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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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# Dear Berea Alumni and Friends,

Since Berea's founding, service to the region upon whose foothills Berea is located, has been fundamental to the function of the College and a product of the education with which our students leave. John G. Fee's vision to educate the impoverished of all races and genders could only be met after meeting the needs of the communities Berea intended to serve. This idea of service and community involvement became the foundation for Berea to grow into the service-minded institution it is today.

Through programs like Grow Appalachia that serves families in need by ensuring all families have a source of food security, to student-led mentorship programs like Berea Buddies, Bereans everywhere are finding their spirit of service and giving back locally, nationally and internationally in inspiring ways.

In one issue, there is no way to cover the breadth of endeavors Bereans have undertaken to fulfill that call to service. But what you'll find in these pages is a sampling of the spirit of gratitude, justice, love and commitment that flows from those whom Berea College has touched and entrusted with its legacy and character.

Beginning on page 6, you'll join staff member Dr. Valeria Watkins on her journey to Ghana and learn how the images she captured and the specific need she saw prompted her to enlist the Berea community in meeting the needs of a Ghanaian church and school, and a school much closer to home.

Get a peek inside the love and comradery of Berea's campus departments and alumni on page 20, as people from all walks of life come together to support the needs of our international and domestic students who don't get to spend the holidays with their families.

At the heart of this issue, starting on page 14, you'll meet dozens of enthusiastic students who traded in spring break fun-in-the-sun to help rebuild communities, who are passing along the gift of security once given to them through volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and who recognize the need to care for others as a voice for social justice and compassionate service.

And Berea's spirit of service extends beyond students and staff to the College's leadership. On page 10, you'll meet Trustee Donna Hall who has dedicated her time and philanthropic endeavors to supporting causes from art and education to healthcare and conservation. She is just one of many Berea leaders who set the example of a life committed to service.

So now it's your turn. How will Berea's stories ignite your spirit of service? Start small or go big, but everyone can make a difference in the world around them. So, get to serving, and maybe I'll serve beside you one day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abbie Darst'.

Abbie Tanyhill Darst '03  
Editor



# COMMUNITY EFFORT

## One Berea staffer's vision sparked Berea's campus toward awareness, service and support

By Abbie Tanyhill Darst '03

“My first year here, I went to Ghana; it all starts with Ghana,” said Dr. Valeria Watkins, Berea’s student support advisor for the Black Music Ensemble (BME).

Watkins moved to Berea from Malibu, Calif., where she had worked in addiction medicine for years. Knowing only her sister in the area, she knew if she was going to make it in this small Appalachian town she had to get involved.

“I did what I did out there, but now I’m here, and I have to get involved with the community and the students,” Watkins said, deciding at the outset that service was her ticket to navigating her new locale.

Her first summer after starting at Berea College, Watkins joined the Berea International Study and Travel (BIST) program trip to Ghana. The group was led by Dr. Linda Strong-Leek, vice president for Diversity and Inclusion, and Dr. Kathy Bullock, director of BME. They studied African music and literature during the month-long trip. They

traveled to various cultural centers and rural areas in Ghana, including the isolated village of Komfueku. Komfueku villagers have no running water, walk three to five miles in one direction to any amenities and make all their bricks by hand, Watkins said.

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While in Ghana, Dr. Valeria Watkins took dozens of photos of the people and places the group encountered. It was these images that were used in a fundraising campaign she and the other Feminist Artists of Kentucky used to raise money for the St. John Church and Community Center in Komfueku, Ghana. This is a group of school children in a village in Ghana.





**LEFT:** In the Ghanaian village of Komfueku, the community was working to expand the St. John Church and Community Center when they ran out of money to complete the roof. Construction had halted when Dr. Valeria Watkins visited, and she pledged to raise the \$25,000 necessary to complete the roof.



**BELOW:** The St. John Church and Community Center in Komfueku, Ghana, after the roof was completed and most of the expansion was complete, thanks to the funds raised by Dr. Valeria Watkins and the Images of Ghana fundraisers.

This village and its pastor, Kwame Nkrumah, asked a simple question, ‘What are your intentions here?’ That captured Watkins’ attention. Nkrumah spoke of the St. John Church and Community Center the village was working to expand when they ran out of money to complete the roof. When the rains came, the beams rusted and their work on the building halted. The pastor asked the gathered Berea adults for help funding the repair and completion of the church’s roof.

“I thought he said \$2,500 was what he needed,” Watkins recalled. “They’d been working hard and just needed help. I thought, ‘I can help with \$2,500’ and said, ‘I’ll help you raise it.’”

Nkrumah was delighted and Watkins’ fellow Bereans were bewildered. Days later on the plane home, Keith Bullock, coordinator for the Black Male Leadership Initiative, asked Watkins how she planned on raising \$25,000.

“I thought he was being silly or just messing with me,” Watkins recalled. “So I asked Dr. Strong-Leek and she agreed that the amount was \$25,000 and said she was surprised I had agreed to that.

“So I decided I wasn’t going to worry,” Watkins continued. “I knew I’d figure something out, and it would all work out the way it was supposed to.”

With such a large promise hanging over her head, Watkins shared her pictures and Ghana experience with her friends with an equal mixture of excitement and trepidation. One group of not

just friends, but five fellow artists known as the Feminist Artists of Kentucky, was especially inspired and impressed by the people and images Watkins shared from her Ghana experience. Watkins had met this group of like-minded female artists shortly after moving to Berea at the Ahava Center for Spiritual Living in Lexington, Ky. These women gather to work on individual artistic mediums from quilting to painting to working with polymer clay.

Inspired by Watkins’ Ghana images, the group offered to help her keep her promise and raise money to support the Ghanaian church. Using their individual artistic mediums, each woman took Watkins’ Ghana photographs and made an image in their own style. Other local artists joined in, and they decided to have an art show and sale during Berea College’s homecoming, in conjunction

with the BME concert at Union Church. Named ‘Images of Ghana,’ the beautifully unique art exhibit raised \$11,000.

“After we sent that money to Ghana, we decided we would continue and try to raise the entire \$25,000,” Watkins said.

From there, the group expanded the idea of Images of Ghana by crafting Ghanaian fabric aprons paired with American fabric. Each had unique features and images of Ghana on the front. Though the aprons proved to be an exceptional amount of work, they were particularly successful and sold out.

“We each put on hold what we would normally have done individually to work together as a team,” Watkins said about each of the Feminist Artists of Kentucky artists. “They were beautiful.”

Soon, through incredible support



from the Berea College and local communities, Watkins met her \$25,000 goal—but she didn't stop there. Pastor Nkrumah came to Berea to meet and visit with the artists.

“He spent time with us and just made that connection, and everyone felt so touched by his interest and about what we were trying to do, that the group wanted to continue to have ongoing Images of Ghana projects,” Watkins said.

In the years following, Watkins and the Feminist Artists of Kentucky's artistic endeavors have raised funds to spay and neuter animals, support horse therapy for kids diagnosed on the autism spectrum and provide school uniform repairs for children in the Ghanaian village. The uniforms many of the students wear to school every day were tattered, with broken zippers and ripped seams held together by safety pins, Watkins recalled. The government is supposed to provide new uniforms each year, but there is not enough money to do so. By raising funds to repair or replace the uniforms, the kids have decent attire to wear, and there is work for the local tailors who complete the repairs or sew new handmade uniforms.

This past year, Watkins' group also took on the challenge of raising funds to support Puerto Rico. After Hurricane Maria devastated the U.S. island territory—causing severe flooding and blackouts in September 2017—many small communities remained saturated and without power in to 2018. Then in March, a powerful nor'easter pummeled the east coast, sending intense waves toward Puerto Rico, once again flooding parts of the island. Watkins helped raise \$1,500 to provide canned meat and paper products to Puerto Rico.

“We had to know the problem, what they needed, how to get the resources there and who would be in charge of disseminating the items once they arrived,” Watkins said of the project. “We went through two churches who are doing phenomenal work to provide food and other items



Ghana's economy thrives on street vendors who sell day and night in order to meet their family's needs each day. Images like these were used in the Images of Ghana fundraising campaign Dr. Valeria Watkins and other artists used to raise money to re-roof the St. John Church and Community Center in Komfueku.



The uniforms many of the students in the Ghanaian village wear every day to school have become tattered, with broken zippers and ripped seams, held together by safety pins. This past year, Dr. Valeria Watkins and her Feminist Artists of Kentucky group raised funds to repair or replace these uniforms, which not only keeps the kids in decent attire, but provides work for the local tailors who complete the repairs or sew new handmade uniforms.

for the people to take home. Some of those people may walk a half a day or longer to get food and take it back. There are still a lot of people living in tents, and everything is still wet, and the rainy season is getting ready to start.”

### Keeping it local

In addition to the Images of Ghana campaigns, Watkins became the driving force behind another project to help support a Lexington school. She heard

about a young girl named Kerrigan at her church who was collecting bottle caps to be used to create playground equipment for her school.

“She would bring in bottle caps in a little baggy,” Watkins recalled.

At that rate, Watkins knew it would take a lifetime to collect what they needed for their playground, and so she decided to get involved. With another Berea group leaving for Ghana again, she asked them to save the caps from all the water bottles they drank while on



the trip. When they returned, the group brought back bags and bags full of caps, surprising Watkins that they could even get them on the plane back to the U.S.

That success launched a campus-wide challenge to collect bottle caps. Caps of all shapes, sizes and colors were collected by dorms, departments across campus and students. Even students' parents were collecting and sending caps to campus to support the effort, Watkins said.

"It was one of those projects that got everyone involved," Watkins said. "We were saving them, people were always telling me they had a bunch. Anywhere I went, people were saying, 'Save your caps for Dr. Valeria.' It was just a wonderful project to have so many involved."


At the end, not only was Kerrigan able to get the playground equipment for her school, Watkins' Ahava Church was able to install new benches and playground equipment for children at the church as well. And last fall, Kerrigan's mom, Jennifer Lance '20, became a non-traditional, first-year student at Berea College—joining the community that so unselfishly supported her young daughter's cause.

Watkins' spirit of service and compassion for the vulnerable continues to propel her to seek out ways to serve those in her local community and across the country. Whether it's donating paintings for No Child Cold/No Child Hungry in Berea to support the family resource centers' efforts in local schools, or sewing journals for the latest group heading to Ghana, Watkins said she and her artist group want to show how they can use their art in service to those in need and to those who oftentimes are not visible.

"I had never participated in a big project," Watkins said. "I had always donated to causes, but to take on a really big project like raising \$25,000 made me want to participate in more projects, giving and service. I see value in service being an integral part of who I am and trying to instill that in the students (at

Berea.) I'm always asking, 'What can we do to give back? How can you look at a problem differently?'

"You have a duty to give back," she continued. "You have to think about

how you can do that and engage more people to make a difference because it starts with each person. That's what I do." 



Jennifer Lance '20

Dr. Valeria Watkins (right) partnered with Kerrigan Lance to collect bottle caps to be turned into playground equipment at her school in Lexington, Ky. Kerrigan's mother, Jennifer, eventually enrolled at Berea College and is set to graduate in 2020.

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# GO FORTH

## College trustee's life of service and philanthropy spurs on Berea graduates

By Abbie Tanyhill Darst '03

Every year, hundreds of Berea College graduates receive a copy of *Berea College: An Illustrated History* by Shannon Wilson, accompanied by a letter spurring them to “Go forth and make a difference in the world.” Just hours before they receive that highly-sought diploma rewarding them for years of diligence and hard work, these budding alumni are reminded of their duty to take their education and experiences and use them in service



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– Donna Hall

to the people and communities they will encounter throughout their lives.

It is Berea College Trustee Donna Hall who has stirred Berea's graduates each May and December with this call to service by providing them with this historical account of the College and inspiring their futures. Hall said she and her husband, John, decided to support the purchase of the book because they believed that Berea's graduates do not always seem to understand the mission and history of the College, and do not develop their philanthropy to the College as quickly as they might. Hall, who has served as a trustee since October 1990, has lived her life acting on her passions through service and philanthropy, and inspiring those ideas in the next generation is close to the couple's hearts. The Halls support of causes and service span a wide variety of interests, from the arts to business, education to athletics, health care to conservation.

“It is very important to me that

Berea students engage in community service,” Hall said. “I hope every student leaves Berea with the understanding that we all walk the journey of life together, and we need to help one another on that journey. I believe that philosophy is instilled in students' lives at Berea throughout their education.”

That commitment is what also fuels Hall's own service. Apart from Berea, she currently is a board member of 12 other civic, state and national organizations, each representing a cause that is near to her heart. Her involvement in organizations such as the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, the Kentucky Center for the Arts, the Kentucky Art and Craft Foundation and the Gaines Center for the Humanities at the University of Kentucky stem from her passion for art in education, the humanities and the performing and visual arts. These are areas that Hall says, “feed the soul.”

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exposed to the arts—the performing arts and visual arts—no matter their socio-economic background,” Hall said.

Other areas of Hall's service strike a personal chord. As a 20-year breast cancer survivor, she is steadfast in her support of breast cancer research. She sits on the Board of Overseers of Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Vanderbilt University, where she and her husband established the Donna S. Hall Chair in Breast Cancer.

“Being a survivor, it means a great deal to me to help other women and men who go through breast cancer and to support research to find a cure,” she said.

While being treated at Vanderbilt, Dr. Hal Moses '58, played an important role in putting together the team to treat Hall. Moses is a world-renowned cancer researcher and founding director of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. During a career that spanned more than half a century, he pioneered an entirely new area of cancer research when he described and purified a transforming growth factor known as TGF-beta. Nearly every branch of cancer research has been influenced by this knowledge about the role of TGF-beta in human

cancers, and new research continues to build on this groundbreaking discovery.

When Hall discovered that Dr. Moses was a Berea graduate, she recommended him for the Board of Trustees. He was elected to the Board and served for many years. He eventually became chairman of the Board and completed his service this past June.

Most recently, the Halls have turned much of their focus toward conservation of land, clean water, and restoration and protection of the Everglades, specifically through the Everglades Foundation and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. They have been involved with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida for more than 20 years and received the Conservancy's 2017 Eagle Award for their service and philanthropy. Donna serves on the Everglades Foundation Chairman's Advisory Council and the Naples Botanical Garden board.

For Hall, every organization with which she is involved holds an important place in her life. The same philosophy with which she challenges each Berea graduate—to go forth and make a difference in the world—is the same one she strives to live out through her service to various organizations with which she has been involved for decades.

“We can and should make a difference in the world,” Hall said. “Pick a cause that is important to you and then volunteer, use your education and share your God-given talents and your monetary gifts to make an impact. We should leave this world a better place and make a difference in the lives of others.”

Hall says her involvement with Berea College has allowed her to do just that, by bringing her life experiences to

bear on the life issues Berea's students face.

“I believe Berea, through its students, makes a difference in lives by changing communities and improving the quality of life for the people who live there,” she said. “Because of the strong emphasis Berea places on service, often students return home and share their knowledge on how to strengthen and improve those areas.

“Whether students choose to return to their communities or travel to a small village in Africa to help improve water quality,” Hall continued, “I believe it happens because Berea has prepared them to understand the importance of service to others and to live by Berea's motto: God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth.”

#### CATCHING THE BEREAS SPIRIT

Since being elected to the Board of Trustees in 1990, Donna Hall has served and supported the College in numerous ways, including sitting on seven different board committees and creating the Shannon Wilson Book for Seniors fund to provide each graduate with a historical account of Berea's mission and successes. In 2006, the Halls established the John and Donna Hall Study Abroad Endowment. They contributed \$50,000 toward supporting students' educational experiences in other countries. They also were instrumental in helping fund the Dimitrie Berea Gallery.

Donna Hall has served or currently serves on the following Berea College Board of Trustees committees:

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# LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

## CELTS programs connect Berea College student learning to community service opportunities

Benjamin Willhite '18

The Center for Excellence in Learning through Service envisions an educational system that successfully combines community service with academic learning. Berea College students work with the community through CELTS in two ways: through volunteering, which is co-curricular, and through academic service-learning, which is part of a course requirement. In addition, students hold labor positions coordinating CELTS community service and service-learning programming, thereby facilitating opportunities for other students to serve.

Students for Appalachia, which was the umbrella organization for many of the programs now referred to as CELTS, started in 1968. The CELTS center was founded in 2000 as a result of Berea College's strategic planning process, and it was charged with bringing together in one center all of the community service programs that were being operated out of different areas on campus.

Ashley Cochrane, director of CELTS, Service Learning and the Bonner Scholars program, explains that all students involved with CELTS



In a given year, CELTS employs approximately 70 students in primary labor positions. Here the student labor staff for the 2017-18 academic year gathered outside the CELTS office space in the Stephenson Building.

learn through their community-based service activities. Integral to that learning is reflection, through which students draw connections among their service activities, their academic studies and their personal development as leaders and engaged community members.

When students begin volunteering with CELTS, they are mentored and trained by other students who have

experience working for CELTS to develop the skills necessary to effectively serve the community in partnership with community-based organizations. Recent graduate Kyree Hobson '18, served as a student leader for CELTS. She entered through Bonner Scholars, a four-year program for college students who want to focus on service activities while earning their undergraduate degree.



“CELTS is important for students who want service to be an integral part of their college experience,” Hobson said. “You get to talk about why that service is necessary, and how your role and identity impact the community. It’s more than doing service work; you get to explore your own passion and interests.”

Hobson’s work primarily focused on training future CELTS leaders.

“My work with CELTS taught me a lot about the importance of prioritizing learning—learning about the individuals, communities or causes I serve; learning about the systems that create or reinforce inequity; and learning about myself as an individual, as a professional and as a service-oriented team member,” Hobson said.

In providing service off campus, CELTS makes use of the expertise of students with different majors. Cochrane explained that students who volunteer or work with CELTS have majors ranging from education to business.

“Students choose a service path that complements what they are learning at

CELTS students preparing sack lunches to be distributed by an organization in Lexington that serves homeless individuals.



ABOVE: Bonner Scholars and CELTS students preparing for the annual Empty Bowls event.

BELOW: Bonner Scholars “dig in” on their spring break service trip, during which they served with several organizations in Louisville that primarily work with refugees and immigrants.



Berea College,” Cochrane said. “They take those skills and passions and immerse themselves in serving the community.”

When students volunteer with CELTS, they are asked to make a commitment for at least one semester. This consistency helps develop service relationships between the student and the partner organizations that allow for greater community impact.

CELTS is primarily designed to provide opportunities for Berea College students, but there are some ways for faculty and staff to get involved. CELTS offers professional development opportunities for faculty and staff through workshops or discussions each semester, and also through an intensive weeklong service-learning course design seminar. Faculty come to the seminar to learn ways they can integrate service-learning components into their classes.

Berea College has a long history of service. This is reflected in the College’s

long-term commitment to offering an education that integrates learning, labor and service. CELTS is able to provide a network of support and resources for the College, and also serves as a common meeting place for those involved with Berea’s service-related activities.

“Students embody the service mission of the College through their work with CELTS,” Cochrane said. “A spirit of service runs throughout all eight of the College’s Great Commitments.” **B**

#### SERVING BERA AND BEYOND

CELTS provides a network of support and resources. It also serves as a common meeting place for those involved with Berea’s service-related activities. Opportunities for service, outreach and service-learning facilitated by CELTS take place in the immediate Berea/Madison County community, the larger Appalachian region and at sites throughout the United States and the world. To learn more, visit [www.berea.edu/celts](http://www.berea.edu/celts).





Kemo Jammeh cuts bathroom tile with a diamond saw at the St. Bernard Project worksite. He was taught on-site how to use it.



# THE ANGELS OF SPRING BREAK: *Students Trade Fun in the Sun for Helping Others*

By Jason Lee Miller





While spring break is famous for fun-filled excursions to the beach, some students resist that temptation and instead seek out service opportunities. Last spring, two groups of Berea students put their hands and voices to work on behalf of others in need.

## Spiritual Seekers and the Continuing Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

Though it's been 13 years since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, pockets of the area still have not recovered—primarily low-income areas. For one woman, Bridget Anderson of St. Bernard Parish, recovery has been fraught with obstacles and bad luck. Now, after more than a decade, she is back in her home thanks to the St. Bernard Project and volunteers, including students from Berea College.

These Bereans—Lara Armstrong '18, Ese Ataga '20, Gabriella Bugge '18, Andrea Dowlen '18, Kemo Jammeh '21, Guerds Jean '18, and Aji Mbye '18—were brought together through a weekly luncheon called Spiritual Seekers, hosted by the Willis D. Weatherford Jr., Campus Christian Center. There, they heard about the opportunity to volunteer during spring break with the St. Bernard Project, a nonprofit that began in St. Bernard Parish after Hurricane Katrina and has since expanded nationwide, rebranded as SBP.

In 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, St. Bernard Parish



Spiritual Seekers Gabriella Bugge, Aji Mbye, Andrea Dowlen, Kemo Jammeh, Shai Anderson, Guerds Jean, Lara Armstrong and Ese Ataga join Father Daniel and members of the Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in New Orleans.

was 100 percent uninhabitable due to flooding. Though SBP has restored more than 1,400 homes to date, it still is rebuilding hundreds of low-income homes per year, with a special focus on families with small children, the elderly, persons with disability, war veterans and the under- or uninsured.

“It was eye-opening just how bad the damage from Katrina was,” said Armstrong, an English literature major from Somerset, Ky., who began attending Spiritual Seekers in 2017. “I thought they had recovered, that New Orleans was great again. They’re really not. We need to help New Orleans. It’s a natural disaster turned into a manmade disaster.”

Case in point is Anderson’s home, which the students worked on during their trip. Displaced from the flood, Anderson and her two sons were temporarily placed in a trailer provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This was short-lived due to toxic levels of formaldehyde from substandard building materials. When the water receded, the family attempted to move back home, but black mold made them sick, forcing them out again. To make matters worse, Anderson found herself the victim of contractors who would take her money and disappear



International Student Advisor Shai Anderson serving during the Willis D. Weatherford Jr., Campus Christian Center spring break service trip with the St. Bernard Project, a nonprofit that began in St. Bernard Parish, La., after Hurricane Katrina and has since expanded nationwide.

either without doing the work or doing a shoddy job.

Andy Stoffeth, SBP director of communications, says the majority of the requests received involve work that was done by a contractor that is now failing. Spring break is the nonprofit’s busiest season, and over the month and a half that spanned various schools’ breaks this year, SBP enjoyed the help of roughly 3,000 volunteers in New Orleans alone.

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“It’s always impressive to see students who are willing to give up their time to do meaningful work,” Stoffleth said. “They could have been out doing anything else, but they chose to lend a hand. That speaks volumes.”

The Berea group, led by former college chaplain Ben Groth and Shai Anderson ’08, who advises international students and scholars on campus, did much of the finishing work on Bridget Anderson’s house. It took a total of four months to complete.

“Not to brag, but I can build you a bathroom now if you need me to,” said Dowlen, a political science major from Nashville, Tenn., who joined AmeriCorps after graduation. “I worked on tiling for the bathroom, mixing the solutions, and cutting and putting the tiles up on the wall. I inserted some vanities.”

For Dowlen, the service trip was a way of repaying the kindness she had received growing up.

“My family relied on nonprofits and community-service organizations to help us in life,” she said. “Mom was a single parent, and we relied on the food bank, on church for clothing. I wanted to do a service trip because I wanted to impact

someone’s life directly. Working on that house helped me realize that my purpose in life is all about serving others.”

The theme of giving back because of the experience of receiving aid is echoed by others in the group. Jean, a native of Haiti who grew up in Florida, expressed a similar view.

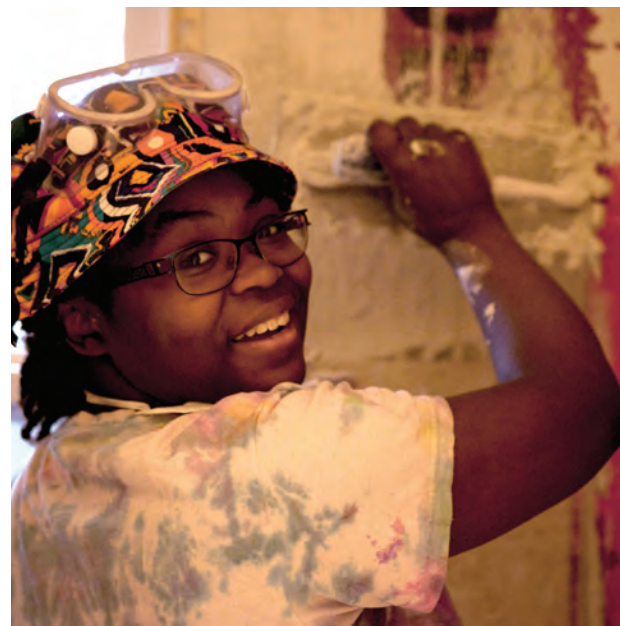
“We have a lot of hurricanes in Florida, and in Haiti, of course, we had the earthquake,” said the peace and social justice studies and Spanish double major who joined Teach for America after graduating. “I’m used to seeing how natural disasters affect people, and I have received a lot of help. It was nice to be on the opposite side of that.”

Bridget Anderson visited with the volunteers while they put the finishing touches on the home, a face-to-face experience that inspired the group to work that much harder.

“It was a pleasure to see that we had a positive impact on someone’s life directly,” said Shai Anderson. “Having an opportunity to meet the woman we were helping encouraged the work we were doing and provided a sense of putting 110 percent into everything we did, even if it was dusting or mopping the floor at the end of the construction,

allowing her to have a clean home upon move-in.”

Bridget Anderson and her two sons celebrated the completion of their home on April 16, when SBP threw them a “welcome home” party, 13 years after the hurricane had displaced them.



Andrea Dowlen '18 gets her hands—and arms—dirty installing bathroom tile.



Lara Armstrong '18 paints the gold trim on an outside window. Lara and other members of the Spiritual Seekers group worked on this home with the St. Bernard Project during spring break.



Aji Mbye '18 completes paint touchups on the trim and baseboards of a New Orleans home still damaged from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.





**FRONT ROW:** Gerald Thomas, Azis Toktobaev, Madeline Kujabi, Amber Earlywine, Yeongha Oh, Abby Rudolph (Community Garden Coordinator, Americana World Community Center) **BACK ROW:** Karmadri Santiago, Jamar Yewitt, Sara Heady, Kiyah Moore, Berucha Cintron, Montana Woodard, Alonna Walker, Gabby Bermudez Mejia, Travis Felty, Selena Romero, Raymond Okyere Forson, Hunter Malone.

## Bonner Scholars Serve in Central Kentucky

Each year, first-year Bonner Scholars participate in a service trip during spring break. This year, 18 students traversed central Kentucky providing aid to a number of nonprofits in Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville. They began in Lexington at GreenHouse17, a domestic-abuse program that provides crisis counselors, emergency shelter and legal advocacy, among other services. The team, consisting of Berucha Cintron '20, Chase Denny '21, Amber Earlywine '20, Travis Felty '21, Sara Heady '21, Madeline Kujabi '21, Hunter Malone '19, Gabby Bermudez Mejia '21, Kiyah Moore '20, Yeongha Oh '21, Raymond Okyere-Forson '21, Selena Romero '21, Karmadri Santiago '21, Azis Toktobaev '20, Gerald Thomas '21, Alonna Walker '21, Montana Woodard '21, and Jamar Yewitt '21, helped GreenHouse17 with donation management and accomplished in one day what would have taken the staff months to do: unload and

organize storage pods filled with donations of things like food and personal-hygiene products. Not only did it help the one or two staff originally tasked with emptying the pods, it saved GreenHouse17 the money it would have spent on the storage pod rental. The volunteers also were able to play with some of the kids on site and helped repair an older van the Greenhouse uses to run the farm.

The bulk of their trip, though, was spent in Louisville working with immigrant and refugee communities in conjunction with Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), La Casita Center and Americana World Community Center.

“One of my favorites was going to La Casita because it focused primarily on the Latino community,” said Berucha Cintron, a computer-science major from Puerto Rico. La Casita provides goods and services to immigrant communities struggling to make a living. Cintron says her experience helped her relate and motivates her to serve.

“The majority of my life, I’ve lived the perspective of poverty,” Cintron said. “Where there is need, I see a human duty to be part of the solution. I like to think the world is my community.”

Cintron and the rest of the team helped prepare a community garden for planting at Americana World Community Center. The garden is one of several community gardens that serve the Louisville refugee population. Gardening allows refugees to learn the Kentucky environment and to develop autonomy.

At the KRM warehouse, the group again assisted with donation management for refugees seeking assistance. The warehouse stores everyday necessities from mattresses and clothing to plates and silverware. Chase Denny helped separate donations into those stored at the warehouse for when apartments need to be furnished in preparation for a family’s arrival and then those items that could be donated to Goodwill. The donations create a credit that allows



KRM clients to “shop” at Goodwill for clothes that suit their size and taste.

Denny, a political science major from Point Pleasant, W.V., said the experience at the refugee center and KRM widened his perspective.

“We saw such a diverse population of refugees,” he said. “We got to see people from all over the world who came to Kentucky to start a new life. It definitely widened my perspective on the different people in the area I didn’t know existed.”

The students ended their trip at a rally on Refugee and Immigration Lobby Day at the state capitol in Frankfort. They made fliers, posters and a banner to show their support.


“At the rally, we promoted equality and justice for those who may not have their own voices,” Denny said. “It was really touching to see all the diverse people coming together regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs.”

“There were refugees in the events with us,” Cintron said. “They held the banner with us. There was a speaker and music. One woman said she had been trying to fight to be seen as a human being. That will stick with me—that you

have to tell someone you’re a human being.”

While in Frankfort, the group met with state Senator Jared Carpenter, who shared about half an hour of his time with the students. For many students, this was their first time being in the capitol, attending a rally or meeting

with an elected official.

“This kind of advocacy training and education is an essential part of the Bonner training module,” said Sarah Rohrer, associate director of CELTS. “Hopefully students will use these skills to speak to the issues about which they are most passionate.” 

“Where there is need, I see a human duty to be part of the solution. I like to think the world is my community.”  
– Berucha Cintron ‘20



TOP: Gabby Bermudez Mejia '21, Sara Heady '21, and Selena Romero '21 sort through donated clothing while on spring break. ABOVE: Jamar Yewitt '21 and Hunter Malone '19 organize kitchen items donated for refugees in Louisville.

Bonner Scholar Yeongha Oh '21 separates donated dishes.

# BEREANS HELPING BEREANS

By Abbie Tanyhill Darst '03

Every winter, approximately 50 Berea College students remain on campus when their peers pack up, bid their friends goodbye and travel home for the holiday break. There are countless reasons why students stay. Many are international students who don't have the time or funds to go home. A growing number of domestic students choose to stay for personal or family reasons often out of their control. Regardless of why they stay, these students are housed on campus without their typical social circle and no access to dining services, which is closed for the entire break.

The Center for International Education (CIE) is tasked with providing meals and activities for these students—which is quite the undertaking, according to Shai Anderson, CIE international student advisor.

"The break is 26 days from the first day until dining services open again—that is a big gap to fill," Anderson said. "In the past, I have only been able to provide a meal every other day or every two days. I start early in the fall thinking about activities for the winter break. Once I determine the events, I reach out to other campus resources to see if they are providing anything. Then, I look at the budget to see how many meals I can provide."

The CIE provides meals and fun activities to keep students busy and to diminish feelings of isolation and loneliness Anderson said are inevitable during this period. The center also

collects winter apparel items to help meet students' needs. This is especially helpful for international students who are told when admitted not to pack winter items.

"Some countries don't have winters and so they don't have winter clothes," Anderson said. "Furthermore winter clothing takes up too much room in their suit cases."

When Anderson was given the opportunity to present before the Staff Forum this past fall, she jumped at the chance to connect with campus staff and let them know how they could get involved in supporting these students.

Anderson said the outpouring from campus departments this past year was exceptional. Departments came together to collect food and clothing items and to provide meals for students during the break. When it was all said and done, the CIE provided students with meals every day of winter break along with warm clothes and other items to last through the break.

The Alumni Relations office volunteered to organize one of the dinners and invited local College alumni to participate. Marisa FitzGerald Aull '99 jumped at the chance to help out. As a child, Aull's family always had a welcome invitation to their dinner table, especially during holidays, she recalls. Her father, Edward FitzGerald Hon. '03, served as international student advisor for the College for 20 years, and often hosted students during winter break.

"Those memories stuck with me and have really changed the way, as an adult, I do holidays," Aull said. "While I love family, opening up your table and your home to friends, acquaintances and strangers solidifies the meaning of the holidays."

Aull and her family brought food to this past year's alumni potluck dinner and spent several hours talking and eating with current students.

"The experience was great," Aull said. "For me, it's a way to stay connected. It's great to have those conversations and see what it's like for students now."

Aull said she hopes her involvement with the College will also help her children to see that one's college can be a community.

"It's not just about being an alum, but it's about sharing your life with the place that gave you a good start," she said. "Once you're a Berean, you're always a Berean, and if someone needs something as simple as bringing a dish of food and sharing your time—you give what you have. There are so many ways to give back to what Berea gave to us." ■

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# *Bereans Pay It Forward.*

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After his freshman year at Berea, Aaron Hannah '16 organized a massive food drive for his hometown and collected more than 20,000 pounds of food. Now an alumnus of two years, he continues to serve his community by volunteering with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, where he mentors high school students. Working full time and pursuing an MBA, Aaron still donates food to his hometown foodbank and "adopts" needy children who hope for gifts at Christmastime.

***"If not for the people who helped me, I wouldn't be here today. That's why my biggest passion is helping others."***

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# HOMES AWAY FROM HOME

## How a Berea student gives back to the organization that changed her life

By Jason Lee Miller

When sociology major Jade Garner '20 began her first-year labor assignment as a custodian in the offices of the Center for Excellence in Learning through Service (CELTs), she found something that reminded her of home: the Berea College Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter.

Half her childhood had been spent in a home built by Habitat in Lexington, Ky., and Garner was immediately interested in joining up.

"Habitat for Humanity changed my life," said Garner, the child of a single mother who struggled to make ends meet while working two jobs.

Until Garner was 10, the two lived in apartments while searching for a decent home her mother could afford. That home never surfaced, and for Garner, renting meant never being fully able to call a place home. "I never got to make my room my own, painting the walls and things."

Finally, Garner's mom applied to Habitat for Humanity, who interviewed the family and laid out the require-



Berea College students Jade Garner '20 and Lee Myers '20 paint the interior of a home built by Habitat for Humanity.





The exterior of the Habitat for Humanity home where Berea College student Jade Garner '20 grew up.

ments: making less than the median household income, being unable to find an affordable home and the willingness to put in some sweat-equity hours. For Garner, it meant attending an after-school program focused on life skills and creating a healthy home life.

“Finding a house through Habitat was a big relief,” she said. “I felt more stable. I could make my room my own, have friends come over and not be interrupted by neighbors. I felt more whole.”

Garner credits that newly stable home life for leading her to college. For the first time, they were able to buy a computer, which meant she did not have to go to the library. It’s a small thing, but Garner says it made it easier to apply for college. She estimates without that, she’d be at home working a minimum-wage job instead of attending Berea and eyeing a career in public health.

Her stint as a custodian was short lived. Garner volunteered to work with Habitat her second semester and took it on as her labor position the next academic year.

“Jade is one of the future leaders of the Habitat chapter here on campus,” said Sheila Lyons, program associate at CELTS. “She has been active on builds. She does research when they are preparing for an educational program. She helps communicate with volunteers and does any other job that needs to be done.”

Garner, three other student employ-



Marah Zeidan '18 paints at a building site for Habitat for Humanity.



Joudeline Morales '20 paints a door at a soon-to-be-completed home in Winter Haven, Fla.

ees and a team of volunteers spend Saturdays working on houses in Madison, Clark and, occasionally, Fayette counties throughout the school year, finishing two to three houses in that timeframe. Over spring break, they traveled to Winter Haven, Fla., and painted, prepared subfloors, installed doors and cleaned up yards.

“Habitat is one of the service programs where you see tangible results

after putting in an eight-hour day,” Lyons said. “That gives many students a sense of doing something. It’s a wonderful feeling, knowing you are helping a family with their housing needs.”

Garner concurs with Lyons’s assessment. “My favorite part is hearing people’s stories, seeing people better their lives. I feel like I get purpose out of it, that I grow as a person by learning other people’s stories.” **B**



# People Who Care

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## 50 YEARS AT BEREA

By Jason Lee Miller

This year marks the 50th anniversary of People Who Care (PWC), Berea College's longest-running service organization. Established in 1968 from a student's proposal and a modest donation by then-president Willis D. Weatherford Jr., the program sent student volunteers to visit patients at Eastern State Hospital in Lexington. Over the years, PWC expanded its services to other extended-care facilities in the area. In recent years, the organization has become a more robust social justice and advocacy program.

Housed at the Campus Christian Center for decades, PWC was moved to the Center for Excellence in Learning through Service (CELTIS) after the formation of the center in 2000, along with Habitat for Humanity.

"The historical significance of PWC is huge," said Sarah Rohrer, CELTIS associate director. "We talk to our students every year about how they are standing on the shoulders of the people who came before them."

PWC practices what Rohrer calls "relational service work," involving educating oneself and the campus about

social issues and providing the opportunity to address those issues directly through service.

"Students are empowered by PWC," Rohrer said. "It's easy to be overwhelmed with what's going on in the world. The PWC model invites students to understand they have the power to take action. If they can learn the power of writing a letter, making a phone call,



Berea student volunteers in People Who Care pose for a shot outside Eastern State Hospital.



inviting friends to engage an issue or being purposeful about where and how they spend their money, then they can graduate with a heightened sense of the power they have at their fingertips.”

Two of those empowered students are Megan Davis '18 and Kali Bruns '20. Bruns serves as the student program manager of PWC, while Davis, during her senior year, was a student community service associate who supported the work of a suite of CELTS programs, including PWC, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Grandparent, Berea Tutoring, Berea Buddies, Berea Teen Mentoring, Hispanic Outreach Program, Bonner Scholars and Service Learning.

Davis, a child and family studies/peace and social justice studies double major from Mount Washington, Ky., says working in community service gives students a way to act upon the societal problems they learn about in their classes.

“At this point in our lives,” she said, “we have a lot of energy and passion. Learning about systemic inequities in our classes really spurs you to do something.”

For Bruns, a nursing major from Oneida, Tenn., it's partly about her own experience being on the receiving end of service and partly about human relationships. Growing up in financial difficulty, Bruns and her family relied on kindness.

“Something like a food drive where we would get food was always a part of my life and impacted meeting our needs,” she said. “It got me to where I am today, so I think it's important to give back.”

It was this experience that impressed upon her the idea that we humans are all in this together. “I think the purpose of life is to build human relationships and learn from each other,” she said. “We're

We're all stuck on this rock hurtling through space together, and if we don't figure our stuff out, we'll have done a disservice to the people who come after us.  
— Kali Bruns



Volunteers prepare dessert at the Urban Goatwalker Coffeehouse in Louisville. The restaurant regularly hosts the homeless for a meal and entertainment.

all stuck on this rock hurtling through space together, and if we don't figure our stuff out, we'll have done a disservice to the people who come after us.”

The PWC program manager's philosophy dovetails with the organization's mission: to create compassion in everyday life. This mission includes service trips, educational programs and awareness events. The most popular service trip is to the Urban Goatwalker Coffeehouse in Louisville.

Twice a month, the venue hosts the local homeless population for a restaurant-style meal and open-mic entertainment.

Volunteers from PWC served them during a trip there last spring.

“It's a night for them to sit down, be in a safe place and be entertained,” Davis said. “People who are homeless lose those opportunities.”

“It brings humanity back into their lives,” Bruns added.

The humanity aspect of service is a common theme for Bruns and Davis. It comes up again when they speak of visiting Lexington's Hope Center, which provides food and shelter for the homeless along with addiction treatment for men and women. They speak of spending time with the residents in treatment, serving them food, playing cards with them and watching TV shows with them.

“It really puts a face on drug addiction,” Davis said. “Showing



somebody you care, even if it's just for an hour, talking with them about their family, how they react to that—I don't know that I've ever felt that before.”

PWC offers community service opportunities several times per semester. They've put on large campus events like Mental Health Week and “Walk-a-Mile,” a refugee simulation. The group also brings passionate students back to campus to raise awareness about issues through a weekly student-led educational program called Café Social Justice, or Café SJ, as students call it. Topics are chosen from personal passions or from attendee suggestions. In the spring 2018 semester, students tackled subjects ranging from the effects of climate change on refugee populations to mental health to fair trade.

Ultimately, Davis says, the goal of the kind of work PWC and other programs at CELTS do is to eliminate the need for them. She noted that this past year marked the 25th annual food



Megan Davis, Hunter Malone, Keisha Morgan, Kaylee Raymer and Abby Wackerly represent Berea's People Who Care at a rally at the capitol in Frankfort.

drive CELTS has done, a run she feels has gone on too long.

“We want to work ourselves out of a job,” said the senior who plans to be an immigration lawyer. “We shouldn't have to do 25 years of food drives and

awareness events. Volunteering with PWC opened my eyes to see that community service isn't just, ‘Let me fill your bowl with soup,’ It's ‘Let me advocate, let me help you in a way that you won't need help in the future.’”

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# DOUBLE THE IMPACT

## Berea College Student-Athletes Serve with Special Olympics

Benjamin Willhite '18

**B**erea College student athletes balance a busy schedule—completing coursework, working 10 or more hours per week in labor positions and competing in collegiate-level sports. Despite their hectic schedules, they make a commitment to serve in several community service events, one being their involvement with the Special Olympics. Through their service, they are able to impact the lives and experiences of Special Olympic participants, and often find their own lives also are profoundly influenced.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) President Tyler Pope '18, a baseball player at Berea College, coordinated community events for Berea's student-athletes. One of his biggest challenges was matching the busy Berea College student schedules with the Special Olympics events. Pope routinely reminded student athletes of the upcoming events and stressed the importance of attending these Special Olympics events.

"Berea College student athletes are really busy," Pope said. "This event starts out as just a checkmark in their schedule, but turns into a passion to work with the Special Olympics."

After an event, Pope would receive comments from student athletes, thanking him for coordinating the event and giving them that unique opportunity. Pope enjoyed seeing the impact service had on his fellow students, but working with the Special Olympics has made a difference in his life, too.

"The major realization of working with the Special Olympics is that I have

taken so much in life for granted, especially the chance to actively play sports," Pope said. "Special Olympic athletes always express their happiness to play sports at these events, and more importantly, they give their best effort."

In September 2015, Berea College moved from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to NCAA Division III. The NCAA requires each member institution to maintain a Student Athletic Advisory Committee to identify significant student-athlete issues; implement student-athlete based initiatives; encourage community outreach; and invest leadership responsibilities with the student athletes. At the national level, the SAAC is also the committee that is primarily responsible for maintaining and coordinating the nationwide partnership of the NCAA Division III with Special Olympics.

"Working with Special Olympics can be life changing," said Assistant Athletic Director Ryan Hess '98. "It is inspiring to see our student athletes, staff and faculty of the College's athletic department help with Special Olympics events. Watching their enthusiasm for sports and commitment to service come to life as they interact with Special Olympics athletes makes me proud of them and the way they represent the College."

In spring 2016, Berea College hosted the Berea Games for local Special Olympics athletes. Nearly all of Berea's 225 student athletes participated in the event, helping do everything from preparing the fields for play, transporting athletes to various events, recording stats



Berea College student athletes stand ready to measure the long jump of a Special Olympics athlete during the 2016 Berea Games. Members of every College athletic team worked to make the Berea Games a fun and memorable event for these athletes, who participated in track and field, baseball and soccer events that day.

and serving refreshments. Most importantly, Berea's student athletes spent time encouraging, motivating and celebrating the athletes competing in the Berea Games that day.

The intangible effects of working with the Special Olympics has been recorded through the comments, efforts and smiles of all involved. **B**





# 2018-19 Berea College Athletic Schedules\*



## Men's and Women's Cross Country

Aug. 31	Berea/Centre Cross Country Jamboree	Berea, KY	6 pm
Sept. 15	Berea College Mike and Mary Kay Invitational	Berea, KY	10 am
Sept. 29	Greater Louisville Classic (D3 Pre Nationals)	Louisville, KY	TBD
Oct. 13	Berry College Cross Country Invitational	Rome, GA	9 am
Oct. 27	USA South Championships	Maryville, TN	TBD
Nov. 10	NCAA DIII South/Southeast Championships	Rome, GA	TBD
Nov. 17	NCAA DIII National Championships	Oshkosh, WI	TBD

## Women's Soccer

Aug. 31	at Spalding University	Louisville, KY	6 pm
Sep. 3	Brescia University	Berea, KY	5:30 pm
Sep. 5	Univ. of Pikeville	Berea, KY	5:30 pm
Sep. 8	at MacMurray College	Jacksonville, IL	1 pm
Sep. 9	at Blackburn College	Carlinville, IL	1 pm
Sep. 15	Warren Wilson College	Berea, KY	2 pm
Sep. 17	at Transylvania University	Lexington, KY	7 pm
Sep. 22	at Brevard College	Brevard, NC	2 pm
Sep. 25	at Maryville College	Maryville, TN	7 pm
Sep. 29	Lagrange College	Berea, KY	1 pm
Oct. 2	Midway University	Berea, KY	7 pm
Oct. 6	at Huntingdon College	Montgomery, AL	2 pm
Oct. 9	at Covenant College	Lookout Mountain, GA	6:30 pm
Oct. 13	Wesleyan College	Berea, KY	4:30 pm
Oct. 14	Piedmont College	Berea, KY	1 pm
Oct. 17	at Oakland City University	Oakland City, IN	3 pm
Oct. 20	Agnes Scott College (senior day)	Berea, KY	4:30 pm

## Men's Soccer

Aug. 25 (exhibition)	Johnson University	Berea, KY	3 pm
Sept. 1	at Mississippi University for Women	Columbus, MS	1 pm CST
Sept. 2	at Blackburn College	Carlinville, IL	1 pm CST
Sept. 5	University of Pikeville	Berea, KY	7:30 pm
Sept. 8	Brevard College	Berea, KY	2 pm
Sept. 11	at Spalding University	Louisville, KY	5:30 pm
Sept. 15	at NC Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount, NC	2 pm
Sept. 16	at Methodist University	Fayetteville, NC	2 pm
Sept. 19	Covenant College	Berea, KY	6:30 pm
Sept. 22	Huntingdon College	Berea, KY	4:30 pm
Sept. 25	at Centre College	Danville, KY	7:30 pm
Sept. 29	at Piedmont College	Demorest, GA	2 pm
Oct. 2	Boyce College	Berea, KY	5 pm
Oct. 6	at Greensboro College	Greensboro, NC	pm
Oct. 7	at William Peace University	Raleigh, NC	1 pm
Oct. 11	Lagrange College	Berea, KY	6:30 pm
Oct. 13	Averett University	Berea, KY	2 pm
Oct. 17	at Maryville College	Maryville, TN	5:30 pm
Oct. 20	Pfeiffer University (senior day)	Berea, KY	2 pm



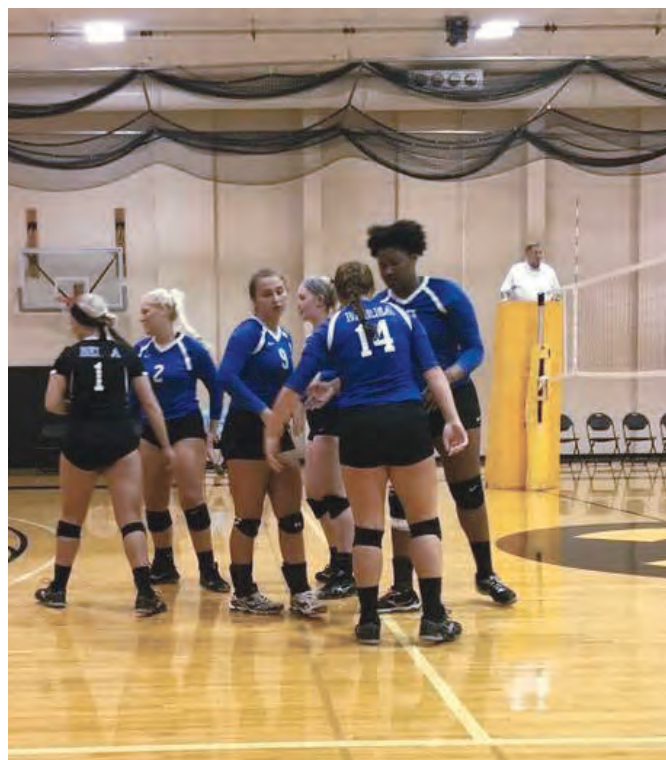
\*All schedules subject to change. Visit [www.bereaathletics.com](http://www.bereaathletics.com) for the most up-to-date information and to view team rosters.





### Women's Volleyball

Sept. 1	at Spalding Centre at Spalding	Louisville, KY	11 am
		Louisville, KY	1 pm
Sept. 6	at Midway	Midway, KY	5 pm
Sept. 8	at Hanover	Hanover, IN	
	Franklin College at Hanover		10 am
	Hanover College at Hanover		noon
Sept. 11	at Transylvania University	Lexington, KY	7 pm
Sept. 14	Alice Lloyd College	Berea, KY	TBD
Sept. 15	West Virginia State University	Berea, KY	TBD
Sept. 22	Huntingdon College	Berea, KY	noon
	Huntingdon vs Brevard	Berea, KY	2 pm
	Brevard	Berea, KY	4 pm
Sept. 25	at Maryville	Maryville, TN	6 pm
Sept. 29	at Piedmont College	Demorest, GA	noon
Oct. 3	Covenant College	Berea, KY	6 pm
Oct. 6	at LaGrange College	LaGrange, GA	
	LaGrange College		noon
	Agnes Scott College		2 pm
Oct. 9	at West Virginia State Univ.	Institute, WV	7 pm
Oct. 13	at Brevard	Brevard, NC	
	Huntingdon		2 pm
	Brevard		4 pm
Oct. 17	Maryville	Berea, KY	7 pm
Oct. 20	Piedmont College	Berea, KY	noon
	Piedmont vs Kentucky Christian		2 pm
	Kentucky Christian		4 pm
Oct. 23	at Covenant College	Lookout Mountain, GA	6 pm
Oct. 27	LaGrange College	Berea, KY	noon
	LaGrange vs Agnes Scott	Berea, KY	2 pm
	Agnes Scott College vs Agnes Scott College	Berea, KY	4 pm



### Men's Basketball

Nov. 10	Kentucky Christian University	Berea, KY	7 pm
Nov. 13	Boyce College	Berea, KY	7 pm
Nov. 17	Eureka College	Berea, KY	7:30 pm
Nov. 19	Johnson University	Berea, KY	7 pm
Nov. 21	at Spalding University	Louisville, KY	7 pm
Nov. 27	at Midway University	Midway, KY	
Dec. 1	at Methodist University	Fayetteville, NC	2 pm
Dec. 2	at Greensboro College	Greensboro, NC	1 pm
Dec. 4	at Johnson University	Knoxville, TN	7 pm
Dec. 8	North Carolina Wesleyan	Berea, KY	2 pm
Dec. 15	Piedmont College	Berea, KY	4 pm
Jan. 5	at LaGrange College	LaGrange, GA	2 pm
Jan. 6	at Huntingdon College	Montgomery, AL	2 pm
Jan. 9	Covenant College	Berea, KY	7:30 pm
Jan. 12	at Maryville College	Maryville, TN	2 pm
Jan. 16	Brevard College	Berea, KY	7:30 pm
Jan. 22	Maryville College	Berea, KY	7:30 pm
Jan. 26	at Piedmont College	Demorest, GA	2 pm
Jan. 30	at Brevard College	Brevard, NC	7 pm
Feb. 2	Pfeiffer University	Berea, KY	2 pm
Feb. 3	William Peace University	Berea, KY	2 pm
Feb. 9	LaGrange College	Berea, KY	4 pm
Feb. 10	Huntingdon College	Berea, KY	1 pm
Feb. 13	at Covenant College	Lookout Mountain, GA	7 pm
Feb. 16	at Averett University	Danville, VA	2 pm

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 13	at Sewanee	Sewanee, TN	6 pm
Nov. 17	Pfeiffer University	Berea, KY	2 pm
Nov. 19	at Kentucky Christian University	Grayson, KY	6 pm
Nov. 24	North Park-Chicago Tourney	Chicago, IL	TBD
Nov. 25	North Park-Chicago Tourney	Chicago, IL	TBD
Nov. 30	LaGrange College	Berea, KY	7 pm
Dec. 8	at Huntingdon College	Montgomery, AL	3 pm
Dec. 9	at Agnes Scott College	Decatur, GA	1 pm
Dec. 15	Covenant College	Berea, KY	2 pm
Dec. 17	St. Mary's of the Woods	Berea, KY	2 pm
Jan. 2	Brevard College	Brevard, NC	2 pm
Jan. 3	at Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer, NC	2 pm
Jan. 9	at Covenant College	Lookout Mountain, GA	7 pm
Jan. 12	at Piedmont College	Demorest, GA	2 pm
Jan. 13	at Maryville College	Maryville, TN	1 pm
Jan. 19	Wesleyan College	Berea, KY	2 pm
Jan. 20	Agnes Scott College	Berea, KY	2 pm
Jan. 23	Maryville College	Berea, KY	7 pm
Jan. 26	Piedmont College	Berea, KY	2 pm
Jan. 30	at St. Mary's of the Woods	St. Mary's, IN	7 pm
Feb. 2	at LaGrange College	LaGrange, GA	2 pm
Feb. 3	at Wesleyan College	Macon, GA	1 pm
Feb. 6	Brevard College	Berea, KY	6 pm
Feb. 8	Kentucky Christian	Berea, KY	6 pm
Feb. 9	Huntingdon College	Berea, KY	2 pm





## New Study Reveals Berea College Makes \$202 Million Impact on Local Economy

A newly-commissioned study reveals that Berea College's operations make a yearly economic impact of more than \$202 million in Madison County. Although the economic impact generated by the college extends throughout the Appalachian region, this analysis focused on Madison County. The \$202 million is a measure of the total dollar value that flows through the Berea-Madison County economy because of the operations of Berea College. The exact amount is \$202,413,426 for the 2016-17 academic year.

The study shows Berea College:

- Supports more than 700 jobs (Full Time Equivalent) by all related operations.
- Paid \$3.9 million in local taxes, including direct occupational taxes paid by the College's employees to the local and county governments in Madison County.
- Impacts indirect property taxes created by Berea College's economic activity that are paid to local governmental bodies, including local public school districts as well as school utility taxes.
- Makes an annual impact of \$5.1 million and supports 68 direct and indirect jobs through Berea's Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant. Spending by patrons of the Hotel produces about \$128,000 in local taxes.

- Generates more than \$89.1 million in consumer spending.
- Makes capital investments through construction and renovation of campus facilities. The annual impact of capital investments averages \$35 million and supports 197 jobs.

"The positive impact Berea College makes in the community and county is quite significant," Berea College President Lyle D. Roelofs said. "Through the years, much of the city's infrastructure and improvements were initiated by Berea College, including the fire department, hospital, electric and water utilities, along with land provided from the College to the city for local schools and parks. We are very fortunate to be in a community where education, including postsecondary education, is valued. Berea College is grateful for the mutual support between the College and the City of Berea. As each improves and grows stronger, everyone benefits."

The study was conducted by Younger Associates of Tennessee.



Learn more at  
[www.berea.edu/news](http://www.berea.edu/news)

## hillbilly Documentary Film to Debut, Berea College Faculty Featured

*hillbilly*, a new documentary film that explores the historical basis of cultural stereotypes about people from Appalachia in film and television, made its worldwide debut at the Nashville Film Festival on May 19.

The film's two directors, Ashley York and Sally Rubin, both with Appalachian roots, interviewed Berea faculty, including Chad Berry, bell hooks and Silas House. Other Bereans connected with the film are musician and alumnus Sam Gleaves, who was interviewed and contributed music, and Sam Cole, who is the associate producer. Several other alumni made appearances in the film as well.

The documentary offers a rich and varied point of view of this complex region, causing viewers to think about poverty and southern and rural identities in contemporary America.

*hillbilly* takes the viewer on a personal and political journey into the heart of Appalachia, exploring the role of media and culture in the creation of the iconic American "hillbilly," and examining the social, cultural and political underpinnings of this infamous stereotype.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and filmed in Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and California, *hillbilly* uncovers a community of artists, poets, activists, queer musicians, "Affrilachian" poets and intersectional feminists—all unexpected voices emerging from this historically-misunderstood region.

The documentary deconstructs mainstream representations and calls for dialogue between the historically-divided populations of urban and rural, North and South.

Visit <http://hillbillymovie.com> to view the trailer, support the film and sign up to be notified when the documentary will be available to watch.



## Berea College Students Awarded U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to Study Abroad

Sophia Winkowitsch in Australia



Berea College's Center for International Education announced that Samantha Robinson, Brandon Mitchell, Niki Clayton, Gerald Thomas, Tiana Moorer, Issac Domenech, Rebecca O'Connor and Chad Runyan received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad during Summer 2018. This award, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, provided \$26,500 to support study abroad experiences for Berea's students. These eight American students will complete coursework in Jamaica, Ghana, Japan, Costa Rica, Italy and Austria.

Six additional Berea College students—Sophia Winkowitsch, Deshontanae Davis, Joy Leis, Simeon Huff, Manuela Hincapie Vidal and Tyler Goins—have been awarded national study abroad scholarships for Fall 2018. These students will complete their coursework in various countries, including Ireland, Spain, Thailand, Chile, Malaysia and Australia.

Gilman Scholars receive up to \$5,000 to apply toward their study abroad or internship program costs. The program offers grants for U.S. citizen, undergraduate students to pursue academic studies or internships abroad, gaining skills critical to U.S. national security and economic competitiveness.

A full list of Gilman scholarship recipients is available at <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org>.

## Berea Celebrates 258 Graduates at May Commencement Ceremony

Dr. Earl Lewis, founder of the Center for Social Solutions at the University of Michigan and former president of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, addressed the 258 members of the 146th graduating class of Berea College on May 6.

Lewis referred to troubling the water from the old spiritual, "Wade in the Water," to encourage the graduates to use their education to "confront society's need for morally-anchored, value-centered leadership." He noted that "Berea's founding group of men and women, infused with a sense of justice and purpose . . . understood what it meant to trouble the waters for social progress."

"You, the Class of 2018," Lewis said, "are their heirs."

He challenged each graduate to change the world responsibly.

"Fighting for social change is not an event or even series of events," Lewis said. "Rather, it is an orientation, a belief that all have a role to play in fashioning the common good for the betterment of all."

During the Commencement ceremony, outstanding students, staff and faculty were presented the following awards:

- Sarah D. Nicely '18 – Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators, and Student Employment Supervisor of the Year for the State of Kentucky.
- Seth Reasoner '18 – T.J. Wood Achievement Award
- Susan Bonta '18 – Hilda Welch Wood Achievement Award
- Professor Yolanda Carter – Elizabeth Perry Miles Award for Community Service
- Bob Harned – Labor Supervisor of the Year
- Professor Sandy Williams – Paul C. Hager Award for Excellence in Advising
- Professor Megan Hoffman – Seabury Award for Excellence in Teaching

Degrees were conferred posthumously to Enkhjin Enkhbold and Dzhoana Ivanova, members of the 2018 graduating class who died in a tragic car accident last fall.

Demonstrating Berea College's commitment to environmental sustainability, the senior class participated in a "Zero Waste" commencement by wearing graduation gowns made of 100 percent recycled plastic bottles. Each gown requires an average of 23 plastic bottles, so nearly 6,000 plastic bottles were diverted from landfills by this graduating class.

## Berea College Named as a Gilman Top Producing Institution



The U.S. Department of State announced its inaugural list of U.S. higher-education institutions that sent the most students overseas on the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program in the 2016-17 academic year. Berea College has been recognized for its success in making international study and internships more accessible and inclusive for American students of all backgrounds through the Gilman Program.

The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute of International Education, compiles the list, organized by institution size and type. Berea College was cited for success among top small colleges and universities with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. Only two other schools—Spelman College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute—were cited in this category.

"It is a huge honor to become one of the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship's Top Producing Schools," said Ann Butwell, Berea College Education Abroad advisor. "Gilman has helped us prove to students that study abroad is an attainable goal, and that they are worthy candidates."

"My advisors at Berea College helped me tremendously during my application process and in-country study abroad," said Gilman Scholar Olivia Cundiff. "They coached me in how to tell my story through a persuasive essay."

Fellow Gilman Scholar Lilia Mundelius shared similar sentiments.

"My Gilman advisor has always been there for me every step of the way," she said. "She demanded lots of work on my part, but she was always there to help solve problems. I am forever grateful to her."



Crystal Wylie '05



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Jim Branscome: Fulfilling a Dream

By Abbie Tanyhill Darst '03



When Jim Branscome left Carroll County, Va., he came to Berea College with \$300 in his pocket and a heart full of ambition. Majoring in history and political science, he graduated in 1968 and embarked on a successful 37-year career in journalism and later in finance. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school or college and make a living doing what his grandmother called "indoor work." His 1971 New York Times magazine cover story on coal strip mining in Appalachia helped lead to federal regulations in 1972. In 1975, Branscome became a correspondent for McGraw-Hill News and the Washington Post, primarily covering Appalachia and earning notoriety as an investigative reporter. After a decade with McGraw Hill News, Branscome joined Standard & Poor's, where he retired in 2007 as the managing director for investment analysis and as a member of S&P's executive board. He now resides in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Sharen.

**I started school in a one-room school house.** Our 4th grade teacher was a mountain girl herself, and had graduated from Radford Teachers College. She was highly motivated to help us learn to spell and write. If all 16 students spelled all the words correctly in the

spelling bee, her husband would bring ice cream the next day. She became our eighth grade teacher and high school guidance counselor. She insisted that all of us go on to college, which far more than half did.

**In 1964, Francis Hutchins addressed** the entering Berea College freshman class in Phelps Stokes. He said, 'We can get you as far as Harvard can get you.' Nobody said, 'Hillbillies can't do that.' Everyone believed him, and I think he believed it.

**(BC President) Lyle (Roelofs) asked me once to help him understand** why there was extraordinary leadership from classes in the 1960s. I think the answer is we were the first generation after World War II; America was dominant around the world; we elected a president talking about Peace Corps and he was young, vigorous and inspiring; and Harry Caudill had just written the book, *Night Comes to the Cumberlands*, which got Appalachia on the map.

**Two things are remarkable about this:** one, Berea students suddenly realized they were more special than they thought because Appalachia was getting a lot of attention. Two, our generation had a high level of confidence that they could do things that

mattered and would change things.

**I was a student teacher for Dr. James Holloway** in the Philosophy and Religion Department. He also was editor and publisher for a magazine for the Committee of Southern Churchmen called *Katallage*, which is the Greek word for reconciliation. The leader of the committee was a Nashville-based, Yale-educated, Southern Mississippi Baptist named Will Campbell.

**He and Holloway had an interesting way of attracting** important writers to the magazine, such as Father Thomas Merton from Gethsemane who wrote *Seven Storey Mountain*. He was among dozens of famous people who wrote for the magazine. I was the copy editor for a lot of those people when I worked for Dr. Holloway.

**I was 35 years old before I had what some would consider a real job.** I lobbied in the Kentucky legislature one year about coal strip mining. Mike Clark '67 and I founded the Southern Appalachia Leadership Training project that ran for 25 years, but at age 35, I was about as poor as when I started at Berea.

**In 1971, I had gotten a taste of what it would be like** to write for the *New York Times*. I was very lucky and had a lot of people contact me to write about the mountains—from *Crawdaddy* magazine, which was a rock-and-roll publication, to the *Washington Post*.

**I met my wife, Sharen,** while we were working for the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. She had just come back from being a Vista volunteer in Guam and was recruiting nurses in Appalachia. I was in a meeting giving all my grand strategies about reforming healthcare in the region. Someone spoke up and asked, 'Why would you do it that way?' so I married her. That was almost 48 wonderful years ago. We both are tremendously respectful of what education can do to change people and society.

**One thing dear to our hearts is helping people** in a similar situation to ourselves have a dream about a better life. There is a bigger mission in life than becoming an astute consumer. I insist all the money we donate to Berea goes to students from designated distressed counties of Appalachia through the Berea Fund Scholarship.



# HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

Lavoyed Hudgins: Safety and Service

By Jason Lee Miller

*A graduate of Liberty University and the FBI National Academy, Hudgins came to Berea in 2010 after a distinguished career in law enforcement. In 1978, after his father was murdered in a robbery, Hudgins joined the Montgomery, Ala., police force. From there, he went on to serve as chief of police in the towns of Moody and Enterprise, Ala., and Clarksville, Tenn. Before coming to Berea, Hudgins served as deputy commissioner of Public Protection and assistant to the governor of Kentucky, a position appointed by then-Governor Ernie Fletcher. Though he had more lucrative opportunities than Berea College, the mission of the school inspired him to finish his career here.*

## **How has a career in law enforcement and public safety impacted you as a person?**

I can't begin to describe what I've seen in my career. I used to think the horrors I witnessed didn't bother me, but I was wrong. As I age, I feel the impact of that bad stuff on my health and my thinking. But it also helped me realize the amazing amount of good just one person can accomplish. I've seen a single person with a passion for a cause impact many people, and I don't think it gets much better than that. I'm drawn to the writing of Emerson: What is success? . . . to know that just one life has breathed easier because you have lived. That is to have succeeded!

## **What led you to Berea?**

I was looking for work after a politically-appointed position ended. When I received the call from Berea that I had an interview, I had an offer pending in Lexington. I live in Lexington, so that would have been much more convenient and, frankly, more money, too. But when I spent the day here at my interview, I called my wife as I drove away and told her, "I think this is it." She asked me about pay, and when I told her how much, she asked, "Are you crazy?" While there has never been definitive proof that I'm not actually crazy, it couldn't have been more obvious that Berea was the right choice. The sense of service one gets from working here can't be matched anywhere.

## **Why is Berea an important institution?**

I like to think it is THE most important institution because of those we serve. It's also

important because we are sending our graduates into the world equipped with Berea values and ideals. The Great Commitments all mean something special to me. I believe they are important because of the effort the College puts forth to make them an integral part of all it does. That makes it easy for me argue it is THE most important college in the country.

## **Why do you enjoy working at Berea?**

We are here for the students and to serve them, to help them assimilate into a world in which there is no easy assimilation. The students make it worthwhile—always have and always will. I've been blessed to have been able to help so many students navigate rough spots. I get to

see people learn and grow as adults and as members of society. How many jobs afford that opportunity?

## **Have you learned any important lessons while at Berea?**

I've learned that virtually everyone has value and needs a chance. As a society, we tend to marginalize entire classes of people. Berea is a great melting pot of cultures and backgrounds, proving everyone has potential.

## **How does it feel to be an honorary alumnus?**

My first thought was that everyone else they asked must have said, "No!" Seriously, it's amazing, and I am humbled and grateful.



Crystal Wylie '05



## SUMMER REUNION 2018

Summer Reunion 2018 drew a record number of alumni and guests to campus June 8-10 to bring together the special reunion classes of '43, '48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '73 and '78 through '88. Relive your favorite moments or catch those you missed at [www.berea.edu/alumni/summerreunion18](http://www.berea.edu/alumni/summerreunion18). Mark your calendars for Summer Reunion 2019, scheduled June 14-16.



Jennifer Lance '20

Alumni hit the dance floor during Party of the Decade in the Garden behind Boone Tavern. In the months leading up to Summer Reunion, alums sent in their song requests and DJ Jady Sol (Jordan Sims '15, right, in baseball cap) kept the jams coming all night. The Party of the Decade is a new event at Summer Reunion to celebrate the most recent decade of special reunion classes. This year, it was classes 1978-1988. Of course, Bereans from all classes were welcomed and represented on the dance floor.



Desiree Dunny '21

Jerusha "Sharie" Littleton Dean '73 and Gaye Chaney '73, pose for a photo atop the East Pinnacle after a guided hike by Berea College Forester Glen Dandeneau '87. Alumni also had the opportunity to tour the new Berea College Forestry Outreach Center, located at the base of the mountain.



Jay Buckner

LEFT TO RIGHT: Michael Onatolu '78 and Bill Lane '76 share a laugh with classmate Carlotta Duckett Dei '78 during the Party of the Decade in the Garden behind Boone Tavern.





**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Peter Li '76, Michael Onatolu '78 and James Tuan '78, pose for a photo after getting their class photo taken during Picnic on the Quad while their families and friends capture their reunion.

Kim Brown, associate vice president for Marketing and Communications, and Julianna O'Brien, social media coordinator, attempt to organize the Class of 1978 during class photos on the steps of Hutchins Library. Brown aptly named them the "Rowdiest Class."



The Great Commitments Society (GCS) honors the many alumni and friends who include Berea College in their estate plans. The GCS Reception held during Summer Reunion hosted 78 members and inducted 13 new members.

President Lyle Roelofs chats with a group of alums during the Alumni Reception at Boone Tavern.



First Lady Laurie Roelofs chats with members of the Class of 1968 as they settle in for the traditional 50th Reunion Breakfast hosted in the President's Home. For their 50th reunion, members of the Class of 1968 also were inducted into the Charles T. Morgan Society. Those present at the reunion received a gift bearing the society's seal.





Crystal Wylie '05

Alumni attend the second Town Hall Forum with President Lyle Roelofs in the Carter G. Woodson Center, Alumni Building. While streaming live on the College's Facebook page, President Roelofs and a panel of vice presidents answered questions from the social media audience, from those in attendance and from those who submitted questions beforehand. Kelley Farley '18, left, was emcee of the forum.

## SUMMER REUNION CLASS PHOTOS



Jennifer Lance '20

Carl Newman



Jennifer Lance '20

Dottie Davis Blackburn and Harry Kilbourne



Jennifer Lance '20

Janath Casto Walters and Jim Adams





Jennifer Lance '20

**FRONT ROW, L-R:** Norma Salisbury LeDe, Jack Duckworth, Leota Wise Coffey, Maxine Whiteside Martin, Betty Jones Zeller, Mary Nell Hall Mahler, Autumn Joy Phillips Miller, Patricia Franklin Lohrman, Anna Fay Lecky Dickson, Meg Boyd Atkins; **SECOND ROW, L-R:** Joan Fox Clark, John Holbrook, Betty Lynn Stephens, Marcella Web Akers, Mitch Osteen, Elizabeth Hensley Hibbard; **THIRD ROW, L-R:** Basil Borders, Frances Stephens Sebastian, Jim S. Burton, Roy Walters Jr., Frosty Hubbard, Wayne Arms, Anne Reagan Clifton, Peggy McCollum Dean, Anna Collins Abrams, Suzanne Hile Atkinson, Marion F. Atkinson and Don Buchanan.



Jennifer Lance '20

**FRONT ROW, L-R:** Mable Weddington Kitchen, C. Glenn Ihrig, Jean Howard Barrier; **SECOND ROW, L-R:** Charles Fiske, Rod Bussey, Ruby Young Marvin and Margaret Turnball Suters.





Jennifer Lance '20

**FRONT ROW, L-R:** Joyce Howard Hardy, Betty Jean Hall, Judith Irvine-Dickey, Lille Shortridge-Baggett, Juanita Smith Lee, Rebecca Ansary Pettys, Deborah Watts Bedwell, Paul Gaines, Geraldine Bennett Grossman, Carolyn McDaniel Rogers; **SECOND ROW, L-R:** Frank Hicks, Geraldine Cochrane Shotwell, Phil Darby, Johnny Shotwell, Ruth Campbell Sturgill, Voe Hines Morris, Ken Dickey, Betty Dotson-Lewis, James Hodge, Carol Jackson Ferguson, Jim Branscome, Steve Stewart, Darrel Rogers; **THIRD ROW, L-R:** Jim Ferguson, Gary Raines, Sharon McClelland Feeback, Harry Lee Feeback, Sandra Fredericks Johnstone, Eddie Kitchen, Larry Grossman, William Sturgill, Ben Harmon; **FOURTH ROW, L-R:** Tom Watts, Clyde Huskey, Bobbi Lunsford Smith, Connie Spencer-Ackerman, Cathy Hawkins Evans, Ed Montgomery, Carolyn Sue Baker Bowers, Jim Farris, William F. Atwater, Sylvester "Sy" Cook, Ron Good, Margaret Walker Jeffers and David Jeffers.



Jennifer Lance '20

**FRONT ROW, L-R:** Andrew Baskin, Rita Scott Blankenship, Nancy Johnson Rutherford, Rebecca Blake Carter; **SECOND ROW, L-R:** Willa Gaye Johnson Chaney, Donna Massey Collins, Reda Dotson Bianchi, Mary Kay Claiborne Johnson; **THIRD ROW, L-R:** Jerusha "Sharie" Littleton Dean, Ann Greenwell Clark, Mike Johnson, Terry Hensley Robinson; **FOURTH ROW, L-R:** Joanna Fletcher Lay, William "Bill" Yost, Nelva Herrin, Wanda Willis Smith; **FIFTH ROW, L-R:** John L. Grigsby, Brad Hunt, Marshall Smith and Ray Landers.





Jennifer Lance '20

**FRONT ROW, L-R:** Michele Williams Deloach, Bobbie Fields Washer, Eunice Hall, Man Sung Co, Patrick Lee, Paul Yim, Eddie Au Yeung; **SECOND ROW, L-R:** Margaret Richardson, Susan Marcus Fowler, Paula Lominac Watson, James Tuan, Dominic Leung, Peter Li, Michael Onatolu; **THIRD ROW, L-R:** Ali Mohammadione, Carl Thomas, Robert Anderson, Jinny Woodcock, Jeff Hutton, Michael Hughes; **FOURTH ROW, L-R:** Dayna Cheesman Mohammadione, Lon Hays, Judge Wilson and Thep Sirimongkhon.



Jennifer Lance '20

**FRONT ROW, L-R:** Cathleen Weems Ranzau, Julie Hudson Norcross, Felicia Cephus Turnley, Donna Scott Hendricks, Letitia Sigler Saunders; **SECOND ROW, L-R:** Fred Wilson, Mike Davis, David Meier and Almaz Uduekwesi Matta.





Jennifer Lance '20

FRONT ROW, L-R: Shari Grogan-Kaylor, Claudia Bowen Burnett, Cynthia Khoo-Robinson, Janice Moss-Brown, Carol Samol; SECOND ROW, L-R: John S. Amissh, Frona Roberts Owsley, Penny Ritter Thayer, Tracy Reynolds Thayer, Tedd Masiongale, Laurita Sirimongkhon; THIRD ROW, L-R: Emmanuel Tuffuor, Donnie Faulkner, Doug Warren, Travis Thayer, Trygve Thayer, Rikki Moss and Alan Mills.

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**LARRY ALLEN '78**  
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS**

- Earned an art degree at Berea
- Award-winning stoneware clay potter since 1984
- His work has been given as gifts to Pulitzer Prize winner & author Harper Lee and Liberia's first woman President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- Owns LA Pottery studio in Leeds, AL



**JACK ROUSH '64**  
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS**

- Earned a mathematics degree with a minor in physics at Berea
- Chairman of the board of Roush Enterprises, Inc.
- Racing teams won 325 races in the three NASCAR national touring series, more than any other car owner in history
- Roush Fenway Racing received the 2018 NASCAR Drive for Diversity team award



**SILAS HOUSE**  
**HONORARY ALUMNUS**

- Has served as National Endowment for the Humanities Chair in Appalachian Studies and assistant professor at Berea College since 2010
- New York Times bestselling author of six novels, as well as a book of creative nonfiction and three plays
- Honors include the EB White Award, Appalachian Book of the Year, the Hobson Medal for Literature, the Nautilus Award, and many others
- Widely recognized for his social justice work

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## **BEREA DAY OF SERVICE**

*Saturday, November 3, 2018*

Join fellow alumni in the regional areas of Berea, Cincinnati, Knoxville, Lexington and Louisville for our first Berea Day of Service, scheduled to coincide with the annual Berea Hunger Hurts Food Drive on Sat., Nov. 3, 2018. With your help, we want to extend the impact of the community-wide Berea food drive beyond Berea's borders.

Since the mid-60s, Berea College students have been giving back to the region through community service programs. Once known as Students for Appalachia, Berea's Center for Excellence in Learning through Service (CELTS), houses several service and service-learning programs, including the annual food drive. Since 1992, they've collected thousands of pounds of food for the local community through this single event. Last year, more than 700 bags of food were donated to the Berea Community Food Bank. How many bags can we collect this year for the community in which YOU live?

If you're interested in volunteering in one of these cities or establishing a partner location in your own community, visit: [www.berea.edu/alumni/bereadayofservice](http://www.berea.edu/alumni/bereadayofservice)



The Berea College Alumni Association enjoys hearing from Bereans from all over the world. The "Class Notes" section of *Berea College* magazine reports verifiable news you wish to share with your alumni friends and associates: careers, weddings, retirements, births, and other items of importance to our alumni. Please include your class year and name used while attending Berea. Notes may be edited for style and length. While we will make every effort to put your information into the next issue of BCM, some delays may occur. We appreciate your understanding.

Submit class notes and photographs via email: [alumninews@bereda.edu](mailto:alumninews@bereda.edu) or at [www.bereda.edu/alumni/classnote](http://www.bereda.edu/alumni/classnote)

### 1952

**Martha Dendy King** enjoys traveling and has fun visiting and seeing her family, including her four grandchildren.

**Dr. John M. Ramsay** is no longer dancing at the age of 87. However, with more time on his hands, he wrote his first novel about a dancing master at a college. John wants to publish something more important, so he has been excited to make booklets by his friend Marlowe Erickson available on his website. To find out more about John and his writing go to: [www.shareinprint.com](http://www.shareinprint.com).

### 1959

**Mable Lewis Starling** and her husband, Jim, just celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. They were married in the Danforth Chapel in April 1960.

**Bobby Peek** wanted to share that Jesus Christ has blessed his family and they wanted to assist other students in their college career. Bobby has had some health challenges but is doing very well at the age of 84.

### 1960

**Robert Allen Lawson** said Berea has remained in his heart for 58 years and his adult life began there. He met his wife **Rebecca Lucille Henderson (Lawson)** at Berea as well. He said he still shares its Christian values.

### 1964

**Ira Linville Jr.** and **Gladys Tucker Linville, FD'64**, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on April 15, by visiting places they had previously worked and lived in southeast Kentucky, including Harlan, Bell, Knox and Laurel counties.

### 1965

**Stephen Edward Wilson** said he didn't have much news, but he's retired and enjoying it.

**V. Veree Woodbridge Thompson** said she is always happy to see any Berea folk who happen to be around Jacksonville, FL or the coastal Georgia area just near Amelia Island.



### 1967

**Rita Hawks Spence** retired from the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service six years ago. She recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with **Ronald Kyle Spence '69**, on Aug 19, 2017. Bereans in attendance at the celebration included **Rosemary Evans Stinson '66**; **Janice Sells Chadwell '66** and **Carl J. Chadwell '65**; **Rosemary Ridenour Sutton '66** and **Larry Sutton '67**; and **Peggy Hurt Powell '69** and **Ed Powell '69**.

### 1969

**Lucy Artz King** continues to live in Maurertown, VA. She has three sons and six grandchildren. Lucy would love to hear from friends, especially those with stories to share about her husband **Don King '68**, who passed away July 5, 2017.

**Delmar Gillette** is looking forward to the 50th reunion for the class of 1969.

**Jerry Duane Kidd** published his first book *The Lynching* in March 2018. It is a historical novel based on the true story of Jerome Boyatt of No Business, Tenn., who shot and killed the high sheriff of Pickett County, Tenn., in April 1933. Boyatt also killed one of the deputies who happened to be the sheriff's son. Returning to his home in the beautiful valley of No Business Creek on the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River, he successfully evaded capture. They used kidnaping, threats, intimidation, torture and terrorism against the citizens of No Business to try and capture the young man. Only when he peacefully gives himself up is he in imminent danger. The work is on Amazon, where you can get it on Kindle and/or paperback. Jerry, retired, now works as a researcher on historical issues and events regarding integrity in historiography.



**Ronald Kyle Spence** worked for AOI computer services and most recently for the Greenup County (KY) Health Department. He has been retired for five years.

Five or six times a year, nurses from the Class of 1969 who live in or near the central Kentucky area get together. The group tries to meet in the home of a classmate or at Boone Tavern. **FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Janet McKinney Tracy, Ruth Jordan Wong and Joanne Smith Graves. BACK ROW: Linda Stevens Madden, Betty Hyatt Olinger, Shelia Powell and Saundra Carter Toussaint.** Alumni missing from the photo, but who usually join this group are **Nancy Pickle Isaacs** and **Phyllis Neace Morris**.



### 1972

**Bill Weir, KH '65, FD '68, BC '72,**

said he loves to travel, especially on a bicycle. Since he first got into bicycle touring in 1973, he's been on many rides in North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. He is retired from a career of writing travel guidebooks, and he now takes one cycle touring trip after another. Find his travelogues with photos of his cycling adventures at [www.crazyguyonabike.com](http://www.crazyguyonabike.com)/[billweir](http://billweir), plus backpacking trips on his personal site <http://arizonahandbook.com>. Lately, he has been riding in the U.S. during even-numbered years and in Europe during odd-numbered ones, then cycling in the sunshine of Asia during autumn-winter. Bill attended fifth, sixth and eighth grades (he skipped seventh) at Knapp Hall in 1962-65, then was in the last class to graduate from Foundation in 1968.





## 1978

**Dr. Pamela Holmes Chabora** retired from teaching as a professor of theatre at the University of Southern Maine in order to begin seminary at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary to become an ordained minister. In March, she travelled to Puerto Rico to assist with hurricane recovery.

## 1979

**W. Phillip Ward** was interviewed for "Phillip Ward's Talks 'The Last Word' by Quentin Crisp and More" on Dec. 17, 2017 in the *Huffington Post*. Phillip is a consultant, researcher, curator, multimedia artist, photographer, poet and writer. He was Crisp's personal assistant, dresser, typist, escort and travel companion for 14 years until Crisp's death in 1999. Phillip is the archivist and curator of the official Quentin Crisp website and is the literary and executor of Crisp's estate. Read more at: <http://ow.ly/lwQL30kpihk>.

## 1980

**Nora Swango Stanger** accepted a position this year as the Appalachian outreach coordinator for Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH.

**Dr. Laura Porter Kimble** joined the faculty of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University (Atlanta, GA) as assistant dean of clinical advancement on Aug. 1, 2017.

## 1982

**Niko Etem Tindong** is an administrator of Agneus Health Care Services—Home Care in Silver Spring, MD, and is also with a nursing academy that trains nursing assistants online. His wife, Florence, is an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who manages a pain clinic and is in charge of payroll at Agneus.

## 1983

**Jerry E. Carpenter** works at U.S. Geological Survey as a lead domain administrator and project manager. He continues to work with Bonsai as an instructor, contractor and demonstrator. He also continues to explore the art of watercolor. You can follow his art at [www.artsofjc.com](http://www.artsofjc.com).



## 1984

**Ed Novak** retired from teaching after 30 years at Clarke County High School in Berryville, VA. He is enjoying traveling, working on construction projects with Habitat for Humanity and life with his wife, Beth.

**Rev. Jeffrey McDowell** earned a Doctor of Ministry degree in congregational leadership in 2017 from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. He serves as district superintendent of Finger Lakes District in the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has been married for 33 years to his wife, Barbara, and has two adult sons, Nathan and Evan.



**Laura Meadows Mallory** and her husband, Earl, are very proud of their daughter, Michaela, who is currently a student at Berea College.

**Gary L. Eldridge** is now the operating room non-stock coordinator for Florida Hospital Waterman in Tavares, FL. After retiring as an emergency medical technician (EMT) in Indiana, he moved to Florida in 2014 and there met his wife, Shirley, who is from Floyd County, KY.



Elizabeth City State University professor, **Dr. Margery M. Coulson-Clark**, has been named a recipient of the University of North Carolina System Board of Governors 2018 Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Read more about Margery at <http://ow.ly/mNu430kIPVE>.



**Sharon Robb Allen** graduated May 12, 2018, with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. She works full time in nursing administration as a clinical supervisor for Atrium Health in Concord, NC. She teaches nursing part-time at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her three certifications include being board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in Medical-Surgical Nursing (RN-BC); being certified by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators as a Certified Diabetes Educator; and

being certified by the National League for Nursing as a Certified Nurse Educator. She lives in Charlotte, NC with her family.



## 1985

When **Angie Anderson Fowler** came to Berea College in 1981, she knew she wanted to serve people. She said she wanted to be a nurse or work in special education, but because a special education certification was not offered at the time, she became a nurse. Over her career, she served in different areas of nursing, such as neonatal intensive care, home care for chronically ill children and maternal-child care. After 27 years in nursing, she got the opportunity to experience "the best of both worlds" and now works as a special education health assistant. Angie presently cares for the medical needs of pre-school to fifth-grade students in a small elementary school with a high-risk population. Once a month they have "Wear Your Favorite College T-shirt Day." She proudly wears her Berea shirts, and takes this opportunity to talk about her alma mater. Angie has five children and three grandchildren.



**Jack Marinelli** is enjoying retirement, but is using his extra time to volunteer around the world. He said the foundation of the tools Berea instilled in him helps him connect with others on so many cultural and economic levels. In March, Jack volunteered at soup kitchens in Rome managed and operated by Caritas Internationalis, a confederation headquartered in Rome and dedicated to ending poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity. Donations for the soup kitchens come in from local businesses every day, he said. The center, named





John Paul II, feeds 500+ refugees at lunch time 365 days a year.

## 1987

**Jeffrey Carpenter** was named the Art Accelerator Program director for the City of Berea. He will oversee Gallery 123, mentor the Art Accelerator fellows, promote the fine arts and Appalachian crafts in the region and help create a strong arts-based economy in central Kentucky. Jeffrey holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Berea College, a master's degree in education from the University of Southern Maine, a master's degree in teaching English as a foreign language from the Sanford School in Boston and has served as an Americorps VISTA and VISTA leader for Partners for Education at Berea College. He owns Sagittarius Studios in Berea and he is a juried member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen and former artist of Monhegan Island, ME.

## 1988

**Beverly Lakes Bass** completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in January from William Paterson University. Her doctoral research topic was "Relationship of Stroke Caregiver Mutuality and Preparedness for Caregiving to Role Strain." Beverly works at Seton Hall University as a clinical professor. She also edits the Faith Community Health Partnership newsletter for Atlantic Health System.

## 1994

**Zannyha Wright Martell** is a portfolio manager in the Special Credits department with Hancock Whitney Bank in Mobile, AL. She can be reached at zannyhawright@yahoo.com.



## 1996

**Samuel Bogale** gave a presentation to Dr. Richard Maiti's database class (CSC 330) at Berea College in the fall of 2017. Samuel currently works with Accenture, a global management consulting and professional services firm that provides strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations services.

## 1997

**Jamie Cantrill** is currently in his third year as principal of Blue Grass Elementary in Knoxville, TN. Prior to that, he taught five years at Warner Elementary in Nicholasville, KY; seven years at Lincoln County



Middle School in Stanford, KY; two years as assistant principal and athletic director at Karns High School in Knoxville, TN; and one year as assistant principal and athletic director at Powell High School in Knoxville, TN.

## 1999

**P. LeAnn Campell Duncan** was promoted to Middle Tennessee Regional licensure manager at the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. LeAnn, her husband, William, and their dog, Riley, all moved to the Nashville area in February and she said they are loving it so far.

## 2001

In May, **Dr. Dwayne Compton** was listed as one of the 20 People to Know in Education in *Louisville Business First*. He is acting vice dean for community engagement and diversity at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dwayne also serves as chair of the Diversity Committee and is an instructor in the Department of Medicine. Read more at <http://ow.ly/kvIL30kITSH>.



## 2002

**Jessica Blankenship Bray** is a 2018 recipient of Laurel County's 10 Under 40 Award. This award recognizes the accomplishments and commitment to make Laurel County, KY, a better place to live, work and play. Jessica is married to Anthony Bray and is a regional transportation planner for the Cumberland Valley Area Development District. Additionally, she is the founder of and a writer for *Kentucky Country Music News*.



## 2003

**Jeremiah Duerson** works as a team lead in information technology at Eastern Kentucky University.

**MARRIED: Heather Predmore** to Joey Isaacs on May 28, 2017 at Cliffview Resort in Campton, KY. The couple resides in Richmond, KY, with their little boy, Atreyu Xavier Isaacs, born Sept. 9, 2014.



## 2006

Actress **Sarah Griffin** was invited to Pop-Up Globe theatre in Auckland, New Zealand to play a "bloke" in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* to see if anyone would notice and to challenge gender perceptions. Pop-Up Globe is the world's first full-scale temporary working replica of the second Globe, the theatre Shakespeare and his company built and opened in 1614 after the first Globe theatre burned to the ground. Sarah is featured in a segment on Television New Zealand (TVNZ) titled, "Pop-Up Globe actress challenging gender perceptions via Shakespeare." View the segment here: <http://ow.ly/mmfl30kILCq>.

## 2007

**BIRTH:** a son, Leland Burke McCain, to **Jessica Burke McCain** and Bradley McCain. The family resides in Columbus, OH, where Jessica is the training and professional development specialist for the Association for the Developmentally Disabled.



## 2008

**Crystal White** has been working in the biopharmaceutical world as a document management technician for six years. She earned a master's degree in library science and information science from Indiana University Bloomington. She is pursuing a master's degree in theology from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

## 2009

**Terri Lynn Daughterty** joined the firm of Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC, based in Tennessee. She will focus on civil litigation, including products liability, personal injury and premises liability defense. Read more at: <http://ow.ly/iYUA30km7IF>.



Courtesy of Times Free Press



Etchings Press, the University of Indianapolis student-run publisher, announced **Robert Campbell** as the recipient of the 2018 Chapbook Prize in Poetry for his work *In the Herald of Improbable Misfortunes*. Robert's poetry and criticism have appeared in *Tupelo Quarterly*, *The Collagist*, *Columbia Poetry Review*, *River Styx*, *Ninth Letter*, *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Tinderbox Poetry Journal*, *Sundog Lit*, *Zone 3*, *The Adroit Journal*, and many other journals. He was twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize, short-listed for the 2015 Black Warrior Review Poetry contest, third-place winner of the 2013 River Styx International Poetry contest, and previous winner of the Flo Gault Poetry prize through Sarabande Books. Robert earned a master's degree in poetry from Murray State University and a master's degree in library science from the University of Kentucky. He lives with his partner and animals in the bluegrass region of Kentucky. Learn more about Robert Campbell at <https://robertjcampbell.wordpress.com>.

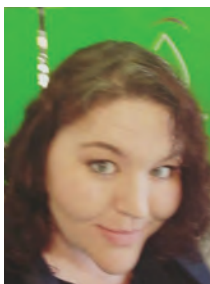
**Annie Dillon Connors** graduated from California Baptist University on May 4 with a master's degree in athletic training. She and her husband, Gary, now reside in Miami, FL.

**Priya Thoresen** earned a master's degree in ceramics from Arizona State University in 2017 and is now teaching at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, and Concordia University.

## 2010

In January 2018, **Lauren Lane Schlagel** became part owner of an accounting firm, WR Ramsey & Associates, Inc. in Lexington. At the same time, she was promoted to marketing director and continues to be a staff accountant.

**Carol Davey** joined the Ohio Environmental Council as its southeast Ohio regional director. Before accepting the position, Carol earned a master's degree in international peace studies from the Irish School of Economics at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland and completed an Appalachian Transition Fellowship with the Highlander Research and Education Center focused on a just transition for the Appalachian Ohio region. Her current role allows her to continue to work for the transition of Appalachia and to protect the air, water and land while shaping the policy and future of the region. Carol now resides back in her hometown of Cheshire, OH with her toddler, Connor Patrick.



In 2017, **Matthew Williams** embarked on a year-long journey to travel the world through a program called Remote Year. Matthew has spent the year as a digital nomad working and living in 12 international cities alongside 50 other professionals. He has enjoyed connecting with Berea alumni during his travels. Follow his adventure and connect via Instagram at [www.instagram.com/mattbdub](http://www.instagram.com/mattbdub).



**Jared Schmal** was selected to receive Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE) from the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst—DAAD). DAAD's RISE is a summer internship program for undergraduate students from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences and engineering. The internships give each student an opportunity to do research at one of Germany's top universities or research institutions. Read more at <http://ow.ly/xN3Q30korGp>.



## 2011

**Melissa Benson** celebrated her commencement from the University of the Cumberland on May 5. Melissa received a master's degree in teaching with honors, summa cum laude. She will begin the Ph.D. program in curriculum and instruction at the University of Kentucky this fall with an assistantship. She also is a recipient of UK's John Edwin Partington and Gwendolyn Gray Partington Scholarship.

**MARRIED: Holly Korb** married Justin Rabnott on Dec. 16, 2017 at Berea Baptist Church. Their reception followed in Baird Lounge on Berea College's campus. Holly is an administrative assistant at Eastern Kentucky University's College of Education and Justin is a network administrator at Fahe in Berea. The couple resides in Berea, KY.



## 2013

**Gregory Cox** graduated from medical school on May 12.

## 2014

On Dec. 16, 2017, **Emmanuel Watkins** graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word with a master's degree in education. Emmanuel was accepted to the University of Texas at San Antonio to earn a doctorate in interdisciplinary learning and teaching starting in fall 2018.

### Victoria Barbour

graduated with a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Liberty University. She currently is completing an internship, scheduled to end in December, before entering the counseling field.



**Chyna Johnson** was part of a group of 10 women who walked the 100-mile trail from Maryland to Wilmington, DE., March 6 to 10 in honor of Harriet Tubman Day, which is on March 10.

## 2015

**Justin Burton** was hired by Bethany College in Kansas where he relocated to start a student broom-making program. Justin has been working in the Emerging Artists Program in Old Town Berea, where he opened a craft shop. Last year, he organized a national gathering of broom makers that he called a "Sweep-In" in Berea. It was the first such gathering in decades.

Glass artist **John King** ([louisvilleisforlovers.culturearchivist.com](http://louisvilleisforlovers.culturearchivist.com)) is the current artist-in-residence at the Louisville Free Public Library. Read about his experience at <http://ow.ly/4fqz30kosS4>.



**MARRIED: Megan Keller** to Corey Zech on Sept. 2, 2017, at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, OH. They spent their honeymoon in London, England where they met, and traveled further to Dublin, Ireland and Chicago, IL. Megan graduated from The University of Toledo on May 5, with a master's degree in higher education.



Shortly before graduating, Guinevere wrote a letter to President Roelofs sharing words of encouragement and gratitude for the extraordinary ways in which Berea impacts individuals, families, and the world.

To read her letter and make a gift, visit [www.berea.edu/give/impact](http://www.berea.edu/give/impact).



**Guinevere Beirne '17**

AmeriCorps VISTA Member at the  
Kentucky Association of Food Banks



## Staff & Faculty

### Jeff Blake

Major Gift Officer (2004-2010)  
April 23, 2018

### Leigh A. Jones

Vice President of Business and Finance  
(1964-1996)  
April 25, 2018

### Janet C. Kreider, Hon '91

Director of Public Relations (1974-1984)  
April 15, 2018

## 1930s

### Martha Lampkin Colvard '34

Jan. 4, 2018

### Elsie Cooper Butcher '36

March 13, 2018

### Ms. G. R. Peterson '36

Dec. 13, 2017

### Ernestine Mann Russell '37

Dec. 29, 2017

### Lillian Shorte Black, Acad '38

July 1, 2002

### Elinor Kundert Denney '38

March 19, 2018

### William Chrisman Washburn, Acad '38

Sept. 7, 2017

### Lucille Lewallen Phillips '39

Jan. 10, 2017

### Jean C. Richard

Wife of **Walden E. Richard '39**  
Obituary Unavailable

## 1940s

### Oma Salyer Childress '40

March 23, 2018

### Sylvia Lackey

Wife of **Dr. Leon A. Lackey '41**  
Aug. 9, 2004

### Violet Gregory Adams '41

Dec. 9, 2012

### Barbara Hammond Kimball, Acad '41

Jan. 26, 2018

### Geneva Franklin Mohr '41

July 13, 2017

### M. Geneva Wesley St. Claire '42

Nov. 26, 2017

### Patricia Lee Mink Holland, Acad '42

Jan. 16, 2018

### Ann Beth Phillips '42

Jan. 1, 2017

### Gladys Robinett Workman '43

Dec. 21, 2017

### Anita Pearson Harris '43

Jan. 7, 2018

### Hugh John Caperton, Navy V-12 '44

Feb. 12, 2018

### Virgie L. Wright Bloomer '44

Jan. 6, 2018

### Dr. Estill N. Deitz '44

March 5, 2018

### Fred H. Myers, Navy V-12 '44

Dec. 17, 2017

### Marion S. Hines, Navy V-12 '44

Dec. 13, 2017

### Robert G. Dyck, FD '45

Jan. 16, 2017

### Thomas Lee Wuerdeman, Navy V-12 '45

Dec. 7, 2017

### Harding Coffey, Acad '41, BC '45

Nov. 27, 2016

### Yvonne Covilli Dellinger '45

March 18, 2018

### William W. Stephenson Jr., Navy V-12 '45

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### Van Shutt Duff '45

Feb. 14, 2018

### Samuel V. Bell '46

Feb. 24, 2018

### Emogene Maney Longmire '46

March 21, 2018

### Mary Jones Speaks '46

April 13, 2018

### Mabel Center Boehm, Acad '41, BC '46

Feb. 11, 2018

### Ruth VanCleve Anderson, KH '47

Nov. 20, 2017

### Vivian Clarkston Martin, Acad '47

May 9, 2006

### Esther Spence Sherman '47

March 19, 2018

### June Dawson '47

Feb. 16, 2018

### Betty Jo Sargent Bowman, FD '48

Aug. 12, 2003

### Charles E. Brown

Husband of **Helen Smith Brown, Acad '44, BC '48**  
Aug. 13, 2017

### Lois Rowe '48

Feb. 10, 2018

### Mr. Everett Grant

Husband of **Mary Ruth Grant '49**  
Sept. 27, 2016

### Dr. Dwight L. Blackburn '49

Jan. 12, 2018

### Verna Hall Bulman '49

March 14, 2018

## 1950s

### Helen Bias Bayuszik '50

Oct. 20, 2017

### Virginia Dale Kyer Hutsell '50

Jan. 21, 2018

### Leila M. Cain McReynolds, FD '46, BC '50

Feb. 19, 2018

### Patricia Bradley Colley, FD '50

March 8, 2018

### Leonore Noll Walters, KH '46, BC '50

Feb. 13, 2018

### Felix Engle

Husband of **Irene Engle, FD '51**  
Feb. 15, 2018

### Blanche M. Shamma

Wife of **Maurice Shamma '51**  
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### Maurice Shamma '51

Feb. 24, 2018

### Dr. Unabelle R. Boggs '52

Jan. 22, 2018



**Gloria G. Vanwinkle '52**

Feb. 13, 2018

**Levi Cox '52**

March 9, 2018

**Ralph A. Morris '52**

March 18, 2018

**Joanne Dingus Wheeler '52**

Dec. 27, 2014

**Mr. K. B. Wheeler**

Husband of **Joanne Wheeler '52**  
Sept. 10, 2012

**Harriet Cline Goble '52**

Jan. 24, 2018

**Robert Keen**

Husband of **Georgia Keen '53**  
June 18, 2008

**Mary Zuerner Leshner '53**

Nov. 22, 2017

**Dr. Max Wheeler**

Husband of **Helen Wheeler '53**  
Dec. 12, 2017

**Florence Pittman Smith '53**

March 7, 2018

**Lillie Parsons McCoy '53**

March 4, 2017

**James Bryant**

Husband of **D. Sue Bryant '53**  
Sept. 22, 2017

**Edna Cornelius Banks '54**

Nov. 24, 2017

**Lee W. Ricketts '54**

Dec. 9, 2017

**Jolene Hager Luth '54**

Jan. 17, 2018

**Paul F. Garrison '54**

Feb. 2, 2018

**Norma Calder '54**

Feb. 6, 2018

**Harvey Rae Lane '54**

April 10, 2018

**Rev. Edward L. Henderlite '54**

April 22, 2018

**Helen Parrish Southards '55**

Nov. 30, 2017

**Doris V. Ball**

Wife of **George L. Ball '55**  
Nov. 9, 2011

**Alice Sprinkle Baker, FD '52, BC '56**

Jan. 17, 2018

**Dr. Bobby Owen Moore '55**

Feb. 5, 2018

**Juanita Horton Franks '55**

Feb. 20, 2018

**Bronelle Skaggs '55**

March 17, 2018

**Carlton W. Hsu**

Husband of **Irene Hoong-Chiung Ch Hsu '56**

**Dr. William M. Leach '56**

Feb. 26, 2018

**Dr. Sam L. Grider '56**

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**Kathleen Mullins Rasnick '56**

Dec. 19, 2016

**Silas W. Gilliam '57**

March 5, 2018

**Winifred Hughes Booth '57**

March 27, 2018

**John E. Martin**

Husband of **Maxine Martin '58**  
Dec. 7, 2017

**Sally Blakey Capobianco '59**

Oct. 1, 2017

**Dr. Robert Hayes '59**

March 24, 2018

**Cohen L. Sharpe '59**

April 21, 2018

**Robert Edward Cabe '59**

Feb. 4, 2018

**Mary Francisco Kidd '59**

March 1, 2018

**1960s****Russell E. Coop '60**

Jan. 16, 2018

**Harriet Evans Keyes, Fd '61**

Jan. 27, 2018

**Charlotte Elizabeth Curtis '62**

Nov. 20, 2017

**Eric Dave Emory '62**

Jan. 31, 2018

**Gayle Ray Kelly '62**

March 12, 2018

**James W. Stultz**

Husband of **Carolyn Stultz '62**  
April 19, 2016

**Sue Martin**

Wife of **H. Bruce Martin '62**  
Dec. 1, 2015

**Norman Castle Sr.**

Husband of **Brenda Castle '63**  
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**William Keith Collins '63**

Nov. 12, 2017

**William H. Suters Jr.**

Husband of **Margaret Suters '63**  
Jan. 11, 2018

**Dr. A. Charles Sabo '64**

Jan. 24, 2018

**Ann Cooper Shaw '64**

Nov. 11, 2017

**Carolyn Blanton Abney FD '65**

March 26, 2018

**Bobby R. Singleton '66**

Oct. 25, 2017

**Okey Sillon Jackson '66**

Dec. 4, 2017

**Thomas Bowman**

Husband of **Lou Ella Bowman '67**  
June 22, 2016

**Jack H. Horn '67**

March 18, 2018

**Don R. King '68**

July 5, 2017



**James P. Hutchinson Jr. '69**  
March 8, 2018

**Susan Oliver '69**  
Aug. 21, 2017

**Jearold C. Taylor**  
Husband of **Diana L. Taylor '69**  
May 20, 2014

### 1970s

**Robert E. Neville '70**  
Dec. 26, 2017

**Harold L. Blayney '70**  
April 5, 2018

**Rebecca Montgomery Colliver '71**  
Nov. 27 2017

**Timothy R. Murphy '75**  
April 13, 2018  
**Carl David Marcum '78**  
April 8, 2018

**Theodore Robert Deppe '78**  
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### 1980s

**William D. Payne '80**  
Jan. 30, 2015

**Leslie O. Scoggin '82**  
Oct. 27, 2017

### 1990s

**Janet C. Kreider, Hon '91**  
April 15, 2018

**Tammy Coffey Buettner '91**  
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**Leigh A. Jones '93**  
April 25, 2018

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