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Dr. Maurice Scherrens, and wife, Dr. Sandra Scherrens

***“We are committed to reimagining Newberry College for a bright future. We will continue on this adventure with great energy and enthusiasm . . . This will be a year like none other.”***

*a word from the president*

When I think of all the things we have accomplished together in 2021, the phrase that comes to mind is what a year!

We added our first graduate program since 1928. We received an outstanding reaffirmation report from SACSCOC, our accreditation body. We defended our place among the best colleges in the South, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. We approved construction on three incredible new facilities. We approved the addition of a new sport, women's rugby, and began our inaugural season of women's triathlon. We brought home championships in wrestling, cheer, dance, football and esports. And this is only a small sample of all we have accomplished together this past year.

As I look ahead to 2022, I am truly excited by all the great things yet to come. We look forward to watching our shared dreams reshape the Newberry skyline. We will continue to add new majors and academic programs. We are on a trajectory to enroll the largest incoming class Newberry College has ever seen.

Best of all, we are committed to reimagining Newberry College for a bright future. We will continue on this adventure with great energy and enthusiasm. This journey of reimagination is a family undertaking, which will include our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. This will be a year like none other.

This issue of *Dimensions* focuses on those milestones as change-agents, and on how Newberry College's family has a global impact. You'll read about the great things our alumni have been doing, about the individuals we've welcomed to the family, and about the ones we've loved and lost. You'll see stories of courage, charity, scholarship and perseverance. You will feel how the Newberry College family has made a difference in so many lives, and you will know that we have just begun.

Please enjoy this edition of your magazine, stay in touch, and we look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Take care, and Hail Scarlet and the Gray.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maurice Scherrens  
President

# Greetings

from Institutional Advancement



Lori Ann Summers, Vice President  
for Institutional Advancement

"The Raiser's Edge NXT conversion was a huge project, and it is not just for fundraising," said Lori Ann Summers, vice president for institutional advancement. "It will help us provide better service to our most important customer – alumni. The platform will help us work smarter and faster to serve alumni, donors and friends. Blackbaud is also based in Charleston, so we are spending money to support businesses in our state."

It has been an exciting year for Newberry College on many fronts – athletics, academics, capital improvements – and for our alumni as well. As 2022 gets into full swing, we want to thank you for your continued support, celebrate our mutual achievements, and offer a sample of great things to come.

For one, Newberry College has always focused on staying connected with its alumni and the community. Much of this work is done behind the scenes, and we have some great news to share.

Jenzabar is a higher education database that Newberry College began using in 1986. While it served us well for a while, it was clear that it was time to upgrade. On Jan. 10, 2022, the College officially went live with Raiser's Edge NXT, a comprehensive cloud-based database from Blackbaud that allows us to better connect with the College community. It is a one-stop shop for everything we need: relationship management, fundraising, marketing and reporting.

Raiser's Edge NXT is connected to another Blackbaud product, Financial Edge, which the College's business office now uses. "The capabilities of Blackbaud's Financial Edge to produce better reporting and a more efficient accounting operation is a game-changer for Newberry College," said **David Sayers**, vice president for administrative affairs and CFO. "This is a best of breed system that additionally streamlines seamlessly with the fundraising side of the College as well. Financial Edge is much less manual, much less paper driven, and radically improves business office functions."

Through this conversion to Raiser's Edge NXT and Financial Edge, we have been able to clean up data, update constituent records, improve reporting, process electronic gifts, generate automated receipts, improve efficiency and so much more.

Please make sure your information is up to date (mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) at [newberry.edu/update](https://newberry.edu/update). This is the best way to stay connected and experience all the benefits of being a Newberry College alum.

*Your Institutional Advancement Team*



# Decades on the Dial

*Jimmie Coggins '74 has seen Newberry's voice to its 75th year*

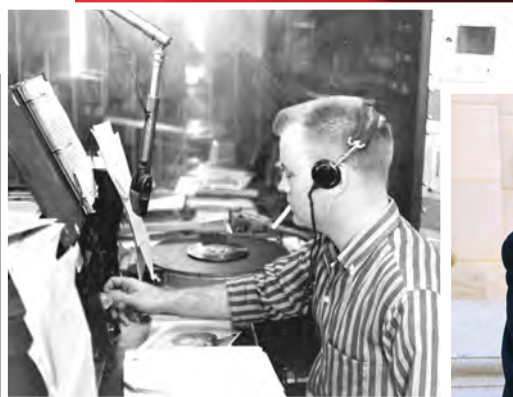
**October 26, 1946**

*Frankie Carle and His Orchestra dominated the airwaves with "Rumors are Flying." Harry S. Truman was in the White House. Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Joan Caulfield were No. 1 in the box office in Blue Skies.*

*And Newberry's WKDK-AM broadcast for the first time.*

Seventy-five years later, the local station continues to thrive as a hub for news, a wide variety of music, and of course, Newberry College athletics. As such, on its 75th anniversary in 2021, the community honored the station and its owner, **Jimmie Coggins '74**, with a host of resolutions, awards, and an exhibit in the Newberry Museum.

Coggins, a lifelong Newberry resident and member of the Newberry College Board of Trustees, has been around radio his entire life. His father, the legendary James F. Coggins, worked at WKDK from its first sign-on, and he purchased the station in 1951. When the broadcasting icon passed away in 2000, Jimmie took on management and ownership. In 2006, the station introduced automation and began broadcasting 24 hours a day, and soon after began streaming online. In 2020, WKDK added a place on the FM dial. Today, Newberry's own radio station is a rarity among its peers as an independent, family-owned enterprise, and one that continues to grow, at that.



Listen to WKDK at 1240 AM, 101.7 FM, online at [wkdk.com](http://wkdk.com), or via the WKDK mobile app.



## Wolves in the Pros

Linebacker **Edmond Robinson '14** was signed to the Seattle Seahawks' practice squad in November 2021 after a year with the Atlanta Falcons.

**Zack Kelly '17** was invited in December 2021 to Red Sox spring training, making the right-handed pitcher's minor-league deal official.

Running back **Darius Clark '19** signed in January 2022 with the BC Lions, based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

# Wolves Athletics:



Twenty twenty-one brought a sense of normality back to the world of sports, and it was no different at Newberry College as every sport returned to action in the spring of last year. What started as a pipe dream of combining three seasons into one turned into a roaring success that saw bountiful competition at all levels.



## Basketball

The winter 2020-21 seasons came to an end with the men's basketball team turning in a 9-6 record overall with a berth to the South Atlantic Conference tournament. The women finished with a 10-10 record and entered the conference tournament with a 70-69 win over Wingate University, before being ousted in the second round by the No. 2 seed.

## Tennis

The tennis teams wrapped up their competition in the spring with the men's squad falling short of the conference tournament and the women dropped in a tough 4-1 decision in the conference tournament's opening round.



## Wrestling

The highlight of the winter season came from a different venue as the wrestling team would post not only a perfect 8-0 overall record and a 7-0 mark in league action, but also six wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championships. The team earned three Super Region II individual champions on their way to a team title. Head coach **Cy Wainwright '09** earned Coach of the Year honors for the region.

## Track & Field

In track and field, the teams wrapped up their first championship event in over a year as they turned in a 10th place finish on the men's side and an 11th on the women's side.



## Cheerleading & Dance

The cheerleading team returned to competition after a two-year hiatus and picked up a championship in the intermediate small coed division at the Cheer Ltd. Nationals at CANAM. Not to be outdone, the Newberry College Dance Team also picked up a national championship at the same event in the open hip-hop elite division by a full six-point margin.



## Golf

In spring 2021, the men's golf team wrapped up its season with a fifth-place conference championship finish, and the women's team turned in a ninth-place showing.

## Baseball/Softball

On the diamond, the baseball team turned in an impressive 25-15 overall record, with a 19-9 mark in conference play, and made it to conference tournament before losing to the eventual champion, Wingate, in the opening round. Softball posted a similarly impressive 20-15 record, but the team fell short of the conference tournament.

## Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team notched a 5-7 record on the season, just missing out on qualifying for the SAC tournament. The men highlighted their season with an upset over No. 15 Limestone before their 7-5 run came to an abrupt end due to COVID-19 cases among players.

## Cross Country

In fall 2021, the men's cross country team was able to turn in an 11th-place finish at the SAC Championships. The women's squad notched a ninth-place finish led by junior **Alaya Lindquist**, who clocked the tenth-fastest 6K time in program history.



# A Year in Review

## Field Hockey

Field hockey finished its season ranked fourth in the South Atlantic Conference Carolinas, able to secure a home tournament game for the second year in a row. The team was able to down Mount Olive in the opening round by a score of 4-2 before dropping their semifinal matchup to top-seeded Converse. Senior **Erin Robbins** was the NCAA Statistical Champion with eight defensive saves at the end of the season.

## Soccer

Women's soccer qualified for the SAC tournament for the second consecutive season after posting a 7-11 record and 5-6 mark in league play. One of the major highlights of the season was downing nationally ranked Lenoir-Rhyne in double overtime at Smith Road Complex. Though they were ousted in the opening round of the conference tournament, they fought hard with No. 9 Catawba and fell by a mere 1-0 margin. **Courtney Velazquez '21** was named to the All-Conference team.

Men's soccer struggled to find its rhythm through the season with a 3-13 mark, with all three wins in league action. However, Wolves didn't go down without a fight and took multiple games to extra time on the pitch.



## Volleyball

Women's volleyball finished just under the .500 mark with a 12-14 record on the year. One of the brightest spots of the season came on Nov. 3, 2021, as the team swept then-regionally top-ranked Tusculum 3-0 at home, and then rounded out that same week with a 3-0 sweep of UVA Wise on senior day. **Zoe Dinkins '21** set new program marks in solo blocks in a game and total blocks in a career. She and senior **Natasha Bannister** were named to the All-Conference team.

## Football

Newberry football returned to the pinnacle of the South Atlantic Conference. The team's 7-1 mark and 42-7 win over Limestone earned it the SAC title outright. Two other major victories included a 41-35 upset over Wingate, and a 28-21 decision over No. 5 Lenoir-Rhyne that brought the Bishops' Trophy back to South Carolina. The Wolves qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2016, and picked up their first tournament win since 2006 with a 33-30 upset over No. 3 West Florida. A hard-fought defensive battle in the second round with No. 10 Bowie State saw the Wolves' season come to an end with a 13-10 loss. The team had 13 members named to the All-Conference squad.

## Triathlon

In their inaugural season, two members of the women's triathlon team, freshmen **Becca Hartrick** and **Sam Duncan** made the Collegiate Varsity Nationals and Age Group Draft Legal Nationals, respectively. Both competitions were held Nov. 13 at Arizona State University.

## Rugby

Finally, the newest sport, women's rugby, is ready to hit the ground running in fall 2022 under head coach **Emily Roskopf**.

## Our New Athletic Director



Photo Credit: Jamestown Athletics

**Sean Johnson** will take over as Newberry College's athletic director on April 1, near the end of the spring season. He comes from the University

of Jamestown in North Dakota, where he has served as athletic director since 2015. He and his wife, Marcia, have a 23-year-old son, Ian.

Johnson succeeds **Ralph Patterson**, who retired Jan. 31 after five years. Senior Associate AD **Wayne Alexander** will serve as the interim director until Johnson arrives.

## Davis inducted into the SAC Hall of Fame



**Wendell Davis '81** received the South Atlantic Conference Distinguished Alumni Award on June 3, 2021. He was a four-year member of the football team, in which he amassed 299 career rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns and eight receptions for 58 yards.

# Dufford Diversity Week's First Decade



Each year, the week after Homecoming is proclaimed Dufford Diversity & Inclusion Week at Newberry College. The week, which has become a campus tradition of education and unity across differences of humanity, will celebrate its 10th year in 2022.

The commemoration was established and is supported by **Dr. William E. Dufford '49**, a lifelong educator and civil rights leader who helped integrate the Sumter County school system in 1969. He believed integration, rather than simply desegregation, was the only way to bring the district's two high schools together.



Congressman Jim Clyburn (SC)



Dr. Peggy Barnes Winder '86 and  
Nancy Lou Anderson Glasgow '70

Discussions about launching a diversity education initiative at Newberry College began in 1998, and the first diversity and inclusion week came to fruition in 2013. Since then, the College has played host to such figures as the first female student to attend The Citadel, Shannon Faulkner;

Congressman Jim Clyburn (SC); Warrick Scott, whose grandfather, Wendell, became the first Black driver to win a NASCAR race; Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan; Lecia Brooks of the Southern Poverty Law Center; U.S. District Court Judge Richard Gergel; and members of the 1955 Cannon Street YMCA All-Star team.

Through partnerships with the Newberry Opera House, world-renowned performers have come to Newberry, including the London-based Kingdom Choir, and Allan Harris' off-Broadway musical, *Cross That River*. In fall 2021, room 127 in the Center for Teacher Education was dedicated to **Nancy Lou Anderson Glasgow '70**, Newberry College's first African American graduate. The location is even more meaningful considering that, after she earned her teaching degree, Glasgow taught in that very building when it was known as Speers Street Elementary School.

*Plans are underway for a meaningful and memorable 10th annual event series in fall 2022.*



# Munificence Magnified

Biological science, zoology and botany students, among others at Newberry College, are learning the workings of life with the help of state-of-the-art microscopes. These 30 new instruments came courtesy of a retired professor, Dr. Druie Cavender, and his wife, Elaine.

Cavender taught human biology, cell biology, immunology and pharmacology at Newberry from fall 2013 through fall 2018. His love of the College's "family atmosphere," and the dedication of administration, faculty and staff to students' success, inspired him to give back. Well, that, and a suggestion from his loving wife, a retired elementary school teacher.

"I often mentioned to [Elaine] that some of the department's equipment was outdated," he said, noting that many of the College's microscopes had been surveilling cells since the late 1960s. "Honestly, she made the initial suggestion that we donate money to replace the old microscopes in the biology labs. I obviously loved that idea!"



The new microscopes each have multiple magnifications, built-in lights and mechanical stage setup, allowing users to move slides without touching them.

Left: Spencer Monocular with mirror, c. 1968

Right: Swift M3800 Binocular with built-in lighting, 2021.



*"It makes both of us very happy to have helped the College's science programs in this way."* – Dr. Druie Cavender

The Cavenders' gift was magnified by a match from Druie's previous employer, Johnson & Johnson.

"I got my Ph.D. [from the University of Texas], did my postdoc [at the University of Michigan], had a couple of academic faculty positions, and we kept producing children," he said. "So I left academia and took a job with Johnson & Johnson in New Jersey, and worked there for 20 years.

"For all their employees, and for retirees, even, [Johnson & Johnson] will match up to \$10,000 a year for charitable contributions, you know, science, health-related things," said Druie.

The company's match will be put toward new cell culture hoods and an incubator, used for growing and working with microbiological cultures.

# A Life's Lost Coda

The lost work of a late prodigy finds new life, thanks to Newberry College's Dr. Sarah Masterson.

*The music of the late Philippa Schuyler (pronounced "sky-ler"), concert pianist, composer and freelance journalist, has been largely unheard since her untimely death 55 years ago.*

The once-celebrated child prodigy left behind no known recordings, and it seemed much of her contributions had been lost to history. However, one of her last compositions did not die with her in southeast Asia, but has survived, to finally be recorded for the first time.

Schuyler was born in 1931 in Harlem to George Schuyler, an African American journalist, and Josephine Cogdell, a white artist and writer from Texas. Educated privately and managed by her mother, Philippa was performing Mozart at age five, and by 10 she had earned national fame as a young composer. As she entered young adulthood, her appeal among white Americans had declined, and she noted racial prejudice for the first time. After that, she left the U.S. and toured more than 80 countries, performing for numerous world leaders. In the 1960s, Schuyler became a published writer, and later a Vietnam correspondent for the *Manchester Union Leader*. She died in 1967, at 35, while on a helicopter rescue mission in war-torn Vietnam.



Philippa Schuyler

**Dr. Sarah Masterson**, associate professor of music, first learned about Schuyler nearly four years ago in a book about Black women composers. Eventually, Masterson found herself scouring the dust-covered written remnants of the genius' short life until she pieced together a lost last composition: "Seven Pillars of Wisdom."

"[The piece] was performed by Schuyler during her lifetime, but the manuscript pages have remained scattered among archive boxes since her untimely death," said Masterson, whose research has focused on the work of 20th-century American women composers.

"I reassembled and transcribed the full work, using Schuyler's combination of handwritten musical notation and performance instructions. In some of it, the music just stops, and she would say, 'and now play these measures from this other movement, but with this in the left hand.' So I had to turn all that into musical notation," she said.

Written in 1964-65, the technically complex, hour-long "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" was inspired by the book of the same title by T.E. Lawrence – *more famously known as Lawrence of Arabia* – about the British army officer's participation in the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Empire during World War I.





Dr. Sarah Masterson

"My dad did point out that the movie (*Lawrence of Arabia*, starring Peter O'Toole) came out two years before [Schuyler] wrote this, so I have a feeling that may have been what sparked her interest," Masterson said. "Perhaps also influenced by [her] experiences reporting on war crimes in the Congo, the piece explores challenging ideas about conflict, violence and faith through interwoven themes spelled with her own musical alphabet."

In summer 2021, with the help of generous donors, Masterson raised the necessary funds to cover the album's production and international distribution. The initiative received additional publicity when the story was picked up by *The State* newspaper in Columbia, South Carolina. Then, before the presses had cooled, Masterson caught the attention of Schuyler's biographer, Kathryn Talalay, of New York.

"We just exchanged emails and she told me a little bit about things she had heard and seen in the archives in New York that I hadn't been able to access. I had gotten in just in time before the pandemic," Masterson said. "She told me how excited she was that this album was happening."

Talalay is the author of *Composition in Black and White: The Tragic Saga of Harlem's Biracial Prodigy* (Oxford University Press, 1995).

"[Masterson's] performance is eloquent and nuanced, and the lucid liner notes enhance our understanding of this complex, mosaic-like piece. It is a *tour de force*," Talalay wrote in her review.

The album, "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," will be released internationally April 1 by Centaur Records, available through all major sellers and streaming services.



**JUDD'S  
LEGACY**  
Itching for Awareness

**Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy, commonly known as ICP, is a liver condition that occurs in approximately 1% of pregnancies in the United States.**

It usually happens in the last trimester and, in its most severe cases, results in stillbirth. The only treatment is delivery, accompanied by close monitoring and repeated clinical testing for bile acids, a byproduct of liver function. Unfortunately, many doctors and expectant parents are unaware of the disease, and even if it is suspected, delays in the necessary testing can prove fatal.

In 2018, **Brandon '07** and **Dr. Allison Kyzer Gardner '09** were expecting their first child, a boy, whom they named Judd. However, after having experienced symptoms and performed tests, Allison was diagnosed with ICP, following a weeklong wait for results. They scheduled an early delivery, but it was too late, and Judd passed away a few days before the appointed date.

After losing Judd, the Gardners resolved to help prevent this tragedy from taking other unborn babies. In 2020, they founded Judd's Legacy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to ICP awareness and prevention.



Brandon '07 and Dr. Allison Kyzer Gardner '09 spreading awareness for Judd's Legacy, a foundation they founded in his honor.



Dr. Berry Campbell, Dr. Allison Gardner and Kip Gardner at the annual Judd's Legacy Boo Run 5K in Gaffney, South Carolina, on Oct. 30, 2021.

"A lot of providers brush it off, and that's exactly what happened to me," said Allison. "It started with severe itching, and I talked to my OB about it and his words were, 'stay off Google, take this Benadryl, and this and that.'"

Her provider only suspected ICP after other tests detected elevated liver enzymes. Then, the necessary bile acid test was performed, sent off, and the results were returned days later.

In addition to awareness, a significant part of the Gardners' mission has been to bring rapid bile acid testing to South Carolina, which would cut the wait time for results from seven days to just hours. Pretty soon, their mission connected them with **Dr. Berry Campbell '81**, with Prisma Health in Columbia.

"When Allison brought me the information about this test they were doing in the U.K. and at Yale New Haven, it made sense and we should be able to do something similar," said Campbell. "So, we started putting it together."

On Nov. 1, 2021, in-house rapid bile acid testing began at Prisma Health in Greenville, now one of two rapid testing labs in the United States. The results are ready within 12 hours, and patients from surrounding areas can have results back within 24 hours. There are plans to bring the same to Columbia in the coming months.

"It's just a wonderful thing, and we would've never known to look into it, frankly, if it hadn't been for Allison's persistence," said Campbell. "And it just happens that we're all Newberry College grads."



# That's the Spirit!

*Ben '10 and Jessica Troutman Brooks '12 are living in Scotland, where he is a distiller and she runs her own small business*



When opportunity knocks, even in the middle of a global pandemic, it's worth answering.

That's what happened to **Ben '10** and **Jessica Troutman Brooks '12** when, in May 2020, Ben applied for a graduate program in brewing and distilling – in Scotland.

"I remember saying to Ben, 'Well, you should apply to it because, what's the worst that could happen?' Well, the worst is that they'd say 'yes' and we'd have to figure it out," said Jessica.

Ben was soon accepted by Heriot-Watt University. The South Carolina natives sold nearly everything and moved themselves and their two dogs, Bonnie and Sumter, to the foothills of the Scottish Highlands. Ben completed his degree just over a year later, and now he serves Persie Distillery in Perthshire as a distiller and "hugely popular tour guide."



"I got into it, believe it or not, because of the barrels," Ben said. "I graduated [Newberry] with a history degree. Seeing the barrels aging, knowing what's inside the barrels, the science, the angel's share escaping. You get to see history being made, and it's just fascinating."

Persie Distillery, established in 2015, produces a variety of hand-crafted gins and vodka, with plans to add scotch. "If you start a whiskey distillery, you won't see a profit for anywhere from seven to 12 years. That's the aging process. With gin, you can see a profit in about two weeks," he said.

In 2018, Persie partnered with the Perthshire Abandoned Dogs Society to release a family of "dog gins" – Dachshund, Dog Days, Labrador, and Spaniel – donating £1 for every bottle sold to provide care for unwanted canines. The distillery also makes a Puscat Vodka and donates £1 per bottle to the Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home.

So far, over £10,000 (or about \$13,600) has been given for dog rescue. As a result of its charity work, Persie will become the first-ever alcohol maker invited to the Crufts Dog Show. Held each March in Birmingham, England, it is the largest event of its kind in the world.

From Scotland, Jessica operates her business, StaffMyRIA, matching American firms with registered investment advisors.



"Clients have said, 'We don't care where you live in the world. Just please don't leave us, we need you.' And that was very gratifying to hear," she said.

The Brookses, who met at Newberry College, have adjusted to Scottish life – the left-sided driving, the near-constant rain, the breathtaking views – and have even introduced their neighbors to the word "y'all." They plan to stick around for another two years, but they also added their affinity for spontaneity.

"If you asked us in April 2020 where we would be in two years, we wouldn't have said Scotland," said Jessica. "So, who knows?"



# Back Home in God's House

*The Rev. David W. Coffman '97  
has returned to his alma mater  
as campus pastor.*

Just a quarter century ago, the voice of **David Coffman '97** was one of many that resounded from the Wiles Chapel pews at Wednesday morning worship. The senior from Saluda savored his last few weeks observing from the prayerful plush. In a matter of months, his college days would become but memories and he, a seminarian bound for the pulpit. Little did this political science major know that his budding journey in ministry would eventually come full circle, to God's House back home.

After having felt the call to ministry his senior year, Coffman enrolled in Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and graduated in 2001. He went on to St. John's Lutheran Church in Walhalla, South Carolina, where he served as senior pastor until 2011. Since then, he has served in a number of ministerial roles in hospice care and as a supply pastor.

In his 21 years of ordination, Coffman described his role as a conduit of relationships, whether it be relationships with God or relationships between and among people.

Coffman began officially as Newberry College's campus pastor on Dec. 1, 2021, just in time to bless the fall's graduates and wave as many students left for the holidays. The winter start has given him a chance to settle in, to meet his new colleagues and prepare for his inaugural semester as spiritual shepherd to this undergraduate flock. He's also put some finishing touches on the Weber Campus Ministry House, where the chaplain's office has returned after years in Holland Hall.

Coffman said he really looks forward to continuing the weekly 10 a.m. Wednesday chapel services that have become a Newberry College tradition. He also shared plans to grow campus ministry through group fellowship, service projects, mission trips and more. On Sundays, he said, students are encouraged to attend worship off campus, in Newberry's many faithful congregations.

"We've got a great opportunity to serve the community, to grow student leaders into productive servant leaders, in whatever profession they decide to pursue," said Coffman. "At the heart of all our lives can be service to God, service to neighbor."

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*"What I do as an ordained pastor is meet people where they are, be it in healthcare, in education, or whatever it might be. It is about journeying with them. And my role is to connect with them and see what I can do to assist them in their journey."* — David Coffman

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Installation for the  
**Rev. David Coffman '97**  
Newberry College Campus Pastor  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
Wiles Chapel



# RETIREMENTS



## **Dinah Hiller** Administrative Assistant

Dinah Hiller retired in December 2021 after over 20 years at Newberry College, having started in March 2001. Most recently, she served as administrative assistant to the dean of students.

## **Debbie Jarman** Administrative Assistant

Debbie Jarman retired from Newberry College in January 2022 after 23 years of faithful service. Most recently, she served as administrative assistant to the Department of Music.



## **Ralph Patterson** Athletic Director

Ralph Patterson retired as athletic director in January 2022. His five-year tenure was marked by significant student-athlete enrollment; the addition of track and field, men's lacrosse, women's triathlon and women's rugby; six consecutive conference championships in wrestling, along with conference football championships in 2016 and 2021, and baseball in 2019.



New at Newberry

## *Staff*

Deral Brown '13  
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*Head Women's Golf Coach*

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Ramon Jackson  
*Assistant Professor of History*

Len Lawson  
*Assistant Professor of English*

Melissa Ochoa  
*Assistant Professor of Sociology*

Lerone Wilder  
*Assistant Professor of Religion*

# Protestant Relocation

Newberry College students come from all over the world. For Kornelia Rudkowska and Diana Kasente, it was their Lutheran faith that brought them here. Literally.



Over the last six years, the women's program has brought 45 students to 11 ELCA-affiliated institutions. Newberry is one of 26 affiliated colleges and universities across the United States.

"If you want to change the world, pick up your pen and write."

— Martin Luther

**Kornelia Rudkowska** didn't plan to attend college outside her native Poland, much less a continent and an ocean away. But opportunity crossed nearly 5,000 miles to knock on the door of a Lutheran church just south of Warsaw, and Kornelia answered.

The communications major is a semester into her career at Newberry College. Her major is fitting. Not only does she aspire to a career in public relations, her communication skills span three languages. Polish, of course, is first. And as is common across Europe, she began learning English at a young age. Finally, her proximity to Germany and her Lutheran roots have afforded her a strong understanding of German, as well. Add this to the skills she is learning at Newberry, and Kornelia hopes to return home the embodiment of international faithful women leadership.

Kornelia and her family are part of a religious minority in Poland, where Roman Catholicism holds an overwhelming majority. Her father is a pastor in the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland, and his congregation is among the 0.4% of Poles who identify as Protestant, including 61,270 Lutherans, according to the Lutheran World Federation.

"Being Lutheran in Poland is not the easiest," Kornelia said. "But I really like my community. I feel more safe in the Lutheran Church ... so being Lutheran will always be the most important for me."

For Kornelia, Newberry is where her faith and her goals meet.

*"After my four years here, I would like to go back to my country and use the skills from here to make improvements in the Polish Lutheran Church," she said. "I think that will be a challenge, but also a great opportunity to get more public relations skills and try to show our Lutheran Church to more people."*



"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope."

— Martin Luther



When **Diana Kasente** earns her Newberry degree in May 2022, she will throw open a door through which few Kenyan women have passed, and it will have been unlatched by a combination of faith, grace, and hope.

Diana grew up in a Lutheran, Swahili-speaking family in the heart of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. "I come from a very, very strong Lutheran background from my grandfather to my dad," she said. "Although I've been invited to other churches by my friends, it's really rooted into me from birth where I am right now."

She had heard about the International Women Leaders program in church, but it wasn't until the bishop spoke to her youth group that she learned there were scholarships available exclusively for empowering women. Diana and other girls applied, and she said it was a privilege to have been the one selected.

"It really means a lot, my being the only girl in my family to be able to secure a college degree," she said. "It's a huge deal that I got the chance to be a part of this program."

Diana was offered her choice of three ELCA-affiliated colleges, and she said Newberry was the first one to reach out to her. Nearly four years later, Newberry is her home away from home.

"The connection that is between every single person. I'd say it's like a family. That's my favorite thing. There's no point I've ever had a problem, and nobody said they're not willing to help me," she said. "I'll always have that."

The business administration major plans to return to Kenya after graduation, where she wants to help other girls receive the opportunities with which she has been blessed.

Despite policies that promise equal opportunities, Kenyans experience prevalent gender disparities in education past the primary level. According to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, of the 85% of students who reach secondary school, 30% go on to college. Of those in higher education, one-third are women.

"I've been working closely with the youth group in my church back home. We're looking at starting a foundation where we could sponsor young girls from high school. For most girls in my country, a high school education is very, very expensive. Some of them don't get the privilege of going on and if they do, they just end up with high school diplomas," Diana said. "We can use that as a way to empower more girls and more families."

Kornelia and Diana are the most recent in a handful of students brought to Newberry College through the International Women Leaders program since its launch in 2015. The program, founded by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, provides women from global companion Lutheran churches with scholarships and educational opportunities at affiliated colleges and universities in the United States.

"God does not need your good works.  
But your neighbor does."

— Martin Luther

Among the initiative's inaugural class to attend Newberry were **Abby Lai Coatie '19**, of the Lutheran Church of Malaysia, and **Elisa Pérez-Trejo '19**, of the Mexican Lutheran Church. The following year, Newberry welcomed **Hester Foo '20**, also of the Lutheran Church of Malaysia.

"Newberry has been a faithful partner in this work from its inception, and we are grateful for the impact that the collaboration has had over the years," said Kaleb Sutherland, director of the ELCA's International Leaders Program, which includes the women's program, the International Scholarships Program, and the Global Leadership Academy.

"Through academic scholarships, engagement in gender justice, and other short-term leadership experiences, we are together forming leaders for church and society and inviting the ELCA to experience the gifts of the global church," he said.

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"Because of the comprehensive nature of the scholarship support that our institutions are able to collaboratively offer, the program is relatively small," said Sutherland. "That number will continue to grow each year."

"We are grateful to ELCA members whose generosity has made this work possible since the start of the ELCA over three decades ago," he added.

For more information on the International Leaders Program, visit [elca.org](http://elca.org).



# On a Whole New Level

## *Newberry College offers a master's degree.*

That phrase (note “offers” in the present tense) is the culmination of years of planning and perhaps the best expression of the degree to which the College has grown. Pun intended.

It is true – Newberry College now offers an online graduate program in organizational development and leadership (MSODL). The program was officially announced in July 2021 and came with a corresponding level change in accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools’ Commission on Colleges.

Five students comprised the program’s inaugural class in fall 2021, including two Newberry alumni, two College staff members and one new student from North Carolina. At the beginning of the spring term, four new students enrolled, including three alumni and one new student from Georgia. Five of the nine graduate students are early-to-mid career professionals working across higher education, business consulting and technology. Students’ ages range from 22 to 52.

“We are elated with the MSODL program launch performance,” said **Dr. Kelli Lynn Fellows**, dean of online and graduate programs. “Our graduate students are learning and applying solutions to unprecedented organizational challenges in real-time.”

Fellows said student’s portable skills – including leading high-performance teams and coaching individuals to

achieve peak performance – are forged in our present “VUCA world reality.” VUCA is an acronym, coined by the United States Army War College, that describes four distinct challenges – volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. These challenges may exist singularly, or in varying degrees combined.

“In *Leaders Make the Future*, Bob Johansen adapted VUCA to business. Our graduate team heeded Johnsen’s advice in designing our MSODL program to emulate VUCA and the skills, core competencies, and mindsets needed to navigate and lead effectively,” said Fellows. Newberry College’s move to the graduate level is historic, but not unprecedented. Between 1885 and 1928, the College awarded 54 master’s degrees, in subjects including mathematics, natural sciences, philosophy, history, and Latin and Greek. The last student, and only female, to earn a Newberry master’s degree was **Ella Dunn**, who received her M.A. in chemistry and physics in 1928.

“The MSODL’s start-up launch performance demonstrates Newberry College’s legacy of excellence. And our alumni are the evidence. Today, alumni play a critical role in propelling our growth and expansion – after all, they are our best ambassadors,” said Fellows.

Fellows encourages alumni to reach out to individuals they know who may be interested in the Master of Science in organizational development and leadership. She is happy to answer any questions at 803.321.5685, or via email at [Kelli.Fellows@newberry.edu](mailto:Kelli.Fellows@newberry.edu).



## Master of Science in Organizational Development and Leadership Faculty

**Dr. Kelli Lynn Fellows**

Dean of Online & Graduate Programs

**Dr. David Harpool**

Business Faculty and MSODL  
Executive-in-Residence

**Dr. Jacki Wisler**

Business Faculty and MSODL  
Executive-in-Residence



# Looking Ahead

*Twenty twenty-two is set to be the most transformative year Newberry College has seen in decades.*

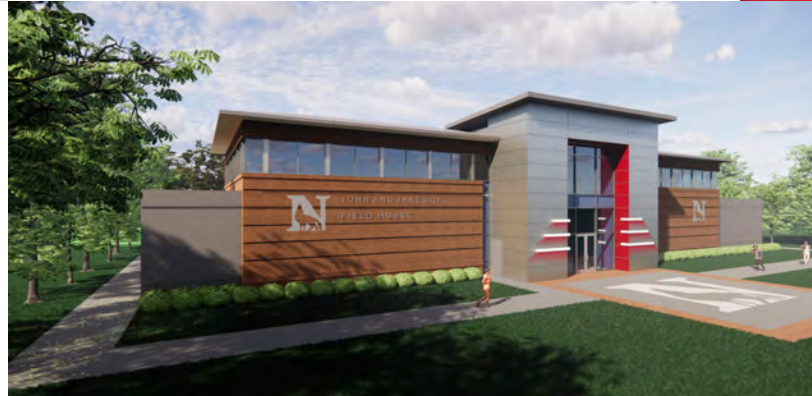


## **Nursing & Health Science Center**

The College broke ground in February on this 11,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, to be built at the corner of College and Evans streets. Classrooms and simulation labs will allow the space and the innovative potential required by the ever-changing health care industry.

## **Athletic Stadium Phase II**

An 18,000-square-foot athletic field house is set to flank the athletic stadium's east side. The facility will include locker rooms for football, lacrosse and field hockey, coaches' offices and field-view classrooms and reception areas, and 800 spectator seats.



## **A New Residence**

Construction will begin soon on a new residence hall for upper-level students, to be built next to the Alumni Music Center on the site of the former tennis courts. The building is expected to be completed in 2023. It will be the first new residence hall since L. Wayne Pearson Hall opened in 2018.



## **We Have Reached the Summit**

The Scaling the Summit capital campaign began in 2014 as the most comprehensive campus enhancement initiative in school history. With the final stages funded and underway, the campaign will officially end in 2022, offering the well-deserved opportunity to celebrate and reflect on all we've accomplished.

# Presenting the Graduating Classes of 2021

SPRING



May 15, 2021, Setzler Field



*"Before college, I was always known as being someone's sister, cousin, or daughter. People did not know me for who I was. In fact, I was one of those people. ... Today, I can tell you who I am."*

— Aubrey Guyton '21  
Cordova, Tennessee



*"Within society, we tend to celebrate the specific accomplishment that we hope to reach, but forget the growth that we as individuals went through to achieve that thing we wanted so dearly."*

— Jonathan Elicier '21  
Apopka, Florida



## AWARDS

### Luceo Mea Luce Award

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday '75

### Dr. L. Grady Cooper Award

Dr. Naomi Simmons  
Jonathan Elicier '21

### Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

Pedro Campos '21 (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)

### Mary Mildred Sullivan Award

D'Zhanya Richards '21 (Pembroke Pines, Florida)

### Dr. George B. Cromer Award

Aubrey Guyton '21





FALL



Dec. 10, 2021, Wiles Chapel

Fall 2021 commencement was the first such ceremony to take place in Wiles Chapel since December 2019, due to renovations that kept the building out of commission for much of 2020 and 2021.



*"Through my explorations which led me to realize that my own passion and purpose is wrapped up in higher education, I learned a key lesson from my military service: life is short – do what you love. ... Whether we live for 20 years, 30 years, 60 years, or 100 years, we never have enough time."*

— Dr. Laura Roost  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
Professor of the Year



## GRADUATION HONOR ADDED

In 2021, the faculty created a graduation honor for transfer and online students who did not have enough credit hours to qualify for the traditional Latin honors. Those students who completed 30-55 credit hours and earned at least 3.75 GPAs graduated with distinction.



# 2021

## Alumni Association Awards

Each year, the Newberry College Alumni Association honors graduates and friends of the institution for their service, success and support. The Association presented the following awards at Homecoming 2021.



**The 2021 Alumni Distinguished Service Award**  
Bill Hilton Jr. '70



**The 2021 Alumni Distinguished Service Award**  
Dr. Heyward Brock '63



**The 2021 Philip T. Kelly Jr. Outstanding Young Alumni Award**  
Elliott Cox '09



**The 2021 Thomas A. Epting Outstanding Alumni Award**  
Jim Guard Jr. '70



**The 2021 Newberry College Alumni Award of Valor**  
The late Mark G. Liptak '74 (1951–2021)  
(daughter, Rachel pictured)



## Ringin' True

The annual ring ceremony has become an eagerly awaited event for juniors and seniors. It is a milestone in every student's college career to receive their class ring, a tangible symbol of their achievement.

Each year, the Alumni Association Board of Managers holds a class ring competition. Students write about what Newberry College and a class ring mean to them, and about how they plan to serve their alma mater after graduation. Two winners are selected and gifted \$500 to put toward their rings. This year, the two winners were juniors **Shanna Wicker** and **Mikayla Miles**.



IN PHOTO ORDER (LEFT-TO-RIGHT):

Nathaniel Carrasco, Junior  
Lexington, South Carolina

Sophia Maybay, Senior  
Lexington, South Carolina

Bryce Sox, Junior  
West Columbia, South Carolina

Shanna Wicker, Junior  
Little Mountain, South Carolina

Mikayla Miles, Junior  
Clio, South Carolina



# classnotes

## BIRTHS



*Quiana Anderson Reed '05 and Karl Reed '12 welcomed their second son — and almost two-year-old Deuce welcomed a baby brother — Kash, on July 7, 2021.*

**Shirolyn Johnson Fredette '05** welcomed a daughter, Cree Caroline, on Oct. 21, 2020.

**Matthew Fogle '09** and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their second son, Fletcher, on Oct. 12, 2021.

**Nick Kinney '11** and his wife, Carly, welcomed a daughter, Louvenia June, on Dec. 4, 2021.

**The Rev. Gryff Carosiello '13** and his wife, Rachel, welcomed their first child, Theo, on July 15, 2021.

**Meagan Baytes Miles '13** and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed their first child, Maxwell, on Aug. 25, 2021.

**Lauren Veres Pinckney '13** and her husband, Eli, welcomed a son, Grayson, on Jun. 14, 2021.

**Mason '13 and Ashley Buettner Taylor '17** welcomed a son, Winston, on June 8, 2021.

**Emily Mullins Howle '14 and Henry Howle '16** welcomed twin daughters, Anne and Caroline, on Aug. 23, 2021.

**Seiji '15 and Jennifer Morris Borja '15** welcomed a son, Brooks, on May 6, 2021.

**Alex Quintero '15** and his wife, Kristin, welcomed a daughter, Evelyn, on Feb. 12, 2021.

**Carly Marksberry Roberts '16** and her husband, D.J., welcomed a son, Ridge, on July 2, 2021.



*Tyler '16 and Sarah Reed Stasky '17 welcomed a daughter, Emerson, on Jan. 19, 2022.*

**Joe '16 and Rae Knobloch Tompkins '16** welcomed their second son, Michael, on Sept. 21, 2021.

**Madison Graham Cumalander '17** and her husband, Bradley, welcomed a daughter, Brynleigh, on Feb. 16, 2021.

**Kali Webber Griffith '17** and her husband, Welby, welcomed their first child, David, on Oct. 29, 2021.

**Alyssa Germanoff Young '17 and Nick Young '17** welcomed a daughter, Elise, on May 26, 2021.

**Billie Harper Agey '18** and her husband, Drew, welcomed a daughter, Indigo, on Dec. 15, 2021.

**Billy Decker '18 and Frances Wylie '18** welcomed a son, Michael, on May 30, 2021.

**Hannah Ksor Few '18** and her husband, Timothy, welcomed a son, Benjamin, on Nov. 21, 2020.

**Hayleigh Ksor Hite '18 and Peyton Hite '19** welcomed a daughter, Brim, on Oct. 21, 2021.

## CAREERS

**States Lee Clawson '73** retired Aug. 31, 2021, after 36 years with the South Carolina Department of Commerce. He now enjoys spending time hunting, on Lake Murray, and with his three children.

**Donald R. Kennedy '73** was named interim superintendent of the Charleston County School District in January 2022.

**Dr. Allen Witt '73** retired in July 2021 as president of the Dale Mabry campus of Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida, after 14 years of service to the institution.

**Corrie '74** and **Al Schuette '76** have retired and now reside in Murphy, North Carolina.

**Stan Hilton '77** retired May 31, 2021, after 41 years with the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

**The Rev. Dr. Billy Troy Lowe '77** has celebrated his 30th year as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville, North Carolina.

**Deacon Rick Frederick '78** was installed in September 2020 as executive director of Camp Agapé, an outdoor Lutheran ministry in Hickory, Pennsylvania.

**George H. Liebenrood '78** was elected superintendent of the Latta School District in Latta, South Carolina, in December 2021. Since his arrival in Latta in 1980, George has served as director of bands and principal of Latta Middle and Latta High, and as assistant superintendent for Dillon District Three from 2016–21.

**Jim Prentki '81** started a new job in September 2021 as the audio-visual specialist for the Greenberg Traurig law firm's New York office.

**Kathryn "Kathy" Schneider Hebda '85** was appointed by the governor of Florida as vice chair of the state's Rare Disease Advisory Council. She currently serves as Florida College System Chancellor in the Florida Department of Education.

**Charli Wessinger '93** was elected to the Lexington County Council on Nov. 3, 2020. She represents district six, which includes Chapin, parts of Irmo and Lexington.

**Catherine "CeCe" Mikell '97** was promoted in October 2021 to brokerage leadership training and support for Keller Williams Realty International in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

**Tim Perry '97** became director of player development for Coastal Carolina University baseball, following a decade head coach for Airport High School in West Columbia, South Carolina.

**Laura Sanders Riley '97** was named head of middle school at Hammond School in Columbia, South Carolina. She began the role in March 2021 after 21 years in the classroom.

**Richard Tillmon '97** was appointed assistant principal of Gilbert High School in Gilbert, South Carolina, on Aug. 18, 2020.

**Beth Baker '99** took a new position in July 2021 as a brain injury specialist with the Arizona Department of Economic Security's Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

**Darnae Parks '02** started a new job in January 2022 as director of diversity and community partnerships for the Suwanee, Georgia, campus of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Garth Knight '04** was appointed executive vice president and chief lending officer of F&M Bank in June 2020. The firm is based in Timberville, Virginia.

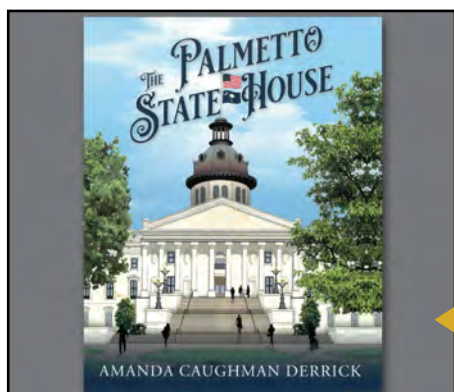
**Russel Sease '04** started a new job in November 2021 as director of sales and marketing for Herzog Railroad Services, Inc., in St. Joseph, Missouri.

**LaToya Caldwell Abney '05** began her new role in October 2021 as disability services coordinator and academic success coach in Newberry College's Center for Student Success.

**Lee Reeves Knopf '05** started a new job in April 2021 as an IT clinical analyst for the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

**Christina Doyle Salet '05** earned a promotion to office coordinator in the Division of Laboratory Animal Services at Augusta University, and celebrated 15 years of service to the institution.

**Amaziah "Mazzie" Drummond '07** was named athletic director and founding basketball coach at San Jose Preparatory School in Jacksonville, Florida, in March 2020. His move followed a five-year stint as girls' basketball coach and assistant football coach for hometown Greer High School in Greer, South Carolina.



**Mandy Caughman Derrick '81** published a children's book in June 2021, titled *The Palmetto State House* (Palmetto Publishing). The book educates children about the special history of the South Carolina State House in Columbia. The book is available through most major sellers



**Dr. Stephen Stellfox '07** opened his own practice, Palmetto Spine and Pain in Chapin, South Carolina, in August 2020.

**Josh Stepp '07** was promoted in January 2022 to offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Georgia State University.

**Stephanie Frady Wiesman '08** started a new job in July 2020 as a clinical supervisor for Brave Health, a virtual mental health clinic based in Miami, Florida.

**Brandon Clontz '09** was appointed head football coach at St. John's Christian Academy in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, in March 2020.

**Cy Wainwright '09** stepped down as Newberry's head wrestling coach in September 2021, following the passing of his wife, Megan, after a long battle with cancer. Wainwright will assume new roles as a professor and assistant to the athletic director, while also gaining more time to focus on his two children, Amelia and Ryland. During Wainwright's tenure, the Wolves achieved five consecutive conference championships.

**Harry Cabaniss '11** was named head football coach at Chapman High School in Inman, South Carolina, in March 2020.

**Dr. Shelby Chastain-Potts '12** started a new job in April 2021 as a quality manager for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in Atlanta.

**Tonya Tuberville '12** started in December 2020 as a biologist with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in Atlanta.

**Deral Brown '13** was appointed head wrestling coach, effective Oct. 1, 2021. Brown returned to his alma mater after two years as head coach at King University in Bristol, Tennessee. Before that, he served as an assistant coach at Newberry from 2018-19. His first decision as head coach was to promote Head Assistant Wrestling Coach **Bryant Blanton '11** to associate head coach.

**BJ Young '14** was appointed in April 2021 as head wrestling coach for Union County College in Cranford, New Jersey. His appointment follows a five-year stint as the assistant wrestling coach for his alma mater Jackson Memorial High School in Jackson, New Jersey.

**Karmen Owen '15** started a new job in August 2020 as a clinical laboratory analyst in the COVID-19 lab at Nephron Pharmaceuticals in West Columbia, South Carolina. In August 2021, she began working toward a master's degree in biomedical science at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

**Kaitlynn Pacholke '15** started a new job in June 2021 as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for University of Southern Mississippi women's basketball.

**Carlton Kinard '16** was elected to the Newberry City Council on Dec. 1, 2020, in a special election to fill the district three seat held by the late Zebbie Goudelock. Kinard also started a new job in August 2021 as program coordinator for the Muller Center at Newberry College.

**Shaquille Lamar '16** was appointed director of parks and recreation for the City of Chester, South Carolina, in January 2022.

**Bennett Murphy '16** was originally cast for season 16 of ABC's *The Bachelorette*, before the pandemic forced a program recast. He was later cast for Discovery's new series *Naked and Afraid of Love*.

**Sumner Cooler '18** became a partner of the Bamberg, South Carolina-based Cooler Real Estate Appraisals, LLC, alongside his father, Howard.

**Victoria Corriston '19** joined the team of Infinity Marketing, based in Greenville, South Carolina, in March 2021 as integrated marketing coordinator.

**Victoria Hawkins Hill '19** opened a storefront for her business, H & H Home Decor, in North Augusta, South Carolina.

**Daniel "Joe" Cook '21**, former fishing team captain, was named Lenoir-Rhyne University's bass fishing head coach in September 2021.

**Courtney Pruitt '05** was named athletic director at Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas, in January 2022. This comes after she assumed the interim role in November 2021.





**Megan Caughman Carrero '03** was named the 2022 South Carolina Middle Level Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. She has served as principal of R. H. Fulmer Middle School in West Columbia since 2013.

## DEGREES

**Billy Eargle '68** earned a Doctor of Education degree, with an emphasis in organizational change and leadership, in May 2020 from the University of Southern California. In October 2021, he moved from the Washington, D.C., suburbs to Saratoga Springs, Utah.

**Zeb Reid '02** recently completed the Master's Degree Plus 30 Hours, or MA+30, through the South Carolina Department of Education. Centered on curriculum and instruction, his area endorsements included Gifted & Talented (Converse College), Online Teaching (College of Charleston), Project-Based Learning (College of Charleston), and additional hours in exercise science at The Citadel. Reid currently serves as assistant principal at Mid-Carolina High School in Prosperity, South Carolina.

**Keith James '09** earned an M.A. in higher education in May 2021 from John Brown University, and in September, he started his new role as director of Title IX and equal opportunity at Spartanburg Methodist College.

**UnDrena Cromer '14** earned a master's degree in clinical psychology in 2020 from Capella University, and began teaching at Newberry High School in August 2021.

**Marley Ott Myers '14** earned her Master of Business Administration degree in 2021 from North Greenville University.

**Erica Teal '16** earned a master's degree in marketing in 2019 from Liberty University. In June 2020, she began her role as communications coordinator for Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas, based in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**Ebony Bennett '18** earned her Master of Arts in Teaching degree in music education in July 2021 from Valdosta State University.

**Carmen Laughlin '18** earned an associate degree in funeral service in December 2021 from Piedmont Technical College. She is currently an apprentice at Harley Funeral Home in Greenwood, South Carolina.

**Alexander Peters '18** earned his Juris Doctor degree in May 2021 from Case Western Reserve University.

**Brooke Tolbert '18** earned her Master of Education degree in August 2021 from the University of South Carolina. She has begun studying for her Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership at Liberty University.

**Emma Smith '19** earned her Master of Science degree in forensic psychology in October 2021 from Arizona State University.

## HONORS

The late **Pat Merrick '67** was posthumously inducted Dec. 5, 2021, into the Warren Sports Hall of Fame, based in his native Warren, Ohio. An award-winning lineman on the

Newberry College football team, he attended the Cleveland Browns' rookie camp as a free agent in 1967. Though he was invited back the following year, he chose to pursue a career in high school teaching and coaching. He was inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. Merrick passed away Aug. 27, 2018.

**Connie Sanders '75**, owner of Constance Sanders Photography in Bellevue, Kentucky, was named a gold and silver medalist in the Artist and Photographic Open competitions, respectively, as part of the Professional Photographers of America's 2021 International Photographic Competition.

**Pat Smith '75** was named an Icon by the Columbia Regional Business Report in August 2021. Smith is the agency director for the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, which celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2021, and he has been at the school for nearly half that time. The former mayor of Springdale, South Carolina, Smith is very active in the community, where he has served on many boards, including the Columbia Regional Airport, the Lexington County Water and Sewer Commission, the Central Midlands Council of Government and local and statewide municipal association.

**Dr. Lenna Corley Young '77** was honored in June 2021 by the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas with its Rotarian of the Year award.

**Carl Carter '79** was celebrated by Savannah Christian Preparatory School



**Sarah Dowd '81 and Missy Perry '01** were both recognized at the South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators conference, held Oct. 17-20, 2021. Dowd received the Fearless Nine Award and will serve as conference chair in 2022-23. Perry received the Achiever Award and will serve as association president in the coming year. Both started their careers in financial aid at Newberry College.

on March 7, 2020, as the school's baseball field was renamed in his honor. Now retired, Carter coached for over three decades and over 500 wins. He was elected to the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame and the Georgia Dugout Club Hall of Fame in 2017.

**Cindy Caldwell '81**, school nurse for Fort Mill Elementary in Fort Mill, South Carolina, was named Support Staff of the Year.

**Wendell Davis '81** received the South Atlantic Conference Distinguished Alumni Award on June 3, 2021. He was a four-year member of the football team, in which he amassed 299 career rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns and eight receptions for 58 yards.

**Joey Weatherford '84** was inducted into the Florence County School District Three Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 1, 2021. During his time as a three-sport athlete at Lake City High School, on the baseball diamond he was a two-time all-conference outfielder and pitcher who was named Best Hitter and team MVP during his junior and senior seasons. At Newberry College, he was a three-year starter in the outfield and set numerous program records. He was picked by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 20th round of the Major League Baseball draft. During his time in the Brewers' minor league system, Weatherford hit .289 before retiring from the game.

**Robert Jackson '85** was a finalist for Richmond County Teacher of the Year in October 2021. He teaches American literature and ninth grade literature at Cross Creek High School in Augusta, Georgia.

**Linda Bartell Schulz '85** was named one of Upstate Parent's 10 Educators Who Make a Difference for 2022. She serves as director of college counseling at Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, South Carolina, with 35 years' experience in college admission and secondary school college counseling.

**Eddie Marshall '93** was named 2020-21 Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians. He currently serves as director of federal programs and elementary education for Laurens County School District 56. Marshall also became the proud "Big Pa" to a granddaughter, Emerson, born April 28, 2021.

**Kevin Steelman '95** was named 2020 Residential Builder Member of the Year by the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina. He serves as president and CEO of LandTech Inc. of South Carolina, headquartered in Columbia.

**Kelton Graham '96** was named to the Marquis Who's Who in Finance and Business in 2021 for his achievements and service as a mortgage loan officer. In 2020, he was featured in the Marietta, Georgia-based Top Agent Magazine, Lender Edition. His motto is, "I will never put someone in a loan that I wouldn't put my mother in." Graham currently serves as area mortgage manager for Sharonview Federal Credit Union in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Ivory Mathews '96** was named one of Columbia Business Monthly's 50 Most Influential People in Columbia in 2021. With over 20 years in the affordable housing industry, she currently serves as chief executive officer of Columbia Housing Authority.

**Matt DeWitt '02**, Newberry city manager, and the City of Newberry brought home the Municipal Association of South Carolina's Joseph P. Riley Jr. Award for the Fiber to the Home project. The city won in the economic development category. In January 2022, DeWitt began a three-year term on the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust Board of Trustees.

**Dr. Andrew McMillan '05** was named the 2022 South Carolina Secondary Level Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. He has served as principal of Chapman High School in Inman since 2018.

**Jenny Raines '07** was named Barnwell District 45 Teacher of the Year in June 2021. She teaches fifth grade at Barnwell Elementary School in Barnwell, South Carolina.

**April Ballard Troglauer '07** was a finalist for Horry County Schools' 2022 Teacher of the Year. She serves as a music teacher at Aynor Middle School in Galivants Ferry, South Carolina.

**Chris Wofford '07** was named 2020-21 Teacher of the Year for Whitmire Community School in Whitmire, South Carolina.

**Walter Simmons '10** was named one of Maryland's "Most Admired CEOs" by the *Maryland Daily Record* in September 2021. Simmons is president and CEO of Employ Prince George's, Inc., a nonprofit that provides workforce intelligence and solutions for the job seeker and business.

**Kennard Smalls '11** was named 2022-23 Teacher of the Year for Edward E. Taylor Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina.

**Andrew Wigger '13** received two awards from the South Carolina Press Association in the Weekly Under 3,500 Division. He received second place in General News Photo and third place in Enterprise Reporting. Wigger serves as editor of *The Newberry Observer* in Newberry, South Carolina.

### Don't see your name?

If you had a baby, changed jobs, retired, earned a degree or an award, got married, or had a major life update in the last year, please let us know at [newberry.edu/update](mailto:newberry.edu/update). Send any accompanying photos to [Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu](mailto:Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu).

# Newberry Weddings

**Tameka Shelton '97  
& William Johnson**  
Oct. 10, 2020

**Whitney Metz '09  
& Justin Mitchell**  
Dec. 18, 2021

**Cameron Lamb '14  
& Chandler Hendrix '16**  
Dec. 12, 2020

**Matthew Ammons '15  
& Cassie Babb '18**  
Oct. 2, 2021

**Chris Brown '15  
& Kayla Phlegar '15**  
Sept. 25, 2021

**Casey Nakawatase '15  
& Hunter Robinson**  
Aug. 6, 2021

**Joseph Casey Baldwin '16  
& Rachel Moran '16**  
Jan. 16, 2021

**Erica Teal '16  
& Sean Buff**  
Oct. 16, 2021

**Alli Wimberly '16  
& Gabriel McCall '17**  
May 29, 2021

**Kirsten Cockerham '17  
& Robert Kosch '18**  
April 3, 2021

**Amanda Kaiser '17  
& Bailey Walker '17**  
Dec. 5, 2020

**Olivia Burttram '18  
& Reed Salley**  
March 6, 2021



Joseph Casey Baldwin '16 & Rachel Moran '16  
married Jan. 16, 2021



Erica Teal '16 & Sean Buff married Oct. 16, 2021



*Alli Wimberly '16 & Gabriel McCall '17  
married May 29, 2021*



**Autumn Mims '18  
& Zach England**  
March 6, 2021

**Savannah Ohliger '18  
& Jonathan Coats**  
Sept. 25, 2021

**Anna Grey Walters '18  
& Douglas Peake**  
March 13, 2021

**Taylor Smith '20  
& Cory Little**  
May 14, 2021

**Anne-Marie Branham '21  
& Joshua-Caleb Chaffins**  
Aug. 28, 2021



*Whitney Metz '09 & Justin Mitchell  
married Dec. 18, 2021*



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# In Memoriam

## 1940s

Jeanne Johnstone Hancock '43  
Jan. 8, 2020

Dorothy Ross Harmon Connelly '44  
Oct. 28, 2021

Marjorie Force Pruitt Morison '44  
Aug. 3, 2021

Margaret Clamp Rountree '44  
Aug. 23, 2020

Fay Shealy Mills '45  
Jan. 19, 2022

Dr. Frank E. Kinard '47  
May 1, 2021

Gaines Orin "G.O." Boone '48  
Sept. 14, 2021

William Earl Sanford '48  
Sept. 17, 2021

## 1950s

Ernest Hugh Gruber Jr. '51  
Oct. 1, 2021

Elizabeth Harman Caddell '52  
Nov. 30, 2021

Clarence A. Shealy Jr. '52  
Nov. 10, 2021

Peggy Ann Peele Ballentine '53  
Jan. 23, 2022

The Rev. John H. "Jack" Ohsiek Jr. '53  
Oct. 17, 2021

The Rev. Daniel Murray Shull Jr. '53  
Sept. 16, 2021

Edward E. Ulrich '54  
May 25, 2021

Sylvia Faye Pitts Cumbee '55  
July 21, 2021

Paul Jacob Cone '56  
June 6, 2021

George "Eddie" Seastrunk '56  
Feb. 12, 2022

Martha Frick Haigler '56  
Sept. 9, 2021

Richard T. "Dick" Peret Sr. '57  
April 16, 2021

Leland "Curtis" Rickenbaker '57  
July 19, 2021

Beverly Oxner Ringer '57  
Aug. 16, 2021

Robert H. Biggerstaff Jr. '58  
Sept. 22, 2021

Sarah Fisher '58  
March 25, 2021

Frank B. Havird '58  
March 19, 2021

Daniel Powell Sr. '58  
Dec. 3, 2021

Fred Lamoreux Clary Sr. '59  
Jan. 1, 2021

Marion O. Martens '59  
May 15, 2021

Kenneth Metze '59  
June 3, 2019

Lawrence C. "Larry" Patrick '59  
Aug. 15, 2021

## 1960s

William "Bill" Hendrix Sr. '60  
Jan. 12, 2022

Bobby Metts '60  
Sept. 29, 2021

Glenda Wise Lominick '61  
May 28, 2021

Judith "Judy" Yonce Peacock '61  
Jan. 13, 2022

Winston Wallace Exley Sr. '63  
March 4, 2021

L. M. Smith Jr. '63  
Aug. 7, 2021

The Rev. David Theodore  
Templeton '63  
June 26, 2021

Linda Unger Yonce '63  
Feb. 28, 2021

Diane Patterson Murray '64  
Aug. 16, 2021

Doris Jarrard Stepp '66  
Jan. 22, 2021

Dr. Carey Alexander Washington '67  
March 25, 2021

J. Thomas Burriss '68  
April 17, 2021

Murrie Alice Shealy Johnson '68  
Aug. 24, 2021

Robert Allen Johnson Sr. '68  
Sept. 1, 2021

Dr. Everett Woody Lucas Jr. '68  
Dec. 20, 2021

William "Wick" Ashburn III '69  
Dec. 30, 2021

Eddie C. Septon '69  
Feb. 8, 2021

John Edwin Wiggins '69  
Sept. 19, 2021

## 1970s

Kent Nichols '71  
Nov. 19, 2021

Mark George Liptak '74  
Sept. 16, 2021

## 1980s

Teddie J. Musgrave '80  
Aug. 8, 2021

Wallace I. Benson Jr. '81  
March 2, 2021

Laura Marble Stephens '82  
Oct. 14, 2021

Michael E. Culbreath '85  
Feb. 17, 2021

The Rev. H. Brett Collins '87  
Oct. 13, 2021

## 1990s

Dr. James Michael Anderson '93  
Feb. 12, 2021

Tina Alison McLellan Davis '94  
Sept. 29, 2021

## 2000s

Dr. Jennifer "Jadie" Coates '02  
Nov. 29, 2021

Tony Dominick '02  
Sept. 8, 2021

Mary Jennifer Oates '04  
May 26, 2021

## 2020s

Tiffany Nicole Johnson '20  
April 14, 2021

## Faculty & Staff

Gloria Palladini Nelson  
*Administrative Assistant*  
(1974 – 2001)  
*Newberry College Women's League*  
Nov. 11, 1927 — Nov. 28, 2021

Susie Pippin  
*Instructor of Nursing* (2010 – 20)  
Sept. 10, 1954 — Feb. 1, 2022

Dr. Marilyn Marek Schroer  
*Professor Emerita of Psychology*  
(1999-2019)  
Feb. 1, 1956 — Feb. 13, 2022

W. Darr Wise  
*Professor Emeritus of Music*  
(1956 – 98)  
Jan. 26, 1929 — Nov. 22, 2021

### Don't see someone's name?

If we missed the name of an alumnus, alumna, or faculty or staff member who passed away in the last year, please let us know. Send a copy of their obituary to [Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu](mailto:Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu), or by mail to: Newberry College Office of Advancement, 2100 College St., Newberry, SC 29108



# Calendar of Events



**April 3**  
Newberry College Sunday  
South Carolina Synod  
of the ELCA

**April 8** | 10 a.m.  
Awards Convocation  
Wiles Chapel

**April 9** | 6 p.m.  
Jazz on the Lawn  
Alumni Music Center



**April 26** | 7:30 p.m.  
Wind Ensemble Concert  
Wiles Chapel

**April 29**  
New Residence Hall  
Groundbreaking



**May 2 - 6**  
Scarlet & Gray Week

**May 2** | 8 p.m.  
Newberry Chamber  
Orchestra Concert  
Newberry Opera House

**May 4**  
Installation of Campus Pastor  
David Coffman '97



**May 5** | 7:30 p.m.  
Newberry College Singers  
& Madrigals Concert  
Wiles Chapel

**May 12** | 8 p.m.  
Jazz Big Band Concert  
Newberry Opera House

**May 13** | 5 p.m.  
Baccalaureate Service  
Wiles Chapel

**May 13** | 7 p.m.  
Nurse Pinning Ceremony  
Wiles Chapel

**May 14** | 10 a.m.  
Spring Commencement  
Setzler Field

**June 9**  
Annual Athletic Club  
Golf Tournament

**Oct. 28 - 30**  
Homecoming

**Oct. 28 & 29** | TBA  
Newberry College  
Theatre Presents  
"Noises Off"  
Alumni Reunion Production  
Wiles Chapel Theater

## SPRING HOME GAMES

**Baseball**  
March 4-5 | Limestone  
March 9 | Mount Olive  
March 18-19 | Tusculum  
March 25-26 | Queens  
April 5 | Emmanuel  
April 12 | North Greenville  
April 15-16 | Catawba  
April 19 | Lander

**Softball**  
March 5-6 | King  
March 12 | Wingate  
March 16 | UVA Wise  
March 26 | Carson-Newman  
April 9 | Catawba  
April 12 | Coker  
April 19 | Claflin  
April 23 | Tusculum

**Men's Lacrosse**  
March 12 | Tusculum  
March 16 | Coker  
April 2 | Lenoir-Rhyne  
April 9 | Wingate  
April 16 | Mars Hill

**Women's Lacrosse**  
March 12 | Tusculum  
March 16 | Coker  
April 9 | Wingate  
April 16 | Mars Hill  
April 19 | Limestone

**Men's and Women's Tennis**  
March 12 | UVA Wise  
March 15 | Tusculum  
March 16 | Carson-Newman  
April 15 | Lincoln Memorial

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*For full schedules, game times and  
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## SAVE THE DATE

**Homecoming**  
**2022**  
October 28-30

*Newberry College*  
*vs. Limestone*

### **Class of 1972**

Golden Newberrian  
50-Year Reunion

### **Class of 1982**

40-Year Reunion

### **Class of 1997**

25-Year Reunion

### **Class of 2012**

10-Year Reunion



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