executive Director at Campbellsville University in Louisville in 2016, the school had 280 students. Today, Mark is the Assistant Vice President and there are just under 6,000 students learning, growing, and on their way to fantastic careers, thanks to the school. “I believe in the ripple effect,” Mark says. “I’m very happy to have helped to improve the lives of so many.”

Campbellsville University is Louisville based, and it’s the fastest growing university in the commonwealth thanks to its great flexibility in programs (They offer face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses) and affordability. “We haven’t had a tuition increase in 4 years,” Mark says proudly. “Through a commitment to this community, we are developing resources that can continue to support us in trying times. We’re not just for kids straight out of high school, either—higher education is an ongoing pursuit. One can get a degree and start a whole new career at any point in their life.” His devotion to this Christian university is his life’s biggest professional work, and there’s no end in sight. “I will eventually retire,” he says, “but I will never stop teaching.”
Remembering Coach Garrett Stark

Campbellsville University men’s and women’s assistant soccer coach at Harrodsburg

By Katie Neal, Freelance Writer

The Campbellsville University community is grieving for Garrett Stark, assistant coach for the CU Harrodsburg men’s and women’s soccer teams and head coach of the Mercer County Senior High School boy’s soccer team. Stark died Feb. 9, 2021 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident.

“The Campbellsville University family, especially the Harrodsburg Pioneers, was devastated to hear of the tragic death of Coach Stark. His commitment to young athletes was paramount and leaves a lasting mark on all who knew him.

“Our faculty, staff and students mourn the passing of our dedicated university colleague. We lift up his family and friends with condolences and prayers,” Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University, said.

Dave Walters, associate vice president for regional administration, remembered Stark for his inspiring leadership and commitment to students.

“The CU Harrodsburg Pioneers will always remember Garrett Stark as an accomplished coach and mentor, both on and off the field. We extend our condolences to and will continue praying for his family and friends, as well as everyone at the Conover Education Center who had the opportunity to know him,” Walters said.

On Feb. 9, CU Harrodsburg’s director of athletics, head coach, counselors and pastors gathered to support and pray with student-athletes on the soccer teams, and the university will continue to support them.

Dalton Christopher, director of athletics for Harrodsburg, said Stark was instrumental in establishing the men’s and women’s soccer programs at CU Harrodsburg, including the recruitment of many athletes he coached at the club and high school levels. He said Stark would often attend other team’s events–most recently, an Esports match–to support athletes and fellow coaches.

“Garrett has left a tremendous fingerprint on not only the lives of each student-athlete he came across, but also on the lives of the coaches and administrators across our Pioneer family that had the privilege to know him. Each of us, along with our students, were truly family to Garrett,” Christopher said.

“Today we mourn the tremendous loss of his life, and we also celebrate the passionate love he had for the game of soccer, the athletes he coached and the coaches he worked alongside. We will miss him dearly.”

Head coach Paul Brooks said Stark was the perfect choice for the first assistant coach in the soccer program’s history–recognizing not only his talents and reputation as a coach, but also his character and integrity, which flowed over into the lives of the young men and women involved in the sport.

“Coach Garrett Stark leaves an immense hole in the hearts of our soccer family and the soul of our program. As a brand new program, it was important that we instilled these faith-based values as we were given the opportunity to build a family; we both agreed that a culture of faith values and community were attributes that we could offer collectively.

“As a man of faith himself, Coach Stark went above and beyond the traditional coaching role and offered himself sacrificially to the emotional and physical needs of 40 freshman players in a new college environment and athletic program,” Brooks said.

Stark was the chief recruiter for the CU Harrodsburg soccer program–more than half of its inaugural incoming class were former high school and/or club players of his.

Though new to collegiate soccer, many of these players had experiences under Stark’s tutelage, which enabled the program to more immediately become a family of coaches, staff and student-athletes. This is merely a fraction of Stark’s legacy that will resonate within the program for years to come, and belies his one-year tenure with the university.

Stark’s legacy goes beyond the confines of the CU Harrodsburg campus and into the wider community, though. He was a seven-year head coach of the boy’s soccer team at Mercer County Senior High School, where he was awarded Kentucky High School Coach of the Year in 2016, and a 20-year veteran of club and indoor soccer.

“While our CU Harrodsburg soccer hearts are understandably heavy at this time, we rest assured that he is in the presence of He who is greater. We covet the prayers of our wider CU community for his daughter Taityor, extended family and the entire staff and students of the Conover Education Center as we remember Coach Stark and what we know will be his enduring legacy,” Brooks said.

CU Harrodsburg is offering support and counseling for all students, faculty and staff. Though normal campus operations were closed Feb. 10 for inclement weather, counselors were available in dorms for anyone who wanted to talk or needed assistance.

“Coach Stark will always be remembered for his pioneering contributions to our soccer teams at CU Harrodsburg, but most importantly he created precious memories for our CU student-athletes who cherish his impact on their lives. He was a true servant leader,” Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.
Lady Tiger wrestling brings home CU’s first NAIA Championship

Miracle named NWCA Coach of the Year

McKayla Campbell earned the lone individual championship at 109 lbs. in dramatic fashion scoring five points in the final seconds of the match to come from behind.
By Jordan Alves, Sports Information Director

For the first time in Campbellsville University history, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Team Championship banner is coming back to campus, as Lady Tiger wrestling won the second annual NAIA Invitational in a big way over the March 13 weekend.

In addition to the team title, McKayla Campbell claimed the 109-pound title with a thrilling victory in the final 12 seconds.

Campbellsville scored 185 points as a team to beat runner-up and rival Life University by 50.5 points.

The Lady Tigers qualified a record 12 wrestlers for the championship and 10 earned All-American honors - one champion, four runners-up, three in third place and two placing fourth.

Behind Campbell, Alexandra Castillo (170), Randi Robison (136), Angie Vitiritti (130) and Charlotte Fowler (116) all finished runner-up. Brianna Staebler and Jacqueline Ghent both finished fourth at 191 pounds and 123 pounds, respectfully. Emma Walker (143), Katlyn Pizzo (123) and Kendra Thompson (155) all finished third.

In the finals at 109 pounds, No. 1 - seed Campbell got down early and at the end was facing a 14-11 deficit with only 12 seconds left. Her opponent, No. 3-seed Asia Ray, was called for stalling cutting the deficit to two, 14-12, and then with two seconds remaining on the clock Campbell earned a four-point throw to bring the entire Jamestown University gymnasium crowd to its feet. Campbell ended up winning 16-14.

The individual championship is also the first in Campbellsville University women’s wrestling history as the sport is just in its second year being recognized by the NAIA.

For the second time in his career, head coach Lee Miracle has been named the National Wrestling Coaches’ Association NAIA Women’s Coach of the Year, officials announced at the national championship virtual banquet.

Coach Miracle is in his eighth season as head coach and his achievements this season include an 8-0 dual meet record capped by a Mid-South Conference regular season championship, a third MSC Tournament title with seven finalists, five individual conference champions, and 12 athletes qualified for the NAIA Championship.

The award is presented to the coach who has demonstrated outstanding effort throughout the season in developing and elevating their program on campus and in the community.

“It’s an honor to recognize Coach Lee Miracle as the National Coach of the Year,” National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Executive Director Mike Moyer said. “What Lee has been able to build at Campbellsville is absolutely amazing. His athletes continue to simply find ways to win and can’t ever be counted out.”

In his career, Campbellsville has won two Women’s Collegiate Wresting Association (WCWA) National Championships and the program has 14 WCWA individual national champions.
A football player from 1993 to 1996 and a 1997 Campbellsville University graduate, Chris Morgan has continued to combine his Christianity and his love for sports beyond his time at CU.

Morgan is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chaplain at the University of Louisville. In a nutshell, he found his FCA calling when he got his world rocked at an FCA chapel in undergrad, gave his life to Christ, graduated school, and like so many other 20-somethings after college, he was searching for answers with his career.

After some time working with kids with disabilities, Morgan felt himself called into ministry to pour into young athletes. He’s a husband to Tammy, who serves alongside him, and a dad to his three girls. Most of all, he’s a disciple-maker. Morgan’s humility wouldn’t let him say it himself, but his 20 years of faithfulness to God’s calling has transformed thousands of lives at the University of Louisville.

Morgan always loved being around sports. The camaraderie, the passion and the fellowship always sucked him in. So, when Morgan felt a nudge toward ministry, he knew that he was wired to work with athletes.

Beginning his path toward ministry, he was guided to learn under Tom Nelson, a Baptist preacher who leads an academic program for young ministers in Denton, Texas. After speaking with Nelson and a week full of prayer, Morgan knew he needed to go learn under Nelson’s teaching, so he packed up everything he owned and started on the 900-plus mile drive to Texas.

Morgan knew God was calling him into this new season, and he knew that he would have to work hard to grow into the minister God was calling him to be. Morgan spent the next year in Nelson’s program, laying the foundation for his ministry at Louisville.

After that year in Denton, Morgan came back to Louisville and started working as an FCA Area Director, overseeing FCA programming for 40 schools in the area. Yet it wasn’t quite hitting the heart of what he felt called to do.

In 2004, Louisville football’s head coach Bobby Petrino called Morgan into the football complex and asked him to start leading chapel services for the football team.

Morgan saw this as the opportunity he was looking for to work with a group of young athletes to mold into followers of Jesus.

When Steve Kragthorpe took over the head coaching role for the Louisville Cardinals, he asked what it would take for Morgan’s service to be devoted to Louisville on a full-time basis. Once Kragthorpe championed Morgan and his full-time ministry at Louisville, it spread throughout the department.

The Cardinal baseball team was the first program outside of football to jump into active participation then, after that, numerous other coaches came into the picture for their programs to take part.

Today, FCA is actively involved with every single sport on Louisville’s campus in some way, shape or form. Their weekly meetings now have baseball players, swimmers, soccer players, football players, basketball players – so many athletes coming together for fellowship, Biblical teaching and prayer. This ministry has literally changed thousands of students’ lives. Morgan and his growing staff see fruit daily in their service to the Kingdom.
Kayla Miracle is Tokyo bound after winning the 2021 U.S. Olympic Trials at 62kg and will make her Olympic debut this summer.

Miracle, a 2019 World Team member, 2019 U23 World silver medalist and three-time U23 World Team member, triumphed over Macey Kilty (SKWC) in the best-of-three series, being extended to three matches.

Miracle, 24, won 8-4 in the first, but Kilty battled back to pull even with a 4-3 win in bout two. In the deciding third bout, Miracle scored a takedown and Kilty could not continue, giving Miracle an injury default win and a spot on the Olympic Team.

Miracle was joined in Texas at the Olympic Trials by fellow Lady Tiger alums and current roster members. They were Abby Nette (57kg), McKayla Campbell (50kg), Mariah Harris (76kg), Alexandra Castillo (76kg) and Charlotte Fowler (50kg).

The U.S. women’s team will have the firepower to challenge powerhouse Japan for supremacy in the Tokyo Games. The group includes an Olympic champion, two Olympians, four World champions, five World medalists and all six with Senior World Championships experience.

Her teammates have vast experience at the international level. Helen Maroulis (57 kg) will look to defend her 2016 gold medal at the Rio Olympic games, Adeline Gray (76 kg) is a five-time world champion and competed in the 2016 Rio Olympics, Sarah Hildebrandt (50 kg) was the 2018 world silver medalist, Jacarra Winchester (53 kg) was 2019 world champion and Tamyra Mensah-Stock (68 kg) will make her Olympic debut after falling short in the 2016 trials.

Miracle was a four-time WCWA National Champion during her time at Campbellsville University. Her fourth title in 2018 secured the Lady Tigers their first WCWA national title in program history.

She is the fourth Campbellsville University alum to reach the Olympic Games but is the first American to represent the United States. She joins Nestor Colemenares (Venezuela, men’s basketball, 2016 Olympics), the late Doris Wefwafwa (Kenya, women’s volleyball, 2000 Olympics), and Mickey Lilinthal (Venezuela, women’s swimming, 1996 Olympics).

The Tokyo Olympic Games begin July 23rd with the opening ceremony and will run through August 8th.
Campbellsville football has a strong history of developing former players into coaches at a variety of levels that includes working at both the college and high school level.

As of late, one of the most notable names in the ranks of high school coaches in the Commonwealth is that of former Fighting Tiger offensive lineman Brent Thompson.

Thompson has been the head coach of the North Hardin High School football team in Radcliff, Ky. since 2012 and has seen a recent rise to greater success for the Trojans over the last three seasons.

Over the first six seasons of his nine-year tenure, Thompson’s North Hardin squad averaged three wins in a season with their highest win total in a season coming in 2016 when the Trojans won six games for Thompson’s only winning record over that span, finishing at 6-5.

The previous three seasons, North Hardin went 9-3, 13-1 and most recently 10-1, reaching the 6A playoffs in each of the 2018, 2019, and 2020 seasons and earning playoff wins each year.

This season, the Trojans went through the regular season undefeated and defeated Barren County High School and Meade County High School and falling to St. Xavier in the third round of playoffs by a tight 16-9 final score. NHHS averaged over 30 points per game and allowed only about a touchdown per game at a 7.6 opponent’s points per game average.

"The last two years we felt like we had the team that could get there," Thompson told the Louisville Courier Journal. "Obviously, some things happened where we didn’t, but it’s definitely a goal and what we’ll be fighting for every year. No knock on winning a district or regional championship, but we want to be mentioned with those top teams in the state of Kentucky."

The accomplishments of the Trojans led to Thompson being voted the Courier Journal’s Kentucky High School Football Coach of the Year along with him earning the Kentucky Football Coaches Association 6A District 2 Coach of the Year.

According to the Courier Journal, 90 different coaches across the Commonwealth voted on the honor as Thompson received 11 total votes to lead all potential candidates. Those 11 votes were three more than the next highest vote recipients with the next highest votes received were seven and six.

"There are a lot of quality coaches in the state that could have won this," Thompson said. "Obviously it’s a testament to my assistant coaches and these players that I’ve been able to coach. It’s an honor, and I’ll cherish this award big-time."

Thompson’s ability to develop football talent has shown in this year’s team as four of his players signed letters of intent to join NCAA Division I programs as running back La’Vell Wright (Kentucky), wide receiver Marcus Harris (Kent State), linebacker Michael Lunz (Tulane) and defensive back Jordan Lovett (Kentucky) are all set to join those programs.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone, but I am looking forward to everything 2021 has in store for Campbellsville University.

After 22 years of service, Dr. and Mrs. Michael V. Carter announced their retirement and will truly be missed here on campus. Whoever is found to supersede them will have some big shoes to fill. But, no matter what, our mission will remain the same – to prepare students as Christian servant leaders. That has been the goal from day one and will continue to be as we move forward into a new era.

If you haven’t been back on campus in a while, I highly encourage you to visit. The new Mass Communication Center (located in the old Caulk Hardware building on Meader Street) is open for the Office of Broadcast Services and the Mass Communication program to operate under one roof. This state-of-the-art facility includes classrooms and computer labs where students can learn and practice the skills they need once they enter the workforce. From the first day of classes, students gain real world experience by working hands-on with live productions.

We are moving forward with celebrating Homecoming in the fall! Please mark your calendars for October 9th. We will also be combining the 50th year reunions for the class of 1970 and 1971 during that time. Be sure to follow our Alumni and Friends page on Facebook or check campbellsville.edu for more information.

I am excited to continue serving as your alumni director. If you have any suggestions or want more information on anything, you are more than welcome to call or email me. My office number is (270) 789-5149 and email is amfox@campbellsville.edu.

Sincerely,

Ashley Fox (M ’17)
Director of Alumni Relations
1960s

CHARLES WILLIAM McHOLAN ('68) is retired. He is married to Nancy Carolyn McHolan; they have two children: Charles Keith McHolan and Elesa Carol Dadisman. They attend Middletown Baptist Church in Middletown, Ky. Address: 125 Waterstone Way, Louisville, KY 40245.

SUELLEN SHAW ('73) has been elected to serve on the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees. She is state director for Rural Development with the United States Department of Agriculture. She is married to Michael Potter. Address: 209 Whispering Brook Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356. Email: heleecpa@yahoo.com.

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DR. J. DWAYNE HOWELL ('82), professor emeritus of Old Testament and Hebrew at Campbellsville University and pastor of the Rolling Fork Baptist Church in Gleanings, Ky., has co-edited the book, "Preaching in/and the Borderlands." Howell also authored one of the essays in the book, "Immigration and the Biblical Migrant Narrative."

This is the second book Howell has edited for Pickwick Press, the first being "Preaching and the Personal" published in 2013. Howell serves as adjunct professor at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Georgetown, Ky. He returned to his seminary pastorate, the Rolling Fork Baptist Church, in 2001 and has served there over 25 years through his two pastorates. He is married to DR. SUSAN HOWELL ('92), professor of psychology at Campbellsville University. They have two children, KATELYN HOWELL ('19) and PATRICK HOWELL ('19). Address: 112 Canterbury Way, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

ELLEN WARD BIDDLE ('84) is Ready to Work program coordinator for Bluegrass Community and Technical College. She started the program for student parents to obtain self-sufficiency. She and her husband, Jeff, have a daughter, Kayla. Address: 156 Rowanberry Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356. Email: emickey28@gmail.com.

JEFF GUMM ('84) has been inducted into the 5th Region Athletic Director's Hall of Fame. He has served as head baseball and head boy's basketball coach during his tenure at Taylor County where he has worked since 1985. He is a former assistant football coach, assistant baseball coach and assistant boys' basketball coach at Taylor County. He also taught social studies and physical education until his retirement in 2017. He was also the school's athletic director from 2008 until 2018. Gumm was inducted into the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007 and was one of eight finalists for the National High School Coaches Association Baseball Coach of the Year award in 2016. He is married to DEBORAH KAYE GUMM ('84). They have two children: Joshua and Jeffrey Gumm. Address: 100 Strawberry Lane, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

1970s

SUELLEN SHAW ('73) has been named the 2020 Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Teachers Association (KMTA). Shaw has taught piano independently in Campbellsville since 1970. Her students have won prizes in numerous KMTA and CKMTA Music Festivals, KMTA Competitions and Honors Recitals and the Distinguished Young Women (formerly Junior Miss) programs. She is a member of the Central Kentucky Music Teachers Association (CKMTA). Shaw has served as treasurer of the local Central Kentucky Music Teachers Association since its founding in 1983, possibly the longest serving officer to stay in the same position in KMTA's history. She has served additionally in local churches as pianist and organist. Her husband, CHARLES SHAW ('70), is retired from the Kentucky Department of Education, where he taught adult education and emergency service. They have one son, SCOTTY SHAW ('96), and were guardians of Billy, Johnny and Molly Hubbard, whom they count as their own. They have six grandchildren. Address: 108 Wakefield Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

THE REV. TIMOTHY WAYNE CLARK ('77) is pastor of First Christian Church. He and his wife, BRENDA W. CLARK ('76), have three children: Amy, Abigail and Tyler. Address: 207 Main Street East, Hartselle, AL 35640. Email: Shepherdrclark@gmail.com.

1980s

"Preaching in/and the Borderlands." Howell also authored one of the essays in the book, "Immigration and the Biblical Migrant Narrative."
1990s

**BILLY GREGORY** (‘95) has been named Kentucky State Police public affairs commander and will function as the agency’s primary spokesperson. He is a 24-year veteran of the KSP and his previous assignments include road trooper, detective, public affairs officer at the Columbia Post, internal affairs branch and assistant spokesperson with the Public Affairs Branch in Frankfort. He is a former volleyball coach at Campbellsville University. Gregory is married to **CINDY GREGORY** (‘02). They have two adult children: **HAILEY GREGORY VOGLE** (‘15) and **JUSTICE GREGORY** (‘21), residence director and sports information director at Campbellsville University’s Noe Education Center in Somerset, Ky., and who is married to **MADISON KAISER GREGORY** (‘19). Address: 216 Hidden Meadows Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

**JONATHAN RAY SPALDING** (‘95) was elected to the Lebanon City Council in November 2020. He has practiced law in Lebanon since 1998. He also served as city attorney for Bradfordsville. He has been a longstanding member of the local Kiwanis Club, board member of Marion County Little League Baseball and Softball and was head coach of the Marion County Softball Team for two years. He attends St. Augustine Church.

**DAMARCO RICHARDSON** (‘91) has been named to the Taylor Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. He has been employed by the United States Government for 35 years and you can usually find him at the front desk of the Campbellsville Post Office. In his spare time, he is active in the local real estate market and is the owner and operator of Richardson Rentals and Richbros LLC. Damarco said, “I am honored to be able to work with my community and our local healthcare providers. My goal will be to promote safe, timely and cost-efficient care to the citizens of Central Kentucky.” He is married to Chris Woods Richardson. Address: 320 Roberts Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

**JONATHAN GABY** (‘05) has been accepted into the University of Cincinnati’s Master of Sciences in Marketing program at UC’s nationally ranked Lindner College of Business. He is married to Mel Menshouse Gaby. Address: 6141 Kingsgate Drive, Burlington, KY 41005. Email: contact@jonathangaby.com.

**KWAKU OSEBREH** (‘06) has been appointed to the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees. He is an attorney with Mayer Brown LLP. Address: 900 S. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60605-3689. Email: osebreh@outlook.com.

2000s

**JAMES C. (JIM) MILLER IV** (‘03), Taylor County Bank, has been honored for 20 years of service. He has been the president of the bank since 2017. In 1937, his great grandfather, J.C. Miller Sr., opened Taylor County Bank with $300,000 in assets. Since that time, the bank has had five bank presidents, growing to over $200 million in assets. Joining the bank in May of 2000, he has worked in every department of the bank from teller to president. He graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. He is married to **JENNY NETHERLAND MILLER** (‘04), and they have four children: Jack, Izie, Sofie and Charlie. Address: P.O. Box 200, Campbellsville, KY 42719.

**CHRIS BRANAM** (‘09) is the new head wrestling coach at Bedford North Lawrence in Bedford, Ind.

**ADRIENNE BUTLER GILBERT** (‘10, M ‘11) serves as the outreach and bookmobile librarian at Taylor County Public Library. She has also begun working as a part of Century 21 Smith Realty Group, based in Campbellsville and serving the central Kentucky region. She is following in the footsteps of her dad, Dwight Butler, who is a real estate broker and auctioneer. She said, “I’m looking forward to serving the people of the Campbellsville region to help them feel confident in their next move.” She is married to **STEVEN GILBERT** (‘18) who works at...
Marion County Middle School. They have two children: Bria and Lincoln. Address: 6345 Old Lebanon Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: info@adrienne.realtor.

CURTIS CLEMONS (’12) is branch manager and principal broker in Kentucky for Coldwell Banker Realty Ohio Company. His wife, HANNAH THOMPSON CLEMONS (’12, M ’15), is a hospice social worker with Vitas Healthcare.

Address: 8405 Arundel Court, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Emails: Curtis: Curtis.clemons@cbrealty.com. Hannah: Clemons329@gmail.com.

ELAINE TAN (M ’12, M ’17) has been working at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa as the international students and scholars advisor since August 2019. She is also the adviser to the College of Liberal Arts and Science and Intensive English Orientation Program. She received a Master in Social Science from Campbellsville University in 2012 and her Master of Arts in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages in 2017. Address: 1209 Mayfield Drive, Unit 304, Ames, IA 50014. Email: elaine.tanhs@gmail.com.

CARRIE TRUITT (M ’14) has been elected as a member of the Marion County School Board in Lebanon, Ky. Truitt has been working at the University of Kentucky, Lexington Philharmonic, Ephraim McDowell Health Care Foundation, Community Arts Center of Danville and Arts Council of Mercer County in positions focused on raising funds to support each organization’s mission. She serves as the volunteer manager for Hosparus Green River. Hosparus provides care and support to patients and families facing life limiting illnesses in Adair, Green, Taylor, Washington and Marion counties. As volunteer manager, Carrie oversees a group of generous and committed individuals who give their time and talents to the care of Hosparus clients. She has belonged to the Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Leadership

Lebanon-Marion County co-chair, founder/president of Marion County Education Foundation and U6 soccer coach of the Marion County Youth Soccer Association. She is married to Michael Truitt, and they have three children: Jackson, Samuel and Eleanor. Address: 60 Willow St., Lebanon, KY 40033-8615.

JOEY HARTLAGE (’16, M ’18) has accepted the lead marketing/advertising position at Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Campbellsville, Ky. Hartlage served as assistant director of on-campus enrollment in the Office of Enrollment at Campbellsville University. While at Campbellsville University, he served as enrollment internship supervisor (2018-20). Homecoming race director (2018-20), Tiger football public address (2018) and continues to serve as adjunct instructor for the School of Business, Economics and Technology. His wife, KATELYN ROSE (CHALK) HARTLAGE (’16), joins him on Main Street at Yellow Rose & Co. as their online store manager. Address: 199 Nature’s Way, Campbellsville, Ky. 42718. Email: jdhartlage@campbellsville.edu.

DUSTIN NATHANIEL GRAVES (M ’16) recently accepted an EBD special education teaching position at Olive Hill Elementary School in Morehead, Ky. Previously, he was employed as a fifth-grade special education teacher at Anne Mason Elementary School in Georgetown, Ky. JACQUELINE NELSON GRAVES (’14) has been promoted to assistant general counsel and visiting assistant professor of business law at Morehead State University in Morehead. She previously served as secretary to the Board of Regents and visiting assistant professor of legal studies. Prior to employment at Morehead State, she practiced insurance defense litigation with Green Chesnut & Hughes, PLLC in Lexington, Ky. The couple lives in Morehead, Ky. Emails: Dustin: dustin.graves@kyschools.us and Jacqueline: jngraves@moreheadstate.edu.

KASEY RICKETTS (’16, M ’18) is the new director of marketing and communications for Leopold’s Ice Cream in Savannah, Ga. She is responsible for running the company’s social media, website and media relations. Before joining the team, she worked for Visit Savannah and Savannah Sports Council as the sports and service coordinator. She has worked in the marketing and communication field for four years. Leopold’s Ice Cream was founded in Savannah in 1919 by three brothers from Greece. Peter, Basil and George passed their tradition of making super-premium ice cream in-house, one batch at a time down to Peter’s youngest son, Stratton. Leopold’s commitment to arts and education in the community is second only to their commitment to creating the highest quality ice cream possible in a fun, family environment. They also serve soups, sandwiches, salads, etc. Visit their website at https://www.leopoldsicecream.com/ Email: kricketts03@gmail.com.

SAMANTHA STEVENSON (’16) is a teacher at Foster Heights Elementary School in Bardstown, Ky. She works with first grade as a gifted minds (special education) co-teacher. Address: 241 Wooden Lane, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Email: samlivesinlou@gmail.com.

LAREE BELL-SHIVELY (’17), APRN, has been added to the Taylor Regional Hospital Hospitalist Team. She has worked at Taylor Regional Hospital 17 years. She began her career at the hospital as a patient care technician and went on to receive both her associate degree in 2008 and Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Campbellsville University. While working as an RN, she returned to school and obtained her MSN Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Chamberlain University. She is also board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Address: 109 Yorkshire Place, Campbellsville, KY 42718.
ALEX MEADE (’18) earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from Asbury University in December 2020. Meade works for Campbellsville University as the television programming and production director for WLUC TV/FM. He is married to AMBER WRIGHT MEADE (’18), communications operations manager in Campbellsville University’s Office of University Communications and serves as assistant editor of the Campbellsvillian. The Meade’s have two dogs, Bo and Hank. They are the “goodest boys.” Email: Alex: atmeade@campbellsville.edu. Amber: almeade@campbellsville.edu.

JACQUELINE ROOF (’18) has started her head coaching career at Webster County as the new softball coach. She is a graduate of McCracken County High School where she was two-time 1st Regional Player of the Year as well as two-time member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) State Runner-up team. At Campbellsville University, she earned several honors including First Team All American and National Federation of Christian Athletes (NFCA) All American. She has served as a coach within the McCracken County High School and Middle School programs for the past two years.

TRISTAN BRYANT THOMAS (’18) is director/forensic interviewer for Craven and Pamlico Counties Children’s Advocacy Center. Address: 1001 Courtyard West, Newport, N.C. 28570. Email: tristanbthomas@outlook.com.

ERVIN FARMER (M ’19) has been ordained to the ministry at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville, Ky. He received a Master of Theology from Campbellsville University. Address: 2105 Waterworks Road, Danville, KY 40422-9313.

ALTREA SANCHEZ TANGCO (’19) is an early childhood teacher at McFerran Preparatory Academy in the Jefferson County Public School System. This is her third year as a teacher. She attends Swojurn Community Church. Address: P.O. Box 2523, Louisville, KY 40201. Email: Altrea.tangco@gmail.com.

CHRISTY ELLIOTT (’19) has started a new job with Communicare in Brandenburg, Ky. as an offsite therapist. She is working with school children from Flaherty schools and also many other people. She attends Valley View Church. Address: 6112 Panax Lane, Louisville, KY 40258. Email: mstruth@att.net.

UFUOMA ELVIS-OBUKWHO (’18) and Mallory De La Rambelje were married Dec. 6, 2020 at The Glass Parlor-Kentucky Flower Farm and Events in Columbia, Ky. Elvis works as a client insights analyst at Comscore in Los Angeles, Calif. Email: ufolvs@gmail.com.

ASHLEY FARMER (M ’17) married Brandon Fox July 18, 2020 in Casey County, Ky. Mrs. Fox graduated in 2017 with a Master of Business Administration and is the director of alumni relations at Campbellsville University. Fox is a territory sales manager at Tape Products Company. Address: 100 Thorn Side Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Emails: amfarm2@gmail.com or amfox@campbellsville.edu.

ZACHARY “ZACK” CALEB WRIGHT (’18) accepted a production role with Gray Television at NBC affiliate, WAVE 3 News, in Louisville, Ky. in March 2020. He spent much of his time behind the audio consoles at Campbellsville University’s Chapel and Vine so he started his time at WAVE running audio for Sunrise. After undergoing a transformation to automated production, his job title changed to technical media producer (TMP). His responsibilities include coding and directing on-air Weekend Sunrise with Maira Ansari and Meteorologist Justin Logan, using Ross Overdrive and Carbointe Ultra Switcher. His job title also includes master control operations for four channels: WAVE3, Bounce, GRIT and Circle, which involves maintaining playlists so that programs run on time; dubbing commercials including CUs Louisville Education Center spots, routing and floor directing John Ramsey’s WAVE3 Listens Live. He is shown with Dawne Gee above who anchors WAVE 3 News at 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. She also hosts WAVE Country with Dawne Gee. Address: 130 Raleigh Dr. 1H, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Email: Zack.wright@wave3.com.
EMILY HURST-JONES (’03) and her husband, Jeremy, announce the birth of their fourth child, a son, Luke Thomas Jones. He was born Aug. 11, 2020 and weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. They have three other children: Lucy, Lily and Lane. Mrs. Hurst-Jones is a home hospital coordinator/teacher with Bullitt County Public Schools and is a Realtor® with Century 21 Advantage Plus. Address: 194 Running Creek Circle, Shepherdsville, KY 40165-6903. Email: emily.hurst@bullitt.kyschools.us.

SAVANNA CEANNE WELLS (’16, M ’17) and James William Henderson were married Oct. 3, 2020 in Greensburg, Ky. Mrs. Henderson is the coordinator of disability services at Campbellsville University. Address: Campbellsville University, # 874, 1 University Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: schenderson@campbellsville.edu.

RACHEL CRENSHAW TINGLE (’09) and BARRETT TINGLE (’05) announce the birth of their third child, Winnie Marie, born March 20, 2020. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. The couple has two other children, Presley Claire, 9, and Jace Jeffrey Tingle, 5. Mrs. Tingle has a photography business, Rachel Tingle Photography, and Tingle is the physical education and health teacher at Washington County Elementary and Middle schools. They are also children and youth leaders at Springfield Baptist Church. They are building a new home. Address: 497 Serenity Drive, Springfield, KY 40069. Emails: Rachel: rmcrenshaw@gmail.com. Barrett: barrett.tingle@washington.kyschools.us.

RACHEL BLACKBURN (M ’20) and Cody Ford married Oct. 10, 2020 in Destin, Fla. She graduated in August 2020 with her Master of Business Administration. She is a loan processor for a mortgage company in Columbia, Ky. Mrs. Ford was secretary/receptionist for Campbellsville University’s Carver School of Social Work. Address: 985 Woodhill Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: rachellee0210@aol.com.

ANDREW VAUGHN (’15, M a’21) and EVA VAUGHN (’18,) announce the birth of their first child, a son, Lars Rising Vaughn, Dec. 5, 2019 at 11:45 a.m. at Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville, Ky. He weighed 7 pounds, and 14 ounces and was 21 ¼ inches long. Vaughn is the residence director for Broadway Hall at Campbellsville University, and Mrs. Vaughn is international enrollment counselor at the university. Address: 1 University Drive, UPO 2152, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Andrew: asvaughn@campbellsville.edu. Eva: eva Vaughn@campbellsville.edu.
in memoriam

ZACHARY LEFTWICH (‘16, MBA ‘17) and his wife, Sarah Bennett Leftwich, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jan. 2, 2021 at Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville. Lana Katherine Leftwich was 7 pounds and 19 inches long. She was born at 11:07 a.m. and was the first baby born in 2021 at Taylor Regional Hospital. She was also the first baby born to parents in Green County. Leftwich is director of finance for the Green County Board of Education and a part-time recitation leader for Campbellsville University where he formerly worked in the Office of the President. Mrs. Leftwich is a senior quality data analyst for Baptist Health Hardin. Address: 1550 Eve Road, Summersville, KY 42782. Email: ztleftwich@campbellsville.edu.

QUENTON FORD (M a ‘20) and his wife, Emmalee Ford, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Octavia Jewell Ford, Oct. 4, 2020 at Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville, Ky. at 3:32 a.m. She weighed nine pounds and was 20 ¾ inches in length. Ford is the resident director of South Hall West. Address: 1 University Drive, UPO 863. Email: qdford@campbellsville.edu.

STEFFANIE LEE-ANN HAMPTON (‘18) and Mason Bertram announce the birth of their first child, Miles Apollo Bertram. Miles was born at Taylor Regional Hospital, Dec. 26, 2020 at 8:17 p.m. He weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 18 inches long. Mason is attending SAE Institute of Nashville. Stefannie will graduate from Campbellsville University in May 2021 with a Master’s in Sport Management. Email: SLHamp45@students.campbellsville.edu.

Campbellsville University Alumna
Lindsey Prozanski (‘19) serves as vice president elect of physical education for the KY Shape Board

By Linda Waggener, Freelance Writer

Lindsey Prozanski, a 2019 Campbellsville University graduate, is serving as vice president elect of physical education for the Kentucky Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) Board, an affiliate of SHAPE AMERICA, and will move into the position of vice president of physical education.

KY SHAPE energizes physical education and health teachers so they can continue inspiring students to enjoy movement, maintain wellness and be their best. KY SHAPE members have built a community where teachers from urban and rural schools across the Commonwealth coach each other through challenges and empower each other to advocate for improving policy, programs and practices for physical education, health, recreation and dance.

Prozanski is a health and physical education teacher at Bardstown Middle School, as well as a wrestling coach who is slated to lead the school district’s health council. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education and Physical Education P-12 with a Secondary Education minor.

Campbellsville University Assistant Professor of Human Performance Lauren Willis said, “Lindsey was a great student, and we knew she would be an excellent teacher when given the opportunity. She hit the ground running and made an impact in her Nelson County school district immediately. “She’s been highly involved in KY SHAPE, and the nation’s new initiative ‘Health Moves Minds’ as one of the inaugural participating schools. She is off to a wonderful start and will only continue to leave her mark in Bardstown!”

Prozanski was recognized in the School of Education newsletter as an “outstanding alumna” in the fall 2020 semester.

Prozanski said in the School of Education newsletter that, like all Kentucky educators, she spent a lot of time thinking about what her classroom would look like during the pandemic. Thirty percent of her students would be online, but that still left her trying to accommodate 22 students in person.

During the summer, she was given the autonomy to arrange her classroom as she saw fit. Apart from novel seating options - it is a physical education class after all - she opted to put an extra desk under the window in case any of her students need to take a “mask break.” Every student received a cloth mask from the school and mask wearing was strictly enforced. There were also daily temperature checks.

As a health teacher, Lindsey sees the significance of her class during a pandemic. What makes her class different is that it allows students to move around. Students may no longer be doing jumping jacks, she said, but they will be able to do small exercises at their desk to burn off steam. The outdoors also holds promise as a second classroom.

“Hopefully,” she said, “the challenges we face will make us stronger and better people.”
By Ariel C. Emberton, Staff Writer/Photographer

Frances Roberts served as associate professor of English emeritus at Campbellsville College from 1966 to 1987. She died Sept. 30, 2020 at the age of 95.

“Frances Roberts’ students absolutely loved and completely respected her. Her guidance and wisdom and her ability to correct gently but effectively, were legendary among English students,” Dr. Sarah Stafford Sims, chair of the division of humanities and professor of English, said.

Sims told the story of how one day, in the 1980s, none of Roberts’ American literature students had read the assignment. “When the lack of preparation became obvious, Mrs. Roberts quickly closed her textbook, said nothing, and exited the room. No one forgot that class. Never again were those students unprepared,” she said.

Barbara Allen, a 1982 graduate of Campbellsville College, had Roberts during her freshman year of college and when she returned a few years later to finish her degree she has Roberts again.

“In my senior year, after I had completed all of her classes, she surprised me by shyly reaching out in friendship. She was my most faithful correspondent for many years. A month never passed without a letter from her. In fact, she dictated a brief note to me on the day she died,” Allen said.

The two corresponded for 38 years. “We discussed the things we both loved. Mrs. Roberts has a lively sense of humor. Every letter from her had at least one incident that made me laugh out loud,” Allen said.

Those who worked with and knew Roberts, including Sims, said she made literature come to life and her teaching of values as well as knowledge made a strong, enduring impression on her students and colleagues,” Sims said.

Roberts’ husband, Noble Roberts, served as the head of the biology department at Campbellsville College. He survives and is living in Shelbyville, Ky.

“Frances Roberts was an outstanding faculty member. She taught English and literature with a caring attitude. She was very approachable by students. I always enjoyed talking with Frances and her husband, Dr. Noble Roberts. I deeply appreciate them sharing a large part of their lives with our students,” Dr. Frank Cheatham, senior vice president emeritus for academic affairs and professor of math and computer science, said.

In 1946 she graduated from Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss. She spent time working in Memphis, Tenn. as a secretary before returning to Watson, Ark. to assist her widowed mother operate the family business.

She taught at Watson High School for several years, during which time she and her husband married. She also taught for many years in local high schools across Florida and Mississippi.

She received her Master’s in Education from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. before moving to Campbellsville, Ky. to teach at then Campbellsville College.

After her and her husband’s retirement, Francis traveled throughout America, Europe, Canada and Central America. She was a member of Shelbyville First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School at various churches during the early part of her marriage.

She was born Sept. 4, 1925 to the late Marion and Eva Burdine Maxson of Watson, Ark.

The couple has two children, Mariang Biagi and Rachel Weinblum, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A full obituary can be found at Campbellsville.edu/alumni/Campbellsvillian.
Lt. Col. Gordon E. Smith, who served Campbellsville University as an adjunct English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor, died Sept. 20, 2020. He was 92.

Smith began teaching Russian foreign language classes at Campbellsville College in fall 1994 as part of the Kentucky Baptist Convention’s Russian partnership program. He was the first person to teach a Russian course at the college.

Smith worked at the university as an adjunct instructor from 2002 to 2010 and taught Russian 101, Russian 112, Elementary Russian and Russian Language and Culture, etc. He also taught Russian at other universities including Indiana University in the summers of 1991 and 1992.

“Gordon Smith was a proud Canadian, a good friend and a scholar. As an adjunct at CU, he taught Russian and English in the English as a Second Language Institute. Gordon had a gift for being able to learn another language quickly,” Dr. Frank Cheatham, senior vice president emeritus for academic affairs and professor of math and computer science, said.

Cheatham said Smith’s contact with the Brazilian students in the ESL institute caused him to have an interest in learning Portuguese. From that time on, he brought his Portuguese Bible to the Sunday School class he attended at Campbellsville Baptist Church. He worked with the Translation Bureau for the Secretary of State with the Government of Canada. He was a freelance translator and worked on translating military, political and technical material from Russian to English beginning in 1982. He also translated commercial and legal material from Parallel International Consultants of Toronto, Canada. Smith was a captain in the Canadian Army and a lieutenant colonel in the Canadian Army Reserves, serving from 1971 to 1978. He was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. and Montreal, Quebec. He was a member of the United Nations Emergency Forces and served in the Middle East. After moving to Campbellsville, Smith became the director of the Taylor County Historical Society, a member of the Campbellsville Rotary Club, Friend of the Kentucky Public Archives, Royal Canadian Military Institute and secretary of the Campbellsville Sister Cities Committee.

“I always enjoyed playing golf with Gordon. His humor on the golf course was legendary. He loved to travel with his wife, Betty Jane Gorin-Smith, and visited numerous international sites. Gordon Smith is certainly missed by all those who knew him,” Cheatham said.

Smith received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English from Toronto University in 1951. He had a Master’s in Philosophy obtained from Toronto University in 1952 and Master of Arts in Russian Language and Literature received in 1968 from Middlebury College in Vermont.

Smith completed part of his doctorate degree at both the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and Moscow State University from 1969 to 1971 and took graduate courses in the Slavics Department at Indiana University from 1989 to 1990.

Smith was married to Betty Gorin-Smith of Campbellsville for 28 years.

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Remember When?

From left, Harlie White, Russ Mobley, Dr. Robert Doty and Dr. Milton Rogers talk at a reception in Montgomery Library. White was a long-time math professor at CU; Mobley taught theater, Doty taught English and Rogers taught biology and is still working with students pursuing degrees in the medical field. Mobley died Oct. 26, 2018, and Doty died Jan. 8, 2020. (Campbellsville University Photo by Tim Leonard)

Darylyn Joyce Phillips wins Homecoming Queen in the late 1980s at a Campbellsville College basketball game. (Central Kentucky News-Journal Photo by Stan McKinney)

Jan Sapp plays Ouiser Boudreaux in a production of “Steel Magnolias” at Campbellsville College. (Central Kentucky News-Journal Photo by Stan McKinney)

Guess Who?

This issue’s Guess Who? is one of a professor at Campbellsville University when she first came to Campbellsville College. If you can guess this individual, you will receive a Campbellsville University T-shirt. Contact Joan McKinney with your guesses at jmckinney@campbellsville.edu, (270) 789-5214 or Campbellsville University, #787, 1 University Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

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

Good luck!

The winner of the fall 2020 Guess Who? was Cheryl Miley Davis (’82). Several people guessed correctly: Janet Davenport, first lady of Campbellsville College and wife of president emeritus Dr. W.R. Davenport.

Guessing correctly were the following: Lindsey Hammers (’12), Dr. Marilyn Bault Goodwin (’93), Steve Davis (’84), Pam McIntyre Mattingly (’78), Karen Shely Noel (’73), Dave Duda (’77), Cheryl Miley Davis (’82), Karen Walton Cunningham (’80), Barbara Stivers (’75), Stephen Coombs (’81), Pat Wiessner Myers (’76), Nancy Carwile Tadadaga (’79), C.G. (Squeak) Collins (’64), Lois Bolanos, Randall Dill (’73), Cyndi Chadwick (’90), Dana Higgins White (’85), Geddy Yohannes (’86) and Sherry Webb Williams (’79).
Sara Clark, a senior of Campbellsville, Ky., throws an armful of snow over her head after the campus sees its biggest snowfall of the year during the week of Feb. 14. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)

Jeremiah Parker, a junior of Louisville, Ky., picks up a goodie bag at the Grab-n-Go Nov. 16 in the Student Activity Center. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)

Campbellsville University holds a hooding ceremony for the School of Theology graduates Dec. 11. From left are: Dr. Rick Corum, professor of business administration; Jasmine Barnett, diversity and community office communications coordinator; and Demetria Gilkey. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)

Scrapbook

Whitley Howlett, a junior of Louisville, Ky. majoring in graphic design, works on her mural on the side of Campbellsville University’s Sports Annex. The piece, which was finished in November 2020, is named “Touching the Unknown.” Howlett worked for six weeks on the mural as an assignment for her Studio Problems 1 class. She was inspired by Michelangelo’s “The Creation of Adam.” (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)

Randy LeBleu, assistant baseball coach, receives his first COVID-19 vaccine March 4 at Campbellsville University. MeLeigha Milby, co-owner of Hometown Pharmacy, distributes vaccines to those employees of the university who were eligible. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)
Dr. H. Keith Spears greets a group of incoming Master of Science in Information and Technology Management students during an intake Feb. 29, 2020. This intake occurred before the COVID-19 pandemic began. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)