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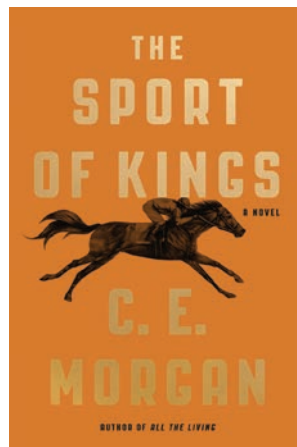
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Berea College alumna C. E. Morgan '02 was named a finalist for the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, one of the most prestigious literary prizes in the nation.

Morgan's novel, *The Sport of Kings*, has garnered nationwide attention and praise. Kathryn Schulz, in *The New Yorker*, said *The Sport of Kings* "is a novel about racing and race" and "the way that African-Americans have been forced off the track, literally and figuratively to the psychological, political, and material advantage of whites." A review in *The New York Times* described the novel as "ravishing and ambitious...a mud-flecked epic, replete with fertile symbolism, that hurtles through generations of Kentucky history."



"I'm deeply gratified," said Morgan. When asked about her next project, she replied, "I'm currently working on personal writing and raising my son."

The Sport of Kings also won the 2016 Windham-Campbell prize for fiction and the 2016 Kirkus Prize. It is shortlisted for the Bailey's Women's Fiction Prize, the Rathbones Folio Prize and the James Tait Black Prize.

C.E. Morgan



JOHN LEWIS

“You Must Act”

Civil rights icon and U.S. Representative John Lewis (D-GA 5th District) delivered the commencement address to the Berea College class of 2017. Drawing on his experience as a student civil rights leader during the 1960s, Congressman Lewis urged the new graduates to continue the fight for justice.

“You must act,” he said. “You must be insistent and persistent to win victories for true democracy in America.”

They could do this by voting, running for office, and petitioning the government. Congressman Lewis reminded the audience of the moral obligations given to them by Berea’s founders, who built a community in opposition to the oppression of an earlier age. As they move forward into the world, students would also have to reject the “official story” and search for truth. “Let the spirit of peace and the preservation of human dignity be your guide.”

At the ceremony, Lewis was moved by the musical presentation, which he said reminded him of the importance of songs to the Civil Rights movement. “The Civil Rights movement without singing would have been like a bird without wings,” he said.

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Congressman Lewis on Education, Marching, and the House We Share.



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Congressman Lewis on Education, Marching and the House We Share

While he was visiting campus, Lewis sat down with Tim Jordan, Berea College Media Relations Manager, for an interview. What follows is an excerpt of their conversation.

You pursued your college education at Fisk University. Coming from a rural background must have presented some distinct challenges for you. What and/or who inspired you to pursue higher education? I had an uncle who, when I got ready to go off to college, gave me a \$100 bill and a footlocker. I put everything that I owned in that footlocker and took a Greyhound bus to Nashville. I was studying at American Baptist Seminary. I studied religion, philosophy. And I dreamed. I worked in a kitchen for two years, washing pots and pans. Then, the second two years, I worked as a janitor in an administration building, but it taught me that if you want something, you have to be consistent and persistent. Dream dreams, and try to make your dreams become real.

While you were a student at Fisk, you organized sit-in demonstrations at the segregated lunch counters in Nashville. What would you say to today’s students about how they can address social injustices while continuing their educational pursuits? When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have a moral obligation to say something, to do something. When I was growing up, I would ask my mother, my father, my grandparents, why this, why that. They would say, “Boy, that’s the way it is. Don’t get in the way. Don’t get in trouble.” But I heard of Rosa Parks. I heard of Martin Luther King, Jr. And these individuals inspired me to get in the way. In Nashville, black and white students came together, and every Tuesday night, we would study the teachings of Gandhi. We studied the role of civil disobedience. We studied what Dr. King was all about in Montgomery. And before we would go on those sit-ins, we had what we called role playing or social drama, and by the time we started sitting in, we were ready. So, I would say to young people today, study the Civil Rights movement, study the way of peace. Study the philosophy and the discipline of nonviolence. They, too, can help bring about change, not just in America, but around the world.

Drawing from your deep experience, what wisdom can you impart to the graduating class today and to others? The world is waiting for you. You received a great education, you are prepared to go out there and lead. I believe that young people today will lead us to a better place, will help not just make America better, but will help make our world better. I would love to see more young people get out there and just push and pull to redeem the soul of America and create a beloved community.

What role has faith played in your work for civil rights, your work as a legislator, and your life in general? Faith has played a major role in my life. If it hadn’t been for my faith, I don’t know what would have happened to me. My faith has taught me patience, to be determined, to be bold, and just keep looking out for everybody. It’s my belief that we all are the children of the Almighty. There’s a spark of the divine in each and every one of us. And we don’t have a right to abuse it. We must respect the dignity and the worth of every human being.

Berea’s founder was violently beaten many times and even threatened with death on several occasions because of his beliefs in the equality of all peoples of the earth. And the College stands strong today as a result of his resolve. You, too, have been beaten for your beliefs, and perhaps most notably, on Bloody Sunday when you led the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. What thoughts ran through your mind then, and how has that experience influenced your life’s work in the

subsequent years? I can never ever forget March 7, 1965. We only wanted to walk from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in an orderly, peaceful, nonviolent fashion to dramatize the need for a voting rights act. Millions of people could not register simply because of the color of their skin. But we were attacked and left bloodied. I thought I saw death. I thought I was going to die on that bridge. I thought it was the last non-violent protest. I believe God Almighty kept me here for a purpose, to continue to bear witness to the truth.

You received the honorary doctorate degree from Berea College today. What is its significance to you personally? It is moving. Just being on the campus, I can feel this sort of sweet and warm spirit. The sense of community, this fellowship. I think that's what education is all about, to create community. To realize that we're one people, we're one family, we're one house. We all live in the same house, not just an American house, but the world house. And it doesn't matter whether you're black or white, Latino or Asian American or Native American, we're one people. And as Dr. King said, we must learn to live together, if not as brothers and sisters, we'll perish as fools.

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– John Lewis

Dean Chad Berry places a hood on Congressman John Lewis as President Lyle Roelofs presents him with an honorary doctorate degree.



A Better Kind of AUDIT

By Kim Kobersmith

On a sunny Tuesday morning in June, students Julia Bullock '19 and Tsering Dhonden '18 arrive at the South Fork Medical Clinic in Whitley City, Kentucky, excited and a little nervous. After several weeks of learning about energy issues, researching energy efficiency grants, and computer practice, today is their first day to perform an on-site energy audit as part of the team.

The two have much sought-after internships with the Berea Center for Energy, a College Office of Sustainability initiative that provides energy audits to small businesses in eastern Kentucky. The Center is a unique partnership between the College, a Certified Energy Manager, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Berea College received a REAP Energy Audit Grant in January 2016 that covers 75 percent of the cost of the audits for business owners, making the audits an affordable proposition for rural small businesses like South Fork.

When the energy audit team arrives at the clinic, owners Tank and Monica Lawson offer a warm and genuine welcome. Dr. Terry "Tank" Lawson grew up in Whitley City and was happily working at the University of Kentucky when he was recruited to return to his hometown to run the clinic. "It is hard to recruit doctors who are not from here," he says ruefully. McCreary County is rural, and according to the U.S. Census Bureau, it is home to less than 20,000 people; the median household income is a little above \$19,000; and over 40 percent of the population lives under the poverty line.

Owning a small business in a place with the economic realities of this area of eastern Kentucky is a challenge. Many of these small businesses provide important and scarce services in their rural locations as well as jobs that keep money in the local economy. The economic savings these small businesses realize through the Center's audit can keep them as a flourishing and stable part of their communities.

South Fork provides vital services in McCreary County. When driving up to the low-slung building, one notices a blocked off parking space and a door marked "Ambulance Entrance Only." The nearest hospital is 29 miles away in Somerset, and local urgent care is available only in this clinic. In addition, South Fork employs 22 local people.



Monica and Dr. Tank Lawson stand outside the South Fork Medical Clinic in Whitley City, Kentucky.

Chris Radcliffe



Kim Kobersmith

Student interns Julia Bullock and Tsering Dhonden work in the Office of Sustainability on the report from the South Fork Medical Clinic audit.

The Rural Energy for America Program

- Energy efficiency grants awarded since 2007: 324
- Total investment (nationally): \$8.9 million
- Amount awarded to Berea College for energy audits: \$40,000
- Combined annual savings from Berea Center for Energy audits: \$89,000

The Lawsons hope for significant operational savings through their energy audit and recommended improvements. Their 1970s-era structure shows hints of its former life—the worn wood floors once saw birthday parties and family outings as the community skating rink. Their 40-year-old facility has never been evaluated for energy efficiency. “Money is always tight, and the savings will free us up to purchase updated medical equipment and keep up with necessary supplies,” Dr. Lawson said.

The Auditors

Certified Energy Manager Jason Delambre leads the audit process for the center. He has extensive experience working with other REAP grantee audits and with Berea College on campus sustainability-related energy projects. He also has a proven track record of assisting small business owners to secure funding for the efficiency improvements.

When asked about his experience with Berea College, Delambre said, “The staff is high caliber and passionate, and students pick up on that. The interns this summer are up for anything I throw at them. They are so enthusiastic that I am having to keep up with them.”

Both interns are motivated by their passion for environmental sustainability. “The government is in the process of tearing down environmental protections,” said Bullock. “The resulting damage is something money can’t fix. I am excited to learn an actual skill I can use right now to help the environment—something besides protesting!”

Dhonden’s passion for energy issues was sparked during his freshman labor position in the Office of Sustainability. He remembers determining the potential savings if the College provided refrigerators in dorm rooms on campus. By providing the fridges, the school could choose ENERGY STAR® models and ensure only one fridge per room (roommates often each bring one to school). The results left an impression—a savings of about \$40,000 long term. The hands-on audit experience will provide an important perspective for his future career in the energy sector.

The Audit and Follow-up

Before the Center staff begins the audit, while Delambre discusses the process with the Lawsons, his eyes drift upward. He is evaluating one of his “slam dunk” efficiency projects: lighting. Lights are on almost all of the time, and few businesses have the most efficient option. Delambre states that switching to LEDs often has a payback of only a few months, depending on the current lighting source.

Delambre, Dhonden, and Bullock also evaluated the heating and cooling system and insulation, performed a solar analysis, and examined the current X-ray machine to determine energy usage.

Completing the on-site audit evaluation is only the beginning of the Center’s work. The staff utilizes a very practical approach in developing the audit reports. Many of the potential efficiency projects in a facility do not have the rapid return on investment to make them worthwhile. The goal is to find savings these businesses can use to improve their viability, so the Center focuses on projects that will see a payback in one to five years. Strategically, the reports also focus on “moments of transition.” For example, equipment that needs to be replaced anyway is a good place to look for energy savings. Delambre emphasizes with



Energy manager Jason Delambre explains lighting issues to interns Julia Bullock and Tsering Dhonden during the South Fork audit.

Kim Kobersmith



Annette Dangerfield '16 is serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with the Center for Energy. While a student, she had a breadth of experience in sustainability issues, working with Kentucky Environmental Foundation, Sustainable Berea, the College Office of Sustainability, and the Sustainability and

Environmental Studies house in the Berea College Ecovillage. Her main task is building capacity for the Center, creating the program structure for the interns, and getting the word out to potential small business clients.

clients that investments in efficiency are the most secure because the savings drop to the company's bottom line.

In addition, the Center assists with the crucial step of funding the efficiency projects, bringing possible financiers to the table from the beginning. Bullock and Dhonden investigated the possibility of energy-efficient incentives for South Fork through their electricity provider. The Center will work with the Lawsons to apply for a Renewable Energy Assistance Grant through REAP that helps businesses fund efficiency projects. Several community development nonprofits that work in eastern Kentucky offer small business loans with good terms and business support; the Lawsons already have a relationship with the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation. The REAP program can also guarantee a loan with a traditional bank.

Moving the Center Forward

For this first two-year grant cycle, 2016 and 2017, the Center had no problem completing its requisite four on-site audits and 10 desktop audits. In the simpler desktop audits, the business owners transmit the requested information to the audit team in the office rather than the auditors gathering it on-site.

The next grant cycle begins in January 2018. Now that word about the Center is spreading among small business owners, the goal for the next two years will be 24 audits, impacting almost twice as many business owners and communities in eastern Kentucky.

Berea College Sports Teams to Compete in NCAA Division III

By Kim Brown

Beginning with the 2017-18 season, 16 sports teams will leave the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to join the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and compete within Division III as part of the USA South Athletic Conference. The Mountaineers had competed in the NAIA since 1926.

"In many ways, this is a new era for Berea College athletics," Athletics Director Mark Cartmill said in 2014 when Berea was invited to join the NCAA. "But it's also a return to what we believe is most important in intercollegiate athletics... campus pride, a tradition of success and a commitment to academics, first and foremost. Berea has a long and storied history in athletics and we look forward to forging new friendships and renewing some old ones with NCAA Division III schools."

Berea fields eight men's teams (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, soccer and tennis) and eight women's teams (basketball, cross country, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball). Its 16 athletic teams join more than 170,000 athletes at 444 institutions who compete in Division III – the largest of the NCAA's three divisions. Berea will compete in Division III against four former Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schools: Centre College, Spalding University, Thomas More College and Transylvania University.

With its new NCAA membership, Berea College hopes to add to its 36 All-Americans and 69 Academic All-Americans. The school also has the distinction of hosting the state's first racially integrated college basketball

game. Irvin Shanks suited up for the Mountaineers on February 6, 1954.

To learn more about Berea College's athletic programming, visit bereaathletics.com



Hilda K. Roderick: “TEAMVORK IS VONDERFUL”

By Jason Lee Miller

In many ways, the family story of Hilda K. Roderick '48 mirrors the story we all know as the American Dream. The first American-born child of German/Swedish immigrants, Hilda and the rest of the Karlssons settled into a life of farming in Maryland without much beyond land to call their own. All six children learned the value of hard work and, just as important, the benefits of teamwork.

“Life was hard,” said Hilda, and success in their new life together depended on participation of the whole family. “My father used to say, ‘Teamvork is vonderful.’”

But work wasn't the only important key to the family's success. While other farm children in the area often missed school to help at home, Hilda's family put education first, as the children were encouraged to pursue their dreams of education. Hilda dreamed of studying science, yet the expense of college clouded her bright future.

“Then I found Berea,” she said. “I was so pleased.”

Hilda rode the train to Berea carrying only a footlocker containing a tennis racket and some “chicken feed sack dresses” she had made herself. She was ready to study chemistry and get down to work. In addition to the tuition scholarship, the Labor Program would help her pay for living expenses, alongside all the other student “teammates” at the college.

“Berea was just ideal,” she said. “The work program fit into my own way of living.” During her time at Berea, she held a number of labor positions. Hilda worked as a dishwasher, a Boone Tavern waitress, a tour guide (where she once guided Robert Frost around campus), a lab assistant, and a nurse's aide.

Beyond professional work experience and a way to provide for herself while away from home, the value of teamwork was again reinforced in young Hilda's mind, as was a growing appreciation of Berea's mission to honor and support the dignity of “all peoples of the earth.”

“When you work with someone, you get to appreciate them, and I think Berea fosters that through its small community, and through intimate relationships between students and mentors,” she said.

She felt this in the classroom, particularly in chemistry with Professor Julian Capps, who was known for paying personal attention to his students. “He gave us such a wonderful feeling,” said Hilda. “He wasn't just a professor ‘way up there.’ He was right there with us in the laboratory.”

These experiences made a lifelong impression, and Hilda never left the Berea “team.” Each year in Maine, where she now lives, Hilda organizes “Berea Day” for alumni living in the state. She hosts a potluck picnic, where she provides the spoonbread and leads them in “Berea Beloved.” This began after her 35th summer reunion, and by her 60th, then Berea College President Larry Shinn presented her with the Alumni Loyalty Award.

Recently, Hilda and her family honored Berea by setting up the Hilda Karlsson Roderick Lecture series, an endowed fund that brings in distinguished scientists each year to speak and demonstrate for science students. This past spring, the first lecturer was Professor Robert Crabtree of Yale University, speaking on his research in alternative energy.

What motivates Hilda to continue her support of Berea College this way? “Love for people,” she said. “Love for life. Love for a certain harmony. Love for work. Love for the sunshine when it comes. Love for a spirit that is bigger than we are that binds us together. Berea has had a great and wonderful and lasting impact on my life.”

To set up your own endowed fund, contact the office of Development at 1-800-457-9846. Or simply make a gift by visiting www.berea.edu/give.



Hilda Roderick '48 presents a Berea College Student Crafts bowl to Yale's Dr. Robert Crabtree.

Anna Skaggs '17

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A Bridge to the World

By Riley Lanham '18

The real world can be a scary place, especially for newly-graduated college students looking to enter the professional workforce or graduate school. Fortunately for them, some of Berea's most recent alumni have the opportunity to gain confidence and experience through the BereaCorps program.

Since the program began in June 2015, BereaCorps has employed 16 recent graduates in positions located in eight different College departments ranging from the Office of Admissions to Alumni and College Relations. The program

is part of Berea College's ongoing "Bridge" initiatives, specifically the "bridge-out" initiative. Bridge-out refers to a set of support mechanisms to assist students and graduates in their transition from Berea to a career or the next step of their educational endeavors, including support for funded internships for current students, assistance for purchasing professional clothing or paying fees for graduate school admissions testing, and other helpful programs.

During an employee's time in the program, which can be an appointment of up to two years, BereaCorps offers



Jonathan Kemp '19

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Molly Smith '15, Katie Grindstaff '15, Lizbeth Wilson '16, Richard Childers '16, Jasmine Towne, '16 BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Kerstin Wright '16 and Erica Woods '15

first-hand experience in the field, networking opportunities, an on-site workshop training series, and professional conference opportunities. Teri Thompson, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, who coordinates the program, says its benefits go both ways. “We are trying to give our recent graduates real-world work experience,” explained Thompson. “And, at the same time, the college is benefiting from having energetic, well-educated young persons working for the college and helping us achieve our mission.”



Kerstin Wright '16 discovered a new passion and a new direction through her BereaCorps position in the Admissions office.

Sarah-Anne Soares '18

Kerstin Wright '16 was one of eight alumni hired through the program in the spring of 2016. The German Studies major had plans to take a gap year to gain work experience before attending law school. BereaCorps took her on as an admissions representative, a position that sends Wright into the admissions region to speak with prospective students and student influencers about the opportunities Berea provides. Wright shares her personal experience that led her to attend Berea College to encourage students to pursue higher education.

Though she had planned to be a public defender one day, her BereaCorps experience has already shifted the area of law Wright plans to study. “I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do after I graduated,” recalled Wright. “But then I got in this position and realized I’m extremely passionate about education inequity and socioeconomic inequity.” She now has plans to attend law school and focus on work within the nonprofit sector.



Jasmine Towne '16 interviews a student as part of her role as student story associate.

Sarah-Anne Soares '18

In addition to the professional development opportunities afforded them through BereaCorps, these alumni have the chance to apply what they studied to their new positions. Communications major Jasmine Towne '16 is a good example. Hired as a student story associate in the Marketing and Communications department, Towne can also gain experience in her chosen field.

“Berea College teaches us not to merely work hard, but to work smart. This has made it possible for me to successfully conquer and learn from each challenge that comes my way in this job.”

After her time with the program, she aspires to find a career that allows her to travel. “By the end of this program, I will be fully prepared to know how to present myself as a professional, network with others in my field, interact within a higher education setting, and take on whatever new challenges life has to present,” she said.

One employee in the 2017 BereaCorps cohort, Zackary Johnson, manages class reunion giving campaigns in the Office of Alumni and College Relations which oversees the Berea Fund—the annual giving program for the college. The job, he says, piqued his interest because of the responsibilities related to volunteer and campaign management, but it also provides the opportunity to learn software programs like WordPress and Microsoft Office.

“I like how every day can be so different,” Johnson said. “One day I could be working on programmatic projects such as event planning, or the next I could be designing a webpage and working one-on-one with a reunion chair volunteer. It will help me become more marketable to different companies.”

Marketability is certainly a desirable trait for a recent graduate to have when navigating the job market. BereaCorps gives participants a leg up on the competition and serves as a solid “bridge” to a successful career.



Zackary Johnson '17 hopes his BereaCorps experience will help him become more marketable to future employers.

Sarah-Anne Soares '18

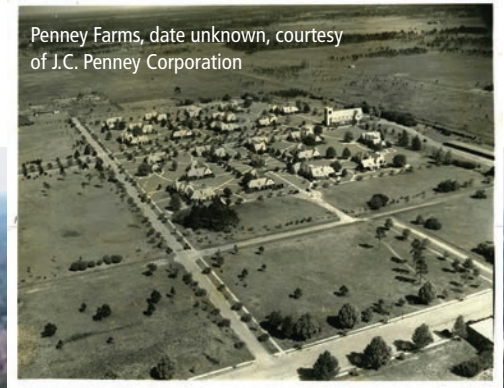
J.C. Penney Had a Farm

By Jason Lee Miller and Benjamin Willhite '18

An aerial view of Penney Farms today



Penney Farms, date unknown, courtesy of J.C. Penney Corporation



Just south of Jacksonville, Florida, on a 1.5-square-mile patch of land, rests the town of Penney Farms. Population: 750. Median age: 76.

That is where you'll find Richard Parker '50 spending his retirement years, one of many retirees living at the Penney Retirement Community (PRC). "More than half the town is the retirement community," he said.

The place offers similar benefits to many other retirement centers, with some significant value-added propositions. It's an inclusive, not-for-profit, Christian retirement community that values self-sufficiency, the dignity of work, and ecological sustainability. PRC is the largest continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in northeast Florida. (A CCRC is an organization that provides housing, personal services and healthcare in one location.)

There's an arts-and-crafts department specializing in weaving, pottery, woodworking, and many other creative endeavors. Money earned through the sale of goods goes into a fund to help finance activities to enrich residential lifestyles.

The pitch on their website: "We take care of each other—and the earth."

For Parker, this all sounded pretty familiar. "Berea College and PRC are very similar in beliefs, values, and structure," the retired scientist said. PRC is entirely resident managed, and all commit to a variety of volunteer work to reduce operational costs. They do taxes, repair computers, and many necessary services that are within their expertise.

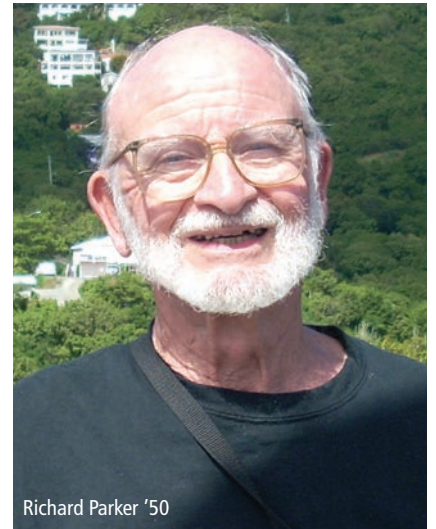
"There's a lot of activity here, and much of it is the volunteers working at the nursing home and other assisted-living facilities," said Parker. "They supplement the staff and actually reduce the number of employees who have to be hired."

Parker puts in 10 to 15 hours per week working on the railroad—the extensive scale model of the railroad kept on display at the community. "A long time ago," he said, "there was a narrow gauge railroad that came by Penney Farms and provided transportation for products and people."



Parker works 10-15 hours per week on a railroad model at Penney Retirement Community.

"Berea College and PRC are very similar in beliefs, values and structure."
— Richard Parker



Richard Parker '50

How ya gonna keep 'em away
from Broadway?
Jazzin' around, and painting the
town?

How ya gonna keep 'em away
from harm?
That's the mystery

Imagine Reuben when he meets
his pa,
He'll pinch his cheek and holler
"Ooh la la!"
How you gonna keep 'em down
on the farm
After they've seen Paris, Paris?

— From *"How Ya Gonna Keep
'Em Down on the Farm"* (1919)

The story of Penney Farms and the Berea-esque retirement community at its center began nearly a century ago with James Cash Penney, founder of the J.C. Penney Company, and the Bereans he recruited to build an experimental farming village.

Keeping 'em Down on the Farm

In the 1920s, the future of farms was a point of major discussion in America. Previously, during World War I, agriculture had been a booming industry. But when the war ended in 1918, demand plummeted, and an agricultural depression set in. More than half a million farmers went bankrupt. Many young veterans moved to the cities, and for the first time in American history, more than 50 percent of the population identified as urban.

All of this may have concerned J.C. Penney as he sought a way to encourage the business of farming. He certainly had a soft spot for farmers, having grown up on a farm and owing much of his success to the farming communities that supported his chain of stores. The business model by which he ran his retail outlets might work in farming as well, he thought. Like J.C. Penney store managers, farmers could be set up with what they needed to conduct the business of farming—land, equipment, a house—and gain ownership of them gradually through accumulated earnings.

Penney bought 120,000 acres of Florida land and, in 1922, established Penney Farms with the intention of creating a self-sustainable farm community that harnessed technological advances and efficiencies. He sought out skilled and "respectable" farmers or newcomers looking to begin a career. Each was given a 20-acre plot.

"Mr. Penney trusted people to run their own business and establish independence," said Parker. "He essentially gave them the keys and walked away from it. The residents were supposed to be industrialists, farming and selling their goods."

Naturally, there were stipulations. The recruits should be married men of good moral character with families and experience. They should not be drinkers or tobacco users and, ideally, should be church-goers, Penney stipulated.

The entrepreneurial farmers and interested youngsters would be taught modern scientific farming practices at the J.C. Penney-Gwinn Institute of Applied Agriculture, open to men and women with at least two years of high school. If the modest \$50 tuition was out of reach for students, they would be given work to pay for it.

The son of a preacher, Penney was also concerned about ministers who could no longer work and often struggled in retirement lacking income or pension. To his farming experiment he added PRC's predecessor, the Memorial Home Community, which offered free rent to retired pastors, missionaries and other Christian workers, and a garden where they could grow food for themselves.

He had a sustainable farming community, an agricultural school with a work program, and a home for retired ministers. What remained were people to help him build it.



RIGHT: Berea College administrator D. Walter Morton (fourth from left) aided retailer magnate J.C. Penney (sixth from right) in building and managing Penney Farms.

If Bereans Build It, They Will Come

Carpentry instructor Bascom Franklin '19 recruited 113 students to spend their summer building Penney Farms at the request of a representative of J.C. Penney. Franklin, who managed the broom factory and the building of dormitories at Berea, also instructed students in the building of Penney Memorial Church, which Parker says is similar to Union Church in Berea. Though the students returned to Berea, Franklin would stay another 30 years, helping to maintain the buildings and grounds.



Francis Orville Clark '08 (date unknown).

Francis Clark, a 1908 Berea graduate, renowned agriculturalist, dean of the agricultural school and superintendent of the Berea College forest, was hired in 1925 to oversee all farming duties, bringing with him the latest advances in farming techniques. As farm manager, he led the process of admitting “industrious, thrifty, sober, God-fearing” farmers. Later, Clark became the superintendent of the Memorial Home Community.

Another Berean instrumental in the development of the Penney Farms community was D. Walter Morton. A former college administrator, Morton became the resident agent for the Penney-Gwinn Corporation. He supervised arrivals at the farms and helped start the local church. In addition to teaching Sunday school, Morton served as the first director of the retirement community.



Among the 113 students recruited for the project was Earl G. Robbins '32, future Berea trustee and establisher of the Earl and Sue Robbins Peace and Brotherhood Lecture Series at the College. In a letter to the daughters of J.C. Penney, Robbins outlined the impact of the Penney Farms experience. “It raised our feeling of self-worth,” he said, “and the desire to do good things in the world for others as your father had done for us.”

Paid \$3 a day (“a considerable amount” at the time), the students repaired the railroad, built the church and retirement community, cleared and cultivated land, and assisted with the dairy herd. Robbins was recruited to do farm work.

In that same letter, Robbins offered thanks to both Penney and Berea College. “I lay much of the success that I have had in life to the goodness of your father, Mr. J.C. Penney, and to Berea College, which allowed me to enter school there with \$2.36 of borrowed money.”

For this article, we looked for but were unable to find how J.C. Penney became acquainted with Berea College. The closest to a direct correspondence was a 1926 letter

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– Earl G. Robbins '32



The entrance to Penney Retirement Community.

from the J.C. Penney Foundation that accompanied a \$1,000 check in support of the College's mission.

"You know what satisfaction we have in making this contribution," it reads.

An American Dream, Modified

Unfortunately, the experimental farming village would not become quite as grand as Penney imagined. During the years of the Great Depression, Penney nearly lost his fortune and had to sell off most of the land to keep his retail business going.

But some of Penney's little rural utopia lived on. The church remained, as did the Memorial Home Community, open to both ministers and lay persons. The price of admission depended on the size of the home they purchased. Parker moved there in 2001, after his wife, Jane, began to decline in health. She passed in 2009.

"Residing at the Penney Retirement Community lessened the pain of losing my wife," said Parker. "Everyone provided loving support."

The community aspect of the retirement center is what brings back thoughts of Berea for him. "I would like to see more Berea alumni here. It fits in with our life background going through Berea."

Parker hopes to remain independent as long as possible, but if and when the day comes that he cannot, he is confident the little Berea-like retirement community will care for him. Until then, inspired by Berea students from 80-some years ago, he'll keep working on the railroad.



RIGHT: The inside of Penney Memorial Church, built by carpenter Bascom Franklin '19 and the Berea College students he recruited.

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO

Berea may be “where the mountains meet the Bluegrass,” but Bereans aren’t anchored to their desks on campus. Thanks to a number of incredible learning opportunities this year, students, faculty, and staff stamped their passports on four continents.

Manufacturing New Ideas: Dr. Mark Mahoney on Teaching and Learning in China

By Benjamin Willhite '18

Dr. Mark Mahoney, chair and associate professor of the Technology and Applied Design (TAD) department, has been awarded the Core Fulbright Program Scholarship. The Fulbright is enabling him to conduct research for the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association and to teach two classes at Nanjing Normal University in China.

Mahoney expects that visiting manufacturers will aid him in constructing innovative and effective teaching meth-

ods involving alternative energies and manufacturing. China is moving away from traditional manufacturing practices and making significant changes in its energy economy, lessening its reliance on fossil fuels, and advancing quickly into areas of clean energy and automation. Mahoney is eager to experience first-hand the new methods of design and manufacturing China is embracing. “They have a huge manufacturing industry,” he said, “and from observation, I can produce real-life examples for my students.”

The TAD department at Berea prepares students for careers in a variety of occupations, especially quality control and engineering for production management. Mahoney’s courses cover materials, processes, electrical systems, mechanical systems, alternative energies, and hydraulics.

“Dr. Mahoney has been very thoughtful about technology and education in a global world and decided to enhance his perspective through a Fulbright in China,” said Dr. Chad Berry, academic vice president and dean of the faculty at Berea. “A Fulbright is an excellent use of a sabbatical.”

During his time in China, there will be several obstacles to overcome. “Teaching and researching present their own difficulties,” admits Mahoney. “The language, culture, and expectations are additional hurdles to overcome in China.” Despite these challenges, he is enthusiastic about gaining experience and contributing from his background.

China is also reinventing its educational system to utilize technology, which represents another learning opportunity for Dr. Mahoney. “I am eager to teach in China because they are aggressively developing technology education,” he said.



Benjamin Willhite '18

LEFT: Dr. Mark Mahoney stands by a vertical milling machine used in the Technology and Applied Design program.

Overseas and in Our Own Backyard, Kitty Picken Believes in FINDING THE HUMAN CONNECTION

By J. Morgan '91

Whether journeying across the world or exploring the past, Berea College supporter and friend Kathleen “Kitty” Picken is always on the lookout for ways to find and foster human connections. Travel, she believes, is essential to the kind of personal growth that allows these connections to take place, and the Chicago philanthropist wants to bring Berea students along for the ride. With Picken’s support, Berea students are finding learning opportunities in new and unexpected places, from concert halls in Portugal to the College’s own 9,000 acre forest.

Traveling Around the World



Kitty Picken

“More Americans should do road trips,” Picken said, to help them understand the ideas and values that shape social and political stances. It’s important to focus on the journey, not on arriving at the destination quickly. “If you fly from Chicago to Atlanta, you don’t discover the mountains, you don’t understand the steep ravines of Kentucky

with houses and trailers that cling to the edge...and if you don’t experience those things, you won’t connect with the experience of those people.”

Picken’s own relationship with Berea began with a road trip through campus in the early 1960s. She and her family traveled to Kentucky to pursue her love of horses. However, when they visited Boone Tavern, Berea captured their hearts. It was years before Picken realized her family was supporting Berea College. Their quiet philanthropy inspired her to commit to Berea, too.

For several years, Picken has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Berea College Concert Choir, sponsoring tours through the United States and Europe. During the summer of 2014, Picken joined 67 Bereans on a 15-day journey through Spain and Portugal, immersing themselves in the



President Lyle Roelofs and First Lady Laurie stand with the Concert Choir in front of the Bahá’í House of Worship in Wilmette, Illinois.

history of the region, building relationships, and performing for communities large and small. Dr. Stephen Bolster, Berea professor and conductor of the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, believes opportunities like this provide invaluable experiences for students.

“When the choirs travel internationally, we try to perform music from the region and culture that we are visiting,” said Bolster. “To have the thrill of performing music in the same spaces in which it was conceived and created to be performed is an incredible experience.”

In Spain, they performed “Nigra sum” and “O vos omnes” by Pablo Casals and “Ave Maria” by Javier Busto. The pieces were performed in the very cathedrals for which the composers had written them.

In addition, Picken says traveling to foreign countries helps students learn to negotiate the world in new ways by presenting opportunities to think beyond language. She hopes students will build confidence by traveling, which will inspire them to travel independently or seek out other new experiences later in life.

“Traveling through Spain and Portugal was an exciting experience that I will never forget,” said Markcus Kitchens ’14, now in medical school. “I thank Ms. Kitty for making it possible for this southern gentleman to travel and gain lifelong memories. Her love for music drew us all closer to her.”

When possible, Picken enjoys sharing her expertise as a historian and traveling with the students. “Bereans have a spark of life and curiosity. It makes them gracious, thoughtful, and good company,” she said. Dr. Bolster reciprocates that pleasure. “It’s a natural, easy, friendly relationship,” he said. “She’s a creative spirit and easygoing person, and a supportive traveling companion. She enhances everything.”

Picken has also sponsored trips to Chicago and Ireland.



A group of Bereans visited Portacloy, County Mayo, Ireland, on a trip funded by Picken. **CLOCKWISE, FROM BACK LEFT:** Emanuel Acheampong, Alicia Crocker, Bram Coffey, Doug Meadows, Jackson Napier, Lucy Begley, Kody Blankenship, Kitty Picken, Uinsionn McGrath, Brandon Richardson and Broughton Anderson.



Kitty Picken (left) poses with Anna Blanken '15, Hannah East '17, and Kendal Keaton '18 at the “Bean” sculpture in Chicago.

Traveling through the Past

Recently, Picken discovered another way to enhance the learning experience of Berea’s students closer to home. She made a gift to create a Geology and Archaeology Lab in the new Margaret A. Cargill Natural Sciences and Health Building currently under construction on campus. “Archaeology used to be a treasure hunt, but now it is a way of understanding other people,” said Picken.

While the lab will help support a variety of classes and programs, Picken is particularly interested in how it will enhance the work of the college’s archaeologist, Dr. C. Broughton Anderson, whose investigations are creating a new understanding of Berea College and its role in the region.

“Broughton is learning about the formerly enslaved Africans who held land in the mountains on Berea’s property,” said Picken. “She is learning about the prehistoric settlements that are also in those hills—all of which contributes to the pride in and knowledge of the area.”

As Dr. Anderson is quick to point out, such knowledge provides more than a gateway to the past. “Through exploring material culture—the stuff humans have created—we can better understand how people lived and adapted to their surroundings, and through that, we can better understand ourselves. Archaeology doesn’t just study the past. We spend a great deal of time considering the present as well as the future,” she said.

Picken’s support of programs across the Berea campus expresses her belief in the value of a liberal arts education. “Going to college doesn’t mean you are going to do one thing for the rest of your life,” said Picken. “It means that you have learned to think and research and judge and balance, and that you will use those lessons to better understand ‘all peoples of the earth.’”

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Berea Goes to Denmark

Berea College President Lyle Roelofs and dozens of other Bereans celebrated Independence Day in an unlikely place: the rural town of Rebild (pronounced ruh-billed) in Denmark. The town has been celebrating America's independence since 1912, and the four-day festival, called Rebildfesten, blends Danish and American traditions—with schnapps and hot dogs, burgers, and pickled herring.

Rebild celebrates American independence because of the large number of Danes who traveled to and settled in America in the 19th century. Many of those Danish immigrants returned home later in life, bringing back some American traditions.



President Lyle Roelofs takes a selfie as Jennifer Rose Escobar (left) and Emma White perform an English clog with the Berea Festival Dancers at Landsstævne, in Denmark.

Berea College has had a special relationship with Danish folk educators since the 1920s, when the college set up a folk school as a way to educate Appalachians without the expectation of them leaving their home communities. It also helped preserve mountain culture.

President Roelofs was joined by many of the Berea College Country Dancers for the festivities, including Berea College students Bryce Carlberg '18, Yulesia Guzman '19, Jackson Napier '17, and Shelby Plas '19, as well as Berea's Folk Circle Association, the Lexington Vintage Dancers, the Berea Bluegrass Ensemble, and the Berea Festival Dancers. Jennifer Rose Escobar '92, who also directs the Mountain Folk Festival, sang both the Danish and American national anthems during the festivities, the former in Danish! Along with other dignitaries, President Roelofs addressed the gathering using the title "Danish-American friendship as a model for international relations" for his remarks.



President Roelofs addresses the crowd at Rebildfesten.

Country Dancers Tour China

Denmark in July, China in May—the Country Dancers have been quite the globetrotters this year. A team of 14 dancers and musicians from Berea visited Yunnan Province for two weeks, sharing Appalachian music and dance through a grant from the U.S. State Department.

While there, Svetlana Dunlap '19 enjoyed sharing the weaving skills she developed through her labor position in the Student Crafts program with a lifelong weaving professional.

"It was amazing to meet a weaver in China and get to work on her loom," said Dunlap, who majors in child development and Spanish. She also enjoyed dancing with children at a kindergarten, shopping in open markets, and staying in a little village at the foothills of the Himalayas.



Svetlana Dunlap '19 shows off her weaving skills to a master weaver in China.

Far Afield: Summer Sessions Go Intercontinental

Through Berea's Francis and Louise Hutchins Center for International Education, students have many opportunities to visit and learn about other cultures in depth and in person. One of the study abroad opportunities is through the Berea International Summer Term (BIST), in which students can opt for an international experience during a four-week summer session. Two examples of BIST offerings this summer were in Italy and Ghana.

Kevin Gardner, associate professor of art, and Dr. Ashley Elston, assistant professor of art history, led students through an art history and studio art course in Italy in May and June. Students experienced Rome, Florence, Siena, and San Gimignano, and studied the cities and their histories through drawing, historical artifacts, places, and texts.

"We emphasized drawing as an important observational experience," said Gardner, "one that helped students of all

drawing levels develop a stronger understanding of people and place through careful looking and recording.”

Elston said one of the primary goals of the experience is to encourage students to become curious about the world around them. It also deepens the students’ understanding of course content while instilling confidence in their ability to thrive in unfamiliar situations.

“I was impressed by how our Berea students actively engaged with and embraced Italian culture, even when confronted with practices and attitudes that challenged what they were used to,” she said.



Kevin Gardner leading a critique of Brynn Boggs drawing with class, Piazza della Santissima Annunziata, Florence. Clockwise from Kevin: Brynn Boggs '18, Alexis Wells '18, Jessica Bartoe '18, Emily Masters '19, Ian Dorman '19, Allison McCarty '18, Sanjeev Lamichhane '19, Courtney Walker '13, Erin Powers '18, Megan Caldwell '20, Lizzie Almanza Cruz '18, Rebekah Ponder '18, and Daisy Sullivan '19.

During the course, students enjoyed instruction at places such as Rome’s Ponte Sisto, overlooking the Tiber River toward the Vatican, and Florence’s sculpture-filled Bargello Museum.

“It’s one thing to study the Pantheon through a book or slideshow, but entirely another to be there in person and take it all in for oneself,” said Gardner.

The trip seems to have been tangibly emotional for the students. “I am not exaggerating when I say that during BIST Italy we saw some students in rapturous tears because they were looking at great works of art and architecture in person,” Gardner said.



BIST Italy participants, **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** Megan Caldwell '20, Erin Powers '18, Alison McCarty '18, Lizzie Almanza Cruz '18, Allie Marascia '19, and Dr. Ashley Elston **MIDDLE:** Brynn Boggs '19, Daisy Sullivan '19, Sanjeev Lamichhane '19, Erin Craig '18, Robert Allen '18, Emily Masters '19, Courtney Walker '13, and Dr. Kevin Gardner. **BACK ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT):** Rebekah Ponder '18, Zackary Boothe '19, Alexis Wells '18, Jessica Bartoe '18, Ian Dorman '19, and Lily Tillman '18.

Berea College Student Wins Freeman-ASIA Scholarship for Study Abroad



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

Berea student Brandon Pollock '19 was awarded the prestigious Freeman Award for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) scholarship for education abroad. Brandon is spending the fall 2017 semester in Shanghai, China.

The program’s goal is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures. Award recipients are required to share their experiences with their home campuses or communities to encourage study abroad by others and fulfill the program’s goal of increasing an understanding of Asia in the United States. Pollock is studying at Fudan University and staying with a host family.

“I have three objectives,” he said, “to further my Chinese language abilities, take business classes, and make connections.”

Pollock estimated a semester immersed in Chinese language culture is like studying Chinese for more than a year at home. In his business classes, he hopes to learn about supply chain management and marketing.

“It gives me an international perspective and helps me compete with my peers,” he said.

BIST Ghana

Dr. Monica Kennison, chair of the Nursing department, and Dr. Connie Lamb, associate professor of nursing, traveled to Ghana with 15 Berea students to complete the inaugural Health Promotion course. They worked alongside Ghanaian nurses and other healthcare professionals at the Agogo Presbyterian Hospital, the Bompata Health Center, and in surrounding villages, where students were immersed in both traditional and modern Ghanaian healthcare practices.

Providing health education to school-age Ghanaians on topics such as sexually transmitted infections and self-care—topics chosen by Ghanaian community health nurses—the students learned the local customs and translated them into culturally appropriate community health education.

“Traveling abroad with a specific set of expected learning outcomes has expanded my teaching philosophy and allowed me to develop innovative hands-on teaching practices that I had not experienced before,” said Dr. Lamb. “These students now have a broader world view of both similarities and differences in the Ghanaian culture and their own.”

One student, in particular, seems to have been deeply moved by the experience. “I went to Ghana with a goal of helping people in any way I could—whether it was by showing them God’s love or even nursing them back to life,” said nursing major Brooklin Wiggins ’18. “But God didn’t take me halfway across the world to help them, he took me so they could help me.”



ABOVE: Brooklin Wiggins '18 connects with a child in Ghana.



BIST Ghana students pose at the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park Museum in Accra. **FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT:** Kaitlyn Whiteman '18, Dr. Connie Lamb '96, Dr. Monica Kennison, Olivia Davidson '18, Taylor Moyers '18 **MIDDLE ROW, FROM LEFT:** Marissa Morales '19, Brooklin Wiggins '18, Jharna Katwal '20, Depika Subedi '20, Joanita Maison '20, Laura Lindsay '18, Alex (driver), Elizabeth Heller '18 **BACK ROW, FROM LEFT:** Jose Gonzalez '20, Alondra Martinez '19, Dakota Canter '20, Brittany Ortiz-Perez '20, and Jonathan Collins '20.



ABOVE: Berea Nursing student Marissa Morales '19 administers an injection at the clinic in Ghana.

Five Berea College Students Receive Gilman Scholarships

The Institute of International Education awarded the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to five Berea College students. The scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, sends students of limited financial means to other countries to understand international outlooks and better prepare them to thrive in a global economy. This year's Gilman Scholars are Seth Lewis, who is studying in Germany; Marissa Morales, in Ghana; Tania Robinson, in Argentina; Tania Russell, in South Africa; and Brandon Yearout, in Japan.



Alma Skeggs '17

Brandon "Dio" Yearout '19



Marsha Elliot

Tania Russell '19



Marissa Morales '19 and Ghanaian children pile into a taxi for the kids' first trip to a swimming pool.



Crystal Wylie '05

Seth Lewis '19

“I’ve never been out of the country before this trip, but now that I’ve seen South America, I’ll never be the same. I truly embraced and immersed myself into another culture, and I’ve grown so much as a person from it. I’ve seen the richest and the poorest, and I’ve realized this summer that I am truly blessed.”

– Sierra Turner



Sierra Turner '19 at Machu Picchu in Peru.

“People often say study abroad will change your life, and it’s true if you embrace your experience. I chose to study in Osaka, Japan, and was amazed every day by the landscape, people, and culture I encountered.”

– Hannah Musick



Hannah Musick '18 poses in front of cherry blossoms in Osaka, Japan.



Shalia Smith '18 poses at Plaza de Espana, Seville, Spain.

Viva la vida—embrace the experience because you never know when you'll kiss it goodbye.

— Shalia Smith



Tania Robinson '19 finishing up the day after painting wooden boards for Noches Merlinas' photo albums.

South America is rich in culture, character, and art. People are extremely creative, resourceful, and tenacious. Unfortunately, government and politics often do not benefit the masses and leave them short of health, opportunity, and trust. My internship has evolved to grant writing for a local organization in an effort to raise much-needed funds.

— Tania Robinson

BEREA COLLEGE WINS STATE BUSINESS MODEL COMPETITION

Berea College students Ishwar Agarwal '18, Tran Nguyen '17, and Amar Zulejhcic '18 won first place and \$7,500 in the business model category at the Idea State U contest in Lexington. Idea State U, a statewide business plan and model competition that encourages entrepreneurship among Kentucky's college and university students, is funded by The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's Office of Entrepreneurship, in partnership with the Kentucky Innovation Network (KIN).

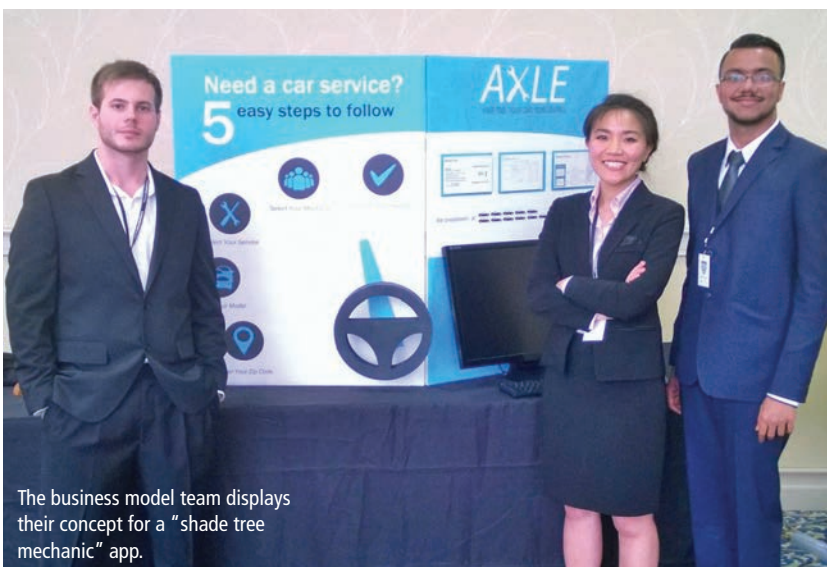
The Idea State U business plan competition is open to all of the state's college students.

The Berea College team was coached by members of the Kentucky Innovation Network at Eastern Kentucky University in preparation for competition in the Business Model track. KIN staff members guided them through the production of a video, collateral marketing materials, a one-minute sales pitch, written materials, and a 15-minute oral presentation.

The Berea College team proposed "Axle," an online marketplace similar to AirBnB and Uber, where shade-tree mechanics can offer auto repair and maintenance services. As a sophomore in 2016, Amar noticed a problem for motorists facing "upselling" techniques of auto repairers and maintenance providers. The practice was quite common, especially after car warranties expired, and customers sought word-of-mouth, family and friends' referrals to address the high-cost issue.



FROM LEFT: Tran Nguyen '17, Ishwar Agarwal '18, Amar Zulejhcic '18



The business model team displays their concept for a "shade tree mechanic" app.



Tran, Amar, and Ishwar prepare an interactive tabletop display for the Idea State U competition.

Courtesy of Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

JULIE NELMS WINS 2017 RED FOLEY MUSIC AWARD COMPETITION

Julie Nelms '17, an Appalachian Studies graduate from Robbinsville, N.C., won the 2017 Red Foley Music Award. This award, established in memory of Country Music Hall of Fame star Red Foley, who attended the Berea College Academy, is presented by the Berea College Alumni Association each year to recognize talented Berea students for their musical contributions to campus.

"I'm extremely humbled to have been nominated and to have received this award, especially when looking at the previous winners," Nelms said.

While at Berea, Nelms participated in several musical ensembles. She was a member of the Berea College Bluegrass Ensemble, the Berea College Folk Roots Ensemble, and the alto section leader of the Berea College Women's Chorus. As a member in these ensembles, Nelms performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., and on CBS Television's national broadcast of "LISTEN! A Musical Celebration of Christmas at Berea College."

A multi-talented singer and instrumentalist, Nelms spent this summer in Denmark and Ireland with the Bluegrass Ensemble. She will

be pursuing a master's degree in Irish Music and Literature at National University of Ireland – Galway, having been awarded the Jean Ritchie Memorial Scholarship.

"Receiving this award gives me a good footing to go forth and start a dream I've had since I began playing at age eight," said Nelms.



Crystal Wylie '05

Berea graduate Julie Nelms '17 will continue her music dreams in Ireland, where she will pursue a master's degree at the National University of Ireland in Galway.

ALUMNI LOYALTY AWARD: LARRY WOODS '75

Larry Woods could not be more deserving of the Alumni Loyalty Award. He is a 1975 alumnus of the Agriculture program who went on to earn his master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky. He served on the Berea College Alumni Executive Council for seven years and is a past president for the Council. Larry was class reunion chair for his 35th and 40th reunions at Berea College and helped bring fellow alumni back to campus. He was involved in new-student orientation and served on various campus committees such as the personnel, planning and vision committees. He also served as a spokesperson for college video and letter writing campaigns and is a Second Century Club contributor to Berea.

Larry directed many students to Berea College over the years while serving as a principal and superintendent of schools in Kentucky. He also was involved with GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) in both Garrard and Breathitt counties. GEAR UP is one of the suite of programs administered through Berea College's Partners for Education focused on improving educational outcomes in Appalachian Kentucky. These are only some of the ways Larry has touched our campus, and we are so grateful for his incredible representation of what it means to be a Berean by serving our community.



Crystal Wylie '05



Kelly Vasey Linville '00

Larry Woods, '75, right, stands with President Lyle Roelofs after being presented with the Alumni Loyalty Award during Summer Reunion 2017 on June 10th.

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Cory Payton '15, Kentucky
Katy Jones Sulfridge '03, Ohio
Djuan Trent '10, New York

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD: ANN BEARD GRUNDY '68

Ann Beard Grundy is a 1968 graduate of Berea's Music Department. Raised in a tradition rich in music, biblical justice, and community awareness, she has always sought to level the playing field for the disadvantaged. As a student at Berea, Ann was deeply involved in matters of racial justice. Her father pastored the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., which served as the central rallying point for the Civil Rights movement where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. became a frequent speaker.

Ann carried the movement with her to Berea and was one of the founders of the Black Student Union. She participated in a landmark march led by Dr. King from Selma, Alabama, to the capitol in Montgomery in March 1965. Dr. King helped organize the march to protest civil rights violations and to champion the right to vote. Along the way, Ann used her musical talent to lead other marchers in songs of hope for the struggle ahead.

When Ann married Chester Grundy in 1974, it seemed to be their destiny to join for a higher purpose. Each has a résumé of credentials that makes their leadership and message highly credible. In all their endeavors, they seek to remind the community of what they may have forgotten or perhaps never known regarding the precious heritage of

the struggle for equal rights for African Americans. They have unselfishly used their individual talents to open doors of enlightenment for others.

Ann has evolved over the years in her advocacy for racial justice. She has moved from anger to artistry, from confrontation to inspiration, from teacher to storyteller, using her dramatic voice in narrations of black history and in song as a member of the American Spiritual Ensemble. She has been a teacher, counselor, "youth director" (her notation), field representative for the Human Rights Commission, Vista Volunteer in three states, and she presently serves as program organizer for Lexington's annual King Holiday Program and the Roots and Heritage Festival. Ann is a member of the National Holistic Society, a speaker and workshop facilitator, the founding director of Nia Day Camp and was a charter member (now Emeritus) of Open Ground's Board.

In May 2016, Ann was invited to introduce commencement speaker Dr. Everett McCorvey, director and executive producer of the Opera Theatre at the University of Kentucky, during Berea's May graduation ceremony, and it is so very fitting that she has been recognized with this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award.



Crystal Wylie '05



Kelly Vasey-Linville '00

Ann Beard Grundy '68 gets a hug from Alumni Executive Council member Betty Jean Hall '68, after being presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award during Summer Reunion 2017 on June 10th.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD: ROBERT AUERBACH '49

Robert Auerbach graduated from Berea in 1949 and went on to earn a master's degree from Columbia University in 1950 and a doctorate in zoology/genetics from Columbia in 1954. Following a year of post-doctoral studies at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, and two years as a fellow of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, he accepted a faculty position in the Department of Zoology at the University of Wisconsin, rapidly progressing from assistant professor to associate and full professor by 1965. Within a few years, Robert was awarded a distinguished professorship and named the Harold R. Wolf Professor of Zoology.

His research studies, resulting in more than 200 publications, included pioneering work on the development and functions of the thymus, having started these studies when the thymus was still an organ of unknown function. Robert's early work also included the establishment of methods for achieving immunological competence *ex vivo*. He was also appointed as a visiting professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, where he collaborated with Judah Folkman, medical scientist and pioneer in the study of angiogenesis, and others. This appointment was followed by a prestigious Rockefeller Foundation fellowship spent at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

In recognition of his many seminal studies, Robert has been asked to serve on numerous research and training panels of the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. He was also elected to many committees at the University of Wisconsin, including the University Committee, the primary committee for faculty governance at the University.

Among his other honors are a Guggenheim fellowship for research studies at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne, Australia, and election as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Robert also received a Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Wisconsin Student Association.

In 1940, the Auerbach family fled to America to escape the escalating persecution of Jews in Germany. Because of Berea's devotion to the idea that we are all of one blood, the College extended admissions to include Jewish war refugees. The only requirement was to attend some religious service every week. Robert attended not only Union Church, but seven others, though on Sunday afternoons he would go up to Phelps Stokes belfry and play Smetana's "Die Moldau," the Jewish national anthem.

Wanda Irwin '50, whose roommate was also Jewish, recognized the tune, and said, "I want to meet that rebellious spirit." Wanda and Robert were married in Danforth Chapel by philosophy Professor W. Gordon Ross, who presided over their ceremony in English, German, and Hebrew. They returned to Berea to renew their vows for their 55th wedding anniversary in June 2005. They were married 62 years, until her death in 2012.

Robert continues to be a long-term and ardent supporter of Berea College. His daughter, Emily, inspired by Berea's mission, founded the Odyssey Project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a tuition-free introduction to the humanities for low-income students.



Crystal Wylie '05



Kelly Vasey Linville '00

Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient Robert Auerbach '49 chats with Loyal Jones '54, a 1993 recipient of the Rodney C. Bussey Award of Special Merit, after the awards ceremony during Summer Reunion 2017 on June 10th.

GARY MCCORMICK RECEIVES HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD AFTER 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

by Caroline Arthur '16

First Lady Laurie Roelofs and Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations Jackie Collier '80 presented longtime Boone Tavern General Manager Gary McCormick with an Honorary Alumnus award at his retirement celebration on May 25th. The Honorary Alumnus award is presented to non-alumni in recognition of their outstanding service to, and demonstrated loyal interest in, Berea College.

Gary served as the general manager of the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant for 10 years, becoming an integral part of the Berea community and a familiar face to the many guests who visited the tavern. He spent time getting to know visitors and community members, and helped provide an exceptional experience for those who chose to make the Boone Tavern their hotel and restaurant of preference over the years.

Named the Garner B. Hanson Hotelier of the Year by the Kentucky Hotel & Lodging Association in 2016, Gary has overseen initiatives to source local food and to incorporate green practices like restaurant composting and providing bicycles for guests. In 2015, the Boone Tavern was nominated for the Historic Hotels of America Award of Excellence as Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel, and travelers ranked it sixth in the nation on USA Today's list of top eco-friendly hotels.

Serving at Berea was the culmination of a hotel-management career that spanned more than 30 years. Before coming to the Boone Tavern, Gary served as general manager for the Four Points by Sheraton and

The Lafayette Club, both located in Lexington, Kentucky. Berea College is appreciative of the many years of service Gary committed to the Boone Tavern.



First Lady Laurie Roelofs, left, and Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations Jackie Collier, right, presents Gary McCormick with an Honorary Alumnus degree at his retirement celebration on May 25th.

Caroline Arthur '16

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HONORARY ALUMNUS

- Works in the Black Cultural Center
- Heads the Black Male Leadership Initiative
- Served Berea College since 1992



DR. KATHY BULLOCK
HONORARY ALUMNUS

- Director of the Black Music Ensemble
- Chair of the Berea College Music Department
- Served Berea College since 1991



BILL DAUGHERTY '76
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

- President of Sentra Corp.
- Principle of Daugherty Resources, Ltd.
- CEO of Clover Bottom Investments LLC



DR. BILLY WOOTEN '98
OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS

- Associate Professor of Communication at Berea College
- Division Chair of English, Communication, Foreign Language, Theatre and Music
- Returned to Berea College in 2002

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SUMMER REUNION CLASS PHOTOS



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

Roberta Larew Allison



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

Lou Haigler Salter



Caroline Arthur '16

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Ann Alley Kidd, Maudine Bastin Williams, Ramona D. Jones, Anna Planck McNeill, Dr. Charles David "Dave" Auxier, Nadene Wade May, Rose Mary Weddington. **SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT:** Pauline Girder Jones, Clara Bradbury, Barbara Huntsman Grizzle, Alex Chalmers. **THIRD ROW, FROM LEFT:** Dorothy Alexander, Gladi Thomas Parker, John Rogers, Dillard Feltner. **FOURTH ROW, FROM LEFT:** Glen Parker, Walter W. Jacobs, Rose Ramsay, Bill Ramsay.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Annette M. Shelton, Harold "Blackie" Blackburn, Colleen Redman, James Gordon Henry, Joyce Vansant Judge. **SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT:** Emel L. Atkins, Paul Claiborne, Charles R. O'Dell, Reggie Dickson, Robert Gunkler.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Gary Zachary, Carol Barrier, Shirley Fink Catron, Mary Lou Reed, Sherry Ratliff, Anna Davidson Burton, Raymond Davidson, Wayne Standifer, Nancy Norman Austin, Ellen Harmon Coomer. **SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT:** Andrea Cody Ingle, Geneva Caudill Hughes, Freeman Hughes, Forest L. Greenawalt, Theda Riemann, Meral Otis Catron, Laura Crawford, Ollie B. Belcher, Phyllis Hendricks. **THIRD ROW, FROM LEFT:** Mary E. Marasa, Edy Cook Price, Flay Spencer Price, Pat Wilder Fitchpatrick, Randal Almarode. **FOURTH ROW, FROM LEFT:** Hazel Chappell, Billie Jo Bates Caudill, Rose Hayes Swope, Everette "Mutt" Varney, Jack Barrier, Roger Leggett, Charles "Chuck" Sanford, Linda Seneker Sanford, Marian Kenner. **FIFTH ROW, FROM LEFT:** John H. Berry, Robert Kitchen, James Michael "Mike" Riemann, Charles K. Hollan, George Wilson, Ken Burns, Julia Erdman Atkinson, Ronnie "Ron" Coons Atkinson, Myra Housley Riley, Phyllis Combs, Lois Hall, Bill Hall.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Steve Rich, Judy Hutchins Rich, Alma Phillips Collins, Reba Earley Austin, David L. Hunter, Judy Ann Coates Fray, Yvonne Dillard Waters, Kathleen Elliot Hayes, Ethel Caraway Hunsicker, Paula Bohn, Mary Alice Penland. **SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT:** Flora Hsu Johnson, Michael A. Colley, Brenda Baldwin Colley, C. Ray Barrier, Carol Hunter, Anne Taylor Donovan, Jane Miller Hutchens. **THIRD ROW, FROM LEFT:** C. Jean Burgett Morgan, James I. Phelps Jr., David Wesley, Dr. Rebecca Mann, Sedahlia Jasper Crase, Jeanne Gourley, Sandy Walker Kurtz, Carol Fielder Brunty, Sue Hughes Hopkins, Louise Shytle, Ed Shytle. **FOURTH ROW, FROM LEFT:** Tom Hutchens, William C. Chappell, Carol Gilliam, Sandra Hale Stewart, Larry G. Sutton, Linda Rhodes Johnson, Gerry Webb Olin, Helen Pratt Flowers. **FIFTH ROW, FROM LEFT:** Harold Weatherman, James F. Gregory, Frank Fuller, Charles "Chuck" Crase, Alice Gibson Crase, Catherine "Kit" Roberts, Lynda Brodersen Stern, Judy Ball, and James Evans.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Teresa Cole, June Chrisley Tompkins, Nancy Melton, Terry Blevins King, Betsy Campbell, Donna Carter Yost, Janie Adams Frazier. **SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT:** Jerry L. Doss, Ancie Hatfield, Maribeth Yost Hayes, Gregory L. Fields, Larry D. Collins. **THIRD ROW, FROM LEFT:** Lawrence King, Chester Stephens, Glenn Jennings, Jerry Cruise, Patricia Oliver Dittman.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Kathleen “Kathy” Gallagher, Robert “Bob” Hawks, Audrey Renfro Moore, Peggy Smith, Kenneth “Ken” Bradshaw. SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT: Mark Murphey, Marvin Crisp, Betty Sneed Crisp, Sandra Manuel, Davis, Monica Laramée, and Sheila Cates Brammell.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: David Murphey, Scott Gloschen, Wynne Phares, Cindy Roark, Elizabeth Mullins Robinette. SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT: Kris McClanahan, Joe Tater, Maureen Pawley Spencer, and Kenneth “Ken” Roberts.



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Dr. Jan Pearce (left), professor in the computer science department, welcomes alumni to the Computer & Information Science reception during Summer Reunion 2017.



Crystal Wylie '05

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Sandra Hale Stewart '67 and Sandy Kurtz '67 hold up their name tags featuring their senior photo from the Chimes yearbook, made especially for their 50th reunion. The Class of 1967 was treated to a breakfast hosted by President Lyle and First Lady Laurie Roelofs in the President's home.



Crystal Wylie '05

Alumni enjoy the veranda of the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant during the Alumni Reception on Saturday evening.



Crystal Wylie '05

Alumni gather for drinks and hors d'oeuvres during the Alumni Reception at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant.



Crystal Wylie '05

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Bob Auerbach '49, left, browses through a yearbook with Raymond Bradbury, Fd '46, during the Alumni Reception. Raymond's wife, Clara Blackburn Bradbury '52, was celebrating her 65th reunion with her class this year.



Crystal Wylie '05

During the Bingham Hall Re-Opening Ceremony and Open House, from left, Truman Fields '61, Sylvester Cook '68, and Chuck Crase '67 point out classmates they may know in a 1960 photo taken of the first Bingham Hall residents.

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



Crystal Wylie '05

President Lyle Roelofs shares the history of Bingham Hall with alumni and guests at the Bingham Hall Re-Opening Celebration and Open House in front of the new facility.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

Nursing alumni "take a stroll down memory lane" during the annual Nursing Reception.



Crystal Wylie '05

Members of the Class of 1967 reconnect during the Picnic on the Quad.



Crystal Wylie '05

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Harlon Ingle, husband of Andrea Cody Ingle '62, Alma Phillips Collins '67, and her husband William Collins, enjoy each other's company during the Picnic on the Quad.



Sarah-Anne Soares '18

Couples who met at Berea College tell their love stories during the annual Sweetheart Breakfast at Boone Tavern. This year's breakfast was hosted by Scott Darst '02 and Abbie Tanyhill Darst '03.



Caroline Arthur '16

During the class lunches, Profs. Deborah Martin, left, and Billy Wooten '98, presented Rose Ramsay '52 with an honorary Berea College Theatre recognition for her dedication as a student, costumer and actress in Berea's former "Dramatics" program.

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.

1949

Fannie Patrick Owens and her husband Prince Everett celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary with their four children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1952

Ursula Boehm Dickinson, Fd '48, is still adjusting to life without her husband Tom, who passed away February 4, 2016. Ursula said she knows she's not alone in this and that she understands what others are going through. If fellow classmates would like to reconnect with Ursula, email her at ursuladi@msn.com.

1954

Nancy Henderlite, wife of **Rev. Edward Henderlite**, wrote to let his classmates know that he is paralyzed as the result of an autoimmune disease, but his mind is very alert and is able to process information. They have fond memories of their visits to Berea.

Jessie Reasor Zander shared this photo of herself wearing a bracelet and pin etched with the symbol of Sankofa given to her by Berea College in 1997 when she was recognized by the Tucson YWCA as that year's Phenomenal Woman. Jessie said she was thrilled to see the Sankofa bird etched on the glass in Berea's Carter G. Woodson Center. Sankofa is an African word from the Akan tribe in Ghana. The literal translation of the word and symbol is "it is not taboo to fetch what is



at risk of being left behind." The symbol is based on a mythical bird with its feet firmly planted forward with its head turned backwards. The Akan believe the past serves as a guide for planning the future.

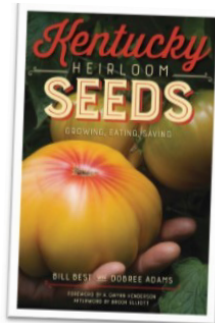
1958

In February, **Marion and Suzanne Hile Atkinson**, along with 3,498 other competitors, raced in the Me Strong 5K through the oak-lined streets and paths of Deland, Florida and Stetson University to raise funds for children's health. Sue and Marty finished third in their respective age groups. Just three months later, they travelled to Tallahassee, Fla., to compete in The Tails and Trails 5K run/walking event along with their son, Joel, and his family, to benefit pet sanctuaries. They both finished first in their respective age groups. Tallahassee, with its rolling hills, fondly reminded them of Mountain Day at Berea College. Sue and Marty have been enjoying their retirement from the Florida School System since 1995.



1959

Dr. Bill Best published his newest book, *Kentucky Heirloom Seeds: Growing, Eating, Saving* (University of Kentucky Press, 2017) on April 7. Writing with fiber artist and photographer, Dobree Adams, Bill explores Kentucky's rich history of saving seeds from the roots of the practice among Native



Americans to current efforts aimed at recovering and saving seed varieties that might otherwise be lost. He also tells the stories of Kentuckians who have worked tirelessly to preserve heirloom varieties. Bill is professor emeritus at Berea College, is a Madison County, Ky., farmer and one of the charter members of the Lexington Farmers' Market.

1961

Lois Lankford Alexander and her husband Charles were married 49 years until his passing April 25, 2017. The couple, both retired school teachers, have two sons and one daughter. Lois would love to hear from anyone who attended Berea from 1957 through 1961. She lives in North Wilkesboro, N.C. and her email is crajr1@embarqmail.com.

1962

BIRTH: a daughter, Vivian Jade Evans, to Deanna and Holly Evans, on May 1, 2017. Vivian is the granddaughter of **Carl Evans** and Dr. Ann Evans. Vivian joins her big sisters, Hailey and Carly.



Mary Johnson Marasa's granddaughter Erin is attending nursing school and her grandson, Kerry, finished up his freshman year at Eastern Kentucky University.

Celia Hooper Tauscher Miles in Asheville, N.C., continues to write regional fiction and cozy mysteries featuring old grist mills and a female mill consultant who keeps finding bodies at the sites. Check out her work at www.celiamiles.com.



1965

Kattie Deel Blankenship wanted to share that her husband, Alvin, is battling a brain-stem tumor and that prayers are appreciated.

Veree Thompson Woodbridge, Fd '61, and her husband Tom enjoy both domestic and international travel and catching up with Berea alumni wherever they can. Their move to coastal Georgia (St. Mary's) has been a real pleasure, Veree said. The couple lives within walking distance of Foundation School classmate **Hugh Browning, Fd '61** and his wife Bonnie.

1967

Charles W. Williams retired as superintendent of Wayne Local Schools in Waynesville, Ohio.

1968

Malcolm Edward Kitchen was elected to the city council of Mullins, S.C.

Freida Hopkins Outlaw lives in Nashville with her husband of 47 years, Dr. Lucius T. Outlaw Jr. The couple has three sons, Lucius Outlaw III and his wife Ami; Kofi Outlaw and his wife Alison; and Chike Outlaw and his wife Jessica. They have one granddaughter, Emily Jean, 2, from Kofi and Alison, and Alaia Mae, born June 26, 2017, to Chike and Jessica. Freida is working for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Minority Fellowship Program at the American Nurses Association as the executive program academic consultant. She is also very involved in local health care issues, bringing her experience as a professional nurse. She has recently been appointed by the mayor of Nashville to the Hospital Authority Board of Directors.

Edith Yvonne Shifflett Williams retired as an R.N. from the Dayton VA Medical Center. She is enjoying spending time with her family and retired life.

1970

Clemente Conde, Fd '66, moved back to Kentucky and can be contacted at PO Box 3453, Midway, KY 40347. He said he would love to hear from friends.

1972

Emma Faultz Cox retired from LaRue County High School in 2000 after serving 28 years. She spends time taking care of her grandchildren.

Ron Daley was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame on April 28 in Lexington, Ky. Ron was co-founder, along with his late wife, **Amy Turner Daley '73**, his late friend and Berea roommate **Mike Mullins '71** and his wife, **Freida Smothers Mullins '74**, of the *Troublesome Creek Times* in Hindman, Ky. The weekly newspaper was published from 1980 to 2000. Ron won more state and national press awards in a decade span than any other Kentucky journalist. He can be reached at PO Box 2050, Hazard, KY 41702 or ron.daley@rctcs.edu.



1973

Willa Gay Chaney retired after 40 years of working in the nursing profession. She now lives in Ooltewah, Tenn.

1975

James Mawyer retired after 34 years of service to Verizon and is on the board of directors for the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organization. He has been a resident of Richmond, Ky. since 1978.

1978

John Alexander currently serves as principal of Fries School (pre-k through 7th grade), while his wife, **Susan McGuffin Alexander**, teaches preschool at Grayson Highlands School, both in Grayson County, Va.

1983

Gerald (Jerry) Carpenter celebrates seven years working at United States Geological Survey. He has been a lead Domain Administrator for USGS for 1.5 years. Some of his primary duties include teaching other government and contract employees how to operate in the Microsoft Active Directory environment, day-to-day activities for USGS, and leading a team of five employees. He can be reached via email at jcsf1090@comcast.net and found on Facebook. He continues to teach the hobby of bonsai around the San Francisco bay area, and can be followed on his blog at www.artsofjc.com.



1985

Terri Gattringer-Sabino was recently named Entrepreneur of the Month by the Regional Chamber of Commerce in the State of Styria, Austria where she has been living and working since 1988. She was featured in a full-page article highlighting her accomplishments during her 20 years in business. The article underscored how learning a language isn't just vocabulary words, but finding joy and pleasure in living the language at whatever level you can. Terri works with companies in the region providing translation services and foreign language courses. She has been a court-certified translator for 26 years and has helped create translations that are an integral part of tourist attractions in the region. She has also been a member of Soroptimist International for nearly 10 years and successfully founded an informal Women's Network in Bruck an der Mur a little more than a year ago.



1986

Classmates from all corners of the globe returned to Berea on April 8 to celebrate the marriage of **Dana Adams Wolfe** and **Pete Anthony Foley '87**. Witnesses to a love story that began more than 30 years ago were **Sheila Hazel Lyons, Mark Jennings, Claire Meade Jennings, Leasa Goodwin, Jennifer Stamper Sandefur, Ann Bane Stenzel, Jay Stenzel, Cherolyn Perky Dean, Randy Hays, Terri Gattringer-Sabino '85, Trish Adams Osborne '85 and Todd Wegenast '88**. The ceremony at Danforth Chapel and the reception held at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant were attended by some 40 other friends and family as well. The wedding cake was a present from Ann Bane Stenzel of The Banery Bakery in Winchester, Ky. Decorations were a present from Jennifer Stamper Sandefur of SJ Graphics, Berea, Ky. Dana works in Tazewell, Va. at Clinch Valley Printing and Pete is employed by Friends of Southwest Virginia. The couple resides in Abingdon, Va.



1989

Cleve Wright joined the women's basketball coaching staff at Eastern Illinois University in June. Cleve served four years as the head coach at Miami of Ohio and has 15 total years as a head coach at both the NCAA Division I and Division II levels. News of his hiring was published in the June 2 article, "Bollant completes EIU women's basketball staff," in *the Journal Gazette & Times-Courier (jg-tc.com)*, a newspaper that serves central Illinois.

1992

MARRIED: Josh Bills to Danielle Capillo '06 on June 24, 2017 at Indian Fort Theater at the base of the Pinnacles, followed by a reception at the new Berea College Forestry Outreach Center. The family resides in Berea, Ky.



1998

Angela Michelle Collard started a career as a home caregiver in February and works for Tender Touch Senior Services.

2003

Rashaad Abdur-Rahman, Cara Stewart and **Christian Motley '09**, returned to campus for the annual Service Convocation on March 23. They were invited to discuss their lives after Berea and what led them to careers in defending human rights in Kentucky. Rashaad is the director of the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods with the Louisville Metro Government and Cara is a Health Law Fellow with the Kentucky Equal Justice Center. At the time of the convo, Christian was working as the Government Relations Director with the Kentucky Education Association, but has since accepted a position as Senior Manager of Learning and Coaching at StriveTogether, a national nonprofit network of more than 70 community partnerships working to ensure every student succeeds from cradle to career, regardless of race, income or zip code. The alumni also answered student questions during this panel discussion, which was conducted after the recognition of service award recipients, Lynda Whitt and Odessa Woolfolk, women whose service to society achieves the ideals of Berea's Great Commitments. Rashaad served on the Berea College Young Alumni Advisory Council. Cara and Christian were Berea College Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recipients in 2016 and 2017, respectively.



From left, Christian Motley '09, Cara Stewart '03 and Rashaad Abdur-Rahman '03 speak with students about their careers in defending human rights in Kentucky during the annual Berea College Service Convocation on March 23.

2006

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2007

BIRTH: a son, Ari Milton Stoebel, to **Megan Naseman** and Jacob Stoebel this past spring. The family resides in Berea, Ky.



Shaina Ricketts Neal was selected to participate in a seven-week advanced research experience for teachers at Georgia Southern University sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The study will help GSU faculty better prepare engineering students and help them be more aware of real-world applications of engineering and technology. Shaina was one of 10 teachers to be selected from around Georgia. News of her selection was published in *The Valdosta Daily Times*. She has been teaching for 10 years in Arizona, South Korea, England and Spain and was selected as the AVID coordinator at Valdosta Middle School, where she teaches eighth-grade math.



2008

BIRTH: a daughter, to **Joe Saleem II** and **Lolly Schuyler Saleem** on June 17, 2017. The family resides in Berea.

2009

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2010

BIRTH: a son, Josiah Anthony Doss, to **Ashley LePage** and Ronnie Doss in November 2016. Josiah is Ashley's first child and she and Ronnie are so happy, she said. Ronnie is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Ashley is a Registered Art Therapist and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. The family resides in northern California.



2012

In May, **Raven Weaver** earned her Ph.D. in human development with a concentration in adult development and aging from Virginia Tech. Raven accepted a teaching position as assistant professor at Washington State University. Celebrating with her (left to right) are Berea alumni **Mikita Weaver '08, Sonja Escamilla, Raven Weaver, Anda Weaver '10** and **Justin Thomas.**



2014

Duncan Blount and **Alyssa Blount '15,** met up for lunch with Berea College junior **Derby Chukwudi '19** in Charlotte, N.C. on June



23. Derby was accepted for a 10-week internship with the Enterprise Risk Group at Wells Fargo. She had connected with Duncan on LinkedIn and the two made plans to get together in Charlotte when she arrived for her internship.

2015

Brandon Schurter is currently living in northern Virginia and working as a software engineer for a government contractor. This summer, he travelled to Ecuador to work with Compassion International.



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Staff & Faculty

Margaret Ann Curtis
April 14, 2017

Ann Smith Ford '77,
wife of **C. Edward Ford '58**
April 13, 2017

1930s

Frances Hammack Ayers '30
June 5, 1988

J. Walter Casey, Acad '31
Obituary unavailable

Elwyn E. Palmer, Acad '34, '38
January 23, 2017

Zella May, Acad '39
August 5, 1994

Hazel Lloyd Mullins, Acad '39
December 3, 2013

1940s

Dr. Willard Eugene Arnett '47
husband of **Patricia Rae Arnett '49**
April 1, 2017

Monroe Jesse Mink, Acad '40
December 28, 2001

Matt Morgan, Acad '40
August 30, 1982

Hazel Longworth Milton, Acad '37, '41
November 3, 2006

Dillard N. Mynhier, Acad '41
October 30, 1999

Eileen McDaniel Prewitt '41
May 1, 2017

Riley M. Lambert '42
May 13, 2017

Charles Layne, Acad '42
September 22, 2000

Eunice Garcia Holmes '42
March 8, 2016

Frances Barr Cargill '42
April 10, 2017

Odie McDonald, Acad '42
June 23, 1997

Rubye Robinson Easterly '43
February 22, 2010

Eugene C. Whiteman, Navy V-12 '44
March 6, 2017

Carolyn L. Perkins, Acad '44
June 13, 1990

John T. Ulmer '44
February 1, 2013

James Rader Wey, Acad '45
April 23, 2017

Agnes Ratcliff Rudberg '45
April 3, 2017

Lacy E. Cochran '47,
husband of **Florence Begley Cochran '46**
March 16, 2017

Garneta Shannon Derian '47
April 13, 2017

Sue Austin Norwood, Fd '48
March 27, 2017

Paul Stylos '50
husband of **Ramona Layne Stylos '49**
March 29, 2017

Angela L. Lang,
wife of **Robert Roy Lang '49**
April, 4, 2011

Hildred Brandenburg Hart '49
April 24, 2017

William D. Parris '64
November 5, 2016

1950s

Dr. Dan Baugh Jr., Acad '46, '50
May 9, 2017

Dr. Grover C. Miller '50
May 3, 2017

Mary Margaret Miller,
wife of **Odell Carlton Miller '51**
March 17, 2017

Lorene Parker Bow '52
April 26, 2017

Thomas Dickinson,
husband of **Ursula Dickinson, Fd '52**
February 4, 2016

Bill H. Dobbins '52
May 23, 2017

Ernest Woodrow Jones '52
Obituary unavailable

Jean Dedman '53
May 3, 2017

Kathryn Moyers Craig '53,
wife of **Albert McKinley Craig '53**
April 5, 2017

Helen C. Calico Eden '53
April 28, 2017

Dr. Witold Alexander Hoja '53
May 2, 2017

Joanne Varney Shopher '54,
wife of **Kenneth Ray Shopher, Acad '49**
and **Fd '53**
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Dr. Samuel S. Hung '54
December 7, 2014

Rosa Nelle Thomas '54
January 10, 2013

Janet Bowling McLemore '55
March 21, 2017

Jeanelle Lecky Baker '56,
wife of **Charles E. Baker, Acad '49, '53**
March 13, 2017

Bernd Jager '57
March 30, 2015

Harold Robert Cullop '58
March 15, 2017

Lucy Jones Dorris '59
May 31, 2017

Dr. Betty Click Powers '53
March 29, 2017

C. Dale Reedy '55
September 5, 2016

Allen D. DuRand
husband of **Linda V. DuRand '10**
March 18, 2017

William Franklin Fine '59
August 5, 2016

Margaret Freeman Norris '59
March 28, 2017

Rosemary Brown Smith '61
wife of **Ernest L. Smith '58**
December 7, 2016

1960s

Ova Ray Petrey, Fd '62,
husband of **Mary E. Marasa '62**
January 31, 2017

Roger Marion Oliver '62
May 23, 2017

Dan M. Polly '62
May 17, 2017

James Clyde Trammell, Fd '62,
husband of **Jane Huff Trammell, Fd '60, '63**
March 27, 2016

John Robert Blondell '64
November 22, 2013

William D. Parris '64
November 5, 2016

Glenn Edward Brashear '65
April 21, 2017

Jerry Lee Collette '67,
husband of **Mary Turner Collette '65**
May 2, 2017

Ronald Edward Brock '67
April 24, 2017

Birdell Hensley Bennett '67,
wife of **Dr. Charles D. Bennett Jr. '65**
March 28, 2017

Joyce Ledbetter McKenzie '67
May 4, 2017

Boyd J. Graves '68,
husband of **Joanne Smith Graves '69**
April 8, 2017

1970s
Vernon P. White '72
June 5, 2017

Elizabeth Ball Webb '76,
wife of **Anthony Dean Webb '81**
April 8, 2017

Ann Smith Ford '77,
wife of **C. Edward Ford '58**
April 13, 2017

1980s
Callen Young Cheesman '88
April 4, 2017

Timothy Dale Platt '88,
husband of **Sara Shostak Platt '92**
May 24, 2017

1990s
Jeffrey Lawrence Dyer '92
May 14, 2007

2000s
Tasha Marie Swango '06
May 5, 2017

Sandra Ann Conley '11
December 20, 2016

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