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In the winter of 1861-1862, during the U.S. Civil War, Confederate soldiers arrived at the abandoned Stewart College in Clarksville and turned its empty buildings into a military hospital. When the Union army occupied the city that February, the officers converted the school's once-iconic Castle Building, with its fortress-like crenellations, into their headquarters. Those soldiers, representing both sides of the war, mark the beginning of a 157-year relationship between this campus and the military.

It's a tradition that continued when the Austin Peay Normal School first opened its doors in the fall of 1929. That year, several of the school's new faculty members – including a young history professor and future University president named Halbert Harvill – were veterans of the First World War. A little more than a decade later, when the U.S. government opened Camp Campbell, Austin Peay began offering night classes to accommodate the area's incoming soldiers. In 1943, during World War II, the War Department created a naval cadet training program on this campus.

In the decades that followed, the University community has built upon this noble tradition, enabling us to better serve our students with a military connection. Today, Austin Peay is the state's No. 1 provider of higher education to these individuals, and we're honoring that designation with this special military edition of the alumni magazine.

In this issue, you'll read how four retired generals are helping guide the future of this institution and why alumna Wilma Newton invested in Austin Peay's new William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center. You'll learn about our award-winning ROTC program, which produces some of the top officers in the U.S. Army, and you'll discover how alumnus Sidney Brown's military career put him on the frontline of American history.

I'm thankful this University continues to lead the state and the region in serving these students, who have sacrificed so much for their country. We want to honor their service by providing them with everything they need to succeed. These individuals are an important part of Austin Peay's culture, and it's a privilege to hear students like Coast Guard veteran William Cody call this "the friendliest veteran and nontraditional campus I have seen."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alisa White". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dr. Alisa White  
APSU President

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EXCELLENCE**

# Austin Peay

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## TENNESSEE'S FASTEST-GROWING PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

Last fall, Austin Peay officially became the fastest-growing public university in the state. At a time when most colleges and universities are struggling to attract students, Austin Peay's 4.7 percent increase far outpaced other schools and helped the University set a record fall enrollment of 10,954 students.

Austin Peay enrolled more than 2,000 new freshmen for the first time in its history, and it experienced a 3 percent increase in undergraduate students, a 24 percent increase in graduate students, a 23 percent increase in out-of-state students and a 29 percent increase in undergraduate international students. The University also awarded a record number of academic scholarships last fall, which means the new freshman class had an ACT average that was higher than in previous years.

For the latest news at Austin Peay, visit [apsu.edu/news](http://apsu.edu/news).





## STRONGER PARTNERS

Education First, a national public education consulting firm, cited the Eriksson College of Education's recharged collaboration with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System as an example of how to build strong partnerships.



## THE ART OF THE DEAL

The Art + Design Department and the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts established a residency partnership with the Visual Arts at Chautauqua Institution, allowing art students to study for free at the famed New York campus.



## LESS STRESS FOR VETS

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission awarded Austin Peay a \$49,896 grant to support a new pilot project designed to help military and veteran students transition quickly and easily into college or new career fields.



## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The College of Business is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The college recently adopted a new mission statement that calls for helping students “explore their passions in order to empower our graduates to compete in a global economy.”



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PICKS GENTRY

National Geographic recently named Dr. Chris Gentry, associate professor of geography, to be Tennessee’s steward in a new national program “doubling down on (the society’s) commitment” to improve K-12 geography education.



## VISITING ARTIST

Amy Sherald, the artist who painted former First Lady Michelle Obama’s official portrait, spoke to a nearly filled Morgan University Center Ballroom last fall as part of the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts Visiting Artist Speaker Series.

## HAGEMAN ESTATE GIVES MORE THAN \$600,000

Dr. Ben Stone ('59), emeritus professor, grew up the second youngest of seven children, but his sister, Hilda Stone Hageman, and her husband, John Andrew Hageman, always encouraged Stone to do more. He went on to a distinguished, 42-year career as a professor, chair of the Department of Biology and founding director of the Center of Excellence for Field Biology. His love for the University’s biology programs nearly matches his love for John and Hilda, and earlier this year he happily presented a \$664,112 check from his sister’s estate to the Austin Peay Foundation.

That gift formally established the Hilda Stone Hageman and John Andrew Hageman Endowed Scholarships. Beginning in the fall of 2020, the biology department will award four Hageman scholarships annually.





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# THE GOV LIFE

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## Coast Guard vet finds home at APSU

After joining the U.S. Coast Guard in 1983, William Cody found himself aboard a polar-class icebreaker ship off the coast of Antarctica. To keep warm, the crew drank authentic Russian vodka with bits of coal dust floating in it (they'd traded with Soviet sailors they met at the bottom of the world).

"I joke that I walked around the world in three seconds because when you walk around the South Pole, you have literally walked around the world," Cody said.

In 1987, when he left the Coast Guard, he enrolled at Austin Peay, only to drop out after a few months. Thirty years later, Cody decided to give the University another shot. He was surprised by what he found.

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***"This is the friendliest veteran and nontraditional campus I have seen."***

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"As a disabled veteran, I see services that didn't exist back in 1987," he said. "This is the friendliest veteran and nontraditional campus I have seen."

But for Cody, there was still something missing. Inside Austin Peay's Military Student Center (MSC), he noticed only four military crests hanging on the wall. What about the Coast Guard?

"So I ordered one (for the MSC)," he said. "Paid for it myself."





# AUSTIN PEAY'S NINE STARS:

## THE GENERALS WHO HELP THE UNIVERSITY EXCEL

Last fall, outgoing Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam visited Austin Peay and asked the school's Board of Trustees what he should tell his successor about the University. Don Jenkins, a trustee, immediately mentioned Austin Peay's military focus.

"This is a very military-friendly town, but it's an incredibly military-friendly college," he said.

Jenkins wasn't exaggerating. With more than 2,650 military-connected students, Austin Peay is Tennessee's leading provider of higher education to military-affiliated students. These individuals are a key part of the University's culture, and in recent years, Austin Peay officials have strategically recruited former top-level military leaders to ensure this culture remains secure for generations to come.

"We take this responsibility to the military seriously," Alisa White, APSU president, said. "And if you're counting stars, between Gen. (Robin) Mealer and Gen. (Gary) Luck, we have five on the board. Additionally, with Gen. (Ronald) Bailey and Gen. (Scott) Brower on our leadership team, we have four stars. So we have nine stars."



**Name:** (Ret.) Gen. Gary Luck

**Stars:** Four

**Previous Position:** Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command (Korea)/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea

**Current Position:** APSU trustee

"The instincts, insights and intuition honed via that extensive experience has more than prepared me to take on this responsibility. Further, the atmospherics of being part of such a viable institution as APSU is just plain exciting."



**Name:** (Ret.) Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer ('00)

**Stars:** One

**Previous Position:** Chief of the Force Management and Integration Division

**Current Position:** APSU trustee

"Austin Peay State University has contributed much to me both personally, in achieving my degree, and professionally in the advancement and support of the Army ROTC program. This is my opportunity to reciprocate."



**Name:** (Ret.) Brig. Gen. Scott Brower

**Stars:** One

**Previous Position:** Deputy commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division

**Current Position:** Military adviser in residence

“With my connection to Fort Campbell, understanding of the importance of higher education for our soldiers and family members, and the unique challenges that sometimes face military-affiliated students, I truly believe that I can help make a difference for these students and our University, as well as our local communities.”



**Name:** (Ret.) Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey ('77)

**Stars:** Three

**Previous Position:** Deputy commandant for Plans, Policies and Operations for the Marine Corps

**Current Position:** Vice president for external affairs

“Over the years, I’ve traveled upon three ships of service: leadership, relationship and mentorship. I will continue this at APSU.”

**For more information on APSU's military services, visit [www.apsu.edu/military](http://www.apsu.edu/military).**



Charlie Weigandt ('16), Army veteran and founding member of the 160th who is now director of APSU's Aviation Science program, inspects Gov 1, APSU's first helicopter.

For more information on the aviation science program with a concentration in rotor wing, visit [apsu.edu](http://apsu.edu) or Google "APSU aviation."



FRESHMAN'S NONPROFIT  
FEEDING CHILDREN IN

# UGANDA





The words “Be the change” are tattooed on Mallory Fundora’s forearm. For the last eight years, she’s strived to personify that phrase. At the age of 12, Fundora created Project Yesu, a nonprofit that now feeds more than 500 schoolchildren in Uganda every weekday and is in the process of building a new school.

Today, the young founder and COO is working to expand her skills as an APSU business major, with a focus on nonprofit management.

“I have high expectations for Austin Peay to help me grow as a leader,” Fundora, a President’s Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) student, said.

In order to feed more than 500 children every school day, the Austin Peay freshman spends much of her free time raising money for her nonprofit. For a brief moment, Fundora thought of retiring from her nonprofit. But then, the University’s PELP program expressed interest in her work.

“Here, it seemed like I could be a leader and be able to run Project Yesu,” she said. “Even though I’ve been running it for seven years, I don’t have a lot of business knowledge. I’ve had to have help from other people.”

For more information or to support Fundora’s efforts, visit [www.projectyesu.org](http://www.projectyesu.org).





# from **SPECIAL FORCES** to **EDUCATION**

If you ask Albert Wiley to list all the places he's visited, you should probably take a seat because it'll take a few minutes.

"I went to Panama, Ecuador, Belize, Honduras, Korea, Holland, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Japan, England, Canada...let's just say numerous countries," he said.

**“I knew I needed another career, so I decided to come to Austin Peay...”**

Wiley spent 25 years in the U.S. Army, serving with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and later with the 5th Special Forces Group. After completing six combat tours in Iraq and four combat tours in Afghanistan, he decided to retire and add a new location to his extensive travelogue – the Austin Peay State University campus.

"I knew I needed another career, so I decided to come to Austin Peay and study special education," he said. "Austin Peay has been real welcoming. I've never had any issues here. Every time, if I had a problem and spoke to a professor, right on the spot they'd help me out."

And within Austin Peay's Eriksson College of Education, he uses the knowledge he gained during 25 years of service to help some of Austin Peay's younger students understand the importance of what they're studying.

"A lot of the students over there, they do listen to some of my experiences when I try to explain why math is important," he said. "In the military, I had to use measurements on trees to see how tall a tree was so when people jump out of a plane, they don't land on that tree."

For information on APSU's military services, visit [www.apsu.edu/military](http://www.apsu.edu/military).



Army ROTC cadet, Thomas Porter



## ROTC CADETS COMPETE AT RENOWNED WEST POINT COMPETITION

Austin Peay State University Governors Guard ROTC cadets continue to show why they're among the best in the nation.

Their latest achievement — qualifying for April's Sandhurst Competition at West Point, New York — strengthens the battalion's claim to an eighth Gen. Douglas MacArthur Award, which goes to the eight top-performing ROTC units in U.S. Army Cadet Command.

At Sandhurst, the team will compete against the country's best, including teams from West Point and the Air Force, Coast Guard and Naval academies.

Sandhurst is the world's premier international military skills competition, a physically and mentally rigorous leadership challenge that includes an obstacle course, navigation exercises, water crossings, marksmanship, trauma care and fitness.

Austin Peay's cadets qualified for Sandhurst by excelling at last November's Bold Warrior Challenge at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Austin Peay's 11 cadets competed against 17 teams, defeating such universities as Michigan State, Notre Dame and Vanderbilt. Cadets covered about 40 miles of terrain during the two days, much of the time carrying rucksacks.

### For more

- For more about Austin Peay's Governors Guard ROTC, visit [www.apsu.edu/rotc](http://www.apsu.edu/rotc).
- For more about Sandhurst, visit [www.westpoint.edu/military/department-of-military-instruction/sandhurst](http://www.westpoint.edu/military/department-of-military-instruction/sandhurst).





**Newton's gift**  
establishes military family resource center



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The facility for the newly approved Austin Peay State University Military Family Resource Center is undergoing significant renovations thanks to a generous contribution from alumna Wilma Newton ('73) in honor of her late parents.

Newton and her late husband, retired Master Sgt. Raymond Vares, decided to contribute to the University because of their appreciation for education and their family connection to the military. The couple did not have any children, so they chose to give back to students attending her alma mater.

In addition to her husband, Newton's late father, her brother and several uncles all served in the military.

"My parents encouraged us to obtain a college degree, and they worked hard to afford it," she said. "My siblings and I were the first grandchildren to earn a college degree."

Out of nine siblings on her father's side of the family, Newton noted that only her father and uncles had children who completed college.

"I think it was because of their military careers," she said. "They traveled the world and began to see how important a college degree was."

Newton's father, William, met her mother, Sadako, in Japan when he was stationed there as part of the military efforts to reconstruct the country following the end of World War II.

"My father grew up in a very poor family in Alabama, so he left school when he was in third grade to help support them," Newton said. "He eventually got his GED and joined the military."

The facility at 426 College St. will be known as the William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center.

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Wilma Newton holds a photo of her mother, Sadako S. Newton, and father, William E. Newton.

The inset photos show Wilma Newton's late father, William E. Newton, during his years of service.

# NEWTON

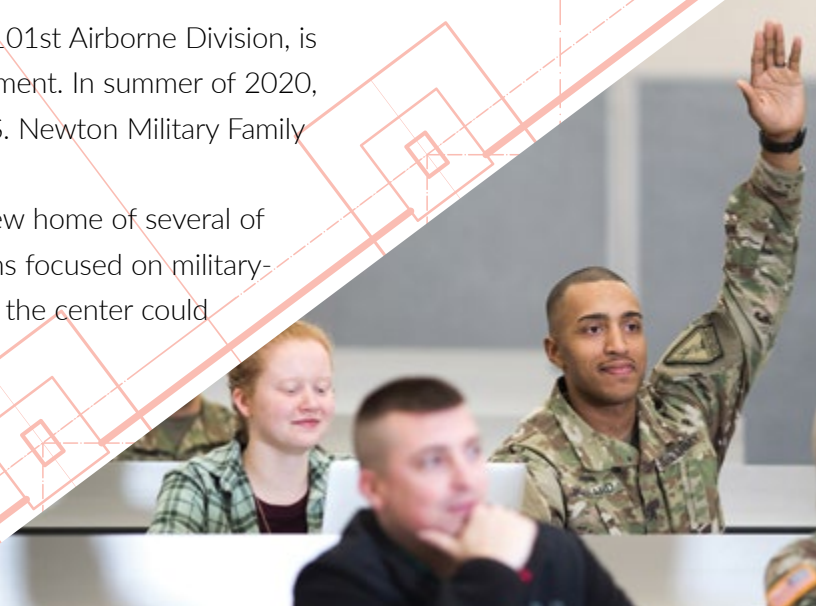
## Military Family Resource Center

More than 2,500 military-connected students make up Austin Peay's student body. They are veterans and active-duty soldiers. They are Guardsmen and Reservists. They are spouses and children. They are essential to the University's success.

"They bring positive core values and beliefs that I think our society finds useful and valuable," Military Adviser in Residence Scott Brower said. "Teamwork, selfless service, a drive and commitment to something bigger than themselves."

Brower, former deputy commanding general for the 101st Airborne Division, is leading an Austin Peay effort to recognize that commitment. In summer of 2020, he plans to cut the ribbon of the William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center.

The repurposed College Street building will be the new home of several of the University's existing academic and support programs focused on military-connected student success. Though plans are not final, the center could include the Military Student Center, Veterans Upward Bound and military-focused satellite offices for career services, admissions and financial aid.





### Improving Student Service

The center will provide more effective personal service to military-connected students. “We have silos of people who are working well and making a positive difference almost every day,” Brower said. “But we may be missing something. When we consolidate here, we will improve the awareness and the sharing of information.”

Brower sees three main benefits of the center:

- **COLLECTIVE EXPERTISE:** Having so many military support programs together not only will cut down on students having to traverse campus looking for help, it will centralize brainpower. “The center, by pulling together so much of this information and the resources we have as a university, will be valuable. We’ll have people able to describe the Veterans Affairs process. If a student is having a life struggle, whether it’s military-connected or not, we’ll have VetSuccess counselors available. We’ll have knowledgeable people available across the community.”
- **COMFORT:** Military-connected students, especially veterans, use Austin Peay’s Military Student Center, now housed in the Morgan University Center, because they’re more comfortable being around other service members. “There’s that camaraderie,” Brower said. “That sense of togetherness.”
- **STUDY:** “We want to have a separate study area,” Brower said. He also has plans to host guest speakers discussing topics important to military-connected students.

“We’re going to find success,” Brower said. “The center will allow us to share this story, to show the successes of our military-affiliated student population.”

N E W  
**POW★MIA**  
C H A I R  
*at Fortera Stadium*

As excitement continues to build around Austin Peay's football program and fans fill the stands at Fortera Stadium, one seat near the American flag will always remain empty.

"Nobody can sit in it," Brenden Smith, an APSU chemistry major, said. "That chair is to symbolize all the people who didn't come home."

Last fall, during Austin Peay's Military Appreciation Football Game, the University officially dedicated a POW/MIA chair in the stadium. For more than two years, members of APSU's Sigma Chi fraternity raised money for the memorial. When Smith, former president of Sigma Chi, saw one at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, he knew he wanted one at Austin Peay.

"My family is very big in the military, and I'm just one of the fortunate kids where my parents came home," he said. "I'm really grateful for that."

Smith's fraternity and the fraternity's alumni chapter helped collect money for the project, raising more than \$1,400 for the chair and a special plaque.

"You may not be in the military, but the families that make sacrifices have influenced your life," he said.





*FOOTBALL PLAYERS HONOR*

# GOLD STAR FAMILIES



On Nov. 17, during Austin Peay's annual Military Appreciation Game at Fortera Stadium, a special recognition took place on the field. Shortly after the Governors football team beat Murray State 48-23, the student-athletes welcomed 80 Gold Star families – some 300 family members – to join them on the turf.



A Gold Star family consists of individuals related to a fallen military service member. During that Saturday's ceremony, football players presented each family member with an Austin Peay jersey with their family name emblazoned on the back.

"That was so emotional for me because I read the family's story, and that really touched me," Corey Brown Sr., a senior defensive lineman, said. "It felt really good to be able to do that for them."

The Military Appreciation Game provided moment after moment of special tributes to the men and women in the U.S. armed forces. Members of the 101st Airborne unfurled a sizable American flag on the field for the National Anthem, and two Apache helicopters roared overhead during the final notes of the song. Humvees also were on display in Tailgate Alley, and a ceremonial seat in Fortera Stadium was dedicated in honor of POW/MIAs.



Tyler Davis/APSU Athletics

## MARK HUDSPETH NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

In December, Mark Hudspeth, former associate head coach at Mississippi State and former head coach of Louisiana, was named the 20th head football coach at Austin Peay. Hudspeth came to Austin Peay after spending the 2018 season as the associate head coach and tight ends coach at Mississippi State. The Bulldogs finished the regular season 8-4 and ranked No. 18 in the College Football Playoff poll.

He has 16 years of head coaching experience at the FBS, NCAA Division II and high school levels, and his

teams went a combined 142-60 with him at the helm. Prior to joining Joe Moorhead's staff at Mississippi State, Hudspeth spent seven seasons (2011-17) as the head coach of the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. In each of his first four seasons, the Ragin' Cajuns finished 9-4, with victories in the New Orleans Bowl in each of those seasons. The 2011 victory in the New Orleans Bowl was the program's first bowl appearance since 1970. The Cajuns appeared in the New Orleans Bowl again following the 2016 season.



Tyler Davis/APSU Athletics



Tyler Davis/  
APSU Athletics



## STUCKER EARNS NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Senior setter Kristen Stucker was recently named to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America Division I Women's Volleyball First Team. Stucker, of Johnston, Iowa, was one of 22 student-athletes selected for the

team and one of 14 to have a 4.0 grade-point average or better. Also, she was one of only five honorees to return after being selected to the 2017 Academic All-America teams.



## ATHLETICS WELCOMES 2019 HALL OF FAME CLASS

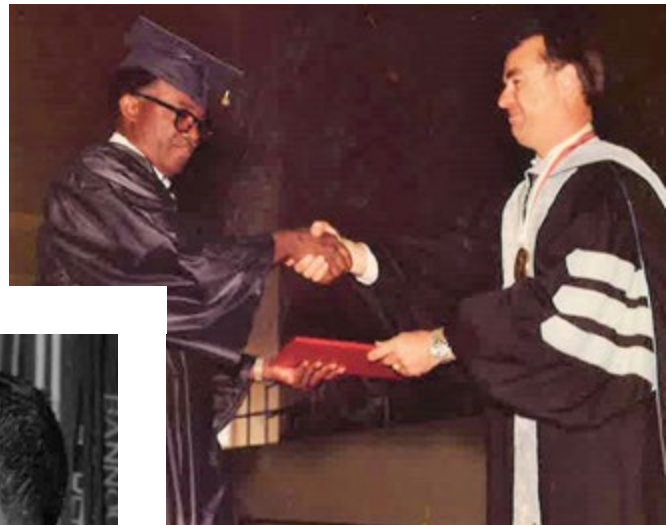
During a special ceremony on Jan. 25, four former Governors athletes were inducted into Austin Peay's Athletics Hall of Fame. This year's inductees were Greg Bachman, the 2012 Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Championship MVP; Nikki Doyle, the first three-time first-team All-OVC performer in Austin Peay volleyball

history; and Matt Reynolds, the 2007 OVC Baseball Championship MVP and longtime MLB veteran. Hendricks Fox, a member of the 1948 championship football team whose reach and influence helped successfully resurrect scholarship football at Austin Peay, was named the Honors category representative.



Elliott Herzlich, Karen Meisch, interim dean of the College of STEM, and Barry Jones ('95), interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters, check out Gov 1 when it landed on campus.





# Sidney Brown's *Life of Service*



On a mild November evening, Sidney Brown, 87, stood along the sidelines at Fortera Stadium. He wore a blue blazer, which sagged from all the medals pinned above the left pocket, and a ball cap for the 555th Parachute Infantry, the U.S. Army's famed all-black airborne unit. Brown, a retired command sergeant major, was waiting to conduct the coin toss for the Austin Peay State University Military Appreciation Football Game. The stadium's lights brightened the green turf, and if the pleasant air caused his thoughts to drift, Brown might have recalled a few scenes from his life of service.

## Iron Triangle

A decade later, Brown was a platoon sergeant, leading patrols through the notorious Iron Triangle — a Viet Cong sanctuary during the Vietnam War. There, beneath the ruins of French rubber plantations, a network of underground tunnels allowed enemy combatants to seemingly disappear.

At night, Brown took cover in his sleeping bag while bombs and enemy fire brightened the sky.

"That's the way we lived for six or seven months," he said. "I didn't have a bath the entire time because there was no river available. You do what you have to do."

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The most important thing was  
getting those kids to school.  
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## Little Rock

In 1957, when Brown was a young sergeant, he camped at an airfield outside Little Rock, Arkansas. President Eisenhower had ordered the 101st Airborne Division to that city to enforce the desegregation of Little Rock High School. Brown, along with the other black soldiers, was part of a reserve force.

In an interview with the Fort Campbell Courier, Brown said, "Many of the black 101st Airborne Division soldiers resented not being able to go into the school," but his commander said "the most important thing was getting those kids to school."

"If the second force would've gone in there, we probably would have seen a lot of problems," he said, adding that their presence helped keep "this country moving forward."

## A New Life of Service

After 30 years of service, Brown retired and enrolled at Austin Peay. He graduated in 1985 and went on to serve on the Montgomery County Commission. During his eight years representing District 9, he promoted a number of initiatives, including a proposed nursing home for veterans in Montgomery County. Construction began on the 106-room facility in 2013, and the Brigadier General Wendell H. Gilbert Tennessee State Veterans Home opened in 2016.

Recently, Austin Peay's Military Alumni Chapter created the CSM(R) Sidney Brown Scholarship Endowment to benefit active duty military, veteran students, their spouses and children and APSU ROTC cadets.

But in Fortera Stadium last November, the humble veteran simply waved while the crowd stood and cheered his service.

## Alumni News and Events



This fall was a busy time for the APSU offices of University Advancement and Alumni Relations. In October, our campus was bustling with activities like the APSU Military Alumni Chapter Annual Homecoming Dinner recognizing Special Forces and Special Forces support personnel. Funds raised from the event were designated to benefit the newly created CW3 (R) Scott Schroeder Scholarship Endowment and the Joyce Luster Scholarship Endowment for deserving students. During the dinner, retired Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey ('77), APSU vice president for external affairs, was named the inaugural

recipient of the APSU Board of Trustees' Gobs Who Lead Through Military Service Award. The award was established to show appreciation for an individual or organization who has demonstrated support of the University through leadership, service and advocacy. Bailey is an Austin Peay graduate, a former Governors football player and a veteran with 40 years of experience in the U.S. Marine Corps. In just a few short months, he has become a valuable member of the APSU senior leadership team.

Another notable highlight was the Annual Tower Club Dinner. This year, the organization is celebrating 60 years of supporting Austin Peay students, faculty and staff. During the event, the Tower Club announced Charlie Koon ('92) of F&M Bank as its chair for the upcoming year. We also enjoyed seeing the impressive crowd at Fortera Stadium on Nov. 17 for the Military Appreciation Football Game to honor military veterans and active-duty personnel.

Looking to the future, we are planning to launch a new comprehensive campaign to fund initiatives that will advance the goals of the 2015-2025 Leading Through Excellence Strategic Plan. The goals include increasing enrollment, enhancing student success, sustaining university growth, expanding diversity and broadening communication. The University intends to fulfill these goals by upgrading campus recreational facilities, creating additional classroom space, increasing the available number of faculty and staff positions and creating new endowed scholarship opportunities for students. Additional improvements will include services for military-connected students, nontraditional students and students in minority groups.

One project that will have a significant impact on our campus is the upcoming Military Family Resource Center at 426 College St. Our military-connected students play an important role in our Austin Peay family, and we hope to honor their service to our community and our nation by fulfilling their unique needs in every way possible. We could not achieve that goal without our loyal alumni. Thank you for supporting our commitment to student success.

Sincerely,

Kris Phillips ('91)  
Assistant Vice President for University Advancement



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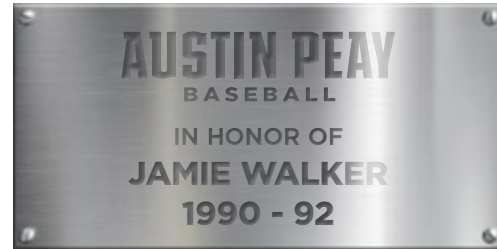
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## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY IN THE BASEBALL CLUBHOUSE



Join former Governors pitcher and 11-year Major League Baseball veteran Jamie Walker by naming a locker or a chair in our new state-of-the-art Baseball Clubhouse.

Locker: \$5,000      Chair: \$2,500

Walker has already secured his legacy through this campaign, and now you can, too. Visit [alumni.apsu.edu/baseballclubhouse](http://alumni.apsu.edu/baseballclubhouse) or contact Jordan Harmon, 2013-'17 baseball alumnus, at [harmonj@apsu.edu](mailto:harmonj@apsu.edu) to make your commitment today!

## 35TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL AWARD WINNERS



### WENDELL H. GILBERT AWARD Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp

The Wendell H. Gilbert Award honors a person who has significantly contributed to Austin Peay State University by sustained service, has made a significant contribution to the University or brought recognition to the University by his/her success.

The honoree exemplifies excellence and integrity and has inspired others by his/her accomplishments.

Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, founder of Clarksville Pediatric Dentistry, has served on several advisory panels regarding dental care of children and special needs, including the TennCare Medical Care Advisory Committee. She is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, Fellow of the International College of Dentists and a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. She also is a member of the Governors Club, chair of the Tower Club and past chair of the Candlelight Ball committee.



### SPIRIT AWARD Len Rye

The Spirit Award is given to an individual who is 42 years of age or younger and has significantly contributed to Austin Peay State University by sustained service, has made a significant contribution to the University or has brought recognition to the University by his/her success.

The honoree exemplifies excellence and integrity and has inspired others by his/her accomplishments.

Len Rye is a residential contractor, specializing in custom homes. He serves on the University's Governors Club and the Red Coat Society, and he established the Rye Family Endowment with his sister, Patty. Rye has served on the Montgomery County Rescue Squad and Dive Team and the East Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, and he worked as a coach and president of Clarksville National Little League.

## Alumni **Events**

The 35th Annual Candlelight Ball hosted a record crowd of more than 600 attendees, raising more than \$120,000 that will help fund scholarships.





Jimmy Lynch, Cydney Miller,  
Marcia Campbell and Jimmy Terry, Jr.



The 35th Annual Candlelight Ball Committee members are, standing from left, Honorable Kimberly Wiggins, Adrienne Beech ('04), Adrienne Beasley ('00), Andrea Goble, Britney Campbell ('03), Stephanie Lanham ('96), Betsy Baggett, Marcia Campbell, Jennifer Moore ('98), Christina Clark, Sally Allen ('00, '05), Co-chair Andrea Herrera, Co-chair Kathryn Minniehan ('07) and Kayla Morgan ('16)



Charlsie Halliburton, Christina Clark  
and Elliott Herzlich

Mayor Jim and Mary Durrett, along with  
Kevin ('78) and Rhonda Kennedy ('83, '86)

## Class Notes

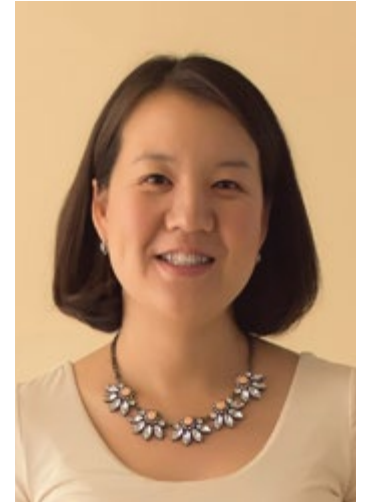
### **BONNIE SLOAN ('73)**

was named to The Tennessean's list of 50 all-time great Nashville high school football players, covering 90 years. Sloan was the first deaf player to play in the NFL.



### **ESSEL (YUM) LINTON ('04)**

a music teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools System in Northern Virginia, won a Fall 2018 Spotlight Award from the American Center for Elemental Music and Movement.



### **SUSAN GANZ ('89)**

was inducted into the Point Loma Nazarene University's 10th Athletic Hall of Fame as the lone meritorious service selection in the 2018 class. As longtime athletic trainer, she served students and student-athletes at Point Loma over the past 21 years. She has worked with nearly every program and served as a professor in kinesiology, while helping develop the



### **BRANDON**

**WHITESIDE ('04)** was named executive director of Life Care Center of Columbia, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. He previously worked at Ardmore Health and Rehabilitation Center. He is involved in the Tennessee Health Care Association and has won two Malcolm Baldrige Quality awards during his time in the field.

University's sports medicine program.

### **GUNNERY SGT. SAMUEL BARLOW ('00)**

played trombone as a member of The President's Own United States Marine Chamber Orchestra for President George H.W. Bush's funeral service. The event was held on Dec. 5 at Washington National Cathedral.



### **ARMANDO PANTOJA ('05)**

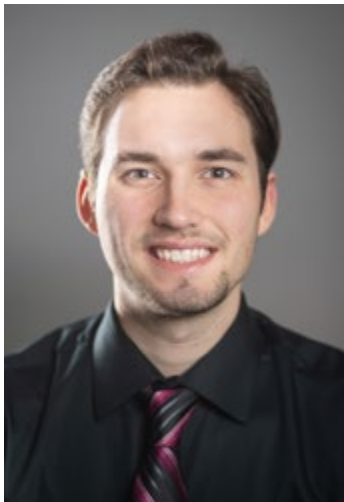
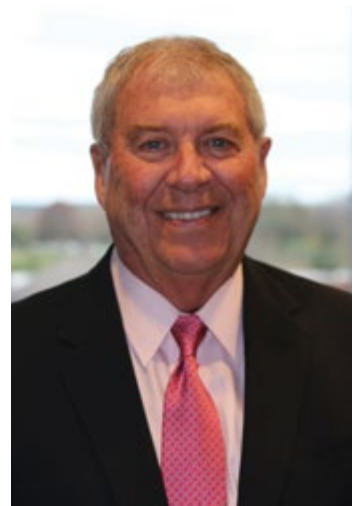
is the co-founder and chief software architect at Quant Index, a technology firm launched in 2017 focused on opportunities using the blockchain. In mid-2017, the company developed and launched its own cryptocurrency and blockchain to connect job seekers and recruiters, HireMatch.io. The company also created an application, ICORanker.com, that was recently sold.



**LAURA LAWSON WEBB ('16)** was named vice president and chief nursing officer of Sheppard Pratt Health System, the largest private, nonprofit provider of mental health, substance use, developmental disability, special education and social services in the country. She is responsible for the organization, planning, direction and evaluation of all nursing functions.



**CHARLES W. GREGORY** was named the 12th president of the 132-year-old Benedictine University. Gregory had been serving as the interim president since Aug. 13, 2018, when Dr. Michael Brophy resigned from the position.



**HUNTER BURKHART ('18)** earned one of Vanderbilt University Medical Center's top honors, the Credo Award, during an internship last summer. Now the Clarksville native has landed a job as a nurse resident at Vanderbilt's medical intensive care unit, which cares for patients suffering from sepsis, drug overdose, gastrointestinal bleeds, or renal, liver, respiratory or multisystem organ failure.

**EDWARD DIXON ('03, '05)** earned a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Music Education from Boston University. He is now in his second year as the chair of the Fine Arts Division at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

**HENRY KILPATRICK ('18)**, a former APSU student photographer, works in the themed-entertainment industry as a media coordinator for Animax Designs, an animatronics company in Nashville.



## IN MEMORY

**Martha Brown Harder ('58)**  
March 18, 2018

**John Chaney ('69)**  
April 7, 2018

**Dr. Karen Pitts Stubenvoll ('80)**  
Oct. 24, 2018

**Jerry D. Vandiver, Jr. ('87)**  
Nov. 20, 2018

**Carl Denver Long ('56)**  
Dec. 16, 2018

**Jim Clemmer (retiree)**  
Dec. 31, 2018

**Bobby T. Ladd ('53)**  
Feb. 20, 2019

**Dr. Arthur Eaves (retiree)**  
March 14, 2019

**Dr. A.J. Taylor (retiree)**  
March 20, 2019



# GOVS GATHERING 1

Each year, President Alisa White, the APSU Alumni Relations Office, University Advancement and other APSU staff meet with fellow APSU friends and alumni on campus and around the country. Types of events held throughout the year include alumni receptions and gatherings, homecoming events, reunions, sporting events and chapter-sponsored activities. There are no fees associated

with membership in the National Alumni Association or specific alumni chapters. To find out if there is an alumni group in your area or if you are interested in organizing one, call the APSU Alumni Office at 931-221-7979. For a complete look at the upcoming event schedule and for an updated list of alumni groups, visit [www.alumni.apsu.edu](http://www.alumni.apsu.edu) or email [alumni@apsu.edu](mailto:alumni@apsu.edu).



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**1** APSU recognized and awarded two distinguished individuals during the 2018 Military Alumni Chapter Dinner this past October. A portion of these proceeds benefits military scholarship endowments. Pictured from the left are retired Brig. Gen. Scott Brower, award recipient Joyce A. Luster, award recipient retired Chief Warrant Officer Scott Schroeder and retired Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey ('77).

**2** APSU baseball alumni, spanning the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and today, gathered for a Governors baseball reunion on Oct. 5-6, 2018.

**3** Members of the Student Alumni Association are involved in a wide variety of initiatives, events and programs to foster lifetime engagement, loyalty, pride and support for APSU. This past semester, SAA members took part in a tie-dye shirt event.

**4** Brothers of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity were awarded a 2018 Outstanding Service Award for their selfless giving and service to APSU scholarship funding. They were recognized during APSU's Alumni Awards Luncheon.



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**5** Each year, APSU recognizes an outstanding ROTC cadet during the CSM Darol Walker Award Ceremony and Breakfast. The award was established several years ago in honor of Darol Walker, retired vice president of Jack B. Turner and Associates Inc. in Clarksville and retired command sergeant major in the U.S. Army. This year's award recipient was Cadet Vanquarius Scott.

**6** Each year, the National Alumni Association hosts a Legacy Luncheon for new "legacy" students and their alumnus/alumna family members who have made attending APSU a family tradition including the Glasgow family, Tammy ('89), Kaitlyn, Jonathan (new Gov) and Scott ('89).



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## AN ELEGANT OBSESSION

Last fall, the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts (CECA) at Austin Peay hosted two performances of Dr. George Mabry's musical performance, "An Elegant Obsession," with proceeds benefiting the Center's Fund of Excellence.

"I am grateful to all who participated in this production and to the community members who attended each performance," Mabry, emeritus professor of music, said.

Production and cast members included Paul Binkley ('12), Brenda Ellis ('02), Ike Harris ('73), Noel Rennerfeldt, David Steinquest, Sally Welch ('70), Dale Pickard, Tommy Rowell ('92), Cory Schantz ('96), Brooke Leigh Davis and Galen Fott.

To support the CECA Fund of Excellence or other APSU fundraising initiatives, contact the Office of University Advancement at 931-221-7127 or [advancement@apsu.edu](mailto:advancement@apsu.edu).

### 2019 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY 3-4**

APSU COMMENCEMENT

**JUNE 13-22**

APSU ALUMNI & FRIENDS  
TRIP – SWITZERLAND  
(sold out)

**JUNE-AUGUST**

APSU SUMMER  
GOVERNORS GATHERINGS  
*Dates and schedule TBD.*  
*For more information, visit [www.alumni.apsu.edu](http://www.alumni.apsu.edu)*

**NOV. 9**

APSU HOMECOMING  
(APSU VS. TENNESSEE TECH)

**NOV. 9**

FOOTBALL ALUMNI  
GATHERING

**NOV. 9**

50-YEAR REUNION  
(CLASS OF 1969)

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For the most up-to-date Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts events and information (including all "Downtown Art Galleries"), visit [www.apsu.edu/creativearts](http://www.apsu.edu/creativearts).

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