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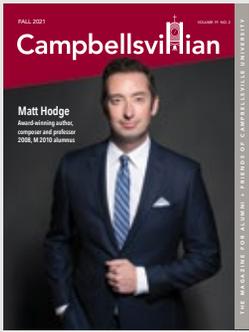
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## Matt Hodge

Award-winning author,  
composer and professor  
2008, M 2010 alumnus





## On The Cover

Matt Hodge, a 2008 and 2010 Campbellsville University graduate, is an accomplished composer and author who got his start at Campbellsville University. He's composed for films and television programs and has worked with Tony, Emmy and Grammy Award winners. (Photo by Jack Carver)

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# Office of the President Campbellsville University

Welcome to the Fall 2021 issue of the Campbellsvillian! Fall 2021? Is this the “new” normal we have heard about? Football is returning in the “new” Finley Stadium, not merely renovated, but “new.” Students are in classes with each other. Chapel assemblies are gathering each Wednesday.

Yes. There is a sense of “new” in the Campbellsville normal. The search for a “new” president continues. Construction is underway on the “new” Heilman Welcome Center, which will reflect the grandeur of the Ransdell Chapel. The “new” Chiropractic Center is opening for our postgraduate professional program in Harrodsburg.

And, Campbellsville University held not one, not two, not three, but 20 separate commencement ceremonies for our “new” graduates, spanning from our main campus to California, from April to May.

In this issue you will find the “new” ventures of Matt Hodge (check out the front cover), a two-time graduate and former faculty member in our School of Music. You will also be able to read about the dedication of a “new” statue in honor of the late Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, a 1949 graduate of Campbellsville College, long-time Board of Trustees member, and a World War II veteran. Dr. Indra Sahu was instrumental in CU receiving its “new” and first National Science Foundation grant.

Have I made my “new” point? Although the COVID-19 pandemic stymied much of what we do, CU, across America and the world, has planned well for this “new normal.” I cannot say enough about my appreciation for our vice president’s cabinet and the university council -- administrators who rolled up their sleeves to ensure that CU would be ready for fall 2021. We have done this while keeping our mission and values at the forefront of our endeavors.

Speaking of endeavors, check out how our athletic teams have come through the past year and are now back to on-the-field and/or court action. And, you can catch up on your fellow alumni’s life milestones in our “Tiger Tracks” section. Maybe you need to add something to it as well!

Beyond these pages, stay abreast of all the activities through our university social media accounts at our Campbellsville University Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Finally, in a summer newsletter to the CU Board of Trustees, I shared about “trust,” a theme in a recent Trustee magazine, published by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Our university is built on the concept of trust; believing what we have been told. In 1906 our forefathers founded this institution on trust.

President Ronald Reagan used a well-known Russian proverb “Doveray, no proveryay,” meaning “Trust but verify,” using their own adage when he negotiated with his Soviet advisories.

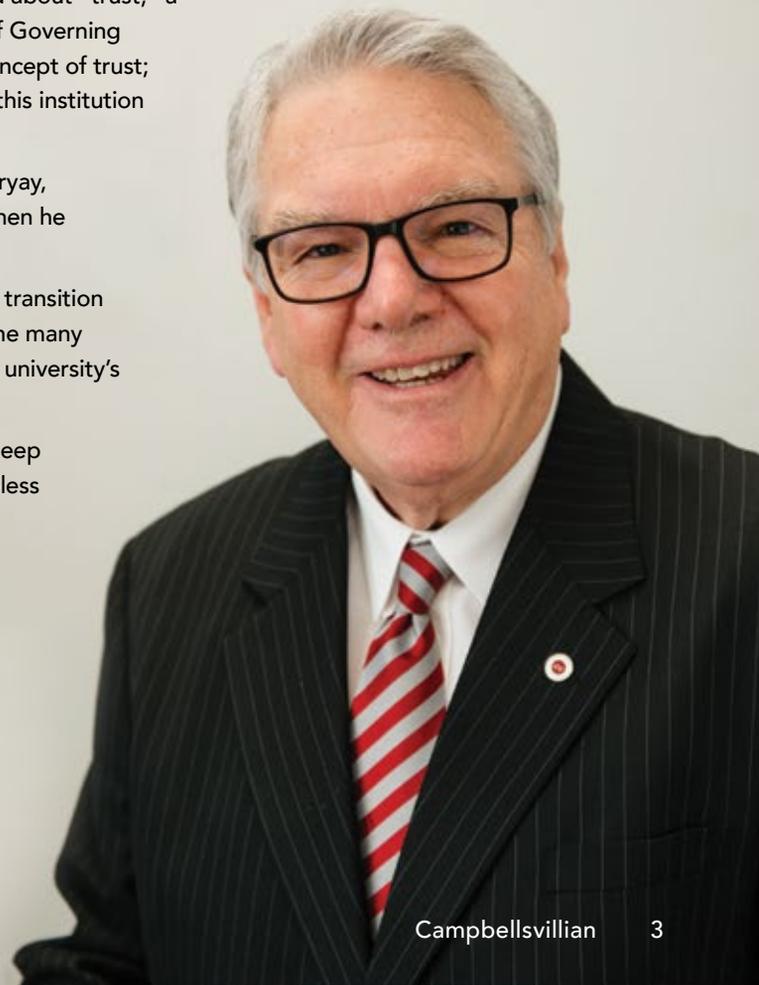
This remains a clear message for us all as we continue in this time of transition back to a “new normal.” To our students, alumni, faculty, staff and the many other constituents of Campbellsville University, you can trust on this university’s promises, and we will verify each step of the way.

We hope you continue to be servant leaders in your daily lives and keep us in your prayers as we do you. May God bless you and may God bless Campbellsville University.

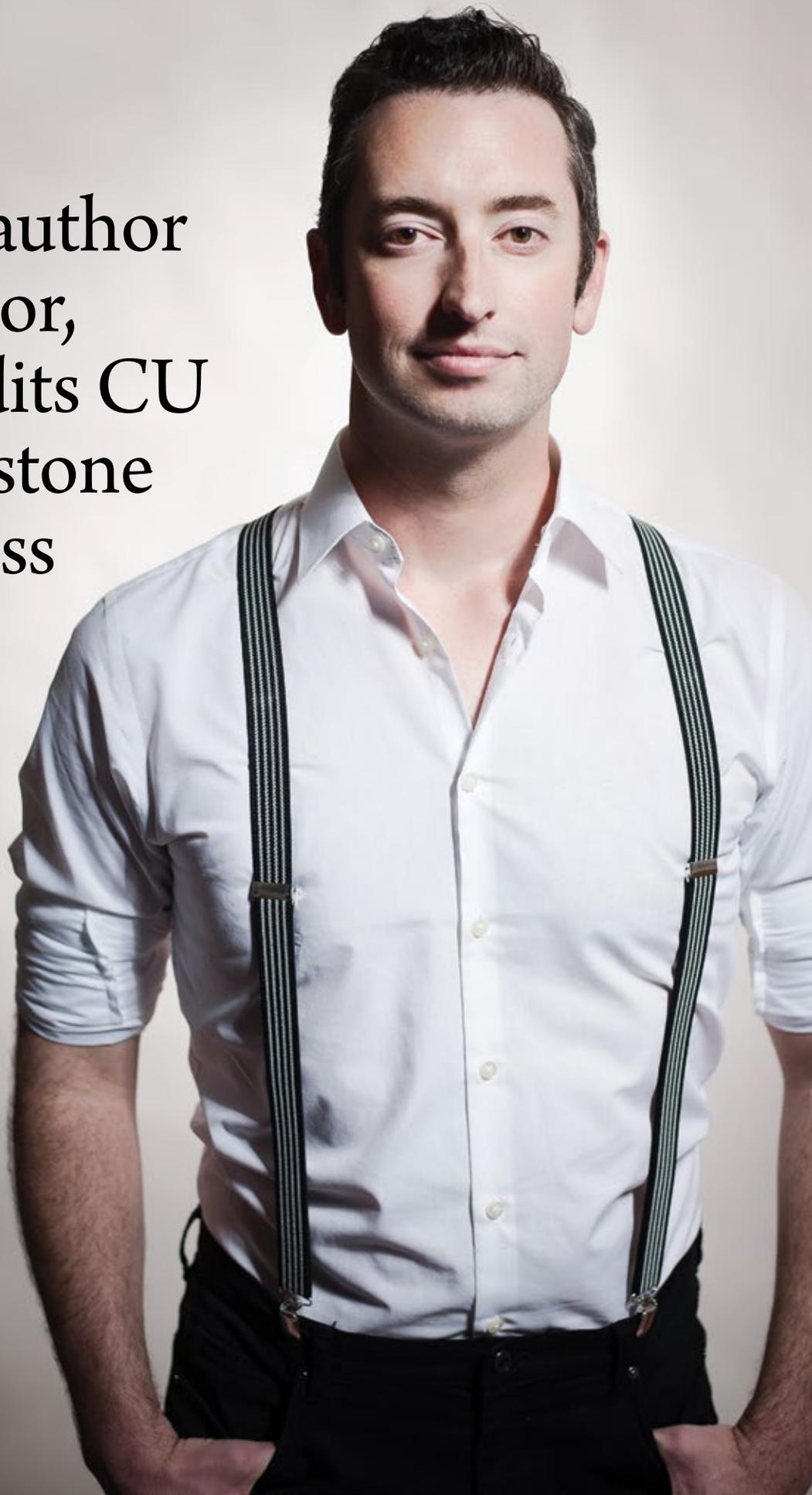
Sincerely,



H. Keith Spears, Ed.D.  
*Interim President*



Renowned  
composer, author  
and professor,  
Hodge credits CU  
as steppingstone  
to his success



**By Scarlett Birge, Student News Writer**

**M**atthew Hodge, music and theater professor at William Peace University in Raleigh, N.C., is an accomplished composer and author who got his start at Campbellsville University.

"I'm extremely blessed that at the age of 35, I've already accomplished so many of the goals I had set for myself when I was a young man studying at CU," Hodge said.

Having earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music Theory and Composition in 2008 as well as his Master of Arts in Music from Campbellsville University in 2010, Hodge said attending the university established his passion for being an educator. From 2010 until 2014, he taught for the School of Music and the theater department at Campbellsville University.

"I'm very appreciative of the university and the specific departments I worked in for giving me my first opportunities to grow as a professional artist and educator," Hodge said. "I'll always be grateful for that."

In addition to earning valuable work experience at the university, Hodge said he met some of his greatest friends and mentors at CU. The supportive and loving network of friends and family helped to encourage him as he navigated school and built his career, Hodge said.

"I found that Matt does all things professionally, with an artistic vision and heart. We became fast friends," said Azucena Trejo Williams, assistant professor of art and design, about working with Hodge for the university's production of "A Salute to the Tonys: Selected Songs from Broadway Musicals" in the spring of 2012.

The CU graduate has composed for films and television programs such as Dan Hunt's "Mr. Angel," MundoFox's "Los Golden Boys," PBS's "Blind Love" and Alejandro Rodriguez's "In My Skin," as well as music for award-winning videogame prototypes and national brand commercial pitches. Additionally, he is a frequent judge for national and international music competitions.

He has worked with Tony, Emmy and Grammy Award winners from around the country. He has worked in over 50 theater productions and collaborated with several performers from such Broadway and national tour productions as "Hamilton," "Dear Evan Hansen," "Mean Girls," "Sunset Boulevard," "The Color Purple," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King."

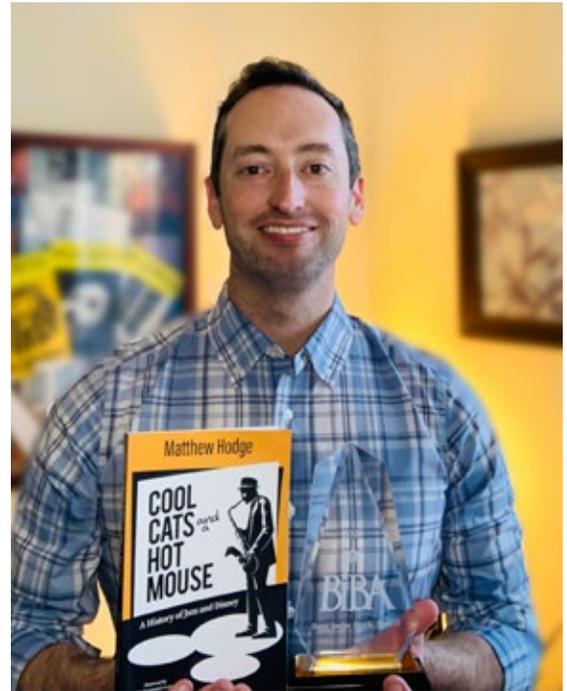
Hodge is an award-winning writer published with six international publishers. Hodge's latest book, "Cool Cats and a Hot Mouse: A History of Jazz and Disney," is an Amazon best seller winning the 2020 Best Indie Book Award (BIBA), the 2020 Nonfiction Authors Association (NFAA) Gold Award, a 2020 Literary Titan Silver Book Award and was nominated for the 2021 Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC) Award.

Placing high value in education, Hodge earned his Master of Fine Arts in composition from Vermont College of Fine Arts. He has worked with several universities such as the University of Kentucky, Bellarmine College, Centre College, Lindsey Wilson College and North Carolina State University, and designed curriculum for international studies as well as presented research to several international conferences including one at Harvard University.

A detailed biography and a full list of his accomplishments can be found at his professional website [www.matthodge.com](http://www.matthodge.com).

"The best mindset is knowing that nothing is impossible, but also nothing is easy. I never allowed myself to think something couldn't be eventually achieved, but I made sure I did my research and knew the long road of work it would take," Hodge said.

"My time at CU were very formative years, and I learned to set my sights on all the stars I dreamed of reaching, even if they seemed impossibly high," Hodge said.



*Matt Hodge displays his book, "Cool Cats and a Hot Mouse: A History of Jazz and Disney," that won the 2020 Best Indie Book Award, the 2022 Nonfiction Authors Association (NFAA) Gold Award, the 2020 Literary Titan Silver Book Award and was nominated for the 2021 Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC) Award.*



*Matt Hodge, third from left, is with William Peace University theater seniors on a trip to New York City. From left are: Drake Davis, Marie Ann Del Valle-Coppin, Hodge, Nathan Hamilton and Sara Siwinski.*



## Campbellsville University science department receives grant for research from the National Science Foundation





*Students in the science department work alongside Dr. Indra Sahu, assistant professor of physics, left. Students from left are: Conner Campbell, a 2019 December graduate; Matthew Scheyer, a junior of Knifley, Ky.; Mustakim Hussain, a junior of Bangladesh; and Afsana Begum, a junior of Bangladesh. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)*

**By Ariel C. Emberton, Co-assistant Editor and Photo Editor**

**C**ampbellsville University's Dr. Indra Sahu, assistant professor of physics, has received a \$297,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund undergraduate research over the course of three years. This is the first NSF research award Campbellsville University has received.

According to Steve Alston, chair of the Division of Natural Science and professor of physics, "The NSF is the premier national government funding agency for scientific research, and it is perhaps the best in the world."

Sahu is the lead investigator for the research. He has been employed with Campbellsville University since August 2019. Sahu said he applied for this grant proposal to receive funding for undergraduate research at the university.

"This is a highly competitive research award selected among several applications nationwide as per the National Science Foundation's intellectual merit and broader impacts review criteria," Sahu said.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president, said, "This is a powerful statement for Campbellsville University, demonstrating that our faculty and researchers are confirmed as quality. Dr. Sahu represents excellence and tenacity in his push to find answers that will benefit humankind. Can there be any greater noble cause? The NSF recognition reflects well on Dr. Sahu's servant-leadership in science and his research. We all congratulate him!"

In order to receive the grant, researchers at colleges and universities submit research proposals to the NSF for review. Between five to 10 peer researchers in the given field of study across the country review and grade the proposal. The top-rated proposals get funded within the limits of the funding Congress provides to NSF each year.

Holly Trowbridge, director of corporate and foundation relations, worked alongside Sahu to secure the funding. "I worked with Dr. Sahu on the submission and reporting process, and I was very impressed by the quality of his proposed project. The three-year research project officially began March 1, 2021. This research project and the grant award from the NSF will highlight the talented faculty, staff and students we have here at CU. I know Dr. Sahu will do an excellent job implementing this research project," Trowbridge said.

The institution has to be approved by the NSF to allow it to host grants. This occurred in the process of acceptance of Sahu's grant, since CU never had one before. The institution has to have adequate infrastructure to allow a good chance of success of the grant. Grants are usually for three years and awarded each year with a review of progress at the end of the year. More information on grant requirements can be found at <https://bit.ly/3evpu6f>.

"This is a very demanding and highly competitive process. Success rates are 5-15%. It is absolutely a mark of excellence to get a proposal funded," Alston said.

The project will be titled "Investigating Structure and Dynamic Properties of the Potassium Channel Accessory Protein, KCNE3."

Alston said this is a huge plus for the natural science department because of the major experimental equipment it will provide. "It will also provide experimental or computational research experience for, even, maybe, getting publications in national refereed journals," Alston said.

"This grant establishes an undergraduate research facility at the science department and involves undergraduate students in groundbreaking membrane protein research. This grant will enhance research and teaching facilities including the expansion of research infrastructure.

"Undergraduate students will get research experience and enhance their research skills to prepare them for competitive graduate studies for the job market. This grant will enhance the quality of undergraduate education at CU," Sahu said.

Sahu will have five to six students working on the grant in the academic year and during the summer. There will be summer stipends for some available. A couple of high school students will also participate. The students will have the opportunity to present their research at national/international research conferences.

"This research will provide understanding of structural and dynamic properties of the potassium channel accessory protein KCNE3 in different environments. KCNE3 is a very important membrane protein responsible to biological function essential to the survival of living organisms," Sahu said.

The department has previously received over \$100,000 in gifted funds in the past eight years through development. "A month ago, Dr. Sahu also received a research grant from the Kentucky Academy of Science for work related to the current project. Other faculty in the past have also received KAS grants, Appalachian College Association travel and research grants and Kentucky Utilities grants," Alston said.

"It is very prestigious for a researcher to receive such a grant. It leads to being able to receive tenure and promotion. This is something that is more typically associated with state flagship or highly renowned university," Alston said.

Sahu received his Ph.D. in Biomedical Physics from State University of New York.

More information on the grant and an abstract about the research can be found at [bit.ly/3wNNUgY](http://bit.ly/3wNNUgY)



Wyatt Gragg was commissioned to create a bronze statue honoring the late World War II veteran E. Bruce Heilman on his Harley Davidson motorcycle he rode across country into his 90s. (Photo by Andrew Henderson)

# Heilman Road Warrior Statue dedicated honoring former trustee E. Bruce Heilman ('49)

By Andrew Henderson, Editor, *The Oldham Era*

When Wyatt Gragg was planning the Road Warrior Statue that now adorns the campus of the Oldham County History Center, his first concept for the statue was a motorcycle in action and an air of excitement surrounding it.

The statue, dedicated May 29 in honor of Oldham County native and World War II veteran E. Bruce Heilman, depicts Heilman on his Harley Davidson motorcycle that so many across the country had become accustomed to seeing him ride.

So Gragg said he wanted the statue to reflect that sort of spirit, a statue that was moving, in action, but doing that meant having Heilman's face obscured by his helmet.

Gragg was commissioned to make a statue of Heilman and not a hidden face, he said, so the concept changed and he remembered the first time he met Heilman face-to-face.

"It was Dr. Heilman's smile, he had the room captured, he had any room he was in captured I would imagine, and it's that smile and his eyes that captured my

creativity, as well as his heart that night," Gragg said at the May 29 dedication ceremony.

Heilman's heart and dreams captured many people over the course of his life. That was made evident by the crowd of people gathered for the ceremony, which included family members, college administrators and a large contingent of Virginia American Legion Riders who made the 600-mile trek to Oldham County for the ceremony.

The 93-year-old county native died in October 2019. Heilman grew up in Ballardsville and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1944; he was stationed in the South Pacific and in Japan.

Heilman was a sergeant in the South Pacific, took part in the Battle of Okinawa, survived a plane crash on Iwo Jima following the battle and walked through the devastation of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"He, like so many others, entered the military as boys and they came out as men," Terry Heilman Sylvester, Bruce Heilman's daughter, said at the ceremony.

"They're referred to as the 'Greatest Generation,' not only because of their willingness to die for their country but because of their ability to come home and serve and carry on."

For Heilman, carrying on meant being a founding member, chairman and general member of several boards and organizations, such as the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, The Families of the Wounded Fund, Marine Military Academy in Texas and a board member of the Oldham County Historical Society.

Later in life, Heilman began driving his motorcycle across the country as a spokesperson for the Spirit of '45 and a national spokesperson for the Greatest Generations Foundation. In 2015, Heilman (nearing 90 years old) completed a 6,000-mile ride to kick off Spirit of '45, a nationwide event that honors the legacy of America's WW II generation and commemorates the end of WW II.

"Dad was concerned that with each passing year the significance of World War II and the sacrifice made

by so many would be forgotten," Sylvester said. "He made it his personal mission to keep the memory alive on the back of a motorcycle."

Carrying on for Heilman also meant serving several stints as president, or other high-level administrator, at several colleges and universities across the U.S., including the University of Richmond and Campbellsville University. He could also be found giving speeches to students at the College of the Ozarks.

Campbellsville University especially had a special place in Heilman's life. A 1949 graduate of then Campbellsville Junior College, Heilman met his wife, Betty Dobbins, at college. The university's wellness center was named after her and the university's

welcome center will also bear the Heilman name. Betty Heilman died in 2013.

When Heilman died in 2019, his family asked that any gifts in his memory be directed, among other places, to the E. Bruce and Betty Heilman Endowed Scholarship at Campbellsville.

Michael Carter, past president of Campbellsville University, speaking at the ceremony, said Heilman had a presence about him that pushed people forward and was always encouraging.

Carter and Heilman had a friendship that spanned decades.

The two men had various conversations over the years about higher education, life and faith. Heilman, in his later years, was a very busy man, but Carter, past president of Campbellsville University, said his friend never failed to take a phone call from him, even if just to chat.

Carter shared a personal list of his top 10 things he learned from Heilman over the years: his eternal optimism, his work ethic, a sense the future can always be better than the past, a grounding instilled in him by his family, commitment to family, how to communicate with others, his ability to endure hardship and so on.

"Bruce Heilman possessed a sense of loyalty that is rare in today's world," Carter said. "His loyalty to the great causes that have made our country great stand as a reminder to all of us today, this Memorial Day weekend, that individuals who have served have made it possible for each of us to enjoy the freedom of our country today."

Carter also attended the Road Warrior Statue dedication ceremony with a copy of Heilman's 2008 book "An Interruption That Lasted a Lifetime: My First Eighty Years."

In the book, Heilman quotes from English educator and historian Thomas Arnold. One quote he attributes to Arnold opines about the two things someone ought to learn from history: that people are not in themselves superior to their fathers and that they are "shamefully and monstrously inferior to them" if they do not advance beyond them.

Heilman goes on to write in his book that he believed he would never go on to advance beyond his father, and what he had to do to and survive and endure there in Oldham County, but he did.

"By finding a new arena as a Marine, and as a national educator, he did more than he ever anticipated," Carter said. "During the course of his life, Bruce was always pushing forward."

Campbellsville University Provost Donna Hedgepath knew Heilman for fewer years than Carter, but the man still made an impact on her, she said.

Hedgepath recalled a commencement address Heilman delivered in spring 2018: it was a speech about living, adventure and making the most of the life you have, the speech was 12 pages long and Heilman never once looked at his notes while delivering it.

Exceptionally impressive was that Heilman's speech contained a poem that was "phonetically tricky," which he also recited from memory. Heilman, as Hedgepath recalled, told the crowd the only reason he included



Three of Dr. E. Bruce Heilman's grandchildren, from left, Nicholas van der Meer, Corey Heilman and Patrick Heilman posed with the motorcycle with three of the four Heilman daughters and their husbands from left: Mike and Bobbie Heilman Murphy, Terry Heilman Sylvester and her husband, Dave, and Nancy Heilman Cale.



La Grange Mayor John Black presents a "Dr Bruce Heilman Way" road sign that will lead to the Roar Warrior Statue.



Dr. Michael V. Carter, retired president of Campbellsville University, shares his long friendship that spanned decades with the late Dr. E. Bruce Heilman.



Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Campbellsville University, said, at the dedication, Heilman was a "strong and impressive man" who left a distinct mark on her life.

the poem with his commencement address was to "forestall the impression that because of my age of 92 years, I must be mentally deficient."

"Of course, he had everyone's attention, regardless, every age and regardless of the fact that we were hot," Hedgepath said. "He just really had our attention and we all wanted to hear him."

The five years Hedgepath was able to know Heilman, to have him as a mentor, wasn't enough for her. The mentorship she started with him back in 2015 when she first started as provost was encouraging; he was always very clear she had to continue moving up in her career, to expect great things and never settle for less.

Despite the shorter amount of time spent with Heilman than some of her contemporaries, Hedgepath spoke fondly of the "this strong and impressive man" who left a distinct mark on her life.

La Grange Mayor John Black, who rode in Heilman's 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle to the dedication ceremony, presented a "Dr Bruce Heilman Way" road sign during the ceremony that will be placed on the history center campus as a way of leading to the Road Warrior Statue.

"On behalf of the City of La Grange and the family, this will always be a treasure you will have here in the city," Black said.

Sylvester said she wondered in her father's final days if he ever knew he had taken his final ride at some point. She said even up until a few weeks before his death, he could still be found riding his motorcycle. But in a way the Road Warrior Statue will be a symbol to the family, and others, that Heilman's ride will forever continue.

"As we dedicate this statue, the road warrior, let it stand as a reminder of why we are free and let us never forget," she said.



## The woman behind the seal Scotty Clenney ('63)

Graduated from Campbellsville: 1963

Hobbies: Relaxing at the Lake. Artwork. Teaching Sunday School.  
Church Activities.

Lives: On Barren River Lake in Allen County

Career: Retired minister, social studies and art teacher, and counselor.

Major: Social Studies    Minor: Art

Process for designing the seal: Brainstormed ideas through sketches.  
"Something about the triangle and trinity came into my mind along  
with the three attributes of a good student."

Time to Design: A couple weeks

Medium: Pencil and the final was in pen and ink

Preferred medium now: Watercolor because it is simple.

Interesting fact: Used to ride motorcycles.

Husband: Ty Clenney.    Children: Tom and Tim.

Quote: "I would hate to think about my life if I hadn't gone to Campbellsville."

(CU Photos by Alexandria D. Swanger)

# Campbellsville University to modernize the Seal

By *Daisy Rodriguez, Student News Writer*

Scotty Cocanougher Clenney ('63), an alumna of Campbellsville University, was the first student to make the original Campbellsville University seal.

Clenney said, "As to the origin... the art Department was contacted around 1960... and said, 'We need a seal, could you all help us out?' So, several students presented ideas and sketches." And it turns out Clenney won, and it became the official seal.

Clenney said, "A lot of the history is based on several of the older buildings. The triangle on the seal represents one of the main early buildings... Alumni Chapel... that was a multi-purpose building... chapel and classes downstairs. Scholarship, leadership and fellowship have always been a good description of the purpose of the college/university."

Drew Tucker entered the picture, and said, "I wanted to preserve the history of CU and honor Scotty Clenney who created the original seal."

Tucker is from Campbellsville and attended Campbellsville University as a student; graduating in 2010 with a bachelor's in mass communication and in 2016 with a master's in business management.

He works at Bungie, Inc., a video game company in Bellevue, Wash., on their "Destiny 2" player support team. He says his job is to work with their marketing, operations and community teams to ensure that their players have the best experience possible, so they create content, web pages and push to get bugs fixed.

"In March 2017, I was tasked with creating a backdrop for graduation that included the university seal to make the ceremony look more prestigious. I was the marketing coordinator at the Office of University Communications at the time, and part of my job was to create banners across campus, so this was nothing new to me.

"I decided that the seal needed to be huge on the backdrop so families could see it if they were far away from the stage. While working on the backdrop, I noticed that the seal looked off when viewed up close. I checked many times that I was using the official file of the seal on my computer, and then I performed a search to see if I could find more versions of the seal.

"I couldn't find anything except for the 1996 seal (created when Campbellsville College became Campbellsville University), and it looked almost exactly like the seal I was using- and this troubled

me. I quickly remade the same seal and completed the backdrop (making sure it looked nice up close), then decided I needed to find out what happened to the official file," Tucker said.

He said, "The Communications office has a copy of every CU yearbook, so I went through them from 1961 to 1997 to see if the seal had ever changed over the years, and wow, it changed over five times! The look of the Lamp of Learning kept changing, and so did the leaves around the seal, the Alumni Building (originally the Alumni Chapel), and so did the trees (which became bushes).

"With all of these changes, I felt an obligation to restore the seal to what Scotty Clenney originally created and to preserve the history of CU."

"Once I decided to work on a new version, I looked at Scotty Clenney's original sketch for inspiration while also taking elements from the current seal. I wanted all generations of CU graduates to look at the seal and see familiarity. From Scotty's design, I used her leaf and overall seal design, and from the current seal, I used the wave design around the seal and text.

"I then redrew the Alumni Building, redrew the Lamp of Learning to match the actual lamp, and created the trees from the actual trees on the Library Lawn," Tucker said.

"Scotty Clenney is a wonderful woman who is very strong in her faith, and I met with her at Homecoming 2017 to talk to her about the seal and what it represented. She said the university held a contest during her junior year for the seal, and I think she was in art class, so she submitted her concept, which ended up being chosen.

"She said the triangle represents the Holy Trinity: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and in the middle is the Alumni Chapel. She chose the leaves because of the Greek history of academics, and she chose Fellowship, Leadership and Scholarship because those are the central ideas of what the university represents," Tucker said.



**CURRENT SEAL**



**REVISED SEAL**

# Campbellsville University graduates to 'be kind' and 'don't sit on your hands'



*Campbellsville University held in-person commencement ceremonies between April 25 and May 1 in Ransdell Chapel. (CU Photo by Alexandria D. Swanger)*

# Graduates are told 'Be kind'

*By Joan C. McKinney, Editor*

## 'Be kind'

That was the advice Christi Thomas McGuire, a 1997 alumna who played basketball for Campbellsville University's Coach Donna Wise, gave to Campbellsville University's Department of Human Performance graduates that applied to all the university's graduates.

There were 1,717 graduates for May and August 2021 for the 2020-21 academic year; and 2,327 for May and August 2020 for the 2019-20 academic year.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Campbellsville University's held 20 different live ceremonies in much smaller settings in the Ransdell Chapel on the main campus. The Conover Education Center at Harrodsburg had a ceremony for its first graduates, and one was at the Los Angeles Education Center May 14.

The ceremonies were for the 2019-20 graduates who missed their ceremony due to COVID and for the 2020-21 graduates. There was also a virtual commencement video for all the 2020-21 graduates making a total of 20 commencement ceremonies.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University, told the graduates, virtually, "Today is not about pomp and circumstances, it's not about caps and gowns, it's not about speakers and music.

"Today is about each of you, the graduate, that within your discipline and surrounded by your fellow students and faculty, this is your milestone."

He told the graduates that everyone was there to celebrate their victory and their triumph. "I pray God's blessing on each of you today and always as you open this new chapter in your lives."

In a live ceremony, Spears presented the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to Rebekah Mobley, a 2020 graduate, for the student award, and Jane Wheatley for the community member Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

Mobley, of Elizabethtown, Ky., received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (pre-dentistry) and a minor in Marriage and Family Ministry.

Wheatley is chief executive officer for Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville, Ky. and is a 1995 graduate of Campbellsville College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Administration.

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, participated in all ceremonies on the main campus as well as the virtual ceremony.

She read the names of the graduates in the majority of the ceremonies, and she told the graduates, "It's been difficult to not hug or shake hands; we all miss 'touch,' that connection to one another that goes beyond the virtual classroom or technology. I look forward to hugging everyone

*Christi Thomas McGuire ('97) tells the Department of Human Performance to always "be kind" in her graduation address. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)*





*Devon York of Wilmore, Ky. and his wife, Angie York, hold their daughter, Makenna York, for a photo following Devon's Human Performance commencement ceremony at noon April 25. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)*

soon! But do know that this is a 'labor of love' from CU."

She said she had enjoyed each of the 20 official ceremonies in a different, meaningful way. "There is no other place I want to be right now than right here with you."

On Friday, April 30, her birthday, she officiated over three ceremonies including the School of Business, Economics and Technology during which the students, faculty, staff and guests, sang a surprise "Happy birthday," along with piano music by Dr. Rickey Casey, associate dean/professor of business and director of the Ph.D. program.

"It is important for me as your provost to create special moments to celebrate such an important achievement as graduating with an associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctorate degree," she said.

"You deserve this time, and I am honored to be here with you today (April 25th)."

She said it was important to celebrate safely, and the university wanted to figure out the best way to celebrate the graduate. "Since April 25, we have celebrated graduates in groups as small as one and as large as 60, and each moment was equally as meaningful.

"The individual schools and departments have planned each program with great thought and energy. The work and dedication of our faculty and staff to make these moments happen is a testament to their love and dedication to our students. CU truly is a special place!" she said.

The faculty and staff also praised Hedgepath's diligence during the ceremonies.

Spears said the academic year concludes Campbellsville University's 115th academic year of Christian higher education.

He said the 2020-21 year culminates a year of struggle matched with determination, "but you have persevered; you have overcome."

He urged the graduates to "Take time, today, to express your love and appreciation to



*Rhiannon White of Versailles, Ky. receives a hug from her piano teacher, Leah Atkinson-Brand, following White's School of Music commencement ceremony. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)*



Dr. Pat Cowherd, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology, speaks to graduates at commencement. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)

those who have sacrificed along the way to help you reach this important milestone in your life."

Spears charged the graduates to "be a good emissary for Campbellsville University. Carry its mantle well."

He asked them to look at the seal of the university that features fellowship, leadership and scholarship and fortifies all of us. He discussed fellowship, for harmony and respect for others; leadership, to take others to a higher destiny; and scholarship, to be committed to lifelong learning and expand your knowledge to share with others.

He also told them to do "something unexpected - climb a mountain, drive a race car, jump out of an airplane (with parachute), take a mission trip to Uzbekistan. Do something that signifies that you can take on this world and make your mark."

Evelyn Madill, a senior from Wilmore, Ky., who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, responded to Spears' charge. She said, "In a world where plans change, finances fluctuate, relationships come and go, and, frankly, stuff happens, completing a college degree is no small feat, and we managed to do it in the middle of a worldwide pandemic.

"Choosing to do it at Campbellsville was an intentional choice for everyone here, and the elements of the seal are present in all of us, demonstrated by the accomplishment for which we are here today.

"As far as doing something unexpected, I for one can say with certainty that everything I've done in the past year has been unexpected, since no one ever expected an epidemic of this magnitude to put our lives on hold for this long.

"I can additionally say, however, that our lives as students have not been put on hold, which is also demonstrated by our presence here at this commencement ceremony. We have adapted and learned alongside the rest of the world, and I can't wait to see what else we accomplish."

McGuire, UK Network Radio/TV Host, who urged the students to "be kind" in the first commencement ceremony of the 20s, has been in broadcasting for several years including being a part of the UK Sports Network for the last 20 years. She was one of several speakers at the 20 ceremonies.

McGuire is the pregame radio host of "Countdown to Kickoff" for UK Football and is the first and only female to host a network pregame football radio show in the SEC.

McGuire co-hosts "BBN Gameday," a weekly TV show on the UK Network and is also the on-field PA announcer at UK home football games. In addition, she works for the SEC Network as a color analyst for UK Women's basketball.

She graduated cum laude from Campbellsville University in 1997 with a dual degree in business administration and communication. In 1997 she received the Robin Roberts WBCA Sports Communications Scholarship at the NCAA Women's Final Four.

McGuire said, "In this day and age of all things technology, some of our human interaction has



Maggie Parrish, of Boston, Ky., a School of Social Science graduate speaks with Dr. Jeanette Parker, associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of psychology, following the School of Social Science commencement ceremony April 28. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)

gone completely off the grid."

She urged the graduates to smile and acknowledge people, be helpful, be empathetic and be sincere. She said, "You all know what you want to do. You're going to go make money and make a name for yourselves in your line of work, but at the end of the day, is the money, accolades, awards, job titles going to be your legacy? It will ultimately be how you made people feel."

She said, "Best of luck to the Class of 2021! Go make us proud and just be nice!"

Another graduate, Laura Beth Hayes, who received a Master of Arts in Educational Administration, her third degree from Campbellsville, addressed the education students and urged them to "remember to never forget."

She encouraged them to "never forget the 'small things' that are the very foundation and core of our professional field."

She described a "small thing" as a simple hello to a child who survived another night in a horrific home environment, a pep talk to a special education student who is embarrassed that he still can't read in the fifth grade or a smile shared in passing to a colleague who is tired after a frustrating year of pivoting, relearning and recreating.

"Small is what matters," she said.

Garrett Stark, who was assistant coach for the men's and women's soccer teams and head coach of the Mercer County Senior High School boys' soccer team, was honored posthumously with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences. He died as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident Feb. 9, 2021.

Shirley Strader Lawson was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Her grandson, Shaun Lawson, accepted it in her honor as she lives in Virginia Beach, Va. with her husband, Paul, who is also a Campbellsville graduate.

Lawson received her associates degree from Campbellsville Junior College in 1954, and went on to Georgetown College, but she never finished her bachelor's - until the presentation of her degree today.

Lawson, a native of Campbellsville, Ky., established an Endowed Music Scholarship at Campbellsville University for church music students in 2000. She has also been named a CU Distinguished Alumna.

The couple have been faithful members of Campbellsville University President's Club for the last 22 years. In addition, they are also Big Maroon Club members and a member of Campbellsville University's Covenant Society.

Various individuals, including deans and students, spoke at each commencement. Dr. Tony Cunha, dean of the School of Music, told the music and art and design graduates, "Time is everything. We have a finite amount, and when it is gone, it is gone!"



*Kiwa Kananmitsu of Japan takes a selfie with her friends following the social science commencement ceremony April 28. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)*

He quoted Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 that begins with "For everything there is a season, and a time for every activity under heaven."

Cunha said, "Life is not only full of contrasts but also a combination of contrasting seasons. The author of Ecclesiastes is calling our attention to have discernment over what we can and cannot control. It is not only a matter of having or not the time to do things."

He asked the graduates if they had issues with time while they were a student, for example, not having time to get a paper done.

"Perhaps you got caught into the burden of the proper time trap and forget to dream. Unfortunately, so often, we are too busy to dream.

"Dream small. Dream big. Do not quit dreaming. Don't sit on your dreams!" he said.

"Today is a beautiful day. It's YOUR day. May God bless you as you begin a new journey with many dreams."

Dr. Pat Cowherd, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology, said, "Graduation day is a very important day. It is often on par with your wedding day and the birth of your first child.

"It is not only when good things come to an end, but when a new exciting chapter begins in your life.

"Graduates, don't forget to thank your parents, your grandparents, your spouse, your friends, your teachers... the people who helped you get this far... thank them for their prayers, their financial support, their leadership, their friendship and their endurance to see you through this process."

Cowherd said, "No matter what path you take after

graduation, we wish you much success. Hopefully, you will take a part of us with you. You definitely will leave a part of you behind with us."

Co-valedictorians of the May 2021 ceremony, with their degrees listed, were: Sara Elizabeth Caffee of Center, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Biology; Megan Marie Duvall of Leitchfield, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an accounting emphasis; Logan Michael Hall of Elizabethtown, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Ministries;

Noah Elias Henkel of Germany, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Management emphasis; Ashton Meredith Leet of Louisville, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education/Primary-5; Evelyn Grace Madill of Wilmore, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Jonathan Nelson McClendon of Somerset, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting; and Natalie Christian Shadrack of Paducah, Ky., Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Spanish.

Co-salutatorians of the May 2021 class, with their degrees listed, were: Samuel Allen Fagerness of Chehalis, Wash., Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Physical Education P-12; and Kasaundra Margaret Givans of Brandenburg, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education/Primary-5.

Co-valedictorians of the December 2020 class were Claire Elizabeth Edwards of Benton, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Business Administration Area/Accounting emphasis; Sydney Taylor Harris of Campbellsville, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Educational Ministries Area; Carson Kathleen Kovalic of Winchester, Ky., Bachelor of



Luke Gover of Somerset, Ky. gives a thumbs up in front of Ransdell Chapel following the School of Business, Economics and Technology commencement ceremony. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)



Dr. Donna Hedgepath, left, provost and vice president for academic affairs, presents Cindy Jo Morris her Master of Social Work degree. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)

Science with Criminal Justice Administration and Political Science majors; and Beverly Paige Thomas of Springfield, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Business Administration Area/ Human Resource Management emphasis. Skylar Maria Lanham of Philpot, Ky., was salutatorian for December 2020 and earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree with an area in Social Work.

Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations, welcomed the graduates to the Campbellsville University alumni family, at the ceremonies.

"You will always be a part of this community," she said. "Campbellsville University is in your story and your experiences. Be proud of your accomplishments and continue to be servant leaders in this world."

She urged them to stay connected to their alma mater.

Spears conferred their degrees upon completion of the requirements for their degrees.

To view the ceremonies, visit Campbellsville University's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/campbellsvilleuniversity>.



Jeremiah Parker of Louisville, Ky. gives his mother, Audrey Parker, a kiss following the completion of his bachelor degree from the School of Education. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)



Stephanie Marie Denton of Harrodsburg, Ky. hugs her daughter, Kassie Denton, after receiving her Associate of Science in Business from the School of Business, Economics and Technology April 29. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)

# ALGERNON SYDNEY

## Jane Wheatley, chief executive officer of Taylor Regional Hospital, honored with Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award



Jane Wheatley, center, receives the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for a community member during a commencement ceremony April 29. From left are: Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Wheatley; and Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)

**By Joan C. McKinney, Editor**

Jane Wheatley, who has been employed at Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville 43 years becoming chief executive in February 2003, is the 2020 community recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award given by Campbellsville University.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University, presented the award, along with Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, to Wheatley who received a framed certificate, a statue and a book titled "The Sullivan Legacy."

Spears said, "It is evident that Jane Wheatley is a very deserving recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Leadership Award for 2020 - given her exemplary record as a Christian servant leader working to improve opportunity and quality of life for all and representing her alma mater, Campbellsville University, with dignity and grace in all areas of her life."

He said Campbellsville University was selected in 2002 to participate in this very prestigious awards program that honors the memory and legacy of the late Algernon Sydney Sullivan. There are some 70 colleges and universities in the South that are approved by the Sullivan Foundation to annually present these awards to one graduating senior and to one adult from the community.

"Campbellsville University works to transform the lives of our students and to

help them become Christian servant leaders," Spears said.

"There are numerous examples of men and women on our campus who are serving this community and world."

Wheatley is a 1995 graduate of Campbellsville College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Administration. She is a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

Wheatley is a Fellow with American College of Healthcare Executives and has extensive education and training in the healthcare field.

She is involved in several community activities and serves on the boards of the Economic Development Authority and Campbellsville University Board of Trustees where she has served since 2011.

She is also a member of Rotary, a charter member of the Campbellsville/Taylor County Leadership Program and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Wheatley was honored with the 2003 and 2019 Woman of Achievement Award from Campbellsville Business and Professional Women and with the 2006 Citizen of the Year award from the Chamber of Commerce.

She is the American Hospital Association delegate for the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Hospital Association. She received the Grassroots Champions Award from the American Hospital Association in 2019. Wheatley is a past chairperson of the Ohio Valley District of the Kentucky Hospital Association.

She is also a member of Campbellsville Baptist Church and graduated from Taylor County High School.

Ten members of Wheatley's immediate family are CU graduates and one of her grandsons, Hayden Dabney, is a junior at Campbellsville University. He is an educational ministries major with a minor in music and is a member of the Tiger Marching Band.

Wheatley has two married children: Landon, who graduated from Campbellsville University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication with a minor in English, and his Master's of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Human Resource Management in 2011, and he has added a concentration in Business Administration with an emphasis in Business Information Technology and Jaclyn Dabney, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in 2001 in Biology and Psychology; and three grandchildren, Hayden Dabney, a junior at Campbellsville University; and Noah and Reid Dabney.

Her hobbies include water sports, reading, traveling and spending time with friends and family. She especially enjoys going to her grandsons' sports and band events.

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# SULLIVAN AWARDS

## Rebekah Mobley, 2020 Campbellsville University graduate, honored with Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award



Rebekah Mobley receives the student Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award during a commencement ceremony April 29. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)

**By Joan C. McKinney, Editor**

Rebekah Mobley, Campbellsville University Class of 2020 who is studying dentistry at the University of Kentucky, is the 2020 student recipient of the Sydney Sullivan Award given by Campbellsville University.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University, presented the award, along with Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs. Mobley received a framed certificate, a statue and a book titled "The Sullivan Legacy." Mobley is a student at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

Spears said, "Campbellsville University works to transform the lives of our

students and to help them become Christian servant leaders. There are numerous examples of men and women on our campus who are serving this community and world. The choice of a student recipient for the Algernon Sydney Sullivan student award is a difficult choice - and 2020's winner is another outstanding choice for the Sullivan award.

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Mobley graduated in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (pre-dentistry) and a minor in Marriage and Family Ministry and is from Elizabethtown, Ky. She is in her first year of dental school at UK.

While at Campbellsville University, Mobley was involved in many activities. She worked as an intern in the Office of Enrollment since the spring of 2017. She served as a FIRST CLASS Mentor and has served on various committees including: Homecoming Committee, Earth Day Committee, Student Services, Intramural Committee, Chapel Committee and more.

Spears said, "Through her work in the Office of Enrollment, she exemplified and surpassed the expectation of a Campbellsville graduate. She was a very active member of the Student Government Association (SGA) for three years of her college career by serving as SGA president her senior year as well as serving as vice president her junior year and director of communications during her sophomore year."

During her spare time, she served numerous volunteer roles for Chrysalis, Younger's Creek Baptist Church, Mission Lexington Dental Clinic and St. Baldrick's event organizer, intern for the Campbellsville Christian Church Center for Education and Campbellsville Dental Care. She also served as a Campbellsville Youth Soccer coach and went on a medical/dental mission trip to Honduras.

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## Class of 2021 makes history at Campbellsville University Harrodsburg



Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president for Campbellsville University, speaks at the first commencement ceremony for Campbellsville University Harrodsburg April 22. From left are Dr. Choe Sergent, assistant professor of business and coordinator diplomat program; Spears and Dave Walters, associate vice president for regional administration. (CU Photo by Seth Manley)



Tevis Milburn is honored at the graduate reception April 22. She graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work from Campbellsville University April 30. From left are Dave Walters, associate vice president for regional administration, and Milburn. (CU Photo by Seth Manley)

### By Katie Neal, Freelance Writer

Graduates at Campbellsville University Harrodsburg celebrated two milestones in April 2021.

In addition to receiving their diplomas, the Class of 2021 includes the first group of students who have completed all four of their undergraduate years at the Conover Education Center, which opened in 2016 and began enrolling undergraduate students in 2017.

CU Harrodsburg honored graduates at a reception April 22 at the Conover Education Center.

"Many of these students will stay in the Harrodsburg area in some capacity," Dr. Stephen Wilson, lead academic officer and chief compliance officer at Harrodsburg, said.

"Some will join the job force and contribute to the local economy while others will complete their studies in graduate and professional schools, including those majors that we offer in Harrodsburg. Soon our graduates will form a significant component of the future leadership of this community. We are very proud of them for we saw that the changes in their lives began here."

Of the 26 undergraduates earning their degrees, 10 began their higher education journey as first-

year students at CU Harrodsburg four years ago. The Class of 2021 also includes 16 students who transferred in and one graduate student.

Devin Baker, a senior sport management major from Lexington, enrolled as a freshman and played basketball for the Pioneers after graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. He says CU Harrodsburg's motto "Life Change Happens Here" accurately reflects his experience.

"When I came here, I realized coaches don't just motivate you to play basketball. They teach you lessons in life such as accountability, leadership, resilience and never giving up," said Baker, who eventually plans to become a coach himself.

"Campbellsville University Harrodsburg saved my life. Just the experience of being here for four years was something that grew me as a man. I'm blessed to be here and blessed to be graduating."

Tevis Milburn's familiarity with CU began when she was a student at Mercer County Senior High School taking dual-credit courses offered through the main campus.

The daughter of two educators, her mother, Erin Milburn, taught at CU Harrodsburg as an adjunct

instructor until becoming a full-time instructor in English and lead faculty advisor last year.

Though Milburn was accepted to every college she applied to during her senior year, she decided to travel and work as a server for a few years before enrolling at CU Harrodsburg in 2017.

"Harrodsburg is such a small town, and the university created a big opportunity to change the fabric of its history moving forward," said Milburn, who now lives in Danville with her husband and son. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Social Work, and she looks forward to helping people in and around the communities she has called home.

"Being able to help people has been a cornerstone of my adult life. Family and community have always been important to me. Subconsciously that's probably what drove me to the profession of social work - to be part of positive change," she said.

Between April 25 and May 1, the seven individual schools that make up Campbellsville University held their own in-person commencement ceremonies on the main campus.

## Campbellsville University graduates first Los Angeles cohort



The first Los Angeles Education Center cohort graduates are from left: Samantha Aguirre, Nathan Lindborg, Brenda Serpas, Amanda Roch, Jennifer Shannon, Dawn McNairy, Navid Eghbal, Nooshin Vegh, Lisa Ianaro and Samir Malik. (CU Photo by Jose Daniel Ruiz)

### By Randy Christopher, Executive Director, Los Angeles Education Center

The academic success and good works of Campbellsville University now extends to the west coast, with the graduation of CU's first class from the Los Angeles Education Center May 14.

Thousands of miles and an international pandemic were unable to stop the cohort of ten new Master of Marriage and Family Therapy graduates from their commencement ceremony.

These students moved through the program as a cohort and developed deep relationships with one another. All ten were unanimous in their desire to hold the ceremony with each other, in person, while live-streaming the ceremony to their friends and families.

Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president, and Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, provided commencement speeches honoring the occasion. The California ceremony was the 19th of the in-person ceremonies in April and May.

The graduates earned the majority of their fieldwork hours at CU's community mental health center

known as the California Family Counseling Center, or CalFam. After one-and-a-half semesters on the campus, the City of Los Angeles was suddenly shut down. Onsite classes switched to online classes. Counseling center therapy sessions switched to telehealth counseling. Faculty and students marched on and never missed a beat.

Most of the graduates have signed on as volunteers at CalFam and will continue to provide mental health services with CalFam as they accumulate the 3,000 supervised hours needed to sit for their licensure examinations.

Once licensed, the therapists may work in private practice, at agencies, in schools and hospitals, and with the Department of Mental health.

The Los Angeles Education Center was a project initiated by Spears who discovered the Phillips Graduate Institute, a provider of marriage and family therapy education.

Phillips was a celebrated and locally renowned academic institution that was suddenly without regional accreditation. Taking over the reins of

the Phillips program, CU has already seen a huge growth in enrollment to almost 50 students.

Phillips Graduate Institute, now a CU brand, is 50 years old this year, and has been teaching marriage and family therapy longer than any other organization in Southern California. Under the auspices of Dr. Ken Hollis, who directs CU's Master of Marriage and Family Therapy program in Louisville, the programs in Kentucky and California have found many synergies and best practices.

The State of California has more Marriage and Family therapists than all other 49 states combined. Students who graduate from Campbellsville University's MMFT program will be eligible to see clients who live anywhere in California.

The need for psychotherapists has been growing over the years, and with the recent traumas inflicted by COVID-19, the need is that much greater.

Campbellsville University and its Phillips Graduate Institute Master of Marriage and Family Therapy program are well-positioned to bring healing to Los Angeles and the world.



## Hearing impaired CU Harrodsburg student helps the deaf feel the word of God

*Chadwick Noel, center, is shown with his mother, Marsha Noel, left, and Sarah W. Bottom, right, his "grandmama." (CU Photo by Dan Yates)*

**By Katie Neal, Freelance Writer**

When Chadwick Noel preached in person on Easter Sunday for the first time since COVID-19, he gave thanks for God's promise of rebirth and renewal – using sign language and wearing a face shield for lip readers.

As the pastor of Danville Deaf Baptist Mission, Noel helps the hearing impaired receive the word of God.

He also knows a thing or two about miracles. Noel was born with kidney issues that led to multiple transplants. He was diagnosed as deaf at five years old and sustained a traumatic brain injury in a life-threatening car accident 10 years ago.

"That did not stop me from pursuing His plan because He wasn't done with me," Noel said.

Noel felt determined to pursue his call to ministry, so he enrolled in the School of Theology at Campbellsville University Harrodsburg. With the help of an interpreter, he expects to complete his certificate in Christian ministry in fall 2021, which teaches the advanced skills for biblical and theological studies, ministry and leadership.

"Going back to school felt like I was in college all over again, and CU Harrodsburg is a spectacular place to learn," said Noel, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Eastern Kentucky University in 2010. "God works in mysterious ways that we sometimes don't understand."

Noel's faith, perseverance and resilience inspire everyone in his orbit, including congregants, fellow students and faculty.

"His story helps him to engage others with the story of Jesus. His passion for sharing and proclaiming the love of Christ is authentic and inspiring," Dr. Tommy Valentine, assistant professor of theology, who also teaches courses in

the undergraduate and Master of Theology programs, said. "It's an honor to walk with Chadwick as he grows in God's calling on his life. He is pure joy."

Since COVID-19 forced churches to transition to virtual services in March 2020, Noel has been sharing sermons and Bible studies with Danville Deaf Baptist Mission mostly through Facebook. Though the congregation is relatively small, it has an outsized impact in the community that is home to the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

"It's awesome to know God has a purpose for you to either preach the gospel or do a mission work for the Lord," Noel said. He also recalled Romans 8:28: "And we know that in everything God works for the good of those who love Him. They are the people He called, because that was His plan."

"We are delighted that the Lord led Chadwick Noel to Campbellsville University Harrodsburg. His testimony is a living example of our motto: 'Life Change Happens Here,'" Dave Walters, associate vice president for regional administration, said.

"No matter what your higher education aspirations may be, CU Harrodsburg offers high-quality academic and technical programs that are affordable and convenient for students in Central Kentucky."

To hear more about Noel's story, visit <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2568698679855951>.

The certificate in Christian ministry is one of nearly 40 academic programs offered at the Conover Education Center at CU Harrodsburg, the institution's fastest growing regional center. Applications are being accepted now and on a rolling basis.

# Kendall Riddle brings her education and love of alma mater home to serve

*By Ariel C. Emberton, Co-assistant Editor and Photo Editor*

Kendall Riddle, a native of Louisville Ky., is one of Campbellsville University's alumni who has returned home to continue serving her community and her alma mater.

Riddle's decision to attend Campbellsville University came from following in the footsteps of her brother and cousins. "My parents wanted me to get a good Christian education, and the perk of getting hands-on experience while in my degree was just an added bonus," she said.

Riddle obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication in 2017 and while in her classes, she met Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president, who was a mass communication professor at the time. Spears reached out to her after she graduated because "he thought I would be perfect communicating effectively with our international students at LEC."

The funny thing is, according to Riddle, she turned Spears' offer down. She remained in Campbellsville to work at AutoSmart and a year later reached back out to Spears. "I was able to get an interview and score the job," she said.

In March 2018, Riddle started in graduate admission at the Louisville Education Center (LEC) as an admissions support specialist. She worked in the role for a year before being promoted to an international student advisor/DSO.

"When Peter Thomas was hired on, I worked closely with him. He saw my dedication to CU, as well as my initiative, and promoted me to assistant director of international student services, directly under him in October 2019," Riddle said.

Like many others, Campbellsville University's LEC had to undergo adjustments in order to continue during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Due to COVID, we wanted to be able to support our local businesses and our students by offering higher education and professional development opportunities," she said.

In May 2021, with the support of several LEC team members, Riddle began working on ways to offer what they had envisioned. "When working at AutoSmart, I was the social media director, title clerk and online auction specialist. I learned about social media, demographics, gained sales training and overall how a business worked," Riddle said.

"She has been part of the Louisville Education Center team since 2018 where she has served in various roles with our international admissions and student services teams, most recently as the Assistant Director of International Student Services. As part of the regional center recruitment team now, this new role will bridge these experiences placing Riddle in the ideal position to communicate all CU has to offer to businesses seeking solutions," Candace Bense, director of admissions, said.

She was able to receive training from Grant Cardone, a self-made billionaire, and it helped her with communicating with businesses and reaching out for partnerships. Riddle now serves Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center as a business development specialist.

Riddle was featured in the TOPS Magazine as one of the "Leaders in Louisville for Higher Education" in spring 2021.

"I want to be able to grow LEC into something the community truly knows about and trusts. I want them to come to us for their education, for their development opportunities and see just how much we are giving back to the community. We want to bridge those gaps between employees and their training. If I can help do that, then I will say what I am doing is a success," Riddle said.



*Kendall Riddle, who is a business development specialist with the Louisville Education Center, interviews with John Ramsey, host of WAVE 3 listens Live!*



# Athletics NEWS



Gracie Parrott won four tournaments in 2020-21 and finished with eight Top 10s leading to her NAIA Championship crown. Celebrating with her were her parents, Deana Parrott, left, and Walt Parrott. (CU Photo by Brett Tudela)

## Gracie Parrott wins first NAIA Golf Championship

By Jordan Alves, Director of Athletics Communications, Multimedia & Broadcasting

Campbellsville University's Gracie Parrott won the NAIA Individual National Championship May 28 at Rose Creek Golf Course in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Parrott shot her second-best score with a 70 (-2) to finish the four-round tournament at 287 (-1). Parrott's 287 came after a first round 69 (-3), second round 73 (+1), third round 75 (+3) combined with the final round 70 to finish as the only player under par for the tournament.

With the title, Parrott becomes the first NAIA Individual National Champion in the sport of golf on either the men's or women's side in the history of Campbellsville University. She also earned the honor of All-Tournament Team as one of the top 15 individual players in the tournament.

In addition to her championship, Parrott had many accolades come her way in the spring semester. She was named the Mid-South Conference Freshman of

the Year, won the MSC Championship and was also named an NAIA All-American.

Parrott joins Cassidy Scantland Decker ('17) as the lone All-Americans in program history and also Decker and Lauren Scholl ('06) as the only three to win a conference title along with qualifying for the NAIA Championship. Decker won the individual MSC title twice (2014 and 2016) while Scholl won in 2006. Their best finish at the NAIA Championship was 34th.

# Jim Ward and Casey Young leave men's golf program better than they found it



The Mid-South Conference Tournament Champions from left are: Casey Young, assistant coach; Austin Mahoney, Justin Warman, Jonathan Brewington, Landon Connor, Dominic Ramsey and Jim Ward, head coach. (CU Photo by Jordan Alves)

**By Jordan Alves, Director of Athletics Communications, Multimedia & Broadcasting**

Jim Ward and Casey Young were hired in August 2015 to lead the Campbellsville University men's golf program and the saying is "always leave something better than you found it." That's exactly what the golf coaching duo did.

During Ward and Young's first season, the Tigers placed fifth in the MSC Championship. In their last, the Tigers won the title and senior Justin Warman won the individual championship.

Ward took the Tigers to the NAIA Championship in 2021 after CU earned the Mid-South Conference Tournament Championship. At nationals, the Tigers took fifth place as Ward announced his retirement earlier in the spring after five seasons leading the men's golf program.

He retires with the most tournament wins of all time for a men's golf coach at Campbellsville with 13 after passing the late PJ Throckmorton's mark with the 2021 title, where he was also named the Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

With the departure of Ward and Young, CU hired Rick Davis to lead both men's and women's golf programs. Davis will hold the new full-time position

heading up both programs after the coaching jobs had been split between two part-time positions.

"We will definitely miss Jim Ward and Casey Young who were part-time coaches that decided to pursue other interests," said Director of Athletics Jim Hardy. "We do feel blessed, however, to be able to acquire a coach with the knowledge and experience of Rick Davis. We welcome him to our CU Athletic Department Family."

Davis is a graduate of University of Kentucky where he earned his bachelor's degree before earning his master's degree from Campbellsville University with both degrees having an emphasis in health and physical education.

Davis had been the head coach for the Green County High School girls golf team since 2003 up until this past season where the Lady Dragons won KHSAA State Championships in 2009 and 2010 while earning All-A Classic Championships in 2009, 2011 and 2012. GCHS also earned KHSAA State Runner-Up in 2008, 2011, and 2016 while being the



Rick Davis was hired in the spring of 2021 and take over for retiring men's and women's head golf coach, Jim Ward.



Justin Warman won the Mid-South Conference Championship as an individual for the first time since 2013. (CU Photo by Jordan Alves)

All-A Classic Runner-Up in 2010, 2016 and 2018.

Davis was named the KHSAA Girls Golf Coach of the Year in both 2009 and 2010 when GCHS won state titles as he was the Region 4 Girls Golf Coach of the Year seven out of eight straight years in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015.

He has also worked as the head baseball coach at GCHS from 2008 until this year where he led the Dragons to two KHSAA District Championships in 2013 and 2014.

Since 2008, Davis has been the Kentucky Region 4 Girls Golf Director and held a place on the KHSAA Golf Coaches Association Board of Directors from 2010 until this season while serving on the Hall of Fame Committee and All State Committee since 2017 and 2014, respectively.

# Lady Tiger softball wins Mid-South Conference Championship

*By Jordan Alves, Director of Athletics Communications, Multimedia & Broadcasting*

After starting the season with a 12-7 record through mid-March, Lady Tiger softball found their groove to rally and win the Mid-South Conference regular season and tournament championships.

The regular season title is the ninth in program history and the tournament is the seventh. The Lady Tigers went 41-13 overall after winning 29 of their final 35 games.

The 2021 season broke multiple single season records in batting average (.350), walks (168), RBI (335), doubles (100), hits (508) and runs scored (367).

Individually, the Lady Tigers had multiple student-athletes honored. Ryley Whitney was named the MSC Player of the Year and a NFCA Second-Team All-American after hitting .444 with 15 doubles, nine home runs and 48 RBI. Her batting average finished third all-time in a single season and her total hits finished eighth. The 48 RBI is tied for 10th.

Payton Blades also earned Second-Team All-American honors after hitting .422 with 14 doubles, seven homers and 45 RBI. She also finished tied with

the team-high in stolen bases (12-of-13). The .422 average is seventh all-time in the single season record books.

Mia Aldridge, Tori Humphrey and Katy Chadwell all earned First-Team All-MS-C honors and NFCA All-Region recognition. Aldridge and Humphrey, both using their extra COVID-19 season granted by the NAIA, shined in their super senior year. Aldridge hit .365 with seven home runs, 45 RBI and stole 10 bases. Humphrey finished hitting .360 with a team-high 17 doubles, 10 home runs and 51 RBI.

Chadwell, the lone pitcher earning All-Region honors, went 21-5 overall with a 2.36 ERA through 151 innings. She tossed 14 complete games and three shutouts while holding opponents to hitting only .271. The 21 wins during her rookie year ranks seventh on the single season list.

With another tremendous season, head coach Shannon Wathen earned her 10th MSC Coach of the Year honor -- which is the most in Campbellsville University athletics history.



The Lady Tigers won their ninth MSC regular season and seventh MSC tournament championships in 2021. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

# Kayak Bass Fishing is CU's 31st team offering; Dalton Smith hired to lead program



**Dalton Smith**

*By Jordan Alves, Director of Athletics Communications, Multimedia & Broadcasting*

The 31st varsity team has been announced at Campbellsville University as Kayak Bass Fishing.

In addition to starting a new program, Director of Athletics Jim Hardy has announced the hiring of head coach Dalton Smith to lead the program.

Kayak Bass Fishing (KBF) is one of the most up-and-coming sports across the country. According to the KBF website, [www.KayakBassFishing.com](http://www.KayakBassFishing.com), "The sport was founded by Chad Hoover as a way to make this amazing sport available to anyone with a love of the outdoors and a passion for fishing. KBF is a community for recreational and professional anglers alike, with events and tournaments happening throughout the year."

B.A.S.S. also has a Kayak Series and the National Championship was held this year on Possum Kingdom Lake in Mineral Wells, Texas.

Smith, a 2021 graduate of Campbellsville University, competed on the bass fishing team and his collegiate career ended at the BASS National Championship on the St. Lawrence River in Waddington, New York on Aug. 12-14.

Smith finished in the Top 10 on four different occasions including wins at the Battle of the Bluegrass his freshman and sophomore seasons. He also earned a runner-up finish at the ACA National Championship on Pickwick Lake and third place at the B.A.S.S. Open on Bull Shoals.

Smith was a four-time Bassmaster College Series National Championship Qualifier. The Kayak Bass Fishing tours are similar to regular bass fishing as the season runs normally from February through late October.

The catch and release method is used in KBF and it's more than just not having space in a kayak for a live well but it's more about conservation benefits so bass are not out of their natural habitat for lengthy periods of time until weigh-ins.

## KAYAK BASS FISHING





Campbellsville's Men's Volleyball Team rallied in the fifth set over Georgetown College to win their second MSC Tournament Championship in April. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

# Tigers win MSC Championship and finish season with multiple national accolades

By Jordan Alves, Director of Athletics Communications, Multimedia & Broadcasting

Campbellsville men's volleyball won their second Mid-South Conference regular season title and their first tournament championship in program history in April.

The Tigers went 26-5 overall and finished the year ranked inside the Top 10.

Individually, Jay Montalvo had another stellar season. He finished with his second MSC Libero of the Year and NAIA All-American honor. Montalvo also earned Libero and Player of the Year during the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season.

Montalvo finished with a team-high 340 digs and added 95 assists with the setter out during the 2021 season. Montalvo played in 30 matches and 106 sets on the season, primarily serving as the team's libero but also spending some limited time as a setter or outside hitter on occasion.

In service reception, an important part of the game for taking advantage of a team's most aggressive offensive opportunity, Montalvo only made 22 reception errors in 502 attempts for a reception percentage of .956. While serving, Montalvo finished the regular season with 26 aces and 72 errors for a .793 serving percentage.

His 340 digs finished the year ranked No. 3 in the NAIA and his 3.21 digs/set finished No. 11.

In addition to Montalvo, Rafael Cruz, Ramon Matos and Ho Yin Leung were selected as NVA/AVCA All-American honorees.

Montalvo earned First Team All-America honors for the second straight year as the Tigers' libero with Cruz, Matos and Leung earning honorable mention status after Cruz and Matos earned honorable mention and second team honors, respectively, in 2020.

Cruz was the team leader in kills on the year with 276, finishing his second senior season with a .263 hitting percentage, his second-best season in that regard, and he added 89 digs and 43 blocks defensively for the Tigers in 2021. Cruz will finish his career at CU as the university's all-time leader in kills after playing for the program since its inception in 2017.

Matos finished 2021 playing through a surgically repaired left pinky finger at the NAIA Tournament after injuring it in the MSC Championship match. He finished the season with a career-high 162 kills and 52 blocks on the year.

Leung shined in his first season at Campbellsville as the outside hitter from Hong Kong. He finished with the second most kills behind Cruz at 176 while adding 28 blocks, 43 digs and 24 aces.

# Alumni Directors

## Ashley Fox Alumni Relations



Hello Alumni and Friends!

I don't know where the first half of the year went, but it is hard to believe the year is half over. Spring semester has come and gone, and we were so happy to be able to host in-person graduation ceremonies this year. Even if there were 20 of them!

During those graduation ceremonies, we encouraged each graduate to stay connected, and I want to remind all our alumni to do the same. That may be by recruiting new students, reaching back to share insights for those who are yet to finish, or maybe becoming a mentor to a student who is studying in the field you are working in. We are also planning on bringing back in-person programs and events for the fall that are designed to help you achieve this task.

I also encourage everyone with fur babies out there to check out the Alumni section of the website for our new Alumni Pet of the Month competition. Entries are accepted until the 20th of each month and the top photos are chosen as finalists. Then the voting begins! The pet who receives the most votes is awarded the title CU Alumni Pet of the Month and receives a special gift. Feel free to contact me for more information.

I hope to see each of you soon. Let's make this the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Ashley Fox (M '17)  
Director of Alumni Relations

## Darryl Peavler Athletic Alumni



Hello Fellow Tigers!

It's been refreshing to be back in full swing this fall! Campus just isn't the same without our students present. Needless to say, 2020 will make for some interesting conversations at future reunions!

As athletic alumni, we all know the impact Tiger Athletics has had on each of our lives. I think back to one-line sayings from the infamous Coach Ron Finley, such as, "A grown man always carries an ink pen," and about how Don Bishop gave thousands of us a chance to play college athletics through his vision and dedication to growing the athletic programs.

I reflect on the special moments of game-winning shots in Powell Athletic Center, long touchdown passes and intense soccer matches on Citizens Bank Field. I remember watching Nick Ratliff with the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series in the last few minutes winning by just 4 ounces.

Memories we all have will last a lifetime. Friendships, brother and sisterhoods that only those who participated can understand, will span decades. Simply put... We are family.

Tiger Athletics has participated at a high level nationally for some time now with powerhouse programs like the NAIA National Champion Lady Tiger Wrestling team and the Lady Tiger Basketball program.

It's time we take Tiger Athletics to the "Next Level"! This is where each of us as Athletic Alumni come in to play. I want to encourage each of you to consider joining the "Once a Tiger Always a Tiger" Society. This society helps recruit new athletes, attends games and events as time permits and financially supports their specific team.

If you would like more information, please contact me at [dgpeavler@campbellsville.edu](mailto:dgpeavler@campbellsville.edu) or (270) 789-5216.

Go Tigers,

Darryl Peavler ('03, M '05) Director of Athletic Alumni

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## 1960s



**DAN FLANAGAN ('65)** has recently been inducted into the Kentucky Poultry Federation Hall of Fame. Flanagan is serving his third term as president of the federation. He is married to **VIRGINIA PONSER**

**FLANAGAN ('65)**, special assistant to the president of Campbellsville University. Address: 5765 Hodgenville Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

## 1970s

**JOHN HORNBACK (a '74)** and his wife, Carolyn, both retired in 2020 after more than four decades of professional work. They have two sons, Jay in San Diego and Brian in Atlanta, and one granddaughter. They may be reached at 7150 Havenridge Way, McDonough, GA 30253 or [jhornback@charter.net](mailto:jhornback@charter.net). Mr. and Mrs. Hornback have supported various Campbellsville University initiatives for many years and continue to do so. They encourage former classmates to contribute regularly to scholarship funds or other projects at the university to further the Lord's Kingdom. Address: 7150 Havenridge Way, McDonough, GA 30253. Email: [jhornback@charter.net](mailto:jhornback@charter.net).

**JOHN LLOYD MUELLER ('74)** is retired. He played golf while at Campbellsville University. He is married to Stephanie Mueller. Address: 521 SE 21st St., Cape Coral, FL 33990. Email: [skmjlm@verison.net](mailto:skmjlm@verison.net).

**PAT WIESSNER MYERS ('76)** is a retired teacher. She was a resident assistant and was in the band and Baptist Student Union at Campbellsville College. She has moved to Biloxi, Miss. to be near her son, **JOSH MYERS (a '09)**, and his family. She has another son, Joseph. She attends St. Matthews Baptist Church online. Address: 310 Abbey Court, Apt. N-7, Biloxi, MS. 39531. Email: [pat.myers55@gmail.com](mailto:pat.myers55@gmail.com).

**VICKIE PLUMMER TALLENT ('77)** is retired and still living in Alabama after the death of her husband, **MICHAEL S. TALLENT ('77)**, in 2019. She would like to hear from anyone with stories of Mike's and her time at Campbellsville. She worked on the Maple Trail yearbook and was in the History and Science Club and was a Homecoming Queen candidate while at Campbellsville College. She attends First Baptist Church in Pelham. She has two children: Jennifer Diebold and Joseph Tallent. Address: 2623 Chandafern Circle, Pelham, AL 35124. Email: [vtallent@bellsouth.net](mailto:vtallent@bellsouth.net).



**MARILYN BEARD ASH ('78)** retired in June after more than 17 years at Bluegrass Middle School in Hardin County as a counselor and as a teacher. She has spent more than 35 years in education. She

started her career as an elementary school teacher and later taught middle school. After teaching about seven and a half years, she became a school counselor. Ash also served in the Office of Admissions at Campbellsville College. She is married to Mitch Ash, and they have a son, Aaron. Address: 940 Fire Tower Loop, Beaver Dam, KY 42320.

**KENNETH CHAPPELL ('79)** is retired after being employed with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. He and his wife, **JUDY MILLIGAN CHAPPELL ('75)**, have three children: Ken Jr., Jeremy and Justin. They attend Parkwood Baptist Church. Address: 153 Boulders Court, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. Email: [Kenneth.Chappell53@gmail.com](mailto:Kenneth.Chappell53@gmail.com).

**DR. KERRY SKINNER ('79)** is employed with Think LifeChange Institute of Biblical Counseling. He attends First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga. Skinner is a former trustee of Campbellsville College. Address: 50 Yates Drive, Hampton, GA 30228. Email: [kerry@thinklifechange.com](mailto:kerry@thinklifechange.com).

## 1980s

**DANA HIGGINS WHITE ('85)** retired in January 2021 from school counseling to care full time for her mother who suffers from dementia. She said, "After losing my daddy in the summer of 2020 unexpectedly, it has been my honor to become her caregiver, and I am truly grateful to have her still with me. We enjoy many things, most of them she tries to remember. I covet your prayers." She belonged to the Collegiate Chorale while at Campbellsville College and was the women's basketball manager. Address: 2 Park Lane, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Email: [danawhite226@yahoo.com](mailto:danawhite226@yahoo.com).

## 1990s

**B. JAY MONTGOMERY ('93)** serves as youth and associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Carrollton. At Campbellsville College, he was on the Fighting Tiger Football Team from 1988 until 1991. He was also assistant football coach in 1993, dorm director of South Hall in 1993 and was in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Student Union. His son, Dhane Montgomery, a 2021 graduate of Carroll County High School, has signed to play football with Campbellsville University. Address: 801 Sycamore St., Carrollton, KY 41008.



**BENJI KELLY ('95, M '05)** received his Doctorate in Business Administration with an emphasis in Leadership May 14 from Liberty University. He did a research project determining how

leadership affects giving in young alumni. His wife, **KELLIE WILLIAMS KELLY ('00, M '04, M '17)**, is a reading specialist teacher at Abraham Lincoln

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Written By Joan C. McKinney, Editor

Editor's Note: years of graduation or attendance at Campbellsville University are determined by the last year of attendance. For example ('65) is a 1965 grad; (a '65) is someone who attended his or her last year in 1965; and ('65, M '69) is someone who graduated with a bachelor's or associate degree in 1965 and a master's degree in 1969; and (Ph.D. '20) is someone who received a Ph.D. degree.

Elementary School in the LaRue County School System. They have a daughter, Katelyn. Address: 460 Cambridge Way, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: bjkelly@campbellsville.edu.



**DR. JASON RADFORD ('98)** is the new superintendent of the Oldham County School System. Radford was assistant superintendent with Boone County Schools in Northern Kentucky.

Radford has worked in Boone County Schools since 2019. He's previously worked for the Kentucky Department of Education and has experience as a teacher and principal. Radford previously worked as a National School Leadership coach and worked for the Kentucky Department of Education as an acting Title I director and district manager as well as an educational recovery leader at Newport High School.



**BRAD MATTINGLY ('99)** has been promoted to chief credit analyst at the Farmers National Bank in Lebanon, Ky. Mattingly remains an executive vice president and member on the bank's Board of Directors.

Mattingly has been serving as Senior Loan Officer at Farmers National Bank where he has been employed since 2006. He is a certified public accountant and graduated in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Campbellsville University. Mattingly graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in 2009, as well as the American Bankers Association's National School of Compliance. He is a 2008 graduate of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Leadership Enhance for Agriculture Development (LEAD) Program. He is a native of Lebanon and a graduate of Marion County High School. Mattingly is the son of Larry and Patty Mattingly. He married Elizabeth Netherland of Lebanon in 2001; and they have two children: Sydnie and Andrew. Address: 264 Raywick Road, Lebanon, KY 40033.

## 2000s



**STEPHEN BLAN ('02)** is the new head of Middle School of the Fort Worth Country Day, (FWCD), the oldest co-ed college-preparatory school in Fort Worth, Texas. Blan has been a member of the FWCD faculty since the

2016-17 academic year when he accepted a position as a middle school history teacher. In 2018, he became FWCD's first director of the Center for International Studies, and in 2019, was named assistant head of Middle School. In addition to his Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Educational Ministries from Campbellsville University, Blan received a Master of Arts in Missiology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Blan spent three years teaching English in Turkey. He also worked with Connect4each, a nonprofit organization devoted to advancing education for teachers in underserved schools worldwide. He has also taught both seventh-grade science and eighth-grade social studies in the Fort Worth ISD, and spent eight years serving various roles within the Burleson ISD, including curriculum and school design team member at REALM Secondary School, as well as global literacy coordinator, learning technologies campus specialist, and sixth-grade social studies teacher at Kerr Middle School.

**DEBORA LYNN MATTINGLY FISHER ('04)** is employed by Central Kentucky Community Action Head Start. She is married to Todd Fisher; they have three children: Sara, Grace and Emily Giles. Address: 1233 Maple Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: sgegiles@yahoo.com.



**JASON BRYANT ('05, M '07)** has been named principal of King Middle School in Mercer County. He began his career as a special education teacher and assistant football coach at Mercer County High School.

He also rotated in as a social studies teacher for King Middle School. He has also served as assistant principal at Lincoln County Middle School. In 2020, he started work as an American Fidelity account manager helping school districts in Kentucky. His wife, Tierney Bryant, teaches at Mercer County Intermediate School where their two sons will attend next year. They also have a daughter. Address: 1310 Perryville Road, Danville, KY 40422.

**LYSSA DRUMMOND HOLBROOK ('06)** is a homeschool teacher. While at Campbellsville University, she was involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Student Union. She played women's soccer and volleyball. She is married to Kane Holbrook and has three children: Zaydok, Syrah and Benaiah, who was ten pounds and seven ounces and was caught by his dad in the shower after 45 minutes of labor. She attends Garfield Avenue Baptist Church. Address: 3212 Portland Ave., Louisville, KY 40212. Email: lyssaholbrook@gmail.com.



**MATT MOORE ('08)** has been chosen, along with **CARMEN FIELDS ('10)**, as one of Yamaha's 40 Under 40, a music advocacy program that celebrates and recognizes outstanding music educators who are

making a difference by growing and strengthening their music programs. Moore has served as the director of percussion at V.R. Eaton High School since the school's opening in 2015. This spring Eaton's indoor drumline advanced to WGI finals, their first year participating in the activity. Eaton was selected

# TigerTracks

as one of the winners of the 2020 Percussive Arts Society's International Percussion Ensemble Competition and will be performing a showcase concert at the fall 2021 PASIC Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. He is also associate band director at the high school in Haslet, Texas. Moore organized a social-distanced marimba choir project to help connect percussionists during the pandemic. He launched Waveform Percussion with Luke Vogt, his percussion co-teacher at Eaton. He is the son of Dr. Jim and Nevalyn Moore, both retired professors in the School of Music at Campbellsville University. Address: 1717 Sterling Lane, Lewisville, TX 75067.



**DAVID PHILLIPS (M '08)** is the first director of diversity, equity and inclusion for Owensboro Public Schools. Phillips has worked in the school district 16 years beginning in special education. He earned

teacher certification from Campbellsville University in 2009. He was the immediate assistant principal at Newton Parrish Elementary before his new position. Address: 412 Orchard St., Owensboro, KY 42301.



**MISHA BUCK WILSON ('09, M '11)** has been promoted from loan officer to vice president of lending at Farmers National Bank in Lebanon, Ky. Wilson has been a loan officer at FNB since 2014. She has worked

in lending since 2010 and in banking since 2006 when she started as a teller. As vice president of lending, Wilson will manage the loan officers and loan processing staff. She will focus on originating loans and establishing and achieving strategic objectives for the loan department. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Campbellsville University as well as a Master of Business Administration. She will graduate from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University this year. Wilson is also a graduate of Leadership Lebanon/Marion County and is a member and former president of the Lebanon Kiwanis Club. She is married to Logan Wilson, and they have two children: Luke and Merilla Jo. Address: 4405 Frogtown Road, Loretto, KY 40037.

## 2010s



**CARMEN FIELDS ('10)** has been chosen, along with **MATT MOORE ('08)**, as one of Yamaha's 40 Under 40, a music advocacy program that celebrates and recognizes outstanding music educators who are

making a difference by growing and strengthening their music programs. Fields is choir and general music teacher at Edgewood Middle School in Trenton, Ohio. Her husband, **NICK FIELDS ('09)**, is band director at Edgewood Middle School. Fields started "Theatrical Thursdays" and "Fundamental Fridays" to bring more curriculum-based learning into the choir room. She also started a middle school show choir called Overtures with the choir director at the high school. They have a daughter, Clara. Address: 409 N. Dick Ave., Hamilton, OH 45013-2611.



**NATASHA NALL ('12)** became the new youth adult programmer at the Taylor County Public Library in Campbellsville March 1. She is responsible for planning events, programs, activities and outreach for

the teens in the community. Nall was the former graduate programs secretary for the School of Education and former Carver School of Social Work secretary, both at Campbellsville University. She said she has greatly enjoyed her time with Campbellsville University, both as a student and serving in the two supportive roles. She said her new position will allow her to exercise her love for event planning by providing programming for the local middle and high school population. She is married to **MATT NALL (a '21)**, technical director of the Campbellsville University Theater. They have two children: Piper and Hattie Nall. Address: 240 W. Blue Hole Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Natasha: natashanall@tcplibrary.org. Matt: mbnall@campbellsville.edu.

**LELA LORRAIN RUCKER ('18)** is employed with Fort Knox Army Human Resource Command and was accepted into the Master's of Library Science (archives concentration) program at The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Address: 5918 South Wilson Road, Apt. 1, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Email: lorrie17@gmail.com.



**MALLORY STEVENS ARNETT ('19, a '21)** is the new band director for Campbellsville Independent Schools. She is originally from Union County, Ky., and in 2015 she said, "I found my way to

Campbellsville University where God created paths that would lead me to many great relationships and opportunities." In 2019 she graduated from Campbellsville with her Bachelor's degree in Music Education, and is enrolled in the master's in conducting program. She is married to **KYLE ARNETT ('15, M '18)** who is a network technician for Taylor County Schools. Arnett has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in computer information systems. He also has a Master of Science degree in Information Technology Management. They have two dogs, Remington and Ryder, who enjoy spending time on walks and hanging out in the band room. Email: mallory.arnett@cville.kyschools.us.



**CORBIN HARRIS ('19)** has been named head coach of Campbellsville University's men's and women's cross country teams. He served as an assistant coach for the program last season. Harris was named a recipient of

the Campbellsville University Mr. Tiger Award, the Alumni Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award and the Don Bishop Champion of Character Award. Address: 311 Sharon Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: charris@campbellsville.edu.

**HANNAH SADLER ('19)** is a human resources generalist with Dean Dorton. She has earned her SHRM-CP certification. Address: 9407 LaGrange Road, Apt. 1, Louisville, KY 40242. Email: hsadler02@gmail.com.

# Weddings



**KAYLA SMITH ('19, M a '21)** is employed with Skinspiration, a medical spa on Main Street in Campbellsville, Ky. She began her work in 2020 as a spa director, creative director and a CryoSkin

tech. She is seeing clients through the CU Well and Teletherapy. She received a Bachelor of Science in Marriage and Family Ministry with Psychology as a minor. She is working toward a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She said, "I'm so passionate about the journey ahead with therapy and continuing education in the field. Through my undergrad, Campbellsville University prepared me with leadership skills that opened opportunities to lead in small business, as well as continuing my education in graduate school." Address: 300 Meadowbrook Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

## 2020s



**KATE BOULDIN ('20)** has started a new position with Russellville Independent Schools in Russellville, Ky. as the district-wide mental health service provider. She is providing services to school children and families

to help them do well academically, socially and emotionally. Address: 446 Franklin Road, Russellville, KY 42276. Email: KateBouldin11@gmail.com.

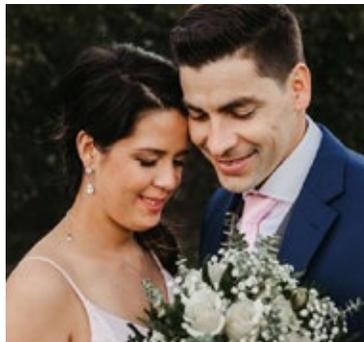


**SAMANTHA CANO ('20)** is a new associate enrollment counselor in the Office of Enrollment at Campbellsville University. Address: 114 Lamanda Lane, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: scano@campbellsville.edu.

**STUART PERRY ('20)** has passed his Certified Social Worker (CSW) examination. He received his Master of Social Work degree and is working with Seven Counties Services as a child and family therapist. Address: 783 S. Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203-2484.



**ZACHARY LOGAN SMITH ('13, RANK I '18, M '18)** married Kelsey Patrice Harkins April 3, 2021 at Meadow on the Mountain in Atkins, Ark. Smith is a school counselor at Pulaski Elementary School in Somerset, Ky. and lives in Russell Springs, Ky.



**GABRIEL DE FREITAS ('15, M '17)** and **ANA GONZALEZ ('16, M '19)** were married Oct. 17, 2020 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5708 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY 40219. De Freitas is the assistant director of graduate business programs at Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center (LEC). Mrs. De Freitas is an academic advisor of graduate business program at the LEC. Gabriel email: gadefreitas@campbellsville.edu. Ana email: agsilva@campbellsville.edu. Address: 11926 Trottingham Circle, Louisville, KY 40299.

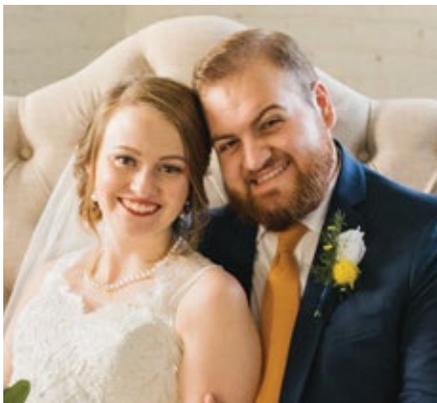


**ALEXANDRIA DEANNA SWANGER ('18)** and Gared Dalton were married June 26, 2021 at Bodock Farms in Burkesville, Ky. Mrs. Dalton is communications and projects manager in the Office of University Communications at Campbellsville University. Dalton is credit analyst at First National Bank in Russell Springs, Ky. "When asked if the wedding was a success, Alexandria said, 'We got married, everyone showed up - and we got cake. What more could we ask for?'" She also quoted mass communication professor, Stan McKinney, in her vows, stating, "Marriage is an institution, but who wants to be institutionalized? Well babe, there is no one I would rather be institutionalized with than YOU!" Address: Campbellsville University, 1 University Drive, UPO 343, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: addalton@campbellsville.edu.

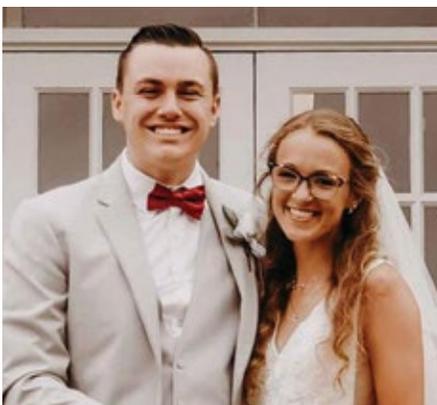


**SAVANNAH GREGORY ('21)** and **JUSTIN RAMOS ('18)** were married May 15, 2021 at The Hidden Homestead in Smiths Grove, Ky. Ramos is employed through Campbellsville Independent Schools as the athletic trainer. Mrs. Ramos is student teaching this fall but has worked as the interim preschool director at Campbellsville Baptist Church and a middle school and high school girls assistant basketball coach at Campbellsville Independent Schools. Address: 2515 Old Lebanon Road, Apt. B, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Savannah: Savannahramos13@outlook.com. Justin: Justinramos1@yahoo.com.

## Weddings



**ALLYSON MEADOWS ('21)** and **BLAINE PREWITT ('21)** were married Oct. 31, 2020 at The Tenue at 939 Adams Street in Bowling Green, Ky. Prewitt is associate athletic enrollment counselor at Campbellsville University, and Mrs. Prewitt works at the Campbellsville Child Development Center. Address: 418 Lebanon Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Prewitt - baprewitt@campbellsville.edu.



**MAGGIE PARRISH ('21)** and **JOSHUA LOCKARD ('21)** graduated with the Class of 2021 and got married three weeks later. Lockard is a resident director for the university, and Mrs. Lockard plans to use another year of eligibility to run for the cross country and track teams. Both will begin pursuing master's degrees this fall. They met in class their freshman year, and the rest is history they say! Address: 1 University Drive, UPO 1299, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Emails: Joshua: jdlockhard@campbellsville.edu. Maggie: maggieparrish000@gmail.com.

## TigerCubs



**RANDALL JASON DUNBAR ('04)** welcomed his third child, a boy, into this world May 24, 2021. Bennett Jase Dunbar weighed 8lbs and 6oz and was 19 and ½ inches. Dunbar is youth and young adult pastor of Woodburn Baptist Church in Woodburn, Ky. He is married to Caitlin Dunbar; they have two other children, daughters, Charleston Kate and Lucy Pearl Dunbar. Address: 112 Cedar Trail Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42101. Email: jasondunbar00@hotmail.com.



**KATHRYN (KATY) LYNN DOOLIN JOHNSON ('16, '19, M a '21)** and her husband, **JACOB JOHNSON ('19)**, announce the birth of their son, Waylon Charles Johnson, born Nov. 20, 2020. They have two other children, MaryElla Grace and Caroline Rae. Mrs. Johnson is teaching criminal justice and other classes at the Conover Education Center in Harrodsburg, Ky. While at Campbellsville University she was in Phi Alpha Theta and the Student Government Association and was on the bowling team. She received a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies teaching 8-12 in 2016; Teacher Leader Master of Arts degree in Education in 2019 and is working on a Master of Science in Justice Studies. Jacob is director of recruitment and enrollment at the Conover Education Center. They attend Indian Hills Christian Church. Address: 423 Carrigan Drive, Danville, KY 40422. Emails: Katy - kljohnson@campbellsville.edu. Jacob - jjjohnson@campbellsville.edu.



**BRIANNA SHELBY ('17, M '20)** and her husband, Rodney, announce the birth of their second child. Isabelle Rose was born May 22, 2021 at Norton Suburban Hospital in Louisville, Ky. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces. They have a son, Gabriel. Brianna is the senior enrollment counselor at the Louisville Education Center. She is a 2017 Campbellsville University undergraduate, and she received her Master of Social Work in 2020, also from CU. Her husband is a preacher and also drives a CDL for US Foods. Address: 110 Maddie Lane, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. Email: bmselby@campbellsville.edu.



**KAITLYN HILL RAY ('18)** and her husband, **CALIEB JAMES RAY ('19)**, announce the birth of their first child, a son, May 27, 2021 at 6:06 p.m. at Toledo Hospital. Calieb James Ray (C.J.) II weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Mrs. Ray is head women's wrestling coach at Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio. Ray works at Sunrise Windows while working on his master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Sienna Heights University. Address: 4909 Burkewood Ct., Apt. 104, Sylvania, OH 43560. Email: khill@lourdes.edu.

# in memoriam



"Dale Furkin gave 100% percent of her time and heart to her students at CU," Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

"She always saw the potential in her students and set high expectations for them. She was an exceptional educator in every setting. Her years in public education and higher education leave a remarkable legacy."

A lifetime educator, Furkin, instructor in English at Campbellsville University since 2009, died Saturday, May 29, 2021 at her home. She was 74.

She was a public educator over 40 years, an adjunct professor for St. Catharine's College, Lindsey Wilson College and Western Kentucky University, and a full-time professor at Campbellsville University until the time of her death. She had anticipated teaching summer classes in June 2021.

Furkin graduated from Campbellsville College in 1967 with a bachelor's degree and later earned her Master's degree and Rank I credentials from Western Kentucky University.

"I loved her attitude," Janet Blakeman, human resources assistant, said. "She had a funny side of her personality and a very serious and professional side. I respected both. A person always knew where they stood with Ms. Furkin and for that she had my total respect."

Blakeman served on the university's Faculty/Staff Recognition Service with Furkin and said, "She never said 'no' or 'I'm too busy' when asked to help with a task. My disappointment was noted to several when she stepped away from that committee."

Furkin was known to help students in all of their academic endeavors. "She was especially helpful to my husband as he completed his last master's program," Blakeman said. "She spent several hours proofing his writing and making needed corrections. We both appreciated her help so much."

Dr. Sarah Stafford Sims, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of English, was Furkin's supervisor and friend.

"Dale Furkin was a dedicated, hardworking professional who loved students, teaching and her alma mater," Sims said. "Preferring a vigorous schedule over relaxation, after her retirement from

## Dale Furkin ('67) Instructor in English, dies at 74

By Joan C. McKinney, Editor

the public schools and even amid the struggles of her recent illness, Dale's focus remained on students and on doing all she could to help others.

"The last time I talked with her, just two weeks before her passing, she energetically discussed plans for her June-term course and to accommodate a student's scheduling needs. She was always upbeat, positive in outlook."

Sims called Furkin "extremely efficient," and said she returned huge stacks of student papers practically overnight.

"She completed required forms weeks in advance, cheerfully accepted any assignment and generously contributed to departmental projects and activities."

"Dale was an excellent teacher, able to explain in a way that even the weakest students grasped challenging concepts and grew as writers. She loved the time she spent as a student at Campbellsville College, and she shared that love by tirelessly giving of herself to generations of students in Taylor County and at Campbellsville University. She will be greatly missed."

Furkin made Col. William Ritter feel welcome when he first came to Campbellsville University in January 2016. Their offices were across the hall from each other in Carter Hall.

"Right away she welcomed me with open arms, and looked at me as an individual and not an academic degree. We were peers, equals, not separated by pieces of paper indicating seniority or degree completed. She made me feel very welcomed, very

quickly as a person, and took the time to get to know me. That acceptance grew quickly into a fond friendship," Ritter said.

"Dale was a great sounding board for me on many academic topics, life topics and Taylor County happenings. She was just a joy to chat with, and we bonded over a lot of nothing. We bonded over just a love of conversation which is a lost art in our younger generation so addicted to their handheld devices."

When the mass communication faculty moved to the new Mass Communication Center in January 2021, "Dale, despite all of her trials in life still reached out to me to make sure I was okay in my new setting," Ritter said.

"She just cared for other people and did not feel the need to share her trials very often. I will miss that quality, as it is rare. If I could quote an old Army expression from my previous career, Dale was one that would 'suck it up and drive on' without a care about her own discomfort. As long as she knew her friends and her students were taken care of, she was happy. And that's rare in his lifetime," he said.

He last spoke to her May 7, and she was looking forward to teaching summer classes. "She was just happy I called and wanted to know 'what was up' in my life, and asked I kept in touch. I will miss her and our interactions," he said.

Dr. Thomas Lyon, assistant professor of English, had his office across the hall from Furkin in Carter Hall, after arriving at CU in 2018.

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*Dale Furkin, front, speaks to a group of students at an English Spotlight in the Ransdell Chapel in 2016. At right is Dr. Susan Wright, an English professor. (CU Photo by Jordan Snider)*

## in memoriam

### Dale Furkin

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"God blessed me with the company of Dale for the last three years," he said. "Dale and I often had long chats about a variety of topics, both personal and professional.

"She was my go-to whenever I needed some expert advice or just a friendly chat. Dale will always have a special place in my memories and prayers. May God bless her."

Mariah Akridge, assistant professor of international studies, had known Furkin her entire life, from the time she and her mother, Jackie Akridge, taught English at Taylor County High School to when Furkin came to CU.

Furkin served as vice principal at Taylor County High School from 1997 to 2008. "She ruled that school like only she could," Akridge said.

A few students loved to push her limits, and three in particular who did so, entered a three-on-three basketball tournament as "The Furkin 3."

Akridge said, "I have never witnessed a group of students cheer so loudly as when those three ran onto the court nor heard a gymnasium erupt in such laughter and applause. Ms. Furkin loved it so much that she had a picture made with them, and that picture made it into the yearbook. The next year, there was an entire team dedicated to her called The Furkinators. It is one of my outstanding memories of high school, and none of us present will ever forget it!

"I am so very thankful that during this last semester she taught across the hall from me at CU. I loved seeing Ms. Furkin in her element, teaching all the intricacies of the English language. As a newer professor, I found her to be a comforting and reaffirming presence.

"She not only helped shape me, but she also was a mentor to my mother and supervised my fiancé's student teaching as well. She impacted so many lives during her time with us, and I cannot express the sadness I feel in knowing she will no longer be classroom away.

"She was a strict woman, an impeccable English teacher/professor, and she loved her students. Ms. Furkin had a wonderful sense of humor and appreciation for her students that became evident the longer they knew her.

"She never fully comprehended the countless lives she touched. She will be missed by so many, and I am so glad to have known her all these years."

Matthew Taylor of Stanford, Ky., who graduated in 2020, had Furkin and learned grammar from her.

"She was hard," he said. "She pushed us. She wanted us to learn. When I took the class, it was a whole different world. I pushed through, and the way she taught helped me."

*A full obituary can be found at [Campbellsville.edu/alumni/Campbellsvillian](http://Campbellsville.edu/alumni/Campbellsvillian).*

# Dr. Shirley Meece

## Faculty emeritus professor dies at 91



Dr. Shirley Meece speaks with two of her former students while in class during her time at Campbellsville College.

**By Ariel C. Emberton, Co-assistant Editor and Photo Editor**

Dr. Shirley Meece, faculty emeritus at Campbellsville University in English, died March 28, 2021. She was 91.

Meece, originally of Berea, Ky., taught full time from 1967 until 1991 and was an adjunct professor at the then Campbellsville College for many years. She also spent 17 summers teaching English in China.

"Dr. Shirley Baker Meece was an amazing person. Her knowledge base was tremendous, and she continued to add to it daily over the 30 years following her retirement. As a professor, Dr. Meece was spontaneous, not pretentious or fluttered by circumstances," Dr. Sarah Stafford Sims, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of English, said.

Daran Kennon, industrial educator at the Virginia Ponsler Flanagan Technology Training Center, said, "I always enjoyed conversing with her and her visits when she would stop in. She was an uplifting person."

"Shirley had a cheerful, upbeat outlook – it was her trademark. Such a lively demeanor did not interfere with her teaching style – she was a serious teacher, interested in student success. Shirley appreciated her colleagues and always enjoyed a short visit with them as she walked across campus. Shirley always made people feel like she liked them, and she probably did," Dr. Milton Rogers, former professor of biology, said.

In 2016, Meece was presented with the Doxology Award during the English as a Second Language completion ceremony by Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president of Campbellsville University.

During the presentation, Spears said, "This award goes to a colleague who has worked long hours to make sure our international students benefit here. Her life reflects the verses of Doxology."

"Shirley loved to cook in her younger days, and she began to collect cookbooks. Later, when she was no longer standing at the stove, she would order new cookbooks from Amazon or purchase them at the

grocery and read them just as she would a book. Her collection had several of the latest books on food preparation as well as very old cookbooks with names in the fly leaves written in the beautiful cursive taught long ago. One of her long-time friends inherited her cookbooks and filled the trunk of her car with them," Edwina Rowell, former English as a Second Language instructor, said.

Sims said, "Dr. Meece may have been most characterized by her quiet method of giving. Serving as an unofficial, self-supporting missionary, she devoted 17 summers to teaching English teachers in China. She and her husband, Dr. Drewry Meece Jr., generously provided special opportunities for students, driving them to visit graduate schools and treating them to professional dramatic performances."

Dr. Robert Street, former professor of computer information science who retired in 2021, and his wife, Mary, who worked in the Montgomery Library and who graduated in 1986, had Meece in class, said, "We remember Dr. Meece's first computer was a Hyundai. Her office in Druien Hall was wall-to-wall-to-wall books, and she was a night owl."

Rowell said, "Berea, Ky. was Shirley's hometown. She attended first grade, graduating from the local public schools, then received her bachelor's from Berea College. While in college, Shirley was a member of the folk dancing group that continues to perform the dances of the Appalachian area. She was always proud of her hometown and college."

She received her Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Kentucky.

Meece was married to the late Dr. Drewry Meece Jr., who taught in the education department at Campbellsville College.

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# Mary Frances May

## Former Board of Trustees member dies at 94



Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations, and Dr. Mary Frances May came onto the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees at the same time. May served for over 16 years. (CU Photo by Linda Waggener)

By **Ariel C. Emberton**, Co-assistant Editor and Photo Editor

Mary Frances May, a former Board of Trustees member at Campbellsville University, died May 10, 2021 at the age of 94. May was a member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees for over 16 years.

Born in Campbellsville in 1926, May was the daughter of the late Walter and Nina Yarbbery Edwards. She is a graduate of Columbia High School and Lindsey Wilson College, where she met her husband, the late Darrell May.

"Mary Frances was one of the kindest ladies I have ever met. She loved Campbellsville University and was a great supporter of Christian higher education," Dr. Benji Kelly, vice president for development, said.

"Mary Frances May was a dedicated and beloved member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees for several years. I was honored to serve on the Board of Trustees with her for part of her tenure, and she was a trusted and valued board member and adviser during my years as chairman of the Board of Trustees," Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations, said.

"Remembrances of Mary Frances May come into focus around that trademark smile and sunny countenance. Besides being a beautiful woman, she had style, a strong intellect and a big heart. Columbia was very lucky to have her," Linda Waggener, (M '15), and co-publisher of ColumbiaMagazine.com, said.

May began working at Fischer-Evans Jewelry in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she found an interest in china and crystal and where she and her husband

became members of the Brainerd Baptist Church.

As her husband's job took them to New Orleans, May began working at Adler's Jewelry Store until her retirement, when she moved to Columbia.

May and her husband lived with her sister, Emily, and the two became known as "The Sisters." May established herself as a member of Columbia Baptist Church and the Women's Club.

She had a fondness for the Lord, gardening, knitting, exercising and cooking.

"Mary Frances May was a very special lady. I had the privilege to serve with her several years on CU's BOT. She was a very kind person and had CU's students' best interests at heart. It was always a pleasure to talk with Mary Frances. Her sweet personality was always uplifting. She will be greatly missed," Dr. Larry Noe, member, Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, said.

"Mary Frances was a very positive and warm person who loved her family, church, community and Campbellsville University. Her Christian faith was exemplified in all that she did as she lived her abundant life in serving and helping others. Mary Frances May has made a lasting and very positive imprint on the Campbellsville University family," Chowning said.

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### 1950s

**JOANN CINNAMON ('52)**  
February 11, 2021, Harrodsburg, Ky.

**TINSLEY TIMOTHY BALL, JR. ('53)**  
May 26, 2021, Duncan, Okla.

**WILLIAM HALL BAXTER ('53)**  
February 6, 2021, Glasgow, Ky.

**REV. DR. TOMMY L. DAVIS (a '53)**  
April 8, 2021, Hixson, Tenn.

**CLEMMER RAE "CLEMMIE" (CURTIS) MORRIS ('55)**  
February 8, 2021, Ekron, Ky.

**BERNY W. MILLER ('57)**  
February 12, 2021, Bowling Green, Ky.

### 1960s

**CHARLES BRIGHT ('60)**  
May 8, 2021, Elkhorn, Ky.

**TERRY CHANDLER ('60)**  
March 7, 2021, Brodhead, Ky.

**CLEO MILLER SPRATT ('62)**  
May 16, 2021, Hodgenville, Ky.

**VENONA DOBSON ('63)**  
May 14, 2021, Georgetown, Ky.

**CONDIT B. DRURY ('63)**  
April 8, 2021, Charlevoix, Mich.

**DAVID G. O'BANION (a '63)**  
March 14, 2021, Campbellsville, Ky.

**JOHN COYLE JR. ('64)**  
March 30, 2021, Springfield, Ky.

**THOMAS "DAN" DANIEL TRENT JR. ('64)**  
May 24, 2021, LaGrange, Ky.

**FLOYD THOMAS "TOM" WILKERSON ('65)**  
May 13, 2021, Jeffersonville, Ind.

**VICKI CAROL SISK DAUGERTY ('68)**  
January 27, 2021, Louisville, Ky.

### 1970s

**REV. DR. WILLIAM B. "BILL" TAYLOR ('70)**  
February 11, 2021, Hopkinsville, Ky.

**GERALD DAVID "JERRY" HARDIN ('71)**  
May 26, 2021, Springfield, Ky.

**RAMONA IRIS LEIGH HAMBLIN ('74)**  
March 4, 2021, San Antonio, Texas

### 1980s

**SUE ANNE CURTISS WILSON ('81)**  
March 1, 2021, Shelby, N.C.

### 2020s

**MICHAEL BRADLEY HALL ('20)**  
March 15, 2021, Springfield, Ky.

### EMPLOYEES

**WES CARTER ('11, M '13, M '14, M '15)**  
May 5, 2021, Harrodsburg, Ky.

**DALE MCKINNEY FURKIN ('67)**  
May 29, 2021, Campbellsville, Ky.

**THOMAS O. MATTHEWS**  
April 13, 2021, Campbellsville, Ky.

**MARY FRANCES MAY**  
May 10, 2021, Atlanta, Ga.

**SHIRLEY B. MEECE**  
March 28, 2021, Campbellsville, Ky.

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# Remember When?



From left, T.J. Miguel ('15), Joey Bomia ('16), Jeremy Litton ('16), Landon Dean Rogers ('18) and Emily Meadows ('16), ride on Baptist Campus Ministry's (BCM) float during the 2014 "Let the Good Times Roar" Homecoming parade. (CU Photo by Calen McKinney)



Jon Hansford ('97 M '06, M '07), director of first year experience, left, Scotty Clenney ('63), center, and Frank Cheatham ('65), vice president for academic affairs, right, participate in an on-stage activity during CU's Welcome Weekend Extravaganza Aug 22, 2009. (CU Archive Photo)



Paula Smith, then director of alumni relations, and Kwaku Osebreh ('06) embrace at the 2013 CU at the Maple Trail event in Montgomery Library. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)

# Guess Who?



A cute puppy? That's what these two 1981 graduates were holding in the Office of Alumni and Public Relations. One was an art major, and one majored in political science. Can you guess who they are?

If you guess correctly, your name will be put into a drawing to win a Campbellsville University T-shirt. The winner will be chosen 10 days after we receive the Campbellsvillian in the mail. Good luck!

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



Several people correctly guessed Dr. Carolyn Garrison, who retired Dec. 31, 2020 after teaching in the School of Education for 47.5 years.

Guessing correctly were: Doris Jean McDonald Holleran ('79), Mike Crain ('71), Georgianne Fenwick Bradbury ('00), Jack Fields ('86), Chasity Ballard Carr ('14), Kevin Knott ('85), Janet Forsythe ('99), David Duda ('77), Lindsey Hammers ('12), Shelley Rexroat Bishop ('96), Dr. Marilyn Bault Goodwin ('93), Sue Wheeler Dabney ('66), Mark Ricketts ('85), David Carter ('78), Stacy La Rue ('04), Kelly Creech Caso ('97), Regina Kilby Graham ('69), Carole Mobley, Sherry Williams ('79), Patricia Myers ('76), Emily Daniels ('01), Gwen Sampson, Ted Schultz ('95), Corie Beth Staples ('16, M '18), Cicely Tuttle ('97), and Dr. Wanetta Morrow ('95). Dr. Robert L. Reynolds ('68) also guessed.



Dr. Carolyn Garrison, professor of education, found her calling, retirement, and wore a T-shirt given to her by fellow colleague Dr. Robin Magruder, associate professor of education/undergraduate chair, as she dropped off some papers at the School of Education. She retired Dec. 31, 2020 after 47.5 years of full-time teaching. She will be doing adjunct teaching in education. (CU Photo by Bruce Garrison)



Gracyne Hash, a sophomore of Campbellsville University, participates in the Campbellsville University Easter egg hunt on campus March 26. (CU Photo by Whitley Howlett)



From left, Caetano Indii Da Costa, Jamie Cantelejo and Simon Zahalka play mini-golf at Campbellsville University April 19. The mini-golf range was set up by student activities as part the stress busters of finals week. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)

# Scrapbook

Chosalin Morales visits the petting zoo and holds a rabbit on Stapp Lawn at Campbellsville University. The petting zoo was set up as part of stress busters week for students. (CU Photo by Joan C. McKinney)



From left, David Buckley, Nehemiah Bailey and Chance Lucas attend the neon roller skating event hosted by student activities March 7. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)



From left, Kelli Stanfield plays Violivia and Lauren Phillips plays Princess during Campbellsville University's production of "The Works of William Shakespeare Abridged." (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)

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Maiya Henderson of Bowling Green, Ky., center, poses with her family following the April 28 School of Social Science Commencement Ceremony. From left are: Brandi Innocent, Henderson's mom; Henderson; and Gabrielle Innocent, Henderson's sister. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)