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Dr. Patricia Parrish Tapped to
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“...it’s the people who make a college.”



Whenever alumni return to Lindsey Wilson College, they often talk about how much the college has changed.

To be sure, LWC’s A.P. White Campus has changed a great deal. In the 34 years I have served this college – including the last 19 as its eighth president – I’ve witnessed one of the greatest transformations in the history of Kentucky higher education. In this century alone, Lindsey Wilson has invested more than \$75 million in buildings and land.

The college has also dramatically expanded its academic programs. We now offer a doctoral program, five master’s programs and more than two dozen undergraduate programs. Lindsey Wilson educates more than 2,600 students in five states that include 26 community campuses as well as those online.

Although alumni might marvel at their alma mater’s physical metamorphosis, one comment I also consistently hear from them is how much Lindsey Wilson has not changed in more important respects.

Alumni tell me how proud they are that Lindsey Wilson has remained true to its mission of serving students’ educational needs by providing an atmosphere of “active caring and Christian concern where every student, every day, learns, grows and feels like a real human being.”

A big reason Lindsey Wilson has remained true to its mission during a period of incredible change is because of its people. As we are reminded in this issue of *Cornerstone*, this college has been blessed with faculty and staff who dedicate much of their careers to supporting the Lindsey Wilson mission and its students. Through their passion and quiet service, they have helped shape an institutional culture that has been passed down from people like **Noma Dix Winston, Cyrintha Terry, Helen Flatt, Betty Brown, Nancy Sinclair, Delorah Moore, Terry Swan, Gerald Chafin, Denise Fudge** and **Dean Adams** – to all of the caring people who serve so well today. So while the buildings and acreage have grown tremendously, it is this irrational passion and radical hospitality passed down from generation to generation that distinguishes Lindsey Wilson College from our competitors.

We feature a few of those people in this issue such as **Sue Coomer**, who retired as Registrar earlier this year after 46 years of service, **Phil Hanna**, who also retired this year as Director of Library Services after 24 years of service, and the late **Marilyn Sparks**, who was ferociously passionate about our mission and helping students and helped define this college’s ethos.

They remind us that in the end, it’s the people who make a college. It’s the faculty and staff – those who spend countless hours working with students and mentoring them – that truly make a college special.

That’s why when alumni return to campus they also enjoy talking about the women and men who influenced their lives while they were Lindsey Wilson students. Those are the memories and the moments that define the Lindsey Wilson experience. They are what makes this college a truly special place to learn and grow, and they are a big reason this college excels today.

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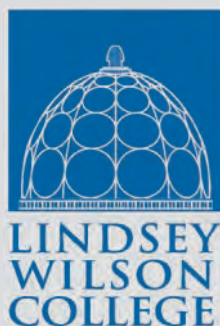
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105th Commencement

Lindsey Wilson capped off its largest graduating class in the college's 114-year history on May 13 at the 2017 spring commencement ceremony held before a record crowd of over 3,000 guests.

The college awarded a total of 282 undergraduate and graduate degrees during the college's 105th commencement. Combined with the degrees awarded at last winter's commencement ceremony, the Lindsey Wilson Class of 2017 was a record 689 students.

To put Lindsey Wilson's growth in perspective, the college awarded 312 degrees in 2003-04, the last year it held only one commencement ceremony.

In her spring commencement address, Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton told the graduates to "pray for guidance" in their careers.

"My life is a life unplanned," said Hampton. "If your life doesn't go as you planned it's truly okay. However, take the time to see the opportunity. It may not look like you thought it would look, but it's there. Find the blessings and pray for guidance. Don't wait decades before you start praying for guidance, because once I started doing that, that's how I was lead to become Lt. Governor. And find something to be thankful for every day."

A.J. Robinson of Vine Grove, Ky., claps in celebration as he and his peers are named official graduates of Lindsey Wilson College at the 2017 spring commencement ceremony.



Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton delivers the commencement address to the largest graduating class in Lindsey Wilson history during spring commencement ceremony in Biggers Sports Center. The college awarded 282 undergraduate and graduate degrees, named three honorary doctorate recipients and recognized 12 members of the Golden Alumni Class of 1967.



LEFT: Twelve new members were inducted into the Golden Alumni Society (Class of 1967). **RIGHT:** Lindsey Wilson College named three honorary doctorate recipients during spring commencement. Director of Library Services Phil Hanna, Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton and Sue Coomer who recently retired as college registrar after 46 years of service at the college, are flanked by President William T. Luckey Jr., far left, and LWC Trustee Jerry McCandless.



LEFT: Members of the Lindsey Wilson College Senior Class Council pose with President William T. Luckey Jr. at the annual senior banquet after presenting the 2017 senior class gift of \$2,298.30. **RIGHT:** Somerset (Ky.) Community College President Jo Marshall was the keynote speaker at the college's 2016 winter commencement ceremony. The college awarded 407 degrees during the ceremony held on December 10. Lindsey Wilson presented Marshall with an honorary doctorate degree. The college also bestowed posthumously an honorary doctorate to long-time LWC employee Nancy Sinclair of Summersville, Ky., who passed away in November 2016 after a long illness. Sinclair's daughter Amy Thompson-Wells '99 accepted the degree on her behalf.

A portrait of Sue Coomer, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing glasses and a brown jacket over a black turtleneck. She is smiling and looking towards the camera.

46 Years of Service SUE COOMER

The average Millennial worker changes jobs about four times during their first decade out of college. So in an economy dominated by “job hopping,” it’s become increasingly rare to find professionals who have spent the bulk of their career at one place.

An exception is **Sue Breeding Coomer**, who retired in February from Lindsey Wilson College after almost five decades of service.

At LWC’s 2017 spring commencement ceremony on May 13, Coomer received an honorary doctorate from the college in appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the college’s mission.

During her tenure at LWC, Coomer served five presidents and 10 academic deans. She most recently served as the college’s registrar, a position she held since 1986. But her association with the college began much earlier. A 1967 LWC graduate, Coomer began her first LWC job in January 1968 as the secretary in the registrar’s office.

“I am amazed that I was able to stay here for so many years,” Coomer said. “I came here when everything was done manually. We had manual typewriters and hand-wrote the schedules. We only had four phones in the administration building. So much has changed, but my willingness to adapt to change has helped me to survive all these years.”

When Coomer joined the LWC staff, John Burns Horton – who served LWC from 1954-71 – was president. He was succeeded by LWC alumnus L.R. McDonald.

“The late ’60s and early ’70s were the beginning of lean times for the college,” Coomer said. “Dr. Horton retired and Dr. L.R. McDonald became president. I believe the lowest enrollment we experienced was 200 students with 75 students in the residence halls. ... But when Dr. Begley came, we moved into a new generation.”

John B. Begley was LWC’s sixth president, serving from 1978-97. Under Begley’s leadership, the college evolved into a four-year college and added its first graduate program. Coomer said Begley’s attention to detail and professionalism changed the college’s daily operations.

“He sent the first paper memos that were distributed to us by our campus mailboxes, and then later (Dr. Begley) was also the first to begin emails after we got computers,” she said. “I learned a lot from him.”

Begley praised Coomer for her ability to persevere and manage during phenomenal change.

“When she became LWC’s registrar, we were one of the smallest colleges in Kentucky, offering only associate degrees,” Begley said. “Today, Lindsey Wilson is an altogether different institution, offering bachelor’s and master’s level degrees and a doctorate in counselor education and supervision. Sue’s first concern has always been to see to it that the integrity, accuracy and security of all academic records of current and former students were protected.”

“Loyal” is the word used most-often by Coomer’s former colleagues to describe her.

“Sue Coomer has been as loyal and capable as any employee that has ever worked at Lindsey Wilson College,” said President William T. Luckey Jr., who has been the college’s eighth president since 1998. “She has competently transitioned from an enrollment of 200-400 students to more than 2,600 students on 26 campuses. The fact that she has been able to manage and lead her staff through that dramatic transformation has been remarkable.”

Assistant to the Registrar Sharon Shields-Smock said Coomer always stood out as one of the college’s hardest-working staff members.

“Sue jokes about arriving to work a little late in the mornings,” Shields-Smock said. “But what she doesn’t tell you is that she is also one of the last to leave the building each night.”

Coomer said it was hard to leave everything at the office at the end of the workday.

“I wake up in the middle night and call and leave myself a message when I’m worried about something because I’m always thinking about it,” she said.

Coomer attributes her growth as a professional to her one-time mentor and supervisor, Edith Walker. Walker, who served the college for eight years in the late 1970s, also taught Coomer the importance of loyalty.

“She taught me confidence and dedication – and made me realize this was not just a job, it was a commitment. It is a place to learn and to serve and to help others,” Coomer said. “She taught me how to search for answers, learn from others and grow from that.”

“And from the things she taught me, I was able to adapt to change. I needed that foundation to endure through the years.”

While Coomer saw a lot of changes in the registrar’s office, she said some things remained constant.

“To a certain extent everything has changed, but the need to help others has continued to be a part of who we are,” she said.

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Sue Coomer

Coomer’s immediate plans for retirement include spending more time with her family, especially her great-granddaughter, Lucy Brooke.

“I’ve got a lot of things to do, around the house and in my garden, but not anything special,” she said. “I will take it as it comes.”

Coomer and her husband, Richie, were married the same year she graduated from LWC. Her son, Neal, and daughter-in-law, Tammy, have two children – Preston, 17; and Mary Susan Ford, 22. Mary Susan and husband, Josh, are Lucy’s parents. Mary Susan is a 2016 LWC graduate, the fifth-generation of the Coomer family to earn a degree from the college.

In almost 50 years of service to LWC, Coomer has worked with hundreds of fellow faculty and staff members at the college. She said that those who served the college the longest shared a common characteristic: dedication.

“Those people are dedicated,” she said. “You have to be committed to your work and be willing to give more than 100 percent. You need to be a hard-worker and someone who is really passionate about the mission. Those are the people who stick around – the ones who believe in what they do.”

And Luckey said that also perfectly describes Coomer.

“I don’t know of anyone who has been able to adapt and adjust so skillfully,” he said. “She leaves this college knowing she has given her very best for 46 years. What a wonderful feeling that must be.”



24 Years of Service
**PHIL
HANNA**

Few people have seen greater change at LWC than **Phil Hanna**. When he came to the college in 1993 as a public services instruction librarian, LWC had just graduated its sixth baccalaureate class and started its first graduate program. Students used card catalogues to find books, and they had access to only a handful of terminals tied to a mainframe computer.

Today, students surf the Internet for millions of titles, many of which they can access anywhere on campus.

As Hanna prepares to step down as director of library services, a position he has held since 1999, he leaves behind a department that has become integrated in all aspects of the college. At 2017 spring commencement on May 13, Hanna was honored by the college's trustees and faculty with an honorary doctorate.

In addition to managing a library that serves not only the A.P. White Campus in Columbia but also students at the college's 26 community campuses, Hanna is also responsible for the college's expanding classroom technology. He works closely with the leaders of academic departments to ensure that their program's educational-support needs are met.

"The most rewarding thing about my job is making knowledge accessible to people and helping them find a new way of looking at things," said Hanna. "That's what I like. I want people to see things in a new way. I want to be available to see knowledge come to life. Everything I do here is, ultimately, to make that possible."

Hanna retired at the end of the school year. He leaves behind a larger library than the one he came to in 1993. The Holloway Building, which houses the Katie Murrell Library, received a 10,000 square-foot-addition in 2002 – nearly doubling the size. The expansion also included the Thomas D. Clark Reading Room, named in honor of the late Kentucky historian laureate. The room is home to a collection of Clark’s books and personal items, as well as an archives room that houses college, local and Kentucky Methodist history.

During his 24 years of service to the college, Hanna has worked with three LWC presidents and three academic deans. He said it was impressive to watch the college evolve under their leadership.

“The number of faculty, students and programs offered has grown a lot since I started,” he said. “When I came we had maybe 45 or 50 faculty, and now we have 108. In 1999 our FTE (full-time equivalent enrollment) was 1,218, and now we are up to about 2,600. The number of dorms and classroom buildings has of course also grown. We have stronger students by and large now. ... Student involvement in campus life and organizations is up.”

Born in Louisville, Ky., Hanna lived in the country of Lebanon from ages 3-17 because of his parents’ overseas work as missionaries in the Presbyterian church. When Hanna returned to the states for college at age 17, he expected to follow his family’s tradition of a life in ministry. But he soon realized that wasn’t his path.

“I received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Transylvania University and then moved back to Louisville to start seminary,” Hanna said. “I liked the classes, but after spending a summer as a student minister I thought, ‘I don’t want to do this.’”

While working for 18 years in psychiatric hospitals in Greater Louisville, Hanna also returned to graduate school to earn master’s degrees in divinity and social work.

“After working in psych hospitals, I realized I wasn’t making a whole lot of money and insurance companies changed how they admitted patients, and we just didn’t get the patient load we had been getting,” he said. “I lost interest because every day became a slow day, and so I asked myself, ‘What would you like to be?’ and I said, ‘Well, I’ve always liked to hang out in libraries.’”

Hanna then earned a master of library science from the

University of Kentucky. He said his diverse education has enriched his career as a librarian.

“I realized in libraries I could use my social work degree and my religion degree,” he said. “I was hired (at LWC) to build the collection in the master’s program, and that’s what I did. And I was always more interested in religion as a field of study but not so much as a field of practice. So that has served me well in the library as well.”

Another one of Hanna’s legacies at LWC is the college’s well-known Cultural Affairs Series. The year-long series brings authors, musicians and other performers to campus. The events, almost all of which are free, are open to both members of the LWC community as well as residents of the region.

“We’ve been doing cultural affairs since 1996, and if memory serves me correctly, I’ve chaired it every year with the exception of about four years,” he said.

Despite all of the change Hanna has seen at LWC, one thing has remained constant – the college’s commitment to serve students.

“I think the feeling that our students are the most important thing is a constant,” he said. “That’s always been the case. Even with faculty growth, the focus on students has always stayed the same. We’ve definitely tried to follow that same philosophy here in the library.”

And Hanna said he has always enjoyed working with students.

“I like to stop by and talk to students as they are working, especially if I see that they’ve been working for a while on something,” said Hanna. “I’ll stop and ask them what they are working on. I will praise them for being so diligent.”

Hanna has several plans for his retirement. One of his first retirement projects will be to go through materials his late father saved during the 14 years his family spent in the country of Lebanon when his parents were missionaries for the Presbyterian church.

“My dad saved everything,” Hanna said. “There are letters, reports, photographs and I’ve got all of these things in plastic bins. I want to go through it and pick out everything that’s historically relevant to the Presbyterian Historical Society and I’m going to give it to them. So I kind of want to be an archivist of sorts. I want to save the historical record and a few things for family as well.”

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Phil Hanna

AROUND THE QUAD

News from the A.P. White Campus and Beyond

Garrison Named Young Philanthropist of the Year



Nursing sophomore **Kayla Marie Garrison Jones** was recently honored by the Greater Louisville Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her efforts to raise awareness about childhood cancer.

Jones, a Columbia resident, was the recipient of the Young Philanthropist of the Year award, which was presented in November during a National Philanthropy Day Lunch at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville.

Jones is the founder of Kayla's Rising Above Childhood Cancer fund for Norton Children's Hospital. As of June 2017, the fund had raised more than \$37,000 for pediatric cancer initiatives at Norton Children's Hospital.

Jones hopes to become a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner. In between studies she enjoys spending time speaking at local churches and raising money for her fund at festivals. She also is the author of *Kadee's Hope*, a fictional story about a family's journey with childhood cancer.

Garrison continued to raise funds this summer through various events and fundraisers. To see photos, videos and learn more, you can connect with the Kayla's Rising Above Childhood Cancer fund on Facebook by searching Kayla's Rising Above Childhood Cancer Fund.

Pair Take Top Honors in Undergraduate Research at Regional Conference



Recreation, Tourism & Sports Management juniors **Blake Ingleton**, left, and **Jashaun Gaudlock** pose with their research presentation poster "Sustainability Training Programs in Parks and Protected Areas" at the 39th-annual Southeastern Recreation Research Conference, held last March in Asheville, N.C. The pair took home the first-place prize out of 13 institutions with 28 representatives in the category of undergraduate research.



Campus Kitchen Earns National Recognition for Serving Area's Needy

In less than a year since its inception, LWC's Campus Kitchen has made a significant dent in food insecurity in Columbia-Adair County, and people are taking note.

Sponsored by the LWC Bonner Program, the Campus Kitchen creates meals from excess or leftover food that normally gets thrown out by restaurants or cafeterias and transforms it into healthy meals for the food insecure in the community.

Abby Biddle, an elementary education junior and campus kitchen coordinator from Louisville, Ky., said the program has exceeded her expectations.

"At first, I was worried that there wouldn't be enough support in terms of community food partners," said Biddle. "However, we have a lot more food than we thought we would get."

In March, Biddle received the 2017 Ingrid Easton Student Visionary Award at the Food Waste and Hunger Summit, held at Walsh University in Canton, Ohio.

Since it started, LWC's Campus Kitchen, known as CKLWC, has recovered more than 4,200 pounds of food, served more than 1,928 meals and has a client base of 68 individuals.

CKLWC works closely with the Family Resource Center, Adair County Friends and Neighbors, Agape House and other organizations to identify the most needy clients in the region. Volunteers deliver the meals to clients, as opposed to setting up one location for meals to be served.

"Many of our clients do not have reliable transportation," said Biddle. "Delivering the meals to them is the best method for the clients we serve."

Bonner Program Director **Natalie Vickous** said CKLWC serves two roles at LWC.

"The Campus Kitchen not only helps to meet a need in our community, but it also empowers students and allows them to see how they can change the world through their actions," she said.



History Senior's Research Gets Columbia on National Historic Register

History and secondary education senior **Katrina Rhodes** from Whitesville, Ky., gathered information from June through December of 2016 to help land the city of Columbia's commercial district on the National Register of Historic Places. Rhodes said the project helped her develop a new-found love and respect for Columbia.

"I've spent the past three years in this town, and during that time it's become my second home," Rhodes said. "However, I never really knew much about its history. After doing this project, I feel a stronger connection to this community than I ever have."

Rhodes spent countless hours in LWC's Katie Murrell Library, poring over books and databases to find research to back up her argument for why Columbia should be placed on the register.

Rhodes' research led her to discover that Columbia's commercial district was historically significant because it served as a crossroads between four county seats: Burkesville (Cumberland County), Campbellsville (Taylor), Greensburg (Green) and Jamestown (Russell). Because of that, the town flourished and had a high population in the late-19th century and throughout part of the 20th century despite not having access to a nearby railroad.

"I would not have made it through this project had it not been for how well my professors prepared me for extensive research and communication," Rhodes said. "Without the skill set they helped me prepare, and without their guidance during the project, I would have been lost."

Business Students Earn Statewide Recognition

Members of the Lindsey Wilson chapter of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity won several honors at the Kentucky Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference, held April 7-8 at Madisonville (Ky.) Community College.

The competition included more than 150 students from Kentucky colleges and universities.

Winners from the state competition participated at the national level at the end of June in Anaheim, Calif. All 50 states were represented at the national event.

At the national event, **Lane Thompson**, a business administration senior from Center, Ky., and **Lindsey Thomas**, a business administration senior from Hopkinsville, Ky., earned a second-place finish in Accounting Analysis and Decision Making. Earning a fifth place finish in Marketing Concepts was business administration senior **Amy Beane** from Russell Springs, Ky.

LWC Associate Professor of Business **Trudy Morlino** said the LWC students' performance was a testament to the strength of the college's Business and CIS Division.

"Attending this conference and winning is a great accomplishment," said Morlino, who is also the chapter's adviser. "The students are able to use what they have learned in the classroom and put it into practice."

Morlino also said LWC students benefit from engaging with peers from other institutions who are succeeding in comparable fields.

"The students test their knowledge by competing against others who are excelling in business related subjects," she said. "And, for the most part, LWC students realize that what they are being taught is on the right track."



Idea State U Regional Competition Attracts Teams From Across Kentucky

For the second consecutive year, LWC hosted a regional competition for Idea State U. Held on March 29 in the Norma and Glenn Hodge Center for Discipleship, Idea State U is Kentucky's statewide business plan competition. It is designed to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship by rewarding student teams from the commonwealth's colleges and universities.

A total of 16 teams from seven colleges and universities competed: Asbury University, Bellarmine University, Simmons College, Sullivan University of Lexington, Union College, University of Kentucky and LWC. The event included exhibits, presentations and an awards ceremony.

Zac Lawson, a business administration major from Bloomfield, Ky., won second place for the business model "Make My Day Meats." Lawson was awarded \$750 and moved on to the state level in Lexington, where he earned a fourth-place finish.



Zac Lawson, a business administration student from Bloomfield, Ky., receives a check for \$750 for a second-place finish at the Idea State U Regional Competition. His business model was called "Make My Day Meats."

LWC Has Strong Showing at National Festival of Young Preachers



LWC Assistant Professor of Religion **David Calhoun** and Chaplain **Troy Elmore** stand with the 12 Christian ministries students who attended the 2017 National Festival of Young Preachers, held in Lexington, Ky. The 12 LWC participants were the most attendees at the festival from a single college or seminary. It was the second year LWC had the most representatives at the event. All students preached sermons centered around a theme. Six students had their sermons published in the festival-sponsored book, *Heaven and Earth*. The theme for the 2017 meeting was “Jesus: Rabbi, Radical, Redeemer, Risen Lord.”

Festival Brings the World to Southcentral Kentucky

Authentic cuisine, dance and culture from around the world were on display April 12, when the LWC International Student Program held its annual International Festival in the Doris & Bob Holloway Health and Wellness Center. Students in the International Student Program set up booths to serve food from their home countries, and several special presentations were held throughout the day to entertain the more than 340 students, faculty, staff and community members in attendance.

LWC Director of the International Student Programs **Sabine Eastham** said the festival is a major benefit to LWC and Columbia-Adair County.

“The festival gives our international students an opportunity to blend with the local community in a unique way by sharing part of their culture and cuisine,” said Eastham. “This day is also important for the LWC student body, staff, faculty and community as they get to experience part of the diversity our students bring to our hometown. They do all the planning and a lot of thought goes into everything. They are happy and proud to share their culture one student at a time.”



Airada Daamdee Bricker of Elizabethtown, Ky., left, and Victor Fernandez of Paraguay perform a Latin American dance for students, faculty, staff and community members at the International Festival.

Student Leadership Recognized at L3 Banquet

A total of 11 LWC students were honored April 26 for their leadership skills and contributions to the LWC community at the ninth-annual L3 banquet. L3 – which stands for Live, Learn, Lead – is a program that encourages and recognizes student leadership throughout the college.



Front row, from left: Abigail Biddle of Louisville, Ky.; Jacob Saylor of Louisville, Ky.; Emily Garrison of Williamstown, Ky. Back row, from left: Olivia Burton of Campbellsville, Ky.; Makenzie Montano of Prospect, Ky.; Logan Adams of Somerset, Ky.; Alaina Phelps of Louisville, Ky.; Lileana Pearson of Columbia; Tolga Dogruyol of Istanbul, Turkey; Patrick Adkins of Glasgow, Ky.; Charles Bowman of Oceana, W.Va.

Adams Named Remarkable Raider

Longtime LWC administrator **Dean Adams** was named the college's 2017 Remarkable Raider. Adams received the award at the ninth-annual L3 Leadership Banquet. Currently the college's vice president for student services and enrollment management, Adams is an LWC alumnus who has served his alma mater in a variety of roles for more than 20 years. The award is given annually to an LWC faculty or staff member who the LWC Student Government Association officers believe embodies the college's mission of serving "every student, every day."



LWC staff and students join Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management Dean Adams (back row, third from right) and his family after he was named the 2017 Remarkable Raider by the LWC Student Government officers.



Miss Kentucky 2016 and LWC student **Laura Jones** is joined by Blue Raider Bob at the 16th-annual SPC Day, held June 24 on the college's A.P. White Campus. Jones is enrolled for the 2017 fall semester as a Lindsey Online student in the counseling and human development master's program.

School of Professional Counseling Celebrated

Students, faculty and staff from LWC's 26 community campuses celebrated the 16th-annual **School of Professional Counseling Day**, held June 24 on the college's A.P. White Campus.

The annual event attracted more than 250 people to Columbia-Adair County, some of whom traveled as far as six hours. The day is a mix of academic and social events.

LWC's School of Professional Counseling includes an undergraduate program in human services and counseling, a nationally recognized master's program in counseling and human development, and a doctoral program in counselor education and supervision.

Over the last decade, more than 4,500 students have earned degrees from LWC through the college's community campus partnership.



LWC Hosts National Foundation’s Summer Leadership Institute

Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation National Program Director Annie Pasqua, left, and Bonner Foundation Vice President Ariane Hoy kick off the 2017 Bonner Summer Leadership Institute, held May 23-26 at LWC.

More than 250 individuals with a deep commitment to service-learning came to Columbia-Adair County in late May for a national meeting about civic engagement and community-building.

Those were among the topics discussed at the 27th-annual Bonner Foundation Summer Leadership Institute, held May 23-26 at Lindsey Wilson College.

The Bonner Summer Leadership Institute, known as SLI, is an annual conference hosted by a school affiliated with the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation of Princeton, N.J.

Nationally, the Bonner Foundation partners with 60 college campuses on creative service-learning programs designed to contribute to the education, health and well-being of the communities they serve while providing students with scholarship opportunities.

Bonner Foundation National Program Director **Annie Pasqua** said LWC was an obvious choice to host the 2017 SLI.

“Every year we pick a different school to host the conference, and this year it was a no-brainer,” Pasqua said. “The LWC Bonner Program is enthusiastic and ready to get to work on SLI. It just seemed like the perfect time for Lindsey Wilson. I believe that I speak for most everyone when I say that we’ve all been blown away by their hospitality, love for the area and serving others.”

This year’s SLI attracted more than 250 participants from more than 50 U.S. institutions, which included national partners, Bonner administrators and Bonner students. The three-day conference featured five sessions in which participants discussed a broad range of issues that included civic engagement and community-building. Sessions were led by students, administrators and national partners.

LWC Bonner Program Director **Natalie Vickous** said that holding SLI at LWC served as a way to “break some

misconceptions” people may have about Kentucky.

“By the end of the week, everyone I spoke to was in love with Kentucky and Lindsey Wilson College, raving about our beautiful campus, our supportive administration and our community partners,” Vickous said.

And Vickous said that events such as SLI are great reminders to always remember the big picture.

“It’s so easy for us to get caught up in the day-to-day requirements of our own small program and forget about the national scale and the impact Bonners are having on the world,” she said. “It was our privilege to host everyone and be part of that annual reminder of the bigger picture.”



Two Bonner Scholars Receive Honors

Bonner Scholar junior **Autumn Bishop** of Brooksville, Ky., left, and Bonner Scholar senior **Logan Adams** of Somerset, Ky., were honored with the 2017 Inspiring Service Ambassador award. The award, presented by the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, is given to individuals who log more than 100 hours of community service that align with at least one of the 17 United Nations’ “Sustainable Development Goals.” Examples of the U.N. goals range from providing progress toward eliminating hunger to fighting for gender equality worldwide.



Japanese Tradition Helps Students Feel At Home

For the second consecutive year, Lindsey Wilson College and the City of Columbia held a **Coming of Age** ceremony for Japanese students studying at LWC. Traditionally, the ceremony – also known as Seijin no Hi – is held throughout city halls in Japan every January. The ceremony, which dates to the 8th century, celebrates when a person reaches age 20, which is legal adulthood in Japan. Four LWC students from Japan were recognized during the Jan. 27 ceremony at Columbia City Hall. From left: **Ryuhei Otsuka, Tomoki Takeda, Columbia Mayor Curtis Hardwick, Miho Shiraki and Makoto Takano.**



LWC Hosts Fifth Class of Rogers Scholars

More than 60 rising high school juniors from 45 Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky counties spent a combined two weeks at Lindsey Wilson as **Rogers Scholars**. Sponsored by the Somerset-based Center for Rural Development, the intensive weeklong program gives students a glimpse into college life and exposes them to career possibilities.

It was the fifth consecutive year LWC hosted the program. Students benefit from hands-on instructional training from professional experts in technology, healthcare and leadership. They also develop interpersonal skills at an etiquette dinner, hosted in the Emily Hundley President's Home by LWC President William T. Luckey Jr. and his wife, Elise. The dinner was led by LWC trustee Sue Stivers of Columbia.

Students Participate in Historic Women's March



Five Lindsey Wilson College students traveled more than 10 hours to attend the historic Jan. 21 Women's March on Washington, D.C.. From left: sophomore **Morgan Sexton** of Monticello, Ky.; junior **Katie Brown** of Bagdad, Ky.; junior **Hannah Morrison** of Edmonton, Ky.; senior **Hannah McCandless** of Elizabethtown, Ky.; and senior **Lexi Ferguson** of Cecilia, Ky. An estimated 5 million people participated in the march, held in cities around the world. The Women's March on Washington was reported to be the largest-single day protest in U.S. history.

New Sights in the Campus Skyline

Stand on the sidewalk next to the L.R. McDonald Administration Building and you'll see two new sights in the LWC skyline.

The water tower behind Biggers Sports Center received a facelift and has a fresh LWC logo, and the Alumni Victory Bell Tower stands at the center of the Campus Quadrangle.

Dubbed by students the "Mashed Potato Tower" after the side dish that appears daily on the Roberta D. Cranmer Dining Center lunch and dinner menus, the water tower received a makeover last fall.

The Alumni Victory Bell Tower is the new home of the victory bell that hung in the L.R. McDonald Administration Building until the early 1970s. It was rung after each victory in basketball, the college's only sport at the time.

"Students would race back to campus to be the first to ring the bell," said Director of Alumni Relations Randy Burns. "We want the students to decide the new traditions for the victory bell."

The Alumni Victory Bell Tower was made possible from a gift by the Class of 2016.

LWC staff members built the 30-foot tower with help from Anthony Janes and Fabco, Inc. The tower's design includes a replica of the John B. Begley Chapel crown.



Lockard Represents LWC, Adkins Best Escort at Mountain Laurel Festival

Zoe Zephyra Lockard of Greensburg, Ky., represented LWC May 25-28 at the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival. A business administration senior, Lockard was one of 21 students from Kentucky colleges and universities who participated in the 87-year-old event, the state's second oldest continuous festival after the Kentucky Derby.

University of Kentucky student Hayley Frances Leach was crowned 2017 Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival queen.

Founded in 1931, the festival has been held every year in Pineville – except during the war years of 1942-47 – a city of 2,000 nestled in the Appalachian foothills in Bell County.

The festival honors 18th-century pioneer explorer Dr. Thomas Walker, an Englishman who led one of the first European expeditions through the Cumberland Gap.

The festival's culmination is the queen's coronation, held at Laurel Cove Amphitheater in Pine Mountain State Resort Park, the commonwealth's oldest state park. Traditionally, Kentucky's governor crowns the queen with a garland made from the region's native mountain laurel.



2017 Mountain Laurel Festival candidate **Zoe Lockard** of Greensburg, Ky., pictured with escort, LWC business administration junior **Patrick Adkins** of Glasgow, Ky. Adkins won the award for Best Escort at the festivities.

Softball Field Named in Memory of Administrator Who Showed 'Active Caring' for Students



TOP: LWC trustee **Joe Sparks**, husband of the late LWC administrator Marilyn D. Sparks, stands with members of the Blue Raider softball team after the unveiling of a plaque at the dedication of Marilyn D. Sparks Park in April.

ABOVE: **Marilyn Sparks**, 1986 Pinecone.

The contributions of one of Lindsey Wilson College’s key administrators were celebrated during a dedication and naming service held in the spring.

Blue Raider Field, home of the LWC softball team, was officially renamed Marilyn D. Sparks Park on April 21. The name honors the late **Marilyn D. Sparks**, who served as an LWC administrator from 1984-87.

Sparks, who was a faithful supporter of the Blue Raider softball program, championed the phrase “active caring and Christian concern” in the Lindsey Wilson mission statement.

During the dedication ceremony, LWC President William T. Luckey Jr. said that Sparks and her husband, Joe, “have meant so much to this college for decades.”

“I remember serving with Marilyn when we were both vice presidents at the college under then-President John B. Begley,” said Luckey. “She was ferociously passionate about our mission and helping students. We started softball in the spring of 1987, and Marilyn was a big part of that decision. Joe, what a beautiful way to honor the love of your life and our friend, Marilyn D. Sparks. Thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and treasure.”

In remarks at the dedication ceremony, **Joe Sparks** said that his wife’s values shaped her service at the college.

“She was a great person, I don’t know any other way to put it,” said Sparks, who is an LWC trustee. “Lindsey Wilson College is a big part of this community, and it means a lot to everyone here, and Marilyn knew that. She wanted to help every student that she could while she was here. Because Marilyn was a dedicated Methodist and had a love for education, Lindsey Wilson College became a wonderful place for her to express what she believed in.”

Columbia-Adair County Community Garden *Serves Community and Provides Hands-On Learning*

For the last three years, the Columbia-Adair Community Garden has played an important role in the area's food chain.

The garden was started in spring 2014 to bring together individuals, families, businesses and civic organizations to grow and share fresh food.

Located between West Guardian and Monroe streets on the west side of Columbia, LWC faculty and students work in partnership with the Columbia United Methodist Church, who owns the property, and the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency to maintain the garden, provide education to students and serve the community.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Mike Bosela**, who became the garden manager at the end of 2014, said the garden is a great community asset for several reasons.

"One of the important uses of the garden has been for student education via hands-on experiential learning," said Bosela. "However, the garden also donates fresh produce to the Campus Kitchen program at LWC for inclusion in the meals that they prepare for their clients. In exchange the Campus Kitchen schedules a garden shift once a week."

Bosela said that a voucher program is also an added benefit to the community.

"The Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency adapted their garden voucher program to allow subscribers to use their vouchers to rent plots in the garden, and that's been a great development," he said.

Bosela said he has also integrated the garden into some of his classes.

"I've been able to include community garden-themed service projects in sections of 'Topics in Science,' and I've offered stand-alone community garden courses," he said. "Because of our educational mission, I also try to include new and unusual cultivars of crops. This year's garden includes the Carolina Reaper (world's hottest pepper), ground cherries, green tomatoes, stevia and others."



LWC Assistant Professor of Biology Mike Bosela has been garden manager of the Columbia-Adair Community Garden since the end of 2014.



Commitment To Students

Patricia Parrish Relies on Experience, Data to Help Faculty Meet Students' Needs

Dr. Patricia Parrish's career and path to Lindsey Wilson College have been marked by two characteristics: her openness to opportunity and her unyielding commitment to serving students.

Parrish began work at Lindsey Wilson College on July 1 as the college's new vice president for academic affairs. She comes to LWC from St. Leo (Fla.) University, where she was assistant vice president of academic affairs and a professor of education.

Parrish's work in special education and her extensive service on education committees paint a picture of someone who lives for making a difference in students' lives. When she began her educational journey in the early 1980s at Michigan State University, she discovered a passion for serving students with unique challenges.

"As a freshman at Michigan State, I volunteered at the Michigan School for the Deaf," she said. "It wasn't something I had even considered before college, but because of

that opportunity I found my career path."

Parrish was inspired by the volunteer work her freshman year and eventually transferred to Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and Deaf education. Parrish applied those skills to public education and had an immediate impact.

"It felt good to be able to make a difference," said Parrish. "I taught children with significant disabilities so the classes were small."

After several years of teaching, getting married and starting a family, Parrish earned a master's in education, specializing in students with behavioral and emotional disturbances, from the University of South Florida-Tampa. While working on her master's, a mentor encouraged her

to continue her education by seeking a doctorate.

"When I was in graduate school, one of my professors started talking with me about going on to earn a Ph.D., and I honestly didn't think I was ready for that," said Parrish.

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*Dr. Patricia Parrish,
Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

“But she convinced me I could have more impact and serve more children if I helped prepare teachers. So I moved forward in higher ed with that goal in mind.”

Parrish went on to earn a doctorate from South Florida. Her openness to opportunity and service to students, especially those with unique learning challenges, have been a catalyst in her educational and career decisions.

“I’ve never really sought things out,” said Parrish. “But I’ve always tried to be open to where God is calling me to be. The students were always my main focus and they still are.”

Parrish first heard about LWC after meeting President William T. Luckey Jr. while the two were serving on a committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which is the college’s accrediting agency. After she took a closer look at LWC, she said she was impressed with how the college serves its students.

“When I explored the mission and the outreach to students, I realized that it was the exact type of institution that fits me,” said Parrish. “It’s about service, and the students come first. It just made sense to me. I’ve been overwhelmed by the warmth of the LWC community and the total commitment to students. I’m very excited to be able to contribute to that and becoming a part of this team is so rewarding.”

Luckey said that Parrish’s skills and experiences make her a perfect fit for what the college needs.

“We are all so excited about the arrival of Dr. Parrish,” said Luckey. “She arrives at Lindsey Wilson with a lifetime of achievement at increasingly difficult challenges. Her people skills, listening abilities, entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to our mission will serve our faculty and our students so well as she leads the college to new heights.”

Parrish said that among her immediate goals is getting to know the college’s faculty.

“I’m excited about a shared governance institution, where the faculty really have the opportunity to step to the

plate, facilitate change and make the institution what they think it should be,” she said. “I’m looking forward to supporting them in that work.

“Shared governance is new for me. I’m used to unions. I’m looking forward to being at a school where the faculty have a stronger say in what goes on. The Lindsey Wilson faculty have impressed me with their commitment to the institution. Lindsey Wilson is much smaller than what I’m used to, so it’s a more collaborative community, and I like that. It brings more opportunities.”

Parrish said that her background in special education has enabled her to become well-versed in the world of data and how to use it. She plans to bring that knowledge to whatever changes or adjustments she makes at LWC.

“The changes I will make in the institution depends on where the data leads,” she said. “I want to serve the faculty’s immediate needs and concerns first. I will use data to meet their individual and collective needs. That’s how I see that skillset helping.”

Parrish is also focused on active instruction in the college classroom.

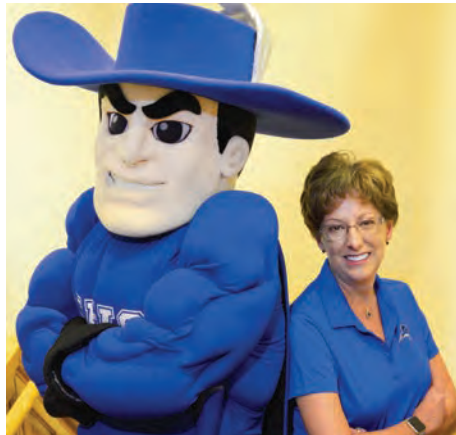
“I like the use of active pedagogies and a movement away from having faculty just read lecture notes,” said Parrish. “Engaging students with content and real-world exercises improves learning.”

Parrish said it is also critical to understand the needs of first-generation and under-prepared college students.

“First-generation and under-prepared students have a lot in common, even if they are academically different,” she said. “To combat their challenges, I believe that every student should have a meaningful connection with at least one faculty member.”

Parrish said a liberal arts education is a great service to students, and that it’s as relevant as ever.

“I’m a huge believer in liberal arts,” she said. “Most people won’t be employed in their major by the time they are 20 years into their career, but what they learned in the liberal arts courses will still be guiding them. That’s where you learn to think, care and analyze, and those are the skills you need to be successful.”



The Parrish File

Education:

Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction
University of South Florida

MA, Behavior Disorders
University of South Florida

BA, Deaf Education and Elementary
Education with minor in Psychology
Flagler (Fla.) College

Professional:

Associate Vice President at
Saint Leo University (2001-2017)

Family:

Husband, David
Daughter, Allie (Jacob) Weil

Hobbies:

Running, reading and watching
sports – especially college football
and basketball



Criminal Justice Professor Assists with Autism Education and Awareness

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice **Allen Copenhaver** uses his education and experience to provide a valuable service to members of the Louisville (Ky.) Metro Police.

Earlier this year, Copenhaver assisted the Autism Training Center at the University of Louisville. The center worked with practitioners and community parents to help Louisville police officers to better identify and understand the signs of autism.

“I worked to provide them with research and statistics to further their initiative and contributed as an adviser,” said Copenhaver. “It felt great to be able to help out, considering I myself have a son who has been diagnosed with autism.”

Copenhaver said that a better understanding of autism is important for everyone.

“There is an increasing number of autistic individuals diagnosed across the country every year,” he said. “This initiative is a step in the right direction to help autistic individuals, those in the autism community and law enforcement better understand each other to promote public safety.”



Two LWC Faculty Recognized for Outstanding Teaching

Two LWC faculty members were honored for being excellent teachers at the college’s annual Honors Convocation Ceremony on April 25.

Associate Professor of Journalism **David Goguen**, top, was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year Award, which is given by the LWC Student Government Association based on a popular vote of the undergraduate student body on the A.P. White Campus.

Associate Professor of Human Services and Counseling **Myra Ford**, above, was named the UMC Exemplary Teacher of the Year. Established by The United Methodist Church, the award recognizes outstanding scholars for their dedication and contributions to learning and to the school. The award is given after a nomination by peers at the school and approved by the college’s faculty.

ACADEMICSPOTLIGHT

Notable and Noteworthy

- Communication instructor **Benson Sexton** successfully defended his dissertation, "Exploring the Influence of Students' Perceptions of Instructional Message Content Relevance and Experienced Cognitive Load on Students' Cognitive Learning March." His doctorate is in communication the University of Kentucky.
- **Jamie Thorn**, adjunct instructor in Sustainability and Recreation, Tourism & Sports Management, successfully defended her dissertation, "Sustainability Education: Parks, Recreation, Tourism & Natural Resource Management." Her doctorate is from Prescott College in Arizona.
- Criminal Justice Instructor **Angie Schwendau** successfully defended her dissertation, "The Dangers and Self-Protective Behaviors of Rideshare Drivers," at the American Society of Criminology in New Orleans and the Southern Criminal Justice Association in Savannah, Ga. Her doctorate is from the University of Louisville.
- Assistant Professor of English **Karolyn Steffens** was invited to contribute a chapter of original research to a new volume in the Cambridge Critical Companions series. Her chapter, "Modernity as the Cultural Crucible of Trauma," will appear in *Cambridge Critical Concepts: Trauma in Literary Studies*, edited by J. Roger Kurtz.
- Recent publications by Professor of Religion and Dean of the Chapel **Terry Swan** include the books *A Faith Called Christianity* and *Change Your Thoughts Change Your World*. He and Instructor of Religion **Dennis Crump** have co-written *Your Neighbor's Religion: A Christian Perspective on Major World Religions*, which was published in August.
- Associate Professor of Mathematics **John LaGrange** published two articles: "Annihilators in Zero-divisor Graphs of Meet Semilattices" and "Reduced Commutative Semigroups" in the *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra*. He published an article with D.F. Anderson, also in the *Journal of Algebra*. He has several other papers in the works, including a joint project with LWC senior Candace Kimball.
- Four home-study courses written by Associate Professor of Human Services & Counseling **Lawrence Anthony** were published by Heisel and Associates and are available online. He also contributed to the book *The Girl in the Shadows: A Journey from Darkness to Light*.
- Professor of Counseling **Patrick Hardesty** co-authored an article in the *Journal of Evolutionary Psychology* on the "Psychometric Study of Human Life History Strategies: State of the science and Evidence of Two Independent Dimensions."
- Associate Professor of Human Services & Counseling **Daniel Schnopp-Wyatt** and Regional Academic Director **Nicole Schnopp-Wyatt** were involved in the MIT/Soar (Shaping our Appalachian Region) Health-Hack-a-Thon. Each participated on teams that won awards for their innovations in addressing substance abuse concerns in Appalachia. Daniel's team won the top award for the substance abuse category; Nicole's group, which included alumni from the LWC School of Professional Counseling, won second place in that category.

Partnerships with Area Hospitals Expanding Nursing Opportunities



LEFT: Lindsey Wilson College President William T. Luckey Jr. and T.J. Samson Regional Hospital President and CEO Bud Wethington sign a formal agreement on April 26 that will provide educational opportunities to T.J. Samson employees at a reduced tuition rate. RIGHT: Chief Nursing Officer for Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Sheryl Glasscock, and Luckey sign the partnership agreement between the two organizations on May 16.

Lindsey Wilson College is helping improve healthcare in Southcentral Kentucky. Through partnerships with two area hospitals, LWC is working to help prepare more nurses for the region.

“We desperately need more nurses in healthcare,” said **Bud Wethington**, president and chief executive officer of T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow, Ky.

Along with Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, Ky., T.J. Samson Community Hospital signed a partnership with LWC in the spring to make nursing education more accessible in the region.

The partnerships allows nurses who work full-time at the hospitals to earn an accredited baccalaureate degree in 18 months in a fully online format. Hospital employees who pursue a RN to BSN degree will benefit from a reduced tuition rate at LWC. One employee at each hospital will receive the LWC RN to BSN Scholarship.

T.J. Samson Community Hospital

The agreement marks another milestone for the continued collaboration between the LWC and T.J. Samson Community Hospital. Since the nursing program’s inception, LWC has graduated 75 BSN nurses, and a self-study found that 22 percent of those graduates have been employed by T.J. Samson Community Hospital.

“We know this arrangement will encourage our employees to further their education and use it, day in and day out in their career, to give better care to our patients,” said Wethington.

Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital

Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital was the first hospital to partner with the LWC Nursing and Health Division. The same LWC self-study found that 30 percent of LWC nursing graduates have been employed by Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital Chief Nursing Officer **Sheryl Glasscock** said that LWC’s nursing program sets itself apart from others in the region.

“I think one of the great attributes of the Lindsey Wilson program is their leadership track,” said Glasscock. “They focus with individual nurse leaders in our organization to shadow and initiate projects that would grow them as an individual and nurse leader while also helping us out immensely. Not only are you going to be a nurse giving direct care to patients, but creating new avenues of service to our patients and improving the quality of the care that’s provided.”

LWC President William T. Luckey Jr. said the partnerships are an example of the college’s commitment to helping the region.

“There are more things we can do for the community and our students,” said Luckey. “We will work together and provide bright, educated nurses that will continue to help the hospitals and have a positive impact on healthcare in our region.”

BLUERAIDERSPORTS

An Incredible Year

Lindsey Wilson College athletics teams had another extraordinary school year. In 2016-17, LWC athletics teams won nine Mid-South Conference regular-season and nine MSC tournament championships and sent 15 teams to their respective national championships with a pair of national runner-ups. More than 100 LWC students were honored for their work on the field and in the classroom. The school year was also the 11th time the Blue Raiders finished in the top 10 in the Learfield Directors' Cup, and seventh time LWC captured the Mid-South Conference President's Cup.



Pooler Makes It Five AD of the Year Awards

For Lindsey Wilson College Athletic Director **Willis Pooler**, 2016-17 was a high-five year.

Pooler, who has been AD of his alma mater since 2003, was named Mid-South Conference Athletics Director of the Year by his peers in June 2016-17. It's the fifth time Pooler has received the honor.

"I'm pleased to accept this award on the behalf of our student-athletes, coaches and administration," Pooler said. "Lindsey Wilson had another incredible year in the playing arena and in the classroom. All of the credit goes to our coaches and student-athletes, who work tirelessly throughout the year to represent this great institution."

In 2016-17, Lindsey Wilson captured the program's sixth straight and seventh overall Mid-South Conference President's Cup -- the conference's all-sports trophy. Blue Raider athletics finished in second place in the '16-17 NAIA Learfield Director's Cup, which is given to the top program in the NAIA.

"I would like to thank our administration for their continued support and my fellow athletic directors for this honor," Pooler said. "It is a true pleasure to work with outstanding professionals within the best conference in the

NAIA."

Pooler also received the honor in 2004-05, '06-07 and '12-13 and shared it in '11-12.

In '16-17, nine LWC athletic programs won their respective regular-season title and nine LWC teams captured the conference tournament or championship crowns. A total of 15 LWC teams participated in their respective national championship in '16-17.

Blue Raiders were even more impressive in the classroom: LWC had 187 academic all-conference performers and 31 NAIA Scholar-Athletes in '16-17.



Wells named 2016 NAIA SID of the Year

After telling others about Blue Raider athletics' successes for more than 15 years, LWC Sports Information Director **Chris Wells** enjoyed some of his own success in 2016. Wells was named 2016 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Sports Information Director of the Year.

"I am extremely proud of Chris and the work he does on behalf of the athletics department," LWC Athletic Director Willis Pooler said. "This recognition is well-deserved. He is a consummate professional who cares

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deeply about Lindsey Wilson College, our student-athletes and our mission. We are blessed to have him on our team.”

Wells, who is entering his 17th year as SID of his alma mater, was selected from a pool of sports information directors that earned their conference award during the 2015-16 academic year. It's the first time Wells has received the national award.

Wells has also served as Mid-South Conference communications director since 2008. During the 2016 NAIA-SIDA Convention, Wells was elected to serve as second vice president on the NAIA-SIDA Board of Directors.

Wells has led LWC's athletics communications efforts for four men's soccer and four women's soccer NAIA national championships. He helped usher in three new athletic programs, leading the promotion and media relations for football, swimming and wrestling in 2009.

Wells also serves as the voice of Blue Raider athletics by providing radio, television and webcasts play-by-play for football, basketball and several of the college's other sports.

Wells has also been awarded by his peers the Bill Sargent MSC Sports Information Director Award nine times and received the 2015 NAIA Clarence "Ike" Pearson Award -- a lifetime achievement award presented annually to those that make outstanding contributions to the profession.

"I am constantly amazed by Chris' work ethic and professionalism, which are second to none," Mid-South Conference Commissioner Eric Ward said. "Over the past three years, I have grown to respect and rely on Chris' thoughtful and analytical problem-solving, and he consistently displays strong leadership in working with our conference SIDs to create opportunities for bigger and better coverage of our student-athletes and coaches."

During his time at Lindsey Wilson, Wells has been statistical coordinator for the 2002 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship and the media coordinator for numerous NAIA opening-round tournament sites held on LWC's A.P. White Campus.

The LWC Sports Information Department earned a trio of NAIA-SIDA Publications Awards in 2015-16: best single-sport poster for the department's combined effort with the LWC Public Relations Office on the 2015 Blue Raider football season poster; fifth-place finish in best single-sport schedule card for football; and the LWC Athletics Twitter account (@LWCathletics) finished with the sixth-most new followers in '15-16.



Women's Tennis finished as runner-up in National Championship. The loss ended the Blue Raiders' 2017 with a 22-5 record and the program's second-straight appearance in the national title match.



Bice Repeats As Women's BMX National Champion

Sabrina Bice did it again. In March, Bice captured her second straight USA Cycling BMX individual national championship. She is the 18th individual national champion from LWC cycling.

As a team, the Blue Raiders finished second, behind national champion Marian (Ind.) University.

Bice was dominant in the two-day event. She finished first on both day of the finals, winning a total of eight races over the two days. She scored the most points on the women's side during the championship to claim the individual national title.

"Sabrina's performance ... was nothing short of dominating," LWC cycling coach Charles Mooney said. "She experienced a little adversity ... but took it one race at a time and was able to reach her goal of becoming a two-time national champion."

Bice joins Joe Haley as the other LWC cyclist to capture two individual national titles. Haley captured the 2000 dual slalom title and the 2001 downhill championship.



Ruff named NAIA Wrestling National Coach of the Year

After leading LWC wrestling to its best finish in program history, Blue Raider coach **Corey Ruff** was named 2017 NAIA Wrestling National Coach of the Year.

In March, Ruff led the Blue Raiders to a national runner-up finish at the 2017 NAIA National Championships in Topeka, Kan., the team's best finish in program history.

The award – which is Ruff's first National Coach of the Year honor – was voted on by the coaches at the national championships. It is based on the entire 2016-17 season as well as postseason competition.

Earlier in the season, Ruff led the Blue Raiders to the Mid-South Conference Championship/NAIA East Qualifier title for the third time in program history. That led to him being named NAIA East Region Qualifier Coach of the Year.

A total of 11 Blue Raiders qualified for the 2017 national tournament field, with four capturing NAIA All-American honors and two finishing as national runner-up in their respective weight classes.

Since starting the Blue Raider program in '09-10, Ruff has led LWC to five top-five finishes at the national championships. In addition to this year's 2017 runner-up finish, the Blue Raiders have finished fifth twice and once in fourth and third place, respectively. Ruff has also produced 32 NAIA All-Americans and five national champions.



Wrestling NAIA National Runner-Up, Four Blue Raiders All-Americans

The LWC wrestling team posted its best finish at the 2017 NAIA Wrestling National Championship held in March in Topeka, Kan. The Blue Raiders racked up 74.5 total team points to earn national runner-up status finishing behind national champion Grand View (Iowa) University, who won a sixth-consecutive team national title with a tournament-record 234.5 points.

LWC's previous best finish was in 2015 when the Blue Raiders placed third.

This year, LWC sent four wrestlers to the podium: **Daniel Leonard** (149 pounds), **Cam Tessari** (157), **Rhodes Bell** (174) and **Matt Walker** (184) all placed in the top eight of their respective weight classes to earn NAIA All-American distinctions.

Tessari and Bell placed second in their respective weight classes after falling in a tightly-contested championship matches.

Mosheleketi Wins Triple Jump National Title

Men's Track & Field finishes program-best at NAIA Championship

Goabaone Mosheleketi's big leap did more than help him earn a national title – it also helped the LWC men's track & field team achieve its best season in program history.

In May, Mosheleketi won the NAIA National Championship in the men's triple jump on the final day of the 2017 NAIA Track & Field National Championships, held in Gulf Shores, Ala.

As a team, LWC accumulated 47 total team points at the national championship to secure fourth place, the highest finish for the men's program. The program's previous best finish was last year, when LWC placed 11th.



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Mosheleketi, a junior from Lobatse, Botswana, soared a program-record distance of 16.12 meters to beat the second-best mark of 15.54 meters. He is the 29th individual national champion in LWC history and the seventh individual in the track & field program to capture a national title.

Mosheleketi is the first Blue Raider to win a track & field national title since current coach, Jamaine Gordon, did it in 2005 when he also took home the national championship in the triple jump.

On his way to earning a national title, the high-flying Mosheleketi smashed his coach's previous school record of 15.72 meters and fell one-fifth of a meter shy of setting the NAIA Championship record.

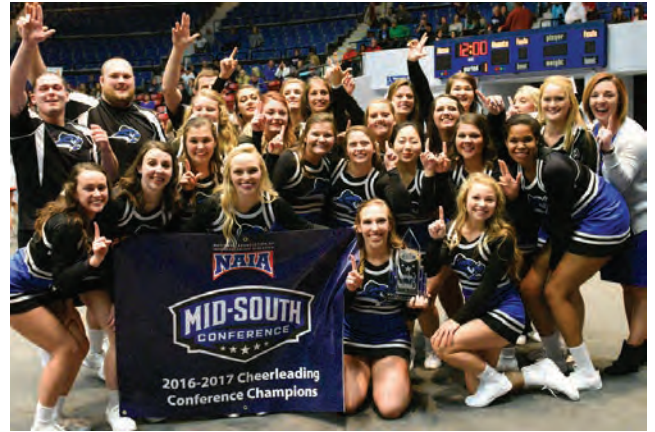
Mosheleketi's title was one of many outstanding performances for LWC. A total of eight NAIA All-American honors were collected by Blue Raiders. The 4x100-meter relay team nearly earned the top spot on the podium. The quartet of **Holt Keeling**, **DeQuan Robinson**, **Kevin Hallmon** and **Mosheleketi**, who filled in at the anchor position, ran a program-record 40.46 seconds in the finals to finish as national runner-up.

Keeling and Hallmon were also on the 4x100 relay team that finished as the 2016 national runner-up. They are the first Blue Raiders to earn All-American honors in a relay event in two separate years.

Anthony Thompson earned his first NAIA All-American honor after finishing in fourth place in the men's triple jump. Hallmon and Robinson added to their NAIA All-American accolades after placing third and fourth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash finals.

Cameron Murphy earned NAIA All-American honors after finishing sixth place in the men's 400-meter hurdles. Overall, the LWC men's program collected 10 NAIA All-American honors at the 2017 Outdoor Championships, the most in a single season.

For his performances throughout the championships, including one national title and a pair of runner-up finishes, Mosheleketi was named co-Most Valuable Performer along with Jackson Thomas from Bacone (Okla.) College.



Cheerleaders Capture Program's First Conference Title

LWC cheerleaders have cheered for more than a dozen Blue Raider teams who have won conference titles. And now the Blue Raider cheerleaders are also conference champions.

For the first time in program history, the LWC cheerleaders won the Mid-South Conference championship, held in March in Frankfort, Ky.

LWC captured the 2017 MSC Cheerleading Championship with a nearly flawless routine. LWC scored 80.6 team points in the five-team competition. Georgetown (Ky.) College finished second with 79.86 points, followed by University of Pikeville (Ky.) with 76.43 points. Campbellsville (Ky.) University and the University of the Cumberlands (Ky.) ended in fourth and fifth, respectively.

The Blue Raiders' previous best finish was third -- accomplished in 2013 and 2016.

Four Blue Raiders received All Mid-South Conference honors. **Megan Aubin** and **Gabby Pyles** were selected to the All-MSC First Team, and **Brandon Crews** and **Gracie Kurtz** were named to the All-MSC Second Team. Aubin was selected to the MSC First Team all four years she cheered at LWC. The MSC honors were the first for Pyles, Crews and Kurtz.

MSC Commissioner Eric Ward presented four Blue Raiders with All Mid-South Conference honors.



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Dr. Aaron Calhoun leads a simulation exercise on crisis management as part of his keynote address during the Simulation: Advancing Healthcare Outcomes on Wednesday in the Norma & Glenn Hodge Center for Discipleship at Lindsey Wilson College. Calhoun was using a simulation mannequin named Robert that the college purchased through a grant made possible by Kosair Charities. The simulation mannequin was named in honor of Columbia native **Robert Flowers '70** who is on the board of directors at Kosair Charities.

Simulation Event Helps Nursing Students Sharpen Their Skills

Lindsey Wilson College nursing students learned firsthand on March 8 the important role simulations play in advancing their profession.

The LWC nursing program hosted an event titled, “Simulation: Advancing Healthcare Outcomes,” which showcased the nursing program and also brought students and professionals together.

The event was sponsored by several regional organizations, including Kosair Charities of Louisville, Ky., T.J. Samson Community Hospital of Glasgow, Ky., Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital of Somerset, Ky., Taylor Regional Hospital of Campbellsville, Ky., and Spring View Hospital of Lebanon, Ky.

The event brought together more than 120 nursing students and members of the professional healthcare community for a full day of activities.

In his keynote address, University of Louisville Associate Professor of Pediatric Critical Care **Dr. Aaron**

Calhoun said simulation events are an important way to share new ideas.

“Today is a great opportunity to be part of something that’s new and growing in the field of simulation,” said Calhoun, who also practices as an intensivist at Norton Children’s Hospital. “The goal is to make sure we find new ways to help children.”

Calhoun said he’s thankful that LWC is helping facilitate better practices.

“In many places I’ve been there’s a power differential between physicians and nurses and that puts patients in danger,” said Calhoun. “I see events, like today’s, as part of what’s important to break down those (power difference) barriers.”

LWC nursing student **Shelbi Cheatham** said the day was vital to her future profession.

“My main takeaway from today’s simulation activities was how to react and respond to a code,” said Cheatham,

of Columbia. “This was something I hadn’t been exposed to, therefore it was a very educational experience that I’m glad I was given the opportunity to be part of.”

Cheatham said that being able to receive her nursing education in her hometown is a testament to the opportunities LWC makes possible.

“It’s a wonderful experience,” she said. “Having a state-of-the-art nursing facility at my finger-tips keeps me grounded. Becoming a nurse is a dream that I’m able to achieve close to home. Adair County has a big impact on young people, and I feel a big part of that is because of Lindsey Wilson College.”

Kosair Charities Helps Strengthen LWC Nursing Program

Few organizations have been more important to the success of Lindsey Wilson College’s nursing program than Kosair Charities of Louisville, Ky.

One of Kentucky’s largest and most active charitable organizations, Kosair Charities has helped LWC raise almost \$700,000 to support the college’s growing nursing program.

Kosair Charities first grant came more than three years ago when it gave LWC \$240,000 to help the nursing program purchase pediatric simulation mannequins that provide students with hands-on education.

The second grant was a \$200,000 match that was paired with a \$200,000 donation by LWC Board of Trustees Chair **Allan Parnell** to help the program continue to grow. Earlier this year, Kosair Charities made a \$50,000 grant that will be used to support scholarships for nursing students.

Kosair Charities board member **Robert Flowers** of Columbia said that the partnership is a reflection of Kosair Charities’ belief in LWC’s mission and outreach.

“I appealed to Kosair about why I thought we had to support LWC in helping them achieve their goals,” said Flowers, who is a 1970 LWC alumnus. “Jerry Ward, our Kosair Board Chairman, fell in love with Lindsey Wilson College, and it’s easy to see why. Lindsey Wilson College leads the charge. They provide a much-needed education in a community that benefits greatly from the college’s presence.”



Barry Dunn '05
Kosair Board Member

Grants from Kosair Charities have helped LWC to purchase pediatric simulators and also led to the creation of a “Kosair Charities Pediatric Simulation Learning Center” in the college’s Dr. Robert and Carol Goodin Nursing & Counseling Center. The grants have also allowed LWC’s partners at regional hospitals to observe and ask questions at the college, which has resulted in increased educational competency within their staffs.

“My grandfather was a doctor in Adair County many years ago, and he always loved children,” said Flowers. “I’d like to think that’s how I inherited my love for children and like to see them get all the support they can.”

Kosair Charities board member **Barry Dunn**, who is also a Columbia native and a 2005 LWC graduate, says Kosair Charities is proud to assist LWC in its mission to educate pediatric healthcare professionals throughout the region.

“The pediatric simulators funded by Kosair Charities enable the college to provide hands-on training to the nurses who care for our children and are particularly helpful for gaining the experience needed to treat babies who are born with addiction issues, an issue that Kosair Charities cares deeply about combatting.”



Dr. Aaron Calhoun, left, and **Robert Flowers '70** of Kosair Charities stand in front of the nursing simulation lab in the Dr. Robert and Carol Goodin Nursing & Counseling Center. The lab was made possible through support from Kosair Charities.

SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 2016



LEFT: The LWC National Alumni Association honored four alumni and two longtime friends of the college on Oct. 1 at the Alumni Awards & Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration in Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center. From left: LWC President William T. Luckey Jr.; Joe Haley, a 2002 LWC alumnus, was inducted into athletic hall of fame for cycling; Jeni South Huff, a 2004 LWC alumna, was inducted into athletic hall of fame for cycling; Dr. April Richardson-Hatcher, a 2002 LWC alumna, received the outstanding young alumna award; Amy Thompson-Wells, a 1999 LWC alumna, received the Distinguished Service Award; Evlyn Komosa of Columbia, Ky., received the honorary alumna award; J. Paul Long, a 1975 Alumnus of LWC, received the distinguished alumnus award; Dr. Mohammad Pourheydari received the honorary alumnus award; Dr. S. Ross Martin, a 2005 LWC alumnus, received the outstanding young alumnus award; LWC Alumni Council President Kenneth Jessee '81 of Elizabethtown, Ky.; and LWC Director of Alumni Relations Randy Burns. **RIGHT:** More than 50 LWC cycling alumni gathered to celebrate 20 years of LWC cycling during homecoming weekend 2016.



LEFT: The Fouser Sustainability Lab was dedicated in the Jim and Helen Lee Fugitte Science Center on Sept. 28, 2016 during Homecoming Week. (L-R): Ted Fouser (son of Nancy Fouser); daughter-in-law, Grainne; grandson, Charlie; Mrs. Nancy Fouser and freshman sustainability student Elizabeth Owens from Columbia, Ky. **MIDDLE:** Keither Burdette, left, a representative of Learfield Sports and LWC Athletic Director Willis Pooler stand with the Learfield Trophy before the start of the homecoming football game. The Learfield Sports Directors' Cup is an award given annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics to the colleges and universities in the United States with the most success in collegiate athletics. **RIGHT:** Former baseball coach Bob Thrasher, left, speaks during the 35th Anniversary Celebration at Egnew Field in the Lindsey Wilson Sports Park. Thrasher coached the 1981 team of which six members were present. (L-R) Mitchell Corbin, Phil Bloyd, Joe Thrasher, David Fields, Greg Parrott and Mark Fudge.

SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 2015



LEFT: The LWC National Alumni Association honored two alumni and three longtime friends of the college on Sept. 19, 2015 at the Alumni Awards & Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration in Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center. From left: LWC Vice President of Student Services & Enrollment Management Dean Adams; LWC Assistant Food Service Director and Catering Director JoAnn Panko, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award; LWC Professor of Music Robert Reynolds, honorary alumnus; Michael Kearns of Hatboro, Pa., a 1963 LWC alumnus, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Chris Innes '05 of Los Angeles, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; retired educator Judith Ford of Louisville, Ky., honorary alumna; LWC Alumni Council President Kenneth Jessee '81 of Elizabethtown, Ky.; and LWC Director of Alumni Relations Randy Burns. **RIGHT:** LWC Athletic Director Willis Pooler, center, presents brick pavers to 2015 LWC Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Nicolas Cabrini for tennis and Nora Ohrnberg for soccer. . Not present was 2002 alumna Natasha Hale, who was also inducted for her accomplishments as an LWC soccer player.



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By Randy Burns
Director of Alumni Relations

I've never been more proud to be a Blue Raider. That's because the Lindsey Wilson College family is changing students' lives like never before.

Two recent accomplishments by the Lindsey Wilson family make me especially proud: LWC has engaged a record number of alumni, and we continue to educate alumni and friends about what it means to have a lifelong relationship with LWC.

The first achievement to celebrate is LWC's alumni giving rate. LWC's alumni giving rate has grown from 7.1 percent in 2009 to 14 percent for the 2016-17 fiscal year that ended on June 30. Since 2014, the college has consistently received donations from more than 1,200 alumni per year – an increase of about 100 percent in alumni donors. LWC alumni are supporting their alma mater like never before.

What makes this increase even more impressive is when LWC's success is framed within a national context. According to U.S. News & World Report, LWC is one of only a handful of private colleges in Kentucky to report an increase in alumni giving over the past five years. In other words: Look out world, here come the Blue Raiders!

An exciting addition to our fundraising efforts has been the **"All In For LWC – Chair's Challenge."**

Initiated by LWC Board of Trustees Chair Allan Parnell, the first "Chair's Challenge" was held in 2014 when Dr. Parnell promised to give \$25,000 to the Lindsey Wilson Fund if 250 gifts were made during a 48-hour period. Alumni and friends of LWC responded with 612 gifts over a 48-hour period!

The success of the inaugural "Chair's Challenge" led Dr. Parnell to raise the goal in 2015: \$50,000 for 500 gifts. Once again the Lindsey Wilson family shattered his challenge. Over a 48-hour period, 836 donors combined to give \$261,667.

Records were shattered once more in 2016 as 1,934 alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends donated more than \$416,000 in just two days. What an incredible accomplishment!

The numbers and records are impressive, but there is something much more important – the students whose lives are changed through your support. Because these gifts support the Lindsey Wilson Fund, LWC has more scholarships and financial aid to offer students, which helps keep the cost of an LWC education affordable to all students, no matter their background or family history.

As LWC President William T. Luckey Jr. has often said, this college is in the business of changing lives. Because of a stronger and more generous base of alumni and friends, more lives are being changed every year.

The 2017 "All In for LWC – Chair's Challenge" will be held Sept. 19-20. More information will be coming soon in your mail and email as well as on LWC's social media platforms. I look forward to working with you and the entire Lindsey Wilson College family to set another record this fall!

Blue Raider for Life,
Randy Burns '93



LWC Cheerleaders proudly hold signs representing the total number of gifts given to The Chair's Challenge, two-day campaign, Nov. 1-2. LWC's student body embraced the challenge and contributed 494 unique gifts to the campaign.



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Sept. 19-20
 48-Hour Campaign

Watch Facebook and Twitter for more details. A campaign gift card will be mailed to homes in September. For more information contact Director of Alumni Relations Randy Burns, burnsr@lindsey.edu or 270-384-8400.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT MIKE GIVENS '73

Givens holds his acceptance letter to LWC dated June 23, 1971. It is signed by Lindsey Wilson's fifth president, John B. Horton. Givens graduated from LWC in 1973 with a degree in science.

Alumnus Establishes Scholarship to Help Green County Students

Mike Givens knows first-hand what it's like to grow up in a farm community with few job options and not a lot of financial resources. So when approached by Lindsey Wilson College about funding a scholarship, he found inspiration in his native family home of Green County, Ky., and his own journey to becoming an LWC student.

"I had always planned to go to college, and I took all the college-preparation classes, but my parents had nothing to support me or my education," said Givens. "There was no money available in the family to pay for college, and there were no scholarships available unless you were the salutatorian or valedictorian. I was 18 years old with no financial resources or even a car at the time."

After working a temporary job, Givens had the money to pay for one semester of tuition. But it was the support of one particular family member that gave him the encouragement he needed to pursue a college degree.

"I had an aunt, Mildred May Cox Givens, who was a long-time educator," he said. "She didn't have any children, but she always encouraged the Givens' nieces and nephews to strive to do better. She sold me a car for \$500, of which I

only had to pay \$100 a year. It was her support that gave me hope – the hope that I could better myself and do something different.”

After learning that Lindsey Wilson – which was a two-year school in 1971 – had a direct transfer to Western Kentucky University, Givens decided to enroll.

“I knew I would need to go to college close to home,” said Givens. “There were eight boys that lived in Green County going to Lindsey at the time, and we would car-pool. We were always dependent on when the car was coming and going from Greensburg to Columbia.”

After graduating from LWC in 1973, Givens went on to Western Kentucky University for one year where he met his wife, Bonnie. Today, he and Bonnie live in Bowling Green, Ky. They have a daughter and three grandchildren.

Givens worked for Houchens Industries Inc. for 44 years, where he rose from part-time meat clerk to director of meat operations and vice president. He currently serves on Houchens Industries Board of Directors, and he is an active member of Forest Park Baptist Church, where he has been a deacon for more than 20 years.

To say Givens has a rich history with Green County would be an understatement. The Givens family has been a part of Green County since the family settled there from Ireland in 1873.

“Green County and the people there are very close to my heart,” said Givens. “I think of the young men and women who are born into Green County. I would like to do anything I can to help them better themselves.”

After consulting with financial planners, Givens decided the way he could do the most for Green County students at LWC would be to set up a charitable lead annuity trust.

“I wanted to give ‘one shot’ – so that I could make a difference in the lives of some Green County students while I was still alive,” he said. “That was the motivation – being able to do it now and connect to the people who currently live there.”

A charitable lead annuity trust is a type of irrevocable trust in which a fixed annuity is payable to a qualifying charity for a specified period of time, with the remainder of the trust’s assets transferable to one or more non-charitable beneficiaries – for example, the grantor’s children – after the charity’s annuity ends.

Givens has established a trust that will pay out \$25,000 a year to Lindsey Wilson’s scholarship fund for five qualify-

ing Green County students for the next 20 years.

At the end of the 20 years, earned assets can be transferred to family or others with estate and gift taxes dramatically reduced or eliminated.

“Each person is unique in what they can do and how they can do it, depending on where they are in their stage of life,” he said.

The full scholarship will begin in the 2018 fall semester. Qualifying students must have attended Green County High School for at least two years and maintain the minimum GPA standard set by LWC. The scholarship will be renewable as the student continues to matriculate at LWC.



Givens with wife, **Bonnie**, and grandchildren, from left **Caleb**, **Carter** and **Allie** in their home in Bowling Green, Ky.

“I have been blessed, and I know there are others like me connected to Lindsey Wilson College that have been blessed,” said Givens. “There comes a point in some lives where money isn’t a factor in happiness or security. I’m trying my best to give all away that I can to improve the lives of others.”

Givens said that each individual must decide what is best for themselves and their family.

“There are resources out there and the only way to know what is best for you is to talk to a financial planner or adviser. That’s what I did and it has worked out much better than expected.”



By Kevin A. Thompson

Vice President for Development

Josh Conner is a Lindsey Wilson College success story.

Josh came to LWC from his home state of Oregon to participate in our cycling program. Even though cycling was his introduction to the college, doors continued to open as Josh also excelled as a pitcher on the Blue Raider baseball team. He completed his bachelor's degree in communication in 2004.

Josh summed up his LWC experience by saying: "Lindsey Wilson was amazing place to attend college because everyone supported me and encouraged me to try new things. I met some great friends and had some amazing professors and staff members who became my mentors. It was an incredible four years."

Since leaving LWC, Josh has risen through the ranks to become a regional director for Modern Woodmen of America. He manages a sales force of individuals who concentrate on providing high-quality financial planning and advice to their clients. He helps his clients plan for the future and, when appropriate, encourages those who want to be charitable in their financial planning.

And you could say that Josh practices what he preaches. This year, Josh made LWC the sole beneficiary of a \$25,000 life insurance policy. This gift made sense for Josh because it allowed him to make a significant gift for a modest cash outlay.

Here's how it can work:

- You can purchase a new policy and name Lindsey Wilson as the irrevocable owner and beneficiary. The policy benefits are paid to Lindsey Wilson to support academics, athletics, scholarships or any other area of your choice.
- You can transfer an existing policy and name Lindsey Wilson as the policy's irrevocable owner and beneficiary.
- Premium payments can be made by you directly to the insurance company or by Lindsey Wilson College, by way of your annual donation to the college. Whichever way the premiums are paid, you can take an income tax deduction.

Like Josh, if this type of gift makes sense to you and your individual financial situation, I hope you will contact your local insurance agent or feel free to call me in Development Office at 1-270-384-8400. Also, I will be happy to send you our free booklet, *Giving Life Insurance*.



Conner, right, after receiving his LWC diploma in 2004.



Conner with wife, **Angela**, and daughters, **Lexi** and **Lily**. The Conner family makes their home in Mount Juliet, Tenn.



By Gerald L. Chafin

Assistant to the President for Church Relations

As Kentucky's flagship United Methodist college, Lindsey Wilson College embraces the challenge to stretch and equip the next generation of church leaders. We are indeed partners with churches.

Our approach to working with churches can be traced to the direction given by the author of 2 Peter 3:18, who advises us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." At Lindsey Wilson, we celebrate sharing the task of helping students grow in grace as well as knowledge.

Because of our solid partnership with churches throughout Kentucky, LWC enjoys a thriving campus ministry. Missional groups provide cluster communities for students, and a number of students spend their summers serving at camps and in foreign missions.

With so much activity, part of our goal in church relations is to simply share stories of our students' ministry with area churches.

Lindsey Wilson is grateful for the churches who have already included the college in their church budgets. These partnerships have a significant impact on our students and empower them to spread the Good News to others.

As a church-related college, we encourage your congregation to intentionally be a college-related church. By including Lindsey Wilson in your church budget, your congregation can help shape our college's campus ministry, missions and discipleship.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss how your church can partner with Lindsey Wilson. Contact me at chafing@lindsey.edu or 270-384-8400 to set up a visit.

Let's create a "Lindsey Wilson College Day" at your church!

Follow Gerald L. Chafin on Twitter at @CommonMeter. His blog is www.commonmeter.blogspot.com, where he shares thoughts and resources about ministry and leadership.



TOP: Students, faculty, staff and guests gather each fall semester in V.P. Henry Auditorium for Lindsey Wilson College's annual Church Celebration Day, which celebrates the college's affiliation with The United Methodist Church. **BOTTOM:** Lindsey Wilson College Dean of the Chapel Terry Swan delivers the message at the college's annual Church Celebration Day.

1930s-1950s

Lorena Arnold '35 Christie died July 13, 2017. She was 106.

Mary Edna Blaydes '40 died July 29, 2016.

Donnie N. "Preacher" Crenshaw Sr. '48 died May 20, 2016.

Nancy Morris '54 Wise died June 12, 2016.

1960s-1970s

Bob R. Keith '60 died October 5, 2016.

Travis P. Scott '61 died August 4, 2016.

Kelly Burton, Sr. '63 died February 12, 2016.

James Loy '62 died April 9, 2017.

Jeffrey "Jeff" Scott '65 died August 18, 2016.

Gerald Coomer '73 died September 26, 2016.

2000s

Jacqui Marie Nix '02 and Josh Cunningham welcomed their son, Gabriel Paul Cunningham on June 13, 2016.

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Oldest LWC Alumna Dies at 106

Lorena Arnold '35 Christie, the oldest known graduate of Lindsey Wilson College died on July 13, 2017 at the age of 106.

Christie grew up in the Knifley area of Adair County, the oldest of 12 children born to Oscar and Ora Mae Arnold. Christie put off college until she was in her early 20s, graduating from LWC at the age of 25. And although cars were not uncommon in Adair County during her youth, Christie traveled to campus by horseback.

"My Daddy said, 'My daughter wants to go to college, but we don't want her to stay in the dorms,'" Christie said on a campus visit in 2015.

So during the week she stayed with an uncle who lived in Columbia, and then rode her horse back home on the weekends to help on the family farm.

LWC had been founded only 30 years earlier when Christie enrolled at the college as a freshman, and the campus had fewer than a half-dozen buildings. LWC now has more than five dozen buildings.

Christie said that LWC students "always had a lot of fun in the classroom" when she was a student at the college. And she remembered one teacher in particular – "Mrs. Tucker," whose name is not in college records because she pre-dated the college's former yearbook, the *Pine Cone*, by more than three years.



LWC alumna Lorena Arnold '35 Christie of Chattanooga, Tenn., visits the A.P. White Campus just before her 105th birthday in 2015. Christie was LWC's oldest known living graduate before her death in July.

"She was really a well-educated person, and we always wondered why she wanted to teach in the rural districts," Christie said. "She taught us a lot, and she taught us how to act, too. It was always a lot of fun in her classes, and we learned a lot from her."

Christie and her late husband, Wallace, dated for four years and then were married shortly after she graduated from LWC. Christie taught for three years in one-room schoolhouses in Adair County before she and Wallace began to travel for his work, eventually settling in Chattanooga, Tenn. Wallace died in 1981.

Christie has lived in the same house on Lindsey Avenue in Chattanooga for more than 60 years. She is survived by two daughters and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Faces *from* Class Notes



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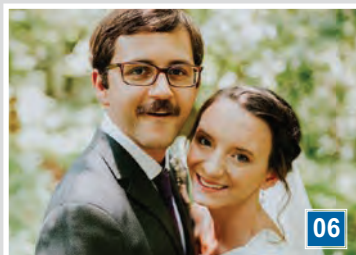
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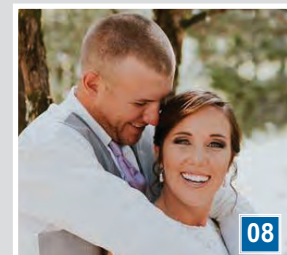
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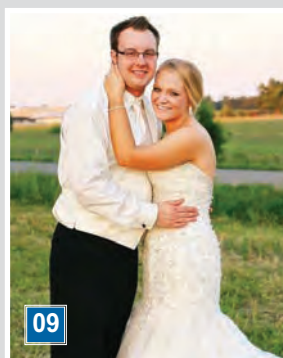


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Blue Raider Babies

The Alumni Office will help you welcome your family's baby into the world with a complimentary LWC bib.

For more information, contact Alumni Director Randy Burns at alumni@lindsey.edu or 270-384-8400.



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Stuart '04 and **Leigh Ann '05** Scott welcomed their third child, Ean George Scott, June 2016.

Paul Pinson '04 is employed with the Louisville Regional Airport as Public Safety Officer of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Technician.

Jared '05 and Kim Barnes welcomed their son, Mason Ryder Barnes on June 14, 2016.

01 Tim '05 and **Kendra Leveridge '06 Popplewell** welcomed their daughter, Hayden Dean Popplewell on June 17, 2016.

Amanda Lucas '05 is the Director of Social Media and Digital Recruiting at Spalding University

Cody Stagner '08 is employed with The Rawlings Company as an auditor.

02 Kerry '07 and **Erin Gorley** welcomed their son, Kerry Ross Gorley III.

Jamison Rogers '08 works for the Federal government in Social Security Administration as a Claims Specialist

Paul Novielli '09 is one of four market managers for DexMedia and covers the Kentucky and southern Ohio region.

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03 Drew '09 and Hannah Allen '12 welcomed their son Gavin Phillip Sadler on July 9, 2017.

2010s

04 Molly Atkinson '10 and Mario Ransan welcomed daughter, Miriam Anna on April 18, 2017.

Krista Lynn Burton '10 graduated from the Chase School of Law.

05 Amanda Johnson '10 and Kyle Prince welcomed daughter, Mia Kate on April 2, 2017.

Christopher Weston '11 and Kelsey Markham '11 Pope welcomed their first child, Kennedy Grace on June 2, 2016.

Jessica Marie Smith '11 died October 2, 2016.

Stefan Swecker '11 graduated from the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Western Carolina University in May 2017.

Trey Ball '11 graduated with an MBA from the University of the Cumberlands in May 2017.

Aaron Hester '11 is employed at Four Roses Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Ky., as a bottling quality technician. He was also selected to umpire the 2017 10-Year-Old Cal Ripkin Baseball World Series in August 2017.

06 Alex '13 and Kelsie Pepper were married June 25, 2016.

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LWC Board of Trustee, **James F. Sutton** (right) with his wife **Jimmie** in 2015. Sutton died on June 24.

LWC Board Member Was A Patriot With A Heart For Students

Admired Lindsey Wilson College trustee **James F. Sutton** is remembered as a man of “great integrity” who loved his country and Lindsey Wilson College.

Sutton, formerly of Crestwood, Ky., died June 24. He was 89.

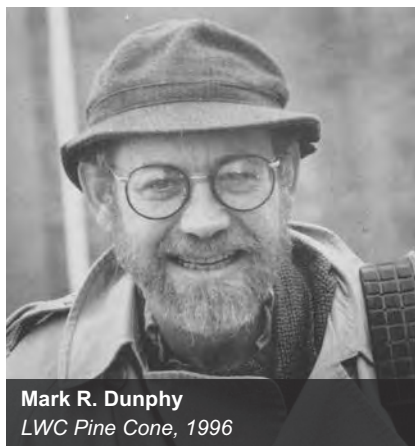
Sutton was a member of the Lindsey Wilson Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years, joining in 1999. During that time, he served on numerous committees, including chair of the board’s investment committee. In 2011, he received a doctorate of letters, *honoris causa*, from LWC.

“Jim was an incredibly active trustee,” said LWC President, William T. Luckey Jr. “He had an unmatched passion for education and the students at Lindsey Wilson. He was a wonderful man of great integrity and a true American patriot whose wisdom and loving demeanor will be greatly missed.”

Born in 1928 in Asheville, N.C., Sutton was a Marines veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War. Most of his career was spent with General Electric Co. in Louisville, Ky., where he retired after 36 years. He was a lay leader in The United Methodist Church Louisville District and was also active in the church’s Kentucky Annual Conference.

Sutton was co-founder of The Lighthouse, a United Methodist Church Community Center that serves underprivileged urban children and families in Louisville. He was also chair of the Lighthouse board of directors, and he was vice president of Lighthouse Promise Inc., Lighthouse’s fund-raising arm.

Sutton was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Jimmie K. Sutton who passed away in May 2017. He is survived by three children, five grandchildren – one of whom is an LWC graduate – and two great-grandchildren.



Mark R. Dunphy
LWC Pine Cone, 1996

LWC Community Remembers Beloved English Professor

phy wrote and presented papers to illustrate the intellectual connections between the American writers of the romantic period of the mid-19th century and the American Beat writers of the mid-20th century.

His area of expertise included authors Herman Melville, Nathaniel Hawthorne, James Joyce and Jack Kerouac. He once said that he read Melville's *Moby-Dick*, which he considered to be the great American novel, at least once a year, and one year he read it once at the start of each season.

Dunphy's work often received attention both nationally and abroad. He was invited by the U.S. Embassy's Cultural Affairs Office in Rome and the Consulate General in Naples to lecture in Italy in fall 2004.

"It's rather exciting to know that the Beats' ideas are alive and well in Italy because they represented a movement that was not limited to America," he said.

At LWC, Dunphy served on various academic committees. He was past chair of the Humanities Division, and he also served as faculty representative to the president's cabinet.

"I loved to see him on the sidewalk and to hear his distinctive laugh as we exchanged pleasantries," Luckey said. "He was a good man who loved this

college and its mission."

LWC students also recognized Dunphy's devotion to teaching and the Lindsey Wilson mission. In 2004-05, he was named Teacher of the Year by the LWC Student Government Association for his "outstanding service to the students and the mission of Lindsey Wilson College."

"I learned from Mark about the mission of the College and saw in him somebody who loved and valued that mission of 'every student, every day,'" said friend and colleague LWC Professor of English **Tim McAlpine**. "He was somebody who very much cared for the whole person. In the eighteen years that I served with him, I always found him as somebody who was concerned with me not just as a cog in a machine that needed to run smoothly but as a person. He provided wise, kind, insightful advice that helped me along my path as a faculty member.

Mark Raymond Dunphy was born Feb. 13, 1950, in Boston to John Dunphy, who preceded him in death, and Georgina Byers Cuthbert, who survives.

Also surviving: his wife, Judith Ann Ewert Dunphy of Columbia; a daughter, Gina (Joe) Collins of Columbia; two step-sons, Daniel Tishar of Columbia and David Tishar of Breeding, Ky.

Longtime Lindsey Wilson College English Professor **Mark R. Dunphy**, a literary scholar with a deep devotion to his discipline and to teaching, died suddenly on Dec. 12. He was 66.

"He was a brilliant man with a passion for his students and his discipline," LWC President **William T. Luckey Jr.** said. "I remember him as a person who had a love for Herman Melville and *Moby-Dick* and one who presented frequently at national conferences on topics that were tied to this obsession."

Dunphy arrived at LWC in the fall of 1992. He quickly earned a reputation among students as a professor who pushed them to see familiar subjects in new and different ways.

"I obviously have a passion for literature," said Dunphy in a 2000 interview. "So I try to convey the passion I have for those writers to my students in numerous ways. Ultimately, I hope that some of that passion will affect (the students) and compel them to examine their lives and the world around them."

For much of his career, Dun-

Thompson-Wells '99 Moves To The President's Office

Amy Thompson-Wells was named executive assistant to the LWC president on Feb. 1. Thompson-Wells has served the college for nearly 20 years – most recently as director of civic engagement and student leadership and co-director of the Bonner Scholar Program. Although a new role for Thompson-Wells, the position is not new to her. Her mother, the late **Nancy Sinclair**, held the position for more than five years before dying of cancer in November 2016. A native of Green County, Ky., Thompson-Wells graduated from LWC in 1999 with a degree in biology. She and her husband, 2001 alumnus Chris Wells who is the college's sports information director, have two children: daughter, Reilly and son, Greyson.



Like Mother, Like Daughter: Thompson-Wells, left, with her mother, Nancy Sinclair. Thompson-Wells was named executive assistant to the president on Feb. 1 – a position held by Sinclair for more than five years.

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Grant Darnell '13 is the head strength and conditioning coach for the football program at Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska.

07 Jasmine Hammond '13 and **Adam Humphress** welcomed their first child, Easton Hayes on July 25, 2016.

Derek '14 and **Paige Hutchison '12 Nickel** welcomed their first child, Parker Anthony Nickel on June 6, 2016.

08 Noel Wilson '14 and **Adena Lucas '16** were married June 11, 2016.

Shanalee Applegate '14 is the mental-health coordinator in the Pathways, Inc., Morehead, Ky., office.

09 Ryan '14 and **Jessica Wethington '13 Whitlock** married September 10, 2016.

Casey McGowan '14 earned a Juris Doctor (JD) degree with honors from Emory University School of Law, May 8, 2017. She began a two-year term as a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Brooke Spatal '14 earned a Master of Letters in Shakespeare & Performance on May 17, 2017 from Mary Baldwin University, and started her Master of Fine Arts in the same concentration.

Lorran Hart Ferguson '14 graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in May 2017.

10 Brittany Meece '14 and **Luke Stephens** welcomed their daughter, Adri Mae, May 3, 2017

Lindsey Wilson baseball standout **Scott Sebald** has signed a free agent contract with the Arizona League Rangers, a minor league affiliate of the Texas Rangers.

Heather Franks '15 and **Gerald Gregory** married June 18, 2016.

Tyler '15 and **Chelsea Hunter '15 Welch** married on June 18, 2016.

11 Jimmy '15 and **Ashley Elizabeth Jeffries '16 Harrison** married July 2, 2016.

Gabrielle Brooke Harmon '15 and **Chad Downey** married July 2, 2016.

Zachary '16 and **Elisabeth Smith '16 Madewell** married June 18, 2016.

Nia Madison Stallworth '16 died January 15, 2017.

Iker Larzabel '17 is an auditing assistant at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Ltd. in Madrid, Spain.

A 'Pleasure to Serve'

By Gabby Pyles
Class of 2019

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40.

During the week of July 4-11, I had the privilege to travel with a mission team from LWC to the Dominican Republic. Assistant Professor of Religion David Calhoun arranged the mission trip with Go Ministries, a Christian organization based out of Louisville, Ky., that partners with churches, businesses, and individuals to serve thousands of people a year in the Dominican Republic – as well as the people of Haiti, Mongolia and urban America.

Traveling to the Dominican Republic was the first time I left the country. I tried to prepare myself for what I was about to experience. However, I never imagined the magnificence and beauty of the island or the way God would work in my heart through the incredible people of the Dominican Republic.

Each morning, we served at a different ministry. One morning, we went to a place called "The Hole." It is exactly as it sounds. A huge landfill the government did not want anymore, so they opened it to whoever wanted or needed to move there. The people of the Dominican Republic used whatever trash they could find to build huts to live in. The poverty we witnessed was unspeakable. But it was through the children living in "The Hole" that God's love and faithfulness was revealed in a mighty way. As soon as we arrived, the kids ran to our team – instantly trusting us and wanting our attention. They wouldn't leave our sides. And I realized this is how God wants us to trust him – fully and completely – like these little children.

My passion has always been to work with children. So what a blessing it was for me when our week in the Dominican Republic was filled with precious children. We were thrilled when our team's primary ministry for the week was to lead Bible lessons similar to vacation bible school in the United States. We spent five days with the children and grew very close to them. The Bible lessons provided an opportunity to encourage the children toward a relationship with Christ and draw attention to the local church. However, I felt at a disadvantage when I could not speak Spanish, the native language in the Dominican Republic. God provided a way for all of us to communicate with the people there. That was a miracle in itself! Praise Jesus, the language barrier was never an issue.



Gabrielle Pyles: "I realized this is how God wants us to trust him – fully and completely – like these little children."



LWC Assistant Professor of Religion David Calhoun (back row, right) and the LWC mission team in the Dominican Republic in July. For five years Calhoun has partnered with Go Ministries of Louisville, Ky., to arrange mission trips for more than 50 LWC students to serve in the Dominican Republic.

We had so many wonderful experiences serving, teaching and loving the people of the Dominican Republic. From working in a prison and serving in a drug rehabilitation center to our days filled with the laughter and sweet smiles of the children – God's love was everywhere!

It was a pleasure to serve with the mission team from LWC. I am thankful to have been a small part of God's power and presence in this ministry. I'm reminded of how blessed I am to attend a school that provides and encourages mission and service opportunities. This experience has deeply impacted who I am as a Christ follower as well as my awareness of the world around me.

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