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You may have heard me say it before, but we as the Newberry College community are making great headway on our journey of “becoming.” This is not a journey that has a specific endpoint, nor a place at which we can say, “we’ve made it, we’re done.” As long as our College endures, our work will never be complete. Instead, our progress is marked by who we become, how we become it, what we become to others, and how many we help across the finish line.

We are becoming a community that welcomes everyone into it, so that all may flourish. We are becoming a place where more people than ever can come to find belonging, discover their callings, and cultivate applicable skills to be successful in life. We are becoming an institution marked by a commitment to accessibility and excellence in the classroom and on the field. And we are helping more individuals across the finish line. This is evidenced in part by our largest-ever incoming class in fall 2023, our largest-ever graduating classes in fall 2023 and spring 2024, respectively, and our standing at No. 4 in the South for Social Mobility — looking at the graduation rates of students from lower-income households who receive federal Pell Grants.

In addition to growing our community, we are also redefining what it means to be a Newberry College student by reinvigorating the student experience in and out of the classroom.

This means adding innovative undergraduate majors — nutrition, special education, and online formats for business administration and health care management — and personalized and rigorous master’s programs — the M.S. in sport management & leadership, the M.A. in criminal justice, and the M.Ed. in teaching, learning & curriculum. This means offering professional certifications across industries to better equip students, graduates and community members for success in ever-evolving fields.

This means partnering with other institutions and organizations like Piedmont Technical College and the South Carolina Army National Guard to ensure seamless access to four-year degrees tailored to each student’s gifts, experience and service.

This means bringing into fruition state-of-the-art facilities like the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center and Founders Federal Credit Union Field House, both of which opened last fall. It means renovating historic spaces like MacLean Gymnasium to continue to serve the needs of our students. It means adding new spaces to accommodate our growing living-learning community, like our ninth residence hall, which will be ready for occupancy by sophomore students in fall 2024. The hall will also be an integral part of our new Sophomore Year Experience. Finally, it also means imagining new spaces, such as our first-ever student union and a new building for our business programs, which make up only part of our master plan for the coming decade.

This issue of Dimensions tells not only what Newberry College is becoming, but who our alumni, students, faculty and staff are, and are becoming, and how we all come together for the benefit of something bigger than ourselves. Just as a recipe would not be complete without all its ingredients, so our community would not be complete without each and every one of you.

Thank you for sharing your stories with us, for reading this very special issue, and for all you do for Newberry College. Please enjoy your alumni magazine, stay in touch, and as always, we look forward to welcoming you back to campus soon.

Hail Scarlet and the Gray,

Maurice W. Scherrens
President
Greetings from Institutional Advancement

As I get ready to close out my first year at Newberry College, I would like to take a moment to say how proud I am to be a part of the Newberry College family. As you’ll see in these pages, it has been another exciting year – and the future continues to look bright. We opened the doors to two new buildings, the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center and Founders Federal Credit Union Field House, and launched several new academic programs, including three new masters’ degrees. We continue to rise as a regional leader in southern colleges according to U.S. News & World Report, reaching the top 10 in the South’s Best Regional Colleges and No. 3 for Best Value. We also just celebrated our largest graduating class, welcoming 196 graduates – 179 undergraduates and 17 graduates – as our newest alumni.

We are so pleased to bring you this latest issue of Dimensions magazine. Our hope is that as you read these stories, you will feel an enormous sense of pride as well in all the incredible things the College and your fellow alumni are doing. We have more to do. In this magazine, you’ll see renderings of our new upcoming capital projects. As always, the Newberry Fund remains an important part of serving students every year. You can also help with the Newberry Fund and be a part of this journey with fellow alumni by going to newberry.edu/give or by mailing your gift using the enclosed business reply card.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and learning your stories, and to working with you to help Newberry College grow even stronger.

Our love, our faith, our loyalty,

Bill Nash
Chief Development Officer

Answering Nature’s Call

By Alanna Boozer

Recent biology graduate Bailey Gause ’24 spent part of her junior and senior years researching the botanical diversity and unusual ecosystem of Thompson Creek in Chesterfield County, South Carolina. Thompson Creek provides habitat for a variety of wildlife including deer, beaver, raccoons and turkeys, as well as supporting a wide array of plant communities. She worked throughout the project with Dr. Charles Horn, professor of biology.

“There is so much to learn here, an incredible, vast amount of knowledge,” said Gause. “I thought I knew forests and I was a nature lover before I came here, and the [number] of new species that I’ve seen and things that I’ve learned have just been way beyond the scope of what I even thought could be out there.”

On a deeper level, the research looked at the impacts related to invasive species and climate change on the ecosystem.

“We’ve heard about this idea of invasive species coming in, how they come in and have made other plants less common in that process of taking over,” said Horn. “We’re also looking more intently at what we see relative to global warming and climate change, how might that change the distribution of plants and subsequently even animals also.”

Gause and Horn’s research was supported by a grant from the Carolina Wildlands Foundation, a nonprofit that works with colleges and landowners to make the wildlands a living laboratory for tomorrow’s naturalists.
Field Hockey Enjoys Best Season in Program History

In fall 2023, field hockey enjoyed its best season ever. The team racked up a program-high 14 wins before entering the South Atlantic Conference tournament with a conference record of 11-3, the No. 2 seed and a bye. The historic season ended in the semifinals with a 1-0 loss to Limestone. Sophomore Emma Westbrook was named an NCAA statistical champion for leading Division II with an average of 1.17 goals per game. Synapse Sports named Parker Keeler as national Freshman of the Year, and she, Westbrook and junior Tamsin Bangert were named All-Americans. The Wolves also performed well academically, earning the National Academic Team Award, five Scholars of Distinction, and 15 placements on the National Academic Squad by the National Field Hockey Coaches’ Association.

Men’s Lacrosse Sets New Program Record, Advances to Semifinals

The men’s lacrosse team ended its regular season with an 11-3 record, matching its win total from 2023 and earning a record-setting .786 win percentage. The Wolves secured the No. 4 seed going into the conference tournament, and in the quarterfinals defeated Anderson for the second time this season. The postseason run ended in the semifinals for the second consecutive year, following a 24-13 loss at Limestone. Seven Wolves ended the year with all-conference honors, including an Offensive Player of the Year designation for graduate student Scott Reed, who led the nation in goals and points during the regular season.

Men’s Wrestling Earns Super Region Title

At the end of its 20th season, the Newberry College men’s wrestling program stands as a powerhouse of the South. The program has had at least one All-American each season since 2008 for a total of 46; six consecutive conference titles; 10 super region championships; tickets to the national tournament every year since 2006; and four national champions. In 2023-24, junior John Parker finished the season undefeated in conference play, among the nation’s top 10 for pins with 14, and with the Conference Carolinas Elite 23 Award for his 4.0 GPA, the best in the league. He won the super region title for the 197-pound division, and joined graduate students Zach Shupp, Devan Moore, Devon Rice, and sophomore Andrew Reed at the NCAA tournament. Moore finished eighth in the nation and earned his second consecutive All-American designation, becoming the most decorated 149-pounder in program history, surpassing Head Coach Deral Brown ’13.

Women’s Tennis Makes Second National Tourney in Program History

After finishing the regular season 11-6, with a 7-1 record at home, the women’s tennis team earned the No. 7 seed in the South Atlantic Conference tournament. The Wolves upset No. 2 Lenoir-Rhyne 4-2 in the quarterfinal after having lost to the Bears earlier in the season. After a hard-fought semifinal round, the team fell to third-seeded Catawba 0-4. With conference play done, the Wolves received the No. 7 seed in the southeast region, launching the program’s second tournament run and the first since 2022. The national tournament run ended in the first round to nationally ranked and second-seeded Flagler. In the classroom, junior Emma Arnal, sophomore Sofia Cardenas, senior Rosie Harfield and junior Margarita Nikonorova were named College Sports Communicators Academic All-District. Earlier in the season, Arnal was named to the all-conference third team in singles.
Women's Triathlon Advances to Nationals as a Complete Team

In its third season, the women's triathlon program qualified a complete team for the national championships for the first time in program history. The Wolves were represented by freshmen Kayleigh Gee and Josephine Langtry, and juniors Becca Hartrick, Cassi Murphy and Abbie Stackis. The Wolves finished eighth in the nation, across all divisions. Individual Wolves qualified for nationals in the program’s first two seasons, including Hartrick, who has qualified each of her three years at Newberry.

Track & Field Sends First-Ever National Qualifier

For the first time in program history, the Newberry track & field teams sent an athlete to the NCAA Track & Field Championships. In the discus event, senior thrower Kegan Crowell’s 53.21 meters earned him seventh in the nation and All-American honors. Earlier in the season, he won the hammer throw and discus events at the South Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships. He finishes his career as the lone Wolf to win conference championships in two different sports — track & field and football.

New in 2024: Women’s Acrobatics & Tumbling and Women’s Wrestling

For the first time with the 2024-25 season, the Wolves will field competitors in women’s acrobatics & tumbling and women’s wrestling. This comes after both sports were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2023. Jonahia Howell will pioneer the acrobatics & tumbling team after having assisted Limestone’s program. Seasoned women’s wrestling coach Donnie Stephens will lead the Wolves’ program after a decade as head coach at the University of the Cumberlands.

Spirit Squads Enter New Era

The Newberry cheer and dance teams performed well in the 2023-24 season. Cheer sent two squads to the National Cheerleaders Association’s national championship for the first time. The Intermediate Division II Co-ed team finished 11th and the Spirit Rally team finished ninth in their respective divisions. The dance team won the Platinum National Dance Competition, held in February in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Going into 2024-25, both teams will be led by Justina Teale M’22, who was promoted to director of spirit programs after having led the cheer team since 2019.

Davis, Winder Make History as Jerseys Retired

Barbara Langford Davis ’79 and Dr. Peggy Barnes Winder ’86 became the first female Newberry College athletes to have their jerseys retired, both in basketball. Davis joined the College’s first-ever intercollegiate women’s basketball team in 1975. She became the first female basketball player to score 1,000 points in her career, and she still holds the record she set in 1978 for most points scored in a game (43). She was a three-time MVP, a SCAIA All-State honoree in 1979, and was inducted into the Bachman Honor Society among numerous other awards. Since her graduation, she has been a member of the Board of Trustees, the Newberry College Foundation board, the Athletic Club, the Lettermen’s Club, and the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She was inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.

Winder came to Newberry in 1982 on a dual scholarship for basketball and volleyball, and she lettered in both sports for four years. She was honored most notably for her basketball performance, in which she stands in the top five for career rebounds (1,035) and scoring (1,264). During her first year of basketball, she earned the Lady Indian Award, Outstanding Freshman Player, and was the 1983-84 Most Valuable Player. She also participated in the Burger King All-Star game during her sophomore year and in the District VI NAIA All-Star game in her senior year. In volleyball, she received the 1983-84 Most Improved Award and Most Valuable Player in 1984-85. She earned academic all-district honors in 1985-86 for both sports. In 1998, Winder became the first female inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2024, she was inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame and received the league’s Distinguished Alumni Award. She has served at Newberry since 1990 as a coach, professor, administrator, and pioneer in diversity education.

Frazier Honored with Jersey Retirement

In 2024, the jersey of Todd Frazier ’89 became the seventh men’s basketball number to be retired, and the first since 1991. Frazier ranks third in career points (1,999), fifth in career rebounds (897), second in free-throws made (472), and third in field goals made (736). Over his Newberry career, he played in 118 games, averaging 16.9 points and 7.6 rebounds.
per game, and he shot 51% from the field and 70% from the free-throw line. Frazier’s honors include NAIA Honorable Mention All-America, NAIA District Six Player of the Year, and Newberry’s Most Valuable Player for three consecutive seasons. He was inducted into the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

**Six Named to Newberry Athletic Hall of Fame**

Midfielder/forward Michelle Baker-Kish ’99 dominates the women’s soccer record books, topping the list for career goals (43); tied for first in single-match goals (four); standing at second for career points (100), career shots (212) and single-season shots (70 in 1996); and holding No. 3 for career assists (14). She is one of two Newberry women’s soccer players to hit 100 career points. She was named second team All-SAC her senior season for 12 goals and two assists, totaling 26 points.

Tonya Deese-Jeter ’06 transferred to Newberry in 2003 and helped lead the women’s basketball team to back-to-back 18-win seasons and its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 2005. The following year, the team won its first conference tournament championship and made nationals a second time. She logged 662 points and 598 rebounds in three seasons and ended her basketball career with a 44% field goal percentage. Her senior year, she joined the volleyball team, played in 30 matches and recorded 146 kills.

During his time on the football team, Matt Holmes ’11 was part of two SAC championship winning teams: 2006 and 2008. The center was a three-time All-SAC selection, named to the All-Super Region II Daktronics team in 2009 and 2010, was a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy and a two-time semifinalist for the Gene Upshaw Award.

Academically, he was named to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society and to the SAC Commissioner’s Honor Roll all four years.

Defensive lineman Mark Kennedy ’85 holds the record for most forced fumbles in a season (five in 1983), is tied for second in career forced fumbles, set a school record with eight fumbles recovered throughout his career, and stands at No. 2 for all-time career sacks (26). He was a two-time All-District Six performer (1982 and 1983) and earned All-SAC honors in 1983 and 1984.

The pitcher Albert “Al” Shealy (1900-67), class of 1923, was considered the “Babe Ruth of College Baseball” in South Carolina. After lettering in baseball for four years and basketball his senior year, he began a professional baseball career that lasted from 1926 to 1939. In the minor leagues he earned a 126-113 record as a pitcher and a batting average of .264 with 35 doubles, six triples and 18 home runs. He enjoyed a brief stint in the majors, playing for the World Series-champion New York Yankees in 1928 and the Chicago Cubs in 1930. With the Yankees, he pitched 96 innings, and garnered an 8-6 record and .237 batting average with a home run and two RBIs at-bats.

J. Ashley Smith ’01 was one of Newberry men’s soccer’s best goalkeepers as the all-time leader in career saves (550). In NCAA Division II, he stands at second all-time for career saves, eighth all-time for single season saves (194 in 1998) and 24th all-time for career saves per game (7.05). His highest number of saves in a single game came in 2000 with 19 against Carson-Newman. He was named team MVP in 1997, 1998 and 2000.
Major Victories
Growing academics at Newberry College

By Jay Salter ’19

Undergraduate, Under Steam
In the past year, the College has added two brand-new hybrid undergraduate majors and introduced two existing majors to the online sphere.

Launched in fall 2023, the nutrition major focuses on functional nutrition, or the field as practiced in health care, recoveries, weight management and fitness. Graduates of this program will be equipped to provide nutritional guidance in and out of clinical settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, athletic programs and schools.

The program includes core curriculum on campus, followed with online nutrition courses in the late junior and senior years to allow students to gain experience in the field. The nutrition major pairs well with minors in biology or chemistry, and graduates will be able to transition smoothly into registered dietician programs, if they so desire. However, a bachelor’s degree will allow graduates to embark immediately on successful careers as functional nutritionists.

Also launched in the fall, multi-categorical special education is the newest of Newberry’s teacher licensure programs. The curriculum includes behavioral, emotional, intellectual and learning disabilities, from kindergarten through grade 12, and carries the South Carolina Read-to-Succeed Endorsement.

Among the state’s 12 institutions that offer undergraduate degrees in multi-categorical special ed, Newberry’s is the only program offered in multiple modalities, including in-person, online or hybrid. Transfer friendly for those with associate degrees and with only 120 required credit hours, Newberry’s program also allows students to earn their degrees in less time than other institutions.

Now also underway is an online modality for the College’s popular business administration major. The online component became available in the fall, allowing students to be equipped for business success from anywhere in the world. A comprehensive set of courses combine theoretical foundations with practical skills.

The program also emphasizes global perspectives and networking opportunities, and its format facilitates collaboration not only across the country, but around the globe.

The streamlined online program includes 12 credit hours of internships, and courses last seven-and-a-half weeks, meaning students can earn their degrees in as few as 18 months. The College also offers a generous transfer policy for prospective students who already hold college credits.

Finally, the health care management major, which first launched in 2016, is now offered exclusively in an online format. The move allows the College to better fill growing demand from students — many of whom work full-time — and meet unprecedented needs in the industry. The program prepares students to pursue the policies and administrative processes outside of direct patient care. Graduates’ career possibilities include work in health insurance, public health agencies, human resources, information systems, public relations, patient care services and more.

Like the online bachelor’s in business administration, the health care management program includes 12 hours of internships and the ability to earn the degree in as few as 18 months.

Master’s at Work
In the nearly three years since gaining the necessary accreditation change, Newberry College’s master’s offerings have grown into a veritable cornucopia of educational advancement. The flagship program, the M.S. in organizational development & leadership, graduated its first cohort in 2022. Designed to sharpen leadership and change management skills across industries and sectors, the program’s versatility made it the perfect foundation for the College’s graduate division.

The second addition was the M.S. in sport management & leadership in early 2023, which infuses the human-centric dimensions of leadership with the applied business principles of the sport industry. The program graduated its first cohort in May 2024, which comprised the largest graduate class to date and included several Newberry coaches looking to level up their game.
“The program has done wonders, honestly,” said Jelani Johnson M’24, Wolves assistant men’s basketball coach. “I’ve learned a lot about different forms of leadership, how to be able to handle conflict and evaluate the entire landscape. On the sport management side, it’s honestly what I’m doing every day, but I’ve learned it on the grand scheme of things: how to grow your brand as a coach, as a potential athletic director. I’m very grateful for it.”

Classes for the new M.A. in criminal justice are underway, having launched in January 2024. The curriculum covers jurisprudence, criminology, juvenile law and justice, mental health and addictions, diverse populations & criminal justice, organizational development, change management and more.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, more than 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers serve nearly 18,000 agencies from the local to the federal levels. As the field continues to grow and evolve, Newberry’s master’s degree is designed to prepare criminal justice practitioners with knowledge of modern demands and dynamic changes.

“We developed this program with an amazing team of criminal justice professionals from South Carolina and around the country, with backgrounds in the military, law, mental health, policing, probation and parole, corrections, and juvenile justice,” said Cynthia Haynes Eshleman, associate professor of criminal justice. “This program provides leadership and criminal justice courses that equip today’s professionals with the necessary skills to meet the demands of today and the future.”

Most recently, the College is pleased to announce its fourth graduate program, the Master of Education in teaching, learning and curriculum, which will begin classes in January 2025. The program is designed for certified teachers and educational leaders who are interested in taking their careers to the next level. The base curriculum provides learning opportunities in innovation, critical thinking, leadership, problem-solving and meeting the needs of a diverse population of students. The program also includes two relevant and popular concentrations from which to choose: multilingual learner education and literacy leadership.

The concentration in multilingual learner education expands students’ expertise in culturally and linguistically diverse education. Students can also add courses to obtain English for Speakers of Other Languages certification in South Carolina.

The literacy leadership concentration focuses on the teaching of literacy and literacy leadership skills, with add-on courses for literacy teacher, literacy coach, and literacy specialist endorsement in South Carolina.

All of Newberry’s master’s degree programs are offered 100% online and asynchronous, meaning students can complete coursework any time, anywhere, perfect for working professionals. Each degree can also be completed in as few as 12 months. For more information, reach out to Bill Kuehl, director of enrollment for online & graduate studies, at OnlineAdmissions@newberry.edu or 803.321.5276.

Hinga is the author of “Ring of Fire: An Encyclopedia of the Pacific Rim’s Earthquakes, Tsunamis, and Volcanoes” (ABC-CLIO, 2015), and “Earth’s Natural Hazards and Disasters” (Wiley/American Geophysical Union, 2024). She was also a contributing author and science advisor to the “Ring of Fire” episode of the Peacock series “The End is Nye,” starring Bill Nye. Her husband, Gilbert, has also built a higher education career in student affairs. The couple has two children, Ben and Semira, as well as two dogs, a cat, and a parakeet.

Hinga Appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Bethany D. Hinga started as the College’s new vice president for academic affairs on June 1. She brings 28 years of experience in higher education, with the last 14 years in leadership, most recently at the University of Nebraska at Kearney since 2017. She has also served at Morningside University and Tarleton State University.
By Jay Salter ’19

Throughout his 97 years, Otho L. Shealy ’48 has played parts in both local and world history. His life’s journey has taken him around the world, from his home in Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina, to Newberry College, to scorched cityscapes of postwar Europe, and back.

Last summer, he came across his ticket to the 1946 Nuremberg Trials, which he was able to attend while stationed there as a medic immediately following World War II. He donated the pass to the South Carolina Military Museum in Columbia, where, opposite Great War gas masks and an M48 Patton main battle tank, it represents a path to peace.

The discovery gave us a chance to catch up with Shealy at his family’s business, Economy Furniture Co., where he happily reports to work five days a week.

In the summer of 1943, Shealy arrived on the campus of Newberry College as the youngest of just 31 men enrolled. Since the United States’ entry into World War II in 1941, most male students and even some professors had exchanged their backpacks for rucksacks and their textbooks for field manuals.

Not yet old enough to enlist, Shealy looked forward to becoming a pilot in the Air Corps. Until then, he decided to get a jump start on a degree in mathematics & natural sciences, then a versatile major encompassing math, biology and chemistry.

Shealy’s number finally came up in December 1944, just as the Battle of the Bulge was taking shape in western Europe. He was inducted into the Air Corps, and by the time he finished basic training and gunnery school, Germany had surrendered, and all eyes were on the Pacific.

“We had been told, before they dropped the A-bomb, that we would be going to Nebraska, and then would be assigned to a B-29 that would go to the south Pacific. So we were that close,” he says.

Luckily, Japan surrendered weeks later on Aug. 15. As the theaters of action fell quiet, Shealy served and trained at various stateside bases before boarding the Pontotoc Victory in January 1946 to assume his new post among the Allies occupying Nuremberg, Germany.
When Shealy arrived, the city, like many others in Germany at the end of the war, was a skeleton of its former self. “Many of the little villages that the train would go through, you could never tell a war was there. Inside the walled city was known then as 95% destroyed,” he says.

Thanks to his math & natural science coursework at Newberry, Shealy was assigned to a medical unit. “We had a place that a patient could lie down to be examined, but nothing much more than that. I remember Dr. Floyd, and we acted as his nurses. Giving shots was one of the biggest things. What meant more to me was taking patients to the hospital in Nuremberg. I think about some of them that I carried there.”

Throughout his assignment in Nuremberg, the International Military Tribunal was underway. In what became known as the Nuremberg Trials, the Allied coalition of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the Soviet Union tried two dozen surviving leaders of Nazi Germany. The charges included crimes against peace, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and conspiracy. Shealy was able to obtain a pass to attend a session of the trial.

“You know who helped hold the ladder?” Shealy asks. “You’re looking at him! This fellow with this hat on, he was making a lot of noise. We lifted the hat out the window and I didn’t know where it went.”

Several altercations ensued after the game. Soon after, Presbyterian’s public relations director, Charles MacDonald, wrote Frank Kinard ’47, Newberry’s sports publicity director, suggesting that the hat be recovered and made into a symbol of the schools’ rivalry. The hat was turned in anonymously, cast in bronze, and the Bronze Derby was born. The trophy would be passed to the victor of each meeting in basketball, baseball and football until 1956, and only in football until 2006, just before PC left Division II.

Shealy graduated in spring 1948. He soon after returned home to work with his father for $200 a month (the equivalent of approximately $31,000 per year in 2024). He has worked alongside his family for most of the 84 years that Economy Furniture has been in business. It also happens that these three generations of Shealys are also Newberry College graduates, including Brent Shealy ’77, Brian Shealy ’04, and Betsy Shealy Dority ’06. Otho Shealy has no plans to retire. He has not only more stories to tell, but more to make.

This article has been edited for brevity. Please read the full story at newberry.edu/news/shealy.
"One love. Don’t hurt nobody!"

No one who has enjoyed the privilege of Dr. Jesse Scott’s lectures could forget the signature benediction with which he ended each session. For him, it wasn’t a catch phrase, but a heartfelt plea. For those present on Friday, May 3, 2024, it was a parting wish. It was his last last day of class, following an immensely difficult decision to retire after 39 wonderful years.

Scott says he imported the phrase from St. Croix, which he visited in his late 20s. “I was out at a reggae club, just having a great time. There was this young man, apparently a local. Michael was his name. He was wearing a good-looking hat. From time to time he would shout out, ‘One love, y’all. Don’t hurt nobody!’” he says. “Here we are, all different people from all over the place. Different shades, different backgrounds, enjoying ourselves, being human. Hugging instead of mugging, healing instead of killing. It stuck with me. And I keep begging, keep pleading.”

For Scott, the expression is both personal and academic. Around the time of his visit to the island, he was completing his doctorate at the University of South Carolina, with specializations in French revolutionary and Napoleonic studies, as well as Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. He expected to put his degrees to work at a library or museum. There was a part-time opening at Newberry for fall 1985, and “out of all the doctoral candidates,” legendary USC professor George Rogers recommended him. By spring, he was invited to join the faculty full-time. In Scott’s case, few things are more permanent than a temporary side gig.

During his time at Newberry, his course offerings have included “Outcasts, Undesirables & Victims: Nazi Germany and the Holocaust”; “Quest for Freedom & Power: Transforming Subjects into Citizens,” which highlighted France from 1750-1850; “Visions of Vietnam: Making Sense of the Vietnam War”; and “Confronting the Many Faces of Genocide.” Throughout his nearly four decades, he has dedicated his career to making sure people learn from the past, particularly its darkest points, to help bring about a brighter future.

One of his tenure’s proudest achievements, he says, is his leading role in the creation of the Summerland Honors Community in 1995-96. “I’ve always been proud of the fact that the Honors program curriculum and the way it was taught — an interdisciplinary approach, team-taught for many years — provided for our academically gifted students an environment in which they could build a learning community. Where they could explore their curiosity about any number of topics and figure out what it means to be human,” he says. “I went into that full-tilt, and I had some great colleagues who helped with it.”

Scott’s best memories will always be of the people, particularly his students. “Newberry College is a place where people make it special,” he says. “Many of my former students are now lifelong friends. Certainly colleagues, many colleagues I’ve had the pleasure of meeting here have become fast friends.”

His tenure and departure are even more significant for the myriad impressions he has stamped on the hearts of those who have encountered him. “I visited him as a friend at Newberry the first year he was here, and in the years since, since before I joined the faculty, I saw him as the ideal of what a professor should be,” says Dr. J. Tracy Power, associate professor of history. “He is at the same time demanding and popular. He has always expected much of his students. He has always wanted the best for his students.”

Scott’s wit and laugh are infectious, as well as his sense of style. Power says he exchanged neckties for bow ties in honor of his longtime friend.

For all this and infinitely more, Scott was honored at spring commencement with the traditional rocking chair for retiring faculty, professor emeritus status, and finally, the esteemed Luceo Mea Luce Award — given by the faculty to individuals who embody the motto, “by my light I enlighten.”

“You leave a legacy of passion, purpose and personal attention, and have enriched thousands of lives,” said Dr. David Harpool, interim vice president for academic affairs, at spring commencement on May 11. “Our earnest hope is that you may enjoy your well-earned retirement to the fullest.”

Thank you, Dr. Scott, for everything.
Head for the Hill

By Jay Salter ’19

History graduate Chris Ringer ’17 is well positioned not only to study history, but also to help make it. For over five years he has worked for the United States House of Representatives, assisting members of Congress and their constituents. While he is based mostly in Washington, D.C., his work takes him home to the Palmetto State, across the country, and even around the world.

Ringer currently serves as a national security advisor for Congressman Jeff Duncan of South Carolina’s 3rd Congressional District. With policy interests in defense, foreign affairs and international relations, Ringer says the role is a perfect fit.

Since he arrived in D.C., he has been across the contiguous United States and to Lithuania, Poland, Japan and Hawaii, among others. This has all been to learn firsthand about the people, geographies, customs and more which members may have to navigate in the course of their work. It’s part policy education, part cultural exchange, he says, which he can then pass on to his boss and use in his own position. But sometimes, it can also be just plain cool.

“Recently we went down to San Diego, off the aircraft carrier out there, the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln,” he says. “They have a pretty neat program for defense staffers on the Hill where they do what’s called an Embark. You spend a couple of days watching flight operations from the deck, touring the ship, interacting with the crew, and learning about the Navy’s mission and capabilities. I’ve been really blessed through these experiences to gain a deeper understanding of how our military operates alongside partners and allies globally.”

Ringer has worked his way up, starting as an intern on the House Foreign Affairs Committee in fall 2018. When his internship ended, he secured a full-time position in Duncan’s office as a staff assistant. “Essentially you’re leading tours, you’re answering the phone, you’re coordinating interns, more of an administrative position.”

He was able to earn a promotion as legislative correspondent for Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) just as the COVID-19 pandemic sparked off.

“I actually started the first day of COVID, when everything was being shut down,” says Ringer. “It was really kind of strange working during that time and corresponding with constituents as we were learning what we were dealing with. I didn’t even meet [Hartzler] again until July of 2020.”

He was promoted to legislative assistant, where he got to see even more of the policy matters that captivate him, as Hartzler was a member of the House Armed Services Committee. He returned to Duncan’s office in January 2023 as a military legislative assistant.

“The third district has one of the largest veteran populations in the state,” he says. “So we do a lot with our veterans service organizations and veteran-related policy work. We have a whole team in our district office making sure that veterans are well represented in Congress.”

In March 2024, Ringer earned another promotion, this time to national security advisor for Duncan. In this role, he advises the congressman on a variety of issues under the purview of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, including trade security, threats to critical infrastructure, data privacy, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

Ringer acknowledged the significant contributions of Duncan and his legislative team in helping him reach this point. “The opportunity to learn from staff with a deep understanding of the legislative process allows them to effectively mentor others as they progress through the ranks,” he says. “That institutional experience matters and plays an outsized role in the effectiveness of an office, both legislatively and through constituent services.”

A third-generation Newberry graduate, Ringer says he has benefited greatly from the broad and versatile foundation the College provided. “The liberal arts education is so important to hard skill and character development, especially the interpersonal skills.

“Opportunities aren’t just going to fall in your lap, but it gets a lot easier once you take that first step toward whatever you want to do. Don’t get complacent, don’t get comfortable. Keep striving. If an opportunity sparks your interest, jump in and go after it,” he adds.
Simmons Wins National Workforce Development Professional Award

Walter Simmons ’10 was named the 2023 Workforce Professional of the Year by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. He was recognized in May 2023 at the association’s annual conference in New Orleans. Simmons is the founder, president & CEO of Employ Prince George’s County Workforce Development Board, a workforce solutions nonprofit based in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Simmons has grown the organization from 40 to 100+ staff, created 13 workforce development programs, built multiple locations across Prince George’s County, and served over 60,000 job seekers and 7,500 businesses.

Simmons graduated Newberry with a double major in history and sociology and a minor in criminal justice. He earned an MBA from Charleston Southern University in 2013. Simmons is known in his field as an innovator who can unite people around a common goal or mission. Through his work, he’s created a national model of what a workforce development nonprofit operating as a public workforce system could be. This has led to an expansion in 2021 with the launch of Employ DMV, which provides workforce development services to job seekers and businesses in Washington, D.C., all of Maryland, and northern Virginia.

Additionally, Simmons and his team have launched a consulting subsidiary, the Center for Workforce Excellence International, which provides customized services and engages industry leaders at conferences and trainings.

Waxel Wins National Journalism Award

Marie Waxel ’08 was honored by Military Reporters & Editors with an MRE Journalism Contest Award. The Emmy and Murrow award winner is an evening anchor for WAAY-TV in Huntsville, Alabama, and much of her work highlights the region’s veterans and military organizations. Waxel took the Small Market Television category for her February 2023 piece, “A look at Redstone’s role in supporting Ukraine.” The special examined how Redstone Arsenal coordinates the “massive logistics web” sending supplies to Ukraine. She also received an honorable mention with her colleague Tim Collins for their June 2022 report, “Doomsday Plane provides power in the sky,” a rare inside look at the E-4B Nightwatch. This piece also earned her a NATAS Nashville/Midsouth Emmy Award in 2023.

Waxel said the pivotal events of Sept. 11, 2001, opened her eyes to the significant role journalism plays in communities and around the world. At Newberry, she majored in mass communications with a minor in psychology. After graduating in 2008, she began her career at WHNS-TV in Greenville. She served stints at WAFF in Huntsville and KSLA in Shreveport, Louisiana, before joining WAAY as a morning anchor in 2019. She moved to the evening slot after she welcomed her son in 2021. That year, she and her team won a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence in journalism, as well as a MidSouth Emmy nomination.

“On day one [at Newberry], I found myself in the television studio on campus, working alongside and learning from upperclassmen. Beyond the on-campus hands-on experience, I was encouraged to seek out multiple internships, each of which provided me with a valuable, real-world perspective of the industry. Newberry’s small class sizes and the direct access I had to my professors played a pivotal role in shaping my vision for my future career.”

– Marie Waxel ’08
Sixty Years of Friendship: The Ladies of Smeltzer Hall

Some college friendships last a lifetime. A group of alumnae who resided at Smeltzer Hall in the early 1960s are living proof. The women have been getting together on an annual basis since 1998 and in August, they reunited at Newberry College to break bread and celebrate sixty years of friendship. During their visit, they took tours of Smeltzer Hall and the new Darby Nursing & Health Science Center, and enjoyed sharing stories from their time at Newberry and catching up. They were joined for lunch in Smeltzer Hall by the Rev. David Coffman ’97, campus pastor; Laura Beth Shealy ’16, director of annual giving; and Kenley Longshore ’19, assistant director of admission. Attending the reunion were Margaret ’61 and Warren Christmus, Marilyn ’64 and Ralph Grant, Bennie and Wyman Matthews, Carol ’61 and Pickens Hair ’62, Nancy Taylor ’64 and Rosalind Carson ’64.

Young Makes Newberry College History

In October 2023, Dr. Lenna Corley Young ’77 was elected chair of the Newberry College Board of Trustees. She is the first woman to lead the board in the College’s 167-year history. Young has served on the board since 2017, and as its secretary from 2018-2023. She has extensive experience in higher education. Prior to her retirement in 2017, she served as dean of business and public services and then vice president for academic affairs at Greenville Technical College, and her career also included stints at Tri-County Technical College and Clemson University.

In her communities, Young has served on the board of directors for the Gulf Coast Women’s Center for Non-Violence, the board of the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, the Academic Members Council of the University Center of Greenville, and the MedEx Academy Advisory Board in the Greenville Hospital System.

Young earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Newberry, with an emphasis in guidance and counseling. She also holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Central Florida and a doctorate from Clemson. Young and her husband, retired Air Force Col. Lance Young ’76, reside in Gilbert.

Then & Now

The trumpet section of the 1979-1980 Newberry College Jazz Ensemble reunited at Newberry’s Martin Street Beer Parlor to recreate this photo from May 1980. Sitting left to right: Jim “J.C.” Clark ’80, John White ’80, Charlie Hairston, Tim Blackwell ’81, and Joel Reese ’80.

Photo credits: Olin Jenkins ’80.
Keith Avery M’23 is no stranger to leadership in critical situations. For the past 13 years, he has led the Newberry Electric Cooperative as chief executive officer. He guides and energizes an elite team that provides electricity to over 13,000 homes, schools, churches and businesses. He keeps watch over a complex 1,590-mile network of line with direct impacts on the daily lives of tens of thousands, itself part of a larger grid, powered by an industry evolving at the speed of light. In a business where a stray finger can take a life, steady hands are required on every end of the line. Throughout his career, Avery has stood at all of them.

In December, the 64-year-old utility executive crossed the stage at Newberry College’s Wiles Chapel to receive his Master of Science degree in organizational development & leadership. Avery says the degree wasn’t filling for a box on an application, but the fulfilling of a longtime personal and professional goal.

“I had started my master’s a few years ago and never finished it. I wanted to finish it more for me than anything else, and I liked what I saw at Newberry,” he says. “Even though I can retire right now, there’s still a lot that I need to learn moving forward. Our industry is going through a lot of change right now. In looking at the organizational development part of the curriculum, and then looking at the leadership part, I’ll need both.

“Plus, I wanted to do the master’s because I push my staff to continue their education, and if I’m gonna push them, I needed to continue and to get that done,” he adds.

For Avery, education is for life, and his graduate coursework has been a continuation of the training he began as a teenager, first in the South Carolina Army National Guard, then as a groundman for his hometown Laurens Electric Cooperative. He “worked his way up” in the military and in the utility. He earned his bachelor’s from Limestone, attended Officer Candidate School, and retired as a major after 21 years.

“I had no intention of going to school. None whatsoever. But the Army did me a good turn because they straightened my head out. I realized real quick that I did not know everything, so I needed to go back to school,” he says.

At Laurens, he soon made it to lineman, then crew leader, moved into engineering, and then to marketing, “of all things.” He started work on a master’s several different times, and then, in 2011, Newberry Electric’s top slot came open.

Thirteen years into the job, Avery isn’t finished growing as a leader — a task he says is never really done, especially in an industry that is vital, dangerous, and ever-evolving. From preserving and growing reliable electricity generation sources, to maintaining local systems and load capacity, to keeping technology up-to-date, to battling the elements and ensuring crew safety, to leading a team and a community when it matters most, there’s no room for complacency.

“It’s bigger than losing a sale, or losing a client, or something like that. Our folks literally can be killed on a daily basis in the jobs that they do,” he says. “When you get into a situation to where your work impacts people’s lives, you’ve got to be able to handle that with empathy.”

Avery began Newberry’s ODL program in January 2023, and he says his coursework was beneficial and applicable from day one.

“The [organizational development] part of it — navigating change, developing, looking at processes, those type things — have helped me look at how to manage change better in the future,” he says. “This course has taken me to a different level. I wish I had done this 15 years ago.”

Leading by example, Avery demonstrates the power of education, not just as a way to keep the lights on, but to help oneself and others truly shine.

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In 2023, Bill Hilton Jr. ’70 received South Carolina’s highest civilian honor for his contributions to science, nature and education. Gov. Henry McMaster presented him with the Order of the Palmetto to recognize his life’s work, which includes bird banding, teaching, preservation, and service to his alma mater.

Bird banding involves catching and tagging birds to better study and identify them, as well as to monitor the health of bird populations. Hilton began banding birds in South Carolina in 1982, the same year he established Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History in York. Hilton has banded over 79,000 birds of over 127 species in his 42 years of practice.

“That’s a lot of birds,” said Hilton. “A lot of those I banded and never saw again, either they were in migration, or they just dispersed or whatever. But a lot of them have been resident birds or have come back after migrating away. They’ve been adding to the understanding of the behavioral ecology of birds in the Carolinas.”

Hilton said bird banders catch birds using a variety of live traps and nets, affix a numbered band, issued by the Bird Banding Laboratory, to one of the birds’ legs, take a variety of measurements, and then release them. The identification allows other banders to record their findings in the national bird banding database, which compiles information on movements, longevity, site fidelity and more.

While he has documented many species, his specialty is the ruby-throated hummingbird. The species can be found in the Carolinas during the spring, summer and fall, but they migrate south for the winter. Hilton is one of a select few who have studied them on the other end of their migration to Central America.

“I’ve taken 30 different groups of citizen-scientists to the Neotropics — Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Belize — and we made a lot of discoveries down there that were unknown about ruby-throats on their wintering grounds,” he said.

After graduating from Newberry with a degree in philosophy, Hilton earned a master’s in teaching biology, and banded and studies Blue Jays in Minnesota while working on a master’s in ecology and behavioral biology. He returned to the Palmetto State, taught high school biology and established his namesake nature center, then the only year-round, long-term banding site in the Carolinas.

In early 2024, Bill and his wife, Sue Ballard Hilton ’71, relocated to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, along with his research and education initiatives. They have dubbed their new habitat “Hilton Pond North,” where there is indeed a pond and an “earth-sheltered environmentally friendly cabin.” Bill has already begun studying the flora and fauna on his new property. As of press time, he has banded nearly 700 migrant American Goldfinches.

In addition to pioneering ornithology in South Carolina, Hilton’s other accomplishments include his and Sue’s work to establish the Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics; chairing Newberry’s Bachman Symposium of 2006; and serving as president of the Newberry College Alumni Association.

Hilton has been honored with a charter membership in the Hall of Master Teachers (2012), an honorary Doctor of Science degree (2013), and the Alumni Distinguished Service Award (2021), among others.

Hilton refuses to use the word “retired.” A lifelong educator, Hilton encourages everyone to do their research about what they can do to help birds, prevent further habitat loss, and enjoy nature.

“Birds are a really good indicator of the health of the environment, and there are a lot of indications that our environment is not all that healthy,” he said. “I encourage people to do away with manicured lawns and put in native plants, put out a bird feeder and maintain it properly, and watch what happens.

“People don’t have to go to foreign countries or across the U.S. to see nature,” he said. “The best place to watch nature, in my mind, is in your own backyard. Get familiar with what you have and what you can do to provide habitat right out your back door.”

To learn more about Hilton’s ongoing research, visit hiltonpond.org.
Newberry College continues to experience an exciting era of growth and plan for future generations of Wolves. In August 2023, the College opened its doors to the Darby Nursing & Health Science Center. The 11,000-square-foot facility is the new home to the College’s health science programs and features state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. Adjoined to the center is a 1,200-square-foot daytime community health clinic operated by Newberry County Memorial Hospital. The clinic opened to the public in September 2023.

“The Darby Nursing & Health Science Center represents not only a new academic building, but community partnership, a place of healing, and the future of health care in South Carolina,” said Dr. Jerry Alewine, dean of nursing and health sciences at Newberry College.

In September, the College cut the ribbon on the long-awaited Founders Federal Credit Union Field House. Flanking the east side of the athletic stadium, the 18,000-square-foot facility has provided needed upgrades for growing Wolves athletics, including locker rooms, coaches offices, field-view classrooms, and new spectator seating. The facility comprises the second of three phases of renovations to the College’s athletic stadium.

“This is a watershed moment for our student-athletes, coaches, staff and fans at Newberry College,” said athletic director Sean Johnson. “The most important part of the Founders Federal Credit Union Field House is that it directly impacts nearly 350 student-athletes in a profoundly positive way.”

In addition to these two new buildings, construction is well underway on the College’s ninth residence hall, located next to Alumni Music Center. The hall will have 100 beds, providing much needed housing to sophomore students. Construction is estimated to be complete in time for the fall 2024 semester.

Historic MacLean Gymnasium also received an upgrade this past year. The gymnasium has fortified the Newberry College skyline and campus community since its construction in 2023. One hundred years later, new life was breathed into this iconic space. The playing floor was refinished, repainted, and damaged boards were replaced; new windows were installed; and heating and air conditioning were added. The renovated building will serve as practice space for cheerleading, the Newberry College Dance Team, women’s acrobatics & tumbling team, intramurals, and other student events.

“We are pleased to announce we have completed renovations to historic MacLean Gymnasium,” said President Maurice Scherrens. “None of this would have been possible without the generous support of numerous donors: former student-athletes, alumni, friends of the College, and our community partners. Having received these needed renovations, MacLean Gym will once again be the hub of campus activities for generations to come."

As part of the College’s master plan, Newberry is looking to expand campus further, with its sights set on a new student union on the west side of MacLean Gymnasium and a new building to house its Business, Communications, and Sport programs along College and Evans Streets.

The student union will be a much-needed space for the campus community. It will provide more dining options and a place for students to meet and socialize. The Business, Communications, and Sport building will include classrooms, study spaces, and a finance lab. Students will have hands-on experiential learning through new technologies and concepts made possible by the new facility. As more and more employers seek college graduates with business and communication skills, this facility will connect the classroom to the real world and prepare them for future business and communications careers.
MacLean Gynasium received an upgrade in 2023

Architectural rendering of the Business, Communications, and Sport building

Aerial rendering of the proposed student union

Architectural rendering of the proposed Student Union

Right and Below: Architectural renderings of Phase III of the athletic stadium
There’s an African proverb that says, “if you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Newberry College has spent the better part of a decade putting that adage into practice, building stronger relationships with community institutions to improve our quality of education and better serve our students and community. This last year saw some of these seeds bear fruit.

In May 2023, the College signed agreements with Piedmont Technical College to streamline degree completion in the fields of education and graphic design. The partnership allows Piedmont Tech graduates to transfer a greater number of credits to Newberry College and complete their bachelor’s degrees in as few as four semesters.

The first agreement connects Piedmont’s associate in early care and education degree and Newberry’s bachelor’s in early childhood education, along with South Carolina teacher certification. The second agreement applies to Piedmont’s associate degree programs in advertising design, photography, and digital rendering & gaming development, which will apply toward a bachelor’s degree in graphic design.

“Every articulation agreement is cause for celebration, and it never gets old,” said Dr. Keli Fewox, vice president for academic affairs at Piedmont Tech. “This one in particular is meaningful because of Newberry College’s exemplary record of graduating skilled individuals well-prepared to serve its community, a community we also serve from our campus in Newberry County. Our physical proximity to this fine institution is not happenstance. PTC deliberately forges partnerships with the best in education.”

A critical partnership announced this past year was between the College and the Newberry County YMCA to provide access to affordable, high-quality childcare centers. According to the National Institute of Children’s Health, 15% of young children in South Carolina belong to families in which someone quit, changed or refused a job because of not having childcare. This new partnership will enable students majoring in education, children & community, early childhood education (prekindergarten through third grade), and special education (pre-K through 12th grade) to complete field experience requirements at the YMCA’s future Child Development Center.
“The first years of a child’s life are vitally important to brain development, present and future health, along with the ability to learn and overall success in life. Our students have opportunities to interact with children in educational settings throughout their years at Newberry,” said Dr. Susan Fernandez, dean of education at Newberry College. “They will be supporting their community, helping young children, and growing as professionals.”

The new center plans to accommodate up to 70 local children and to stand potentially near one of the county’s industrial parks. The facility will accept children up to five years old and cost between $100 and $130 per week, depending on the child’s age.

In January, Newberry entered an exciting partnership with MindEdge to provide online professional credentialing for students, alumni and members of the community. Facilitated by the Office of Career & Professional Development and the Muller Center, this versatile partnership provides for-credit learning, professional and personal development, continuing education and corporate solutions across virtually all industries. The programs are available to anyone, with enrollments open 24/7. The course offerings cover a wide selection of subjects and are “a la carte,” with clients able to choose individual courses, learning resources, and certification programs to fit their needs.

“This partnership is ensuring that our students and community have access to high-quality education, and that Newberry College can equip them to meet their career goals,” said Casey Cline, director of career & professional development. “The programs are self-paced and versatile, offering everything from materials for faculty and students, to full industry certifications. No matter which path you take, you can really gain an edge in job searches, advancements and more.”

To learn more about Newberry’s professional certification programs, visit newberry.edu/certifications.

Finally, the College has a long history of working with military partners, having hosted the Student Army Training Corps during World War I and the U.S. Navy’s V-12 officer training program during World War II. This spring, Newberry College added to that history by announcing an enhanced partnership with the South Carolina Army National Guard. The partnership provides students who are Guard members with a $1,000 scholarship, acceptance of all tuition assistance, and an on-campus liaison in the Guard’s Sgt. Gabriel Butler ’09.

“Every time I see a man or a woman in uniform, I know that that person has a calling, and that calling is one of the most selfless callings you could have. And that is to dedicate your life to protecting others,” said Newberry College President Maurice Scherrens. “We think that you’ll add an element to the College, but more than anything else, it’s a way to, in a very, very small way, pay it forward to you for all that you’ve done, and all that your predecessors have done over the years, to keep places like this safe.”
“I am a dedicated servant leader who is perpetuating a sorely needed concept — servant-leaders as role models in elementary schools. I am devoted to planting seeds of dignity and respect in children and inspiring them to cultivate those seeds, producing a crop of unprecedented success.”

Each student member of the Call Me MISTER initiative knows by heart these and the lines that follow. The intercollegiate program’s vision statement doubles as a sort of creed, concisely and resolutely reminding him of his calling … as well as his identity.

Call Me MISTER was first established at Clemson University in 2000 to address a nationwide shortage of male elementary school teachers from diverse backgrounds. The program’s name is an acronym, standing for “Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role models.” The initiative’s student participants, called MISTERs, are selected largely from underserved, educationally at-risk communities, and receive extensive mentoring, scholarship support and professional growth opportunities. Now in its 14th year, the Newberry College site is still going strong, with nine students in the program during the 2023-24 school year.

“We’ve had MISTERs who have gone on to be Teachers of the Year, and who continued into administration in different capacities. I have former MISTER who wants to be the superintendent of Greenwood County Schools. That’s what his aspirations are,” said Dr. Susan Fernandez, dean of education.

“I feel like that’s one of the biggest aspects of Call Me MISTER, is that when you get here, you kind of realize there aren’t many Black males in education. So when you get here and you surround yourself in a community of like-minded individuals and all of you want the same thing - to graduate and get into the classroom and to make an impact - it can really help you and can really focus on yourself and on learning the things that are most important,” he said.

Bush excelled in the program, passing his teacher certifications early and earning a paid internship for student teaching, the first MISTER from Newberry College to do so. This opened the door to a job teaching social studies at Chapin High School in fall 2024. He credits the program and in particular the leadership of Brandarius Jones ‘20, Newberry Call Me MISTER campus site coordinator, and Dr. John Lesaine ’07, associate dean for student-athlete success, for making sure he and his fellow MISTERs are well-prepared to enter and lead a classroom by the time they graduate.

As a student, the [Call Me MISTER] experience was just what I needed to get through college and to grow,” said Jones. “It reminds me of my ‘why’ every day and gives me a sense of purpose. Without Call Me MISTER and that brotherhood, I wouldn’t be the person or the teacher who I am today.”

For Jones, this first year serving as site coordinator had its challenges, but the opportunity to work with these young future educators is very rewarding. Moving forward, he wants to network with other MISTER cohorts so the different programs can learn from each other and ultimately produce even better teachers.

“My goal is always to leave it better than you found it. That’s what I live by and that’s what I like to do,” he said. “I want to make sure whenever I’m done running this program, that it is left better than when I found it.”
By Jay Salter '19

When the Rev. Dr. Kevin Strickland '04, bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, called Angela Sease Reid '02 with the opportunity to accompany him and a small group to the Holy Land, he already knew what the answer was. The trip was not only to be a pilgrimage for the two lifelong Lutherans, but a reunion for lifelong friends. Strickland and Reid, along with Reid's brother, Russel Sease '04, became so close at Newberry that they now call each other “brother” and “sister.”

Unfortunately, the Israel-Hamas conflict broke out in October 2023, canceling the trip amid the regional strife. The group of travelers pivoted and instead ventured to Greece and Turkey on a “Footsteps of St. Paul Tour,” retracing parts of the apostle’s Mediterranean missionary journeys. The group of 17 also included Reid’s daughter, Zoe.

“To go with your child and to see the excitement through her eyes, and to watch her faith grow, is probably the best mom moment and Uncle Kevin moment you could have,” said Reid. “To actually see history and to see what you read in the Bible every day was life-changing.”

The itinerary included Thessaloniki, where Paul founded the church of the Thessalonians; as well as Phillipi, where Paul baptized the first Christian convert on European soil and was imprisoned with his disciple Silas; as well as numerous other ancient holy and historic sites.

“The weirdest and yet coolest thing was, we’re in Athens walking down the street, and it looks like any other street in some big city, and you look up and there’s the Parthenon,” said Strickland. “We’re standing on a mountain that St. Paul stood on 2,000 years ago. The Bible come to life was a cool thing. We had devotions at a few of the sites and a renewal of baptism at one of the sites.”

Acts 16:14-15 describes the baptism of a woman named Lydia, also known today as Saint Lydia of Thyatira, in the River Zygaktis. It was here that Strickland led a renewal of baptism for their fellow travelers. It was especially meaningful for Zoe, whom Strickland baptized years earlier.

“I felt a wave pass through me. I felt compelled to learn more about Christ and his ways. I now look at the world differently,” said Zoe.

“It’s really important for anybody, if you can, to get out of the country, explore a different part of the world. You just have a different appreciation for other people’s cultures,” Strickland added of the trip.

Strickland and Reid plan to follow his advice in December when they travel to Germany for a Christmastime tour of Luther’s Saxony.
Walt Disney once said, “All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”

Nancy Tucker Clay ’77 can attest to that statement first-hand. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, she fell in love with the theatre at a young age and dreamed of someday being on Broadway or on film. Contrasted with the hustle and bustle of some larger universities, Clay found Newberry’s close-knit campus to be a perfect fit for her college education.

“I wanted to go to a smaller school. I felt like I would get lost in a big school like USC or Clemson,” she said. “So I really wanted to seek out a college that I felt would be better suited for me and Newberry turned out to be exactly what I needed.”

The small campus size and tight-knit environment at Newberry gave her a strong foundation for a career in the theatre. Clay and her classmates learned about every aspect of theatrical production, from performing to building sets, from costumes to lighting. She was involved in every show during her time at the College, whether as a performer or working behind the scenes. By her senior year, she decided that maybe she wasn’t cut out to go into acting, but she really enjoyed running lights and managing the cast and crew. Thanks to her experience and the well-rounded education she received, she realized she could do just about anything she wanted in the theatre.

After graduation from Newberry, Clay experienced some twists and turns before eventually moving to southeast Florida to be closer to her brother and more theatre opportunities. She spent 30 years as a stage manager, getting to work on a variety of productions like A Chorus Line, The Odd Couple, and La Cage Aux Follies. She loved the work and built a solid reputation in the local theatre community. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, and theatres were forced to shut their doors. The theatre company she spent 25 years working with went bankrupt and she transitioned from her part-time job at a Disney company retail store to working full-time.

A huge Star Wars fan since she saw the first film in the theater with her brother, she was ecstatic when she learned that Walt Disney World was building the Star Wars Galaxy’s Edge section of the Hollywood Studios theme park. She knew she had to be there, so she wrote a letter and interviewed to be a cast member. She didn’t get the job, but the interviewer encouraged her to keep trying. After a year working full-time in the Disney store, Clay learned that she could request a transfer to another part of the company. She took a chance and requested to be moved to a store in the Galaxy’s Edge section. This time, her wish came true!

“I really feel like not only the education but just the family-oriented closeness of Newberry gave me the skills that I need as a Disney employee to be able to relate to people of all ages and all classes. And being respectful and being inclusive and all the things that Disney likes you to do,” Clay said. “I just feel like that environment at Newberry really helped me prepare for this dream job!”

Working at Disney’s Galaxy’s Edge has allowed Clay to put her passions for Disney, the Star Wars franchise, and theatre all into practice. It’s a completely immersive experience, with cast members interacting with guests as though they are living on another planet with their own customs and culture. Clay feels like she has come full circle from her time at Newberry and is finally realizing her lifelong dream to act. She said she could not be happier.
Identical twins Donald Kennedy ’73 and Ronald Kennedy ’73 have done almost everything together. They both majored in accounting. They both worked their way through college at Newberry’s A&P grocery store. They both joined the Air Force ROTC and served around the world. And they are both pioneers who helped change the face of education in South Carolina.

The brothers grew up in a segregated Fairfield County, still under the statutory grip of “Jim Crow.” Nearly every aspect of life was divided down racial lines and had been for as long as anyone could remember. “It was illegal for Donald and me to go to the public library, even though our father had defended the country [in World War II] and he and our mother paid taxes,” said Ronald. Both avid readers, the twins were in high school before they were permitted to check out a book, and this only came after passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The following year, Fairfield, along with numerous other Southern districts, introduced a “freedom of choice” policy, in an attempt to comply with federal law while avoiding full integration. Though Black families now had a choice of public schools, the onus of desegregation was placed on them, and few participated. In spite of the challenges, the Kennedys enrolled at the predominantly White Winnsboro High.

Before the brothers entered Winnsboro, however, they had to prepare to enter an entirely new educational environment. “There were like training programs for the African American kids there. That was 11 years after Brown v. Board of Education, and then the things that happened in Little Rock, Arkansas, with the African American girls going to school there and the challenges they faced,” he said.

“There were some smart students that, after that first year, went back to one of the two all-Black high schools. You could feel some resentment from the administration, from some of the teachers, that they did not want us there, but we made the adjustment and finished our four years there,” said Ronald.

When the brothers graduated high school in 1969, they enrolled at Newberry on the recommendation of their 11th-grade English teacher, Barbara Harmon ’56. For three years before they arrived, Nancy Lou Anderson Glasgow ’70 had been the lone Black student on campus. In the freshman class came the Kennedys and Carolyn Pitts-Glymph ’73. “Ronald and I represented 50% of the African American population,” joked Donald. The Kennedys said while there were challenges, they didn’t experience much discrimination as day students. “Our role was to go to school, get an education, and we had to work in order to get through school. So I wouldn’t say we felt ostracized from a social standpoint,” he said.

Their greatest sense of belonging at Newberry came from their participation in the Air Force ROTC program, which was established during their junior year by Maj. Fred Current. The brothers excelled in the fledgling unit, took the Professional Officer Course, and served as officers in the Arnold Air Society. Despite being on the path to commissions, ironically, they hadn’t initially planned to enter the military at all.

“We never had any intent to go into the Air Force,” said Ronald. “It was during Vietnam. As soon as we graduated and lost our student deferment, we would probably have been drafted into the Army, and neither one of us wanted any part of that.”

They were commissioned upon graduation and planned to take their accounting degrees to the Air Force Audit Agency. Though they hadn’t intended the Air Force to punch their ticket, they looked forward to venturing out into the world.

The pair stayed in the Air Force longer than expected. Donald for 12 years and Ronald retired as a colonel after 27 and-a-half years of service. They traveled the world through numerous assignments, and both ended up back in the South Carolina Lowcountry for retirement. They have begun to reconnect with their alma mater, particularly through membership in the African American Alumni Chapter.

“Newberry really set us up well for life and for the world,” said Donald. “That ROTC unit and Newberry have made a huge difference in our lives.”

“From a personal standpoint, I’m extremely proud of the school, the growth, the diversity,” said Ronald. “I’m proud to say I’m a Newberry alum.”
At 84, her family recipes and Southern charm have made her a social media star, with over 328,000 followers on Instagram, 257,000 on TikTok, 180,000 on Facebook, 87,000 subscribers on YouTube, and tens of thousands of cookbooks sold. A large portion of her fans are young people, many of them young parents, who not only seek accessible, delicious meals, but also enjoy her unwavering optimism, homegrown wisdom and contagious smile.

“My recipes are simple. They have simple ingredients. You don’t usually have to go out and buy some kind of exotic seasoning or a special pan. Just what you have right there in your pantry, and you can make it yourself,” says Leary. “I just want to inspire busy families to gather around their tables again.”

Leary didn’t set out to go viral. A dedicated cook and matriarch, she has hosted decades of family Sunday lunches after church, with as many as 20 gathered around her table any given week. “Food is my love language. It’s one of the things that absolutely brings us together,” she says.

Her family started asking for the recipes for her staple dishes, many of them handed down to her, so that they could continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

“I said, ‘OK, I’ll make you a deal. You make me a list of the recipes you want, and I’ll get them together. And I was quite surprised because there were more than 150 items on the list. So, I started compiling recipes,” she says. “Some of them I didn’t have a recipe for, so I had to create a recipe. I’d sit in the kitchen and measure my stuff as I cooked it. That first year, I gave them a loose-leaf notebook. Their friends started asking for copies, and my daughter said, ‘why don’t we just have the local printing company fix this up really nice, just as a keepsake?’”

Along with the printed cookbooks, Leary started demonstrating her recipes and methods on camera. Her daughter filmed and edited the videos, family and friends would share them on Facebook. Before long, the videos started to reach more and more people, and requests for printed cookbooks started rolling in. “It just kind of happened, and the rest is history,” she says.

Her online presence grew, her heirloom cookbook became a bestseller, and a family project turned into a family business. Her first cookbook, Sunday Lunch at MeMe’s, sold 15,000 copies in 2023. Her second book, Mondays with MeMe, debuted in January.

Leary says “MeMe’s Recipes” has been a comfort since the passing of her husband, Lee Leary ’60. She and Lee met at Newberry College, when he played football and she was enrolled in the business certificate program to become a secretary. The pair eloped the year she graduated, and they enjoyed 57 years of marriage until his passing in 2016. She says the business has also become a ministry, and she a “kitchen missionary.”

“I cannot even begin to tell you the comments that I get. People say that I helped them in a time of depression, in a time when they just did not think that they could go on,” she says. “And I end every video with, ‘Shine for Jesus.’ The first video I made I didn’t plan to say it. It just all of a sudden came out, and it stuck.

“In this world that we live in, we have so many things that just bring us down. We need encouragement. And I think that if each one of us did that, it just is so contagious. And Jesus does so much for us, that is the least that we can do is to shine for Him every day. It’s based on Matthew 5:16. That to me is just a message of hope and stability,” she says.

In memory of Lee, Diane gives $1 from each cookbook sold to a local charity at the end of every month, based on the present needs of the community.

Leary uses the power of social media to welcome millions into her Anderson, South Carolina, kitchen each week to share a laugh, a meal, and a blessing.

“We just never know, when we give ourselves to the Lord, what he’s going to do with what we’ve been given,” she says. “Always remember to shine for Jesus.”

To learn more about Leary’s work, visit MeMesRecipesSC.com.

Special thanks to Stacia Rucker ’01 for her contribution to this article.
Against a backdrop of construction and progress, family members, friends, faculty, and staff converged on Newberry College’s Setzler Field to celebrate the spring 2023 graduating class. The spring commencement exercises celebrated the achievements of 168 graduates from the spring and summer classes, including 167 undergraduates and one master’s degree recipient. The graduates represented 14 states, Washington, D.C., and 9 other countries.

“We all ended up here in one way or another. We came from all over the world, and the one thing we will always have in common is Newberry College. People that we didn’t know existed four years ago, we now consider family.”

– Tyla Stolberg ’23, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Newberry’s fall commencement exercises conferred degrees upon the largest fall class in school history. The 91 graduates – 82 undergraduates and 9 graduate students – represented 11 states and five other countries. The master’s-level graduates, all from the organizational development & leadership program, ranged in background from recent undergraduate alumni to a president & CEO.

“I want you to realize that everything you’ve ever feared, you’ve survived. That is why you are here today: because you already know that you can overcome your fears. So, as we close this part of our journey, you have no reason to doubt yourselves. Be thankful for the fear. Be thankful for everything: from the struggles to the victories and everything in between.”

– Vanessa Wilson ’24, Loganville, Georgia

On a beautiful, bright Saturday morning, Newberry College conferred a historic number of degrees upon the spring graduating class of 2024. The spring and summer class formed the largest in the College’s history, with 179 undergraduates and 17 graduate students, for a total of 196. They represented 20 states, Washington, D.C., and 9 other countries. The class also included the inaugural cohort for sport management & leadership, the College’s second master’s program, which launched earlier this year.

“The table is set. It is time for you to take a seat at that table so that you can eat, and so that you can leave no crumbs. I’m saying that you need to be committed to living a life of excellence. That everything that you do, you do it well. I know you’re hungry for greatness, and that’s great, but get this: the world is hungry for your greatness as well, because there is a great need for each and every one of you.”

– Dr. John Lesaine ’07, associate professor of physical education and associate dean of student-athlete success
BIRTHS

Kevin Shealy ’91 welcomed his first grandchild, Amelia, on Nov. 19, 2023, born to his daughter Ashlyn and her husband Joshua.

Derrick Hines ’08 and his wife, Rebecca, welcomed their third child, Henry Matthew, on Feb. 25, 2023.

Niki (Hroblak) Clevenger ’10 and her husband, Heath, welcomed a daughter, Dale Harlynn, on June 10, 2023.

Emily (Rickenbaker) Moyer ’14 and her husband, Chase, welcomed their second child, Jack, in January 2023.

Marley (Ott) Myers ’14 and her husband, Tommy, welcomed a son, Thomas Russell, in March 2023.

Matt Padgett ’14 and his wife, Marcie, welcomed a daughter, Wheatley Ann, in December 2023.

Jordan (Padgett) Isiminger ’15 and her husband, Curry, welcomed their second daughter, Grace, on June 30, 2023.

Sutton (Shell) Field ’17 and her husband, Brandon, welcomed their second daughter, Marley, in April 2023.

Jeff Reid ’13 and his wife, Lauren, welcomed a son, Tripp, in October 2022.

Col. Chris Queen ’82 welcomed his third grandchild, William Christopher Cambell, on Feb. 23, 2024.

Drs. Greg ’15 and Maria (Rivas) Stone ’15 welcomed their first child, Briar, on June 23, 2023.

Capt. Steven Arango ’16 and his wife, Becca, welcomed a son, Milo, on Feb. 25, 2023.

Chris ’18 and Alley DuPree ’18 welcomed a daughter, Caroline June, on Dec. 26, 2023.

Karly (Mims) Martin ’18 and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed a son, Hunter, on Dec. 20, 2023.

John Allen Meetze ’12 and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed a healthy baby boy in August 2022.
Newberry Weddings

Olivia Smith ’19 & James Wingard
Feb. 10, 2024

Tim Wise ’03 & Melissa Gough
Oct. 22, 2023

Hope Walker ’11 & Chris Rossi
April 22, 2023

Jackson Swindler ’15 & Rachel Norris
July 28, 2023

Bishop Henderson ’16 & Tamari Patterson
Sept. 23, 2023

Nick Manos ’16 & Rachel Franklin ’18
March 25, 2023

Desmond Mealing ’16 & Dreka Jones
March 24, 2023

Hannah Floyd ’18 & Tyler Williams
May 17, 2023

Wiley Haskett ’18 & Richard Ridlehuber
March 18, 2023

Marshall Lange ’20 & Kristyna Oyola ’20
Aug. 3, 2023

Mikaela Jones ’18 & Alan Collins
March 25, 2023

Brad Dixon ’19 & Stacey Rawlings
June 30, 2023

Danton Hyman ’19 & Taylor Livingston ’19
Feb. 10, 2024

Kensley Jordan ’19 & Luke Gibson ’20
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### Best in Class

**Kristen Smith ’13** was selected to serve as a Women & the American Story Ambassador for the New York Historical Society. She is one of 20 teachers nationwide who are working to develop professional development opportunities for the program’s curriculum. She teaches history and coaches track at Greenville Technical Charter High, in Greenville, South Carolina.
Anne Caughman ’67 was inducted into the Hall of Master Teachers in May 2023 with the Dufford Retired Educator Award.

Elwood Jones ’68 was named Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Newberry in July 2023.

Ronald Redd ’71 was honored with the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission’s Distinguished Service Award, presented Feb. 18, 2023, at its annual convention.

Dr. Robert J. Stansberry ’71 was awarded the title of professor emeritus of education by Carroll College in Helena, Montana. He retired in 2023 after 47 years in special education, state education consulting, and higher education.

Dr. Keith Shealy ’77 was installed as president of the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians in June 2023. He is a family physician in Lancaster, South Carolina, where he founded Mackey Family Practice in 1986.

Renee Cousins Stubbs ’77 took office July 1, 2023, as district governor for Rotary Club District 7750, which covers the Upstate of South Carolina.

Keith W. Ringer ’84, professor of practice in political science and public & nonprofit administration at Newberry College, was honored in April 2024 with the South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities Excellence in Teaching Award.

Amy Speaks ’85 was named Teacher of the Year for Camden High in Camden, South Carolina.

Kim Taylor ’85 was inducted into the Hall of Master Teachers in May 2023 with the Veteran Classroom Teacher Award.

Tim Wash ’85 will be inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame on July 21, 2024. He coached wrestling at Cane Bay High, in Summerville, South Carolina, until 2022, and finished with over 500 victories and multiple state championships throughout his career. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2023. He teaches physical education at Cane Bay and serves as a defensive assistant for the football team.

Sylvester Coleman ’87 was elected in May 2024 to the Newberry College Board of Trustees for a three-year term. He was also elected post commander for American Legion Post 230 in Ninety Six, South Carolina. Coleman served as president of the Newberry College African American Alumni Chapter in 2023.

Mark Bonnette ’88 was named the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association Coach of the Year after leading River Bluff High (Lexington) to the Class 5A state championship in 2023.

Xavier Blake ’99 was a moderator and presenter at the annual International Public TV Conference, held in Taipei City, Taiwan, in May 2023. He was the only moderator from the United States.

Jon Rabinowitz ’00 was sworn in as a member of the Midway University Board of Trustees in November 2023. He serves as managing partner for the Morgan & Morgan law firm’s Kentucky offices.

Jill Stewart-Sheeketski ’01 was named 2022-23 Teacher of the Year at Evendale Elementary in Cincinnati, where she works as an intervention specialist.

David Hix ’04 was honored in March 2023 with Farm Bureau Insurance’s MAPS Award, the company’s highest award of excellence.

Dr. Reggie Wicker ’04 was inducted into the Hall of Master Teachers in May 2023 with the Glasgow Diversity & Equity Warrior in Education Award. He also received the Phil Acord Award from the Southern Early Childhood Association in October 2023, recognizing outstanding contributions by men to the field of early childhood education.

Charlie Banks ’05 was selected in 2023 to the Hall of Fame of Columbia Business Monthly’s 50 Most Influential. He is co-founder and managing director of VentureSouth, an early-stage investment firm, and executive director of Venture Carolina, a nonprofit dedicated to bridging the funding gap between investors and entrepreneurs.

Dr. Andrew McMillan ’05 was inducted into the Hall of Master Teachers in May 2023 with the Educator Working Outside the Classroom Award.

Marie Wise ’06 was named the Newberry County School District’s 2023-24 Teacher of the Year. With 28 years in education, she heads the special education department at Mid-Carolina High in Prosperity, South Carolina.

The Ball’s in His Court

In 2023, Charlotte Latin School, in Charlotte, North Carolina, named its Jones Arena basketball court and an endowed scholarship in honor of Jerry Faulkner ’67. He coached the Hawks varsity boys’ basketball team from 1985 until 2007, leading the program to five state titles, a 515-157 record, and only one losing season. He also served as athletic director and physical education teacher. Faulkner retired from Hilton Head Preparatory at the end of the 2022-23 school year, closing out a 52-year coaching career with 39 winning seasons, 896 games won, and eight state championships across three different schools.
Love is in the Air Mail

Bill Schaeffer '38 and Mary Riser '44 conducted the 1946-48 version of a virtual courtship when Bill was studying theology in Sweden and Mary was starting the South Carolina public health outreach program in Greenville. This history is recounted in a new book by their son David Schaeffer, based on hundreds of air letters the two exchanged over an 18-month period. Letters from Sweden is available in paperback from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.
1940s
Shirley Abrams Berry ’41
Feb. 26, 2024
Dorothy Barton Park ’42
June 20, 2023
Dorothy Hawkins Wise ’42
Aug. 16, 2023
Mary Lou Wicker Cameron ’43
Nov. 26, 2023
Voris Wright Bowers ’44
Nov. 21, 2023
Derill Smith Beat ’47
Dec. 7, 2023
Cornelia Stone Hart ’47
Feb. 8, 2023
Harold E. “Bo” Swindler ’49
Dec. 11, 2023

1950s
Gerald D. Hite ’50
Feb. 5, 2023
William E. “Doc” McIntosh Jr. ’50
Jan. 23, 2024
The Rev. Clyde E. Bedenbaugh ’51
May 31, 2023
Richard W. Bradford ’51
Aug. 2, 2023
The Rev. Henry N. Brandt ’51
Sept. 1, 2023
Emile P. Boatwright Sr. ’52
March 20, 2024
Henry D. Ott Jr. ’52
Nov. 26, 2023
Mary Paysinger Ringer ’52
Dec. 4, 2023
Claude L. Weeks Sr. ’52
June 16, 2023
E. Marion Chaplin ’53
March 23, 2024
Wofford Bennett Gunter ’53
June 29, 2023
Dr. Dorothy P. Brandt ’54
Dec. 24, 2023

1960s
Atlee S. Brown ’60
Feb. 12, 2023
William C. “Fred” Jumper, Sr. ’60
Feb. 25, 2024
Effie E. Jussila ’60
Jan. 23, 2024
William H. “Bill” Lindler ’60
June 24, 2023
Richard P. “Dick” McCutchen ’60
Jan. 19, 2024
Patsy June Fulmer Morris ’60
June 28, 2023
Catherine “Kay” Shirley ’60
Dec. 28, 2023
Robert K. Burns Jr. ’61
July 11, 2023
James E. “Jim” Caulder ’61
Sept. 12, 2023
The Rev. James F. Shealy ’61
Feb. 28, 2024
John L. Sprawls Sr. ’61
Oct. 24, 2023
Robert C. Tisdale ’61
Jan. 8, 2024
Clarence A. “Sandy” Bridgers, Jr. ’62
Feb. 25, 2023
Dr. Patsy Ruth Frick ’62
Nov. 5, 2023
Sybil Browder Hudson ’62
April 6, 2023
Delaine Keisler ’62
Oct. 18, 2023
James O. Quattlebaum ’62
May 27, 2023
Eunice Carmichael Stephens ’62
Jan. 21, 2024
Jerry Wayne Koon ’63
May 9, 2023
Thomas C. Orvin ’63
Feb. 6, 2024
Dr. James L. Routon ’63
March 29, 2024
Dr. Julian L. Mims III ’64
Dec. 11, 2023
Jeff Singley ’64
May 21, 2023
The Rev. Larry K. Wolff ’64
April 20, 2023
William W. “Bill” Floyd ’65
Feb. 22, 2024
James E. Calk ’66
May 15, 2023
Samuel L. “Sam” Crawford ’66
March 21, 2024
Fred G. Darby ’66
Feb. 18, 2024
Ronald N. Nelson ’67
May 24, 2023
William F. “Bill” Zuber ’67
July 10, 2023
William W. Inman Jr. ’68
Sept. 26, 2023
Dell Merchant Gunter ’69
Feb. 11, 2024
William B. Lorick Sr. ’69
Oct. 23, 2023

1970s
Joseph Stanley Griffin ’70
Sept. 17, 2023
John Allan Ferguson ’71
Aug. 20, 2023
Thomas H. “Hal” Derrick ’73
March 26, 2023
Frank A. “Skip” Quetti Jr. ’73
Oct. 3, 2023
Joyce E. “Joy” Pilkington ’75
Aug. 31, 2023
Brian T. Reiter ’75
Sept. 7, 2023
Michael “Tampa” McGroarty ’76
Nov. 3, 2022
Katie Cromer Bradley ’77
Dec. 12, 2023
Robert L. “Bobby” Hunter ’78
April 10, 2024
Kathy R. Petty ’78
Dec. 9, 2023
J. Harold Ruff Jr. ’79
Dec. 12, 2023

1980s
Beth Ann Hollengerer ’83
May 22, 2023
Jacquelin Parker Walker ’87
March 4, 2024

1990s
Risa Long Nolting ’97
Aug. 26, 2023
July 26, 2023

2010s
Jennifer B. “Jen” Wingate ’11
Jan. 12, 2024
The Rev. Dr. Mike R. Beggs  
Professor of Religion  
Nov. 29, 1960 — Oct. 30, 2023

Mike was born in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was raised and formed a lifelong love of history and the Bible. He earned bachelor’s degrees in Biblical studies, Spanish and secondary education from Abilene Christian University, after which he taught history and English as a Second Language at his hometown Northside High. He earned his Master of Divinity from Yale University, where he met Sally Cherrington, and the pair married in 1992. He also earned a doctorate in theology from the University of Notre Dame. Beggs taught at Elmhurst University and Livingstone College before joining Sally at Newberry in 2002, where she served as professor and chair of music until her passing in 2012. At the time of his death, he was looking forward to a sabbatical in Ghana and his eventual retirement. He is survived by his wife, Becky, sons Zach and Nate, sister Cara and countless students, colleagues and friends.

James A. “Jim” Hale Sr. ’63  
Director of Planned Giving  
Jan. 17, 1941 — Jan. 9, 2024

Jim was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and he spent his formative teenage years in Cheraw, South Carolina. There, he played trumpet in the high school band and ignited a lifelong passion for music. He attended Wingate College for a year before transferring to Newberry, where he studied history and political science. After graduation, he taught elementary school and coached girls’ basketball for a year, then went to work for the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. He earned his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1970. After he retired in 1994, Jim was elected president of the Newberry College Alumni Association, and in 1999 accepted the position of director of planned giving. In October 2023, Jim received the Thomas E. Epting Distinguished Alumni Award for his years of devoted service and contributions to his alma mater. He is survived by children James Jr., Idalyn and Elise, six grandchildren, numerous colleagues and countless friends.
July 12-13
Newberry College hosts
Ride to End ALZ

August 19
Fall semester classes begin

Sept. 17
Constitution Day with guest
speaker: S.C. Secretary of
State Mark Hammond ’86

Oct. 21 - 28
Dufford Diversity & Inclusion Week

Nov. 1 - 3
Homecoming

Dec. 13
Fall Commencement
Wiles Chapel

Dec. 13
Newberry College’s 168th
Founders Day

NOVEMBER
Nov. 10 | Wanda Neese & Friends concert
Nov. 21 | Wind Ensemble & Jazz Big Band concert
Nov. 20 – 21 | Newberry College Theatre presents
August Strindberg’s
The Stronger

FALL HOME GAMES
Football — Setzler Field
Sept. 7 | Valdosta State
Sept. 14 | Keiser
Sept. 28 | UVA Wise
Oct. 5 | Mars Hill
Oct. 26 | Barton
Nov. 2 | Limestone
Nov. 16 | Emory & Henry

Women’s Soccer — Smith Road Complex
Sept. 5 | Shorter
Sept. 14 | Mars Hill
Oct. 5 | Lenoir-Rhyne
Oct. 12 | Lincoln Memorial
Oct. 16 | Coker
Oct. 24 | Shaw
Oct. 30 | Converse
Nov. 2 | Catawba

Men’s Soccer — Smith Road Complex
Aug. 18 | Johnson & Wales
Sept. 14 | Mars Hill
Oct. 5 | Lenoir-Rhyne
Oct. 9 | Shorter
Oct. 12 | Lincoln Memorial
Oct. 16 | Coker
Nov. 2 | Catawba

Field Hockey — Setzler Field
Sept. 21 | Coker
Sept. 24 | Wingate
Oct. 1 | Lincoln Memorial
Oct. 5 | Converse
Oct. 22 | Mount Olive
Oct. 26 | Belmont Abbey
Oct. 29 | Lander

Women’s Rugby — College Street Field
Oct. 26 | Emory & Henry and Guilford

Volleyball — Eleazer Arena
Sept. 10 | Anderson
Sept. 13 | Wingate
Sept. 20 | Coker
Sept. 24 | Catawba
Sept. 27 | Emory & Henry
Oct. 8 | Lenoir-Rhyne
Oct. 22 | Carson-Newman
Nov. 1 | Limestone
Nov. 15 | Mars Hill

For full schedules, game times and
streaming information, please visit
newberrywolves.com.
SAVE THE DATE!

Homecoming 2024
November 1-3
Newberry College vs. Mars Hill
Class of 1954 (70 Year Reunion)
Class of 1964 (60 Year Reunion)
Class of 1974 (Golden Newberrians 50 Year Reunion)
Class of 1984 (40 Year Reunion)
Class of 1999 (25 Year Reunion)
Class of 2014 (10 Year Reunion)