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### DARBY NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Newberry College president, Maurice Scherrens, speaks at the groundbreaking of the Darby Health Sciences Center.

Newberry College has generated over \$98 million in economic growth in the Midlands of South Carolina. The impact of this growth can be felt throughout the region.

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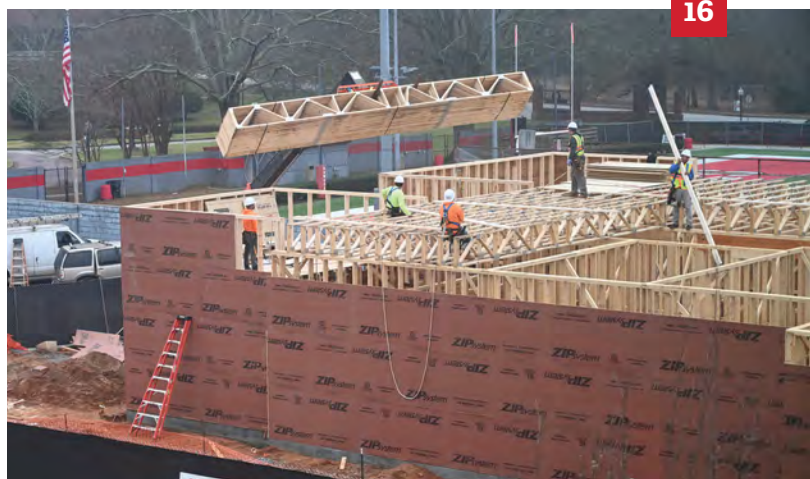
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Dr. Maurice Scherrens, and wife, Dr. Sandra Scherrens

***“In pursuing your callings, giving back to your communities, and acting boldly as God’s people, you help us reimagine a future not easily quantified, but grounded in justice and inclusivity.”***

*a word from the president*

There has never been a better time to be at Newberry College.

If I had to pick a phrase to describe the state of our College in 2023, it would be, “with a shared vision, we continue on our journey of becoming.”

In the last year alone, we have experienced unprecedented growth on all fronts. We honored our first graduates at the master’s level, celebrated a second consecutive conference championship in football, launched truly game-changing partnerships, and welcomed our largest incoming class in school history. We broke ground on the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center, the Founders Field House, and our ninth residence hall. In the last couple of months, the Board of Trustees approved a second master’s degree in sport management and leadership, along with new undergraduate majors in nutrition, special education, and an online degree in business administration.

In addition to growing our campus, we have taken meaningful steps to cultivate a more accessible, more diverse, more supportive campus environment for students, alumni, faculty, staff and visitors. In September, we opened the Wolves Pantry to help those on campus dealing with food insecurity. In January, the Board of Trustees extended the Tuition Promise to our fall 2023 incoming class, freezing tuition rates for their four years at Newberry. In February, we appointed Dr. Altheia Richardson to serve as our first-ever chief diversity officer and vice president for diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

As we celebrate all we have accomplished, thus far, this is no time to rest on our laurels. There are even greater things in store for 2023. We are in the process of crafting a new campus master plan, a road-map for carrying out the College’s mission over the next decade. Excitingly, a key feature of this plan will be the College’s first student union, which will offer a dedicated space to support our students outside the classroom. We will expand athletic access with new teams in women’s wrestling, men’s volleyball and women’s acrobatics and tumbling. We will continue to expand our academic offerings, with emphasis on partnering with local K-12 schools and technical colleges on dual enrollment programs.

This issue of *Dimensions* highlights the value Newberry College and its alumni are creating, not only in South Carolina, but across the country. We are pleased to announce that the College impacts our community to the tune of just under \$100 million, as determined by a recent economic impact survey. But we know the value of our institution goes far beyond dollars and cents. Our greatest contribution to the world is you, our alumni. In pursuing your callings, giving back to your communities, and acting boldly as God’s people, you help us reimagine a future not easily quantified, but grounded in justice and inclusivity.

Please enjoy this issue of your alumni magazine, stay in touch, and as always, we look forward to welcoming you back to campus soon.

Hail Scarlet and the Gray,

Sincerely,

Dr. Maurice Scherrens  
President

# Greetings

## from Institutional Advancement



The Office of Institutional Advancement celebrates the groundbreaking of the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center

As I enter my fourth year at Newberry College, the good news keeps coming. Just recently, the most exciting news was the result of a recent economic impact study by Lilly Consulting Group. It details the estimated \$98.1 million impact Newberry College has on the Midlands economy, which you will learn more about in this issue. These results show that Newberry College is a significant economic player in the region.

South Carolina is a very business-friendly state and is experiencing historic economic activity. In January, the Department of Commerce released its 2022 industry recruitment results, showing a total capital investment of \$10.27 billion. In addition, investments in rural areas of South Carolina, like Newberry, increased 30% in the last five years

The College's positive trajectory and our impact on the local economy are due in no small part to the visionary leadership of President Scherrens and the support of our outstanding alumni, some of whom own their own businesses contributing to the economy. Another crucial factor in Newberry College's success is the corporate partnerships that support our mission. Long gone are the days when companies supported the local college simply because it was the right thing to do. Now, it is crucial for them to see the benefits of a partnership.

In my years of experience at five different higher education institutions, I've noticed several key reasons why businesses become corporate supporters of their local college or university, including Newberry College. First, it creates marketing and advertising opportunities while serving the campus and community. For example, our new partnership with Founders Federal Credit Union will provide critical financial services to our students, faculty and staff. In turn, Newberry College is helping to create new members and generate awareness for the credit union. Second, it allows businesses to invest in education and a flourishing campus, such as our partnership with Zeus Industrial Products, Inc. Third, it can serve as a tool for employee recruitment, workforce development, and a source of research from faculty.

As you read through these pages of *Dimensions*, we hope you will take pride in being a part of the Newberry College family and in your role in the success of our campus and our community. Through the support of our alumni, friends, and corporate partners, we are accomplishing great things together. If you are interested in a partnership with our College, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [Institutional.Advancement@newberry.edu](mailto:Institutional.Advancement@newberry.edu).

Our love, our faith, our loyalty,

*Loriana Summers*

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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# Legacy of a Trailblazer



**A new endowed scholarship will honor Newberry College's first Black head men's basketball coach and athletic director, William Grafton Young Jr.**

The scholarship's benefactor wished to remain anonymous. Young served as head men's

basketball coach from 1992–2002, and as director of athletics from 1995–2000. His namesake scholarship will be awarded to a member of the men's or women's basketball team who majors in education.

"All sport teams during Young's tenure were held to lofty standards," said the donor in a statement. "His servant's heart and footprint in history will forever be recognized for his dedicated leadership and inspiring commitment to Newberry College and the men's basketball program."

A native of Fletcher, North Carolina, Young was a four-year starter in baseball and basketball at nearby Warren Wilson College, where he earned his bachelor's in 1979. His career as a coach and educator has spanned four decades, including stints at the elementary, high school and college levels in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. He is currently assistant principal at Lincoln Terrace Elementary in Roanoke, Virginia. Young is an emeritus member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

"I am humbled and thrilled to learn of the scholarship in my honor," Young said. "How wonderful to be remembered like this. My time at Newberry College was a great blessing for me personally and professionally."

"Young was a true team player who carried himself with confidence and integrity," said Dr. Peggy Barnes Winder '86, who became the first Black head women's basketball coach the year Young arrived. "He was a great motivator and always wanted what was best for his student-athletes. His passion and tireless work ethic did not go unnoticed as he went above and beyond to not only help his players to become better student-athletes, but to become better men for life."



Newberry College Men's Basketball Team 1993-94.  
Coach Young is in the second row center.



## Twice as Nice! Wolves Capture Second Straight SAC Championship with 27-24 Win over Mars Hill



As Piedmont Division champion, Newberry hosted the first-ever South Atlantic Conference championship game Nov. 12, 2022, against the Mountain Division's Mars Hill Lions. The heated matchup saw the Wolves lead the first half 13-7 before ceding 10 points in the third quarter. The fourth opened with a successful carried-over drive by the Wolves, followed by a quick one-play touchdown by the Lions for a 24-20 lead. The Wolves answered by converting an interception a drive later. After a timeout in a critical location, staring at fourth and five from the Mars Hill 10-yard line, Newberry executed a misdirection pass play for a stunning game-winning catch in the end zone.

Coming off their first-ever back-to-back conference championship, sophomore running back Mario Anderson was named Piedmont Division Offensive Player of the Year; head coach Todd Knight was named Coach of the Year; and 14 members of the team earned all-conference honors.



## Newberry Leads Conference with 285 Named to Commissioner's Honor Roll

The Wolves led the South Atlantic Conference in student-athletes recognized on the 2021-22 honor roll. The list recognizes individuals who competed in a sponsored championship sport and maintained a GPA of 3.30 or higher throughout the academic year. The full list can be found at [newberrywolves.com](http://newberrywolves.com).



# Top Stories of the Year

## Kings of the South: Five National Qualifiers Lead to Wolves' Tenth Super Region Title

The men's wrestling team claimed its second consecutive NCAA Super Region II title in Pembroke, North Carolina, on Feb. 26, 2022. Isiah Royal, Caleb Spears, Evan Carrigan, Talon Seitz and Timothy Decatur earned trips to the national tournament in St. Louis. Royal, who won a national title in 2021, took No. 4 in the 149-pound weight class and finished his career as one of the most decorated wrestlers in program history. Spears finished No. 7 in the nation at 174 pounds. Both wrestlers ended their careers with all-American honors, and head coach Deral Brown '13 was named South Atlantic Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year.



## Newberry Named Finalist for NCAA Award of Excellence for Partnership with Screaming Eagles

Newberry College was recognized by the NCAA as a finalist for the Division II award for the baseball and softball teams' annual work with the Screaming Eagles, a special-needs athletics organization in Chapin, since 2015. The award recognizes initiatives that exemplify the Division II philosophy, community engagement and student-athlete leadership.



## Newberry Men's Golf Bests Harvard for Country's Top Team GPA

The men's golf team was named a 2021-22 Academic National Champion by the Golf Coaches Association of America, having finished with the highest team GPA in NCAA Division II. On top of that, the team's 3.81 mark was the highest in the nation, besting its counterparts throughout all divisions, including Harvard University.

## Newberry Athletics Shines in the Classroom Among SAC Member Institutions

The baseball and men's golf teams ranked first among their respective sports in the South Atlantic Conference for team GPAs in June 2022, each accomplishing the feat for the second consecutive year. Other teams to make their sports' top-three included women's basketball, men's lacrosse, men's soccer, softball, and women's volleyball.

## Wolves Rank Among the League's Best in Graduation and Academic Success Rates

Newberry College topped the South Atlantic Conference again in fall 2022, this time in federal graduation rates and academic success rates released by the NCAA. The rates measured numbers of graduates who received athletic aid, divided by first-time, full-time enrollees and by transfers, mid-year enrollees and non-scholarship athletes, respectively. Student-athletes topped the student body by double digits in both categories.



## Brandon Bostick '20 Talks Mental Health with Student-Athletes

Newberry College Athletic Hall-of-Famer Brandon Bostick '20 spoke to student-athletes at his alma mater on Jan. 29, 2023. He shared his journey from Division II standout, to NFL star, to the depths of despair and back. After mishandling an onside kick during the 2015 NFC championship game as a tight end for the Green Bay Packers, Bostick received incredible public backlash, even death threats. After he was diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder, he began a journey of personal healing and purpose discernment. In 2021, he cofounded Sage Elite Healing, a mental wellness firm built on helping others find mental, emotional, physical and spiritual healing. His January visit allowed him to come "full circle" and speak with current college athletes about mental health and overcoming adversity.

## Newberry Athletics Announces 2022 Hall of Fame Class

One of the most prolific wrestlers in Newberry history, William "BJ" Young '14 still stands tied atop the career record listing in all-time wins at 143. The four-time national qualifier sits tied fifth for most wins in a season (37), and was a three-time all-American with two national runners-up.

Brandon Bostick '20, one of Newberry's most dominant tight ends, holds the single-game record for receiving yards (322), with six appearances on the top single-game performance list. He sits fourth all-time in single-season and career receiving yards, and second in single-game touchdowns (with three against Tusculum in 2010). He was a conference and national Player of the Week, and earned all-American honors in the 2011 season.

Matthew Campbell '13 is still the program record holder for career rounds completed and low 18-hole score. He was the first Newberry men's golf player to be named the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, and he was named the SAC Freshman of the Year in 2009.

Campbell was a four-time all-conference honoree, the medalist at the 2012 SAC championships, and he earned all-American and all-region honors that year.

One of the best hitters in Newberry volleyball history, Priscila Sales '10 holds the program record in career kills-per-set (3.95). She held the top spot in the record book in kills-per-set in a single season (4.03) until it was broken in 2021. She also holds the single-game record for kills, having earned 27 against Carson-Newman in 2008. That same year, she was named South Atlantic Conference Player of the Week on three occasions and all-southeast region honors.

A three-year starter and team MVP at cornerback, Drew Watson '89 twice earned all-American and all-conference honors. In 1987, he was named NAIA National Defensive Player of the Week, an honor he also earned on the conference level. He sits fifth for single-season solo tackles (77).

A three-time all-district football honoree, Charles Upchurch '78 was twice named an honorable mention all-American, one in each of his final two playing seasons. His first came in 1976 as Lutheran all-American, before being named an NAIA all-American in his final season. He twice earned all-conference honors, second-team in 1975 and first-team in 1977.

## Wolves in the Pros

### BASEBALL

Zack Kelly '17 made his major-league debut on Aug. 29, 2022, pitching for the Boston Red Sox against the Minnesota Twins at Target Field. The following month, he received the Lou Gorman Award, given annually "to a Red Sox minor league player who has demonstrated dedication and perseverance in overcoming obstacles while working his way to the Major League team."

### FOOTBALL

Ty'Ran Dixon '21, M'22 signed in January 2023 as a defensive tackle for the Vegas Vipers, an XFL-affiliated professional football team based in Las Vegas.

Jamarcus Henderson '18 signed in December 2022 as a defensive end for the Vienna Vikings, the reigning champions in the European League of Football.

Defensive lineman Joshua Cousar '21 and linebacker Nicholas Yearwood '21 signed with the Green Bay Blizzard, a professional indoor football team based in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

David Vereen '21 was signed in December 2022 as a cornerback for the practice squad of the Indianapolis Colts.

Markell Castle '19 signed in February 2023 as a wide receiver for the Munich Ravens, a newly founded team in the European League of Football.



# Feeding the Wolves

*A new pantry has opened to fill a campus food gap.*

When Campus Pastor David Coffman '97 arrived on campus in December 2021, he heard that there were college students who didn't know from where their next meal would come, and they didn't know where to turn.

Food insecurity and inaccessibility exist for students, faculty and staff, whether it's a recurrent necessity or an occasional gap. The causes vary, and no two instances are the same.

Many Newberry College students come from low-income families — 48% of Newberry undergrads receive Federal Pell Grants, which largely benefit students from households earning under \$20,000 a year. Even after scholarships, loans, assistance, family contributions and work outside class, students still find themselves having to make ends meet.

Other students see food inaccessibility, in which demanding schedules, lack of transportation, or hours of operation conspire to leave gaps in nutrition. Even for students with meal plans, the swipes can come up short, or there are times when dining services are not available. For some, it comes down to running out of money at the end of the month.

Newberry College students are not alone. According to a 2020 study by Temple University's Hope Center for College, Community and Justice, 29% of students at four-year colleges nationwide reported experiencing food insecurity in the last month.

The pastor soon joined a band of Newberry faculty and staff who began laying earnest groundwork last spring on a campus pantry



Campus Pastor David Coffman '97, Residence Hall Director Jakquelyn Williams, and students celebrate the opening of Wolves Pantry

in the Weber Campus Ministry House. It is a collaborative ministry, spearheaded by Campus Ministry and the Office of Residence Life. The ribbon on the Wolves Pantry was officially cut on Sept. 29, 2022. In its first three months, the pantry served over 60 individuals.

The pantry has partnered with Newberry's Living Hope Foundation, a community food bank that now operates in the former Tau Kappa Epsilon house on Nance St. The range of food items that students can use in residence halls is limited, so donated goods that students cannot use will be given to Living Hope. In turn, Living Hope has agreed to send goods from which students can benefit.

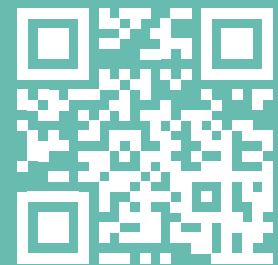
The Wolves Pantry seeks nonperishable food items that require little to no preparation, and that can be prepared using a microwave. Canned goods should be openable without a can opener. Examples include breakfast bars, cereal, oatmeal, shelf-stable milk and juice, canned or pouched meats, bottled water, crackers, canned nuts,

protein bars, fruit cups, chips, and shelf-stable microwavable dinners. The pantry is also collecting school supplies, paper goods, and personal and feminine hygiene products.

The pantry is open for students, faculty and staff each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-6 p.m.

Donations of food and care items can be left in on-campus collection boxes at Wiles Chapel, Holland Hall and Weber House. Monetary donations will also have great impacts. On average, \$2 provides a breakfast or a lunch, \$3 provides a dinner, and \$1.50 provides a supplemental snack.

Cash donations can be made at [bit.ly/3TAK2eo](https://bit.ly/3TAK2eo) or by using the QR code.



# 100 Years of Home

*Homecoming is a timeless embodiment of the benefits of membership in the Newberry College family. Last fall's celebration was a century in the making — building on the traditions started 100 years ago and growing to reunite the largest family Newberry College has ever seen.*

## **Born of the Gridiron**

Homecoming 2022, aptly dubbed “100 Years of Home,” celebrated the tradition’s centennial on the Newberry College campus.

The first “Homecoming” was held Nov. 4, 1922, when the College invited alumni back to formally dedicate Setzler Field (originally established between present-day O.L. Casey Center and Pearson Hall). The field was named in honor of professor and 1892 graduate Edwin B. Setzler, who helped revive football after it had been banned in 1905 for “brutality.” He and other advocates succeeded when the game kicked off in 1913 as an intercollegiate sport. The first Homecoming game was an upset victory over The Citadel by a score of 10-7, and it was Newberry’s first win since the two schools began playing each other in 1914.

The tradition grew in popularity and scale over the years, adding dances, parades, concerts, and beginning in 1947, the Homecoming court. The first court was sponsored by the student newspaper “to add prestige to the Homecoming celebration.” The student body crowned two-year business



From left to right – Anthony “Boog” Powell ‘72, Karen Overstreet ‘72, Jacquelyn Lybrand ‘72, Rammy Lybrand ‘72 & Ed Overstreet ‘76 pose for a photo on Yost portico at Holland Hall

student Martha Graham, and elected Betty Greene ‘51 and Mary Westmoreland ‘48 her attendants. Thirty-nine years later, Ernestine (Pitts) Sims ‘87 became the first African American to wear the crown. The title of Homecoming king was introduced in 2001, going to Jamie Fetterman ‘02.

In more recent years, the festivities have grown to include the Alumni Market, which showcases goods and services created by alumni; Rock the Quad, which featured The Tams in 2022; and the Wolves Walk, where attendees gather to cheer the football team ahead of kickoff. Last fall, Homecoming also marked milestones for the reunion classes of 1972, 1982, 1997 and 2012.

## **Encore!**

The centennial Homecoming marked another milestone — the 22nd anniversary production and second reunion of *Noises Off*. The comedy, by Michael Frayn, follows an ambitious director and his troupe of mediocre actors as they blunder from a bad dress rehearsal to a spectacularly disastrous performance.

Members of the original 2000 cast who returned include Kirk Campbell ‘00, former counselor Michael DiPalma, Pat Gagliano, interim dean of arts, humanities and social sciences, Lawrence Ryan and Steven Stack ‘96. Amanda (Pennekamp) Bluestein ‘04 was on the 2000 crew and joined the cast in 2010. Jane (Ellis) Martin ‘05 came aboard in 2010 as a cast member and as assistant director, both roles she reprised in 2022. Newcomers to the production included Vicky Saye Henderson ‘90 and Amy Pontiff ‘03.



Homecoming Queen 2021 Aamani Jones crowns Destiny Thomas in 2022. Running back Mario Anderson (not pictured) was elected king.





Amy Pontiff '03, Kirk Campell '00, and Michael DiPalma in rehearsal for the reunion production of *Noises Off*.

Planning for a second reunion began in earnest in 2019, and though it was postponed due to the pandemic, the cast still rehearsed regularly over Zoom.

They returned to campus in late July 2022 for a week of intense hands-on work ahead of last year's production.

"It was just an emotional and physical exhaustion that was totally worth it," said Gagliano.

The team agreed that the show came back for its third (and final, if you ask Gagliano) run not only because the show itself is so much fun, but also because they savor the connections they forged during their time at Newberry.

As director, Gagliano was assisted by Jeramy Oropeza, instructor of music. The moving set was designed and constructed by Matthew Fuller, director of technical theatre, with assistance from Gagliano and Timothy Roesler '22.

After the show closed in 2000, the cast casually discussed an encore in 10 years. After the first reunion production in 2010, Campbell jokingly said, "alright, see you again in 10 years."

"I think it's because we all enjoyed each other's company the first two times around," said Ryan. "[The show] brings people together in a way that, I don't think any other show that I've been in has.

"It requires a lot of trust. Moving around the space with all of these other people, you build a relationship with these folks over that period of time."

## 2022 Alumni Association Awards



**Dr. Peggy Barnes Winder '86**  
Alumni Distinguished Service Award



**Clara Denise Reid**  
Noah & Pansy Derrick Outstanding Friend of the College Award



**Angela Sease Reid '02**  
Thomas A. Epting Outstanding Alumni Award



**Sgt. 1st Class Robert Rhinehart '07**  
Newberry College Alumni Award of Valor

# After 70 Years, Lost Newberry College Ring Makes it Home

**Long-lost treasures aren't always found in ancient vaults or beneath 'Xs' on parchment. Sometimes, they can be found just inches beneath our feet.**

That's what happened to Charlie Robinette, a metal detector hobbyist from Lexington, in late December 2021. Robinette and two friends returned to a former ballpark, just off U.S. Highway 1 in Monetta, South Carolina, where they had previously found jewelry, coins and a few antique buttons. The site was promising for another big find. However, after a couple uneventful hours, the team decided to call it a day.

Robinette kept his metal detector on as he strode back to his vehicle. A chirp beside the walking path. A strong signal. He dug on the spot. Six inches of dirt to remove as the detector toned away. Finally, in a clump of soil, a glint of gold.

He drew his toothbrush and spray bottle and gently removed the dirt from the day's prize, a class ring. He made out the degree, "B.S." and the year, 1942. More brushing revealed it came from Newberry College, about 30 miles up the road, and inside the band was just a name, "Buddy." Robinette set out immediately to find the owner.

"Having lost my high school ring within a month of receiving it, hindsight knew how hard my mother worked so I could have it, and how much it would mean to me to have someone return it," he said. "So the search began."

From the College's website Robinette got the name of Dr. J. Tracy Power, associate professor of history and college archivist.

"In my role as college archivist and historian, I get several research queries a year about our history, often about the people associated with, and more than 10,000 graduates of, Newberry College over the last 165 years," said Power. "When Mr. Robinette emailed me asking for help identifying the owner of a Newberry class ring, I was impressed by his



Edwin "Buddy" Corley's '42 ring in hand

generosity and his determination to locate the owner or his descendants and return the ring to him or them."

Power took to the archives, scouring yearbooks and graduate lists. Alas, no "Buddy" among first or last names.

Robinette cleaned the ring a bit more and magnified the inside band. He barely made out a script "E," badly worn, but there. "Buddy" was a middle name. Bingo. Returning to the records with a new lead, Power soon determined that the ring belonged to Edwin Buddy Corley '42.

As a student in the late 1930s and early 40s, Corley excelled in baseball and football. He was even catcher and captain of the 1942 state championship baseball team, his final season. He was so at home on the diamond that he signed a contract with the New York Yankees after graduation. His professional baseball career was short-lived, however. He soon joined the U.S. Army and served in the European Theatre of World War II.

After the war, Corley began a 32-year career in education, in which he was a teacher, principal, superintendent, and coach in baseball, basketball and football. He was inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989. Corley died in 2006 at the age of 86.





Buddy's daughter, Sandra Corley Bandy, holds a photo of her father in his football uniform

Though the original owner had passed away, Robinette was determined to return the ring to Corley's family. He kept digging until he found Corley's son, Edwin Corley '70 – who also happens to be a Newberry College graduate. It turned out that Corley lived not that far away, so Robinette paid him a visit.

"I know I'm getting personal, but bear with me," he said as he stood on Corley's doorstep in Lexington. "This could be a win-win."

After a bout of apprehension that accompanies strangers, Corley revealed that his father lost his Newberry ring at a baseball game in Monetta in the 1950s, at the same park Robinette visited. And that was before Robinette shared his gilded discovery.

"The ring was located a little bit away from where home plate used to be," Robinette said.

After that game, Buddy Corley thought he would never see his college ring again, had another made, and wore it proudly for the rest of his life.

In April 2022, Robinette, his wife, Shelley, and three generations of Corley's descendants met at his and Edwin's alma mater. On Yost Portico at Holland Hall, the families shared stories about Buddy, about archaeology, and about the treasures that bring people together. The Corleys brought photos and 80-year-old game programs from Buddy's time at Newberry. Robinette brought the ring, and all watched as the family's youngest tried it on for size.

The Corleys expressed collectively their amazement at how something lost for so long could be found, and their gratitude to Robinette for taking the time to find its rightful owner.

The visit was capped with a final exchange from finders to keepers. After nearly 70 years, inches from the plate, Buddy's ring finally made it safely home.



Buddy Corley in 1942



Shelley & Charlie Robinette and Dr. J. Tracy Power



Shelley & Charlie Robinette (left) with the Corley Family



# *Preacher* in the People's House

Lutheran pastor and retired Air Force Lt. Col. Charles Seastrunk Jr. '55 just marked his 20th year as chaplain for the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Providing spiritual guidance to state lawmakers is the 91-year-old's latest adventure in a seven-decade career which has carried him literally around the world. Whether it's preaching in the jungles of southeast Asia or ministering in leather-bound seats of government, he says it's all about meeting, serving, and growing with people. We sat down with Chaplain Seastrunk at the State House in Columbia to discuss his unexpected journey.

***Dimensions:*** How did you come to Newberry? Did you plan to become a pastor?

**Seastrunk:** Well, my dad was a pastor, and I admired him for what he did, but I just never gave it a thought that that's what I wanted to do. And so I went to Clemson. I was going to be an engineer out of high school. That didn't work out. I had a problem with math, calculus, physics. I couldn't handle it. ... So that's the reason I transferred to Newberry, and I majored in history and English.

**You spent much of your career as a chaplain in the Air Force, stationed in Vietnam, Germany, Iceland, and more. Can you tell us about that?**

That was the best job I ever had, serving in the Air Force, meeting with people. In Vietnam, I'd fly with them; I flew into combat three days out of every week ... in a helicopter into Laos and Cambodia and western Vietnam. I'd have two services on Sunday morning. I'd have a Lutheran service ... then I'd have a second [Protestant] service ... I would have lunch, and the commander would make arrangements to fly me up to western Vietnam where we had our camp. We would get hit every night, mortar fire, rocket fire, artillery fire. Then during the daytime ... I'd sit on the ammunition box on the chopper and we'd fly in to the landing zones ... and if things looked safe, we'd drop off people and take off

and come back. One time, we were to go up on the border. There was another unit north of us that needed a radio. ... We thought that was just going to be a milk run, didn't have any guns or anything ... dropped off the radio and took off and just as we made the take-off, they were on the ground [waving us down]. ... They said, 'we've got 12 guys out there somewhere and they're in trouble, and you've gotta go get them.' So we did. ... Finally I spotted them, a bunch of Green Beret, special forces, who had run into a hornet's nest and needed some medication. ... We pushed [the medical box] out, and as soon as it hit the ground and they opened it up, we took off.

**How did you become chaplain for the House of Representatives?**

I was the interim pastor at Holy Trinity [Lutheran Church in Pelion, S.C.] and one of the members was [Rep. Elsie Rast Stuart]. One Sunday after church, she said, 'let's have lunch together this week,' and as we were having lunch she asked if I had ever thought about being the chaplain at the House of Representatives. I said no, and she said, 'well, I'm going to nominate you.' ... I think there were eight of us they were looking at. They had us in to do a prayer just to see what we were like, and at the end of February [2002], they said, 'we want you, but we can't pay you right now.' I said, 'that's alright.' I didn't tell [the speaker], but I'd do it for nothing.

**What's your favorite part of the job?**

I enjoy what I'm doing. Talking with people and saying prayers. [Sometimes a member] will say, 'man, your prayer really touched something.' And that makes you think, 'maybe I am worth something.' ... But that's not my doing, that's the Lord.

*This interview was edited for style and clarity.*



# Relative Resonance

*Undergraduate chemistry students get a unique opportunity for hands-on research with the gift of a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The equipment comes courtesy of Dr. Candace Hanberry Rausch '79 and her uncle, Charlie Arnsdorff.*

"You've got to keep current. Small doesn't mean we're going to have a lesser program," said Dr. Candace Rausch '79. "It means you're going to get more hands-on experience. Touch it yourself. Feel it. Understand it. Students are going to get a better education for going to a smaller school as long as we have the same things available."

Rausch knows first-hand how having the right tools and training can prepare a student for the future. The second of three generations of Newberry College alumni, her time as a chemistry major, studying under Dr. Conrad Park '41 (1919 – 2010), trained her well and launched her down a successful career path in dentistry. She received a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia and opened a private practice with her husband in Stone Mountain, where they both continue to work full-time. Their daughter, Diana Rausch '19, graduated with a degree in chemistry and is following in her parents' footsteps, attending the Dental College of Georgia in Augusta.

By the time Diana was a student, though, much of the science department's equipment was outdated and needed to be replaced. Rausch was approached by a former member of the Institutional Advancement staff about making a gift to the College. She felt strongly about investing in science equipment for students.



Chemistry students will benefit greatly from hands-on experience using the NMR spectrometer

One of the items on the department's wish list was a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, or NMR. She talked with her Uncle Charlie and they decided this was the perfect way to support the department and its students. Even though he didn't graduate from Newberry College, Arnsdorff had become a friend of the College through his love of his family.

"A nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer uses the magnetic field to be able to identify organic compounds," said Dr. Peter Foster, assistant professor of chemistry. "It can be used to distinguish one compound from another. It'll be used in a lot of student research, as well, as it's an important part of several different classes here at the College, such as organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, and instrumental analysis."

It took time, but the spectrometer was purchased and installed in 2022. What really makes this equipment unique is that undergraduate students are getting hands-on experience using this machine. According to Foster, that isn't always the case.

"A lot of larger institutions might have a machine like this but a lot of times, that is restricted to graduate students and to professors to be able to use this. This is a unique opportunity for students to get hands-on experience using sophisticated equipment," he said. "Also, the NMR runs its mechanics very similar to an MRI machine. So, this is not just a preparation for careers in chemistry, this also applies to a lot of medical pursuits."

Thanks to the generosity of Rausch and Arnsdorff, the Newberry College chemistry department now has a great tool to give students a competitive advantage.



Newberry College chemistry faculty show Dr. Candace Hanberry Rausch '79 and Charlie Arnsdorff the new NMR spectrometer





Jimmie Coggins '74, Founders Federal Credit Union CEO Bruce Brumfield, executive vice president Keith Wilson, and Newberry College president Maurice Scherrens

# Measuring Success

From everyday operations, engaging events, and campus improvement and expansion, to equipping students for success, Newberry College creates an incredible impact on South Carolina and beyond.

## The Numbers

You can't put a price tag on excellence, on innovation, or on community. You can, however, estimate the dollars and cents flowing into the economy as a result of said excellence, innovation and community partnerships.

Newberry College will have an approximated \$98.1 million impact on the economy of the Midlands of South Carolina, according to a study by Lilly Consulting Group.

The study examined the College's impacts from operation expenses, job creation, and spending by students, employees and visitors in Newberry and neighboring Laurens, Lexington and Richland counties. The figures also include the capital construction projects currently underway, including the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center, the Founders Field House and the College's ninth residence hall.

Through its operations and capital expenditures, Newberry College supports over 740 jobs, including faculty and staff and numerous campus partners. Students contribute a combined \$9.5 million to the local economy. College and Wolves athletic events bring in nearly \$1.1 million annually from visitors. On top of benefits for businesses and organizations, the College generates \$3.8 million in tax revenue for local and state governments.

"Newberry College continues to rise as a regional leader in higher education, and our growth translates into not only better outcomes for our students, but for our community and state as well," said President Maurice Scherrens. "This study shows that Newberry College makes the Midlands a better place to live and work, not only by our close to \$100 million fiscal impact, but also by the immeasurable contributions of our students, faculty, staff and alumni in our community and in society."

## Beside the Numbers

In the last decade, Newberry College has worked to strengthen relationships with community partners, and in the last year alone, many of these partnerships have blossomed with great effect.

In June 2022, the College announced a historic partnership with Newberry County Memorial Hospital, the cornerstone of which will be a daytime health clinic at the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center.

"This partnership and this facility are a game-changer," said Dr. Jerry Alewine, interim dean of nursing and health sciences, and a member of the hospital's board of trustees. "Our students will not only have a new, state-of-the-art center in which to hone their skills, but a fully functioning clinic in which to do meaningful, life-changing work, right here."



Together, Newberry College and Newberry Hospital will have not only a great impact on the local economy as a health care provider, but on the future of health care in South Carolina by the students who are trained there.

"There is such a need for staff in all areas of health care for hospitals," said Meg Davis, MSN, RN, chief nursing officer at Newberry Hospital. "This at a time when the need for nurses is increasing due to the aging Baby Boomers population, and higher rates of chronic health issues such as obesity, heart disease and diabetes. Rural areas are especially at higher risk of feeling the shortage. Creating opportunities and strategies to assist in growing the nursing population is more important than ever."

Another clinical partnership announced last year was between the College and J.F. Hawkins & Springfield Place, to allow the College's nursing students to gain experience in geriatric care settings.

"For the first time, Newberry College is sending nursing students to these continuum of care environments where they go from independent living to assisted living to nursing care," said Alewine. "J.F. Hawkins is also a skilled nursing facility, and this is going to open up opportunities for our students and for our community."

The clinical partnership provides clinical work for juniors in the nursing fundamentals course. Not only does this offer less common, but valuable experience, it adds a community-oriented element.

"We're just really delighted to have this opportunity with Newberry College," said Ty Ransdell, executive director of J.F. Hawkins & Springfield Place. "It's something we've wanted for a long time, and it's really a nice honor to be partnering with the College."

Perhaps the largest partnership penned in 2022 has brought Lancaster-based Founders Federal Credit Union to campus. The \$2.5 million agreement not only named the up-and-coming field house at the athletic stadium, it provided for much-needed on-campus financial services. Construction is currently underway on a Founders service location in Kaufmann Hall, and Founders will also provide financial literacy curriculum to first-year students.

"We are just so excited at Founders to enter into this agreement with the wonderful people at Newberry College," said Bruce Brumfield, president and CEO of Founders Federal Credit Union. "We believe this shows our commitment to the College, its faculty, its staff, to Newberry Athletics and to the entire community of Newberry. We can't wait to show all of Newberry the Founders difference."

## Beyond the Numbers

The evidence is clear: Newberry College is an economic powerhouse. However, its greatest impacts come not from operations, construction, or partnerships. As an institution of higher learning, its value comes from its thousands of graduates who discover passions, acquire skills, forge relationships and with them make myriad, incalculable differences in the world. This issue is but a small compilation of impactful alumni stories spanning decades, industries and forms.

Former student-athletes making moves in the pros (pages 6-9). A pastor organizing a charge against student hunger (page 9). A retired Air Force chaplain ministering to lawmakers (page 14). A successful alumna fostering innovation for current students (page 15). Communications graduates rocketing to the top of the video production industry (page 19). And of course, the collection of life and career updates known as Class Notes (pages 28-33).



Standing: Dr. Jerry Alewine, interim dean of nursing and health sciences, Dr. Sid Parrish, vice president for academic affairs, Angie Eichman, director of nursing at J.F. Hawkins & Springfield Place, and Dr. Jenny Lindler, director of nursing at Newberry College.

Sitting: Dr. Maurice Scherrens, president of Newberry College, and Ty Ransdell, executive director of J.F. Hawkins & Springfield Place.



Sitting, left to right: Bruce Baldwin, CEO of Newberry Hospital, and Dr. Maurice Scherrens, president of Newberry College.

Standing, left to right: Meg Davis, chief nursing officer at Newberry Hospital; Dr. Jenny Lindler, director of nursing at Newberry College; and Dr. Jerry Alewine, interim dean of nursing and health sciences.

*If you know of any more alumni success stories, please contact us at [newberry.edu/update](mailto:newberry.edu/update) or at [Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu](mailto:Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu).*



# Changing Landscape

Newberry College is making progress on two major construction projects – and providing a boost for the local economy.



Left: current construction progress on the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center. Above, the architectural rendering shows what the center will look like when complete.

If you've visited Newberry College recently, you've probably noticed our landscape is changing! The 11,000-square-foot Darby Nursing & Health Science Center is coming up quickly on the corner of College and Evans streets. It will include state-of-the-art classrooms and simulation labs, as well as a working daytime health clinic through a partnership with Newberry County Memorial Hospital.

"This building will help save lives. And all those who have gotten us to this point – donors, administrators, students, faculty, staff, alumni – are life savers," said Dr. Jerry Alewine, interim dean of nursing and health sciences and head of the respiratory therapy program.

Flanking the east side of the athletic stadium, the 18,000-square-foot Founders Federal Credit Union Field House is also taking shape. This facility will provide state-of-the-art upgrades for growing Wolves Athletics, including locker rooms, coaches' offices, and new spectator seating. Project completion for both buildings is estimated for late summer 2023, just in time for fall classes and athletics to begin.

"Founders Federal Credit Union Field House will have a daily impact on the experience of our student-athletes at Newberry College. It will improve the sense of community and positively impact the culture of our four teams housed at the field house, and all student-athletes who will now have improved locker room space because of this new facility," said athletic director Sean Johnson. "It will directly impact our staff and their ability to attract the best student-athletes to our campus, and impact our community in a positive way, through improved fan amenities and our ability to host regional and national events."

"The Darby Nursing & Health Science Center and Founders Federal Credit Union Field House will provide space and resources to prepare the next generation, and their benefits will ripple into the community," said President Maurice Scherrens. "The future is certainly bright for Newberry College, and we are only getting started."

The buildings are already providing a boost for the local economy, according to Ben Qualkinbush, project manager with J. Davis Construction, Inc. The company is working with local contractors and businesses for labor and supplies, including Willingham and Sons, Choice One Masonry, and West Electric Company, just to name a few.

The difference these buildings will make is not lost on Qualkinbush. "I got to take a tour of the nursing building with some of the people from the admission office, and I think one of the girls was a current nursing student. And the excitement that we could see there in her potentially being able to take classes in this building and the impact that it would have for the professors to better influence the next generation of students, I mean, that's everything," he said.

Left: Construction is underway on the Founders Federal Credit Union Field House. Below, the architectural rendering of the field house.





# SHOOTING for the *Moon*



If you own a television, there's a good chance you've seen their work. And even if you don't, there's still a good chance you've seen their work.

Entrepreneurs Keith Bogart '93 and Banks Meador '97 have over two decades' experience in video production. They cover just about everything — commercials, television shows, training videos and more — for diverse clients across the United States. Their booming enterprise, West Columbia-based Zero Gravity, is a major player with a huge impact. And it all began at Newberry College.

Bogart returned to his alma mater in January 1996 to work with communications students and faculty. In addition to College broadcasts and class projects, the program also did high-level video productions for institutional partners, including the Florida-Bahamas and South Carolina synods of the ELCA. In what was essentially a working production company within an academic department, Meador — then a junior balancing majors in communications and English — stood out like no other.

"Banks clearly excelled at video production," Bogart said. "At some point we started traveling around what feels like the lower part of the country, definitely through every city in Florida. You get to know people pretty well, so Banks and I became brothers, if you will."

"Keith taught me a ton about video production," said Meador. "And we said to each other, 'Gosh, wouldn't it be great one day to have our own video production company?'"

Three-and-a-half years and a couple detours later, in September 1999, the pair co-founded Zero Gravity from scratch. They chose the name not only because it sounds cool, but because where there is no gravity, there are no limits. But even space missions begin on the ground.

"We begged and borrowed and worked deals, and credit to Keith's relationships, which were the entre to so much that just wasn't accessible before," said Meador. "He understood the value of relationships and that's something that carries through to our success today. It just made sense to always do right by the client. If our clients aren't happy, we're not happy."

The entrepreneurs steadily climbed learning curves to keep pace with technological advancements. Their class productions on VHS tapes bore little resemblance to the digital revolution taking shape under their feet. However, they adapted with the industry and with clients to bold success, aided by the fact that communication needs have become greater than ever before, especially since 2020. As the business continues to grow, so do the opportunities.

"It's never the same. You're always learning and going to somebody else's line of business and having to understand it and turn it into a video," said Bogart. "You find yourself sometimes knee-deep in a sewer or hanging out of a helicopter or driving around a racetrack. It's so unique, so different, and it's absolutely creative."

The two credit Newberry College — specifically shared mentors Dr. Clem Chow, Marshall Maddy and Mic DeCinti — with helping them find their passion and acquire the skills to pursue it.

"I really do believe that the Lord's blessed us and we've tried to be good stewards of that. Blessed with an awesome start with professors and people who care about our education," said Meador. "And again, my mentor, Keith. ... We've shared, at this point, half our lives together, and I wouldn't have it any other way."



**What began as two guys and a camera has become a mass communications powerhouse.**





# Presenting the Graduating Classes of 2022!

SPRING

May 14, 2022  
Eleazer Arena



"In this room, we have straight-A students, conference champions, and leaders ready to receive the baton, because it's our time to serve. We're all here today, because we didn't let the distractions of this world bring us down with them. Instead, we used them as reasons to win, as reasons to become victorious."

**Nathaniel Carrasco '22**  
Las Vegas, NV



"I went from being a young girl who was so timid and filled with so much doubt in herself, to someone who was sure of what she wanted and who she wanted to be. If you had told that girl that she would be standing right here in this exact moment, she would say 'yeah right!' The moral of the story is, Newberry helped us to become who we are. It allowed us to know what it feels like to belong."

**Biasia Roberts '22**  
Fort Mill, SC

## AWARDS

**Dr. L. Grady Cooper Award**

Carlton Kinard '16

Sumner Mooror '22 (Chapin, SC)

**Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award**

Elijah Fulmore '22 (Irmo, SC)

**Mary Mildred Sullivan Award**

Chandler Watson '22 (Powder Springs, GA)

**Dr. George B. Cromer Award**

Biasia Roberts '22 (Fort Mill, SC)







"The challenges of our lives are moments of our greatest growth. Meeting adversity prepared with a healthy dose of fear and determined heart are the ingredients of a successful outcome."

Dr. Jerry Alewine,  
Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Professor of Respiratory Therapy,  
Professor of the Year



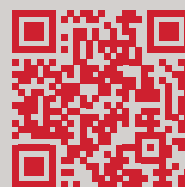
## DR. CHRISTINA MCCARTHA PROFESSOR EMERITA OF CHEMISTRY

The fall 2022 ceremony honored Dr. Christina McCarthy with the title professor emerita of chemistry. She served Newberry College from 2002 until her retirement in summer 2022. She joined the faculty as an adjunct professor and became full-time in 2003. She was instrumental in creating the forensic chemistry concentration in 2005, as well as earning over \$2.2 million in grants for STEM and other College programs. She left the classroom in 2020 to serve as foundations and grants officer.

FALL

*Dec. 9, 2022  
Wiles Chapel*

To view the full list of all our 2022 graduates, please visit [newberry.edu/2022](https://newberry.edu/2022) or scan the QR code:





# Masters of Their Own Destiny



August 2022 cohort: (Back) Dixon, Towery, Wendland;  
(Front) Teale, Johnson

***Newberry's Master of Science in organizational development & leadership launched in summer 2021. The curriculum covers organizational behavior, change and talent management, performance optimization, leadership and communication. The first seven graduates are as diverse and talented as the program is versatile.***

An aspiring high school teacher and softball coach. A grandmother of two with a career in human resources. A returning alumna climbing the ladder at UPS. A pastor, professor and college administrator. A defensive lineman on the verge of going pro. A college cheer coach. A young alumna working in the nonprofit sector.

These seven individuals come from backgrounds diverse in every way: age, race, education, gender, industry, family, aspirations. But they all hold at least one thing in common: They are the first to earn master's degrees from Newberry College in nearly a century.

Justina Teale, three years into her career as head Wolves cheerleading coach, saw an opportunity to grow her leadership skills and make history at the same time.

"The MSODL was a life-changing experience," she said. "In a year of my program, Dr. [Jacki] Wisler poured so much into my life both professionally and personally. This institution has given me more than just a higher education. It has given me friends, family, and future growing professionals that I get to help mold." Since earning her degree, Teale has begun teaching College 101 to first-year students.

## **Newberry College's First Master's Graduates**

Caroline Addison '20, M'22

Ty'Ran Dixon '21, M'22

Megan Horton '06, M'22

Chanel Johnson M'22

Justina Teale M'22

Hannah Towery '21, M'22

The Rev. Dr. Christina Wendland M'22

The Rev. Dr. Christina Wendland joined the Newberry College faculty in 2007, and she now also serves as associate dean of academic affairs. Her daughter, Kayla, earned her bachelor's from Newberry in 2021. As a professor and administrator, Wendland "jumped at the chance" not only to switch roles and experience the program from the ground up, but to continue her own education.

"As a professor who regularly teaches online courses, it was quite a different experience being a student," she said. "I experienced both the joys and the trials of student life. ... Absolutely the biggest takeaway for me is the ability to see the larger picture ... I believe I am a better leader because of what I learned in this program."

Caroline Addison '20 had long planned to take her bachelor's in communications to work for a nonprofit. With this program, her alma mater offered yet another way to help chase her dreams. She now serves as a community outreach coordinator for Agape of Central Alabama, a faith-based foster care and adoption agency.

Another communications alumna, Megan Horton '06, put her degree to work for UPS after graduation, progressing from sales to HR project management. For her, the program represented a "new Newberry," and now she's taking her new degree back to her company.

"My professors took a vested interest in me, my success and challenged me to dig deeper when solving complex problems," she said. "The program is challenging and takes a lot of commitment and discipline to achieve. ... I found opportunities to dig into business challenges at my organization and use the time in my courses to try new approaches, bringing it back to my professional role to test the methods and find new solutions."

The program has made such a difference in her life that Horton is "invested in the success of the program long-term" and makes a point of "spreading the good news" to prospective students.



# Making History

April 24, 2022, will forever be known as Charter Day for the sisters of the Upsilon Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The day was also a historic one for Newberry College as it welcomed its first sorority established by African Americans.

As an organization, AKA was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908. Today, the organization boasts more than 355,000 initiated members and over 1,061 chapters worldwide.

"It is our desire to have young ladies on college campuses who represent what Alpha Kappa Alpha is all about: service to all mankind, scholarship, and sisterhood," said South Atlantic Regional Director Carolyn G. Randolph at the charter reception.

"I am excited about these young ladies. One good thing about them is their stick-to-it-ness," she said. "I am so proud of them because I know this is something that they really want to do."

This history-making event was the culmination of years of planning.

"I want to thank the College, because this did not just happen." Randolph said. "This seed was planted by administrators eight years ago. When I came into administration, the previous administration had already been working on this. So, I want to thank the College for all the work and the time that they put in making it happen."

AKA is the fourth active sorority on the Newberry College campus, joining Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Delta and Sigma Sigma Sigma.



## Charter Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha – Upsilon Nu

<b>Destiny Thomas</b>	<b>Blythewood, SC</b>
<b>Kyla Smith '22</b>	<b>Durban, South Africa</b>
<b>Yamileth Rios</b>	<b>Gaston, SC</b>
<b>C'Xaurius Corley</b>	<b>Newberry, SC</b>
<b>Destinie Flinch</b>	<b>Acworth, GA</b>
<b>Shaniah Farrow</b>	<b>Greenwood, SC</b>
<b>Tamaya Brooks</b>	<b>Newberry, SC</b>
<b>Tyeisha Robinson</b>	<b>Blair, SC</b>
<b>Maiya Williams '22</b>	<b>Blythewood, SC</b>
<b>Raven Richardson</b>	<b>Charleston, SC</b>
<b>Nautica Chisholm</b>	<b>York, SC</b>
<b>Ja'Kobia Abraham</b>	<b>Lexington, SC</b>
<b>Sarah Abumere</b>	<b>Lagos, Nigeria</b>
<b>Gianna Hill</b>	<b>Sumter, SC</b>
<b>Vincenttia Downing</b>	<b>Inman, SC</b>



# RETIREMENTS



**Ava Culbertson**  
Administrative Assistant

Culbertson retired in spring 2022 after 11 years as administrative assistant for nursing. She arrived at the College in 2011, and her dedicated service to students and faculty will be missed.



**Mark Gardiner**  
Head Tennis Coach

Coach Mark Gardiner retired in fall 2022 after leading the Newberry College men's and women's tennis programs for 13 seasons. He led the men's and women's teams to the South Atlantic Conference finals, and in 2021-22, the women's team celebrated its best season in program history, including a first-ever victory in the NCAA tournament. Gardiner retired with a combined coaching record of 321-207 (.608) with the Wolves.



**Jim Hale '63**  
Development and Planned Giving Officer

Jim Hale retired at the end of 2022 after 23 years as development and planned giving officer. His career has been defined by a passion for his alma mater and its students. Some of his greatest initiatives have involved strengthening student scholarships and the endowment, upgrading learning spaces, and helping alumni establish and strengthen their legacies as benefactors. He also served as president of the Newberry College Alumni Association.



**Dr. Christina McCartha**  
Professor Emerita of Chemistry

Dr. Christina McCartha retired in summer 2022 after nearly two decades of dedicated service. She joined the chemistry faculty in 2002, was instrumental in creating the forensic chemistry concentration in 2005, and in earning over \$2.2 million in grants for STEM and other College programs. She served the last two years as foundations and grants officer. At fall 2022 commencement, she was honored with the title of professor emerita of chemistry.



**Dr. T. Otis Walker**  
Professor in Mathematics and Physics

Dr. Otis Walker plans to retire at the end of the 2022-23 academic year, completing 40 years as a professor in mathematics and physics. He arrived at Newberry College in 1983, making him one of the College's longest-serving faculty members. During his tenure, he has served as physics program coordinator, as a judge in the High School Quiz Bowl and South Carolina Science Olympiad programs, and as a founding member of Newberry's chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society.



**Linda Wilbanks**  
Administrative Assistant

Linda Wilbanks retired in spring 2022 as administrative assistant for science and mathematics. She arrived at Newberry College in 2007, and her dedicated service to students and faculty will be missed.



# Requiem for a Friend.

A longtime piano professor's legacy lives on in the heart – and music – of an old friend.

**"He never ever stopped learning."**

Newberry College piano professor Wanda Neese remembers her colleague and friend, W. Darr Wise (1929 – 2021), professor emeritus of music. She sits at his prized Mason & Hamlin baby grand piano, now in her office, with a photo of her late mentor smiling back atop the lid.



Wise was a Newberry institution. Before he joined the Newberry College faculty in 1956, he attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Florida State University, divided

by two years of military service in West Germany. As a new professor, the Newberry native brought an intense passion for piano and for teaching, values that would only grow throughout his 42-year career until the end of his life.

His greatest influence as an educator came not just from rigorous instruction at the chalkboard and on the bench, but from going out of his way to introduce his students to great musicians. He arranged for Soulima Stravinsky, pianist and son of Russian composer Igor Stravinsky, to visit Newberry College. He took students to see Artur Schnabel, Olivier Messiaen and Maynard Ferguson. Neese recounted the story of when Wise took one of his students, Bill Moore (1942 – 2005), son of longtime music chair Dr. Milton Moore (1914 – 1994), to New York to audition for the renowned Madame Rosina Lhévinne.

"They went to The Juilliard School, they waited outside her office, she opened the door and greeted [Darr] in French," said Neese. "Instead of going to her studio, she invited them to go to her apartment. They were following her and they go to cross a busy street, and he said she just stepped out there, holding her hand up. And he said that if



he had been killed on that New York street, at least he would have died a proud man, because he would have been killed with Rosina Lhévinne."

Thanks to Wise's teaching and taking him to New York, Moore went on to receive a full scholarship to Juilliard.

Neese, who came to Newberry College in 1988, said Wise helped begin her career as a professor and accompanist shortly after her graduation from Columbia College.

"My friendship with Darr has been a huge part of my life the past few years, but honestly, he has been a very important person in my life since I was 22 years old," she said. "As soon as I came here, Darr was one of the people I gravitated to, because of his close friendship with my teacher, but also because I thought he was an absolutely fascinating person to have a conversation with."

Neese said she and Wise bonded early on over music theory and learning from great pianists, notably Sergei Rachmaninoff. Wise maintained his passion for education until the end of his life, always finding time for learning and for passing along knowledge and great music to others.

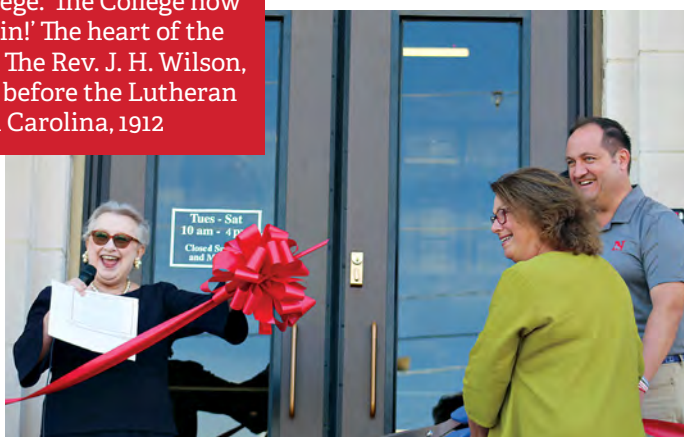
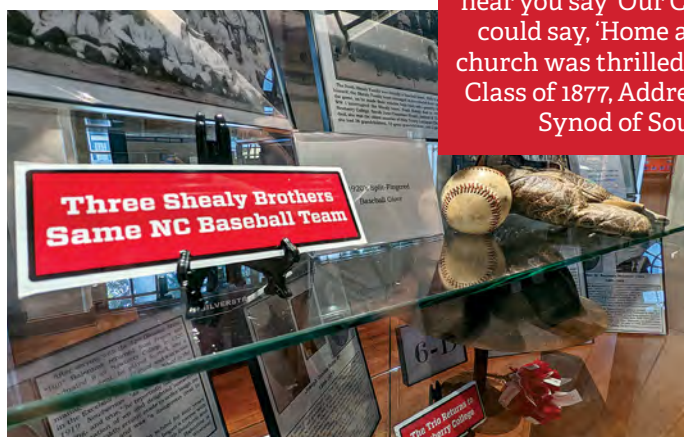
"It was a regular occurrence for me to come in to check on him at 10 o'clock at night and for him to tell me, 'Have a seat. You're getting ready to watch the video clip from the moment that Van Cliburn won the first Tchaikovsky Competition,'" she said.

Neese helped care for Wise in the last 15 months of his life and it was then that their friendship grew the strongest. During these times, Neese would have "assigned practices" at his house and the two developed a "playlist" of their favorite piano pieces. These pieces formed the foundation for a recital she performed in his memory on Nov. 13, 2022.

"I spent a lot of time practicing to deal with my grief, because I lost my best friend," she said. "He would consider that to be the best tribute that I could give him."



"In the life of Newberry College, a potent factor has always been the love and generosity of Newberry's citizens. I like to hear you say 'Our College.' The College now could say, 'Home again!' The heart of the church was thrilled." – The Rev. J. H. Wilson, Class of 1877, Address before the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, 1912



# Coming Home to Newberry

**The Newberry Museum shines a light on the early years of Newberry College and its first Homecoming.**

Newberry College Homecomings have been a beloved campus tradition since 1922. Over the last century, Homecoming has become one of the best perks of alumni life — a chance to return home, reunite, and celebrate the people and the place that brought them together.

Coinciding with the centennial celebration of Homecoming, the Newberry Museum hosted a special exhibit titled "Coming Home to Newberry." The exhibit was an addition to the permanent exhibit housed at the Museum and ran from September 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023.

"The museum is deeply tied in with the College," said Steven Knapp, executive director of the Newberry Museum. "It's one of the three places that we really try to represent, being the County, the City and the College. And so particularly with the fact that 2022 is the centennial of Newberry College Homecomings, we thought trying to recognize that was just a vital thing to do."

"Coming Home to Newberry" covered the College's beginnings through the first modern Homecoming in 1922. In the first of the two-part exhibit, visitors could trace Newberry College from its infancy in Pomaria in the 1820s and 1830s through a series of transitions and displacements before finally coming to its current home. This section of the exhibit showcased key early figures in the College's history, such as the Rev. John Bachman, the Rev. John G. Schwartz, and the Rev. Josiah Smeltzer.

The second part of the exhibit focused on the year 1922 and the significance of the College's first Homecoming, especially in the historical context of the First World War. This section featured a diorama of the 1922 campus; three of the buildings from that era are still standing – Holland Hall, Keller Hall, and Smeltzer Hall - while others were razed for newer construction. It also spotlighted Coach "Dutch" MacLean and several members of the Class of 1922, which was the first graduating alumni class to celebrate Homecoming on Setzler Field.



# Life of a Legend

The name "MacLean" has been a monumental part of the Newberry College story for 110 years — first as that of a living legend, then as that of a hub of athletics and campus life. As historic MacLean Gymnasium gains new life, so should the little-known story of its incredible eponym.



Ohio-bred Fred Douglas "Dutch" MacLean (1888 – 1964) first entered Newberry history when he transferred from Brown University in 1913, at the behest of the Indians' first coach and one-man athletics department Raymond Thomas, who had seen him in action. The ban on football had just been lifted, and Thomas needed the best for the College's first intercollegiate squad. Though he stood only about

five-foot-five, MacLean quickly made a name for himself as Newberry's first quarterback.

"He never used a leather helmet. He just wrapped a black sweatband around his head to hold his ears in, because the other guys like to pull his ears. This was in the very early days of football, back when it was rough and tumble," said Maj. Fred MacLean III, a retired Army chaplain and Dutch's grandson. "They gave him a nickname, 'the Flying Dutchman,' because when a guy would get tackled and they'd all pile on, they would pick up Dutch, throw him over the pile with the ball, and he'd hit the ground running and score. They were so effective that they outlawed that play. But the name stuck, and they shortened it to 'Dutch.'"

Along with football, Dutch lettered in baseball and basketball before graduating in 1915. That same year, a German submarine torpedoed the British liner *RMS Lusitania*, killing 1,195 passengers, including 123 Americans. Like many young men, Dutch was eager to fight.

"Dutch and five of his friends all got together and decided America's not getting into World War I fast enough. So, they were all going to go up to Canada and enlist," said MacLean. "When he got up to Ottawa, none of the other boys showed up, but his sense of duty was so strong that it didn't matter."

Dutch joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and with his strong pitcher's arm he lobbed grenades from French trenches. According to newspaper reports, he was gassed at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 and spent six months in a London hospital. Unbeknownst to him, in the chaos of war, he

was reported as killed in action. After being released from hospital, Dutch transferred to the U.S. Army, where he served until 1920. Upon returning home to Youngstown, Ohio, he surprised his family and friends with the realization that he was indeed alive.

Dutch returned to Newberry in 1921 to teach English and to coach the three sports in which he excelled as a player. That year, the men's basketball team won the first of four consecutive state championships. In 1922, his football team defeated The Citadel for the first time on the brand-new Setzler Field. The following year, MacLean saw the completion of new gymnasium, which would be dedicated in his honor in 1955. His 1924 football squad achieved a season record of 8-2, which stood unmatched until 1971 and unbroken until 2006. As of 2023, Dutch remains Newberry College's longest-serving head football coach with 17 seasons.

After leaving Newberry in 1938 to pursue other callings, Dutch returned to lead the Indian Club, the athletics booster organization, from 1957-62. It was in these latter years that his grandson remembers summers and holidays visiting him in Newberry.

"You wouldn't think of a rough and tumble football player as being well-versed in Shakespeare," said MacLean. "I don't remember ever seeing him without a three-piece suit, and he always had a whistle and a stopwatch. He would talk with me about the principles of character, the value of duty, the sense of what's right."

MacLean was posthumously inducted in 1976 as one of the first two members of the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame.



Dutch MacLean (front row, second from left) and the 1913 football team

To learn more and support the renovation of MacLean Gymnasium, visit [newberry.edu/BuildingTheBerry/MacLean](http://newberry.edu/BuildingTheBerry/MacLean) or contact Bill Tiller at 803.321.5676 or [William.Tiller@newberry.edu](mailto:William.Tiller@newberry.edu).



# classnotes

## BIRTHS



Whitney (Metz) Mitchell '09 and her husband, Justin, welcomed a son, Caleb, on Nov. 11, 2022.



Drew '11 and Natalie (Mayfield) Shuler '13 welcomed a daughter, Virginia, in June 2022.



Hunter '14 and Casey Nakawatase Robinson '15 welcomed a daughter, Lilly, on Jan. 17, 2023.

**Jaime '09 and Amanda (Price) Ketten '08** welcomed their third child, Felix, on July 21, 2022, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Sami (Baird) Snyder '10** and her husband, Jay, welcomed a daughter, Rowan, on Nov. 16, 2022.

**Faith (Franklin) Felix '12** and her husband, Justin, welcomed a son, Liam, on Jan. 20, 2023.

**Chris Hooker '14** and his wife, Becca, welcomed a son, Jacob, on July 7, 2022.

**Jeffrey '14 and Kelley (Strong) Kiser '15** welcomed a son, Callahan, on Jan. 8, 2023.

**Cameron '14 and Chandler (Hendrix) Lamb '16** welcomed a son, Charles, on Aug. 4, 2022.

**Jordan (Padgett) Isiminger '15** and her husband, Curry, welcomed a daughter, Claire, on Feb. 17, 2022.

**Casey '16 and Rachel (Moran) Baldwin '16** welcomed a son, Wyatt, on April 4, 2022.

**Katie (Burnett) Bedenbaugh '16** and her husband, Rivers, welcomed twins, Scottie and William, on Feb. 23, 2022.

**Mitchell Riggs '16** and his wife, Rhiannon, welcomed a son, Easton, on Dec. 8, 2021.

**Jaima Edwards '17** welcomed a son, Easton, on Feb. 18, 2020.

**Zack Kelly '17** and his wife, Brittany, welcomed a son, Kayden, on Sept. 3, 2022.

**Karley (Young) Watkins '17** and her husband, Brett, welcomed a daughter, Ruby, on Jan. 11, 2023.

**Alyssa (Germanoff) '17 and Nick Young '17** welcomed a son, Brock, in October 2022.

**Cannon (Elliott) Dominick '18**, and her husband, Will, welcomed a daughter, Mackenzie, on Nov. 20, 2021.



**Stephanie (Agapion) Parnell '18** and her husband, Jared, welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth, on Nov. 11, 2022.

**Gabie (Gentner) White '18** and her husband, Brandon, welcomed a son, Brooks, on June 20, 2022.

**Victoria (Hawkins) Hill '19** and her husband, Michael, welcomed a son, Landon, in November 2022.

**Ryan '18 and Maddie (Garr) Sandifer '19** welcomed a daughter, Raelynn, on Aug. 31, 2022.

**Jeff '17 and Natalie (Willis) Sneed '19** welcomed their second son, Dawson, on Sept. 3, 2022.

**Anne-Marie (Branham) Chaffins '21** and her husband, Joshua-Caleb, welcomed a daughter, Everleigh, on Oct. 28, 2022.

## CAREERS & ACHIEVEMENTS

**Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips '60** retired in January 2023 after 16 years on the Hampton County Council and a lifetime of service as an educator, principal, superintendent, and mayor of Hampton, South Carolina.

**Dr. Bill Hilton '70** wrote three poems selected for publication in the anthology, *Dawn Songs: A Birdwatcher's Field Guide to the Poetics of Migration* (Talking Waters Press, 2023).

**Dan Ruff '72** presented research papers at the South Carolina Historical Association's annual conference in 2021 and The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in March 2022. His paper was titled, "Straight Ticket Voting in Recent South Carolina Elections: Partisanship, Polarization, or Declining Competitiveness." He currently teaches at Midlands Technical College.

**Diane E.P. Decker '78** retired in August 2022 as vice president of business development for CQuest America, Inc., and moved to Alcobaça, Portugal.

**Grady Price '79** retired from Dominion Energy, previously known as SCANA, after 40 years of service.

**Cathy Shearouse '84** started a new job in May 2022 as a sales designer for Stoneworks in Bluffton, South Carolina.

**Dr. Tyrone Tanner '94** was named dean of graduate studies at Texas' Prairie View A&M University in May 2022. He had served as interim dean since June 2021.

**Heath Branham '95** was named administrator of the year for Lexington County School District One in May 2022. He currently serves as principal of Centerville Elementary in Gilbert, South Carolina.

**Dr. Malinda (Boland) Cobb '95** started a new job as associate superintendent of academic services for the Richmond County School System in Augusta, Georgia.

**Susan Tucker '95** started a new job in October 2022 as vice president of client service delivery for CFO Plans.

**Billy Miller '96** started a new job in January 2023 as head football coach at Bayside High School in Palm Bay, Florida.

**Beth (McCorkle) Baker '99** started a new job as an accessibility consultant for Arizona State University.

**Xavier Blake '99** started a new job as content and engagement manager for WMHT Public Media in Albany, New York.

**Parrish Deans '99** was named Middle School Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in January 2023. He is the P.E. teacher, head football coach and athletic director at A.L. Corbett Middle School in Wagener, South Carolina, and head golf coach at Wagener-Salley High School.



**Kinard Lisbon '18** started a new job in October 2022 as director of digital media for the South Carolina Governor's Office.

**Mark Hammond '86** was sworn in Jan. 11 to his sixth term as South Carolina's Secretary of State. Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette administered the oath of office during the gubernatorial inauguration ceremony on the State House steps in Columbia.

**Huger Caughman Jr. '00** started a new job teaching fourth grade at Boundary Street Elementary in Newberry, South Carolina. He previously taught at Newberry High for 16 years.

**Kelly Malone Rabinowitz '00** was appointed in August 2022 to the Kentucky Community and Technical College Board of Regents. Rabinowitz, a former public high school teacher, is a business owner in Versailles, Kentucky, overseeing operations for Rose Hill Rentals and Amsden Properties.

**Jason Oswald '01** started a new job in July 2022 as director of sales at iLending's Columbia, South Carolina, office. The car loan refinancing firm is headquartered in Englewood, Colorado.

**Brent Bridges '02** was appointed in February 2023 as head football coach for Landrum High School in Campobello, South Carolina.

**Shawn Carnes '02** was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Newberry County Exchange Club. He has served with the Newberry County Sheriff's Office since June 2002.

**Zeb Reid '02** started a new job as assistant principal at Newberry Middle School, in Newberry, South Carolina, after nine years at Mid-Carolina High School.

**Jeff Wicker '02** was promoted to assistant city manager for the City of Newberry, South Carolina, in July 2022.

**Bradley Adams '03** started a new job in January 2023 as head football coach and athletic director at Georgetown High School in Georgetown, South Carolina.

**Gretchen Haskett '03** was appointed deputy director of parks, recreation and tourism for the City of Newberry, South Carolina, in August 2022.

**Margaret Carola Morris '03** ran 48.6 miles as part of the 2023 Dopey Challenge at Walt Disney World, held Jan. 5-8, less than a year after finishing treatment for breast cancer.

**Dr. Bill Smith '04** earned his Doctor of Education in educational leadership from Augusta University in May 2022. He is currently the federal programs evaluation coordinator for the Richmond County School System in Augusta, Georgia.

**Dr. Reggie Wicker '04** received the 2022 Presidential Award from the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators. He serves as director of personnel for Lexington-Richland District Five.

**The Rev. Matt Titus '05** published a book in February 2022 titled, *The Gospel According to Ted Lasso*, based on the Apple TV+ series *Ted Lasso*. The book includes over 30 short devotionals that help the reader see and know not only where God's work is present in this show, but where God's love is active in their life.

**Michael Dease '06** started a new job in April 2022 as principal of Marlboro County High School in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

**Jared '06 and Kristina (Bradley) Long '06** cut the ribbon March 25, 2022, on their renovated boutique, The Berry Patch, on Main St. in Newberry, South Carolina.

**Albert Robertson '06** started a new job in April 2022 as assistant principal at Lexington Elementary School in Lexington, South Carolina.

**Mathis Burnette '07** was named athletic director at Stratford High in Goose Creek, South Carolina, in July 2022.

**Kenntail Grooms '07** started a new job in November 2022 as associate director for the Institute for First-Year Experience & Students in Transition at Voorhees University.



**Jenna Eaves '21** started a new job in January 2022 as distribution forestry coordinator for Dominion Energy.



**Josh Stepp '07** started a new job in January 2023 as wide receivers coach for the University of Cincinnati Bearcats.

**Michael Corn '08** will serve as director of bands at Newberry High School in Newberry, South Carolina, beginning with the 2023-24 academic year.

**Kevin Boozer '10** presented at the Upstate Workshop for the South Carolina Association of School Librarians about how puppets, stories and songs can share joy in reading. He gave a similar presentation for Carly and Adam's "Day of Play" STEM Teacher Summit. He is in his fifth year as elementary school librarian at Reuben Elementary and Whitmire Community School in Newberry County, South Carolina.

**Dr. Jenny (Fulmer) Lindler '11** was appointed director of nursing at Newberry College in February 2022.

**Bill Glace '12** was named Teacher of the Year for Abbeville High in Abbeville, South Carolina, where he serves as a math teacher and wrestling coach.

**René (Durr) Hamer '12** earned a master's degree in higher education leadership from Florida Atlantic University in May 2022, and started a new job in June 2022 as director of graduate student recruitment for the University of South Carolina's College of Nursing.

**Samantha (Dorsey) Mullis '12** started a new job as associate general counsel at Augusta University.

**Andrew Wigger '13** was promoted to publisher of *The Newberry Observer* in Newberry, South Carolina, in June 2022.

**Heather (O'Brien) Page '14** started a new job in August 2022 as student engagement and outreach librarian at Penn State – Fayette.

**Nick Young '17** earned a master's degree in administration and leadership from Grand Canyon University.

**Devin Blackwell '18** started a new job in May 2022 as coordinator for new student orientation at Georgia State University.

**Makenzie (Wagner) Brown '18** earned her Juris Doctor degree in May 2022 from the University of South Carolina.

**Brock Bryant '18** started a new job in November 2022 as director of hitting for Carolina Playmakers in Columbia, South Carolina.

**Naomi Killian '18** started a new job in April 2022 as an analyst for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

**Quincy Kroeschell '18** started a new job as a digital marketing specialist for Top Turf Lawn Care & Pest Management.

**Meagan Privette '18** was accepted into High Point University's physician assistant program in March 2022.

**Allison Van Atta '18** started a new job in August 2022 as senior account executive for Georgia Swarm Professional Lacrosse.

**Dr. Dewey Wilson '18** opened a new BenchMark Physical Therapy outpatient clinic in Thomson, Georgia, in September 2022.

**Autumn Fountain '19** started a new job as an MD receptionist at Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital in Summerville, South Carolina.

**Carly Rogers '19** was appointed head dance coach at Erskine College in November 2022.

**Dylan Francis '20** started a new job in June 2022 as multimedia sales representative for *The Newberry Observer* in Newberry, South Carolina.

**Emily Gantt '20** started a new job in August 2022 as band director at Newberry Middle School and as director of the Newberry High School Blue Brigade Marching Band in Newberry, South Carolina.

**Mariah Lee '20** began in fall 2022 the Gerstner Sloan Kettering Biomedical Graduate Program to complete her doctorate in cancer biology.

**Michael Hamilton '11** was promoted to the rank of major in the United States Army.



# Scarlet & Gray Week 2023



**Scarlet & Gray Week 2023** will encourage alumni to show why their class is the Best of the Berry. Give in honor of your class to the Newberry Fund or an area of your choice.

To stay up-to-date with all the fun things going on during Scarlet & Gray Week, follow Newberry College Alumni on Facebook and Instagram, and scan the QR code below.

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**Corey Lorence '20** was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear officer, or CBRN, and is stationed in Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

**Alyssa Ball '21** was named Saluda County Schools' inaugural Induction Teacher of the Year in May 2022. She currently teaches fourth grade at Saluda Elementary in Saluda, South Carolina.

**Bryan Liriano-Hernandez '21** started a new job in August 2022 as a volunteer assistant coach for The George Washington University baseball.

**Connor Shadday '21** started a new job in July 2022 as assistant director of bands at Boiling Springs High in Boiling Springs, South Carolina.

**Hannah Towery '21, M'22** started a new job in July 2022 as head softball coach and career and technology teacher at Saluda High School in Saluda, South Carolina.

**KeShaun White '21** started a new job in August 2022 as an English as a second language teacher for Gwinnett County Public Schools, headquartered in Suwanee, Georgia.

**Amir Cromer '22** started new jobs as seventh grade science teacher and head boys' basketball coach at Newberry Middle School in Newberry, South Carolina.

**Sarah Dougherty '22** started a new job in January 2023 as director of advancement operations at Presbyterian College, after 10 years at Newberry College.

**Elijah Fulmore '22** started a new job in August 2022 as a fourth-grade teacher at Killian Elementary in Columbia, South Carolina. He is pursuing a master's degree in trauma-informed education at Columbia College.

## 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](https://newberry.edu/update). Send any accompanying photos to [Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu](mailto:Alumni.Relations@newberry.edu).



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# Newberry Weddings

**Jodi Bolt '00**  
& Rob Mayer  
Oct. 15, 2021

**Josh Kendrick '13**  
& Savannah Roberts '17  
Nov. 19, 2022

**Ethan Campbell '14**  
& Erika Tinsley  
Dec. 17, 2022

**April Dewalt '14**  
& Lajohna Padgett  
Dec. 3, 2022

**Rion Werts '15**  
& Kirsten Holmén '16  
Dec. 3, 2022

**Taylor Jennett '16**  
& Jay Tranberg  
Oct. 29, 2022

**Alexa Wood '16**  
& Cole Watson '17  
June 11, 2022

**Jaya Schultz '17**  
& Ray Trussell  
Dec. 17, 2021

**Courtlyn Warren '17**  
& Josh Carter  
Nov. 6, 2022

**Caleb Yarbrough '17**  
& Carli Ruff  
Feb. 4, 2023

**Billy Decker '18**  
& Frances Wylie '18  
Oct. 22, 2022

**Ben Herring '18**  
& Paige Harrill  
Feb. 26, 2022

**Carmen Laughlin '18**  
& Austin Woodard  
Oct. 8, 2022

**Lauren Rawls '18**  
& Jamie McClure  
May 7, 2022

**Makenzie Wagner '18**  
& Connor Brown  
Nov. 19, 2022

**Tori Zambrano '18**  
& Christopher Andrews  
Oct. 30, 2021

**Baylen English '19**  
& Sarah Smith  
Sept. 3, 2022

**Chandler Huggins '19**  
& Kate Watford  
Nov. 27, 2022

**Tori Morris '19**  
& Dale Patterson  
Dec. 10, 2022

**Brooke Teague '19**  
& Patrick Brettschneider  
Dec. 10, 2022

**Copeland Brown '20**  
& Gage Quarles  
April 9, 2022

**Jorge Hernandez-Esquivel '20**  
& Hannah Macon '20  
March 25, 2021

**Phoenix Roberts '20**  
& Cassie Jacques  
May 14, 2022

**Jaci Koon '22**  
& Mike Amick  
Nov. 19, 2022



*Blaire Taylor '16 & Dalton Brown '18*  
April 23, 2022



*Skyler Culbertson '20 & Josie West*  
Nov. 5, 2022



*Chris DuPree '18 & Alley Stasky '18*  
April 22, 2022



# In Memoriam

## 1940s

Carolyn Godfrey Farris '47  
Feb. 15, 2022

Cornelia Suber Long '47  
May 3, 2022

Daniel H. Sandel '49  
Dec. 8, 2022

## 1950s

Betty S. Hitz '50  
Nov. 6, 2022

The Rev. Charles B. Dawkins '51  
April 15, 2022

Muriel Kaiser Taylor '52  
Aug. 25, 2022

Dr. Charles W. Easley '53  
May 27, 2022

Bonelle Yarborough '53  
March 20, 2022

Benny Lou Carlton Brigham '54  
April 18, 2022

Mary Sue Hutchinson Clary '54  
Feb. 27, 2022

The Rev. James R. Connelly Jr. '54  
April 29, 2022

Stanley R. "Stan" Bessinger '55  
July 29, 2022

Dr. Forrest C. Hentz Jr. '55  
Dec. 26, 2022

Ray Edward Petty '56  
Aug. 1, 2022

John Cornwell Gibson '57  
June 19, 2022

Bright M. Griffin '57  
Dec. 31, 2022

Leonard T. "Skip" Nobles '57  
Feb. 23, 2022

Nelle Epting Peterson '57  
Jan. 7, 2023

Bobby W. Charpia '58  
Sept. 9, 2022

Jacqueline Counts Darby '58  
Feb. 2, 2023

Harvey Drawdy '58  
Nov. 5, 2022

Leola Long Fanning '58  
April 14, 2022

Gerald Mount '58  
March 15, 2022

Mary Pat Taylor Richardson '58  
July 20, 2022

William S. West Sr. '58  
Dec. 22, 2022

Fred G. Friedrichs '59  
Jan. 31, 2022

Charles W. Gibson Jr. '59  
March 11, 2022

Thomas F. Keegan '59  
Feb. 18, 2022

## 1960s

Martha Lindler '60  
July 26, 2022

Jane Baynham Barnes '61  
Oct. 24, 2022

The Rev. J. Pierce Evans Jr. '61  
April 17, 2022

Robert E. Hampton '61  
Jan. 31, 2023

Phyllis Dufford Cline '62  
Nov. 16, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Larry S. Long '62  
Nov. 24, 2022

Joel Derketsch '63  
Sept. 6, 2022

Willie Mickle '63  
Nov. 23, 2022

John S. Adkins '64  
March 21, 2022

Jean Annette Shumpert Lucas '64  
July 2, 2022

Dorothea M. "Dottie" Lyerly '64  
July 22, 2022

Barbara Dukes Rivers '64  
July 5, 2022

K.W. Smith '64  
Sept. 1, 2022

Billy F. Hunsinger '65  
Dec. 9, 2022

Lisa Lominack Longshore '65  
Aug. 1, 2022

Hugh Jeter Jr. '66  
June 27, 2022

David F. DeHay '67  
Jan. 30, 2023

William H. "Bill" Franklin III '68  
July 1, 2022

Sidney S. "Butch" Riggs III '69  
Jan. 9, 2023

## 1970s

Phillip L. Corley '72  
Aug. 12, 2022

Randal Eugene Jones '72  
Aug. 22, 2020

David N. Rimer '72  
May 8, 2020

Stanley M. Elrod '73  
Oct. 25, 2022

The Rev. Eddie C. Miller Jr. '73  
Aug. 8, 2022

Timothy "Tim" Brett '74  
Dec. 21, 2022

Joseph R. Clark III '74  
June 29, 2022

Philip "Phil" Dukes '74  
April 19, 2022

Gaye Summers '74  
Aug. 5, 2022

Thomas L. "Tommy" Williamson '74  
Sept. 18, 2022

Thomas F. Wilson Jr. '74  
Jan. 16, 2021

Debra Rogers Amick '75  
Nov. 16, 2021

Angelyne Townsend '75  
Oct. 10, 2022

Carla Faye Weldon Marshall '78  
Feb. 24, 2022

The Rev. Steven Jackson '79  
Oct. 8, 2022

## 1980s

Kathy L. Williams Fuller '80  
Sept. 19, 2022

Mark L. Senterfeit '82  
July 25, 2022

William R. "Bill" Heath Jr. '83  
Nov. 28, 2022

Stephen E. "Stevie" Lee '83  
Jan. 20, 2023

## 1990s

Dr. Don Steven "SoSo" Beard '92  
June 17, 2022

## 2020s

Janna Lane Longshore '21  
April 26, 2022

## Faculty & Staff

Nield Gordon  
*Head Men's Basketball Coach*  
Nov. 17, 1930 — May 2, 2022

Ellen Wingard Cobb  
*Alumni Director*  
July 3, 1927 — June 13, 2022

Dr. George Thomas Riggan Jr.  
*Professor of Biology, Head Women's Basketball Coach*  
July 14, 1930 — Aug. 6, 2022

John D. Matthews III  
*Adjunct Instructor of English*  
February 10, 1956 — April 6, 2022

### 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, or by mail to: Newberry College Office of Advancement, 2100 College St., Newberry, SC 29108



# Calendar of Events



**April 14 | 10 a.m.**  
**Honors Convocation**  
Wiles Chapel

**April 25 | 7:30 p.m.**  
**Wind Ensemble Concert**  
Wiles Chapel

**April 27 | 7:30 p.m.**  
**Newberry College Singers and Madrigals**  
Wiles Chapel

**April 30**  
**Newberry College Sunday South Carolina Synod of the ELCA**



**May 1 – 5**  
**Scarlet & Gray Week**

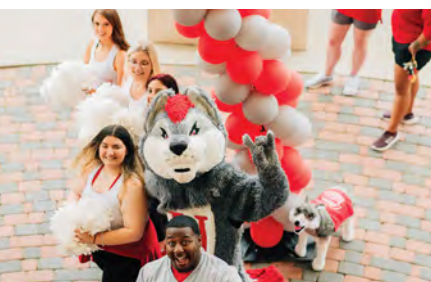
**May 1 | 7:30 p.m.**  
**Newberry Chamber Orchestra Concert**  
Wiles Chapel

**May 4**  
**Annual Athletic Club Golf Tournament**



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

**May 11 | 8 p.m.**  
**Jazz Big Band Concert**  
Newberry Opera House



**May 12 | 5 p.m.**  
**Baccalaureate Service**  
Wiles Chapel

**May 12 | 7 p.m.**  
**Nurse Pinning Ceremony**  
Wiles Chapel

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

**May 13 | 10 a.m.**  
**Spring Commencement**  
Setzler Field

**Oct. 13 – 15**  
**Homecoming**

## SPRING HOME GAMES

**Baseball**  
March 24-25 | Carson-Newman  
April 7-8 | Catawba  
April 12 | Georgia College  
April 14-15 | Wingate  
May 11-12 | Tampa

**Softball**  
March 14 | Emory & Henry  
March 21 | USC Beaufort  
March 29 | Mars Hill  
April 1 | Anderson  
April 15 | Lenoir-Rhyne

**Men's Lacrosse**  
March 15 | Lenoir-Rhyne  
March 29 | Anderson  
April 8 | Catawba

**Women's Lacrosse**  
March 25 | UVA Wise  
March 29 | Anderson  
April 8 | Catawba  
April 12 | Coker  
April 19 | Lenoir-Rhyne

**Men's Tennis**  
March 19 | Catawba  
March 23 | Lenoir-Rhyne  
March 28 | Wingate  
April 6 | College of Charleston  
April 15 | Carson-Newman

**Women's Tennis**  
March 19 | Catawba  
March 21 | Lander  
March 26 | Lenoir-Rhyne  
March 28 | Wingate  
April 15 | Carson-Newman

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## Homecoming 2023 October 13-15

**Newberry College vs. Catawba**

**Class of 1973 (Golden Newberrians 50 Year Reunion)**

**Class of 1998 (25 Year Reunion)**

**Class of 2013 (10 Year Reunion)**

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