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

“This edition of Dimensions is not only about how we have endured the storms of the last year, but also about how we have emerged a better College and a better community, with a bright future ahead.”

a word from the president

In early 2020, I shared with you my optimism for a new decade of hope, growth and exceeding expectations. After a year in the grip of a global pandemic and civil unrest, my optimism for the future of our College has only increased. In fact, it is stronger than ever.

If this past year has taught us anything, it is that our students, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends of the College are compassionate, dedicated and resilient. I applaud our College community for how they quickly pivoted, left campus and went virtual at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our students, faculty and staff navigated through those turbulent months and then returned safely to the classroom this past fall. Thanks to the campus community's adherence to our safety protocol, we were able to teach in a HyFlex (classroom and virtual) format uninterrupted throughout the fall semester. This change in the delivery of instruction was not easy – emotionally, logistically or financially – but we proved our resiliency.

The COVID-19 road for the past year has been difficult and we have lost family members and close friends along the way. On a personal note, my wife, Sandy, had her second breast cancer surgery right after Thanksgiving. We are happy to report that she is doing well and back to work here at the College. Since this pandemic began, we have been praying for each other's safety and well-being. Let's continue to do so, as the power of prayer is limitless.

Despite everything 2020 threw at us, you can be proud of what your College has overcome and achieved.

We have made significant progress in the development of our campus infrastructure. Last summer, we renovated and created new student spaces to allow for more social distancing, more places for students to dine and study and meet safely. In addition, we continue to draw nearer to the completion of our Scaling the Summit capital campaign. The Melvin & Dollie Younts Athletic Performance Center was finished last summer at the north end zone of Setzler Field, and we are making strides toward breaking ground on a new nursing and health science center at the corner of College and Evans, and an athletic fieldhouse on the stadium's east side.

Last summer, in the wake of racial violence, we formed a presidential task force on diversity and inclusivity, and we are implementing a number of recommendations to make our diverse campus community a better home for all.

In the fall, we jumped five places to No. 11 among U.S. News & World Report's Best Regional Colleges in the South, our highest ranking ever. We remained among the top performers for best value and social mobility. We have also been recognized for our economic diversity. Finally, we held our place among the South's top 10 most affordable colleges, and Newberry graduates have the least student loan debt in South Carolina. None of these honors could have been possible without the support of you, our alumni and friends.

This edition of Dimensions is not only about how we have endured the storms of the last year, but also about how we have emerged a better College and a better community, with a bright future ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus – hopefully very soon.

In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maurice Scherrens
President

Sports REVIEW

Harley Nunan arrived in December as the first women's triathlon coach in school history. She brings over eight years of coaching experience, including stints as a high school cross country and track and field coach, and as coaching education manager for USA Triathlon. Nunan is also a former triathlete for 1900 Triathlon, where she started up a youth division.



The spring and fall 2020 seasons were the first time Newberry College's athletic competitions were significantly curtailed since the First World War. In the fall, with few exceptions, intercollegiate play for Newberry and its South Atlantic Conference partners was dashed for the season, postponed. However, the bye semester brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic was far from bringing the Wolves to a full stop. With practices and other activities redesigned for health and safety, and with athletes tested for the virus at least once each week, fall offered a chance to focus on academics while gearing up for a much-anticipated spring comeback.

With very few competitions in the fall, student-athletes used the semester to focus on their academics, and it showed. A supermajority of student-athletes finished the semester with GPAs above 3.0, with 88 who achieved a perfect 4.0. Most teams played intrasquad scrimmages to keep engaged athletically.

Cross country and golf were considered at low-risk for COVID-19 transmission and began competition in late fall. Cross country made history Oct. 30 with its first-ever home meet, held on a developing tract of the Johnson family farm in Newberry. The meet was also the first home athletic event since March 11.

Winter sports basketball and wrestling, however, were classified as high-risk sports by the NCAA, and though both sports were able to compete, the season stood on tenuous ground. If a team had one athlete test positive for COVID-19, the team was out of competition for two weeks.

For example, the men's and women's basketball teams expected to host their first home games Nov. 28, but their respective opponents both had positive tests. While the women were able to find another opponent, that team had to quarantine, too. Just days before the 28th, the team finally found an opponent in Limestone University, and opened at home with a 65-52 victory over the Saints.

In all, the women were able to play 20 games in the 2020-21 season, and the men played 15.

Called South Carolina's "toughest college team" by the *Post & Courier*, the undefeated wrestling team won its sixth straight conference championship in February. Isaiah Royal, the senior from Guyton, Georgia, was consistently ranked the No. 1 wrestler in the country before securing the NCAA Division II national championship for his weight class. This is Newberry's first such victory since current assistant coach Bryant Blanton '11 in 2010, and the program's all-time fourth. Finally, head coach Cy Wainwright '09 was named Coach of the Year for Super Region II.

After 476 days without Newberry College football — the longest drought since the sport was banned for its "brutality" from 1905-13 — the Wolves hosted the Tusculum Pioneers at Setzler Field on Saturday, March 6. The nonconference opener was a 21-6 win for Newberry, and the first of six games on the schedule for the spring season.

In mid-March, nearly two years since their last competitions, the cheer and dance teams brought home their respective Cheer Ltd. national championships. The cheer team dominated the Intermediate Small Coed division by a margin of 12.43 points. The dance team finished in the Open Hip Hop Elite division with a raw score of 76.7, six points over second-place Keiser University, of Florida.

For the remainder of the spring, baseball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball all have matches on the docket.

Athletic Club Report

The Athletic Club maintained strong support from members throughout 2020, against all odds. Membership grew by 44, and athletic supporters enjoyed the best giving rate on Giving Tuesday in December. Renewals were mailed April 1. To join the Athletic Club go to newberrywolves.com.

Women's Triathlon Becomes 21st NCAA Division II Sport

In September, Newberry College announced the introduction of a new sport, women's triathlon, becoming the first school in South Carolina to do so. This sport is expected to take the water, path and track in the fall of 2021. This was made possible through the USA Triathlon Foundation Women's Emerging Sport Grant, given to select NCAA institutions to develop varsity programs in women's triathlon.

Races are sprint distance, featuring an open water 750-meter swim, draft-legal 20-kilometer cycling, and a 5K run. Triathlon was approved in January 2014 as the next Emerging Sport for Women for NCAA Division I, II, and III institutions. Newberry is the 14th Division II school to sponsor it as a varsity sport, joining South Atlantic Conference partners Lenoir-Rhyne University, Queens University of Charlotte and Wingate University, all in North Carolina.

FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

By Dr. Jodie Peeler
Professor of Communications



Tell me the universe doesn't have an overdeveloped sense of humor, and I'll tell you about Friday, March 13, 2020.

It was just after lunchtime that day. I was talking with a student in my office, just about to go teach my media law course. By now we knew this new mystery illness was very serious business. Sports leagues were canceling games and other institutions were suspending in-person classes. The rumor mill suggested we'd soon do the same, and I had quietly started working on an emergency plan for my courses. I was ready when the inevitable happened that afternoon, and we followed other schools in suspending in-person classes.

I've always been an independent, in life as well as my work — tell me what to do and when to deliver it, then stay out of my way and I will get it done. And I wish I could say that made it easy at first. But two decades of in-person teaching means old habits that are hard to overcome. A bigger challenge? I live in a very rural part of the county, where the service providers won't run Internet cable out to us. The best I have at home is a wheezy, bandwidth-limited satellite Internet connection. Since I therefore couldn't teach over Zoom or Teams, I spent the rest of the semester building assignments in our course management system, Wolf Den, and conducting a lot of business over email. What had been a well-oiled teaching machine became a series of correspondence courses that looked like Rube Goldberg inventions. It wasn't the best of circumstances, but my focus had to be on salvage and not perfection.

I spent the summer thinking about how to proceed for the fall term, how to adapt lessons I'd honed over the years into something that could work in an online format. I also had to think about health — not just my own, but my husband's. But I also had to fulfill my obligations to my students. Academic Affairs granted me permission to teach

remotely, I made friends with Zoom, and reluctantly I became an online teacher. Instead of standing at the front of a classroom, I've spent the fall and spring semesters sealed in my office staring at a green dot on my computer.

I'm not alone in teaching online. Some of my colleagues, more tech-savvy than I, have embraced it, are having a good time and are being creative. But for someone who would much rather work behind a camera than in front of it, this remains awkward. Not to mention, I'm much more comfortable with an in-person audience. I miss the ability to read the room and quickly adjust what I'm doing, or to play off something that happens in the room. (It also doesn't help that I have an extremely dry sense of humor that doesn't work well without an in-person audience.)

That said, there are advantages. For years, I avoided moving some assignments or tasks to Wolf Den, preferring the nice, deep, comfortable rut I had dug for myself. But the move to online teaching has shown me how to take advantage of Wolf Den's ability to speed up some routine chores. It has also forced me to be more creative.

I've begun my vaccination sequence and, unless something catastrophic happens, I am planning to go back to in-person teaching come August. I'm eager to return to the kind of teaching I've done for so long, and that I know I'm good at. I'll be glad to get back in the classroom, but what I've learned from this year's crash course will stick with me the rest of my teaching days.

But I'm also hoping for no more Friday the 13th surprises.

LOOKING AHEAD

While much discussion has reflected on the challenges of the past year, Newberry College is emerging with a bright future ahead. Here's a rundown of the College's renewed priorities and plans for the coming months and years:

Taking Aim

Full-time student enrollment goals:

1,275
by fall 2021

1,340
by fall 2022

1,400
by fall 2023

A Campus Home for All

The President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusivity, established in June 2020, is exploring new ways to ensure that equity and inclusivity remain key focuses of the College.

Making History

Newberry College is one step closer to a graduate program in organizational development and leadership, after the program cleared institutional hurdles in February. The program now goes to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for final approval. If ratified, the degree will be Newberry's first graduate-level program since 1928.

\$1.7M raised

Will break ground at \$2.4M



Centered, Cornered, and Almost Covered

Plans are underway for a 12,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art nursing and health science center at the corner of College and Evans streets.

Small & Safe

How Newberry College Returned to the Classroom Amid a Global Pandemic



Newberry College freshman Jared Raymond graduated in spring 2020 with honors from Estill High School in Hampton County, South Carolina. From one milestone to another, he was one of 305 students to begin their college careers at Newberry last fall. For Raymond and others like him, while the COVID-19 pandemic loomed, nothing could completely eclipse the significance of the moment, nor the benefits of returning to a small, safe, living-learning community.

"As a first-year student, my first semester at Newberry was pretty good, considering the fact that we were going through a pandemic," said Raymond, a business administration and healthcare management double-major. "I feel like I learned a lot of new things, there were some great professors that actually taught me. Overall, it was a great learning experience and a great first semester for me to be introduced to college."

After the latter half of spring 2020 went online, maintaining classroom instruction for all 73 days of fall semester exceeded all expectations, especially when so many large universities were forced to stay virtual.

In preparation for fall, Newberry College reconfigured many aspects of its small residential campus to better curb the risks of the spread of illness. A tent was erected outside the Alumni Music Center, which has hosted weekly worship services, musical rehearsals, performances and open-air class sessions. A new venue, affectionately called Ernie's Porch, after recently retired Campus Pastor Ernie Worman, now stands outside Kaufmann Hall's west wing. The campus bookstore has moved from its Kaufmann Hall location to a new building across Luther Street, where the beloved Dopey's Café stood before the owners' retirement in 2017.

As classes began online on Aug. 17, as scheduled, students were given the option of coming back for in-person instruction or remaining home and taking classes online. Most students elected to return face-to-face, and residential students were brought back in phases to better adjust to the newness of study amid a pandemic.

"Academically, I felt like it was going very, very fast ... I mean, yes, it was rushed a little bit, but at the same time, I was still able to learn the appropriate material

for each and every class I took," said Mikayla Miles, a business administration major from Clío, South Carolina.

During fall semester, positive COVID-19 cases totaled 116, while never exceeding 23 at one time. While the College was prepared for a potential outbreak, as seen in some larger universities, none came, and cases that did arise were handled quickly and effectively. Students who tested positive and could not return home were provided isolated quarters in College-owned facilities near campus, which included meal deliveries and regular virtual checks with medical professionals. Most cases, however, isolated at home. Through the course of the term, each active case recovered and returned to normal activity.

"I would say the biggest asset in keeping our campus safe this semester was communication. We had a plan, and all key players were on the same page," said Dean of Students Sandra Rouse. "I would like to thank the Health Care Task Force – which included faculty, staff and community partners, specifically individuals from Newberry County Memorial Hospital and SCDHEC – for their hard work and expertise."

With a successful fall semester in the books and spring 2021 nearly complete, Newberry College has proven not only that it can withstand challenges, but that it can emerge stronger and with renewed vigor. In the course of the pandemic, the College has renewed its commitment to the health and safety of students, faculty and staff; renewed its dedication to accessible, high-quality education; and renewed its love and appreciation for community.

***In its smallness, Newberry is safe.
In its resilience, Newberry is renewed.***

Women *Leading the Pack:* Past and Present

Madison Darby-McClure '17
Instructor of English



Paige Meyer



Dr. Sandra Rouse



Dr. Sandy Scherrens



Bobbie Sides '80



Lori Ann Summers



Milena Velez



Dr. Peggy Barnes Winder '86



Dr. Lenna Young '77

During Women's History Month, we often recognize the pioneering accomplishments of female leaders like aviator Amelia Earhart, Pulitzer Prize winner Edith Wharton, or Vice President Kamala Harris. At Newberry College, we, too, have a rich history of women achieving and leading at high levels. Starting with the first women to enroll and continuing over 100 years to this year's student body president, the experience, strength, and knowledge of capable women leaders have impacted every facet of the College community.

In 1897, Newberry College admitted the first women as day students. In 1900, Margaret Johnstone was the first of these to graduate. Shortly after, Pauline Holland, widow of President George Holland, joined the staff as a full-time librarian, the first woman to do so. Ella Dunn '24, M'28, was the first and only woman to earn a Newberry master's degree (the College's graduate program spanned 1885-1928). Since these female firsts and the 1930 merger with Summerland College, women have continued to make their mark on the institution. The direction of the College has been, and continues to be, greatly influenced by women's leadership as they guide the College in a variety of roles.

At the highest level, Newberry College is led by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Lenna Young '77 serves as secretary for the board, inspired by her years earning her bachelor's in psychology. "I want students to experience what I did," she said of her undergraduate education.

In academic support, Dr. Sandy Scherrens, first lady of the College, leads the Center for Student Success and other student persistence efforts to make sure students have everything they need to be successful in the classroom.

Dr. Peggy Barnes Winder '86 is a well-loved professor who also holds the role of director of diversity education. As the first woman inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 and the first African American full-time professor, her perspective and wisdom shape the College's efforts to create an inclusive community.

Dr. Sandra Rouse, dean of students, manages a good portion of the student experience outside of academics and athletics, including everything from residence life, to student engagement, to conduct, to security.

Lori Ann Vinson Summers, vice president for institutional advancement, leads a team critical to College support, including alumni relations, giving and development, and marketing and communications.

Key to student enrollment is Director of Admission Milena Velez, a native of Bulgaria with a keen interest in writing and rhetoric.

Chief of Staff Bobbie Sides '80 is currently the longest-serving full-time staff member, having begun her Newberry College career in 1974.

In the last year, Newberry College faced a host of challenges as a provider of higher education amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Paige Meyer, president of the Student Government Association, has been key in helping students have the best year possible. "I see Paige as an individual who is very approachable," said SGA advisor and Director of Student Engagement Kenntail Grooms '07. "She is instrumental as an advocate between the student body and the administration." Paige is the latest in a handful of women who have been elected to lead the Newberry College student body.

This is just a sampling of the women who have shaped, and continue to shape, Newberry College since those first steps through these hallowed halls in 1897. Now, in the 121st year of female alumni, at just over a century of women's suffrage, and 93 years since Miss Dunn earned her master's degree, women could once again reach the graduate level of education at Newberry College. In February, the Board of Trustees announced that plans for a graduate program in organizational development and leadership are headed for final approval. Given our legacy of leadership and strength, there is no limit to what Newberry women might accomplish.

Local Legacies

Jaymi Wilbanks, fourth grade teacher at Newberry Academy, works with Koen Dougherty, 10. Photo by Sarah Dougherty.



In November 2020, Newberry College unveiled the Heritage Scholarship, a renewable \$3,000 award available specifically for Newberry County residents who enroll in on-campus programs.

Lindsey Arrington Folk '04, principal of Pomaria-Garmany Elementary in Pomaria, South Carolina, discusses the significance of the newly minted scholarship.

Newberry College has recently launched the Heritage Scholarship, a renewable scholarship for local Newberry County students. In my mind, the word 'heritage' symbolizes values, traditions, and family. In a community rich with heritage, I don't know if there is a better name for this scholarship that will keep students in Newberry, attending one of the finest private institutions for continuing education. As stated on the Newberry College website, "a Newberry College education reaches beyond classroom walls, city limits, preconceived notions of higher learning, and definitions of success. A Newberry education is a personal challenge to every student in pursuit of knowledge who possesses the drive to live and learn with purpose." Newberry College combines its strong liberal arts foundation with specialized degree programs to prepare students for successful futures.

As a Newberry College graduate (class of 2004), I was lucky enough to have been granted this opportunity. I was born and raised in Newberry and made the choice to further my education at Newberry College. After graduating, I stayed in Newberry and started my career in teaching. I have since had the opportunity to become a principal in the Newberry County School District, where I have the chance to give back to this amazing community each and every day. I hope and pray the same will transpire for the recipients of this scholarship. If this is the case, the city of Newberry's vision to be an open, engaged and thriving community will be fulfilled.

Students from all area high schools, including Newberry High, Mid-Carolina High, Whitmire Community School, and Newberry Academy, can apply for the scholarship. As a mother of three, it would be a privilege and honor for one of them to receive this scholarship in the future, which would continue our own legacies for Newberry College and Newberry County.

The Resilient Classes of 2020



The College recognized the achievements of three graduating classes in respective ceremonies on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. The two ceremonies were held in Eleazer Arena in accordance with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines regarding face coverings, social distancing and capacity limitations.

Spring & Summer Classes • 10 a.m.

“During our journey at Newberry College, we have made lasting memories, overcome adversities, and learned how to be resilient ... I thank God that you and I have made it to witness the greatness of each other.”

— Akio Brown '20 • Graphic Design • Savannah, Georgia

163
graduates

14
states

14
countries



Fall Class • 2:30 p.m.

“Each and every one of you in the Class of 2020 is your own miracle, your family’s own miracle, and each of you was meant to be, born to be, at Newberry College ... We need to give ourselves permission to be who we were meant to be, instead of who we expect ourselves to be, or who the world expects us to be.”

— Dr. J. Tracy Power • Associate Professor of History and College Archivist
2019-20 Professor of the Year

88
graduates

9
states

3
countries



Growth, & Hope & Heart



Tammy Marshall '19 was among the first class of Newberry graduates to earn bachelor's degrees in respiratory therapy online, a program founded in 2018 by Dr. Jerry Alewine. Licensed respiratory therapists are the only people authorized or qualified to handle ventilators, devices that help provide oxygen to patients who are unable to breathe on their own. Newberry's 12-month program, the only one of its kind in South Carolina, is designed for licensed, working professionals. For Marshall, a practitioner with nearly three decades' experience, her advanced degree has meant advancement in her field.

We sat down with Marshall – now the director of respiratory care, neurodiagnostics, and sleep lab at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, South Carolina – for a discussion about her time at Newberry and her career during the greatest respiratory crisis of the modern era.

Q: How did you come to enroll in the online respiratory therapy program?

A: I had reached a point in my career where I could not go any further without furthering my degree. And when the opportunity came up when I found out that Newberry College was beginning a bachelor's in respiratory therapy, it just felt like the exact right thing to do.

Q: What did you enjoy about the program?

A: The most enjoyable part – you don't realize you'll have so much interaction with your classmates that you do, and as we did in the discussion forums. It was a place where we discussed what the assignment was, but we really got to know each other, too. But I really, really enjoyed the depth of the content of the respiratory classes to where I had to dig in and learn, and they weren't just tests. And I would love to get home and open the computer and look things up. ... This program is not only a service to Newberry College, it's a service to our profession. It's a profession that we're trying to elevate and make sure that we have good, solid roles to play in this new world that health care is becoming. ... It's a good stepping block that we need.

Q: How has your degree impacted your career path?

A: I just love to learn and I love to grow, especially in the professional field. And this has opened the door for me to move into all kinds of new areas, not just in respiratory therapy, but in the field of health care in general.

Q: How has your role been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?

A: Not unlike all other health care disciplines, the respiratory therapy profession has faced many challenges during the pandemic. Ventilators received a lot of coverage, with the media reporting shortages of them, but truthfully, all respiratory supplies had shortages. We faced supply and staffing challenges in the face of increased COVID patient volumes. Comforting patients who were without family due to visitor restrictions was a privilege, and our team carried these burdens on their own shoulders.

There have been long days with heavy hearts, but as respiratory therapists, taking care of people is what we do. I have been both honored and grateful to have played even a small role in the health and well-being of so many who have suffered.

New at Newberry



Dr. Kelli Lynn Fellows
Dean of Online Adult and Graduate Education

Dr. Fellows is an experienced higher education executive who comes to Newberry from Pfeiffer University in North Carolina. In this newly created office, the New Orleans native will take the helm of the College's rapidly growing online division, as well as oversee the implementation of new master's degree programs.



Kenntail Grooms '07
Director of Student Engagement and Greek Life

Mr. Grooms returned to his alma mater in spring 2020 to head the College's student engagement and Greek life programs. He previously served Benedict College in student activities and leadership development roles from 2011 until last year.



Sherrigan Feaster-Johnson
Director of Housing and Residence Life

Ms. Feaster-Johnson came to Newberry last spring from her alma mater, the University of South Carolina, where she previously served as assistant director of residence life beginning in 2007.



Laura Beth Shealy '16
Assistant Director for Alumni Engagement and Communication

The Newberry native and third-generation Newberry College graduate returned to her alma mater in March 2021. Her role in the Office of Institutional Advancement includes alumni engagement through the alumni association, Homecoming and other events, and all forms of alumni communication.



Peters Honored with SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. Sara A. Peters, associate professor of psychology, was Newberry College's honoree in the 2020 SCICU Excellence in Teaching awards. The experimental psychologist joined the faculty in 2012, and currently serves as interim chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. In 2019, Peters was one of 20 professors chosen nationwide for a Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education program, which explores strategies for incorporating vocational exploration in the classroom and in student mentoring. Much of her research has involved the study of sarcasm, and she has been published in numerous academic journals.

PROMOTIONS



Dr. Carrie Caudill **Associate Professor of Psychology**

Having served as assistant professor since her arrival at Newberry in 2017, Caudill has been promoted to associate professor of psychology. During her time at Newberry, she has been focused on student well-being, actively highlighting mental health awareness on campus. Caudill has also been a dedicated advocate for sexual assault awareness, spearheading impactful programming each April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Dr. Tracy Power

Associate Professor of History and College Archivist

Seven years after having come to Newberry College to fulfill his dream of becoming a professor, Power has been granted tenure as a permanent member of the faculty. In 2020, the Student Government Association awarded him the honor of Professor of the Year.



David Sayers

Vice President for Administrative Services | Chief Financial Officer

In December 2020, Sayers agreed to stay on as vice president for administrative services and chief financial officer of the College, dropping the "interim" designation he held since February. The Marion, Virginia, native brings over two decades of financial experience, including work in banking, nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions.

Dr. Christina McCarthy

Foundations and Grants Officer - Office of Institutional Advancement

After a distinguished tenure as professor of chemistry, McCarthy has joined the Institutional Advancement staff as a full-time grant writer. Among her other accomplishments during her 18-year faculty tenure, she served as departmental grant writer, receiving numerous research and development grants. She brings this experience and a seasoned faculty perspective to the new role.



Russell Rivers

Director of Marketing and Communications

Rivers arrived at Newberry College in 2017 as senior graphic designer for the Department of Marketing and Communications. In 2019, he became interim director, and in spring 2020, he brought his decades of agency experience to the role in a permanent capacity.

“No Use Trying to Dodge It — It is in the Air”

Newberry College and the 1918 Influenza Pandemic

By Dr. J. Tracy Power
Associate Professor of History and College Archivist

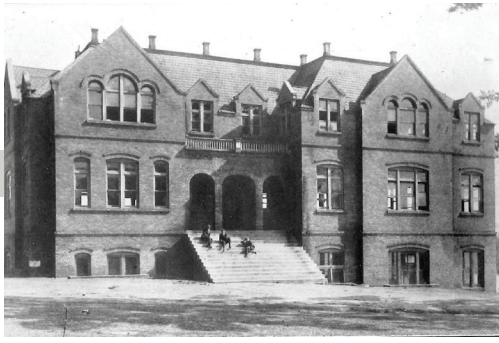
Theodore Roosevelt — conservationist, historian, and 26th president — is credited with saying, “The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.”

In the last year, since the COVID-19 pandemic began, it has been difficult to miss parallels between our present situation and the “Spanish Flu” of 1918. This H1N1 virus caused the deadliest pandemic of the last century, with one-third of the world infected and over 50 million dead worldwide, an estimated 675,000 of the latter in the United States. Though not the most recent pandemic, the 1918 flu and its effects on society offer the closest comparison to that of COVID-19. Perhaps, as Roosevelt wrote, we may extract practical insights from the experiences of our forebearers, as well as from ourselves, over a year in.

Dr. J. Tracy Power, Newberry College’s resident historian, offers a little-seen glimpse into how the institution endured the intersecting realities of a community inflicted and a nation at war. In these “unprecedented” times, we are grounded in the fact that times like these are nothing the resilient people of Newberry College haven’t weathered before. And just as the College emerged stronger after the trials of the last century, so can it after these.

Introduction by Jay Salter '19





The challenges Newberry College faced during the 1918 influenza pandemic were tied up with challenges already present long before a once-mild flu became a global pandemic that killed and crippled millions. The pandemic, commonly called "the Spanish flu," was actually spread by the U.S. Army from its stateside camps across America and then across Europe during the last year of World War I.

In 1918, the Board of Trustees appointed Sidney J. Derrick, an 1892 Newberry alumnus, as the college's eighth president. That year, all male students, except those with military exemptions, were required to take a course meant to be "initial preparation for military service ... and also to provide a healthful form of exercise and body-building." The course was taught by two U.S. Army officers from Camp Jackson (now Fort Jackson) in Columbia. By the time the 1918-19 session opened, the faculty voted to cancel the football season — Newberry had fielded its first intercollegiate team five years earlier — "owing to war conditions."

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army created the Student Army Training Corps to train young volunteers for future military service, and to support colleges and universities losing students to the army every day. It would number about 150,000 nationwide, with Newberry's corps at about 100 students. President Derrick issued a letter to prospective students in early September, observing that other colleges and universities were creating their own units. "Let us see to it that ours do not fail."

Newberry's Student Army Training Corps unit mobilized on Oct. 1 when a large United States flag was raised in front of Holland Hall. Lt. Edward St. Clair Everett administered the oath to the recruits, and President Derrick gave a speech urging them, "let us now pledge to the service of that flag all that we are and all that we have."

Soon, circumstances in Newberry, in South Carolina, and across America were changing rapidly and dramatically. The first units of the American Expeditionary Force, commanded by General John J. Pershing, arrived in France in November 1917 and launched the first major American offensives in May 1918. As mobilization continued at 36 military camps across the United States, what had appeared to be a typical seasonal flu developed into a raging epidemic, and then a pandemic. It spread throughout the army, then across the nation and across Europe. Volunteers and draftees were crowded together in barracks, on troop ships, and in camps stateside or at the front. By mid-September 1918 the flu raged in at least 25 camps, in their immediate vicinities, and beyond.

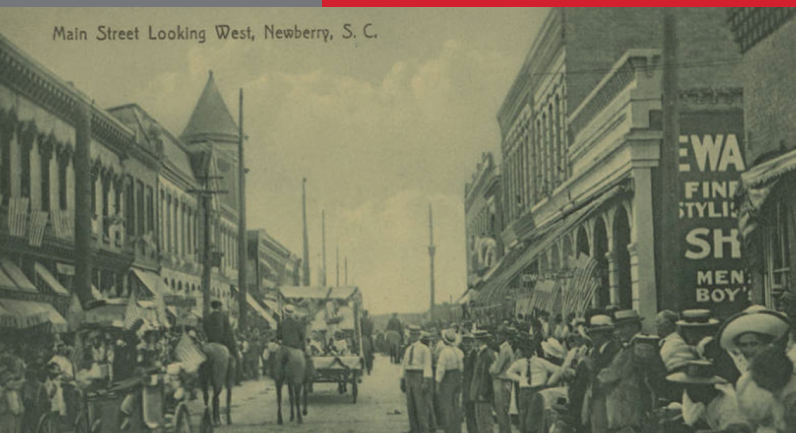
A few days later, the *Newberry Herald and News* published a notice from the Newberry Board of Health, requiring citizens to "Avoid crowds and unventillated places," to "Stay at home; do not visit your neighbors, nor allow them to visit you," and to "Cover mouth and nose with handkerchief when coughing or sneezing — very important." The Board of Health, working with the doctors in the city, had an added burden to protect public health, since the first hospital in Newberry County would not open until 1925.

With 100 recorded cases by the end of September, Newberry was one of the first communities in the state to suffer a widespread outbreak. The flu then spread from the upcountry to Columbia and Lexington, then to the Lowcountry, and finally to the Pee Dee, with at least 10,000 recorded cases among the civilian population alone. By Oct. 1, the *Herald and News* described "The Community In The Grip of the Spanish Influenza." In his "Personals" column, E.H. Aull wrote, "No use trying to dodge it — it is in the air."

THE FLU.

*When your back is broke and your eyes are blurred,
And your shin bones knock and your tongue is furred,
And your tonsils squeak and your hair gets dry,
And you're skeered you won't and afraid you will—
Just drag to bed and have your chill,
And pray to the Lord to see you through,
For you've got the flu, Boy,
You've got the flu.*

*When your toes curl up and your belt goes flat,
And you are twice as mean as the Thomas cat,
When your long and dismal curse,
And your long and dismal curse,*



Main Street Looking West, Newberry, S. C.

Newberry businesses were closed or crippled by the flu. Textile mills, with large numbers of millhands in close and unventilated quarters, were especially susceptible to an outbreak that could not be contained. When the flu swept through the villages at Newberry Cotton Mill and Mollohon Cotton Mill, those mills and Oakland Cotton Mill were shut down for 10 days. The Board of Health ordered schools, churches, Sunday schools, theaters, and pool halls closed for two weeks.

As for Newberry College, the board ordered it closed "to all students outside of the campus," so that only those already there — corps recruits quartered in barracks, and regular students who had already arrived — could remain. The faculty followed the recommendations of local physicians to suspend classes for students not in the SATC. The corps would continue its training and instruction under Lt. Everett, with Dr. Van Smith monitoring enrollees for the flu, pneumonia and other communicable illnesses.

By early October, there were between 1,000 and 1,500 recorded cases in Newberry, a high percentage for a population between 5,000 and 6,000. The *Herald and News* reported, "Several Hundred Cases and Business Much Disturbed But People Take the Situation Philosophically." Local doctors and druggists

were soon stretched far past their limits and calls went out from the Board of Health, the Red Cross, and other organizations for volunteers to help them. At Newberry College, the crisis was exacerbated when one of two doctors assigned to care for the SATC, 39-year-old Dr. William E. Pelham Jr., died of the flu in October.

The college's opening chapel services were held on Oct. 4, with the only students present in the chapel (then located on the second floor of Holland Hall) being either corps recruits or applicants. Non-SATC students had been excused from classes and sent off campus until it was considered safe for them to report back. It was believed — perhaps hoped more than believed — that separating the corps recruits from the rest of the city would protect them and the civilian population at the same time.

The flu spread rapidly through the town and across the state, with cases and deaths multiplying throughout October. The Newberry Board of Health appointed a central committee and committees for each city ward, with white and black representatives on each, and called for volunteers to nurse the sick or to prepare meals. It also placed additional restrictions on stores, prohibited public meetings of any kind, and specifically closed ice cream parlors and soda fountains.

Herald and News editor E.H. Aull, while admitting, "The Spanish influenza situation is still serious," argued, "But it might be worse. There is no occasion for alarm or to be panicky." Other editors, in cities and towns all over the United States wrote much the same thing, advising their readers not to "get scared." Such comments often made things worse instead of better.

Things seemed to be improving slightly by the middle of October. On the Newberry campus, SATC enrollees and officers were moved from their wooden barracks into Carnegie Hall (which stood 1907-61 on the site of the present-day McClurg classroom building). "The men are delighted with their new quarters," the "College News" column reported on Oct. 11. "There is very little sickness among them." Smeltzer Hall was being readied as a dormitory for non-corps students whenever they could return to campus. "The college authorities are ready to begin academic work as soon as the state and municipal quarantines are lifted."

By the next week, *The State* reported that the recruits were doing much better, with those who had contracted the flu either well or almost well, and with no new cases. The 1919 *Newberrian* would praise the army officers for steering the corps "so steadily that even the waves of Spanish influenza could not move it from its course."

In the city, meanwhile, three doctors and several nurses came to Newberry to help ease the burden of care where in many households, every member of a nuclear or extended family had the flu. There were 3,000 cases in Newberry County in October alone, out of a county population of some 35,000, with 32 reported deaths, certainly an undercount in both cases and fatalities.

As the epidemic gradually subsided in Newberry, most likely through "herd immunity" as large parts of the population were infected and recovered, restrictions were lifted a few at a time. The Newberry, Mollohon, and Oakland cotton mills were reopened by mid-October — almost certainly under pressure from the mill owners — but Newberry College and other institutions and businesses remained closed under regulations from the South Carolina and Newberry boards of health. Sheriff Cannon G. Blease lifted the quarantine in the rest of the county, but the city board voted to exercise additional caution for a few more weeks. Newberry College finally opened its 1918-19 school year for all students on Nov. 1; its much-shortened fall term would end Dec. 20.

As the pandemic waned, global events pushed the flu from the headlines and away from the primary focus in most people's minds. By the first of November, the Allies had pushed the Germans back to the French/Belgian border, forcing their eventual surrender. When the news arrived in Newberry Monday morning, Nov. 11, that the armistice would be official the next day, the townspeople celebrated the end of "the War to End All Wars," as described in the *Herald and News*: "The banks and stores all closed . . . the military company [the Student Army Training Corps] the college and the school children and Confederate veterans marched in parade down the streets, and bells were sounded, and it looked like all the people had gathered on the streets and were happy." One Newberry College student, described by editor E.H. Aull as "a bright young miss," joked after the celebration, "the Kaiser has the flu — that is he flew to Holland."

The end of the war meant the end of the Student Army Training Corps nationwide. President Derrick told the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina that most SATC veterans would be returning to campus in January 1919 as "regular" college students. A correspondent for *The State* wrote that "Various misfortunes, difficulties, trials and successes crowded the first term," including "the adjustment of the academic with the military," alterations to campus buildings to fit the army's needs, mobilization in October, the flu epidemic, and demobilization in December. "But the fine body of young S.A.T.C. men and their splendid response to the opportunities given them quickened the hearts of all who saw them." The college offered to give each corps veteran who came back in January credit for one college term "and make it easy for each one of them to take up his class academic work."

The 1918-19 academic year at Newberry College was unlike any previous year in college history. Newberry struggled and eventually conquered the twin challenges of supporting the U.S. Army during World War I, and of having her students, faculty, and staff trying to survive a devastating pandemic.

And now in the 21st century, we are struggling anew with the twin challenges of helping our students, faculty, and staff to emerge from an even more deadly global pandemic that has devastated the United States, and of adapting to new ways of learning, teaching, and fostering a college community that is more like a family than an institution. With our resolve and God's help, Newberry College will continue to not only survive, but to thrive, eventually emerging from this trial a stronger and better institution — and a better community — for it.





Retirements



Dr. Vinetta Goodwin Witt
Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Professor of Sociology

Dr. Witt brought her official Newberry College tenure to an end in 2020 after 21 years. The 2009 SCICU Excellence in Teaching award winner oversaw a growing department in her six years as chair, including the addition of new majors and online degree programs. Though she has retired, Witt continues to support Newberry College from her Greenwood home as a mentor and fan.



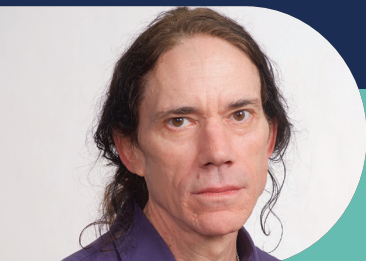
The Rev. Ernie Worman
Campus Pastor and Director of Church Relations

Known, among other things, for his rocking chair ministry and distinctive red shoes, Pastor Ernie Worman retired in December 2020 after 12 years at Newberry. The two-time Navy veteran returns to Louisville, Kentucky, for a well-deserved retirement with his beloved wife and fellow Navy vet, Annie, their two daughters and three grandchildren.



The Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday '75
Professor of Religion

Dr. Kannaday will close his memorable tenure as a member of the Newberry College faculty after spring 2021. The former student body president returned to his alma mater as a professor in 1999 after serving in parish ministry. He also served as Dean of the College from 2008-11. Kannaday was the 2017 Professor of the Year and a 2019 recipient of the Dr. Grady L. Cooper Award.



Bruce Nellsmith
Professor of Art

One of the longest-serving Newberry College professors, Nellsmith will end his 33-year tenure with the spring 2021 semester. Outside of the classroom, he is an accomplished artist whose work has been featured in numerous exhibitions and included in many public and private collections throughout the United States and Canada.



Dexter Odom '73
Associate Athletic Director

Odom retired in 2020 after 12 years of service to his alma mater in a variety of vital capacities. The Athletic Hall of Famer served as a member of the Board of Trustees, executive director of the Athletic Club, director of campus operations, and most recently, associate athletic director. In this role, he served as project manager for the Melvin & Dollie Younts Athletic Performance Center, completed in summer 2020. He and his wife, Kitty Edwards Odom '76, reside in Newberry.



Jessica Long
Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs

A formidable player in the Office of Academic Affairs, Long retired in 2020 after 18 years at Newberry College. With steady competence, attention to detail, and good humor, she marshaled the planning of the academic calendar, planned and coordinated convocations and commencements, and enhanced the effectiveness of any number of academic deans. She is enjoying retirement and spoiling her grandchildren.

Lab Report

Mariah Lee '20 in Cancer Research

Just months after graduation, biology alumna Mariah Lee '20 is putting her skills to work in cancer research as a postbaccalaureate with the National Institutes of Health.

The Seaford, Delaware, native works in the Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Biology, part of the Center for Cancer Research and headed by Dr. Lawrence Samelson. Her selective postbaccalaureate position affords her the opportunity to collaborate with well-known physicians and scientists, take graduate-level courses and present research.

"The postbac position here at the NIH is a great stepping-stone for young individuals who wish to pursue STEM, but want to work prior to entering their years of graduate or medical school," said Lee.

"I came across this position entering my senior year at Newberry College. I learned about the position from a former research mentor of mine who recommended that I apply. This application opens in November, and I was offered a job in early January. There are currently over 1,000 postbacs working for the NIH across all campuses."

Her work focuses on the study of T lymphocytes and the role of proteins Tmc6 and Tmc8 on T cell autonomy and survival.

"T lymphocytes are an important arm of our immune system," said Lee. "There are many different types, and they all have very unique and specific roles to help our bodies fight off infections, kill cancer cells, and keep other cells in check. Because the role and function of these proteins are still unknown, it makes my job more fun to solve this puzzle."

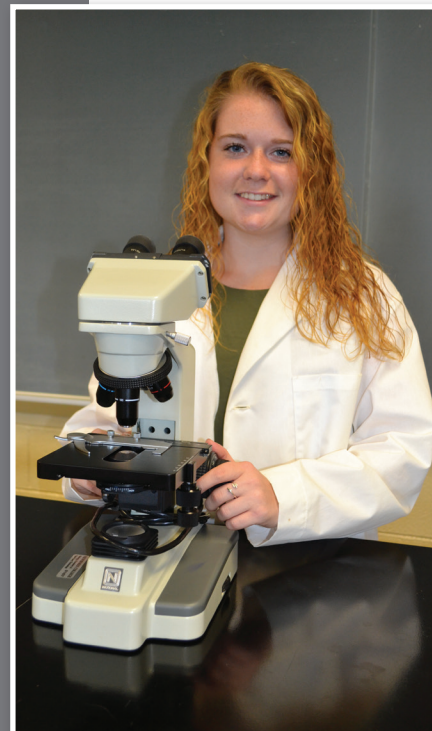
Lee said her present work and future ambitions were directly influenced by her time at Newberry.

"Newberry College allowed me to gain the baseline knowledge for this research," said Lee. "As a biology major and chemistry minor, I was able to take many classes that have equipped me to understand the basics of science and experimental method."

"As well, my senior year, I was able to start some independent research with Lindsay Boateng, working to investigate the role of early inflammation in zebrafish development. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, I was unable to finish my project and those results are still elusive. That preliminary experience with Dr. B. really emphasized the work and rigor that is needed to complete skillful and effective research."

Lee has been in the Samelson lab for approximately seven months, and she plans to continue for a complete two years.

"Thinking about my long-term goals, I am planning to apply to Ph.D. programs this fall, in hopes to be accepted into a highly ranked immunology program," she said. "From there, I wish to continue to pursue and study T cells and cancer."



The Alumni Connection

Maintaining Alumni Relations in the COVID-19 Pandemic



Like the whole College community, Newberry College alumni have risen to the occasion during some of the most challenging times. "We are proud of our alumni who have faced many challenges during the pandemic, including the challenge of staying connected as alumni," said Whitney Metz '09, assistant vice president for institutional advancement.

Our alumni family was presented with unprecedented challenges, from employment, to family and childcare, and of course, staying safe. "Being socially distant from our alumni, and our alumni not being able to be together, were issues that concerned the College greatly," Metz said. "We love having alumni on campus, but we have had to find ways to adapt.

"Through different online engagement opportunities – like paint-and-pour, virtual yoga, trivia night, and of course, Homecoming @ Home – we found that we were reaching people who could not normally come to events." These virtual events brought people together from across the country in real-time, right from the comforts of their own homes, making these events more inclusive and accessible.

According to Metz, the College's commitment to keeping alumni connected has been renewed in two ways.

1. Future plans for alumni include continuing the virtual aspects of some events. "Even after the pandemic is over, we do not foresee losing that virtual aspect completely," Metz said. "And offering virtual events and stepping up social media efforts cast a wide net and brought new, less engaged alumni back to the family. Alumni needed each other for support. Some of our alumni are first responders, some are teachers, some are small business owners, a lot of them are parents. We don't want everything to be a Zoom call and sometimes people need something they can share together, but on their own time."

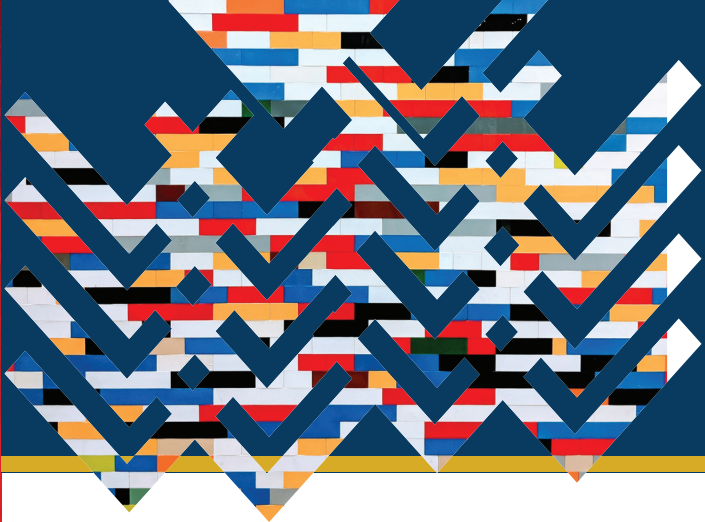
2. The College went a little "old school" and really emphasized phone calls. "Back in spring 2020, when the pandemic first began and many places were locked down, we had a big campaign called "Operation Ring! Ring!" Metz said. "We called as many alumni as we could, particularly our older alumni, just to check in with them and see how they are doing. Just to chat and connect. And connecting on that basic level is so important. We love talking with our alumni, and we got a lot of good feedback. We also utilized email, text and social media messages, or whatever method works for the individual we are talking to."

Largely, Newberry College alumni were disappointed when fall football was postponed, and when only a few fans were allowed at the spring games, without tailgating. "When can we come back and tailgate?" That was the most common question during the academic year. With a small, close-knit campus like ours, we revolve around that in-person connection, whether it is in the classroom as a student or in the Athletic Club parking lot or at Smith Road Complex as an alum. Our alumni love to come back and cheer on our athletic teams. And that is something we look forward to doing again, hopefully soon.

"Until then, the Alumni Association is cheering on the Newberry College alumni family. Call. Message. Email. We are listening," Metz added.

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A New Page for the African American Alumni Chapter

By Trevon Fordham '06

Newberry College African American Alumni Chapter President

To say the least, 2020 was truly a year like none other in recent memory. The pandemic took center stage as our nation's sense of normalcy was challenged from a public health standpoint, and we were all left searching for the "new normal." Social justice was also front-and-center in 2020 as African Americans and other people of color sounded new alarms regarding inequities within our society. To adapt to the pandemic, we changed how we attended school, work, sports were played with no fans, entertainment events were cancelled, and simple things like family gatherings were placed on hold. One thing that did not change was the service and engagement of the Newberry College African American Alumni Chapter.

The history of the chapter dates to 1999. Numerous individuals expressed interest in organizing a group to connect fellow African American alumni, and that interest prompted the formation of the chapter that same year. One purpose of the chapter was to maintain lifelong friendships forged at Newberry College by meeting at least once annually to come together and fellowship. The inaugural fellowship event occurred in the summer of 2000 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and continues annually during the chapter's reunion at Homecoming.

Other purposes of the chapter include uniting and bridging the gap among African American alumni, and providing scholarships for Newberry College attendees of African descent. The chapter plans to build on its purpose in 2021 by growing the scholarship endowment, establishing annual fundraisers, increasing engagement through on-campus participation and involvement, as well as providing greater support to African American students.

Here is a summary of the chapter's activities in the last year:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in downtown Newberry in January 2020
- On-campus Black History Month program, hosted by the Newberry College Social Justice Club in February 2020
- Provided recommendations for Newberry College's Diversity Task Force in March 2020
- Partnered with the Alumni Association to host a virtual Bingo game night in August 2020
- Hosted a virtual event to honor the first African American graduate, Umi Nandedi (Nancy Lou Anderson Glasgow), class of 1970, and other African American pioneers
- Participated in Dufford Diversity Week events in October 2020
- Attended a student-led panel discussion, hosted by the Newberry College Social Justice Club in November 2020
- Closed out the year by collaborating with the Newberry Young Professionals to collect items for children in Newberry County through the H.U.G.S Drive

The chapter welcomes anyone interested in lending their time, financial resources, or other support to promote and advance the chapter's goals and purpose. To contact the chapter, please email newberryaaac@gmail.com.

Hail Scarlet and the Gray!



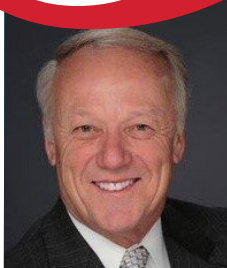
Officers of the Newberry College African American Alumni Chapter

- Trevon Fordham '06, president
- Ashley (Cromer) Williams '11, president-elect
- April Dewalt '14, secretary
- Pamela Roberson '85, treasurer



Newberry College Alumni Chosen for Educator Hall of Fame

All three of 2020's South Carolina Educator Hall of Fame inductees were Newberry College alumni. Dr. Chester Floyd '65, Dr. John Hudgens '60 and the late Dr. Charlie Williams '50 were honored by the South Carolina Foundation for Educational Leadership for their service to public education.



Dr. Chester Floyd '65

Floyd, a former Newberry baseball player from Florence County, graduated with a degree in mathematics. He taught math and coached basketball at Barnwell High School after graduation, and in 1969, he became the school's principal at age 25. He served as principal of Clover High School from 1971 until 1973, when he was appointed assistant superintendent for York County District Two. He went on to serve as superintendent of Florence District Five, Lexington District One, Berkeley County School District and Lexington District Three, respectively, until his retirement in 2015. He earned the American Association of School Administrators' Distinguished Service Award in 2010.



Dr. John Hudgens '60

Hudgens began his teaching career directly after graduation, teaching at Orangeburg High School before becoming an elementary school principal. In his public education career of over 35 years, he also led four high schools, notably as the first principal of Richland Northeast High School. He served as superintendent of Richland District Two for nine years until his retirement in 1994. Hudgens returned to Newberry College as interim president on three separate occasions. In 2011, he was inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements in baseball, basketball and football. He is a recipient of the American Association of School Administrators' Distinguished Service Award.



Dr. Charlie Williams '50

Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Newberry College before beginning a lifelong career in public education. He was elected to three consecutive terms as South Carolina's state superintendent of education, serving from 1979 to 1991. As the state education chief, Williams is best known for his considerable contributions to the Education Improvement Act of 1984, which provided additional funding for state educational initiatives. He also implemented a full-fledged statewide kindergarten program, and expanded adult, gifted and talented, and vocational education programs. Williams was honored by his alma mater with an honorary doctorate in 1982. Williams passed away in September 1998.

2020

Alumni Association Awards

Each year, the Alumni Association proudly recognizes alumni and friends of the College for their service to the institution, the church and the community. This year, the awards were presented virtually during "Homecoming @ Home," on Saturday, Oct. 17.



Ringin' True

Last fall, 22 students celebrated a milestone in their college careers as they received their class rings. The 2020 ring ceremony was held virtually in September.

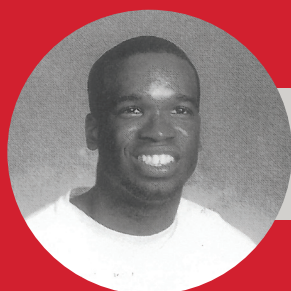
Nathaniel Carrasco and Jenna Eaves won the annual class ring essay competition, in which they described what their Newberry College ring means to them and how they plan to serve their alma mater after graduation.



Alumni Distinguished Service Award
Mary "Cookie" (Canty) Goings '82



Thomas A. Epting Outstanding Alumni Award
Michael Mack '82



Phillip T. Kelly Jr. Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Albert Garrett '02



Noah & Pansy Derrick Outstanding Friend of the College Award
*The Rev. Herman Yoos
Bishop Emeritus of the South Carolina Synod*

Caroline Addison
Clinton, South Carolina

Charles Moore
Leesville, South Carolina

Tiffani Baker
Clinton, South Carolina

Sloane Neal
Camden, South Carolina

Jordan Barnes
Prosperity, South Carolina

Thomas Pratt
Greenville, South Carolina

Hayley Benson
Newberry, South Carolina

Kelley Relyea
Pelion, South Carolina

Kelsey Branham
Prosperity, South Carolina

Hayden Scharber
Bamberg, South Carolina

Taylor Brown
Newberry, South Carolina

Preslee Sikes
Graniteville, South Carolina

Nathaniel Carrasco
Las Vegas, Nevada

Hannah Starnes
West Columbia, South Carolina

Jenna Eaves
Columbia, South Carolina

Brooke Whiting
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Kelsey Hampton
Laurens, South Carolina

Toni Anne Whitlow
Poquoson, Virginia

Gracen Hester
Prosperity, South Carolina

Jacob Williams
St. Augustine, Florida

Hannah Jane Curry
Greer, South Carolina

Linda Zelaya
Newberry, South Carolina

classnotes

Class Notes are a collection of life updates from Newberry College graduates, organized alphabetically by graduation year. While this year's edition is a bit shorter than previous years', due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are always proud to share the good news and accomplishments of our alumni. Whether you graduated half a century or half a semester ago, you will forever be a member of a family that spans ages, cultures and continents.

Have you recently married, had a baby, changed jobs or retired, earned an award, or just want to update your contact information?

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1970s

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn (Jones) Hellerich '75 retired in August 2020 as pastor of Central Lutheran Church in Yakima, Washington.



*Dr. Gerald "Jerry" Mills '75 and
his wife are enjoying retirement
in Taiwan.*

*Philip "Phil" Stegall '75 retired
June 1, 2019, from the United
States Postal Service.*

*Cat (Yawn) FitzGerald '74
released her second novel, A
Seed Planted, in January
2020 via Elm Hill, a division of
HarperCollins. Her first novel,
What If...?, won the 2019
Carolina Christian Writer's
Award for Fiction.*

1980s

Jerry G. White '83 has announced the publication of his first children's book, *Anansi and the colorful kente cloth*, "based on the magical folktales of the loveable West African character, Anansi the Spider." The book, published by 1010 Publishing, will debut in July 2021.

George E. Franklin '85 became the new owner of Franklin-Summer Insurance, Inc. (formerly Summer Insurance, Inc.) of Newberry, South Carolina, in January 2021. George has been associated with the agency since 1993.

1990s

Col. James Peake '91 (Ret.) was recognized by the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, South Carolina National Guard, during a Hail and Farewell Ceremony on Dec. 5, 2020.

*Dr. Jason Andrew Mills '94
earned his doctorate in
educational leadership from
Arkansas State University
in 2019. He now serves as an
assistant principal at Beechwood
Middle School in Lexington,
South Carolina.*

2000S

W. Marshall Harvey '02 published a novel, *The Betterton Fracture*, in July 2020. The novel, published by Trafford Publishing, tackles racism, religion and modern American values in the fictional town of Betterton, North Carolina. The book is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Walmart.

Shirolyn (Johnson) Fredette '05 welcomed a baby girl, Cree Caroline Fredette, on Oct. 21, 2020.

2010S

Sami (Baird) Snyder '10 will serve as president of the Newberry Young Professionals, a networking and professional development group for professionals ages 21-40 who live, work and play in Newberry County, South Carolina.

Heather (O'Brien) Page '14 now serves as a reference librarian for Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Christie (Hodges) Williams '14 and her husband, Jeffrey, welcomed a baby boy, Isaac, on July 7, 2019.

Zack Kelly '17 signed a minor league contract with the Boston Red Sox in December 2020.

John Henry Patton '17 became the 100th person to be honored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program for "Distinguished Excellence in .22 Rimfire Pistol Marksmanship" in 2018. Patton shoots professionally for Camp Valor Outdoors Shooting Team and competes in matches across the country. He plans to try out for Team USA and hopefully make an appearance on the Olympic level.

April (Ballard) Troglauer '07, music teacher and orchestra director at Aynor Middle School in Galivants Ferry, South Carolina, was named her school's Teacher of the Year in December 2020.

Benjamin J. Brooks '10 and his wife, Jessica (Troutman) Brooks '12, are moving to Scotland, where Benjamin will pursue a master's degree program.

Samie (Truong) Worthington '12 and her husband, John, welcomed a baby girl, Lucy Mei Worthington, on Dec. 3, 2020.



Kirsten Leigh Dunsmore '16 and her husband, Nicholas Lucido '15, had their first baby boy, Koa Paul Lucido, on Jan. 21, 2021.



Mikaela Danielle Jones '18 is teaching eighth grade math at Westview Middle School in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Shelby Britten '19 signed to play the 2020-21 season with the Villawood Bendigo Spirit, a member of the Australian Women's National Basketball League, based in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.



Keith James '09 now serves as director of student life and Title IX coordinator at Dickinson State University, in Dickinson, North Dakota. He previously served as assistant director for housing & dining.

Alisa Dunovant '14 graduated from Yale University in 2020 with a Master of Divinity degree. She plans to remain in Connecticut and work to end homelessness in the state. She also serves part-time as a chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital.



Rae (Knobloch) Tompkins '16 and her husband, Joe Tompkins '16, welcomed a son, Sullivan Thomas Tompkins, on May 18, 2020.



2020S

Peyton (Connor) Harmon '20 lives in Ireland with her husband, Joseph, and their twin sons, John Paul Vincent and William Connor Harmon. She plans to earn a master's degree in English online from Slippery Rock University.

Kelsey McDermott '20 will continue her basketball career with the Ipswich Force in Queensland, Australia. She just completed her first professional season with the Townsville Fire, a member of the WNBL, the pinnacle for professional women's basketball in Australia.

In Memoriam

1930s

Fairey Louise Black '39
April 27, 2020

1940s

Jeanne Johnstone Hancock '43
Jan. 8, 2020

Lewis Sanders Rauton '43
Jan. 16, 2020

Mary Riser Schaeffer '44
April 6, 2020

Mary Reiser Shealy '45
Feb. 16, 2020

E. Ruth Counts '46
Dec. 21, 2019

Eliza "Lollie" McCrackin Parr '49
Feb. 9, 2021

Elizabeth Yost Whitworth '49
Sept. 28, 2020

1950s

Vernon O. Swygert '50
Nov. 4, 2020

Joseph W. Alberino Jr. '51
Oct. 2, 2019

Ella Jane Shealy Griffith '51
Aug. 1, 2020

Paul Kemper "P.K." Fuller '52
Aug. 28, 2020

James B. "Jim" Shealy '54
May 30, 2020

Robert Aaron "Bob" Elsner '55
Aug. 13, 2019

Judith Edwards Mayer '56
Feb. 29, 2020

Grady L. Ray '56
Nov. 22, 2019

William Black Banks '57
Oct. 27, 2020

Estelle Elizabeth "Betsy" Brandt '57
Oct. 29, 2020

James Ralph Hamm Sr. '57
Jan. 7, 2020

Dr. Wyman L. Shealy '57
Nov. 24, 2020

Amelia Ann Brodie Henderson '58
April 16, 2020

Donna Heine Leibensperger '58
Aug. 22, 2020

Richard H. Phillips '58
Sept. 29, 2020

Robert Louis "Bob" Shealy '59
Dec. 7, 2020

1960s

Susan Mayfield Browder '60
Feb. 15, 2020

John Willey Derrick Jr. '61
Nov. 9, 2020

Sylvia Wood Exley '61
Oct. 3, 2020

Richard David Seastrunk '61
March 26, 2020

Enoch Joel Boozer '62
Oct. 2, 2020

Bobby Merle Bowers '62
Feb. 29, 2020

William B. "Bill" Jackson '62
Jan. 21, 2021

David Clyde Williams '62
Nov. 2, 2020

Charles W. "Charlie" Haggard '63
Feb. 12, 2020

Frederick M. "Fred" Haley Sr. '63
Dec. 27, 2020

James L. "Jimmy" Poston Sr. '63
July 23, 2020

Herbert W. "Herb" Smith III '66
May 30, 2020

Peggy Bishop Swofford '66
Aug. 4, 2020

Henry Holland Wilson '67
May 3, 2020

Gerald Lewis Beatty '69
Jan. 19, 2021

Richard M. Sanders '69
Sept. 18, 2019

David Turner '69
Jan. 17, 2021

Joseph Barnett Workman III '69
Dec. 31, 2020

1970s

Donna Connelly Bolt '70
Nov. 27, 2019

Natalie Burghardt Jackson '72
Dec. 24, 2020

Lamar Counts Prosser Jr. '72
Nov. 10, 2020

Carolyn Pitts Glymph '73
Nov. 20, 2019

Lewie Edwin Shealy '74
March 20, 2020

Joyce Elaine "Joy" Bouknight '75
April 20, 2020

William E. "Willie" Craven IV '75
Jan. 19, 2020

Carl Michael Clegg '78
Sept. 27, 2019

1980s

Michael C. "Mike" Watford '80
Dec. 22, 2020

Marcus R. Martin Jr. '83
April 30, 2020

1990s

James Robert "Jim" Murray '91
Sept. 12, 2020

Jessie M. Godwin Blizzard '92
Sept. 17, 2020

Travis Lee Perry '92
May 29, 2020

William Charles "Will" Blackmon '92
March 25, 2021

2000s

Melissa Ann Heywood Pierce '00
Dec. 31, 2019

Nancy R. Warren '00
Nov. 15, 2020

2010s

Jane Elizabeth Pitts '15
May 4, 2020

Wesley James Warren-Camp '15
Dec. 20, 2019

Richard Tyler Hook '17
Jan. 20, 2021

Faculty & Staff

David Brent Bagwell
Football Coach
Jan. 27, 2021

Jerry S. Chitty
Executive Director of the Newberry
College Athletic Club
July 7, 2020

Gordon C. Henry
Director of Public Relations, Sports
Information Director, Associate
Vice President of Institutional
Research, Professor Emeritus of
Communications, College Archivist
Nov. 12, 2020

Willie Scott
Football Coach
Feb. 9, 2021

Dr. Gaillard F. "Gail" Waterfall
Professor Emeritus of English
April 19, 2020

Scarlet & Gray Week

May 3 – 7, 2021

A Week of Giving, Engagement and Newberry College Spirit

During Scarlet & Gray Week 2020, we raised more than \$150,000 by giving and engaging with over 400 alumni and donors. Are you ready to do it again this year?

Are you ready to make your mark?

Make Your Mark Monday • May 3

Wear your Scarlet & Gray or Newberry gear and tag us on social media @newberrycollegealumni

Throwback Thursday • May 6

Donor appreciation day
Tag us in your photos from back in the day
@newberrycollegealumni

Thankful Tuesday • May 4

Give in honor or memory of a professor or staff member.
Post your tribute and tag us @newberrycollegealumni

Forever Newberry Friday • May 7

Community Appreciation Day
Homecoming 2021 reveal
Tag someone from the Newberry community
and us @newberrycollegealumni

Welcome Alumni Wednesday • May 5

Help us recognize our seniors who will soon be alumni
and tag a senior and us @newberrycollegealumni

Athletic Club Golf Tournament

Shotgun start at noon
Golden Hills Country Club • Lexington, South Carolina

Here's how you can make your mark:

1. Participate in each day's social media challenges and tag @newberrycollegealumni
2. Give to Newberry College
ONLINE: newberry.edu/scarletandgray
TEXT: "ScarletandGray" to 41444
MAIL: Send a check to Newberry College,
Office of Institutional Advancement,
2100 College Street, Newberry, SC 29108
3. Share your love for Newberry College on social media using the
hashtags #ScarletandGray, #MakeYourMark, and #NewberryCollege

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