

Points of Pride



JEAN LOJKO RETIREES

Jefferson-Pilot Professor Jean Lojko retires after having spent 58 of her 65 years on campus and having amassed a winning record both on the volleyball court and in the classroom. pg 2

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PG 11: Senior Salute participants enjoy dinner in Lea Center and insights shared by Tyler James Smith '22, currently a graduate student at Wake Forest University.

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Dear **ALUMNI and FRIENDS** of Greensboro College:

During the college's 185 years, some members of our faculty and staff have stayed so long, and have so positively influenced this campus and its people, that they have become practically synonymous with

Greensboro College. One such person is Jean Lojko, who retired this past spring as Jefferson Pilot Professor of Health and Physical Education.

Jean has spent 58 of her 65 years on this campus — almost a third of the college's history! Along the way, she has done maintenance work, run the athletic department, and coached and taught generations of students. She has endowed the college's annual staff

service awards in honor of her mother, who also was a longtime staffer, to help ensure that we recognize those valuable staff members without whom the college could not function.

And if her contributions had been limited to Greensboro College, they still would have been immense. But she also has been active in several athletic associations and organizations, her church, and her homeowners' association. Hers has truly been a life well lived, and we are pleased to recognize her with a profile in this edition of *Points of Pride*.

You also will read in this issue about an important college initiative, the President's Commission on Inclusive Excellence. Its overall goal is to make sure that the college is taking all the necessary steps to

allow students, faculty, staff, and alumni to all feel welcome here at GC irrespective of race, religion, national origin, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation.

But the initiative's importance goes beyond being the right thing to do. We know that our retention rate is not what it should be. And we also know that it is more cost-effective for the college, as well as better for the students, to retain the students we have and see them persist through graduation, than it is to replace with new students those students who have left before graduating.

And as always, we are celebrating our donors, who in 2022-2023 led us to surpass our previous year's giving total by more than \$151,000. In this, the 14th year in which it has been my honor and privilege to serve as president of the college, I am more grateful than ever for what all of you, and all of the college's supporters, do to make possible the transformative experience of a Greensboro College liberal-arts education. That experience is even more precious and transformative because even today, as was true 185 years ago, we are offering it to many people who might otherwise have had no access to higher education.

That is our gift to the communities we serve, and it is our challenge and mission now and for the next 185 years as well.

With Pride,

Lawrence D. Czarda, Ph.D.
President

Think critically. Act justly. Live faithfully.

JEAN LOJKO RETIRES

By Lex Alexander

After 42 years, Jean Lojko would be enough of a fixture at Greensboro College even if she had only taught here. But her connection to GC began much earlier and grew much broader.

Her mother, Ann P. Lojko, worked at GC for 24 years, retiring in 1989. Jean Lojko has spent 58 of her 65 years on campus; as a child, she got to know many of her future colleagues. And remembering her roots, as well as those of her mother and siblings, in 2010 she endowed annual GC staff service awards named after her mother.

Yet, a GC career wasn't part of her early plans. She had decided, while a student at Western Guilford High School, that she wanted to teach physical education there as a high school instructor.

Then a volleyball teammate of Lojko's at UNC Greensboro, Nancy Frank, became GC's volleyball coach; she offered Lojko an assistant coaching job with the team.

"She told me she was planning on leaving and (said), 'You might be able to walk right into this job,' and that's kind of how it happened," Lojko says. "Obviously, it helped that I grew up on campus. Dr. Milt Reece was director of the (physical education) program, and I'd known him since I was a little kid."

Lojko started in 1981 and was promoted to head coach in 1982, a job she held until voluntarily returning to the classroom full-time in 2013. Her 649 career wins (a .593 winning percentage) not only made her the winningest GC head coach in any sport, but they also placed her in the Top 10 among NCAA Division III volleyball coaches. *(She was in the Top 10 when she stepped down, but at least one other coach has overtaken her win total more recently, pushing her out of the Top 10.)* She was inducted into GC's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007, the Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame in 2014, and the USA South Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in 2016.

That's enough of a career for anyone, but Lojko also was women's basketball coach from 1981 to 1986 and head women's tennis coach in 1987, 1988, and 1992-1999. She was assistant athletics director and senior woman athletic administrator from 1999 to 2002. She was promoted to associate athletics director in 2002 and athletic director in 2009, serving until 2012.

Lojko left her mark both in athletics and in the classroom. She began teaching at GC as an instructor of physical education in 1981 while also pursuing her master's at Appalachian State University. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1987 and associate professor in 2006. In a surprise announcement at the 2017



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Commencement ceremony, the college promoted her to full professor, and she was awarded a Jefferson-Pilot endowed faculty chair in 2020. She retired this spring as College Marshal, the longest-serving GC faculty member, and she was named professor emerita at this spring's Commencement.

Her resume, which also includes leadership roles on a fistful of conference, regional, and national athletics boards, is practically jewel-encrusted. But she says the most important work she has done at GC is teaching life skills to students.

"Just through the act of playing a sport, kids are learning ethics, rules, and leadership," she says.

She says she has brought the same approach to the classroom.



"The things we base our student learning outcomes on are on professionalism and ethics — they're life skills, things you want kids to know when they go out into the world," she says. "They're representing themselves, but they're also representing Greensboro College."

Not only has she taught those life skills and tried to model them, but she also has given several Kinesiology seniors hands-on opportunities to exercise them.

In 2022, at her encouragement, the Kinesiology senior capstone class made a class project out of cleaning up the area between Proctor Hall West and Proctor Hall East. The area held overgrown bushes that towered past some of the classroom windows. "It was ugly — and unsafe at night," Lojko says.

The class developed a mission statement and a plan, which involved fundraising. They presented it to the President's Cabinet for approval, then presented fundraising pitches to alumni. A former trustee's brother came out with a Bobcat small bulldozer to uproot some of the bushes, and with the \$10,000 they raised, they bought benches, tables with umbrellas, flowers, and banners. The space is studded with infographics on wellness and is named KINWell Plaza.

"And they got it done right before graduation," Lojko says.

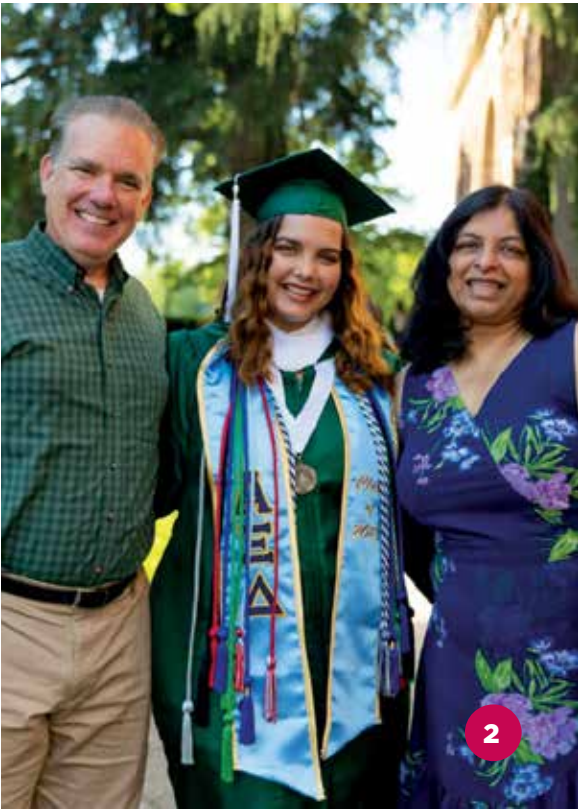
This year, the senior capstone class tackled a similar area in front of the Movement Lab near the Proctor Hall buildings, converting it into an outdoor classroom. Raising about \$12,000 in gifts and gifts-in-kind, the students bought a 60-inch TV, a whiteboard, a lectern, benches, and banners. The grand opening was on Spring Showcase Day.

Lojko will remain busy after retirement. She is an avid golfer. She just completed a term chairing her church's Board of Trustees, and she is president of her Sunday school class, teaching once or twice a month. She has season tickets to Tanger Center performances, serves on her Homeowners Association board, and often takes in Duke and N.C. State athletics.

But she will miss GC.

"I just loved going around to other people's offices ... and having students drop in on me — just that community we've always had on campus," she says. "I hope we always will."





BACCALAUREATE & COMMENCEMENT



1 Gadethia Cherie Barnette is greeted by Dr. Czarda, as she receives the William Henry and Martha Grant Likins Award as this year's outstanding graduating adult undergraduate student.

2 Rachel McGill, who was awarded the Harold H. Hutson Award, presented annually to the outstanding traditional graduating senior, takes a photo with her family prior to Commencement.

3 During the Baccalaureate Ceremony, Christopher (CJ) Hargrove is capped by student Rebecca Chance.

4 Jaylin Bolden is greeted by his father as students are lined up for the procession at Commencement on Front Campus.

5 Emmeline Conlin leads the singing of the Alma Mater during the Baccalaureate Ceremony.

6 Following the Baccalaureate/Cap & Gown ceremony, graduating students (L to R) Alex Sargeant, Parker Spesock, and Isaac Haddock take a group picture.

7 Prior to the Baccalaureate Ceremony, Nicholas Novakovich stands beside his mother, who was his capper during the exercise.

8 Sandra Yanez walks across the bricks as she prepares to receive her diploma during Commencement.

9 Students (L to R) Brandon Williams, Isabella Ruiz, Alex Prillaman, and Brasco Van Niekerk throw their caps into the air after Commencement.

10 Theatre Professor John Saari greets Dr. Czarda and receives the Moore Professor Award, given annually at Commencement to a member of the college's full-time faculty for an outstanding accomplishment or set of accomplishments.

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United African American Society Celebrates 50 Years

By Matthew Johnson

One of the organizations that has helped lead Greensboro College’s move toward a more diverse student body, faculty, and staff is the United African American Society (UAAS). That student group, which was created to help provide an inclusive space for Black and African American students in a predominantly-white institution, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Alice DavisJohnson ’77, a double major in Social Work and Sociology, was a part of the inaugural UAAS group, originally dubbed the United Afro-American Society. In a conversation this past summer, she described her experiences as a student at Greensboro College as positive, but she also says she wishes that the environment had been more sensitive.

“It was tough at times, which is why we wanted UAAS,” says DavisJohnson, whose career in corrections included work at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C. “We saw the lack of sensitivity, and at that time, terms we use now, like ‘diversity’ and ‘sensitivity,’ weren’t terms that were used at that time — so you can just imagine the terms that were being used. We don’t have to go there, but they weren’t terms that we use now.”

DavisJohnson explains that UAAS was created following conversations between her and her classmates, in which they noted that they had shared and similar experiences. The first students of UAAS believed that they would be more likely to achieve the outcomes they sought if

they were organized and united. While things were not perfect for her and her peers, DavisJohnson acknowledged that the majority of students accepted African American students and the UAAS.

In its first years, UAAS hosted different types of student events, such as fashion shows, talent shows, and an African American Heritage Day. The events helped showcase and raise the visibility of Black students and their interests and culture — and the causes they were invested in.

One of these causes, civil rights, brought a guest speaker to the campus, Joseph Lowery, who at the time was the president of the Southern Christian

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BLACK ALUMNI COLLECTIVE FORMS TO RECONNECT ALUMNI TO GC

By Matthew Johnson

FROM THE FIRST BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN graduates (Nathaniel Nkanta and Penny Nichols in 1971 and 1973, respectively) to the Class of 2023, students of color at Greensboro College, as in many environments in the country’s history, have grappled with discrimination and feelings of alienation. They have had to be resilient and adapt to defend themselves.

The Black Alumni Collective, also known as, BAC@GC, is working toward repairing and reconnecting this relationship between the college and its Black alumni from exclusionary behaviors such as what Tica Green ’94 experienced as a student.

Green, Director of Academic Success, recalls that when she was a student in the early 1990s, several United African

American Society (UAAS) members were to meet with the president of Greensboro College, William Likens. The meeting was to address concerns about the lack of a multicultural center and persons of color as staff and faculty.

“We had engaged to meet with the president, and we had our mentors attend. ... They were only there on behalf of parents who wanted to make sure that (the president) at least heard us, but they were not planning to speak during the meeting,” Green said. “The president said, on seeing our mentors present, ‘I agreed to meet with students, and there are more than students here, and therefore, I am not meeting.’ He left and closed the door.”

Such a reaction from the top administrator at the college understandably would create feelings of disconnect, as

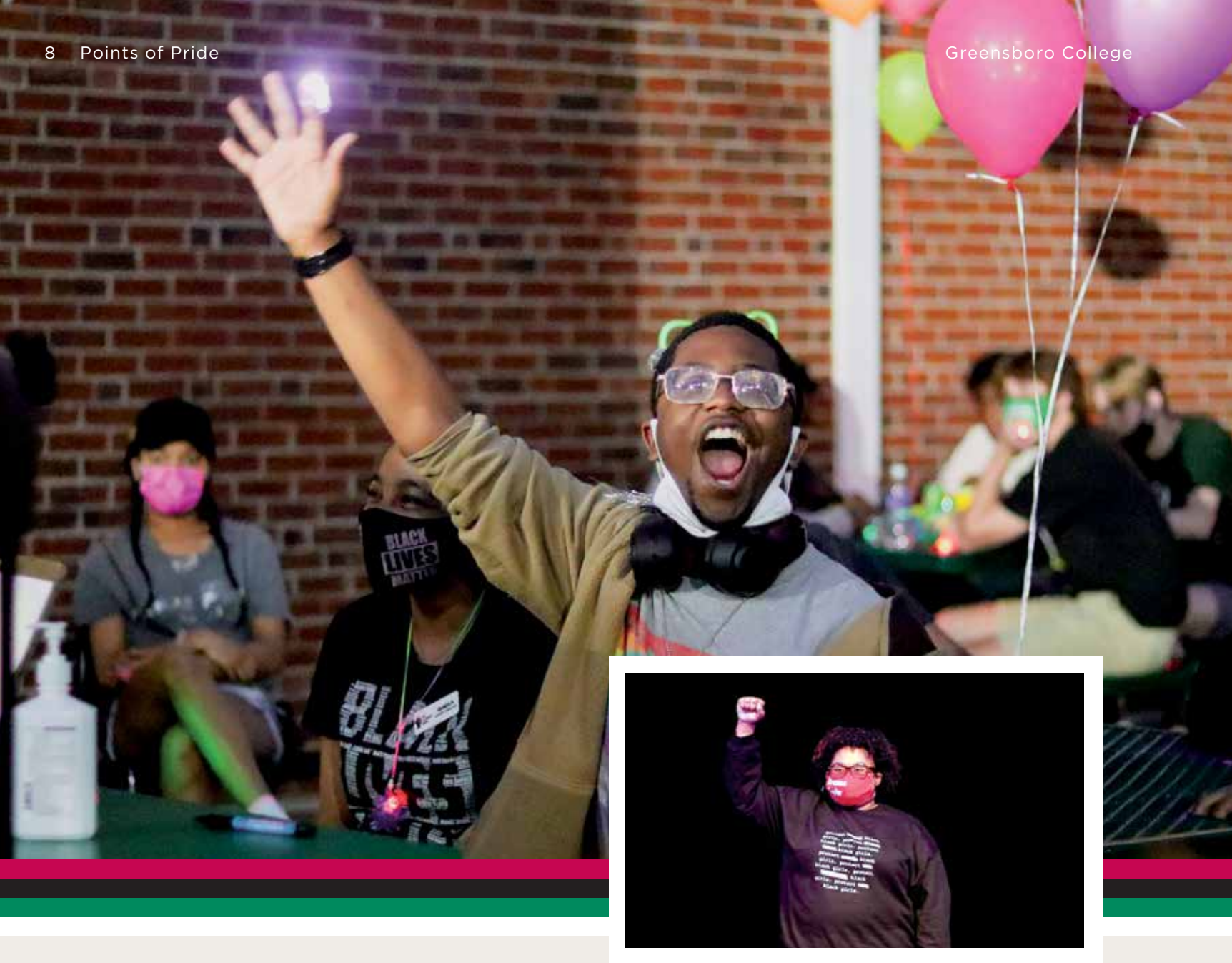
Green acknowledged in an interview. From her involvement in multiple activities as a student to having served on the college’s Alumni Board (including as the board’s first African American president) and presently as a staff member in the academics office, Green has consistently been involved at Greensboro College. Yet, she understands why some Black alumni have not been as involved with the college as white alumni have. The gap stems, she says, from her scheduled meeting with the president and countless other incidents African American students have faced, some acknowledged and others not.

“It felt like we did not have a space or we didn’t really belong or we were just tolerated, so as a result of that, it creates a sense of, ‘No, I don’t necessarily want to give back, and, no, I don’t necessarily want to remember my time here,’” Green says.

“It’s important that we are aware and acknowledge not all have had a wonderful experience as a Black student at Greensboro College. However, it is our goal to make sure that we embrace the past and move forward,” says Dr. James Hairston ’08, current president of BAC@GC. “Moving forward looks like setting up programs that may address issues that were done in the past, in a careful way, so we’re using (these experiences) as a tool to help others instead of rehashing those negative experiences.”

The organization, which has held several events this fall, including at Homecoming and Alumni Weekend, has a goal of self-efficacy and self-determination, as well as connecting and helping the next generation of students.

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“...When thinking about Black alumni, there is a sense of empowerment when seeing others doing what you’ve done,” says Hairston, who earned his M.A. in Leadership in Higher Ed and Ph.D. at Liberty University. “It’s important to reconnect so that we can all stay together and continue to build upon the ties that we’ve built and strengthen them.”

“We want to be the example for other Black graduates and students,” says Hairston, who is also an adjunct professor at N.C. A&T State University and is pursuing his Master’s in Public Administration at UNC-Chapel Hill. “We’re not being exclusive, but this is a plan towards inclusion. BAC is not meant to exclude anyone; however, it is to be inclusive of Black grads who have the perspective of being a student at GC...”

Those interested in the organization can contact the Alumni Office at alumni@greensboro.edu.

The group is listed on the official Alumni webpage on the GC website and has its own Facebook group for alumni.

As a predominantly white institution, Greensboro College, like many such institutions, has conducted its own soul-searching over the past several years. Part of this soul-searching has been in response to recent racial protests and unrest around the country, some of which was sparked by the 2020 police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Through this introspection, the college has welcomed the opportunity for a group like BAC@GC to heal and revitalize relations for a better future, which is a tenet of the alumni group.

“We want to carefully move forward as far as embracing the past and embracing the now while also preparing for the now,” says Hairston.

Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization co-founded by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. These UAAS events have been an opportunity for conversations about race and combating racism. They also have helped students to channel their powerful voices.

“We began to learn how to speak up and how to advocate for ourselves, and then we were very strategic in making sure that we were a part of different entities,” says Tica Green ’94, then a UAAS member as a student and now the director of GC’s Academic Success Program.

Green says that whenever the college had wanted to show off its diversity, she and a handful of other students had been the token African Americans. But she says that through these opportunities, she had a place and voice at the table. Thus, she was able to learn and share her own advantage and that of her fellow members of UAAS.

Having attended GC in the early ‘90s, and frequently meeting and observing today’s students, Green has noticed differences between her fellow students and today’s.

“[Current] students do not realize that they have power,” says Green, who was also the college’s first African American president of the Alumni Board. “We realized (as students) that we had power and we could make a change. I think that’s the thing that just blows me away ... the lack of ownership of power in your voice, and that you truly are a change agent. ... And I don’t think all of our students recognize they are a change agent.

“We’re very polite (nowadays), which is nice, and we should be, but there’s not a whole lot of rocking the boat, and I would really like to see the

boat get rocked to see how students would react. I think we would be very surprised by what we learn about our students.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, student groups, like everyone else on campus, had to adjust. After being somewhat dormant in the wake of remote learning and social distancing, UAAS has been back and active again during the Fall 2023 semester, meeting and organizing events.

Though some may argue that times have improved since DavisJohnson and Green were students, others may contend that things have not changed enough. That’s why DavisJohnson, while visiting the campus about a decade ago as an alum, was stunned when an African American student told her that she did not think that UAAS was necessary anymore.

In the wake of not only national stories, such as the murder of George Floyd, but also issues that affect local communities, such as voting rights and diversity in the workplace and education, both Green and DavisJohnson note the importance of following the model of previous UAAS students, including the mission of defending and supporting civil and equal rights.

“We (have been) standing on some broad shoulders, and we have had a number of our forefathers who have worked hard for us to get to the point where we are today, and let’s not disappoint them,” Green says.

“We tried to make an impact and we tried to, as we say, ‘pave the way’ for the generations to come and make things more palpable and more conducive, so faculty and students can be more sensitive to the needs of students of color,” says DavisJohnson.

President’s Commission on Inclusive Excellence

By Lex Alexander

THE YEAR 2020 was not a good year for ethnic minorities in America.

Not only was the Covid pandemic devastating that population at higher rates than white people, but tensions between Black people and predominantly white police departments grew to a tipping point with the May murder of George Floyd by several Minneapolis police officers, on top of a string of shootings of unarmed Black people by white officers.

As President Lawrence D. Czarda, Ph.D., recalled in a January 2023 podcast, “To my mind, (2020) was one of the catalytic times in the culture of the country, not just Greensboro College.”

In response to the racial unrest, the college began what became a series of about 10 Campus Conversations, open forums involving not only Czarda, but also other campus leaders, such as the Rev. Dr. Robert Brewer, the college chaplain, and Shana Plasters, the dean of students.

The work is important because roughly 45% of Greensboro College undergraduates belong to a racial or ethnic minority. About as many are first-generation college students, who often face significantly higher challenges to overcome to stay in school and graduate on time. And members of religious minorities and people of diverse sexual orientations also may often feel left out of the larger community.

Out of those forums came 11 commitments that the college would tackle, some one-time projects and others that would be “evergreen and ongoing,” as Czarda put it. For example, the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Left to right:
Green
Lowery

is now a campus holiday. So is Juneteenth, the commemoration of the announcement of the end of slavery in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, after the end of the Civil War — a day known in folklore as “the second Independence Day.”

Another commitment was that the college would bring in an expert on diversity issues to study the campus community and offer some concrete recommendations. That expert was Dr. Cherrel Dyce, an associate professor of education at Elon University. She also is executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Elon’s Williams School of Education, a race scholar, and a motivational leader and speaker.

Dyce offered several recommendations, one of which was the initiative the president announced in January, the President’s Commission on Inclusive Excellence.

That commission includes 20 faculty and staff members, and as Points of Pride went to press, at least four student members were being appointed as well. The commission’s charge?

“I’m looking for actionable items, whether it be tangible items like names of a building, or ways that we do business, or a commitment to specifically change our demographics in certain areas,” Czarda said.

Czarda and Juliet Lowery, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, agree that “the intent is there” on campus to make it more welcoming for people of all backgrounds. But they believe that a lot of

people don’t know where to start and which way to go. Figuring those things out was Czarda’s charge to the commission, with Lowery as its chair.

The commission began meeting in February and is divided into five subcommittees, one of which will address each of these areas:

- Access and success — related to recruitment, retention, development, and long-term success outcomes for students (e.g, graduation, career advancement).
- Campus climate and intergroup relations — developing a sense of belonging for faculty, staff, and students.
- Community and partnerships — focusing on how the college is viewed not only within its own community, but also within the surrounding community and the college’s various partners.
- Academics — engaging how the college’s curricula and pedagogies, scholarship, and research are designed to enhance development for the overall health and well-being of the campus.
- Infrastructures (physical and otherwise) and investment — looking at ways for the college to create and sustain progress in its policies, resources, and structures.

Some subcommittee work will involve subject-matter experts who are not members of the full commission.

Meanwhile, the full commission, Lowery says, kicked off its work in March with a visit from Dr. Derek Greenfield, an expert who met with faculty, staff, students, and the commission to discuss issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

“Where we talk about One Pride, sometimes we have to have difficult conversations,” Lowery says, “but they’re critical conversations in an effort to help us to move toward that goal of access, student success, and a sense of belonging.”

The full commission also organized a summer faculty/staff book read, “From Equity Talk to Equity Walk: Expanding Practitioner Knowledge for Racial Justice in Higher Education,” by Dr. Tia McNair, VP for Student Success and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the American Association of Colleges and University. As the magazine went to press, the college had agreed for McNair to speak to the campus during the fall semester and was in the process of scheduling a date for the event.

And the commission is looking at the recommendations to come out of the Campus Conversations and Cherrel Dyce’s work to prepare the action steps Czarda says he wants.

“ ... it’s important to look at some of the recommendations made in the past and make sure those are in good standing,” Lowery says. “And then we can build on them.”

“We now celebrate the MLK holiday on campus, but we’re looking at what else we can do, the educational piece. We also want to give (members of the college community) tools so that we can all go out and do this work ... so they, too, can be advocates for DEI, belonging, and social justice.”



Senior Salute



2 L to R, Emmeline Conlin, Rachel McGill, Cynthia Flores, Tahlia Dukes, and Hannah Soots ‘21 take a picture together

3 Students at Senior Salute were treated to a dinner and desert, which included strawberry shortcake.

4 L to R, Gavin Mann, David Hoggard, Abigail Mowbray, Emmeline Conlin, and Nigell Isley take a picture right before their meals.

5 L to R, CJ Hargrove, George Knight, and Sasha Cline get ready to have their picture taken by Rachel McGill during the Senior Salute dinner.

1 During Senior Salute, graduating students had a chance to be fitted for their caps and gowns and have their pictures taken. Ben Burton awaits his turn to have his portrait done.

KUDOS

FACULTY

By Matthew Johnson

As a part of academia, not only are most faculty members expected to instruct classes, but, like their students, many are also expected to research, write, and present ideas to their peers and colleagues in their respective fields.

Throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, the Greensboro College faculty did just that, staying busy with submissions, acceptances, publications, presentations, and much, much more! Here, you can see some of the scholarly work and awards that GC professors amassed during the past academic year:



The Rev. Dr. Robert Brewer, Campus Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion, contributed to the "Upper Room Disciplines 2023," writing devotions for each day for the week of March 20-26 based on scripture assigned for that week by the lectionary. The book was distributed by Cokesbury of the United Methodist Publishing House.



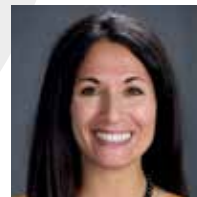
Dr. Sandra Cooke, Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of Supplemental Instruction, presented her research at the Association for Southeastern Biologists meeting in Winston-Salem.



Dr. Lawrence Czarda, President of Greensboro College, was awarded a Meritorious Service Award from The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the college's accrediting body, during the organization's annual meeting. The SACSCOC's Meritorious Service Awards are designed to recognize faithful and dedicated service to SACSCOC and support of its activities over a sustained period of time.



Professor Jo Hall, Dean of the School of the Arts and Professor of Theatre, wrote a chapter for the book, "Building Embodiment." Professor Hall's chapter is titled, "Embodiment through Breath and the Voice." The book was published through Routledge, a global publisher of academic books.



Dr. Elena King, Associate Professor of English and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Associate Director of the TESOL Program, contributed the second chapter of the book, "Reconceptualizing Social Justice in Teacher Education" (Palgrave MacMillan). Dr. King's chapter is titled, "Envisioning Spaces of Anti-Racist Pedagogy in Teacher Education Programs."



Dr. Elena King and Dr. Michelle Plaisance (pictured), Dean of the School of Humanities, Director of Graduate Students of TESOL, and Professor of English and TESOL, presented as speakers at the TESOL Colombia V Conference, titled, "Ready for the Phygital ELT Era? Thriving in Disruptive Education."



Dr. Henry Kuo, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics and Assistant Director of the George Center for Honors Studies, presented his paper at the First Reformed Ecumenical Symposium, which was co-sponsored by the World Communion of Reformed Churches, the Waldensian Church of Italy, and the Waldensian Faculty of Theology, in Rome.



Professor Jean Lojko, Jefferson Pilot Professor of Health and Physical Education, received the 2022 UNC Greensboro Professional Achievement Award. The Professional Achievement Award recognizes outstanding achievement in any professional field. The award is given to alumni with records of notable career accomplishments and histories of outstanding contributions to their professions.



Dr. Jason Myers, Chair of the Department of Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy and Professor of Biblical Studies, was invited to present his research on "Roman Christians and Expressions of Loyalty in the Imperial City" at the Faculty of Theology & Religious Studies, KU Leuven University of Leuven, Belgium. Dr. Myers also published his book, "Paul, The Apostle of Obedience" (Bloomsbury Publishing), and contributed several articles to the second edition of, "The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters" (IVP Academic). Dr. Myers contributed articles on the subjects of New Testament Rhetoric, The Lord's Supper, and Fellowship, Communion, and Sharing.



Dr. Allison Palmadessa '03, Chair of the Department of History and Professor of History, served as a panelist at the Organization of American Historians Conference. Dr. Palmadessa also has a forthcoming book titled, "Power, Discourse, and the Purpose of Policy in Higher Education: A Genealogical Study of the Higher Education Act" (Palgrave MacMillan); it is her third monograph and sixth book. Dr. Palmadessa published the article, "American Superiority, Democratic Idealism, and the Truman Commission: A Critical Discourse Historical Analysis of Higher Education for American Democracy," in the academic publication, The Peabody Journal of Education. She will also be presenting two co-authored papers: "Presidential Influence and the Higher Education Act" at the History of Education Society Annual Conference and, "The Politics of Community College Leadership, 1958-1991" at the Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference.



John Saari, Theatre Professor, received a URTA (the University Resident Theatre Association) Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Training. Professor Saari was selected in the area of Properties Design.



Anthony "AJ" Schraeder '05, Professor and Media Consultant within the Global Communication Center, won the Charlotte 48 Hour Film Project contest, and as a result, was invited to the Filmapalooza Film Festival this past March.



David Schram, Professor Emeritus, who was a faculty member for 32 years, was awarded the North Carolina Theatre Conference's Marian A. Smith Distinguished Career Award. The award is given to honorees who have led an exceptional career in the N.C. theater community, serving as a leader and a master of their craft or work. While at GC, Schram served as a professor, Dean of the School of the Arts, and Dean of the Faculty.



Dr. Katie Schwind of the English, Communication & Media Studies Program, was voted to become the Beer Culture Area Chair for the Popular Culture Association, a group of scholars and enthusiasts who study popular culture. Dr. Schwind reviewed submissions and led beer culture panels for the association's April 2023 conference in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. Natasha Veale, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Education and Professor, graduated from California Baptist University with her second doctorate, an Ed.D., in Organizational Change and Administration.

WINTER ROSE DANCE

1 Students turned out to dance and have a good time with each other during Winter Rose.

2 A group of students within the Theatre Department take a group selfie at Winter Rose.

3 L to R, Payton Shiflet, Kantley McKown, Taylor Cotie, and Alexandra Carefoot take a picture using the backdrop at Winter Rose.

4 L to R, Brady Mowers, Maci Hulver, Collin Thomas, and Hannah McCarthy gathered to take a picture.

5 Several chaperones got in on the fun at Winter Rose and took a selfie at Winter Rose with several props.

6 In the first Winter Rose since the beginning of the pandemic in 2019, students danced all night at the Proximity Hotel in Greensboro.

7 L to R, Jerrion Dukes, Andreas Huber, and Haran Panchou take a break from dancing during Winter Rose.



NEW

FULL-TIME FACULTY

RUCHI UPADHYAY



THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT at Greensboro College has seen shifts within the past few years. Its former dean, Dr. Bill MacReynolds, retired at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, and long-time accounting professor Teresa Walker retired this past May.

Earlier this fall, the department saw one more change as it welcomed Ruchi Upadhyay to the college as an assistant professor of economics.

“[Upadhyay] is an effective instructor with a knack for making complex concepts understandable,” says Karen Knoch, a professor and Dean of the School of Business. “She emphasizes the importance of communication by using humor and a variety of teaching techniques to make learning enjoyable to motivate the students to learn.”

“My teaching philosophy asserts that students are entitled to quality instruction in an active, stimulating learning environment,” Upadhyay says. “Students should experience frequent and repeated opportunities to act, react, and interact with each other and the professor.”

Ruchi’s style of teaching stood out to Knoch and the selection committee as they were reviewing candidates for the faculty role.

“Ruchi is enthusiastic and lets it show,” says Knoch. “Her interest in students and love of teaching impressed the selection committee and everyone who met with Ruchi during the hiring process.”

Upadhyay completed her M.Phil. and PhD. in Economics from the Central University of Gujarat in India. She had previously taught Economics courses as an adjunct lecturer in the Thomas School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In her spare time, Upadhyay, who was born and brought up in India before moving to the United States in 2013, enjoys spending time with her children, as well as volunteering with non-governmental organizations in her home country. That work focuses on women’s empowerment in both urban and rural areas of the nation.

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— Karen Knoch

Outside the classroom, Upadhyay also worked as a research associate in government-funded projects for the Indian Council of Social Science Research. She has presented her research in several international and national conferences, as well as in articles and book chapters.

Upadhyay’s research interests focus on microfinance, women’s empowerment, and economic development. She has also received a scholarship from the Indian Council of Social Science Research.

As her first semester at Greensboro College winds down, Upadhyay is excited to continue her work of helping students get ready, not just for fields in economics and business, but also for the work they will be doing beyond college.

“Students should leave their courses with skills they will use daily,” she says. “These basic skills include problem-solving and critical thinking, research and writing proficiency, and effective communication ability. I have designed all my courses to include components that impart these skills.”

By Matthew Johnson

AMBER BOOKER



WHILE NEW to Greensboro College, Amber Booker, the new Assistant Professor of Kinesiology in the School of Science and Math, is quite familiar with the Piedmont Triad.

Originally from Winston-Salem, and having recently earned an Ed.D. in kinesiology from UNC Greensboro, Booker had years of experience in her field before arriving at GC. Prior to her time as an instructor, Dr. Booker served as a registered clinical exercise physiologist with more than 12 years of experience in clinical rehabilitation. She transitioned into teaching only six years ago; she says that that shift has gone seamlessly so far.

“I transplanted into the classroom from the hospital setting,” Booker said., “I immediately fell in love with educating young scholars, specifically those from underserved communities.”

Despite being relatively new to teaching, she also brings to Greensboro College years of teaching experience, which include developing a Health and Physical

Education Program at Quality Education Academy for K-5 in Winston-Salem. She also has served as an adjunct instructor at Salem College and a visiting professor at UNC Greensboro.

With her extensive background, Booker was exactly the type of professor and researcher whom Anna Carter, chair of the Department of Kinesiology, was seeking to succeed long-time professor Jean Lojko, who retired after the Spring 2023 semester.

“We are very excited for Dr. Booker to be joining our department,” Carter said. “Her energy and the way she engaged with the students made her a stand-out candidate. She brings experience from the exercise and health science field, and her doctoral work in education made her a perfect match for our campus.”

Booker would share a similar sentiment with Carter, reflecting that her first interview at Greensboro College felt like an ideal fit, from the feelings that arose to connecting with the campus community.

“When I came in for my teaching demonstration, I immediately felt a connection, and I honestly felt as though I was looking at myself in the mirror,” Booker said. “I had many relatable moments when I was on campus, and I knew that I wanted to nurture these relationships and provide these students with a safe and inclusive learning environment.”

When she is not teaching, Booker’s hobbies and interests pertain to healthcare, giving back, and education. Booker owns and maintains a wellness

“She brings experience from the exercise and health science field, and her doctoral work in education made her a perfect match for our campus.”

— Anna Carter

center in Greensboro, One Wellness Center, which works to bridge the gap between healthcare providers and individuals. She also volunteers often, reading to young scholars, leading community workouts, and helping on service projects with the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, of which she is a member.

During the upcoming winter break, Booker will have plenty of time to continue her involvement in her community. Yet, she is very much looking forward to finishing strong in her first year at Greensboro College as she works with her students during the approaching exam period and begins the whole process again at the start of the spring semester.

“As an educator, I value each student’s unique learning style, social connectivity, and experience,” Booker said. “I strongly feel that knowing these different elements, and catering lessons and educational material that best serve the student, can influence a student’s academic success and outcomes. I enjoy nurturing students and watching their confidence grow throughout the school year.”

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE



Avent



Boone



Chopelas



D'Agostin



Dawkins-Prince



Deussing



Humble



Johnson



Lojko



Moore



Newman



O'Neill



Pearson



Schatz



Walker



White



Woods

By Matthew Johnson

Greensboro College has seen much transition in its administrative, academic, and athletic departments in the past few years. Many other schools and organizations in higher education, and in the economy generally, have seen such change amid the Great Resignation, the ongoing trend of employees resigning and/or transitioning from their places of work for other opportunities during and after the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Fall 2023 began, not only were there new faces around the grounds of GC, but there also were familiar faces in new places.

Julie Schatz '89, after serving as Dean of Admissions since 2013, moved to Institutional Advancement to become the Assistant Vice President of Alumni Development. **Andrea Humble '95** moved from Director of Admissions Data and Reporting to the college's Financial Office to begin work as the Director of Student Accounts. **Jenna Avent**, who had been the Director of First-Year Experience, helping to organize events like the PAWS new-student orientation, has also moved across departments to become the Director of Academic Administration.

The college also saw the return of several individuals who are also very familiar with the campus.

Alums **Sally Newman '01** (Adult Admissions Counselor), **Jalen Pearson '18** (Director of Admissions), **Devin D'Agostin '20** (Director of First Year Experience), and **Katrina O'Neill '23** (Student Success Coordinator) each returned to the college during the summer, now working at the very grounds where they once studied and received their respective degrees.

Elsewhere in the administration, **Dana Deussing** began work as the Director of International Programs, leading the college's efforts to allow students the opportunity to engage with global studies, as well as inviting international students and programs the chance to connect with Greensboro College. In the Registrar's Office, **Chelsea Moore** will

be the department's administrative assistant, helping that team as they maintain records of students. **Denise Johnson** (Associate Director of Admissions) and **Tierra Lane** (Slate Administrator for Enrollment — Slate is the college's admissions and enrollment-management database) joined the Admissions Department. Johnson will represent the college to prospective students and parents and help direct the strategic goals of the office, while Lane will develop and maintain libraries and reports within Slate.

In Athletics, **Jim Boone** and **Laquanda Dawkins-Prince** were welcomed to lead the men's and women's basketball teams, respectively. And when student athletes need to go to the trainer's office to heal and strengthen following games and practices, they will be greeted by **Abigail Chopelas**, who has begun her first year as an assistant athletic trainer. Right at the beginning of the fall sports season, **Justin Mychal White** also joined the Pride as the college's new Sports Information Director, promoting events and games, while also leading gameday coverage.

As the college welcomes these individuals, it also sends its deepest thanks and farewells to several faculty and staff members: **Marilyn Woods '95 & '14** (Director of Student Accounts), **Jean Lojko** (Jefferson Pilot Professor of Health and Physical Education), and **Teresa Walker** (Business Professor), each formally retired from Greensboro College at the end of the 2023 spring semester. These colleagues and coworkers will be missed, but former, present, and new employees will always be a part of the GC Family!



MUSEP

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park, a concert series from Creative Greensboro, a division of the City of Greensboro's office for arts and culture, returned to front campus June 4 for the second year in a row.

- 1** Front campus was a packed house as guests came to GC to listen to Creative Greensboro's Big Band group.
- 2** Brad Jones of Fox 8 News speaks to the crowd prior to the start of the concert. Fox 8 News is one of the sponsors of the MUSEP Concert Series.
- 3** On a cool, cloudy early evening in June, the campus was full with visitors and music.



- 4** As the Big Band group played swing and jazz, guests got up from their seats to dance along with the music.
- 5** During the concert, local food truck vendors Kibi's Crazy Casserole and ScoopZone336 were on campus.
- 6** Dr. Czarda welcomes all attendees to GC to kick off the concert.
- 7** Dixie Penn, a local vocalist, belts out a song with the Big Band during the concert. Dixie is the mother of alumnae Elaine Penn '85 and Georgianna Penn '94.

Where are they now?

By Lex Alexander

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK WHERE WILLIE TAYLOR IS NOW. SHE'S RIGHT WHERE SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN.

Taylor retired from teaching at Greensboro College in 2000 and from staff work in 2003, but she lives in the same home as she did then and remains just as busy as ever in the community despite walking with a cane.

"I get up every morning and basically do some kind of work most of the day," she says. "Occasionally, I'll sit down in the afternoon and take time to read, and I feel guilty."

That work includes projects with the League of Women Voters, with which she has been involved since her retirement. She also serves on the Public Education Roundtable, both locally and statewide. In 2010, she helped organize the New Garden/Guilford College Community Alliance and serves on the group's board to this day. And on Wednesdays, she volunteers at the Guilford Education Alliance's teacher-supply warehouse.

"I also get called on to help out with various little projects," she says, adding, deadpan, "They're primarily related to history because I've been around for so long."

One big history-related project, which began for her in 2017, culminated on Oct. 7, 2022. It was an event that commemorated the Oct. 7, 1920, assembly of more than 100 people at the then-new Guilford County Courthouse. Just after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave white women the right to vote, those gathered were there to dissolve the N.C. Equal Suffrage



Association, which had worked for the 19th Amendment, and to establish the League of Women Voters of North Carolina, which would register and educate women voters.

In the courthouse's monument garden in October 2022, a historical marker and a monument for Gertrude Weil of Goldsboro, who founded the League of Women Voters of North Carolina, were unveiled. Later that day, Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, who had been the first African American woman to serve as president of the National League of Women Voters, gave a presentation at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum downtown and signed copies of her book, "The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters."

"Just read her book," Taylor says. "It's not an easy read. It's not a comfortable read. But it is extraordinary."

Other parts of Taylor's life were not easy or comfortable, either. When she began teaching at Greensboro College, she says, "women were not respected." Male faculty were paid more than women, "and any kind of leadership position always went to the men," she says. "I challenged (that)."

"I got yelled at by one of the presidents — he didn't like what I said and yelled at me," she recalls. "And I just straightened my backbone and kept on, but after I got home, I just fell apart. A faculty member called me and came over. She said she didn't believe me. Then a year later, she called me and said she'd been yelled at, too."



She says things were slow to change until Daniel Keck became vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty in 1992. Working with Keck, she helped create the Faculty Affairs Committee, which "established criteria for salaries, promotions, [and] all these things," Taylor says. It helped eradicate discrimination against women, although, for the first five years, only men were elected to leadership positions. Then Keck recommended her as its first female chair, and the faculty elected her to an unprecedented second consecutive term. After a year off, Taylor returned to the position of chair and held that position until she retired.

Title IX, the federal legislation mandating equal opportunities for women in higher education, became law in 1972, but as Taylor notes, its effects were

not immediate. Still, "my days at GC were very enjoyable," she says "I love that college, I really do. Sometimes, I'll get a call right out of the blue (from a student) and talk about the past, and it just makes my day." Despite her hardship at Greensboro College, towards the end of her tenure, Taylor became the first woman faculty member at GC to receive a Jefferson-Pilot endowed professorship.

Even so, the history of unequal treatment of women still comes up in conversations with her best friend, her undergraduate college roommate.

"(We say that) if it had been now, I would have been recruited by UConn or the University of Tennessee, or some other great women's basketball team," says Taylor, a standout basketball player in her youth. "I'm not sure I was that

good, but I never knew. I never had the chance...."

"This year, when I looked at the NCAA playoffs ... I thought, 'I wonder how many of these women really know how they got this opportunity?'"

Still, she focuses on the present and the future more than the past. She doesn't travel as much anymore, and she has no plans to move.

"You mean like to a nursing home?" she says, laughing, on being asked about potentially moving. "I like where I'm living, and as long as I can negotiate the steps, I plan to keep living here."

PAUL LESLIE SPENT THE LAST YEAR-PLUS OF HIS CAREER AS GREENSBORO COLLEGE'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER WITH A CLOCK IN HIS OFFICE THAT WAS COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS, HOURS, AND MINUTES UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT. SO, UNSURPRISINGLY, HE REMEMBERS HOW HE SPENT THE FIRST FULL DAY OF IT.

"The first thing I did was to clean out 8,000 emails from my directory," he says. "I downloaded all kinds of files and sent them to Anna Marie Rogers (who had been his administrative assistant). And then I went outside and started building a greenhouse."

It all sounds perfectly normal, but with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring of 2020 was not a normal time. In the early days of the pandemic,

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— PAUL LESLIE

Leslie became a part of his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter Frankie’s isolation bubble, and began facilitating Frankie’s online kindergarten. As COVID-19 restrictions have relaxed, Leslie has become Frankie’s after-school caregiver, organizing his days around shuttling her to activities like swimming, ice skating, yoga, and dance.

“She keeps me on my toes,” he says. “Today I had road signs in my truck. She asked why, and I told her that I had to study to renew my (driver’s) license. Then I found out I could do that right online. She said, ‘Grandpa, c’mon, these are modern times.’”

When he’s not spending time with Frankie, he is serving on the board of the Greensboro chamber-music nonprofit Music for a Great Space, including serving a term as the organization’s president. In addition to putting on concerts, the group also works a great deal with schoolchildren and posts lessons for student music teachers.

“We recently got a grant from the city (of Greensboro) to expand our offerings, and we have a residency ensemble now, and they go to schools, teach, and perform,” he says proudly.

He also serves on the board of the Wesley Luther group at UNC

Greensboro. Among other activities, that organization runs the Spartan and GC Pantry, which works to ensure that students in both institutions have food when necessary. And he is active in the book club of the college chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Robert Brewer.

A sociology professor by training, Leslie is keeping a finger in teaching. He taught a course called “The Collapse of Sensibility” for the George Center for Honors Studies this past spring, and he has co-taught a seminar on the Holocaust and genocide off and on since 2017. The class has been offered the past two springs but didn’t get enough enrollees to form, a fact that bothers Leslie.

“Everyone thinks their class is the most important, but given what’s going on in the world, I really think (the Holocaust class) is,” he says, referring to the worldwide rise of authoritarian movements.

The importance of that class to him, combined with an interest in his own ancestors — one of his grandfathers was a Lithuanian Jew — has led Leslie to take classes on Judaism at Beth David Synagogue, a Conservative Jewish congregation in Greensboro. The classes have covered everything from the meaning of Judaism’s most sacred holiday, Yom

Kippur (the Day of Atonement), and Jewish understanding of atonement, to “Jews and Their Jokes.”

Leslie and his wife, Jean, have traveled a good bit as pandemic restrictions have eased, and they plan a trip to England to visit friends. Leslie has no thoughts of relocation because his kids and grandkids are all no farther away than the 90-minute drive to Raleigh.

He looks forward to watching his grandchildren grow up and, should he be so lucky, attending their college graduations. In the meantime, he wants to take more classes, start a blues band (he is an accomplished bassist), and write more — two of his short stories appear in the most recent edition of “The Lyre,” the college’s literary magazine.

He expected that in retirement he would have more control over his time, and so he has: “I smile when I think, ‘I don’t have to write that report for Music for a Great Space today. It’s not due for two months. I can do it tomorrow.’”

He says he had feared that, particularly with COVID, retirement would be dull — that he would have nothing to do and no one to see. But to his pleasant surprise, “it hasn’t been like that at all. It’s been a very nice, medium-paced slow to busy — and busy with activities I really enjoyed.”

But he says he has no bucket list.

“I’m at peace with what I’ve done in my life, and I have a great family, wonderful kids, and wonderful grandkids,” he says. “If I hit the big one tomorrow, I’d go out with a smile on my face.”



GIVE4GC

1 Several coaches of the athletic teams take a group photo before heading out on a 5K walk/run through the neighborhoods around Greensboro College.

2 George Knight follows through on his throw after hitting the bull’s-eye and dumping a bucketful of water on Dr. Czarda.

3 Chief of Security Calvin Gilmore drives a decorated cart around campus to help share the news to the campus community.

4 Students of the Theatre Department pose with a dampened adjunct instructor, David Sebren, who had just been under the splash tower.

5 To show appreciation, faculty and staff were treated to light refreshments at the end of the day for Give4GC.

6 Anne Hurd ‘81, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, speaks with faculty and staff to discuss the significance of Give4GC Day. Anne is flanked by Ellie Yearsn ‘05, Vice President for Development, and her family.

7 Director of Student Engagement Jonathan Hall ‘13 and senior Brooke Kinley pet a dog on back campus, as the campus community had a chance to greet dogs during the day.

8 Senior Director of Marketing and Communications Tom Saitta went all out with his attire and talks trash to a thrower underneath the splash tower. Tom helpfully points out to the thrower where the mark is.

\$10 MILLION PLANNED SCHOLARSHIP GIFT ANNOUNCED AT HOMECOMING

At Greensboro College’s Alumni Homecoming celebration in September, President Lawrence D. Czarda, Ph.D., announced a \$10 million commitment from an alumna trustee celebrating her 50th reunion with the Class of 1973.

Lynn Lane and her husband, Pat Lane, have increased their planned estate gift to \$10 million to enhance the Lynn Lewis Lane ’73 and Pat Lane Scholarship Fund, which they began funding in 2015 to provide a full-tuition merit scholarship to a high-achieving student who also shows promise to be a campus leader.

The Lanes began making outright gifts of one full-tuition merit scholarship each year as they concurrently gave major gifts designated to build the Lane Endowment Fund, which now generates enough annual earnings to fund full tuition for a Lane Scholar.

The first six years of Lane Scholars have distinguished themselves: one graduate is a published author, another is a talented performer and educator, and the current Lane Scholar is a top student scholar and has received honors from the USA South Athletic Conference in their sport.

The Lanes’ estate plan originally designated \$3.5 million to be added to the Lane Scholarship endowment, the earnings from which would provide about five full-tuition scholarships. But as the value of their eventual estate increased, they decided to remain focused on higher education and increased their commitment to the two institutions they already support, rather than add other beneficiaries.

“As a trustee of GC during COVID, I watched and appreciated firsthand how GC adapted to expand learning options for our students,” Lynn Lane said. “Pat and I decided to more than double our commitment to GC and impact more students who will benefit from the small learning community here at GC.”

“Lynn and Pat Lane’s \$10 million planned estate gift will eventually grow the Lane Scholars Program to rival that of many small college programs, providing full-tuition scholarships for 10 to 14 top students from our state and beyond,” Czarda said. “We are overwhelmed by this historic commitment to Lynn’s alma mater.”

The Lanes plan to expand the program in other ways as well, offering an additional \$5,000 per student for experiential learning, such as a semester study abroad, or to cover expenses or travel for a semester or summer internship. As the cohort of Lane Scholars grows, they will be encouraged to mentor each other, as well as the greater GC community, as student leaders on campus.

The first six years of Lane Scholars have distinguished themselves: one graduate is a published author, another is a talented performer and educator, a third has been a top scholar athlete, and all have been outstanding leaders and scholars.

The Lanes acknowledge that there is some hesitancy involved for them in announcements of their extraordinary support for education. East Carolina University in May announced a \$30 million commitment from the Lanes and another couple for whom the East Carolina Scholars program will now be known as the Brinkley-Lane Scholars program.

“We do hope that allowing some publicity about this will inspire others to think about what they can do for Greensboro College,” Lynn Lane said.

Lynn Lewis Lane graduated in 1973 from GC with a B.A. in Economics, Business Administration & Sociology. She went on to receive a B.S. in accounting from Guilford College. Lynn’s career in finance spanned more than 33 years, and she retired in 2004 from Reynolds American as Senior Vice President and Treasurer. She spent three years as the Vice President and Treasurer of Burlington Industries in the late ’90s.

She has served on the boards of directors of a bank, a fine jewelry company, and charitable foundations, while an active volunteer at her alma mater, Greensboro College. She currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees at Greensboro College and is a founding member of the Women In Philanthropy and Leadership Fund.

Lynn and her husband, Pat, a retired CPA who also taught at GC, have served in numerous volunteer roles at ECU, located near where they live. Together, they have traveled extensively in Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia, and Europe.

LYNN LEWIS LANE ’73 RECEIVED THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS DEGREE AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE’S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY MAY 6.

IN CONFERRING the degree, President Lawrence D. Czarda, Ph.D., said that this distinction is reserved for “an individual who has demonstrated a sustained lifetime of commitment, achievement, and excellence at a level well above any standard of performance.” Her nomination received unanimous votes from the trustees’ Honorary Degrees Committee, GC faculty, and the GC Board of Trustees.

Dr. Lane began her extraordinary career in an entry-level accounting position with Sea Land Industries, a \$1.5 billion subsidiary of RJR Nabisco. She moved on to become Manager of International Treasury for RJR Nabisco, where, in the next seven years, Lane and her staff developed

an annual remittance and dividend program that resulted in bringing \$500 million in offshore funds permanently back to the United States. She also produced \$30 million in foreign exchange savings on the acquisition of manufacturing equipment.

She quickly moved up the ladder at RJR, becoming Director of International Treasury and managing and controlling the corporation’s \$2.5 billion foreign-exchange exposure for 100 operating companies in more than 25 currencies with 50 banks. After continuing her upward career path, she later became Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of Capital Markets, where for four years she managed \$15 billion of interest-rate, foreign exchange, and energy exposure.

She was named Vice President and Treasurer of RJR in 1995.

Her success led Burlington Industries to hire her away from RJR in 1996. At Burlington, she became Vice President and Treasurer and handled investor relations until 1999, when she returned to RJR, this time as Senior Vice President and Treasurer of RJ Reynolds Holdings. Among many other tasks, she was responsible for leading and managing the treasury, disbursement, accounts receivable, and credit functions of the \$8 billion manufacturer. She retired in August 2004 at age 52.

She first joined the Greensboro College Board of Trustees in 1999. In 2013, she became co-chair of the board’s Finance Committee, which she began chairing in 2015. As one trustee remarked, “It is impossible to overestimate the wisdom and experience that Lynn Lane has brought to the finance committee and thus to the college.”

Another important task she undertook was to work extensively with President Czarda and former board chair Walter Newton on the successful renewal of GC’s accreditation in 2013, including traveling from out of the country to be a part of the GC team in Atlanta in 2013 for the accreditor’s critical accreditation reaffirmation committee session, which proved instrumental to the college’s re-accreditation.

“If Greensboro College had a Mt. Rushmore of alumni, Lynn Lewis Lane would certainly be one of the top alumni honored there,” Czarda said at Commencement. “She is clearly one of our most gifted and generous graduates.”





ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND

1 Flanked by President Lawrence D. Czarda, Ph.D., and Dr. Carolyn Chappell, this year's Homecoming Queen and Big Man on Campus were Svea Eckstrand and Alex Trepper.

2 Current members of the men's soccer team speak with Robin Hood '74, a player-coach of the first men's soccer team at Greensboro College.

3 Tica Davis Green '94, winner of this year's Distinguished Alumni Service Award, is joined by her children following the Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

4 Fun times were had during the Jim Locke Golf Tournament this year; the tournament is named after the beloved GC academic administrator and golf coach.

5 Lynn Lane '73 and her husband, Pat Lane, were recognized during the Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for their generous gift to the college, a \$10 million planned scholarship fund.

6 Matt Perry '06 takes a picture with his former lacrosse coach, Dan Cetrone, during the Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony; Dan was Matt's guest speaker for the event.

7 Dione Eccles Ferguson '09, an inductee into the Athletics Hall of Fame, is greeted by Athletics Director Kim Strable upon walking into the Gail Brower Huggins Performance Center.

8 Former classmates had a chance to reconnect throughout the Alumni Homecoming Weekend, including during the Reunion Dinner for the Class of 1973.

9 Members of the Class of 1973 take a class picture and pose in Cowan Humanities Building.

10 On behalf of the Class of 1973, Debbie LaFountain '73, Class President, presents Dr. Czarda the largest 50th Reunion Class Gift in GC history: \$10,398,706.



2022-2023 CHARITABLE GIVING



2022-2023 was an extraordinary year of giving. We are pleased to report that in total, donors gave \$1,761,010 between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, surpassing by more than \$151,000 the gifts of the previous year. We can never say “thank you” enough!

We are proud to report that \$1,512,405 was given to support operations last year. Operations include faculty and staff salaries and benefits, student financial aid, educational expenses, arts and athletics, and campus utilities and maintenance.

Consistent with the national giving trends, our number of alumni donors significantly declined from 815 to 723; however, the average gift to the GC Fund increased to \$532. This is consistent with national trends of fewer donors making larger gifts, but we need to reverse this trend now for our future financial security.

Recognizing this, the Trustees have issued a \$40,000 GC Fund Challenge this fall to match new and increased gifts over last year. Between now and the end of 2023, we hope you will consider this call to action in your GC Fund giving!

Over the past year, GC saw generous gifts to capital projects to install spectator bleachers along Pride Field and for sprucing up the Gail Brower Huggins Performance Center in Odell Memorial Building for the 100th Anniversary Gala last fall.

One commitment, though anonymous, will have a tremendous impact on our financial security. An alumna has committed \$1 million — to be given over three years starting in 2023 — to retire debt incurred several years ago for educational enhancements such as new science lab equipment. Retiring debt doesn’t excite everyone, but this gift was celebrated heartily in Main Building!

We continue looking for ways to encourage alumni annual giving, even as the effectiveness of 24-hour giving days and Phonathon calls have declined. Secure online credit card giving is increasing, and we continue to make that easier for donors.

We can never say “thank you” enough to our donors for your incredible dedication and support for Greensboro College. And I cannot



Ellie Puckett Yearns

as Assistant Vice President for Development. Throughout the GC 20/20 Capital Campaign and COVID-19 pandemic, she built our annual giving program to new monetary and participation levels, surpassing our goals each year. Ellie has taken the next step in her career and is now directing her own development program at a national nonprofit. I will miss her, but I am very proud of her professional growth; she’s still a GC alumna and remains in close touch with us.

The annual Report of Donors gratefully acknowledges the generous donors who demonstrated their commitment to GC’s mission and future between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Your support has sustained this college for 185 years, touching many thousands of young lives.

Thank you, all!

With gratitude and Pride,

Anne Jones Hurd ’81
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

say “thank you” enough to Ellie Puckett Yearns ’05 M.A. ’20, who has worked with me for the past seven years

REPORT OF DONORS 2022-2023

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023



GIFTS FOR OPERATIONS

Unrestricted gifts including GC Fund	\$1,016,916
Restricted gifts	\$495,489
	\$1,512,405

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ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

Capital projects	\$129,190
Permanently restricted endowment gifts	\$119,415

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LARRY S. O’CONNELL of Sanford has established a significant seven-figure scholarship fund at Greensboro College teaching junior high school (middle school) English and history for many years. Her first teaching job was in Wilmington, N.C.

On June 30, 1962, O’Connell married her hometown high school sweetheart, Larry O’Connell. From this point on, she taught school wherever the couple settled during Larry O’Connell’s early career in textiles (his undergraduate degree is from N.C. State University). She taught junior high students in South Boston, Va., Rocky Mount, Va., and Memphis, Tenn.

The Elizabeth Carrington O’Connell ’61 Scholarship will provide scholarships for business or education majors or those who plan to teach in their major or minor.

Frances Elizabeth Carrington O’Connell was born on Aug. 1939, to Madge Lewis Carrington and Roscoe Carrington, Jr. After graduating from Sanford Central High, like her Grandmother Lucy (GFC Class of 1894), Aunt Bess (Class of 1923), and mother (Class of 1925) before her, Liz went to Greensboro College, where she was very active on campus.

In addition to the Writer’s Club, she was a member of the International Relations Club, which sought to "educate students about the affairs of the world as well as train them to take their places." As one of 12 Senior Marshals, an academic honor, O’Connell served as an official hostess of the college, ushering at commencement (as a junior), recitals, concerts and other college-sponsored events. In her senior year, O’Connell was a senior attendant in the May Court.

In 1961, she graduated from Greensboro College with a major in English and a minor in history. O’Connell shared her lifelong passion for these subjects by

were especially fond of Scotland, visiting there several times because it was the home of her St. Clair ancestors, who built Rosslyn Chapel in 1446.

O’Connell loved her books, she loved her coffee, and she loved Larry, her husband for 54 years. As an alumna of Greensboro College, she was close to her classmates and was fond of, and generous to, GC. She gave generously, in memory of her parents, to help remodel the Alumni Parlor during her class’s 50th Reunion Celebration in 2011; it is still a beautiful room.

In addition to the scholarships that will support several GC students each year, Larry O’Connell’s personal passion for kwanzan cherry trees (the same kind that line the tidal pool in Washington, D.C.) is already evident on campus. The kwanzan trees, with a memorial plaque for Liz in between, are situated at the top of the hill next to the historic front steps on West Market Street.

“Our yard was full of beautiful plantings, always in odd numbers, that Liz planted,” Larry recalls. “It would have pleased her to know that Greensboro College will enjoy these beautiful, blooming cherry trees each spring.”

Even though Larry O’Connell misses Liz O’Connell every day, he is pleased that he has been able to create a legacy through which her name lives on.

“Because we were never blessed with children of our own,” he said, “it would especially please Liz to know that Greensboro College students in the future will be able to afford their education because of scholarships given in her name.”

O’Connell’s love of history led to another interest — genealogical research — which inspired the couple to travel widely. They

GC Celebrates the Legacy of Tommie Foscue Arnold '64



WHEN Tommie Foscue Arnold '64 passed away in late 2021, she left a generous legacy gift to GC to “be added to the general scholarship fund and used to provide scholarships to students in need.”

In January 2023, when Tommie’s estate was settled, she provided nearly \$70,000 for the benefit of current GC students to help them afford the GC experience she so deeply valued.

During her GC years, Tommie developed life-long friendships, including a group of women nicknamed “The Sassies,” most of whom returned to memorialize her on Dec. 4, 2021, with a reception in Main Building’s Lea Center.

Following her college graduation in 1964 she taught high school and then began a successful banking career starting at Wachovia in Greensboro. She went on to be a manager at 1st Home Federal

Savings & Loan, eventually retiring as vice president.

In retirement, Tommie pursued her lifetime passion of caring and compassion for others. She completed her clinical pastoral education and served as a part-time chaplain on call overnight in the emergency department at Moses Cone Hospital for about 10 years. She was exceptionally gifted in building relationships and being emotionally and spiritually present with people, and she won the respect of the Emergency Department staff.

She married George Arnold in 1967, and they lived their entire marriage of 47 years in Greensboro. They both were very active in the community, with a focus on social justice issues and church activities. Tommie and George were members of First Lutheran Church, where she served through Community Ministry efforts and on one of the pastoral call committees. She maintained associate membership while becoming an active member of Congregational United Church of Christ.

She served on the Board of Directors of Greensboro Urban Ministry and the National Committee for the New River.

She and George traveled extensively in Mexico and Europe. They also traveled to many family reunions with cousins, and she continued to do so following George’s death in 2015. She sold her longtime residence after his death and moved to a downtown high-rise apartment where she took advantage of being close to restaurants and other downtown activities. She considered herself a “political junkie” and looked forward to reading the *New York Times* every day along with her many other magazine subscriptions. She visited Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter’s Sunday school class in Plains, Ga., and “scratched her political itch” every four years when she attended several Iowa caucuses.

Her legacy of care and activism will live on through the GC students she continues to support.

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Emily Scott, *Chief of Staff and Vice President for Compliance*
Dr. Jessica Sharpe, *Dean of the Faculty*

Institutional Advancement Staff
Anne Jones Hurd '81, *Vice President of Institutional Advancement*
Julie Showfety Schatz '89, *Assistant Vice President for Alumni Development*
Elena Wegner Henry '02, *Director of Advancement Services*
Matthew Johnson, *Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications*
Elaine Kitchell '20, *Director of Conferences and Events*
Tom Saitta, *Senior Director of Marketing and Communications*
Sharon Van Winckle, *Advancement Services Administrator*
Ellie Puckett Years '05 MA '20, *Assistant Vice President for Development until April 2023*
Hannah Soots '21, *Director of Alumni Giving and Programs until May 2023*

Bold = Greensboro College Society + = Deceased



Cities are in North Carolina except where noted; some N.C. cities noted to avoid confusion.



Barbara Reynolds Valentine '57 (left), Greenville, recently moved to the Cypress Glen retirement community. She reports that her reception there has been “almost like rush week at GC when the Emerson and Irving societies were welcoming freshmen.” Many of her new acquaintances have strong ties to GC, and she says that her late husband, Tim Valentine, was amused that everywhere they went, she would find more GC connections than he would from his Citadel and UNC law school networks. One new friend in particular

is Barbara’s backdoor neighbor, Mary Hannah Finch Taft, who is the granddaughter of our Hannah Brown Finch Chapel namesake. Mary Hannah’s grandmother graduated from GFC in 1885, following her sister, **Crissie Brown Clark Class of 1861**, for whom a scholarship is named.

Eleanor Oakley Trigg '56, Washington, N.C., shared after reading about classmates in the last Points of Pride magazine that although she attended GC for only two years, it could be said she did get her “B.S” when she married Bob Sills. They were together for 46 years, until his death in 2000, and shared 6 children. With family scattered throughout the country, she was thrilled to applaud her grandson, Sean Daugherty, when he received his Ph.D. In 2005, she married J. Tracy Tripp Jr., the father of seven children with his first wife. New acquaintances would ask if they were Catholic upon hearing that Eleanor and Tracy had 13 children. “No. Just passionate Protestants!” She closed with, “I can’t believe I’m 89! But I am content!”

Susan Page Percy '67, Clifton, Va., went to Mineral VA/Lake Anna for an exhibition of Joe Rogers '67’s artwork at Everleigh Winery in April. The exhibition ran until this past May. He has a Facebook page: Joseph Rogers Artist/Aiven. Susan says, “It was wonderful seeing him again and to find he’s still funny, prickly, and so interesting!”

TO ALUMNI

A LETTER TO ALUMNI FROM JULIE SCHATZ '89, GC'S NEW ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

Julie Showfety Schatz '89, who has been in GC admissions since 1990, and Dean or Director for the past 13 years, recently accepted the position of Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

She will work closely with VP for Institutional Advancement Anne Jones Hurd '81, and GC alumni, most of whom she admitted as new students over the past 30 years. As she transitioned into a new role, while still remaining at GC, Julie reflected on history and connection to the college in a brief letter, below:



Is it meant to be? As a child, my babysitter brought me and my best friend to Greensboro College's campus where he was a student. It was an attempt to entertain us and to show his girlfriend he was good with children, and it worked; they eventually got married and I fell in love with GC. I was inspired by the college culture and soon started to count down the years until I could head off to college myself.

Years later, I remember being in my high school guidance office and seeing a beautiful brochure on Greensboro College. When I asked my parents about applying to GC, my mother told me how she had taken classes at GC for her job in banking, and they both encouraged me to take a tour; that visit changed my life. GC transformed me and so many others in both substantial and small-scale ways. Who knew a simple statistics class would introduce me to my future spouse, Gary '88; this is a reminder that some of the most unexpected moments can lead to the most significant connections.

Being at GC in a professional role, I have had the pleasure of meeting, touring, celebrating, crying, and supporting so many of you during my time in Admissions. How can you call it a job when you help students on their discovery of being the best they can be?

Fast forward to 2023, and Anne Hurd '81, VP for Institutional Advancement, approached me about an opportunity in the Alumni and Development Office; I knew this would be my next chapter at GC, and I am honored to have been trusted to serve in the position of Assistant Vice President for Alumni Development.

Now I get to reconnect with all of you whom I met along the way, and make new friendships with those who proceeded before me. We are Family. We are Connected. We are One Pride. Each of us has been through the highs and lows at GC, given that we all have had our own unique experiences here.

Greensboro College has endured for 185 years, and it will for another 185! Let us not forget to support each other, our College, its faculty and staff who helped transform us into who we were meant to be, and of course, our students, the continual lifeblood of Greensboro College; they are the reason we exist.

Is it meant to be? Yes, it is meant to be! I eagerly await your phone call, email, or better yet, your visit to campus. I will be waiting!

Jann Haynes Gilmore, Ph.D., '68, Alexandria, Va., contributed a blog post on American women art educators in the March newsletter of American Women Artists. Jann ended the article by remembering her art professor at Greensboro College, Irene Cullis, who Gilmore says taught art utilizing the "Wellesley Method" of experiencing art to learn. To read Jann's blog post, open a browser and Go to American Women Artists, Newsletter, March, Blog: "visionary..."

Sally Logue Blizzard '76, Newport, NJ, recently retired as a special education teacher in Millville Public Schools. She was also chair of NJEA's Exceptional Children Committee for the past decade.



Kenny Barnwell '80, Hendersonville, was recognized by *American Fruit Grower Magazine's* annual listing of Apple Growers of the Year – specifically, the top pick for the East Region – in August 2022. He's a fifth-generation apple grower and owner of Kenny Barnwell Orchards. He took over the family orchard in 1989 and provides wholesale apples to local markets as well as to Gerber for baby food and to Peterson Farms, which makes the apple slices for McDonalds.

Leslie Lewis Bryan '82, Greensboro, is working in Patient Services with Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist.

The Rev. Dr. Randy Kanipe '82, Lincolnton, Ga., is the senior pastor at Lincolnton United Methodist Church.



Larry Miller Jr. '97 and **Brandy Fulcher Miller '97** (left), Mohnton, Pa., and **Drew Young '93**, West Chester, Pa., cheered on the GC women's basketball team at Messiah University for their game against New York University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, March 3, 2023. They were joined in this photo by GC Athletic Director, Kim Strable.

Becky Jones Beatty '83, Gastonia, is the Director of Music Ministries for All Saints Episcopal Church.

Teresa DeAtley Pierrie '84, Raleigh, is working at N.C. State University as a Cohort Director.

Julie Showfety Schatz '89, Greensboro, has been named the college's Assistant Vice President for Alumni Development.

Aimee Baucom-Rotruck '91, Summerfield, is working in sales for Boehringer-Ingelheim.

Mavis Swann '91, LaGrange, is the office manager for Dr. Sharon Long-Stokes.

GT Randall '93, Calabash, retired from Brunswick Community College on Aug. 31, 2022, as the Senior Director of Workforce Development. He was promoted to Master Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve on June 1, 2022, and celebrated 31 years in the reserves on Aug. 25, 2022.

Tica Davis Green '94, Greensboro, shared the following on behalf of the United African American Society on the recent creation of the Black Alumni Collective (BAC@GC), who joined the group on campus in April. "It was a great honor for UAAS to introduce and welcome BAC@GC to the Greensboro College community. We are excited to know that connections made among students via UAAS will expand, continue and deepen into professional and social connections with BAC. BAC@GC will be of great value to the GC community."

Marilyn Woods '95 and '14, Greensboro, retired in May after serving 13 years as the college's Director of Student Accounts.

The Rev. Amy Spivey '96, Hickory, is the senior pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Cloe Torres Caldwell '97, Christiansburg, Va., writes: "I have moved with my family to Christiansburg, Va., to support my spouse, Rebecca Caldwell, in her position at Va. Tech. Our children are attending Montgomery County Public Schools. This month [November 2022], our son, Larson Caldwell, was named Student of the Month. We are so proud of our children and their future endeavors!"

Randy Scott '97, Winston-Salem, is working as a CT Technologist with Novant Health.

Jason O'Keefe '98, Denver, N.C., is a Talent Manager for Octagon.

Sissy Kocur Silver '99, Greensboro, graduated from UNC Greensboro in December 2022 with a master's degree in Library & Information Science. After 18 years teaching art, she started the program as the world went into lockdown in 2020 and completed the degree online. She now serves as the media specialist at Guilford Elementary in Greensboro.

Nick Gonzales '00 has been named associate vice president at North Star Resource Group.

Amy Hensley Allen '01, Niverville, Manitoba, Canada, is a Merchant Success Manager for Sezzle.

Alanna Edwards McClary '01, Rockville, Md., is an English teacher for Fairfax Public Schools.



Sally Newman '01, Greensboro, started her role as the Greensboro College Adult Admissions Counselor in June 2023.

Ben Robinson '01, Jamestown, N.C., is the new Athletic Director at Lexington Senior High in Lexington, VA.

Regina Hayes Alexander '02, Greensboro, joined the faculty of UNC Greensboro as an Academic Professional Assistant Professor of Social Work.

Dr. Christy Ann McBride Bailey '02, Eden, has been named the new principal of Holmes Middle School in Eden for Rockingham County Schools.

Jennie Vicarioli Felix '02, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., has been named president of the Volusia Council of Exceptional Children (Florida) for the year 2023-2024. She never expected to be president again after two terms as president of GC's SCEC from 1999-2001.

John-Walsh DeGance '03, Greensboro, has been named Sr. Manager Product Management Attached Services at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc.

Lowrey Raines Moyer '03, Wellington, Colo., has been named Manager Habitat Thrivent Partnership for Habitat for Humanity International.



Allie Petrova '03, Greensboro, was elected Chair of the Tax Section of the North Carolina Bar Association for 2022-2023. The NCBA Tax Section consists of approximately 430 tax attorneys, most of whom are based in North Carolina. The section helps

conveys the association's legislative agenda for presentation to the North Carolina General Assembly. The section offers a wide variety of programs on tax issues and engages in tax policy and tax pro bono projects and meets annually with the N.C. Department of Revenue and IRS representatives in North Carolina. Petrova is the founder of Petrova Law, a Greensboro-based boutique business-law firm focused exclusively on tax and corporate law issues. She was recognized by her peers for inclusion in Business North Carolina's 2023 Legal Elite and The Best Lawyers in America 2023© in the Business Organizations, Tax Law, and Tax Controversy and Litigation practice areas.

Josh Bair '04, Delta, Colo., is working as a recreation specialist at Delta Recreation Center.

Amy Bell Finiki '04, Wellington, New Zealand, is a spiritual pastoral therapist for Te Whatu Ora - Capital & Coast, Mental Health, Addictions, Intellectual Disabilities Services.

Erik Naglee '04, Oak Ridge, completed his Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Walden University in July 2023.

Jennifer Ryan Phillips '04, Kannapolis, is a research associate for RetailDataLLC.

Shane Stacy '04, Sophia, has been named Regional Sales Manager-Mid Atlantic Region with OASIS International.

Tony Falvino '06 has joined Elon University as the associate head men's soccer coach.

Matthew Henry '06, High Point, has joined the staff of Covenant Church United Methodist as the Director of Youth Ministries.

Malorie Holloway '06 is a Solutions Consultant for ARCA Worldwide.

Morgan Murphy '06, Coppell, Texas, is Co-President of Mother Murphy's Laboratories, Inc.

Dr. Whitney Wilson Oakley M.Ed. '06, Greensboro, was named the superintendent of Guilford County Schools.

Jackie Cianfrani Mulvena '07 M.Ed. '13, High Point, was selected Teacher of the Year at Oak Ridge Elementary School.

Craig Wilson '08 is the Baytown Financial Services Supervisor for ExxonMobil.

Tim Bagamary '09 has been named the new head varsity football coach for Eastern Guilford High School.

Brittany Eckard Bogle '09, North Haven, Conn., graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law in May 2023.

Krista Connelly '09, Greensboro, is working as a Volunteer Engagement Representative for the American Red Cross.

Michael McDuffie '09, Greensboro, completed his Master of Science degree in Sport Management from Western Carolina University in August 2022.

Vanessa Pizzi '09, Youngsville, is a claims representative for Cigna.

Courtney Wands '09 is a U.S. Patent Prosecution Specialist for ArentFox Schiff.

Brick Crowder '10, Grifton, is a pastor at First Baptist Church of Snow Hill.

Kyle Huie '10 is working as the Manager, Member Engagement & Insights for Consumer Brands Association.

Lisa Hunter '11, Greensboro, graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Theology, Ethics, and Culture from Greensboro College on May 6, 2023.

Michelle Reger '11 is the Senior Digital Product Manager for Aspen Skiing Company.

Diana Bravo '13, Greensboro, is an actuary with Lincoln Financial Group.

Jasmine Fuller Butler '13, Greenville, is working as a physician assistant.

Jovan Estrada '13, Smyrna, Del., has joined the women's lacrosse coaching staff at Delaware State University (DSU), as an assistant coach for defense. Additionally, Javon is a special-education coordinator at the Early College School at DSU and a co-owner of Super Savage Training.



Holly Jones Ferreira '14, Vero Beach, Fla., is a fish and wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Vero Beach. On June 1st, she was presented with the Service's Southeast Region Regional Director's Honor Award for her involvement with the Florida Outreach and Diversity Recruitment team. This award is given to the Service's volunteers, partners, and employees who have contributed to the accomplishments of the Service's mission and vision in the Southeast Region through extraordinary performance in a job or volunteer assignment in which they have demonstrated exceptional innovation or ability. Nominations are evaluated through the lens of the regional vision: "Together we will connect lands and waters to sustain, fish, wildlife and plants by being visionary leaders,

THERE'S A NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY COMING!



It's time for a new alumni directory as people relocate and change emails more frequently than they used to. Be on the lookout late this year or early in 2024 for a postcard and other communication from PCI, the company that we have worked with for the past two directories. Please respond to them as quickly as possible so that we can include your information in the new directory.

Directories will be available in the printed book form that many alumni are used to. There also will be a cloud-based directory easily accessible from your computer wherever you are.

bold innovators and trusted partners, working with and for people."

Kelly Rexer '14, Phoenix, Ariz., recently relocated from North Carolina and is working as an analyst for PRGX.

Ryan Taube '14, Greensboro, is an Internship Coordinator for Career Development Service at Winston-Salem State University.

Samantha Brinton Vachieri '14, Raleigh, is an audit coordinator for Enterprise Holdings.

Maxx Aiken '15 is a sales executive with Associate Staffing.

Sydney Boggs ’15 is a clinical exercise physiologist at Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

Sean Cobb ’15, is an Operating Room Liaison for UNC Health Rex.

Nic Gregg ’15, Matthews, is an Agile Coach for Optum.

Vontreece Hayes ’15 has been named the new head women’s basketball coach for Pfeiffer University

Ryan Thronset ’15 is a Doctor of Chiropractic for The Aligning Wellness Center in Catonsville, Md.

Shireen Unvala ’15, Bronx, N.Y., is working as a Broadway dresser for Hamilton Uptown LLC.

Liam Buckley ’16 is a Head Athletic Trainer for PT Solutions Physical Therapy in the greater Atlanta, Ga., area.

Devan Macheras Dawson ’17, Burlington, is working as an ergonomic specialist at Premise Health.

Lauren Bennett Henderson ’17, Lake Worth, Fla., is a Finance Park Program Manager for Junior Achievement of South Florida.

Kelsey Cenate Romanowski ’17, Liverpool, N.Y., has been named Contract Negotiator for GM Defense.

Matt Romanowski ’17, Liverpool, N.Y., is a Materials Coordinator, Aftermarket Buyer for Schneider Packaging Equipment Co., Inc., and the Technical Director, Multimedia Assistant for the Syracuse Mets Baseball Club.

Davis Cahill ’18, Pleasant Garden, received the inaugural Keys of Inspiration Teacher of the Year Award from the Lang Lang International Music Foundation. Davis is a music teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Guilford County.

Max Jenks-Gilbert ’18 is working as a digital marketing coordinator for Rhythmlink International, LLC.

Jalen Pearson ’18, Greensboro, has been named the college’s Director of Admissions.

Wyatt Vilaseca ’18, Guilford, Conn., is a Reservation Sales Counselor for Tauck, a travel arrangements company based in Wilton, Conn.

Destiney Allen ’19, Greensboro, is engaged to Austin Mangus. She completed her master’s degree in counseling from Wake Forest University in December 2022 and is working as a Learning Excellence Specialist at High Point University.

Keegan Bickel ’19 is a legal assistant at Young Moore and Henderson, P.A.

Cam Brooks ’19 is an assistant men’s soccer coach at Greensboro College.

Josh Fitzgerald ’19, Santa Monica, Calif., recently completed his Ph.D. in Engineering Mechanics from Virginia Tech and has been named to the technical staff in the Cislunar and Multi-Body Dynamics Section at The Aerospace Corporation.

Olivia Francis ’19, Greensboro, is an accounting team leader with Hawthorne Residential Partners.

Meegan McCarthy ’19, Tallahassee, Fla., is an Investigator/Mitigation Specialist in the defense of death row inmates for the State of Florida.

Mike Tzavlas ’19 is working as a technical recruiter for Delta Hire, LLC.

Hunter Wolfington ’19 is the assistant athletic director and head varsity baseball coach at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem. His team made the playoffs for the first time since the school opened in 2005.

Kenzie Woody ’19, Burlington, is an academic advisor at Elon University.

Quaevon Cannon ’20 is an EC teacher and head wrestling coach at Southwest Guilford High School.

Devin D’Agostin ’20, Greensboro, completed her M.Ed. in Higher Education from UNC Greensboro in May 2022 and is the new Director of First Year Experience at Greensboro College.

Brady Dignan ’20 is a Category Coordinator II with Southeastern Grocers.

Tore Foster ’20, Gibsonville, is the Human Resources Coordinator for Rockingham County Schools.

Mercedes Bauza Taylor ’20 is working as a sales associate for HOTWORX.



Carissa Washington ’20, Greensboro, graduated from Tiffin University’s M.Ed. Program with a concentration in Higher Education Administration with Distinction. She is working as an Admissions Counselor at Greensboro College.

Devin Brackin ’21, Tampa, Fla., is working as a Logistics account manager for Scotlynn Group.

Molly Colvin-Walter ’21, Kernersville, graduated from Liberty University with a Master of Arts degree in Human Service Counseling and is the Director of Operations for Center City Church.

Shai Dailey ’21, is an accounting analyst with Apple Rock Displays.

Gabriel DiDato ’21, Boca Raton, Fla., is pursuing a law degree from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law.

Alyssa Henry ’21, Greensboro, is a Customer Success Manager for Greensboro Holiday Lights.

Ak Ikezu ’21, Greensboro, is working as a material handler at Sapona Plastics.

Eli Moravick ’21 is the Head of Brand Marketing for Alpha Vision Development LLC.

Tess Perdue ’21, Cullowhee, graduated from Western Carolina University with an M.A. in English, concentrating in Creative Writing, on May 12. Her thesis title is Sanctuary: A Project in the American Gothic Genre.

Hannah Ritter ’21 is working as a Logistics Analyst II for Glen Raven Logistics.

Cristina Samano-Romo ’21, is working as a data analyst for Xaxis.



Hannah Soots ’21, Greensboro, returned to school at Durham Technical Community College to pursue a career as an EKG technician, completing her clinical work at Triangle Heart in Durham.

Cam Whitson ’21 is an Associate Account Manager for Utility Management Services, Inc. based in Wilmington.

Conan Wilson ’21 is a station manager for Enterprise Holdings in Raleigh.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lauren Rodriguez ’21 and **Nick Coleman ’21** became engaged in November 2022.

David Loughry II ’23 is engaged to Sam Hoyle.

MARRIAGES

Kelsey Cenate ’17 and **Matt Romanowski ’17** were married in Ithaca, N.Y., on Sept. 24, 2022.

Aliya Graves ’17 married Taylor Gardella on Sept. 17, 2022.

Daniel Long ’19 and Lindsey Smith were married on March 4, 2023.

Hannah Osborne ’20 and **Ashton Albright ’20** were married on April 15, 2023, in Greensboro.

Mercedes Bauza ’20 married David Taylor on Dec. 30, 2022.

BIRTH

Holly Jones Ferreira ’14 welcomed her son, Mason James Ferreira, on Aug. 1, 2023.



Zander Bishop '22, Greensboro, is a Backorder Recovery Coordinator for Volvo Trucks.

Victoria Hidalgo MA '22, Beaufort, S.C., is an Immersion Teacher for Beaufort School District.

Morgan Montgomery '22 has been named State and Government Recruiter with TEKsystems.

Davis Reynolds '22 is working as a marketing assistant for 1 Source Insurance.

Natalie Rosinski '22, Greensboro, is a staff accountant for UpStream.

Carly Uhlir '22, Greensboro, is working as a Health Concierge for UpStream.

Yessica Umanzor-Gonzalez '22, Greensboro, is a talent acquisition specialist for Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist.

Asa Wessler '22, Charlotte, has been promoted to Associate Financial Representative at Northwestern Mutual.

Katrina O'Neill '23, Greensboro, is working as a Student Success Coordinator at Greensboro College.

Adam Weatherford '23, High Point, is working as a program supervisor ICS for Easterseals UCP.

Go to WWW.GREENSBORO.EDU/ALUMNI/PRIDE-NOTES-FORM to create a PrideNotes submission.

Please note that every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of information. Please call 336-272-7102, ext. 5403, or email alumni@greensboro.edu with any corrections.

SYMPATHY

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Treva Burns Chappell '45 in the passing of her sister, **Marilyn Burns Williams 1950**, on May 21, 2023.

Jackie Merritt Barber '51 in the passing of her husband, Charles R. Barber Sr., on May 15, 2022.

Mary Jo Davis Doeringer '55 in the passing of her sister, **Hannah Davis Hammer 1947**, on Sept. 28, 2022.

Ann Ivey Cranford '58 in the passing of her husband of 64 years, Charles L. Cranford III, on Feb. 19, 2023.

Anna Misenheimer Hannon '64 in the passing of her husband, Daniel Thomas (Tom) Hannon III, on Nov. 25, 2021.

Dr. Candace Lambeth Kime '69 in the passing of her aunt, **Molly Lambeth Johnson 1951**, on June 14, 2023.

Sara Lynn Brown Macy '69 in the passing of her sister, **Mary Cecil Brown Price 1957**, on Oct. 22, 2022.

Chiyo Masaki Soroken '71 in the passing of her husband, Paul Soroken, on May 19, 2023.

Suellen Stanford White '72 in the passing of her husband, the **Rev. Byron White Sr. 1971**, on July 20, 2023.

Beth Rogers Pate '78 in the passing of her mother, **Dr. Barbara Patten Rogers Martin 1967**, on July 31, 2023.

Merle Solomon Purvis '79 in the passing of her husband, **Mike Purvis 1979**, on Nov. 3, 2021.

Nancy Hardy Sauls '80 in the passing of her sister, **Steva Hardy Bledsoe 1973**, on Sept. 11, 2022.

Jackie Brown Mitchell '83 in the passing of her husband, **George Mitchell 2010**, on Oct. 10, 2021.

Mike White '92 in the passing of his mother, **Bonnie Veitch White 1959**, on Oct. 4, 2022.

Stephanie Smith Willoughby '99, in the death of her husband, Brian Willoughby, on July 15, 2023.

Heather LaneMcCants '00, in the passing of her wife, **Laura LaneMcCants 2000**, on May 26, 2023.

Meredith Blanton Gaines '08, in the passing of her grandmother, **Barbara Shrum Blanton 1947**, on Oct. 22, 2022.

Al Stern '14 in the passing of his grandmother, **Hannah Davis Hammer 1947**, on September 28, 2022.

DEATHS

Mary Lily Watlington 1941 passed away on Oct. 13, 2022.

Annie Laurie Howell Wharton 1941 passed away on July 21, 2021.

Marguerite Thomason Leonard 1942 passed away on Jan. 27, 2023.

Barbara Mulligan Davidson 1944 passed away on March 23, 2023.

Elizabeth Langley Heffernan 1944 passed away on Jan. 2, 2023.

Mary Cothran Holding 1944 passed away on Aug. 19, 2022.

Elsie Boone Schlaeger 1944 passed away on Nov. 15, 2021.

Alice Amon Tebbs 1944 passed away on Jan. 13, 2023.

Margaret Towe Williams 1944 passed away on Dec. 10, 2022.

Margaret Whitaker Willard Weikel 1945 passed away on July 10, 2023.

Ann Joyce Windley 1945 passed away on July 11, 2022.

Ruth Barber Bradshaw 1946 passed away on March 20, 2023.

Jean Sanders Darden 1946 passed away on Aug. 23, 2023.

Marjorie Eisenberger Smith 1946 passed away on Sept. 30, 2022.

Genevieve Medlin Woodall 1946 passed away on Dec. 29, 2022.

Doris Bain Wrenn 1946 passed away on Nov. 5, 2022.

Barbara Shrum Blanton 1947 passed away on Oct. 22, 2022.

Hannah Davis Hammer 1947 passed away on Sept. 28, 2022.

Jane Fuller Hunsucker 1947 passed away on Nov. 19, 2022.

Esther Edwards Jarvis 1947 passed away on Oct. 8, 2021.

Josephine Hartman Sande 1948 passed away on Jan. 25, 2023.

Alice Wynne Suiter Gatsis 1949 passed away on Aug. 8, 2023.

Martha Critcher Potter 1949 passed away on July 11, 2023.

Carolina Rozzelle Simmons 1949 passed away on Aug. 24, 2023.

Molly Cherry Taylor 1949 passed away on Sept. 11, 2022.

Ada Coley Hunt 1950 passed away on Oct. 13, 2021.

Marilyn Burns Williams 1950 passed away on May 21, 2023.

Betty Moore Belk 1951 passed away on Sept. 17, 2022.

Janey Smith Campbell 1951 passed away on Nov. 1, 2022.

Jean McGowan Collie 1951 passed away on June 14, 2023.

Martha Grace Morris Estes 1951 passed away on June 19, 2022.

Molly Lambeth Johnson 1951 passed away on June 14, 2023.

Patsy Horton Wagner 1951 passed away on March 14, 2023.

Lucille Morrison Bellamy 1952 passed away on Oct. 31, 2022.

Anne Gray Gilliam 1952 passed away on April 23, 2023.

Caroline Wright 1952 passed away on Sept. 27, 2022.

Anne Ewing Carroll 1953 passed away on Dec. 9, 2022.

Betsy Lawrence Wengert 1953 passed away on July 28, 2023.

Jeanette Hester Combs 1954 passed away on Dec. 19, 2022.

Jacqueline McLeod Doubles 1954 passed away on Nov. 7, 2022.

Betsy Kennedy Gresham 1955 passed away on June 22, 2023.

Gwen Maples-Lessig 1955 passed away on Feb. 2, 2023.

Maxine Scarborough Thomasson 1955 passed away on Nov. 16, 2022.

Joan Greenberg 1956 passed away on Dec. 27, 2022.

Doris McRae Moore 1956 passed away on April 23, 2023.

Rachel Beasley Rochford 1956 passed away on Jan. 29, 2023.

Elizabeth Mustian Hood 1957 passed away on March 8, 2023.

Mary Cecil Brown Price 1957 passed away on Oct. 22, 2022.

Nancy Moody Bass 1958 passed away on Feb. 5, 2023.

Martha Dickens Harvey 1958 passed away on May 5, 2022.

Bonnie Veitch White 1959 passed away on Oct. 4, 2022.

Richard O'Neal 1960 passed away on Aug. 29, 2022.

Mary Emma Thompson Dryden 1961 passed away on Dec. 3, 2022.

Beverley Foster Liles 1961 passed away on July 16, 2023.

Patricia Shehan Sutton 1961 passed away on March 10, 2023.

The Rev. Lewis Wicker 1961 passed away on Oct. 16, 2022.

Anne Bailey Murr 1963 passed away on April 23, 2023.

Tina Ormond Staples 1963 passed away on Nov. 15, 2021.

Jackie Bridges Upton 1963 passed away on Dec. 6, 2022.

Bonnie Williams Connelly 1965 passed away on Aug. 4, 2023.

Sharon Eldridge Sams 1965 passed away on May 8, 2023.

Linda Ball Walters 1965 passed away on March 3, 2023.

Judith Wallace Weerstra 1965 passed away on April 27, 2022.

Louise Blackwell Ledbetter 1966 passed away on Dec. 5, 2022.

Carolyn Lanier Steed 1966 passed away on Oct. 14, 2022.

Dr. Barbara Patten Rogers Martin 1967 passed away on July 31, 2023.

Susan Saunders Grayson 1968 passed away on Jan. 21, 2023.

Liz Winder Parker 1968 passed away on Feb. 28, 2023.

Kaye Simpson Craft 1969 passed away on Aug. 3, 2023.

Barbara Way Thore 1969 passed away on Dec. 7, 2022.

Wally Taylor 1970 passed away on Sept. 13, 2022.

Helen Youngblood Holshouser 1971 passed away on April 23, 2023.

The Rev. Byron White Sr. 1971 passed away on July 20, 2023.

Anne Stuart Robison DeFoe 1972 passed away on July 3, 2023.

Steva Hardy Bledsoe 1973 passed away on Sept. 11, 2022.

Zoe Faircloth 1973 passed away on Dec. 24, 2019.

Roger Moon 1973 passed away on Aug. 28, 2023.

Douglas Van Bruggen 1973 passed away on June 27, 2023.

James Watlington 1974 passed away on Aug. 14, 2023.

Michael Smith 1977 passed away on Nov. 29, 2022.

Mike Purvis 1979 passed away on Nov. 3, 2021.

Elizabeth Gonzalez 1988 passed away on March 1, 2023.

Paul King Jr. 1990 passed away on Sept. 20, 2022.

Jennifer Brown Foushee 1993 passed away on Jan. 14, 2023.

Shannon Bowman 1996 passed away on July 26, 2023.

Laura LaneMcCants 2000 passed away on May 26, 2023.

George Mitchell 2010 passed away on Oct. 10, 2021.

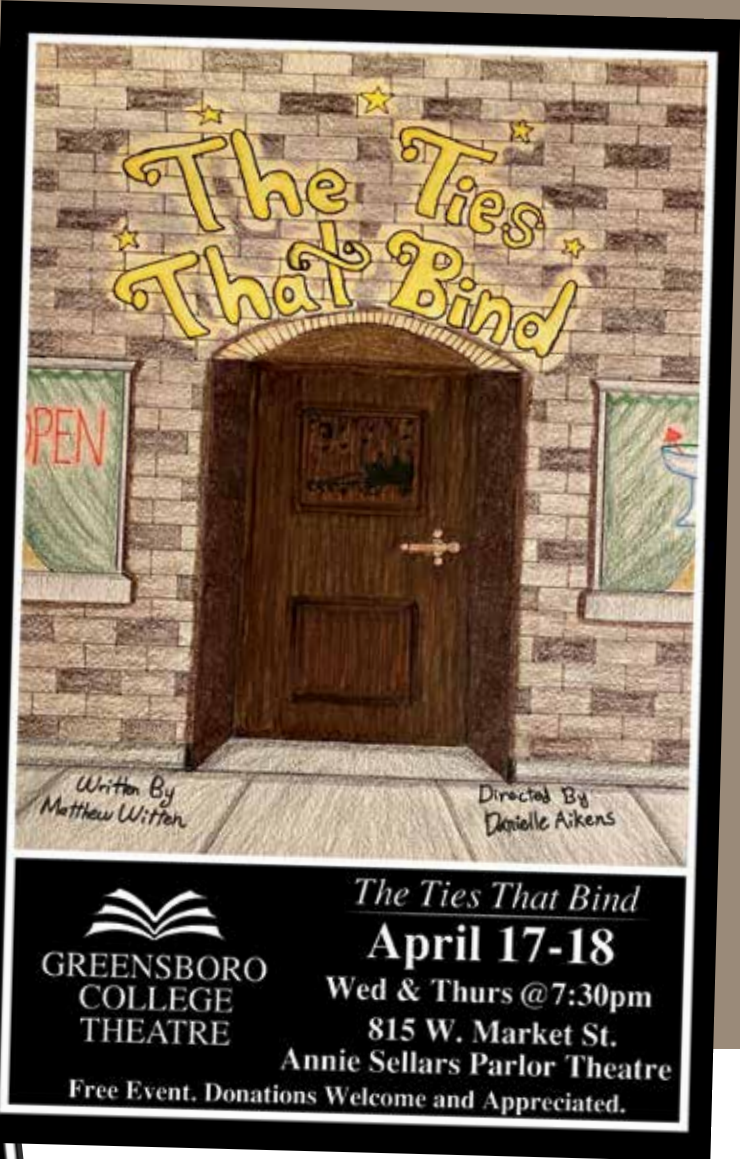
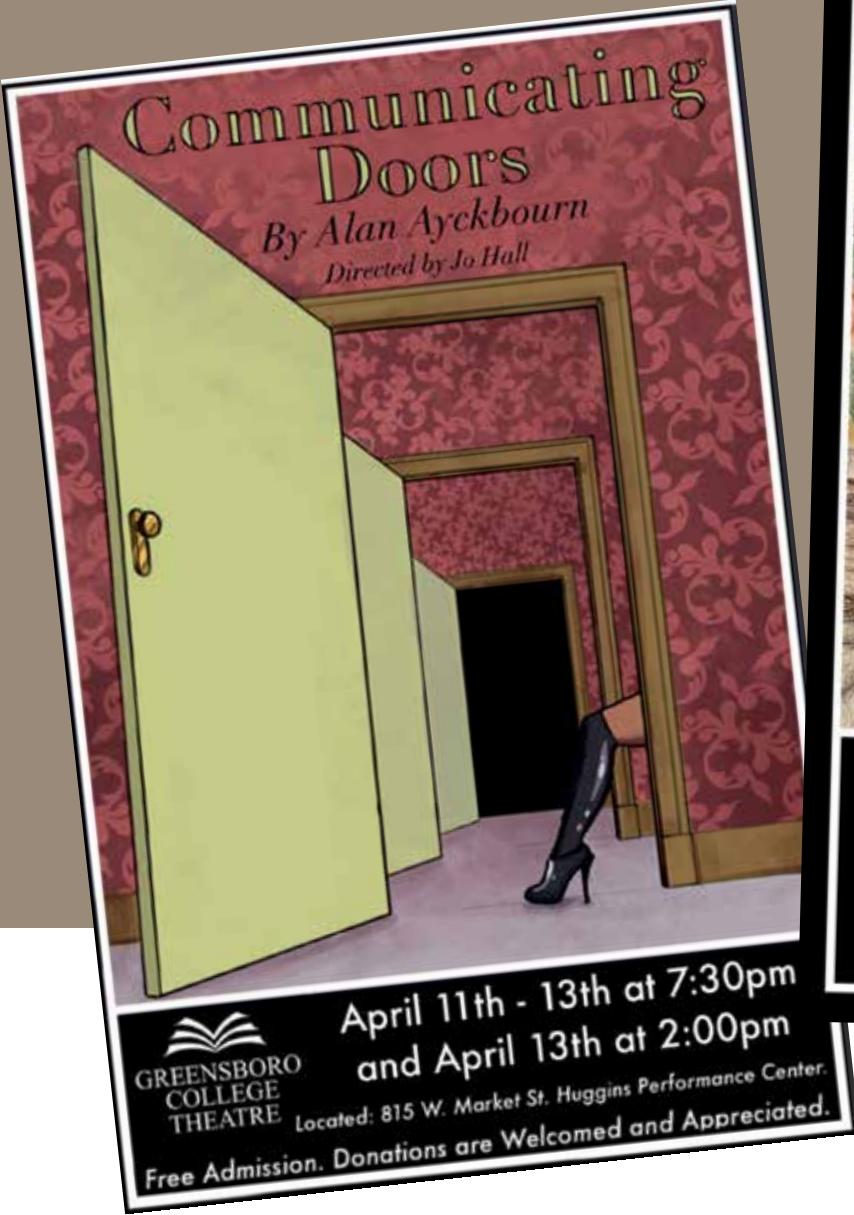
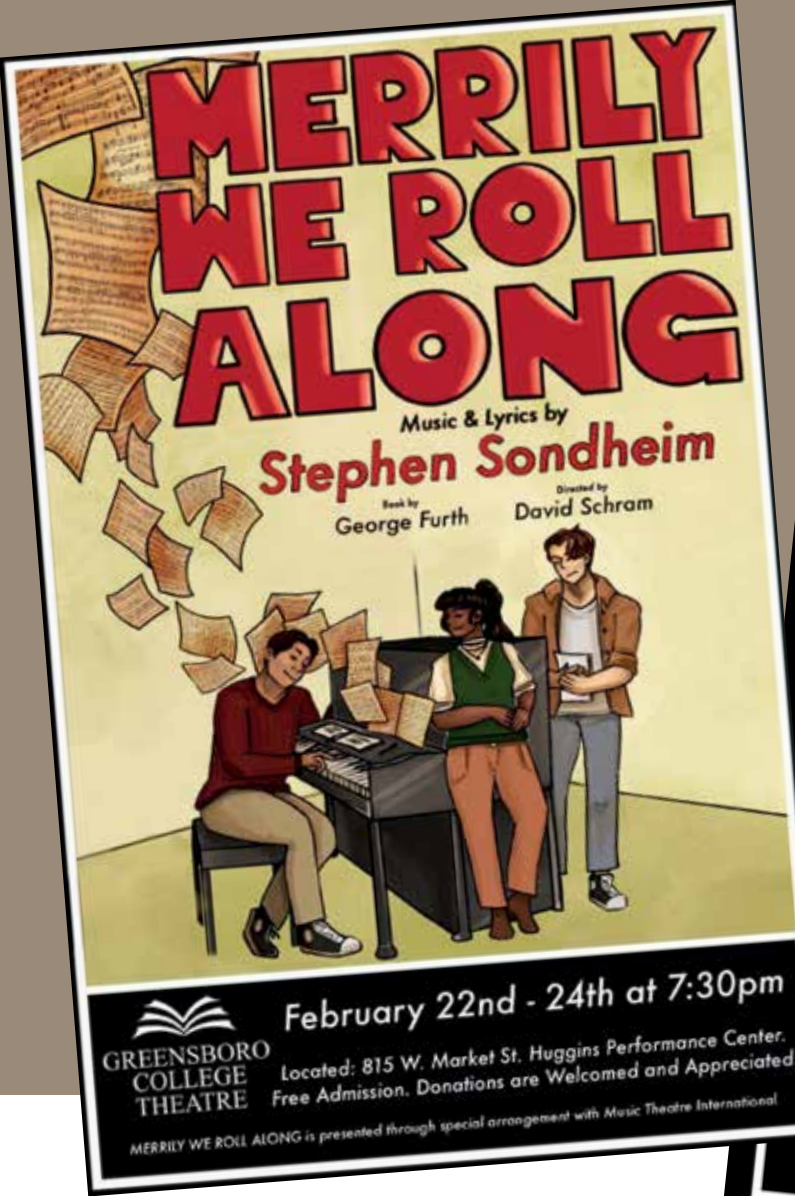
Joan Yow McMahan 2013 passed away on June 8, 2023.

William Parks 2015 passed away on July 22, 2023.

Regina Grier 2016 passed away on April 19, 2023.

Seth David Mandryk 2023 passed away on March 20, 2023.

Dr. Glenn Grayson, history professor from 1965 to 1995, passed away on March 19, 2023.



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