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Students Hannah Kennedy, left, and Ephraim Michael, right, talk about their CU experience with new Campbellsville University President, Dr. Joe Hopkins, in front of Ransdell Chapel.

(CU Photo by Alexandria D. Dalton)

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CU's first Chancellor for university system advancement

“When the Lord blesses you, bless someone else”

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CU Homecoming ‘Together Again’

“Take on this world, do it well and make your mark”

‘I’ll Be There For You’

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“A mighty army of healers”

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The main campus is buzzing with anticipation as construction has begun on the Heilman Welcome Center. What a fantastic space to greet alumni, guests, community, and prospective students as we share the stories of today’s CU! Regional sites and online programs continue to reach new students, and the future looks even brighter. Students from 98 countries, 42 states and three territories enrich the culture of our classrooms and as graduates when they depart to touch the world with professional expertise and Good News!

Still, my greatest excitement and my most heartfelt thanks is for you, the people of Campbellsville University. I love your passion for taking the very best in higher education to deserving students everywhere. The authentic, Christ-centered mission compels us to reach into rural communities, across our nation, and even beyond our borders to equip students with exceptional academic and professional readiness as they prepare to become salt and light. Suzanne and I look forward to greeting each of you. We hope to meet you on campus some time, or perhaps we’ll have the honor of visiting in your community.

Please know how proud I am to be a part of the Tiger family, and remember that we covet your prayers, as we seek to make CU the first choice for deserving students and the best hope for a world in need.

With appreciation,

Dr. Joseph Hopkins, President
Dr. Joseph Hopkins was named president of Campbellsville University February 1, 2022, after serving as the dean of the Samford University School of Arts for 16 years.

Hopkins founded the Harlaxton International Chamber Music Festival and served on the faculty of the Opera festival di Roma in Rome, Italy.

He has performed leading roles with such institutions as the Opera Festival, Dallas Lyric Opera and the Wildwood Opera Theatre, and as a soloist with the St. Petersburg State Orchestra, the International Chamber Orchestra of Rome and the Moscow State Philharmonic.

Hopkins’ career as a performer also includes recitals at St. Martin in the Fields Church of London, on Chinese National Radio, at the Atelier Chamber Music Series of Paris and in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. He has traveled throughout North America, Africa, Europe and Asia performing at concerts, and has recorded solo music, chamber music and choral works in addition to recording contemporary Christian recordings with his wife, soprano Suzanne Hopkins.

Hopkins holds degrees from Shorter College, Baylor University and Indiana University, and has completed a diploma from the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University.

Hopkins was named a Fulbright Senior Specialist and completed a residency in Indonesia and has presented at national and international arts and administration conferences and has served as worship pastor at First Baptist Church of Birmingham in Alabama in addition to churches in Kentucky, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Texas.

Hopkins is also a Kentucky Colonel and the father of two young men, Joseph and Vance, and a Scottie named Winston.
THE FIRST FAMILY
VANCE, SUZANNE, JOE AND JOSEPH
AND THEIR FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBER, WINSTON
Q&A with Dr. Joe and Suzanne Hopkins

What are you most excited about as you transition into the Presidency?

Easy! It is the mission and work of Campbellsville University. It is nothing less than an honor to be associated with the Christ-centered mission of CU and to share in the countless stories of how our people are reaching out to prepare another generation of ambassadors for Christ.

What is your family most excited about as you all prepare to move to Campbellsville?

We are excited about the community we have found in Campbellsville combined with the reach of the campus across Kentucky and beyond! It is the best of all possibilities.

What has surprised you about CU? If anything?

The warmth and hospitality of the people. We pride ourselves on hospitality in Alabama, but CU has shown us a new level of welcome.

What are some ways you plan to engage with the CU community?

We are all in! You’ll see us at academic events, athletic events, community events and public school events, but we also look forward to opportunities to share in music with you.

How is CU different from Samford?

Samford - great school that is all in one place
CU - great school that is all over the place!
Both - centered in Christ, filled with brilliant folks who pour themselves into the lives of students every day.

What are some new ideas or goals you have for CU and moving forward?

We will take a moment to listen and learn, but I’m not great at standing still. I’ll take some time to measure and strategize with you, but keep your seat belt on. We are going to keep on moving forward full speed ahead.

What are some of your goals to embrace diversity and promote inclusion for our students, faculty, and staff?

First, I am proud of the steps the campus has already taken toward these vital goals. These are matters of faith, and we will approach them in this way. I will be looking for ways to enrich the diversity of our leadership, faculty, and staff as we seek God’s leading in shaping plans for the future.

You and your wife are accomplished vocalists. Will you all be involved with the School of Music at CU?

If they will have us. You have a wonderful School of Music, and we are hoping to share the stage with students and faculty from time to time. Of course, I want to spend some time in the audience cheering for the great team and students we have, but it may be difficult to keep me off the stage!

Do you plan to bring more info and opportunities about the Fulbright Program to CU?

Fulbright and similar national programs of scholarship are rich opportunities we will explore and pursue. This university is ready to take another step toward these markers of excellence, and I look forward to offering any strength I can.

What have been your favorite things you’ve seen or experienced at CU so far?

That more than 40% of our students are first generation. The beauty of the snow-covered campus. The coolest swag of any university in America. Conference championship and national championship teams. I can walk to Chick-fil-A, Books n Beans, and the Grill; the promise of an incredible new Welcome Center; and the dessert station in the Caf!

Are there any new programs, departments, etc. that you plan to bring or begin at CU?

CU has done a wonderful job of inviting the world to Campbellsville, and I hope this will always be a big part of who we are.

With your extensive background in international involvement, performance, etc. Do you plan to expand our international programs and enrollment?

More international internships for students and opportunities for faculty abroad?

I have invested in developing international study, service, performance, and mission opportunities my entire career, and I am hoping to do the same here. I believe in the power of exploring and testing ourselves in other cultures, and I look forward to helping CU expand horizons.

Bow Ties 101
Favorite worship song and why?

Joe - God So Loved by We the Kingdom
Suzanne - He Will Hold Me Fast - this one has been incredibly special through the past two years of challenges

Favorite book(s)?

Joe - History, especially American presidents
Suzanne - The Prayer of Jabez

Favorite Bible verse and why?

Joe - This is so hard to choose, but I would probably say Romans 8:37-39.
Suzanne - Lamentations 3:22-23

Favorite place you have ever visited?

Joe - Most beautiful - those incredible views as you wind through the Swiss Alps.
Suzanne - I can't choose between Majorca and Bali - let's go to both.

What does it mean to be First Lady?

Suzanne - What an honor to serve the University as First Lady and family. I am looking forward to knowing the people of CU, meeting alumni, and welcoming the broader community to our campus. You can expect to see me at our regional sites, athletic games, and singing alongside Joe as we cultivate support for our students.

Favorite family tradition?

Joe - Visiting with our families during the holidays.
Suzanne - picking out the family Christmas tree

Hobbies?

Joe - Golf, music, sports of all types
Suzanne - music, walking the dog, and baking

Favorite holiday and why?

Joe - Christmas - all the family is together
Suzanne - Thanksgiving - being with family and remembering God's blessings

Favorite TV show?

Joe - Andy Griffith – it's just the perfect TV show and the standard for all others!
Suzanne - Downton Abbey

Favorite Movie?

Joe - National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation – we've been watching this since 1989, and it still makes us laugh.
Suzanne - Anna and the King

Fun things about your dog?

Winston rules our home with calm and dignity. He loves a long walk in the cool air and playing catch with pieces of cheese! His birthday is one of the biggest celebrations of the year in our home.

Are you a morning or night person?

Joe - night   Suzanne - morning

Do you drink coffee or tea?

Joe - Tea (hot)   Suzanne - Tea (sweet)

Favorite color?

Blue (both of us, but we are learning to love maroon lately!)

What is your vision for CU as First Lady?

Suzanne - I have spent most of my career and academic life in Christian education. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to share in leadership for an institution that seeks to be excellent in both faith and academics.

As First Lady, do you intend to reprise any of your teaching roles?

Suzanne - I will finish my teaching career in Birmingham this May and move to Kentucky. My focus will be the continued development of our University and its reach across the Commonwealth and beyond.
Dr. H. Keith Spears, 11th president at Campbellsville University has been appointed the university's first chancellor.

Spears was presented the title of chancellor for university system advancement by President Joseph Hopkins at the February Campbellsville University Board of Trustees meeting.

Spears served as 11th president of the university following the retirement of Dr. Michael V. Carter in December 2020.

Dr. Joseph Hopkins became the university’s 12th president effective Feb. 1, 2022.

President Hopkins said, “As I step into the role of president for the university, I cannot imagine a better person to have at my side than Keith. His successes in the world of higher education speak for themselves. People with Keith’s abilities are hard to find. Campbellsville University was fortunate to have him lead as president and is now in a strong position with him as chancellor for university system advancement.”

In Spears’ new role, he will explore new opportunities for the university and new program development. He will be the “chief innovator” for the university Hopkins said.

“Keith Spears led Campbellsville University well as president. I have no doubt that he will excel in this new role, and Campbellsville University will be stronger for his efforts,” Henry Lee, chairman of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, said.

Spears has served Campbellsville University since 2009. His leadership roles have changed over the years leading up to his extensive work in the president’s office.

Spears was innovative in his work with graduate business degree programs that operate out of the Louisville Education Center, one of several centers Spears worked to establish throughout Kentucky, across the United States and abroad.

The university was recently approved by the Ministry of Education in Ontario, Canada for yet another new center, which will operate in Windsor, Ontario.

“I love viewing higher education from different lenses,” Spears said. “The opportunity to go out and find new horizons, to explore the unknown and challenge the university to excel in new ways is beyond exciting to me.

“I am honored that President Hopkins, who shares this same vision, and our Board of Trustees wants me to continue with Campbellsville University. There is unity in our belief that this institution has a bright future.

Spears led the President’s Cabinet, comprised of the vice presidents and other key administrators of the university. “I am indebted to this group of student-focused leaders, who provided daily support and helped steer CU during our transition,” he said.

Spears was honored Feb. 2 with a reception for his work as president.

“The outpouring of thanks has been overwhelming, in affirmation. Campbellsville University is my home,” Spears said.

After developing the Louisville Education Center and other regional centers, Spears served as vice president for communication and assistant to the president at Campbellsville University from 2016 until the summer of 2019 when he was named senior vice president.

Spears has brought entrepreneurial ideas to the university with the creation and expansion of online programs in China, offices in India and with preliminary results for new academic opportunities in Europe, Africa and Central America.

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs said, “I have worked closely with Keith Spears over the past several years. He has a way of seeing opportunities that others can’t. I am pleased to see what the future holds as he focuses on leading the university toward new, bold initiatives.”

Prior to coming to Campbellsville University, Spears was a member of West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin’s staff in Education and the Arts. Before that appointment, he was at Marshall University for 28 years, leaving that institution as vice president for advancement.

He and his wife, Rita Kay Spears, and their family have dedicated their careers to education and public service. Rita is a former adult student advisor at Marshall University.

They have two children: Eric Keith Spears, Ph.D., professor and Eminent Scholar and chair of International Education at Columbus State University in Georgia who is married to Marina B. Spears, professor of English at Middle Georgia State University, and the Honorable Jason M. Spears, J.D., is a former prosecutor and now, a family court judge in Cabell County, W.Va. They have three grandchildren: Clara and Lucas in Georgia and Amelia in West Virginia.
Dan and Ginny Flanagan live by this philosophy: ‘When the Lord blesses you, bless someone else’

By Linda Waggener, Freelance Writer

They could have met when Dan Flanagan was a basketball player for the Russell County High School Lakers, and Virginia “Ginny” Ponser was a cheerleader for the Clinton County High School Bulldogs.

It wouldn’t happen, however, until they found themselves together in Laura Weddle’s journalism class at Campbellsville College. He said he set out to win the heart of the “smart, pretty girl who’d arrived in the junior class after graduating from then two-year Lindsey Wilson College.”

Ginny remembers thinking Dan was mysterious, in part because, in addition to his student activities and work, he preached half-time most Sundays at a little church in Russell County, Clear Fork Baptist, in the community of Eli.

“Campbellsville was a godsend for me at the point in my life when I felt the call from God to be in ministry,” Dan said.

Coming from rural Russell County and the conservative First Baptist Church of Jamestown, Ky., he said he felt very comfortable at Campbellsville but needed financial help to be able to attend.

Dr. John M. Carter, president at that time, and business manager Marshall Black, found scholarship funds and work opportunities making it possible for him to attend all four years.

They graduated together in 1965, she with a major in English, magna cum laude, and he with a double major in history and English. They were married in their senior year.

They continued their educations, working and raising two sons. Each got master’s degrees; Ginny in English from the University of Louisville, and Dan got two - a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Social Work from the University of Louisville.

Both were recruited to come back and work for their alma mater.

Dan started as campus minister and would advance to vice president for student life. The couple established the Dan E Flanagan Campus Ministry Endowed Scholarship to assist and enhance students’ work on their paths to becoming Christian servant leaders.

Ginny was hired as director of public relations and alumni. She was the first executive director of the Technology Training Center that honors her by bearing her name, the Virginia Ponser Flanagan Technology Training Center.

As students and then as members of the staff, they saw the importance Campbellsville made in the lives of students in issues with academics and social development. To this day, if a student wants to attend Campbellsville, everything possible is done to help make sure that happens.

From their time as students, staff members, and now alumni, Dan and Ginny have strongly supported the mission and message of the Baptist Student Union and activities at the university.

Ginny said because of Dan’s strong financial support of the university’s athletic programs and individual student-athletes, the basketball court in the Betty Dobbins Heilman Student Welcome Center will be named in his honor.

Also, because of Dan’s commitment to Baptist Campus Ministries, a wing was named in his honor in the Ransdell Chapel.

Excellent academics and the Christian, caring atmosphere make the critical difference, and they feel those who’ve benefited from it must now help pay it forward.

Dan said he believes, and speaks about frequently, that, “When the Lord blesses you, bless someone else.”

This is their reasoning for being substantial donors to Campbellsville University as they live and walk in gratitude. They want to help assure every student has the opportunities and support they did.

Dr. Benji Kelly, vice president for development, said, “Dan and Ginny Flanagan are model donors. They love their alma mater and support many different areas.

“In addition, they are our biggest cheerleaders when it comes to telling the wonderful news about Campbellsville University.”

Dan and Ginny have two sons, Dr. Will Flanagan, a veterinarian; and the Rev. Matt Flanagan, statewide coordinator for Children and Youth for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Matt holds a Master of Theology from Campbellsville University.

They have four grandchildren, one of them, Caleb, is a junior at Campbellsville University. Other grandchildren are: Grace, Jackson and Eli.

The Flanagans can be reached through the Office of CU Development at (270) 789-5211.

Dan and Ginny Flanagan live by this philosophy:

‘When the Lord blesses you, bless someone else’

Dan Flanagan, left, and Ginny Flanagan, meet Ricky Skaggs, right, at a concert at Campbellsvillian University in December 2018. (CU Photo by Ariel C. Emberton)
Sarah Durham, left, teaches playwriting for the Florida Studio Theatre in Camden, N.J.

From Left, Natalie Shadrick, Sarah Durham and Blair Lamb, all Campbellsville University graduates, are working at the Florida Studio Theatre.
CU theatre alumnae Durham, Shadrick and Lamb cross paths, reconnect at Florida Studio Theatre

By Scarlett Birge, student news writer

When asked repeatedly by Florida Studio Theatre audience members, “What's in the water in Campbellsville, Ky.?” Sarah Durham, artistic and executive assistant to the managing director, said her response is that Campbellsville University's theatre department cranks out so many incredibly talented students prepped and ready for a career in a variety of theatre experiences.

Durham, along with Natalie Shadrick, stage management intern as part of the Professional Training Program, and Blair Lamb, Professional Training Program acting apprentice, are all Campbellsville University theatre alumnas now working side-by-side once again at the Florida Studio Theatre (FST) in Sarasota, Fla.

Starr Garrett, theatre director and professor of theatre at Campbellsville University, said she is very proud of the students who represent different “generations” of theatre students. She said Sarah was a non-traditional student, Blair was in high school, and Natalie was a traditional student.

Durham said, “Florida Studio Theatre is a reputable regional theatre. It is important for us to send students out and that the theatre industry brings more attention to our students to give them a leg up.”

“It's been awesome to have a little Campbellsville community in Sarasota,” Lamb said.

According to Durham, a 2017 graduate of Campbellsville University, FST has the 4th largest subscription base in the nation, running between 15 and 20 shows a year with five theatre spaces.

“Florida Studio Theatre is a unique place because of all of the different types of theatre we do,” Durham said.

Durham came to the studio as a playwriting intern in summer 2018. She was given a playwriting fellowship in 2019 and came on the job full-time in March 2020. She writes and develops shows for the children's theatre program, cabaret series and sketch comedy series.

“I am so grateful for a career in theatre where I get to work in so many aspects of the field,” Durham said.

She performs weekly with the FST improv group, and she worked to create an intern advisory program at the theatre that helps counsel and provide career advice for interns, such as Shadrick, at FST. Durham is also teaching playwriting workshops in Philadelphia.

“My job combines so many of my passions, many of which were rooted in my training at Campbellsville University: Children’s Theatre, playwriting, improv and pouring back your art into your community,” she said.

She listed “Into the Woods,” “Romeo and Juliet,” “The Drowsy Chaperone” and “9 to 5” as a few of her favorite productions in which she participated during her time at Campbellsville University.

Shadrick, a 2021 CU graduate with a double major in theatre and Spanish and a minor in history, serves as stage manager for “Friends in Low Places,” a country music cabaret that ran at the theatre.

“My favorite part of working here at the Florida Studio Theatre is the connections I’ve made with the other interns as well as some of the staff members,” Shadrick said.

Shadrick was involved in several CU productions but named “She Loves Me” and “You're Right Where You're Supposed to Be” as her favorites, along with her involvement in the Campbellsville University Harlequins.

Lamb, who was enrolled in dual credit courses at Campbellsville University while she was in high school, recognized understudying as her favorite part of the work she does at FST.

She said the experience she has gained as an apprentice -- getting the opportunity to understudy professional actors and musicians on the FST mainstage and in cabaret shows -- has pushed her to continue developing her skills.

“Understudying has allowed me to surprise myself with the sheer amount of information my brain can hold, and it’s helped me trust in my skills and my memory when I’m under pressure. I’ve always loved a fast-paced work environment,” she said.

Lamb holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre and a minor in piano from Northern Kentucky University and is a 2017 graduate of Campbellsville High School.

“I’ve known Blair since my first play at CU, 9 to 5,” said Durham. “She blew me away immediately as such a talented performer at such a young age and she’s taking Florida Studio Theatre by storm.”

Shadrick and Durham performed together in CU’s production of “The Drowsy Chaperone.” While their time at Campbellsville University only overlapped for one semester, Durham said Shadrick left a lasting impression as a dedicated and passionate theatre practitioner.

“It’s so nice having both of them here, because it truly feels like having a piece of Campbellsville with me,” Durham said.

Durham credited Campbellsville University’s Starr Garrett, director of the Russ Mobley Theater and professor of theatre, as a key figure in shaping students' education and love for theatre.

“Professor Garrett really works to make sure we are as well rounded as possible and that’s rooted in a love for the Holy Spirit and the intersection of art and Jesus,” Durham said.
Campbellsville Homecoming 2021 is success in many areas

Faculty, staff and students from the Carver School of Social Work show off their first-place float during the Homecoming Parade. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

CARVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FIRST-PLACE FLOAT

Andy Cundiff draws Otto Tennant's caricature. Proceeds from the event went to a scholarship fund in the name of the late Tommy Clark. (CU Photo by Gerard Flanagan)

By Joan C. McKinney, Editor

Homecoming 2021 was full of winning for Campbellsville University across the board. The Fighting Tiger Football team defeated the University of Pikeville 31-28 in the Homecoming game Oct. 9 for their first win of the season and their first Homecoming win since 2015 when the Tigers defeated the University of Pikeville 42-34. In addition to the Tigers’ win, there were also winners for Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Young Alumni, Homecoming Queen, Homecoming floats in the parade, the Classes of 1970 and 1971, the 25th anniversary of the Carver School of Social Work, the Mass Communication Center, a Virtual Trivia game and a scholarship fund start for the late artist Tommy Clark.

After a virtual Homecoming last year, Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations, won as this was her first in-person Homecoming. Fox said, “It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces together again at Homecoming 2021. It was so much fun to reminisce with all the different alumni on their time here at Campbellsville University. Many had not been back to campus in years. They were blown away with all the changes.”

Dr. Gerald Huddleston, a 1969 alumnus of Campbellsville College, was named Distinguished Alumnus for 2021. Huddleston is a lifelong believer in education, having served over 45 years in the profession, including serving as supervisor of the special education department from 1979 until 2009.

The Distinguished Young Alumna for 2021 was Jacqueline Nelson Graves, a 2014 graduate of Campbellsville University. She is employed at Morehead State University serving as assistant general counsel, visiting assistant professor of business law, secretary to the board of regents, faculty advisor for the university’s pro bono legal clinic and assists with legislative efforts in Frankfort.

Homecoming Queen was Morgan Stone of Owensboro, Ky., a senior representing the Education Club. First runner-up was Madison Meyer.
of Katy, Texas, a senior representing Sigma Zeta, the science and math honors program, and second runner-up was Madison Sheppard of London, Ky., also a senior, who represented the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

It was a Campbellsville University first for Dr. H. Keith Spears, interim president, who escorted last year’s queen Sammy Rogers.

Winners for the Homecoming floats were: Carver School of Social Work, first; Women’s Soccer, second; and Education Club, third. They received $300, $200 and $100, respectively.

The Classes of 1970 and 1971 were recognized for their entry in the Golden Heritage Club that recognizes those who graduated 50 years and earlier. The Class of 1970 was supposed to be recognized last year.

The Mass Communication Center was open for its first official tours for the university and public, and a ribbon cutting was held for the center in which the Department of Mass Communication occupied the building in January 2021.

Money for an endowed scholarship fund, in honor of the late Tommy Clark who was a professor of art at Campbellsville from 1972 until his retirement in 2010, was received from caricatures drawn by Andy Chase Cundiff and Scott Erwin, who both attended Campbellsville College in the 1980s and both studied under Clark.

His widow Judy Clark, who was married to Tommy 48 years before his death in 2014, had her caricature made during the artists’ sessions. $415 dollars was received from the donations toward the scholarship. The Homecoming Art Exhibit was by Alice Biskey Steele, a 1985 graduate of Campbellsville College, and Rob Collins Bell, morning host at WCKQ, Q 104.
Dr. H. Keith Spears, the 11th president of Campbellsville University, told the 933 candidates for graduation Friday, Dec. 10 they are not the same person who arrived at the university four years ago, and he charged the “new person in each of them to do three things.”

He told them to “reflect on your alma mater the good things that you have learned. Be a good emissary for Campbellsville University and carry its mantle well.”

He urged each graduate to look at the great seal of Campbellsville University that has an equilateral triangle fortified with fellowship, leadership and scholarship – elements that can fortify all of us, he said.

He said fellowship is for harmony and respect for others, leadership is to take others to a higher destiny and scholarship is to be committed to lifelong learning.

And he urged the graduates to do something unexpected.

“Something that no one you know would have an inkling that you would do,” Spears said. “Climb a mountain. Drive a race car. Jump out of an airplane (with a parachute). Cash in your last bit of student aid and take a mission trip to the ends of the earth like Uzbekistan.

“Do something that signifies that you can take on this world, do it well and make your mark.”

There were four ceremonies in Ransdell Chapel for the 933 candidates for graduation that made 2,650 graduates for May, August and December for the 2020-21 academic year. The students receive their degrees on the recommendation of the faculty and the approval of the Board of Trustees.

At the first ceremony of the day, Spears was surprised as Henry Lee, chair of the Board of Trustees, presented him a framed copy of the board’s resolution naming him the 11th president of Campbellsville University.

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, gave a gold presidential medallion Lee presented to Spears.

Lee said Spears had served as interim president and then president, and he was the right person to lead the university at this time in her history.

Spears presented the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to Savannah Gregory Ramos of Scottsville, Ky., a 2021 graduate, for the student award.
Campbellsville University candidates for graduation are told to ‘take on this world, do it well and make your mark’

Campbellsville University was selected in 2002 to participate in this prestigious awards program that honors the memory and legacy of the late Algernon Sydney Sullivan. There are only 70 colleges and universities that are approved by the Sullivan Foundation to annually present these awards to one graduating senior and to one community member. Sullivan was a lawyer, devout Christian, mediator, powerful and appealing orator, a courageous citizen during perilous times, a noted philanthropist and a devoted family man.

In the words of a friend, Sullivan “reached out both hands in constant helpfulness to others.”

In 1890, three years after his death, a memorial committee was formed. Former President Grover Cleveland was among the group’s members. They charged themselves with keeping alive the attributes demonstrated by Sullivan.

The original group passed along the task to the New York Southern Society, which later passed on the torch of remembering Sullivan’s ideals to the Sullivan Foundation formed in 1934.

Ramos received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education P-5 and Special Education, with a minor in Educational Ministries.

While at Campbellsville University, Ramos has been involved in many activities, including being a member of the Lady Tiger Basketball Team and Track team for five years.

She has been hired as a kindergarten math interventionist for Campbellsville Elementary School. She is also coaching middle school and high school girls’ basketball at Campbellsville Independent Schools. She and her husband, Justin, also a Campbellsville University graduate, were married in May.

Karen Goss of Tarpon Springs, Fla., who received a Master of Social Work degree with a Generalist Area of Focus, told her colleagues they had just completed a chapter of their lives, and it has been a challenging yet exciting and fulfilling venture story.

“We accept the challenge to write our unique stories to be added to the chronicles of the never-ending story of Campbellsville University.”

Kasey Childers Moss of Campbellsville, who received a Master in Management and Leadership degree, said the graduates will “go outside of our comfort zone and do something unexpected.

“We know the world is vast, and there is much to learn by exploring it.”

She said the graduates are not the same as when they started their journey at Campbellsville University.
“We have all grown in ways we never imagined simply through the trials of the past couple of years,” she said. “But what is most important is that we didn’t give up.”

Sydney Rebekah Pinkham of Elizabethtown, Ky., who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education P-5, said, “God called us to be at Campbellsville University for a reason. He knew our plans before we ever did. Campbellsville has provided us a home away from home.

“We have learned how to respect one another. We have developed a greater sense of responsibility. But, most importantly, Campbellsville University taught us how to be servant leaders. This is by far the most valuable lesson that I have learned throughout my college career, and a lesson that I will carry with me forever.”

Taral Patel earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. He said he wanted to get out of Campbellsville for his college experience. His plans changed, and he ended up at Campbellsville, which was “a blessing in disguise.”

He said, “On the first day of classes, I was walking across campus, and I immediately felt at home. The feeling that I am sure many of us get attending CU - the feeling of support, kindness and care toward us, the students.”

Spears said Campbellsville graduates have the lowest debt of any graduating class in Kentucky – any private or state college or university graduating class.

He urged the students to say thank you to those who helped them make it through college.

Co-vedictorians of the December 2021 ceremony, with their degrees listed, were: Madison England of Scottsville, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Business Administration; Whitley Elaine Howlett of Louisville, Ky., Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art and Design Graphic Design;

Andrea Necole Issacs of Campbellsville, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting; Jeffrey Steele of Russellville, Ky., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting; and Brooklyn Elizabeth Vaughn of Dunnville, Ky., Bachelor of Science, General Emphasis.

Marybeth Norris of Louisville, Ky., was salutatorian with a Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education.

Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations, welcomed the graduates, on behalf of the Campbellsville University Alumni Association, to a “very proud, loyal and diverse family.” She said they belong to a network of over 19,000 alumni that spans many states and countries.

She urged them to stay connected to their alma mater; to read the alumni magazine, the Campbellsvillian, recruit new students by sharing their positive experiences at Campbellsville University, mentor and support current students who have yet to finish and make a monetary gift.

Dr. Tony Cunha, dean of the School of Music and professor of music, led in the singing of hymns. Dr. Wesley Roberts, professor of music, was the organist. Lee led in prayer in all ceremonies, and Dr. Joseph Early Jr., chair of the Faculty Forum and professor of theology, gave the benediction at all ceremonies.

Spears conferred their degrees upon completion of the requirements for their degrees; Hedgepath read the names of the graduates along with Dr. Nagamani Palla, instructor in computer science and lead professor of BA 500.

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

From left, Yuri Tomita, Moeka Mito, Kokon Mitshuashi, Kirari Sato, Tomoka Shizawa, Kosuke Hitomi and Akari Matsumoto take a photo with the Japanese flag following a commencement ceremony Dec. 10 at Campbellsville University. (CU Photo by Gerard Flanagan)

Mackenzie Rincon of Russell Springs, Ky. celebrates beside the Christmas tree after receiving her diploma. (CU Photo by Gerard Flanagan)
Griffin Smith poses for a selfie with his fiancé Lindsey Browning of Lebanon, Ky. Browning earned a Master of Arts in Teaching. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)

Vignesh Balachandran claps with gratitude for those who have helped him along his journey. During the ceremony Dr. H. Keith Spears, 11th president of Campbellsville University, asked graduates to take a moment and recognize those who have impacted their lives. (CU Photo by Alexandria D. Dalton)

Taral Patel, who is from Canada, told his fellow graduates, “On the first day of classes, I was walking across campus, and I immediately felt at home. The feeling that I am sure many of us get attending at CU – the feeling of support, kindness and care toward us, the students.” (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)

Sara Clark, right, receives a fist bump from Dr. H Keith Spears, 11th president of Campbellsville University, left, at commencement Dec. 10 in Ransdell Chapel. In center is Clark’s mother, Jeannie Clark, general manager of WLCU-TV/FM, assistant professor of broadcasting and director of broadcast services. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)
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With over 400,000 children in foster care within the United States, the Taylors encourage everyone to consider opening their homes to children in need of a loving family. Taylor expressed that the system is in need of more people participating as parents, social workers and children’s service workers.

Although there have been negative connotations about the foster system in the past, the Taylors insist it is one of the most impactful and fulfilling tasks they have ever taken on.

“One of my favorite titles is ‘foster mom.’ I love being a part of the foster care system,” Mrs. Taylor said. “Although I see the pain and horrors, I witness the beautiful aspects as well. I witness families coming back together, a child accepting Christ, a teen choosing life instead of death, a parent asking and receiving help.

“I’m so thankful to be a part of the frontlines. I love all those I have the opportunity to interact with - the children, the bio parents, the case workers, the placement workers, the therapists, the teachers, and more.

“Often, others look at my life, and they think I’m crazy. I look at them and think they’re missing out.”

The Taylors said while you may not think you can make a difference or be part of the solution – the truth is you can. They want people to know they can find a way to serve even if it begins by just asking questions of those already involved.

While the work is some of the hardest, Taylor said, “We’ve been a listening ear for hurting hearts. We get to be there for these kids when nobody else is. What an honor it is to serve our Lord in this way. We wish everyone could experience this.

“The thing is, you can! You will never be stronger in your faith than when you’re on the front lines of spiritual warfare.”

Taylor’s book is primarily available on Amazon and can be found by searching “I’ ll Be There For You by Paul Taylor.” If anyone is interested in purchasing a signed copy, they can send Taylor an email at contact@harborhousepublishing.com or visit www.harborhousepublishing.com and connect with him there.

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Campbellsville University’s Windsor Center to open for students in fall 2022

By Gerard Flanagan, staff writer/photographer

Campbellsville University is extending its reach north of the United States border.

After a nearly four-year process, Campbellsville University is opening an education center in the Canadian city of Windsor, Ontario, just across the border from Detroit, Mich.

The university has received final consent for the Windsor Center from Ontario’s Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Students at the new center are expected to be welcomed during summer 2022.

“The process for approval in Ontario is rigorous. This was similar to a full accreditation review,” Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. “The review teams were thorough and looked at every aspect of the program and university from business plans to course syllabi.”

Initially, the university’s Canada center will offer the Master of Science in Information Technology and Management (MSITM) with other graduate programs being prepared for delivery in Canada.

“We started with the MSITM since it has been a foundation for success in recent years,” Dr. H. Keith Spears, chancellor for university system advancement, said. “It has been extremely popular with IT professionals over the past six years.”

When considering the next steps for the university, Spears and Hedgepath saw Canada as a strong opportunity.

“Canada made sense. This program was popular in the States, especially with IT professionals. Windsor is becoming an IT hub for Canada,” Spears said.

The first cohort of students will be on track to graduate in spring 2024.

“The Windsor Center is a continuation of Campbellsville University’s entrepreneurial spirit. I am grateful for the hard work that has been poured into the development of this center. I believe the Windsor Center has the potential to thrive with programs that meet the needs of the Windsor region,” Dr. Joseph Hopkins, president of Campbellsville University, said. “I look forward to how our intentional work in Canada can further the mission of CU and prepare successful graduates who pass through these classrooms.”

The Windsor Center will be located on the first two floors of the Midtown Business Center in downtown Windsor. The first floor will contain office space, while classrooms will be located on the second floor. Students at the center will have full access to all the educational resources from Campbellsville University.

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Campbellsville University School of Chiropractic holds inaugural White Coat Ceremony

By Gerard Flanagan, staff writer/photographer

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Nov. 13 is declared ‘Pat Cowherd Day’ at third annual Scholarship Fund Ministry Walk

By Gerard Flanagan, staff writer/photographer

Dr. Pat Cowherd wears many hats, according to Campbellsville Mayor Diane Ford-Benningfield.

“She is not only an amazing, God-fearing woman, she’s also a boss, a mom, a mammie and truly a gift of God to everyone,” Ford-Benningfield said. “I’m sure all of us here can attest to her amazing love of the community and students and fellow coworkers.”

Ford-Benningfield, in a ceremony Nov. 13 at the Alumni & Friends Park at Noe Plaza, presented Cowherd, dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology and professor of business, with a proclamation declaring Nov. 13 as Pat Cowherd Day in the City of Campbellsville during the third annual Patricia H. Cowherd Scholarship Fund Ministry Walk.

Cowherd has served as the dean of the School of Business, Economics and Technology, and professor of business since 2001. Cowherd began her career at Campbellsville University as registrar, serving in the role from 1977 to 1983. Cowherd has taught at Campbellsville University since 1986.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Campbellsville College in 1977 and received her Master of Arts in Education from Western Kentucky University in 1980.

She earned her Doctor of Philosophy at Nova Southeastern University in 2000. Her dissertation was titled, “A Study to Determine Technological Skills and Competencies Needed for Office Employment as Reported by Selected Employers in the South Central Kentucky Lake Cumberland Area Development District.”

Ford-Benningfield said Cowherd is proof that hard work can lead to great success.

“She’s a great example of climbing the ladder in the educational system,” Ford-Benningfield said. Dr. Wes Auberry, assistant professor of business, said the scholarship is focused on helping students.

“It’s a tribute and legacy scholarship for Dr. Pat Cowherd … but it’s also to honor each one of you,” Auberry said. “We’re here to help you. We care about your success, as I always tell you in all my classes. That involves helping you financially.”

Auberry said just under $10,000 has been raised since Sept. 1 toward the scholarship.

“That’s phenomenal,” he said. “We couldn’t be happier.”

Dr. Frank Cheatham, who retired as senior vice president for academic affairs and professor of math and computer science in 2014, said Cowherd’s list of accomplishments is long.

“It takes you an hour to read all of her accomplishments,” Cheatham said. “There’s no way I could say anything that would truly represent what she’s meant to Campbellsville University.”

Cheatham also described Cowherd, recipient of the 2004 Tenured Faculty Award at Campbellsville University, as a problem solver.

“Pat would say, ‘I’ve got this problem,’ and I’d say, ‘What should you do about it?’ and she’d do it,” Cheatham said. “I didn’t have to worry about it. I never heard about it again. She took care of those problems.”

Cowherd said she is glad to see the scholarship benefit students.

“It’s not often you get a scholarship named for you when you’re still alive,” she said. “Usually, you have to die for this honor. But, I am so glad I am going to be alive to see some of you get the money from the scholarship to help fund your education. I hope you will continue to get these funds for many years to come.”

Approximately 100 students participated in the walk.

Cowherd and her husband, James Morris, live in Greensburg. They have two children: Russ Cowherd and Brooke Dickinson, assistant professor of business at Campbellsville University; and five grandchildren: Addy, Brady, Ava, Blakely and Jalen.

To donate, visit https://www.campbellsville.edu/alumni/giving-opportunities/give-online/
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The Bishops were active supporters of Campbellsville University for many years. Bishop, a member of the Campbellsville Junior College class of 1955, served as director of athletics from 1968 until his retirement in 1997. Mrs. Bishop, who graduated from Campbellsville College in 1962, served the Campbellsville community as a public educator for many years. Bishop was also a professor in the physical education department and was granted faculty emeritus status in 1998.

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Tigers baseball coach Beauford Sanders honored with Robert E. Smith Achievement Award

By Sheldon Dossett, Director of Sports Information, Campbellsville University

Campbellsville University baseball head coach Beauford Sanders was presented the Robert E. Smith Achievement Award at the NAIA Baseball Coaches' Association Annual Business Meeting recently.

The Robert E. "Ish" Smith Achievement Award is bestowed upon individuals who demonstrate unselfish devotion to the promotion of NAIA Baseball throughout a distinguished career.

The award is named for the first recipient of the award in 1999: legendary coach Robert E. "Ish" Smith. Smith, an NAIA Hall of Fame baseball coach and former President of Greenville College in Greenville, Ill., also served as the president of the International Baseball Association. He is the person most credited with baseball becoming an Olympic sport.

In 2021-22, Sanders enters his 32nd season at the helm of Tiger Baseball and is the active all-time wins leader in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with a 960-625 (.605) record at Campbellsville.

In the past 20 years, the Tigers have won 10 Mid-South Conference Championships, including five straight tournament championships from 2005-2009. Sanders also serves as the associate director of athletics under the direction of Athletic Director Jim Hardy.

Sanders’ main responsibilities include game day operations and facility maintenance and improvements.

Sanders has an overall head coaching record of 1228-872 (.584). He coached at North Greenville Junior College in Tigerville, S.C. before coming to Campbellsville. Sanders has seen around 70 percent of his players that reach senior status graduate and many of those players have been selected as Academic All-Conference and All-Americans.

The team also involves itself in community service projects including visiting local nursing homes and lending hands to the Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree organizations.

The Tigers are also an integral part of Kid’s Spot in Campbellsville, Ky. Coach Sanders and the team hosts events each year to have less fortunate children on the field that also provides community outreach opportunities.

Beauford Sanders, head coach of the Campbellsville University Baseball Team, talks with his players. He is in his 32nd season at the university.
(CU Photo by Brett Pierce)
After trailing late in the first half, Campbellsville rallied in the second half to win the NCCAA National Championship 3-1 over Judson University for the first time in program history.

The Tigers were in a deadlock battle the first 20 minutes of play. Neither team was able to get any clean looks on the goal as defenses and offenses were keeping play in the midfield. Judson was able to strike first coming in the 30th minute after traffic in the box led to the goal with the Eagles going into the halftime break with a 1-0 lead.

Campbellsville set the tone the first five minutes of the second half. In the first half, Campbellsville was only able to record four shots total. The team came into the second half slamming the ball down the middle collecting 17 shots while 13 of those were on frame.

The first goal came from Antonio Quinta in the 53rd minute with a ball at the top of the box. Campbellsville was able to capitalize immediately following the tying goal with another goal coming 13 minutes later in the 66th minute when Eleder Goicoechea had the game winning goal to press the Tigers lead to 2-1.

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The 2021 members of Campbellsville University’s Athletic Hall of Fame include from left: Mike Mason, David and Donna Pierce, Demond Thomas and Amy Zink. (CU Photo by Brett Pierce)

Campbellsville University adds five new inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame

By Brett Pierce, Assistant Director of Athletics Communications and Multimedia & Broadcasting

Five new inductees have been added to the fall 2021 Campbellsville University Athletic Hall of Fame including David and Donna Pierce, Mike Mason, Demond Thomas and Amy Zink.

David Pierce began working for Campbellsville College Sept. 1, 1969 as a service man and 11 years later would become the director of the physical plant until May 14, 2011. He made sure all the facilities and fields were well maintained during a time when the university was struggling financially.

Pierce would also drive the vans to transport the cheerleaders to their competitions. He ensured student-athletes were taken care of, and he hosted dozens and dozens of meals at their home over the years. He always found a way to make things work with what he and the university had.

Pierce, or “Poppa D,” as he came to be called, also spent a lot of time supporting the legendary Campbellsville University Fighting Tiger Football Coach Ron Finley. Pierce was a role model and mentor for many CU student-athletes during his 42-year career.

Donna Pierce, who was married to David, both of whom were from Green County, began her career at CU on Aug. 1, 1989 as the cheerleading head coach for the Tigers.

She started with only seven female student-athletes and a mascot and turned the team into a championship caliber program by winning two national championships (1995, 1996) and was awarded the first Mid-South Conference Cheerleading Coach of the Year (1997).

She took the 1994-95 squad to the Mid-West Cheerleaders of America Championships in Columbus, Ohio, where they finished second in sideline and cheer. Mrs. Pierce, known as “Momma D,” led the Campbellsville cheerleaders to a music competition first place finish for Division II and III.

In 1995-96, she took the squad to the first Christian College Cheerleading Championship, where they brought home the title and achieved second place in partner stunt competition.

Thomas, who played under head coach Beauford Sanders in 1995 and 1996, is the only two-time All-American in the program’s history upon induction in fall 2021.

He transferred to Campbellsville from Northeast Texas Community College and was named the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Player of the Year and the NAIA-District 32 Regional Player of the Year both seasons as a Tiger.

He also helped lead the Tigers to the 1995 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships and the 1996 KIAC Conference Regular Season and Tournament titles.

In 1996, Thomas and the Tigers reached the NAIA Regional finals for the first time in program history.

Thomas left his mark on the program and remains in the Top 10 in multiple statistical categories. In single-season records, Thomas sits third in strikeouts (94; 1995), fourth in home runs (16; 1995), fifth in runs batted in (66; 1995) and fifth in wins (9; 1995).

Mason, a Loveland, Ohio native, who played under head coach Ron Finley, was the first quarterback to ever play for Campbellsville University when football returned in 1987.

In Mason’s sophomore season, he threw for 1,123 yards and nine touchdowns, and averaged 115 yards per game with a 47% completion rate. He finished his career with a 38.5% completion percentage, throwing for 2,442 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Mason also carried the ball 410 times for 1,037 yards and found the endzone nine times. During his career, he was named NAIA Player of the Week five times.

Zink played four years for the Lady Tigers and graduated from Campbellsville in 2007 as the program’s most decorated player. She set numerous defensive records for CU and held three NAIA defensive records by the time of her graduation.

Zink was the first Lady Tiger to receive the honor as MSC Co-Player of the Year in 2005. That year she was also named NAIA National Libero of the Year.

A three-time NAIA All-American, Zink was also a multiple-time Mid-South Conference All-Team member (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006), a multiple-time NAIA All-Region team member (2004, 2005, 2006), a two-time NAIA All-American (2005, 2006) and the first libero in NAIA history to be named an All-American (2005).

Her playing career resulted in many records: NAIA & CU Career Most Digs (3,569), NAIA & CU Career Most Matches with Double Figure Digs (152), NAIA & CU Career Most Matches with 20+ Digs (88), Single-Season Most Digs (1,229 in 2005), Single-Season Most Digs per Game (9.04 in 2005), and Most 20+ Digs per Game in a Single Season (2005).
Dr. Gerald Huddleston receives Distinguished Alumni Award

By Ellie Wise, Student Intern

Dr. Gerald Huddleston, a 1969 graduate of Campbellsville College, was awarded the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming 2021.

Dr. Benji Kelly, vice president for development, said, “When I think of a Christian servant leader, I think of Dr. Gerald Huddleston. His years in the education field, his commitment to his family and church and his support of his alma mater serves as a model for how a Christian servant leader should lead.”

Huddleston said he is most thankful to God for the blessings he has received throughout his life, as well as for the spiritual gift of evangelism.

He additionally credits L.D. Kennedy, Dr. Jerry Kibbons and Dr. Noble Roberts, all professors at the university during the time he attended Campbellsville College, for having made a deep, spiritual impact on his life.

Huddleston has served over 45 years in education. After graduating from Campbellsville, he began his teaching career teaching career at Jeffersontown Elementary School in Louisville, Ky. In the fall of 1969, he started teaching at Mannsville Elementary, and continued to teach there for two years.

In 1971, Huddleston became principal of Grimsley School. He was later promoted to superintendent of schools for the Fentress County Board of Education in Jamestown, Tenn. Eight years later, in 1979, he became supervisor of the special education department, keeping that same position until 2009. He additionally worked as an adjunct professor at Tennessee Tech University, from 1998 to 2014.

During his career, he completed several advanced degrees. In 1972, he received his Master’s degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Tennessee Tech University. He then received his specialist degree from Tennessee Tech University in 1974.

Huddleston completed a second master’s degree, in Christian Education, from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1989. He went on to complete his Ph.D. in Administration and Planning from the University of Alabama in 1997.

Huddleston is married to Janice, who also attended Campbellsville College, from 1970 to 1971, before transferring to Tennessee Tech University. Growing up, Huddleston attended Moodyville Baptist Church, giving his life to Christ at ten years old.

Dr. Gerald Huddleston, a 1969 graduate, center, is given the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Alumni Reception Oct. 8 from Dr. H. Keith Spears, 11th president of Campbellsville University, and Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations. (CU Photo by Alexandria D. Dalton)
Jacqueline Nelson Graves receives Distinguished Young Alumni Award

By Ellie Wise, Student Intern

Jacqueline Nelson Graves, a 2014 Campbellsville University graduate, was awarded the Campbellsville University Distinguished Young Alumni Award at Homecoming in October.

Graves is employed at Morehead State University as assistant general counsel, visiting assistant professor of business law, secretary to the board of regents and faculty adviser to the university's pro bono legal clinic.

She also assists university leadership with legislative efforts in Frankfort. "This award was given to Jacqueline, not only because of her work done while she was a student at CU, but also because she is one of the youngest alumnae to start two endowed scholarships," Ashley Fox, director of alumni relations, said.

"She has the sweetest soul and truly supports our mission here at Campbellsville University," Fox said.

Graves graduated salutatorian with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and Political Science. She minored in English.

She graduated from the University's Honors Program with a grade point average of 3.97. She was president of the Student Government Association, and in addition, she received the university's 2014 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

She got a law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Graves said God had blessed her life with wonderful people and opportunities at Campbellsville University. She gave a timeline showing a glimpse of how God "has used this university for my good, even before I was born," she said.

In 1965 and 1969, Mary Lou and Ron Rafferty graduated from CU, both eager to begin their careers as K-12 teachers. "They would later become my adopted grandparents who have loved me and always reminded me to use my opportunities to give back to others. They are the ones who encouraged me to attend CU and prayed for me and encouraged me through each big life decision along the way," Graves said.

In 1988, Ken and Shirley Winters became president and first lady of CU. "They would later become my other adopted grandparents," Graves said. "I would go on to spend many summers with them in Murray, swimming at the YMCA and baking bread with Mrs. Shirley and playing arcade games at Mr. Gatti's with Dr. Winters."

"My love for higher education is a direct result of seeing Dr. Winters' passion and love for students, realizing the impact higher education can have on a person's life and the lives of their children. While Mrs. Shirley has always reminded me to stay humble and work to serve God, not receive recognition, they have always encouraged me to pursue my dreams and cheered me on along the way."

Eric and Tammi Graves came to Campbellsville University in 1988, and Eric started coaching football. "Soon after, they had a son, Dustin, who became my best friend and husband," she said. "In 1995, the university provided hope to my mom, and others, after the closing of the Fruit of the Loom Factory," Graves said.

"My mom became the first in her family to graduate from college. I still remember as a little girl thinking my mom must be Superwoman to graduate with honors while working full-time and raising a family. She and my dad are my best friends and role models," she said.

In 2011, Graves became a student at Campbellsville University. "God used the university to provide me with opportunities to achieve my dream of attending law school," she said. "But, more importantly, God provided me with amazing faculty and staff who mentored me, loved me and showed me what being a true Christian servant leader really means."

"God has also placed many CU alumni and supporters in my life who have become friends, mentors and like family to me. Some of which include Dick and Margaret Nelson, Beverly and Bob Elzy, Connie Phillips, Winona Smith and James and Martha Jones," she said.

"God has used this university to change my life and I am eternally grateful. Thank you so much for this great honor!"

Graves lives in Morehead with her husband, Dustin Graves, and their two cats, Molly Mustache and Meyer.
By Gerard Flanagan, staff writer/photographer

During the middle of a game his freshman season on the Campbellsville University men’s basketball team, Jeremy Taylor made his mind up. He was done playing basketball.

“In my mind, I decided it wasn’t for me,” Taylor, a 2007 Campbellsville University graduate, said during FIRST CLASS at Ransdell Chapel recently, but it’s a story he shares countless times.

Taylor, who is a motivational speaker, has traveled across the United States to share his story, speaking at schools, businesses and large conferences.

“I’ve been at conferences with thousands of people, and I’ve been in gyms with 150 students,” he said. “The highlight has always been to influence at least one person. I don’t take this opportunity lightly, this opportunity and responsibility to impact the minds and hearts of people.”

He speaks to crowds of the night he was going to quit basketball and said, “I made the decision, in the middle of the game, after the final horn sounds, I’m going to my locker, packing my things, going into the parking lot at the Powell Athletic Center, getting in my vehicle, and I’m never coming back.”

As he walked to his car, Taylor saw his father. After airing his frustrations to him, Taylor’s father asked him a question.

“In that moment, my dad asked me a question that really led me down a path of asking myself some questions,” Taylor, a native of Campbellsville who now lives in Somerset, said. “He said, ‘Jeremy, let me ask you this. Is making an emotional decision and quitting when things aren’t going well, is that what is best for your future? Is this the best way to make a decision?’”

Taylor’s father suggested his son focus on finishing his freshman season and making a calculated decision during the offseason. His father’s advice resonated with Taylor.

“He spoke to my heart,” he said. “He empathized with how I felt, and he said this to empower me: ‘At the end of the day, it’s your life, your choices, your decision, and no matter what choice you make, you’re still going to be my son, and I’m going to love you no matter what.”

Taylor decided to stay on the team, though he said things got worse before they got better. He also battled through injuries and missed a third of his sophomore season.

“I made a decision not to quit, and the difficult part was managing the decision and committing to staying,” Taylor said.

Taylor, who’s taught social studies and coached sports at Taylor County High School and Warren East High School, describes himself as a “conversationist” as he talks to crowds of all ages and backgrounds.

“It’s unbelievably fulfilling to get to have conversations with people, meet them where they are and work to leave them better than I found them,” Taylor said.

Campbellsville University played a significant role in motivating Taylor to be that inspiration to many.

“In my time at Campbellsville, I knew, without a shadow of a doubt, I was surrounded by people who wanted to see me win and see me win for right reasons,” Taylor said.

Those people at Campbellsville University—coaches, faculty, staff and everyone else—instilled in Taylor the idea who he is as a person is more important than what he does.

“I felt like I was surrounded by people who were truly concerned about my character as a man and person of faith than any career or material success I would have,” he said.

Don Cheatham, assistant professor of education/computer information systems, had Taylor in a class. He described Taylor as a sociable and friendly student.

“He was very laid-back and had a contentious nature,” Taylor said. “He was top-notch. What stuck out to me was his overall maturity. He was a really dedicated student. He had empathy for everyone. He was an outstanding young man.”

Taylor shares, in his speeches, several questions that he says helped him become a better person, student-athlete and follower of Jesus Christ.

One of Taylor’s questions he asks audiences is: Am I living each day with gratitude?

“There are some things in life that don’t go as planned,” Taylor said. “There are some things in life that don’t feel good, are uncomfortable, inconvenient, but at any moment, I can slow down and focus on gratitude.”

Another question Taylor poses is: What does success look like?

“At the time we’re living in, we see people who are trying to show us what the world’s definition of success versus focusing on what our Creator’s definition of success is, which is living our life at our highest capacity, honoring Him, and advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

At one time, Taylor said he thought he was only as successful as the vehicle he drove, the shoes he wore, how many points he scored in a game or how popular he was.

“But, thankfully, God humbled me,” Taylor said.

Taylor also asks, “How am I treating people along the way?

“With the opportunity to do great work comes the great responsibility of taking great care of people in the process,” Taylor said.

Finding the answers to these questions will result in change, which can be uncomfortable and scary, Taylor said.

“Change means taking a risk and doing something different,” Taylor said. “When you do something different, you lose control of the outcome. Growth is inevitable, but growth can’t take place without change.”

“What changes do I need to make that will send my life on a better trajectory and will put me in a position to win for the right reasons with the right motivation?”

Campbellsville University’s FIRST CLASS gives freshmen the opportunity to hear the gospel with emphasis on Christian character development and servant leadership.

“I hope these questions challenge you and really get you to begin thinking about who you are and what you want to accomplish in your life,” Taylor said.

“This season of life will go by fast. Make the most of this opportunity you have at CU to develop yourself, learn from credible leaders and build relationships that could potentially serve you for the rest of your life.”

He and his wife, Jaala, have one son, Miles.
Hi Tigers!

With each year, we rededicate ourselves to our mission to connect Campbellsville alumni with one another and with our beloved university. The Campbellsville University Alumni Association is about being a part of a great and enduring community, ensuring the future while honoring the past and engaging the present. Our goal is to expand the community of alumni who come together to forge new friendships with fellow Tigers and to deepen the lifelong relationships formed during the journey.

Yes, we’re getting older. However, we’re getting so much better. We serve over 19,000 graduates, and we are growing. I’m excited! There’s no better time to be part of this wonderful community. I can’t wait to welcome Dr. Joseph Hopkins and his family to the Campbellsville University family and introduce them to the wonderful alumni community we have.

Be on the lookout for upcoming events as we begin a “Welcome Tour” for Dr. Hopkins around the state and beyond. We would love for you to meet the new president in person and get an update on what is happening at the university.

Sincerely,

Ashley Fox (M ’17)
Director of Alumni Relations
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NONA M. DRUMHELLER (’84) is living in Virginia. Address: 6644 Miller Road, Henrico, VA 23231. Email: nonamdva@aol.com.

PATRICIA ANN WORCESTER RHoadARMER (’88) is employed at CCS&D93 Aspire Consulting Inc. She received her registered behavior technician certification in October 2020. She is married to Michael Rhoadarmer; they have three children: Vicki, Christina and Ben. They attend Crossroads Community Church in Carol Stream. Address: 513 Cherokee Court, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

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DAMARCO RICHARDSON (’91) has been appointed as a new director of the Taylor County Bank Board of Directors. He has over 36 years of experience with the U.S. Government as the T7 Lead Clerk at the Campbellsville Post Office. He also serves as the manager partner of Richbros LLC and Richardson Rentals. He also serves on the board of Taylor Regional Hospital and is a member of First Baptist Church of Campbellsville. He is married to Chris Woods Richardson. Address: 320 Roberts Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718.
JOHN R. SHUMAN (’92) has published his first book titled “The Next Steps.” The book is filled with prayers and inspiring scriptures with a roadmap that will point you toward a rewarding journey that leads closer to the Lord. The book information says it “urges you to look at where you’ve been, where you’re going, and how you plan to get there.” Shuman’s biography on the book said he is “not a preacher, theologian or biblical scholar. He is an average Christian who writes a blog “Truth, Fully Spoken,” on Wordpress.com, where he shares insights on Christianity, poetry and musings about life. He is a Labcorp service representative and is married to Stephanie Shuman. They have a daughter, Veronikka. Address: 1120 S. 25th St., Mount Vernon, WA 98274. Email: john31617@rocketmail.com.

PAUL FIELDS (’93) is employed with the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice. At Campbellsville College, he was involved in the Student Government Association and Baptist Student Union. He is married to Sharon Fields; they have three children: Laura Applegate, Jessica Simmons and Lydia Bevis. Address: 4687 Falcon Road, Salyersville, KY 41465. Email: paulwfie1d@foothills.net.

LARRY LIPKER (’93) is employed with Southern Property Management. He is a former baseball player at Campbellsville College where he received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and History and a 9-12 Teacher Certification in 1996. He is married to DAWN WELCH LIPKER (’96) who received a Bachelor of Science in Communications. She is employed at ETS. While at Campbellsville College, she was involved in theatre and was a cheerleader. They have a son, Mason. They attend Shoreline Baptist Church. Address: 142 Curdsville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Email: lflipker@yahoo.com. Dawn – dawn_lipker@yahoo.com.

BRIAN WEINRICH (’95) is the new head football coach at Campbell County High School. He has been a coach for more than 25 years and led Newport High School’s Highlands to the 2014 Class 4A state football championship. He was the 2015 KFCA District Coach of the Year, a two-time Cincinnati Bengals Coach of the Week and a presenter at numerous national coaching clinics. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences at Campbellsville College.

DR. JASON RADFORD (’98) is the new superintendent of the Oldham County School System in LaGrange, Ky. He was previously the assistant superintendent with Boone County Schools, where he led the Office of School and System Improvement. He has held various roles in education including educational recovery leader at Newport High School, National School Leadership coach and the Title I district manager for the Kentucky Department of Education. He has also served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in Scott County. He has a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education/Fitness from Campbellsville University. He and his wife, Jennifer Radford, a teacher, have three children.

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ALLISON SCHERER (’01) is the new principal at James T. Alton Middle School. She has been an assistant principal at James T. Alton Middle School since 2019. She also served as a guidance counselor at Vine Grove Elementary School for seven years, an elementary classroom teacher at Rineyville Elementary School and the former Parkway Elementary School, now North Park. She began teaching in January 2002. She received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a P-S Teacher Certification from Campbellsville University. Address: 165 McFarlin Lane, Vine Grove, KY 40175.

ERICA BLEVINS (’02), Monroe County High School Girls Head Tennis Coach, was awarded the 2021 4th Region Kentucky High School Tennis Coaches Association Girls Coach of the Year. She was recognized at the 4th Region Tennis Championship May 25, 2021 at Greenwood High School in Bowling Green, Ky. She was selected by the other coaches in the region. Address: 5056 Edmonton Road, Tompkinsville, KY 42167. Email: Erica.Blevins@ky.gov.

DARRYL PEAVLER (’03, M ’05) is employed with Town and Country Bank & Trust Co. as a loan officer where he does all types of loans, consumer, commercial and mortgage. He received two degrees from Campbellsville University – a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 2003 and a Master of Business Administration in 2005. He is the former director of alumni relations for athletics at Campbellsville University. While at Campbellsville University, Peavler was involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Student Union, Phi Beta Lambda and Students in Free Enterprise and played for the Fighting Tiger Football Team. He is married to SHERRY TILSLEY PEAVLER (’02, M ’04) who is a practice manager II for CHI St. Joseph Health. She oversees all operations for the four clinics she manages. She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration. She was involved in the Baptist Student Union, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lady Tiger Tennis, residence life staff as a resident assistant, Future Business Leaders of America, Phi Beta Lambda and Creative Ministries at Campbellsville University. They have two daughters, Kelsie and Maddie. They attend Bruners Chapel Baptist Church. Address: 142 Curdsville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

JOSH JAGGERS (’05, M ’08) is the new head high school football coach for Lincoln County. Jaggers was the head coach at LaRue County High School for the past five seasons and has 17 years of high school football coaching experience. He was assistant coach for Mercer County in 2006 when the team won the state championship. Jaggers was an All Conference lineman at Campbellsville University.

BARRY LEE (M ’05) is the superintendent of the Casey County School District. He holds teaching positions at Casey County High School, where he is director of special education; and teaches as
an adjunct instructor at Campbellsville University and Eastern Kentucky University. He has taught as a special education teacher at Casey County Middle School and has also coached cross country, track and field and football. He also has served as principal at Casey County High School. Address: 1513 Fishing Creek Road, Yosemite, KY 42566.

THE REV. KYLE FRANKLIN ('06, M '12) is pastor at First Baptist Church in Kuttawa, Ky. in Lyon County in western Kentucky. He received a Bachelor of Science in Educational Ministries and a Master of Theology. He is married to MARIBETH MILBURN FRANKLIN ('13), who received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (P-5) and her P-5 Teacher Certification. They have a daughter, Maddie Ruth. Email: pastor@kuttawafbc.com.

DEBBIE MURRAY (M ’07) is pursuing her lifelong dream as a Realtor® working with Southern Nest Realty. She retired in 2021 after working 21 years in the Office of Information Technology at Campbellsville University. She began her educational journey after losing her job at Fruit of the Loom in 2001. She started her employment at Campbellsville University as a work-study student in the School of Business, Economics and Technology that led to part-time and then full-time employment in the Office of Information Technology. When not working, she loves to quilt, hike and spend time with her family including her husband, Randy, their children and grandchildren. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from Campbellsville University. Address: 286 Windhaven Trl., Columbia, KY 42728. Email: debbiemurray@gmail.com.

CYNTHIA ANN SNAPE SCOTT ('07) works with Cornerstone Counseling Center PLLC that was founded in April 2018. She attends Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Ky. She has three children: Lucas, Dallas and Matt; and three grandchildren: Hallee, Ivoree and Carter. Address: 562 Padgett Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

MEAGAN DAVIDSON ('08, M '11) has been named director of the Campbellsville University Liberty Education Center after serving as assistant director since June 14, 2021. Davidson worked in Campbellsville University’s Badgett Academic Support Center (BASC) for just under eight years from February 2009 until November 2016, all within academic support and primarily with tutoring services. She served as assistant director of academic support and coordinator of tutoring and disability services in the BASC. Davidson received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing in 2008. She earned her Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management in 2011. Davidson is a 2004 graduate of Casey County High School. As an undergraduate student at Campbellsville, Davidson was a member of the Campbellsville University Lady Tiger Basketball Team. Davidson has two children: Izabella and Oakley. Address: 9717 Ky. 1547, Liberty, KY 42539. Email: mldavidson@campbellsville.edu.

MATT HODGE ('08, M '10) has his second book released. It’s “Gotham City Sounds: The Music of Batman Villains” that has been over two years in the making. The book explores the history of composers using the power of music to bring to life many of the most famous fictional troublemakers in pop culture. The chapters discuss dozens of Gotham City characters in film, television and video games – their comic book origins, their on-screen representations, and their fascinating musical scores that represent their unique personalities and psychologies. The book can be purchased at amazon.com and other outlets. The book is dedicated to his best friend, the late Dan Curry. They called each other Batman and Robin, and the month before he died, he was finalizing the manuscript and showed him the dedication, and he was very pleased. Hodge is music and theater professor at William Peace University in Raleigh, N.C. He is an accomplished composer and author who got his start at Campbellsville University. Address: 1634 Plantation Pine Circle, Garner, NC 27529. Email: rmhodge@peace.edu.

AMANDA GRAVES JUMPER ('09) is market director of human resources at CHI Saint Joseph Health in Lexington. She received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Campbellsville University. Jumper began her human resources career with state government and has worked in different industries, such as higher education at Berea College, and manufacturing. She has been at CHI Saint Joseph Hospital for the past four years. She has supported CHI Saint Joseph Medical Group, CHI Saint Joseph Hospital and Continuing Care Hospital, CHI Saint Joseph East and Women’s Hospital as the HR Manager of Operations. She said Campbellsville University prepared her for her job by teaching how to be a servant leader. Her husband, Joe, works in law enforcement. They have two daughters, Mariko and Minako Jumper. Address: 603 Farmland Drive, Berea, KY 40403. Email: mandy.graves21@gmail.com.

BRITTANY HAHN PATRICK ('10) is a middle school Teacher in the Washington County Public Schools in Hagerstown, Md. She and her husband bought a house and live in Pennsylvania after living and teaching in central Kentucky. While at Campbellsville University, Patrick was involved in Baptist Campus Ministry and a member of Kappa Delta Pi. She is married to Charles Patrick II. Address: 1798 Falcon Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202. Email: Brittanyakahn@gmail.com.

CHRIS PATRICK PRICE ('11, M ’13) is a retirement planner at Fidelity Investments and serves as the minister to youth at Highland Baptist Church in Denton, Texas. His wife is ANNA STEPP PRICE ('13), works with TEAM, a missions agency, and trains churches around the United States and Canada on how to send and care for missionaries. While a student at Campbellsville University, Price was involved in Baptist Student Ministry; Mrs. Price was on the junior volleyball team. Address: 702 Thomas St., Denton, TX 76201. Email: c15price@yahoo.com.
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MARK MESSMORE (‘12, M ‘13) is an author and pastor and has published a book, “Simple Preaching Prep,” that guides readers through one pastoral task – the important task of preaching. He said he wrote the book “to be easily readable and accessible to anyone, offering them a model to customize to their personality.” He has been in full-time ministry since 2006 serving churches in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. He and his wife, Kara, live in Kentucky where he is the lead pastor at Mount Olivet Christian Church (The Mount) in Williamstown, Ky. Address: 284 Fairway Drive, Dry Ridge, KY 41035. Email: mark@markmessmore.com.

KEVIN HORN (M ‘18) is the new president of Isaiah House in Willisburg, Ky. Horn joined Isaiah House’s team in 2012, dedicating the last 10 years to helping the organization grow and reach those in need of addiction recovery. Horn received a Master of Social Work degree at Campbellsville University. His most recent position was senior vice president, but he has also served as vice president of programs, program director and case management supervisor. He will now play a role in Isaiah House’ growth and outreach across Kentucky.

JESSLYN McCANDLESS (‘18, M ’19) has earned her final licensure for therapy. She is a licensed clinical social worker at University of Louisville Health Peace Psychiatric Hospital as a therapist in Louisville. She has both Bachelor’s and Master’s in Social Work degrees from Campbellsville University.

JOSHUA WILLIAMS (‘16, PMBA ‘18) is the director of digital and logistics services at Nashville Brain Institute. He works mainly on the branding, technology and logistics side of the company that was started in 2019. He also works with Nashville First Church of the Nazarene as the media production coordinator. He recently passed his United States citizenship test and will take the oath of citizenship. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and his Professional Master of Business Administration from Campbellsville University. He is married to REAGAN WEISKIRCHER WILLIAMS (‘17) who received a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Address: 3103 Boulder Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37214. Email: jwilliams@nashvillebraininstitute.com.

TIMOTHY GILLILAND HOBBS (‘20) has moved to Wilmington, N.C. with his wife. JENNY BRUNNER HOBBS (‘21). Hobbs has been accepted into the graduate school at the University of North Carolina Wilmington where he’ll work toward his Master of Arts in Film Studies. He belonged to Omicron Delta Kappa honor society while a student at Campbellsville University. “This is an exciting journey and a major step for both of our careers, education and relationship,” Hobbs said. Address: 234 Hibiscus Way, Wilmington, NC. 28412. Email: timotheosthebrave@gmail.com.

JENNY BRUNNER is an author and pastor who has cancer and rare blood disorders. She is living and working in Indianapolis, Ind. She said she owes much to the Campbellsville University School of Nursing in many ways including focusing on the whole person she has become today. She said when she first graduated, she filled out two job applications and received 10 nursing job offers immediately. She began working as a nurse within the Indiana University Healthcare System. She gives Campbellsville University and God the credit for her success.

KIMBERLY HOPE-THOMAS (a ’20) is the new Taylor County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development Education. She has been pursuing a Master in Management and Leadership. She is a former first year success coach at Campbellsville University. Address: 2099 Roberts Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Kimberly.thomas@uky.edu.

UDIP SEDHAIN (‘20) is living in Plano, Texas. Address: 1013 15th Pl, Apt. 241, Plano, TX 75074. Email: udip.sedhain@gmail.com.

GERARD FLANAGAN (’21) has been hired as a news writer/photographer/social media in the Office of University Communications at Campbellsville University. Flanagan was a reporter at The Lebanon Enterprise from 2015 to 2019. In January 2021, he graduated from Campbellsville University with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication. Address: 823 Sam Browning Road, Lebanon, KY 40033.

BRITTNEY ASHLEY PALMER (‘21) is employed with Pharmacord as a case manager and attends Southeast Christian Church. Her husband is Curtis Pinchbeck Sr. Address: 4453 Cahlrotte Ann Drive, Louisville, KY 40216. Email: brittneypalmer62@yahoo.com.
TONY MATTHEW ATWOOD (’09) and Mariah Magdalene Akridge were married June 12, 2021 in Campbellsville at the bride’s childhood home, the Wilson/Akridge Farm. Matt is the son of Tony and Diane Atwood. He is a graduate of Allen County-Scottsville High and Campbellsville University, where he played football. He got a Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Physical Education with teacher certification. He is assistant football coach, outside linebackers and is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor at Campbellsville University. She is lead professor of international studies, the main campus PDSO, and assistant track and field coach, hurdles, at Campbellsville University. Mrs. Atwood is the daughter of PAUL AKRIDGE (’79) and his wife, JACKIE AKRIDGE (’77). She is a graduate of Taylor County High, Transylvania University, Asbury Theological Seminary and is working on her doctorate at Biola University. Address: 603 Cherokee Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Matt – tmatwood@campbellsville.edu. Mariah – mmakridge@campbellsville.edu.

JORDAN ALVES (’13, M ’15) and MORGAN GAILOR (’19) were married July 24, 2021 at The Barn at McCall Springs Wedding and Event Venue in Lawrenceburg, Ky. Alves is assistant athletic director for ESPN Productions at the University of Evansville. He is the former director of athletics communications, multimedia and broadcasting at Campbellsville University. Mrs. Alves is a medical office administration assistant at Deaconess Hospital. Address: 7205 Steppe Way, Evansville, IN 47712. Email: Ja295@evansville.edu.

AMANDA LEE CRABTREE STEVENS (’17) married Shannon Stevens Feb. 13, 2021. She works at The Counseling Center in Portsmouth, Ohio. Address: 3749 Rhodes Ave., New Boston, OH. Email: amandalsw@yahoo.com.

JASON LAWSON (’05, M ’12) and his wife, TARA WHITTINGTON LAWSON (’07, M ’12), announce the birth of twins, Tucker Douglas (left) and Jack Karter Lawson (right). Tucker Douglas weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces and was born at 4:37 a.m. and was 19.5 inches. Jack Karter was born at 4:46 a.m. and was 18 inches and weighed 4 pounds and 15 ounces. They were born Sept. 9, 2021 at Norton Hospital. They have three other children: Sadie, Kylie and Maggie. Lawson is director of human resources at Campbellsville University and received a Bachelor of Science with an Educational Ministries Area. Mrs. Lawson is a self-employed photographer; she received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration at Campbellsville University. Address: 114 Pearl Ave., Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: Jason – jklawson@campbellsville.edu. Tara – taradphotos@gmail.com.
ELIZABETH MAY WOOLSEY FRANKLIN ('07) and her husband, Nathan Reed Franklin, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, June 16, 2021. Aurora Reed Franklin was born at 8:26 a.m. and was 19.5 inches long and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces. She was born at Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville, Ky. Mrs. Franklin is secretary to the dean of the School of Education at Campbellsville University. Her husband is a rural mail carrier at the Hodgenville Post Office.

CARMEN FIELDS ('10) and her husband, NICK FIELDS ('09), announce the birth of a daughter, Clara Marion Fields, Dec. 16, 2020 at UC Health, West Chester, Ohio. She was 8 pounds and 10 ounces and 21 inches long. Mrs. Fields is employed at Edgewood City Schools. While at Campbellsville University, she was involved with CU Sound, Campbellsville Singers, Chorale, Chamber Choir, LINC and Delta Omicron, music fraternity. Address: 409 N. Dick Ave., Hamilton, Ohio. Email: carmenduck@hotmail.com.

KENDRA BLAND SUBLETT (ADN '16, BSN '17) and her husband, Nick, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Aug. 30, 2021. Nixon James Sublett weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 ¾ inches long. Mrs. Sublett is a labor and delivery nurse at Taylor Regional Hospital and is pursuing her APRN through Chamberlain University. She is the daughter of Ann DeSimone Mattingly, adjunct faculty in the Carver School of Social Work. Email address: kendradenise13@gmail.com.

TREVOR McWHORTER ('12, M '13) and his wife, Britanni, announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Charlotte Isabel, Feb. 15, 2022 at 9:54 p.m. at Baptist Health Hardin in Elizabethtown, Ky. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. McWhorter is director of online enrollment at Campbellsville University. He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration. Address: 770 Roberts Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Email: tmcwhorter@campbellsville.edu.

CHRISTINA MILLER KERN ('10, M '12) and ANDREW KERN (a '08) announce the birth of their second daughter, London Rylee. She was 18 inches long and weighed 7 pounds and one ounce. London has a big sister, Lexi. Mrs. Kern is a strategic marketing manager for UofL Health, and Kern is life enrichment director at Trilogy Health Services. Address: 4635 Oak Pointe Drive, Louisville, KY 40245. Email: ChristinaLKern@gmail.com.

GABBY NICHOLE BANKS SHEWMAKER ('20) and her husband, COREY SHEWMAKER ('19), announce the birth of their first baby, a boy, Jackson, Aug. 22, 2021 in Danville, Ky., at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. He was 6 pounds and 9 ounces and 21 ½ inches long. Mrs. Shewmaker is the office manager at the Kentucky Trust Company, and her husband, is an accountant at Blue Star Plastics. Mrs. Shewmaker received a Business Administration degree with emphasis in Human Resources from Campbellsville University, and Shewmaker earned a Business Administration degree. Address: 438 Oakley Ave., Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Emails: Gabby – gabbynichole29@gmail.com. Corey - corey29shew@gmail.com.
Carney, former state representative and Campbellsville alumnus, dies at 51

John Mitchel Owen “Bam” Carney was a very good friend to many, especially Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations at Campbellsville University. Carney, who was elected in 2009 as a state representative for the 51st House District, died on July 17, 2021, in Lexington, at the age of 51.

“During his time in the Kentucky House of Representatives, he was a tireless advocate for the people he represented in the 51st District—Taylor and Adair counties,” Chowning said. “He was always accessible to the people and served with dedication, integrity and respect of his colleagues.”

Carney was born on Sept. 30, 1969 in Taylor County. Carney was an educator, having taught in the Taylor County, Campbellsville and Washington County school systems.

Carney graduated from Campbellsville College in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. In 1997, he earned his teaching certificate for grades 9-12 from Campbellsville University.

Carney served as Majority Leader and chair of the House Education Committee.

“He was a man of strong convictions, a person of great faith and love of his family and a leader who did not forget the people he represented,” Chowning said.

Bam is survived by two sons: Chase Carney of Seattle, Washington and Ethan Carney of Campbellsville; his mother, June Carney of Campbellsville; four brothers and sisters: LaDonna Willis and husband, Tony, of Columbia, Shane Carney and wife, Pam, of Casey Creek, Mark Carney and wife, Kelly, and Amy Farmer and husband, Mark, of Campbellsville; seven nieces and nephews: Keri Burton and husband, Ryan; Kyle Willis, Shanna Carney, Daniel Carney, Shelby Hinton and husband, Jordan, Mackenzie Carney, and Kylee Farmer; several aunts and uncles and many other relatives and friends.

Heath, ‘country editor,’ dies at 75

Max Heath, who had a distinguished career in the newspaper business spanning more than four decades, died Wednesday, July 28, 2021, in Shelbyville. He was 75.

Heath graduated from Campbellsville College in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Heath, a native of Campbellsville and son of the late Harry Heath, a Kentucky newspaperman, and Virginia Allen Heath, worked for Landmark Community Newspapers, that owned numerous Kentucky newspapers before being sold to Paxton Media Group last year.

Heath, who also served as a newspaper editor, became well-known for his knowledge of postal regulations on newspapers. He called himself just a “country editor.”

Benjy Hamm, assistant professor of mass communication at Campbellsville University, first met Heath in 1992, when Hamm worked as editor of a Landmark-owned newspaper in South Carolina.

Hamm later served as Landmark’s editorial director.

“I called Max a newspaper superhero because of how hard he worked every day to help publishers solve extraordinarily difficult problems with the circulation and delivery of their papers,” Hamm said.

Stan McKinney, chair of the Department of Mass Communication, associate professor of journalism and adviser to the Campus Times, worked with Heath at Landmark.

“Max was a true gentleman and one of the best newspaper people I have ever known,” McKinney said. “No matter the situation, Max always had your back. He was a boss but also a friend and an ally.”

Heath is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Sullivan Heath of Columbia; one son, Jason Heath of Louisville; and two nephews, Ricky Heath of Chicago and Chad Heath of Greensburg.

Oostens, former instructor in physics, dies at 89

Dr. Jean M.E.G. Oostens, a former instructor in physics at Campbellsville University, died on Feb. 4, 2022. He was 89.

Oostens was born Nov. 14, 1932, in Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium. He studied at the University of Louvain (Belgium), where he received Master’s degrees in Electrical Engineering and Physics.

He later earned a Doctorate in Sciences from the University of Paris (France).

“His love of teaching was plain to see. We admired his passion and creativity,” Paul Boufioux, Oosten’s niece in Brussels, Belgium, said.

Following his retirement, Oostens took a History of Music class taught by Dr. Wesley Roberts, professor of music.

“His skill in Latin and experience singing in Catholic choirs proved to be quite helpful when we arrived at Gregorian Chant,” Roberts said. “He not only knew the chants but could translate texts which were not readily available to me as an instructor.”

Oostens was an excellent student, according to Roberts.

“Not only did he make top grades, but he also wrote the longest term paper I ever received – 32 pages!” Roberts said. “Dr. Oostens had an immense interest in many things and a fabulous memory.

“He and his wife, Yolande, were as kind as one would ever find and conscientious in all details of life. Along with his wife, they were a blessing to our community, and to those in Columbia (Kentucky), where they lived.”

Davis, former trustee, dies at 88

Roger Davis, of Horse Cave, Ky., former member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees for 12 years, died Dec. 19, 2021. He was 88.

“Roger Davis was one of my closest friends in the world,” Dr. Kenneth W. Winters, former president of Campbellsville University, said. “He and I were like brothers. If I’d had a brother, I wouldn’t have had a better one than Roger.”

Both Winters and Davis served in the United States Army and Army Reserve together.

“He and I almost went into the insurance business together, but before the paperwork was signed, he and I were called up in the Berlin crisis,” Winters said.

Dr. Frank Cheatham, former senior vice president for academic affairs at Campbellsville University, said Davis was a “kind and gentle individual who took the role as trustee seriously.”

Dr. John Chowning, executive assistant to the president for government, community and constituent relations, once served on the Board of Trustees with Davis.

“Roger was involved in several key decisions that were made in that era that solidified the strong foundation of Christian higher education upon which CU continues to advance,” Chowning said.

He is preceded in death by his son, Brad Davis; his parents, Carmen and Roseline Davis; and two sisters, Nelva and June. Survivors include his wife of 68 years; Judy Davis; and his daughter, Karen Davis.
Kennedy, former chair of Literature, Languages and Library Science Department, dies at 97

The Rev. L.D. Kennedy, former chair of the Literature, Languages and Library Science Department, associate professor of literature and languages and adviser to the Campus Times at Campbellsville College, died Jan. 27, 2022 in Brownsville, Tenn. He was 97.

Kennedy taught at Campbellsville College 22 years. Dr. Sarah Stafford Sims, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of English, had Kennedy in a creative writing class.

“He motivated us to recognize our individual, God-given value and to share our perspectives with the world around us,” Sims said.

Dr. Frank Cheatham, former senior vice president for academic affairs, said it was a privilege to serve as Kennedy’s faculty colleague for 14 years.

“One thing I remember clearly about L.D. is that he loved his students and loved to have lively classroom discussions,” Cheatham said.

Kennedy pastored churches in Tennessee, Texas and Kentucky and did direct mission work in the United States, Brazil, Israel, Mexico and Canada.

“We developed a friendship over the years,” Dr. J. Dwayne Howell, who recently retired after 37 years in ministry and a professor emeritus of Old Testament and Hebrew at Campbellsville University, said. “He was well loved on campus and in the churches that he pastored in the area.”

Kennedy was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Louise Newman Kennedy. Survivors include his children: Silvia Seares (Rick) of Prescott, Ariz.; Mark Kennedy (Julie) of Summit, Miss.; Karis Moore (‘81) (Carl) of Overland Park, Kan.; and Joel Kennedy (‘85) of Henderson, Ky.; grandchildren: Justin Hamerlinck (Carl) of Overland Park, Kan.; and Joel Kennedy (‘85) of Henderson, Ky.; great-grandchildren: Piper of Henderson, Ky.; grandchildren: Jennifer Speers; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Orr, former director of financial development, dies at 81

Dr. Jay Orr Jr., former director of financial development at Campbellsville College, died on April 22, 2021. He was 81.

“Jay had an outgoing personality that instantly won him friends,” Dr. Frank Cheatham, former senior vice president for academic affairs, said.

Orr served as director of financial development in the early 1980s under Dr. Ken Pope, then-vice president for development.

Orr is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandy Orr; three daughters Laurie (Tom) Jorgensen of Kansas City, Kan.; Tracy (Brady) Born of Sapulpa, Okla.; and Jenny (LeRoy) Twisdale of Texarkana, Texas; grandchildren: Kylie Jorgensen, Zeke and Braden Born and Parker and Hudson Twisdale; his favorite nephew, Mike (Cathie) Sheppard; and sister-in-law MaryAnn (David) Kirkpatrick.

“Jay and his wife, Sandy, and children fit very well into the culture of Campbellsville College,” Cheatham said.

Orr, originally from Muskogee, Okla., graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University. He also obtained a master’s degree from Western Kentucky University. He was an ordained Baptist minister.

“After leaving Campbellsville College, Jay was a very successful fundraiser at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas, and Brentwood-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia,” Cheatham said.

Wes Carter, former associate vice president, dies at 31

Dr. Wesley Vaughn “Wes” Carter, 31, the son of Dr. Michael V. Carter, former president of Campbellsville University, and Debra Ann Wellman Carter, former first lady, died May 5, 2021.

He was born in Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 16, 1989.

From Campbellsville University, Carter obtained a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Master of Business Administration, Master of Theology and Master of Management and Leadership.

He held a Doctor of Business Administration and Marketing degree from Walden University and a post-doctorate in Sports Industry Essentials from Columbia University. He was in the final stages of a Master of Divinity degree from the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky.

Dr. G. Ted Taylor, former director of the Office of Church Outreach, associate vice president for development and church relations and special assistant to the president, said at Carter’s funeral, “Wes touched many, many lives in incredible ways.”

At Campbellsville University, Carter was executive director of university outreach, associate vice president for university outreach, regional director of development and church outreach, an instructor in theology, business and economics, assistant director of church outreach and church outreach assistant.

Carter is survived by his parents; wife, Ariel Darnell Carter; one son, Grant Robert Carter; his brother, Dr. Eric Michael (Courtney) Carter of Danville; his sister, Alicia Ann (Chris) Shea of Franklin, Tenn.; and his maternal grandparents, Sam and Doris Wellman of Campbellsville.

Pirkle, ‘outstanding educator,’ dies at 79


Pirkle was born Sept. 10, 1940, in Chattanooga, Tenn. During his time at Campbellsville University, Pirkle helped the School of Education attain National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation and the addition of graduate programs.

“He served a very important role in laying the foundation for the great strides the School of Education has made since becoming a school in 1998,” Dr. Carolyn Garrison, who retired in December 2020 as a professor of education, said.

Pirkle graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in English education. He received his Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee and his Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Curriculum from the University of Florida.

Pirkle also served in the education field in Europe.

“He brought a vast amount of experience to his role at CU,” Dr. Frank Cheatham, former senior vice president for academic affairs, said.

Pirkle is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan; brother, Jerry; sister, Debby Evenson; nephews, Chris Pirkle, Jonathan Wilson, John and Travis Campbell; niece, Jennifer Speers; and five great-nieces and nephews.

“Although I only had a short personal relationship with Jim and Joan, they had a positive impact on my life,” Cheatham said.

See a more detailed obituary at Campbellsville.edu/Alumni/Campbellsvillian.
Remember When?

In 1987, freshman basketball player, Sarah Moody, walks across campus.

Guess Who?

This issue’s Guess Who? is a hard one. It was taken in 1994 and shows students who work in the office of what is now University Communications. It shows Stan McKinney’s two Mustangs at the time.

If you guess correctly, your name will be placed 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, (270) 789-5214 or Campbellsville University, #787, 1 University Drive, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

Only one person guessed the people in the fall 2021 issue of the Campbellsvillian. And that was one of the people in the photo!

Dean George (‘81) guessed the picture that also included Marsha Parm (‘81) who were holding a little puppy in the Office of Alumni and Public Relations.
Children of Campbellsville University alumni have ‘snow much fun!’

Emma Rothacker, 1, reaches for the snow while her mother, Holly Rothacker, holds her. Holly is the wife of Kevin Rothacker, a 2015 graduate who received a Bachelor of Science with a Pastoral Ministries Area and a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy in 2018. They all live in Campbellsville.

Natalie Houk Parker (’07) and her husband, Jeremy (’03) have two children playing in the snow, Jodie, 4, and Charlie, 9. Their grandmother, Suzy Goodin Houk, is a 1977 graduate of Campbellsville College. They all live in Campbellsville, Ky.

Lana Kate Leftwich gets encouragement from her dad, Zack Leftwich during one of the big snows in Greensburg, Ky. The family dog, Piper, is at top right and joins in the fun. Lana Kate turned 1 year old Jan. 2, 2022. Zack is a 2016 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration graduate who got his Master of Business Administration in 2017. His wife is Sarah Leftwich.

Leighton (’18) and Lauren Stevens Lavey (’18) spend a snow day with their son, Lake. The Laveys live in Somerset, Ky.

Silas Aguiar, 6, catches snowflakes at his home in Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Becky Aguiar, a 2004 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations.

Seven-year-old David enjoys a day in the snow. He is the son of Casey Bradstreet (’08). The Bradstreets live in Campbellsville.

Keely Crenshaw, 8, enjoys the snow at her home in Campbellsville. She’s the daughter of Brandon and Faun Crenshaw, who is a 2001 Bachelor of Science graduate, a 2008 Master of Business Administration graduate and a current Master of Arts in Theology student.
Dr. Joseph Hopkins, president of Campbellsville University, left, and his wife, Suzanne, sing at The Vine worship service on the first day they toured Campbellsville University and several regional centers. (CU Photo by Chosalin Morales)