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From the President



One morning in March, during my first week on campus, I walked into the Morgan University Center and quickly found myself talking to a group of bright and enthusiastic Austin Peay State University students. They were curious about their futures – what should they do to ensure their success – so I repeated something I've told countless students over the years, "Always be ready for opportunity to knock." This guiding principle has helped me throughout my career, ultimately bringing me to Austin Peay. I'm honored

to serve as president of this wonderful University, and now that I'm here, it seems as if opportunity continues to knock on every campus door I pass.

Some of you may not realize it, but Austin Peay has an amazing reputation beyond Clarksville borders. That reputation is what attracted me to this University, and as I've spent the last few weeks meeting people and walking this beautiful campus, I've seen so many opportunities for us to capitalize on this reputation. Through our centers of excellence in the creative arts and field biology, we offer one-of-a-kind programs that enrich our students for the rest of their lives. Our African American and Hispanic cultural centers also deepen our campus' understanding of the world, and the programs they offer are a vital part of this institution. We're also the best in the state at serving military-affiliated students, and we're out in the community, providing free tax preparation and COVID-19 vaccines.

Opportunity is knocking, and we need to answer the door. That's why we recently embarked on the most ambitious fundraising effort in Austin Peay history – the "What If" Comprehensive Campaign. Over the next year, we hope to raise \$65 million in gifts to take advantage of these opportunities. Throughout this issue of "Austin Peay: The Magazine for Alumni and Friends of Austin Peay State University," you'll read about how our upcoming Health Professions Building will help improve the health of our community. You'll see how our scholarships impact the lives of our students, and you'll discover what our colleges need to reach a new level of excellence. You'll also learn a little about my wife, Kirsten, and me, and our 30-year journey from being undergrads in Minnesota to living in Archwood on the APSU campus.

This last year – the year of COVID-19 – has been a stressful time for all of us, but as we begin to move beyond this pandemic, we'll hear knocking at several more doors. I hope you'll join me in answering these calls, welcoming opportunity into our lives.

Thank you, and Let's Go Peay!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Licari". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Dr. Michael Licari
APSU President

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Discharged servicemen and women under the provisions of Public Law 346 (G. I. Bill) who desire to do regular college work, may be admitted at the beginning or middle of any quarter on the level and for such work as they are prepared to do.
All living expenses will be made as little as possible for them.
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The William E. and Sadako Newton Military Family Resource Center became operational during fall of 2020, offering additional resources and assistance to military-affiliated students. A grand opening event is planned for fall 2021.

APSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES DR. MICHAEL LICARI AS UNIVERSITY'S 11TH PRESIDENT

On March 1, Dr. Michael Licari arrived at Austin Peay State University to serve as the institution's 11th president.

The APSU Board of Trustees named Licari, former provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Indiana State University, as the University's next president during a special meeting on Dec. 21.

Licari earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a focus on public administration in 1997, a Master of Arts in Political Science, also from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, in 1994, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Minnesota in 1993.



MCINNIS NAMED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee appointed Keri McInnis, senior vice president and financial adviser for Pinnacle Financial Partners in Nashville, to serve on Austin Peay State University's Board of Trustees. She will fill a seat that opened last summer when Larry Carroll's term on the board ended.



AUSTIN PEAY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY SIGN HISTORIC LEASE FOR MPEC

Interim President Dannelle Whiteside and Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett signed the lease agreement for the Governors men and women's basketball teams to become the primary tenant for Montgomery County's Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC) when the facility opens in Fall 2022.



APSU SCHOOL OF NURSING FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH FISK UNIVERSITY

In July, the two schools signed a memorandum of understanding that paved the way for Fisk students to enroll in APSU's School of Nursing each semester. This new agreement will begin during the Spring 2021 semester.



APSU WAIVING ACT, SAT AND GRE TESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND 2021 SUMMER AND FALL ADMISSION

The University adopted this test-optional admission policy earlier this year because of the many challenges potential students faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also became one of the first schools in the state to drop the requirement for scholarships.



APSU FOUNDATION LAUNCHES FEED A GOV PROGRAM, PROVIDING FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

The program, funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, provided eligible students and their families with meal vouchers to the University's dining venues and expanded opportunities for placing grocery orders through the University's food pantry.



\$400,000 IN STATE GRANTS TO EXPAND INNOVATIVE THREE-YEAR TEACHER RESIDENCY AND DEGREE PROGRAM

Working with area school districts, the programs provide recent high school graduates with a free path to become full-time teachers, and a guaranteed job in partner districts, in just three years.





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AUSTIN PEAY ROTC CADETS HONORED WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S EIGHTH MACARTHUR AWARD

In October, the U.S. Army awarded Austin Peay State University's ROTC programs the MacArthur Award, which recognizes the eight best ROTC programs of the 274 units nationwide. This marked the eighth time the APSU program has earned the award in the last 26 years.

"If I have learned anything after serving the college for 23 plus years, it's that the Army, and combat in general, is the ultimate team sport," said Col. Brent Clemmer, commander of the 7th Brigade of the U.S. Army Cadet Command. "No single service can achieve victory by itself."

Austin Peay's ROTC program is the top program in the brigade of five states (Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan) with 38 schools in the school year 2018-19. These schools include Vanderbilt University, University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Notre Dame, University of Indiana and University of Michigan.

The Licaris *come home*



Austin Peay President Michael Licari and his wife, Kirsten, participated in their first homecoming parade on March 21.



On a pleasant, late winter afternoon in March, Dr. Michael Licari stood inside his new kitchen, rummaging through a box of dishes. Plates were stacked neatly on the counter behind him, waiting to be placed inside cabinets, and the bare walls still smelled of fresh paint.

“This is home,” Licari said. “As we speak, we’re still unboxing stuff.”

In years past, he’d spend March afternoons in heavy winter boots while trekking through the snow as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Indiana State University. But last fall, he heard Alisa White had left Austin Peay State University to become president of Sam Houston State University in Texas. Was he interested in moving south to become APSU’s 11th president?

“I didn’t have to think too long about it,” Licari said. “With the University’s mission, the quality of its education and what it’s been doing, it was just a no-brainer.”

Still, he needed to make sure his wife, Kirsten, was on board. The couple had been together since they were undergrads, and they’d spent their married years at colleges across the country. Was she ready to start over on a new campus?

“I just love the energy of campuses – everyone has their dream, and they’re working hard, but they’re also having fun,” she said. “When he told me about this job, I said, ‘Go for it.’”

He did, and on Dec. 21, 2020, after a long, four-month national search process, Austin Peay’s Board of Trustees named Licari the University’s next president. A little more than three months later, he stood with Kirsten in the Archwood kitchen, unpacking dishes and marveling at the journey that brought them to that moment.



Licari, left, got into the cockpit with Tennessee's Secretary of State Tre Hargett during a tour of APSU's aviation sciences classrooms and helicopters in March.

'THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

During his student career, first at the University of Minnesota and then the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Licari quickly realized he wanted to spend his life in academia. He, like Kirsten, loved the energy on a college campus.

"When I was an undergrad and also as a grad student, I loved interacting with my professors," he said. "That academic life was really, really intriguing, and I also saw the power that was there, that you could just transform so many lives. That's really what got me even as an undergrad, when figuring out what I wanted to do, how to make a difference. This was a great way to make a difference. You touch so many people and change their lives forever, and you also change their families' lives. Anyone who comes after, their kids. It lasts for generations, which is humbling."

In August 1997, four years after he arrived in Milwaukee, Licari graduated with his Ph.D. in political science. He and Kirsten then moved to Binghamton, New York, where he began his academic career as an assistant professor of political science at the State University of New York Binghamton. That's where the Licaris

experienced another pivotal moment in both their lives – the birth of their son Daniel.

The Licaris decided it was important for Daniel to be closer to family during his childhood, so after four years in New York, they moved back across the country to Cedar Falls, where Licari took a job as assistant professor at the University of Northern Iowa. He'd spend the next 14 years at that school, serving as professor, department chair, associate dean, associate provost and, for the fall 2014 semester, interim president.

"Administration – that wasn't the goal early in my career," he said. "When I think about my course, it's the same advice I recently gave students in the Morgan University Center. 'Always be ready for opportunity to knock. Work hard and do your current job as well as you can, so when opportunity knocks, you can not only open the door but say yes.' You have to be ready, and you have to open the door. I kept saying yes and found every step in my career to be more rewarding than the last."

While Licari moved into administrative roles at Northern Iowa, Kirsten focused on raising Daniel and, late at night, her writing. Over the years, she published a couple poems, an article, and one year her work won

a Halloween writing contest through a local newspaper. She also became active in the Boy Scouts with her son, camping every month of the year, no matter how cold the winter nights turned in Iowa.

In July 2015, with Daniel nearing the end of his high school career, the family decided to jump into a new adventure. They left Iowa for Terra Haute, where Licari was named provost and vice president of academic affairs at Indiana State University.

'IT'S A PRETTY SMALL WORLD'

Six years after he arrived in Indiana, Licari learned Austin Peay was looking for a new president. When opportunity knocks, he told himself, be ready and open the door. That's what he did.

"I talked earlier about the power a university has to do good, and Austin Peay really drives home this power because of the students we serve," he said. "We make such a huge impact, a huge difference."

For 94 years, Austin Peay has helped change the trajectories of families across the country. Thousands have earned their degrees and moved on to live successful, enriched lives. Soon after being named

president, Licari saw how big of an impact Austin Peay has had over the last nine decades.

"We started meeting so many people who said, 'Oh my parents went there,' or, 'Oh, my neighbor went there,'" Kirsten said.

"It's a pretty small world," Licari added. "One of the women who had an office literally around the corner from mine at Indiana State, she showed up one day with a vintage Austin Peay basketball jersey. She said, 'My parents went there.'"

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a strange interview process, with Licari not meeting many people in person. Now, he and Kirsten are living on campus – Daniel is finishing his senior year at Indiana State – and they're immersing themselves in the Governor culture.

"We can't wait to get the campus back to normal and really feel the energy," Licari said.

But on that March afternoon, as they continued to unpack their belongings at the Archwood mansion, they were preoccupied with another challenge.

"We're trying to think what's the first big thing we cook?" Kirsten said. "Lasagna? Chicken wild rice soup?"



Licari wasted no time getting to know Austin Peay traditions, such as eating a honey bun and ice cream at Johnny's Big Burger.

What *if*

Austin Peay State University is embarking on a new philanthropic campaign, representing the most ambitious fundraising effort in the University's 93-year history. The "What If" Comprehensive Campaign for Austin Peay will run through Dec. 31, 2021, with the goal of raising \$65 million in gifts to various student success initiatives across all areas of the University.

As a result of the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic,

initiatives such as scholarships and area funds of excellence will have an elevated role in promoting the success of the University and its students. But the University's colleges also used this opportunity to dream big, asking themselves, "What if we had the needed resources to elevate our programs to the next level?" Here are some of the initiatives they hope to pursue through a successful campaign:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

"What if we encouraged creativity and critical thinking through new and innovative programs in the humanities? What if we empowered our students to reach graduation through more scholarships? What if we gave our faculty the tools to produce graduates who will change the world? With your help, we will."

- Barry Jones

Dean of the College of Arts and Letters



INITIATIVE ►

The All-Steinway School Initiative. This initiative will provide Austin Peay students and faculty with the best instruments possible for the study of music. With donor support, the APSU Department of Music will buy 65 new Steinway & Sons pianos.

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

"What if our students and faculty had new state-of-the-art facilities to conduct cutting-edge research? What if we empowered our students to reach graduation through more scholarships? What if we prepared our graduates to become community leaders who will make a difference in the lives of others? With your help, we will."

- Dr. Tucker Brown

Dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences



INITIATIVE ►

The Health Professions Building. The Health Professions Building will consolidate the APSU School of Nursing and the departments of allied health sciences, psychological science and counseling, health and human performance and social work into one facility.

▶ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

“What if we could provide our students with a modern learning environment to prepare them to succeed in a modern world? What if we could make unprecedented investments in student support services to improve student success? What if we could provide more opportunities for our students to engage with professionals in their discipline? With your support, we can turn these dreams into a reality.”

- Dr. Mickey Hepner
Dean of the College of Business



INITIATIVE ▶

The College of Business Named Learning Spaces. The Named Learning Spaces will create a modern learning environment for APSU business students, which is an essential part of growing a robust college.

▶ ERIKSSON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

“What if we gave our faculty the tools to produce graduates who will become world-class educators? What if we empowered our students to reach graduation through more scholarships? What if we led programs designed to meet the growing need for skilled teachers in our region and nation? With your help, we will.”

- Dr. Prentice Chandler
Dean of the Eriksson College of Education



INITIATIVE ▶

The Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education Center for Rural Education. The center will enhance the educational experience of children in rural counties by developing comprehensive systems of support and professional development for educators.

▶ COLLEGE OF STEM

“What if we had new state-of-the-art spaces equipped with cutting-edge technology to facilitate innovative research? What if we empowered our students to reach graduation through more scholarships? What if we gave our faculty the tools to produce graduates who will use their individual experiences to make a quantifiable change in the scientific landscape? With your help, we will.”

- Dr. Karen Meisch
Dean of the College of STEM



INITIATIVE ▶

The College of STEM Second Floor Addition to the Technology Lab Space. This addition will support multiple departments within the APSU College of STEM, including computer science and information technology, engineering, physics, math and technology.

HEALTH FOUNDATION COMMITS \$3 MILLION FOR NEW HEALTH PROFESSIONS BUILDING

Last fall, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation (CMCCHF) committed a \$3 million gift to go toward the building of a new Health Professions Building on campus.

“This financial support will be the foundation for long-lasting effects on the prosperity and health of our community,” Joey Smith, chair of the CMCCHF and director of the Montgomery County Health Department, said.

The new facility will consolidate the APSU School of Nursing and the departments of allied health sciences, psychological science and counseling, health and human performance and social work into one facility. The building will also provide active-learning classrooms and collaborative-learning spaces for student use. It will house clinical spaces, which will be accessible to the community.

“We envision the APSU Health Professions Building

as a transformative force in contributing to positive educational and health outcomes for the greater Clarksville Region,” Dr. Tucker Brown, dean of the APSU College of Behavioral and Health Sciences said. “The generous support of the Clarksville Montgomery County Health Foundation forwards this vision and further cements our commitment to the health and wellness of the community.”

If the project is approved by the Tennessee General Assembly, the design phase is expected to begin in fall 2021, with construction commencing in 2022. Construction is expected to last approximately 18 months, and the building is projected to open before the fall 2024 semester.

“The Health Professions Building at APSU is exactly the kind of project that the Community Health Foundation was set up to support,” Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts said. “It’s a great use of these resources

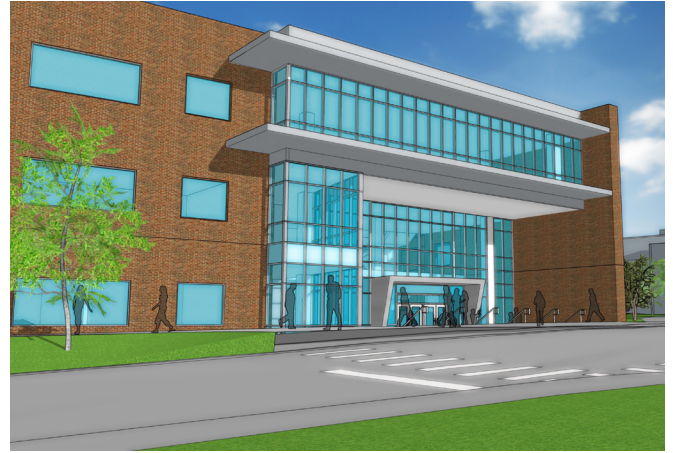
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to improve our future health education and health outcomes across the entire Clarksville-Montgomery County community. I think it's symbolic that this plan came together while we're all focused on public health and battling the coronavirus pandemic."

The mission of the CMCCHF is to promote the general health of the residents of Clarksville, Montgomery County, the five contiguous counties of Northern Middle Tennessee and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Since 2009, the CMCCHF has helped hundreds of nonprofits who give back to the local community. For information on the CMCCHF, visit communityhealthfoundation.org.

The APSU Health Professions Building is an initiative that is part of the "What If" Comprehensive Campaign for Austin Peay, which launched on Nov. 19, 2020. The philanthropic campaign represents the most ambitious fundraising effort in the University's 93-year history. To learn more about the campaign, visit apsu.edu/whatif or connect with us on Facebook (facebook.com/austinpeay), Twitter (twitter.com/APSUALumni) and Instagram (instagram.com/apsualumni) using #whatifapsu.



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AUSTIN PEAY OFFERS COMMUNITY DRIVE-THROUGH COVID VACCINATION SITE

APSU nursing student Dominique Brockman gives the vaccine to her APSU professor (and her mother) Dr. Beatrix Brockman ('04). Their story attracted the attention of Good Morning America, which interviewed the Brockmans for a national story in March.



JENKINS FAMILY

TRANSFORMATIVE GIFT LEADS TO JENKINS FIELDHOUSE

When the opportunity comes along to give Austin Peay State University athletes an indoor facility that stands alone among Ohio Valley Conference brethren, there was no way Austin Peay Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison could allow the chance to go by.

But an undertaking of this kind requires trusted partners, the sort who believe in the vision being laid down by those in charge. And that's where the Jenkins family comes into the picture.

Don and Sandy Jenkins have been a supportive part of the Austin Peay community for years, donating their time and monetary support for a variety of endeavors academically and athletically. Most recently, the family gave a transformational gift to the University, part of which went toward the repurposing of the indoor facility.

While it has not been dedicated at this time, the APSU Board of Trustees has passed a resolution allowing the facility to be named the Jenkins Family Fieldhouse.

Austin Peay has a long partnership with the Jenkins family. Their philanthropy has been evident in the Blake Jenkins Plaza at Fortera Stadium, the Don Jenkins Men's Basketball Locker Room in the Dunn Center and now, the 27,000-square foot monolith centrally located between Fortera Stadium, Morgan Brothers Soccer Field and Cathi Maynard Park at Cheryl Holt Field. The state-of-the-art facility features Shaw Sports Turf's Legion hybrid synthetic turf, used at high-major indoor facilities at LSU, Missouri, Vanderbilt and more.

A Board of Trustees member, Don Jenkins was inducted into the Red Coat Society in 2012 and



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JENKINS FIELDHOUSE

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received the 2015 Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy for his years of service to Austin Peay. He also retains emeritus status with the APSU Foundation.

But it's a family effort as well. Sandy is a longtime fan, supporter and volunteer for all manner of Austin Peay initiatives. Their daughter, Casey, is treasurer of the APSU Foundation and a member of the athletics subcommittee. In 2016, the family gave the University right of first refusal for the former Jenkins and Wynne auto dealership property on College Street, with the subsequent purchase finally connecting the campus with the downtown community. The University Advancement offices are housed in the Jenkins Building at this location, while the Jenkins family has endowed

a significant scholarship to the College of Business in honor of their late son, Blake.

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THERE WERE NO SCHOLARSHIPS?

During Damien Hardison's sophomore year at Clarksville Academy, he took a chemistry class that transformed his life. He always knew he wanted a healthcare career, and that class helped steer him toward becoming a pharmacist.

Hardison, an extremely motivated young man, enrolled at Austin Peay for two years, before transferring to Lipscomb University's School of Pharmacy. During his brief time as a Governor, leaving before he earned a bachelor's degree, Hardison focused almost exclusively on his studies. This allowed him to be accepted into a doctoral program where most of his classmates already had advanced degrees.

He was able to make the most of his time at Austin Peay, thanks to the University's Candlelight Ball Scholarship, but what if he hadn't received that financial award?

"It helps a lot more than people think," he said. "In high school, I had a part-time job. At Austin Peay, when I received the Candlelight Ball Scholarship, I was able to get more help. I could have taken out student

loans, but that would have had a big impact down the road. I was able to save money and focus on school more and do better overall."

"What if" type questions like Hardison's keep coming up around campus these days. Over the last few years, Austin Peay's deans have all asked, "What if we empowered our students to reach graduation through more scholarships?" The question is at the root of the University's "What If" Comprehensive Campaign for Austin Peay, which will run through Dec. 31, 2021. The campaign is looking to raise \$65 million in gifts for various student success initiatives including scholarships.

When Christy Houston, the principal at Montgomery Central High School, heard about the campaign, she asked herself a "What if" question. Houston attended Austin Peay on a President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) scholarship, a program that prepares high-achieving students for leadership roles through academic excellence and service-learning.

"I believe that the foundation for much of my leadership skill set was built in this program," she said. "Through the in-depth study and time spent with practicing leaders, I was able to begin the creation of my own leadership practice that has evolved but not significantly changed during my tenure. The program

invested in me and gave me confidence to believe that when a difference needs to be made, I can be the one to lead it. What if I didn't have the opportunity to experience all that the President's Emerging Leaders Program offers? So glad to not have to know!"

"What if we empowered our students to reach graduation through more scholarships?"

As for Hardison, the Candlelight Ball Scholarship is allowing him to pursue his dream career, at a time when pharmacists are helping keep the world healthy during a pandemic.

"Ever since the vaccines came out, it shows how

pharmacists are stepping in and helping," he said.

To support scholarships, such as the PELP or Candlelight Ball Scholarship, through this campaign, visit www.apsu.edu/whatif.



"WHAT IF" COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR AUSTIN PEAY STEERING COMMITTEE

Top row from left, Ginna Holleman ('95), chair, Doug Downey ('79), Bill Evans, John Foy ('65), Charlsie Hand ('88), Maggie Kulback ('77)

Bottom row from left, Lawson Mabry ('77), Valencia May ('86), Dr. Bruce Myers, Wilma Newton ('73), Joe Shakeenab ('04), Sammy Stuard



What *if*

Maggie Kulback's ////// Story

On April 23, 1975, a 20-year-old college student named Maggie Warner walked anxiously across the wide lawns of Austin Peay State University. The growing campus was on the cusp of major changes – construction was set to begin soon on the Dunn Center basketball arena – and Maggie, a Tullahoma native who'd recently transferred from Motlow State Community College, wanted to help lead the way.

That afternoon, Austin Peay students headed to the polls to elect a new Student Government Association president, and Maggie hoped she'd done enough to convince her classmates that she was the best candidate.

"I would like to see the campus more involved with the community," she told *The All State* student newspaper. "I feel that I can best and will do all I can to serve every facet of the University population if elected."

She didn't know it at the time, but that election was a defining moment for both her and the campus. Once the votes were counted, Maggie became the first female SGA president in Austin Peay history.

The news of her unlikely victory surprised the campus administration. That evening, she made her way to the Archwood mansion to meet with then-APSU President Joe Morgan.

"He looked at me and said, 'We'll get through this,' and he retired three months later," she recalled, laughing. "I always wondered if I was the cause of that."

Forty-six years after that historic night, with her alma mater again on the cusp of major change in the form of

new leadership and major construction projects, she is again helping lead that change by serving Austin Peay's "What If" Comprehensive Campaign.

"I love the campaign theme, 'What If,'" she said. "If people would just stop for a minute and ask themselves, 'What if I didn't go to Austin Peay? Where would I be?' it would make them want to give back."

WHAT IF...

In the early 1970s, most college-bound high school students in Tullahoma ended up at Middle Tennessee State University. That's where five of Maggie's siblings attended, and she planned to follow them until a small Clarksville school offered her a leadership scholarship.

But what if she hadn't attended Austin Peay? Obviously, she wouldn't have been the University's first female SGA president, but her life would have been completely different, beginning with her last name.

In the fall of 1976, Barry Kulback, an APSU student and Sigma Chi Fraternity member, asked Maggie to join him at a Homecoming event and then dinner at Shoney's on Riverside Drive. The couple married soon after graduating from Austin Peay – a life event that never would have happened if she'd enrolled at MTSU. She also would have missed seeing the Rev. Jesse Jackson give an impassioned speech during a campus visit.

"I was SGA president at the time, and I was very involved in the planning," she said. "I can still close my eyes and see him on that stage. It was electrifying. I'll never forget how his words just made so much sense for our time. It was what we all needed to hear and think about."

And what if she'd never met her mentor, Dr. Charlie Boehms, former vice president of Student Affairs?

"We stayed in contact after he left Austin Peay and I graduated," she said. "I visited him when he was at Georgetown College, and one of the biggest privileges of my life was speaking at his funeral. He was like a second dad to me.

"The day after my first date with Barry, Dr. Boehms came to my door to tell me that my dad had passed away from a heart attack. I was not going to come back to school because I felt like my mom needed my help at home. He came and talked to my mom, and they sat me down and told me to go back to school. He took such an interest in me, and I will never forget it."

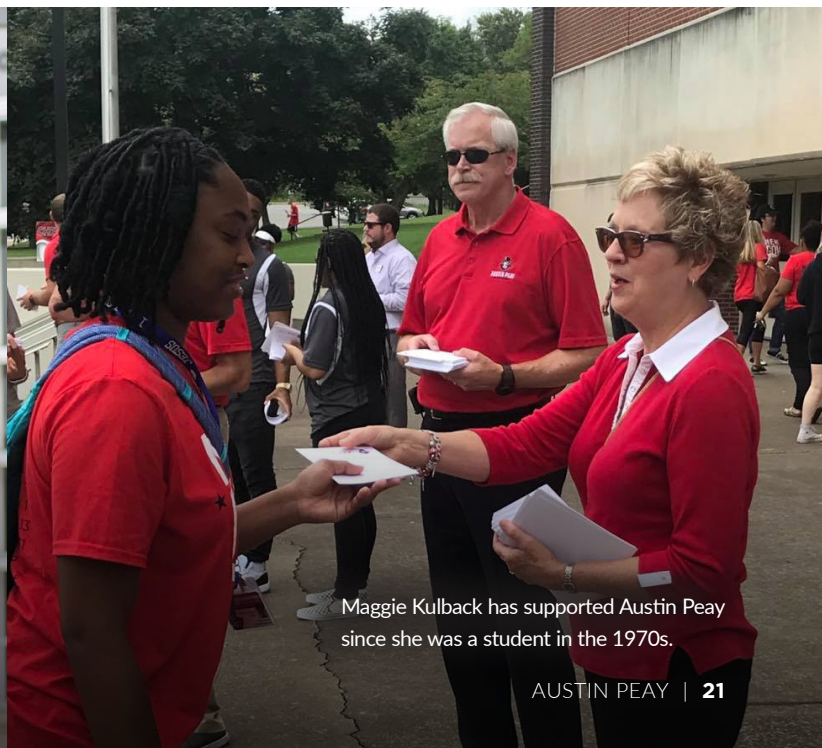
Attending Austin Peay changed Maggie's life forever. She made history, married Barry, spent 30 years working for Jostens and helped support her alma mater in numerous ways.

"Giving back to Austin Peay was an easy decision for us," Maggie said. "We both attended on the generosity of other people through scholarships, so we wanted to start giving as soon as we graduated. It was small at first, and it grew from there. We knew that we would not have been able to have good jobs and to be as successful as we were without Austin Peay."

Today, that question – What if? – lingers in her mind. As a member of the comprehensive campaign committee, she's now asking it to others – what if you never attended Austin Peay, what if you didn't help students discover their paths here, what if you didn't support the University when it needed you the most?



Barry and Maggie Kulback pose in front of the Maynard Mathematics and Science Building for the "What If" Comprehensive Campaign.



Maggie Kulback has supported Austin Peay since she was a student in the 1970s.



HOW AUSTIN PEAY DETECTED THE FIRST CHINESE ATOMIC BOMB

A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

APSU alumnus Dr. Ronald Miller ('65) wrote this personal account of a historic moment in APSU history. Miller is a generous annual donor of the University, and was instrumental in creating Austin Peay's Mayfield-Sears-Boercker Endowment.

As a senior physics major in the Fall of 1964, I was asked by the Physics Faculty to take part in a research program they were conducting. The program was fairly simple, as research goes, but was important at the time. Although the U.S. and Russia had implemented the Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty the previous October (Ref. 1), ending their testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, there was still radioactive fallout raining down around the globe. The APSU Physics Research

Program measured the amount of radiation falling on Clarksville, and kept track of these data for use by public health officials, if need be.

The process was straightforward: air samples were taken between set times each day by a device like a high-powered fan sucking air through a specially prepared cloth which collected dust particles from the air. The device was set up on the grassy slope just outside the south side of the McCord Building. After removal from the device, the cloth was then placed in a Geiger counter to measure the amount of radioactivity (on the dust particles) collected during the period. The data were plotted as counts per minute versus dates when the radiation was collected.

One thing the world was expecting to happen in the fall of 1964 was China's explosion of their first atomic

Physics department records radioactive count

Members of the physics department were on hand to record the results of Red China's mushroom in the sky as they anticipated the bomb by one week. Harold DeWein, sophomore physics major, reported that first indications of the 1:30 a.m. (local time) blast of the 16th appeared

Jim Roe, Allen Reeves, Tony Phelps and Charles Laws.

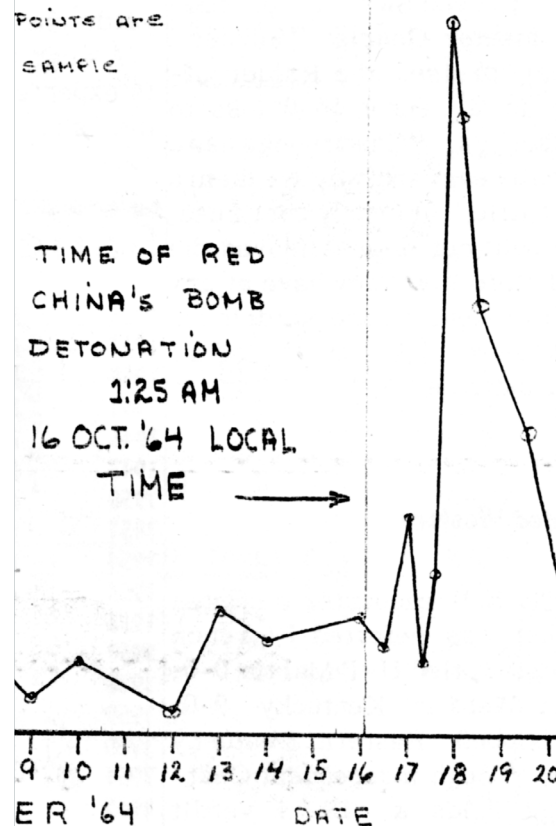
Detailed charts and graphs are on hand in the department which provide an accurate picture of the radioactive fallout activity beginning in 1960 and continuing through the test-ban treaty up to the present.

bomb, although just when the test would occur was unknown outside of China. This test would naturally be in the atmosphere, since no one had started underground testing yet. As fate would have it, I was in Huntsville, Alabama, visiting my bride-to-be on the weekend the bomb went off. As planned, I did not return home until Sunday, October 18. But when I arrived, my mother said that the Physics Department had been calling for me since Saturday morning, and that I should go there immediately.

When I got to the Department late Sunday afternoon, I found most of the air sampling team there working on analyzing data from the past two days, and I was needed to help with the number crunching. The Chinese bomb had exploded at 1:25 a.m. (Clarksville time) on October 16, and the Geiger counts had started to go up at APSU in the 7 - 10 p.m. sample on Saturday the 17th of October. So the APSU team had evidence of the Chinese bomb even before Oak Ridge National Lab, because the radiation was traveling west to east.

At the time, how the radiation could travel from western China to Middle Tennessee in under 44 hours was a big mystery. That was because the full effect of the Jet Stream on atmospheric phenomena was not yet understood. The Jet Stream's effect on aviation was fairly well understood, but the Chinese bomb radiation transport was one of the events that stimulated research into other environmental effects of the Jet Stream.

CORD DATA — Harold DeWein and Ron [unclear] for the Red Chinese nuclear explosion. (



S EXPLOSION — The graph shows tabu days before, during and after the Red C



Our Man in London:

Mickey Wadia makes England his second home



The students followed Dr. Mickey Wadia, Austin Peay State University professor of languages and literature, down a stone staircase into the shadowy crypt beneath Canterbury Cathedral in England. No one spoke.

“Come here, all of you, come here,” Wadia whispered, motioning for his students to gather around a column that supported the ancient church above. “Lay your hands on this pillar and close your eyes.”

He paused.

“You’re now touching the Middle Ages. This pillar is older than America. Let that set in.”

That morning, Wadia was teaching a class, which included some discussion on “The Canterbury Tales,” Geoffrey Chaucer’s 14th century masterwork, and to make the book’s 700-year-old stories relatable to his students, Wadia insisted they visit the medieval church to which the pilgrims traveled as they told their tales. This participatory instruction is the result of a teaching strategy he’s perfected after more than 20 trips to England.

“When I first went by myself, I thought ‘Why am I seeing this alone?’” Wadia said. “I wanted others to see what I was seeing because it was amazing. I needed to share this. Studying abroad is an infusion in your soul. It’s an academic infusion into your soul.”

Today, Wadia is Austin Peay’s campus representative for the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) — “a nonprofit consortium of schools focused on providing study abroad experiences in English-speaking countries” — which has allowed him to guide hundreds of students through the physical worlds of Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Jane Austin.

“We’ve taken students to Warwick Castle, one of the best medieval castles you can see,” Wadia said. “You’ve got the mighty Thames River flowing through London. Sometimes we take students on cruises. We pass under the Tower Bridge, next to the Tower of London. There’s the Victoria and Albert Museum, one of the great museums of the world. Sometimes we go to Stonehenge, to Dover, to Bath.”

And with London as the trip’s home base, Wadia has taken students to see world-class plays starring luminaries such as Maggie Smith, Alan Rickman and Sir Ian McKellen.

“It’s a complete immersion,” Wadia said. “If you’re into theatre, into literature, language arts, this is the place to be.”

That’s why he keeps coming back. During his career, Wadia has also taught classes in Ireland, Australia and throughout Europe, but he prefers London, emerging from the Tube to see Big Ben in the distance or watching the London Eye spew fireworks on New Year’s Eve.

“If I want to go to London 500 times, I’ll go 500 times because there’s still a lot I haven’t seen,” he said. Wadia paused and then, with a smile stretching beneath his graying beard, he quoted the famous 18th Century English writer Samuel Johnson. “‘When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life.’ I am never tired of London.”

1 Megan Hohman, Dr. Mickey Wadia, Hollie Milliken, Greta Heinzelman and Dr. Tara Alvey in front of Windsor Castle.

2 The 9 3/4’s platform from the Harry Potter books.

Sports Feature



WALDEN NEW GOVS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



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Innovative and energetic are two words Austin Peay State University Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison used to describe his hiring of Scotty Walden as the University's 21st head football coach.

"Scotty is a new-age CEO for a new era of college football. He is a tireless worker, a motivator, a dogged recruiter, and a person who possesses an infectious personality that will lead us back to the OVC Championship and beyond," Harrison said in November. Walden, who at age 30 is the youngest head coach at

the Division I level, took over at Austin Peay after serving as interim head coach at Southern Miss to start the 2020 season. He was named the Golden Eagles' interim head coach after the opening game of the 2020 campaign, and USM defeated North Texas during his brief tenure.

"Callie, Luca, and I are incredibly blessed and thankful to be a part of the Governor family," Walden said last fall. "Becoming the head football coach for an up-and-coming program like Austin Peay is a dream come true for myself and my family."



Southern Miss hired Walden as a wide receivers coach in 2017 before elevating him to co-offensive coordinator before the 2019 season. Over four seasons in Hattiesburg, he coached two standout receivers: Quez Watkins, a sixth-round pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2020 NFL Draft, and Allenzae Stagers. In addition, USM played in the 2017 Walk-On's

Independence Bowl and the 2019 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl during his tenure.

Considered one of the youngest and brightest offensive minds in collegiate football, the American Football Coaches Association tabbed Walden as a Top 35 coach under 35 years of age in 2019.



Photo courtesy of Tampa Bay Buccaneers

A SUPER BOWL GOV

Rick Christophel, a former Gobs quarterback (1971-74) and football head coach (2007-12), recently added another accolade to his career – Super Bowl Champion. During the big game on Feb. 7, the APSU alumnus was patrolling the sidelines of Raymond James Stadium as tight ends coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

That afternoon, he became not only the first Austin Peay football alumnus to participate in the Super Bowl,

but also the first to win one. Christophel came out of retirement to join Tampa Bay head coach Bruce Arians after serving on Arians' staff for the Arizona Cardinals in the same capacity for five seasons (2013-17). From 1991-94, he worked as an assistant at Mississippi State, where he was a coaching associate of Arians, who was the offensive coordinator from 1993-95.



AUSTIN PEAY STUDENT-ATHLETES POST ANOTHER RECORD SEMESTER IN THE CLASSROOM

Austin Peay State University's student-athletes sent 2020 out on a high note. The athletics department's 309 student-athletes combined to post a record 3.326 grade-point average during the Fall 2020 semester – the seventh consecutive semester with a 3.00 GPA or better.

In addition, it is the ninth time in department history its athletes have posted a 3.00 GPA. Moreover, for the third consecutive semester, all 15 varsity programs recorded a 3.0 GPA for the second consecutive semester.

"I cannot put into words how proud I am of our student-athletes, our student-athlete support services staff and our coaches for what they have achieved in the classroom this fall," said Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison. "The fall brought multiple challenges to our doorstep and our student-athletes and department staff navigated those challenges with style and poise befitting a Governor and the 'Total Gov' concept we champion every day."



SMITH NAMED TO 2020 UPLIFTING ATHLETES RARE DISEASE CHAMPION TEAM

Austin Peay State University football defensive lineman Josephus Smith is a member of the 2020 Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Team.

For more than a dozen years, Uplifting Athletes has celebrated leaders in college football that have made a positive and lasting impact on the Rare Disease Community through its Rare Disease Champion initiative.

Smith and his wife Shermiria welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Madison, last May. She was born with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH), a rare abnormality that happens to 1 in 2500 babies and for which the overall survival rate is 50 percent.

"We have been moved by the way each member of the 2020 Rare Disease Champion Team has used their platform to inspire, serve and support the Rare Disease Community," Uplifting Athletes Executive Director Rob Long said. "Our tradition of honoring the team at in-person events is not plausible during these times, but we feel it is our duty and honor to recognize, celebrate and share their inspiring accomplishments and stories."



Alumni News and Events



I want to welcome Dr. Michael Licari as the 11th president of Austin Peay. All of us in the APSU Alumni Relations and University Advancement offices are looking forward to officially introducing him to our alumni and community members in person when it is safe to do so.

If you have been following Austin Peay State University and APSU Alumni on social media lately, you may have noticed the big announcement we made on Thursday, Nov. 19, about the “What If” Comprehensive Campaign for Austin Peay. This new philanthropic campaign represents this University’s most ambitious fundraising effort to date.

We believe this initiative will help us to meet the ever-changing needs of our unique student population. Rapid technological advances are transforming the modern workforce, redefining the skills APSU graduates will need to successfully compete once they leave campus.

More than 40,000 people relocate to Middle Tennessee each year, and Ralph Schulz, president and CEO of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, said the majority of them are “coming to Clarksville after they get here.” To continue providing students with a high-quality education, while also maintaining the University’s distinct culture, Austin Peay needs to adapt to these new realities. Keeping those goals in mind, we will raise funds for initiatives such as faculty research, student success scholarships and funds of excellence for the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, the College of Business, the Eriksson College of Education, the College of STEM, Athletics and Student Affairs. Support from our outstanding Gov family will allow us to continue producing thoughtful leaders and service-minded citizens for generations to come.

Our campaign steering committee is made up of many local supporters who are all volunteering their time to help us reach our campaign goal of \$65 million. We appreciate their leadership and vision for the future of APSU.

Our overall total will include gifts such as the \$3 million commitment from the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation (CMCCHF) for the new APSU Health Professions Building, the generous contribution from the Fortera Foundation to establish the Fortera Foundation Bridge Scholarship for single-parent students and all of the donations that our alumni and friends have made to the Govs Give Back Fund to provide urgent financial assistance for students, faculty and staff who have suffered severe economic, medical or similar hardships during COVID-19 and in other times of crisis.

This campaign is our way of answering the question posed by its theme - What if we have the most successful campaign in APSU history?

To learn more about the comprehensive campaign and how you can get involved, visit apsu.edu/whatif.

Sincerely,

Kris Phillips ('91)
Vice President for University Advancement
and Executive Director of the APSU Foundation

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2021 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 20-21	Govs Give Social Media Giving Campaign	SEPT. 2	Chattanooga Govs Gathering, prior to APSU @ UTC football game (5-7 p.m. Southside Social)
MAY 3	APSU Senior Toast	SEPT. 18	AP Family Weekend
MAY 4-7	APSU Commencement Ceremonies	OCT. 2	AP Day
MAY 5	Military & Veteran Graduate Recognition Ceremony	OCT. 2	APSU Scholarship 5K Run Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill
MAY 8	37 th Annual Candlelight Ball Virtual Celebration <i>For more information, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/candlelightball</i>	OCT. 8-9	Homecoming - Fall 2021 (APSU vs. SEMO) <i>For a list of Alumni Events, please visit: alumni.apsu.edu/homecoming</i>
AUG. 4	Military & Veteran Graduate Recognition Ceremony	DEC. 8	Military & Veteran Graduate Recognition Ceremony

For the most up-to-date alumni events and National Alumni Association information, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu.

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.

Join us for the Virtual Candlelight Ball at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, and support deserving APSU students through the Candlelight Ball Scholarship Endowment! Host your own "Candlelight Ball at Home" party or gather with friends with COVID-19 safety protocols. Dress however you want and have fun!

The event link will be posted at 7 p.m., May 8 at alumni.apsu.edu/candlelightball and facebook.com/APSUALumni.



CELEBRATING OVER CANDLELIGHT

Earlier this year, the Austin Peay State University Alumni Relations Office announced it will host a virtual 37th Annual Candlelight Ball instead of a traditional, in-person event. Last year's ball was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The University and the Candlelight Ball Committee initially hoped to host an in-person ball this May at the Omni Hotel in Nashville, but that city's safety protocols made it difficult to organize a large-scale, black-tie event.

"This was a hard decision to make, because the Candlelight Ball is not only this University's premier social event, but it also raises money for student scholarships," Dannelle Whiteside, interim APSU president, said. "We will miss seeing and connecting with everyone in person this year, but I hope we can still come together as a community to support our students during the virtual event."

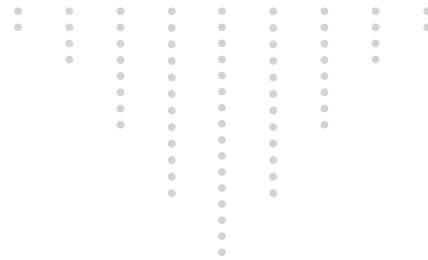
During that event, the University will honor last year's award winners – Sammy Stuard, recipient of the Wendell H. Gilbert Award, and Kevin and Rhonda Kennedy, recipients of the Spirit of Austin Peay Award. The awards honor those who have significantly contributed to Austin Peay through sustained service, made a generous contribution to the University, or brought recognition to APSU through their success. The honorees exemplify excellence and integrity and their accomplishments inspire others.

Over the years, proceeds of the ball have:

- Supported the restoration/renovation of the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill.
- Provided financial support for the APSU Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Funded the establishment of a scholarship endowment that continues to benefit deserving student recipients each year.

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDLELIGHT BALL



2020-2021 CANDLELIGHT BALL COMMITTEE

Front row from left, Betsy Baggett, Kathryn Minniehan (co-chair), Kayla Morgan (co-chair), Adrienne Beasley, Nicole Williamson

Back row from left, Marcia Campbell, Mary Turner, Jordan McWhirter, Dr. Candice Coleman, Sally Allen, Amelia Magette, Nicole Rye, Andrea Herrera

37TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL AWARD WINNERS



WENDELL H. GILBERT AWARD: SAMMY STUARD

William S. "Sammy" Stuard Jr. is president/CEO and chairman of the board of F&M Bank. Under his leadership, F&M has grown to be among the largest state-chartered banks in Tennessee. Stuard won the 2007 Community Banker of the Year award presented by American Banker magazine. He has served as chairman of the Tennessee Bankers Association, member of the

Montgomery County Commission and chairman of the Clarksville-Area Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Board and Clarksville Downtown District Partnership. He is past director of the Two Rivers Company, and he serves as chairman of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Airport Authority and a member of the APSU Foundation Investment Committee.

SPIRIT AWARD: KEVIN & RHONDA KENNEDY



Kevin Chambliss Kennedy, senior member of the Kennedy Law Firm, graduated from Austin Peay State University with honors in 1978 and went on to receive a Master of Arts degree in 1979. He graduated from the Nashville School of Law in 1983, and in 1989 he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Kennedy has contributed legal expertise to numerous media outlets, including "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Trinity Broadcasting Network, The New York Times, The Washington Post and CNN. He was named the City of Clarksville Citizen of the Year, Montgomery County Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.



Rhonda Jean Kennedy, principal at Barker's Mill Elementary School, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education ('83) and a Master of Art ('85) from Austin Peay State University. She served in the classroom at various Clarksville-Montgomery County schools until she was named assistant principal at St. Bethlehem Elementary School. In 1999, Kennedy was named principal of Hazelwood Elementary School, and in 2006 she opened Barker's Mill. The Clarksville Jaycees named her one of the Outstanding Young Teachers, and the Korean American Association honored her for her contributions. In 2005, Kennedy received the Principal of the Year Award from the state of Tennessee.



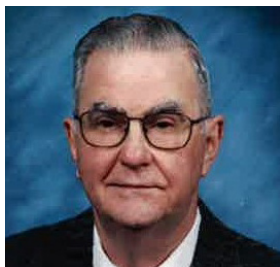


After canceling Fall 2020 Homecoming, APSU celebrated a COVID-friendly and university-first Spring Homecoming in March. Filling the week were a socially distanced Gov Run, Gous Got Talent show and Homecoming Parade with Governors football capping off the celebration.

Class Notes

ROBERT L CANADY ('54),

professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Leadership, Foundations and Policy Studies at University of Virginia, recently published his 7th book, "Early Literacy Matters: A leader's guide to systematic change." Canady co-authored the book with his oldest daughter, Carol.



LEE PETERSON ('90),

a project manager for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, was recently elected to the Hendersonville Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

SCOTT SPROUSE ('92) recently served as a Hendersonville City Alderman.

ASHLEY FILIPPO-DEGUIRE ('96)

was named a Classified Employee of the Year for Williamson County Schools where she serves as a nurse.

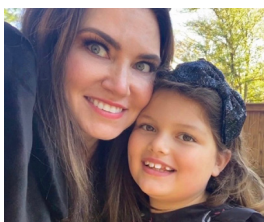


SAMUEL D. CAUDILL ('68),

middle school director of the Brookwood School in Thomasville, Georgia, now has a career in education that spans seven decades. He got his start in teaching in 1968.

DWIGHT P. SMITH ('70),

who played baseball at APSU from 1967-70, was recently inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



JOLYN FARBER ('99) and

daughter Reagan released two books on Amazon, "I'm Feeling" and "The Curious Club." Farber is a practicing attorney in the New York area and 2018 Ms. International.



RALPH SOWELL ('84)

with the Tennessee State Library and Archives, was co-recipient of the 2020 John H. Thweatt Archival Advancement Award. This annual award is sponsored by the Society of Tennessee Archivists and given to those individuals, groups and

organizations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of archives and archival issues in Tennessee.

WILLIAM HOWELL ('01)

joined Steelhead Building Group as pre-construction manager.



FLYNN BROADY ('02)

was elected Cobb County District Attorney for the Cobb Judicial Circuit, the third-largest county in Georgia.

JEFF GRAY ('86), owner of Papa Bear Bakery in Atlanta, Georgia, competed in this year's Food Network "Holiday Baking Championship." In the first episode, which aired on Nov. 2, Gray is given the nickname "Santa from Atlanta."

BILLY TEETS ('04)

was named director of Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory.



SUZANNE HOGAN ('90)

was named the administrator of the Brig. Gen. Wendell H. Gilbert Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Clarksville.



EUGENE BECK ('74), CURTIS HOLLAND ('81) and **GERLONDA LENA HARDIN-FITE ('04)** were inducted into the 2020 class of the Springfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

MIKE KRAUSE ('07), former executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP's Nashville office as a senior adviser in Bradley's Government Affairs and Economic Development practice groups.



MASTER SGT. SAMUEL BARLOW ('00)

performed in the 59th Inauguration of the President of the United States on Jan. 20 as a trombonist for "The President's Own" United States Marine Band. This represented the fifth time he has performed at the inauguration.



Cheatham County Central High School English teacher **KATHRYN VAN MATER ('15)** was named the 2020-21 district-level high school Teacher of the Year.

IN MEMORY

Harl Rose ('60)
Sept. 13, 2018

Peggy Ann Tubbs Broadbent Williamson ('78)
Dec. 27, 2019

Elizabeth Frazier ('82)
retired staff
Oct. 4, 2020

Arthur Manning ('81)
Oct. 7, 2020

Ted Potter ('60)
Oct. 27, 2020

Jennifer Kelley Hill
Oct. 30, 2020

Hugh Akerman
retired faculty
Nov. 7, 2020

Valerie Hunter-Kelley
Nov. 7, 2020

Earlene Burney ('69)
Nov. 13, 2020

Bob Lee
retired faculty
Nov. 13, 2020

Virginia Quick ('42)
Nov. 21, 2020

Ethel Wright ('64)
Nov. 21, 2020

Alex Darnell
Nov. 24, 2020

Raymond Grimes
Nov. 26, 2020

John Gold ('16)
Nov. 29, 2020

J.M. Hutton ('66)
Nov. 29, 2020

Peggy Steed Knight ('56)
Dec. 3, 2020

Dale Ellis ('69)
Dec. 4, 2020

David Harris Adams
Dec. 8, 2020

George Reed
Dec. 8, 2020

Roy Nicholson
Dec. 16, 2020

Donald E. Baugher, Jr. ('70)
Dec. 21, 2020

Mary Ann Janese ('72)
Dec. 23, 2020

Mary Lu Persinger
Dec. 23, 2020

Heather Fisher Rigby ('99)
Dec. 23, 2020

Grace Louise Shannon ('68)
Dec. 23, 2020

Suzy Crockarell ('59)
Dec. 25, 2020

Bettye Latham
Dec. 26, 2020

Merwin Bourne ('51)
Jan. 3, 2021

Claudia Davenport
Jan. 6, 2021

Betty Barnett
Jan. 7, 2021

Billie Perry
Jan. 7, 2021

Barbara Purvis
Jan. 9, 2021

Bonnie Cassetty
Jan. 12, 2021

Joe A. Winn ('63)
Jan. 15, 2021

Christopher Lamont Ramsey ('88)
Jan. 16, 2021

Julie Fitch
Jan. 17, 2021

Henry Terjen
Feb. 9, 2021

Julia Gold
Feb. 18, 2021

Wayne Taylor ('66)
March 15, 2021



GOVS GATHERINGS 1

Throughout the year, Austin Peay administration, faculty and staff visit with alumni and friends on campus and around the country. They provide updates on what is happening at APSU but more importantly, they listen to the stories of former students. They get to hear why APSU has played a special role in their lives and why they are proud to “Be a Gov.”

Because of the COVID pandemic, APSU alumni and friends have found different ways to engage and continue those relationships. Govs Gatherings during most of the 2020 year went virtual. We met on Zoom, Skype, social media and spoke through email, but we still managed to find a way to stay connected!

YOU ... alumni and friends around the country have proven

to be the building block of this institution, whether in person or virtually. With the rich history and traditions, you have provided, along with groundbreaking advances our faculty/staff and current students are creating each day, we are gaining attention around the country.

Thank you for carrying on the Austin Peay tradition during these unsettling times! Let’s Go Peay!

To find an alumni group in your area or if you are interested in organizing one, call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979. For a complete look at the upcoming alumni event schedule and an updated list of alumni groups, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni or email alumni@apsu.edu.





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1 On Friday, Nov. 6, APSU and Interim President Dannelle Whiteside hosted a small, intimate luncheon (with all COVID protocols and procedures put into place) to recognize our 2020 Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients. Outstanding Service: Brad and Jan Kirtley and Joey Smith; Outstanding Young Alumni: Ashley Williams and Dr. Diarese George; Outstanding Alumni: Dr. Camille Holt and Joe Giles.

2 The first Governors Virtual Tailgate, hosted by APSU Interim President Dannelle Whiteside and APSU Athletics, gave Governor fans a chance to meet from their homes to cheer on the Gobs! Let's Go Peay!

3 APSU hosted the Run for the Gobs Virtual 5K from Sept. 12 to Oct. 10. Proceeds from the race benefited the APSU National Alumni Association alumni group designated scholarships and funds.

4 The Governors Fall Golf Tournament, traditionally held in conjunction with Homecoming, took place on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at Swan Lake Golf Course and the Clarksville Country Club. Thank you to our title sponsor, ECHO Power Engineering, along with all underwriters and guests for their support of APSU Athletics.



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5 The ribbon-cutting for the APSU Greenway extension connecting the campus to Clarksville's Greenway and Riverwalk was held at the APSU Pace Alumni Center.

6 Each year, we celebrate our incoming legacy students with a Legacy Luncheon. This year the luncheon was virtual including a traditional pinning ceremony where all alumni family members "pinned" their legacy freshman. Thank you to our alumni and legacies for continuing this tradition! Let's Go Peay!

7 On Dec. 9, 2020, the APSU College of Business Alumni Chapter hosted an informational online seminar on financial planning. This event was instructed by APSU alumnus Frazier Allen with F&M Bank.





In late February, Austin Peay State University installed a new, lighted flag pole in front of the Browning Administration Building. Cadets in the University's Governor's Guard – Austin Peay's eight-time MacArthur Award-winning ROTC program – were the first to raise the flag on this pole. Dr. Michael Licari oversaw the event.



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SUPPORT APSU THROUGH GOVS GIVE 2021!

Govs Give is the annual online giving event supporting Austin Peay State University and the Funds of Excellence for each college, athletics and Student Affairs. Funds are raised through social media, email campaigns and word of mouth. Our theme for this year's Govs Give is "What If," in honor of the "What If" Comprehensive Campaign for Austin Peay, the most ambitious fundraising effort in the University's history. Our goal for the campaign is to raise \$65 million for student success. With your help, we can make our "What If" a reality.

To support the campaign through Govs Give, visit govsgive.com.
To learn more about the campaign, visit apsu.edu/whatif.

