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Another Record-Breaking Year

For the third consecutive year, Newberry has reached new heights for student enrollment and college rankings. Welcoming 471 new students in the incoming class for fall 2018 marked the fourth time in the past six years Newberry has surpassed this enrollment milestone. The incoming class included 377 freshmen (representing an incredible 5.4 percent increase in first-time freshmen), 75 transfers, 10 readmits and nine students enrolled in the College’s online degree-completion programs for adult learners. Newberry also reached a new high point in overall enrollment with a fall headcount of 1,212 students, including 1,179 full-time students. The result topped last year’s double-digit percentage increases for both overall enrollment and full-time students.

Here in the digital age, we’re frequently influenced by the opinions of others. Think how often have your own day-to-day decisions about where to eat, what to purchase or who to hire have been influenced by customer reviews, bloggers and other social media. It’s no surprise that students and their families turn to rankings as an influential metric in their college choice. That’s also good news for Newberry, because the College has rocketed up the rankings by U.S. News and World Report and other ranking organizations. Check out a few of the highlights:

*Out of 1,000 plus schools analyzed for the ranking.
1st Annual Palmetto Clarinet Festival

The Department of Music hosted the first annual Palmetto Clarinet Festival on Nov. 17, 2018, attracting clarinet enthusiasts from across the region to participate in workshops with guest clinicians, recitals and a clarinet choir concert. Guest clinicians were Robert DeLutis, associate professor of Clarinet at the University of Maryland and principal clarinetist of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, and Dr. Karl Kolbeck, associate professor of Music at Wayne State College and founding member of chamber music ensemble, Black Box Trio. “This is the beginning of a great tradition,” said Newberry professor of Music Dr. Barry McGinnis, who co-hosted the event with Zachary Bond ’12, music instructor and faculty artist with USC-Aiken. “We were pleased to bring musicians from across the region together for this inaugural event.”

Music Hosts New Piano Competition

The Department of Music hosted the first annual W. Darr Wise Piano Competition for students in grades 6-12. The competition is named in honor of Newberry Music professor W. Darr Wise, who dedicated 42 years of service to the college. Wise’s impact as a music educator is widespread through the work of his students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers as educators, performers and entrepreneurs. Fifteen middle and high school-age piano students participated in the competition in its inaugural year with first place winners receiving a cash prize. The second annual piano competition will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, with the winner’s recital at 5 p.m., in the Alumni Music Center.
And the Beat Goes On

There’s something to be said for a little uniformity — especially when it comes to marching band.

That’s why the Scarlet Spirit is on the march for new band uniforms. For the past year, Newberry has put renewed focus on marching band as an extracurricular activity to help students get connected and keep them motivated to remain in school and persist to graduation. You can help band members keep stepping in style by supporting their goal to raise $50,000 for new uniforms and related band equipment.

Your Gift is Music to Their Ears!

To make a gift to the Newberry College Music program, go to www.newberry.edu/giving and designate your gift for “Marching Band,” “Piano Competition,” “Orchestra Germany Trip,” or other area of interest in the comment box.

Newberry Musicians Invited to Perform in Germany

The Newberry College Chamber Orchestra (a college/community collaboration) and the Newberry College Singers have been invited to perform in Kaiserslautern, Germany, at the “Lange Nacht der Kultur” (Long Night of Culture) festival on June 15, 2019. The Newberry musicians will perform at the festival and related performance events earlier in the week in collaboration with the “d’acCHORD,” an a cappella vocal ensemble based in Kaiserslautern. Participating students, faculty and community members will depart South Carolina on June 6, 2019, for a 10-day tour of performances and sight-seeing in southwest Germany with support from their German hosts.
Explore Your Purpose. Engage the World.

Heading into its fifth year, the Muller Center continues to equip people across campus and beyond to explore the questions of meaning, purpose and service in the context of the College’s Lutheran liberal arts heritage.

“Our primary emphasis is vocation,” said Muller Center director Krista E. Hughes. “From this distinctively Lutheran ideal — that each person is called to use their unique gifts to make the world a better place for all — the other aspects of ethical and civic commitment flow.”

Student-centered programming is the heartbeat of the Center’s work. The Sojourners Initiative has grown into a three-year sequence that allows students to deepen self-awareness, strengthen leadership skills and create a unique student community.

Muller Research Fellows receive grants to research and implement civic projects. The program supported three students for the 2017-18 academic year.

A grant from NetVUE provides peer mentoring and support to strengthen vocational inquiry in the College’s first-year student programming.

A summer theological institute for high school youth, Called to the Common Good is funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. It gives youth in grades 10-12 opportunities to examine their faith and explore their own vocational insights. Details at www.newberry.edu/commongood.

The Muller Center also regularly partners with Newberry’s Office of Diversity Education. They developed an annual Religious Diversity Week and are jointly hosting “Coming Together for Newberry,” an ongoing campus/community conversation on interracial understanding in Newberry County.

For more information about the Muller Center, email muller.center@newberry.edu or contact Muller Center director Krista E. Hughes at 803-321-5215.
Preparing Students for College Success

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences last summer hosted the first cohort of students participating in the new Bridge to Big Ideas program.

The Bridge program is a two-week summer seminar open to rising high school seniors. Participants explore a range of issues concerning the communities we create and the values and ideas that serve as the foundation of our society. The intent of the program is to provide students with an academically rigorous college-like experience. Through lectures, readings, discussions, field trips and other activities, students will begin honing their critical thinking and writing skills, making them better prepared to contemplate complex issues as active and informed citizens in their communities. Dr. Naomi Simmons, assistant professor of Sociology, served as program director, aided by Newberry student mentors Mackenzie Swink and Caleb Lawrimore along with several faculty and staff guest presenters.

Donation for Mock Courtroom? No Objection!

The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences recently received a unique donation that is helping them beef up the environment for a Mock Courtroom. Crossroads Baptist Church in Columbus, NC, donated 12 oak pews, a lectern and railing, which Criminal Justice professor Cynthia Eshelman’s husband, Ryan, picked up and delivered to campus. The donated items were installed at the Rotary building (formerly Serenity Chapel) adjacent to the Center for Teacher Education. The installation now gives students a more authentic experience for Mock Trial activities.

Boar’s Head

A new restaurant joined Chick-fil-A Express on campus this fall in the space previously occupied by Jazzman’s Cafe in the Steele Student Center in Kaufmann Hall. Boar’s Head Deli offers a casual dining experience ... think classic deli sandwiches, salads, paninis, wraps and hoagies made-to-order.
Campus Celebrates Pearson Hall Dedication

Pearson Hall is named in honor of the late L. Wayne Pearson’71 and his wife, Patricia. The Pearson family gathered with the campus community on Nov. 3, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially dedicate the building. “Wayne would be extremely humbled by this honor, but I know he would be grinning from ear to ear,” said his wife, Patricia, about the new residence hall. “He always felt that Newberry College gave him the opportunity to be successful. We both want the students to take advantage of the opportunities at Newberry College and enjoy this new residence hall.”

Welcome to

New Campus Residence Opens For Fall 2018

Campus housing got an eagerly anticipated upgrade with the addition of Pearson Hall, the latest addition to the College’s eight student housing options.
Wayne Pearson gave generously of his time, talents and treasure to his alma mater throughout his lifetime. He served as an elected member of the Newberry College Board of Trustees for 15 years and was honored with trustee emeritus status at the completion of his final term. He was a member and president of the Newberry College Alumni Board of Managers and received the 2017 Thomas A. Epting Outstanding Alumni Award. Pearson was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Order, which inducted him into the Kappa Alpha Court of Honor in recognition of his long-time support of that fraternity. Pearson and his family gave generously to Newberry College throughout the years, supporting capital projects, academic and athletic programs and scholarships.
Faculty Fab Five

DR. JERRY ALEWINE
Chair, Department of Respiratory Therapy
Dr. Jerry Alewine was named the 2018 Leadership Practitioner of the Year by the South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care. The award recognizes up to three practitioners statewide whose work in either a clinical, educational or leadership role helps to elevate the respiratory care profession. Alewine developed the curriculum and led the 2017 launch of Newberry’s B.S. in Respiratory Therapy online degree-completion program.

DR. AMANDA HODGES
Associate Professor of English
Dr. Amanda Hodges was honored with the 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award by South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, which came with a $3,000 professional development grant. She also was selected by the Newberry College student body as the 2018 Professor of the Year.

DR. SUSAN LUDWICK
Chair, Department of Nursing
Dr. Susan Ludwick joins Newberry in the new year as the chair of the Department of Nursing. She’ll be taking the reins from Dr. Betsy McDowell who established and led the College’s nursing program until her retirement December 2018. Ludwick has a broad range of both clinical and academic experience and comes to Newberry from Charleston Southern University.

DR. JODIE PEELER
Professor of Communications
Dr. Jodie Peeler presented her original research on influential television programs at the Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention in Hunt Valley, MD. Peeler’s seminar, “Your Friends From Breakfast to Bedtime: NBC’s Today, Home and Tonight” chronicled the development of three programs that not only changed television programming, but also influenced program ownership and advertising philosophies.

DR. SARA PETERS
Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Sara Peters’ research on the use of sarcasm through technological communication recently garnered substantial media attention from the article, “Why is sarcasm so difficult to detect in texts and emails,” which she wrote for “The Conversation,” a blog site for academic writing. Her research explored why sarcasm can easily be misunderstood without the facial cues or vocal inflections of face to face conversations.

New at Newberry
We’d like to introduce you to two new staffers you might need to know:

CHRISTOPHER M. HARRIS
Dean of Enrollment Management
Chris Harris joined Newberry in August 2018 as Dean of Enrollment Management. He previously worked in similar capacities at University of Findlay, Lake Erie College, Hondros College of Nursing, MedCentral College of Nursing and Paul Smith’s College.

TANIKA L. BEARD
Registrar
Tanika Beard took the reins of the Office of the Registrar from Carol Bickley, who retired in May 2018 after 50 years of service to Newberry, including the last 35 as registrar. Tanika comes to Newberry from Paine College and previously served in the Registrar’s office at Voorhees College.
Butler Recognized For Improv Comedy

When the artistic director for Dad’s Garage, one of Atlanta’s most respected comedy theatres, announced the 2017 People’s Choice Improvisor of the Year, it took a few moments for Mandy Butler to realize he was talking about her.

“I was up against people like Amber Nash (FX series Archer) and I just assumed she would win,” said the Newberry College associate professor of Theatre and Speech. “It was my first year as an official member of the company at Dad’s Garage. That award is really special to me because it’s by audience vote.”

Mandy makes the drive to perform at Dad’s Garage nearly every weekend with her geriatric dog, Oliver Pupfriend, at her side. Neither of them minds the commute. “Performing is what I need at the end of the week,” she said. “Without that, I just don’t feel like myself.”

As a kid, Mandy always wanted to be a singer. Only problem? She can’t sing. The next best thing, she reasoned, was acting.

With a college Theatre degree in hand, Mandy embarked on her “Starving Actor” era. She moved to Atlanta, where she waited tables and drew on her background as a competitive gymnast to teach gymnastics and choreography.

She struggled to land the dramatic roles she sought. Sultry-voiced seductress types were the prevailing trend being cast at the time and Mandy neither looked nor sounded the part.

“I got lots of comedy offers that I rejected because I thought I wanted to be a Dramatic Actress,” she said.

One day, a customer where she was waitressing said Mandy was funny and asked if she had ever considered improv. That conversation changed the trajectory of Mandy’s career.

“With improv, the things I thought I needed to overcome turned out to be feathers in my cap,” she said. “I couldn’t turn away work fast enough.”

Soon after earning her MFA in Theatre Pedagogy, Mandy learned Newberry College was seeking a professor with experience in improvisation, choreography, directing and costuming.

Although she couldn’t sew a stitch, she landed the job and joined the faculty in 2012. She founded the College’s improvisation group, Lookin’ Sharp, her first semester on campus. She’s been nurturing the group and instilling the love of improvisation in her students ever since.

“With improv, there are no mistakes,” Mandy said. “It’s all an opportunity to just go with it.”
More than just a game

Newberry adopts esports as intercollegiate sport

It may not fit our traditional view of collegiate athletics, but esports – AKA competitive gaming, has quietly grown into one of the most popular team sports of the past decade. Now, gaming is coming to Newberry as an intercollegiate sport.

“Esports is showing exponential growth with high school- and college-age students and we believe it is a natural fit for Newberry College," said Newberry president Dr. Maurice Scherrens.

Esports experiencing worldwide growth

Competitive gaming appeals to a broad audience with leagues now being run at the recreational, collegiate and professional levels. In fact, interest in gaming is so widespread that ESPN added esports as one of its coverage categories in 2014.

Research by the Entertainment Software Association found that 150 million Americans play video games and 64 percent of American households have at least one person who plays at least three hours a week. The appeal of esports, however, is global. According to Newzoo, the gaming and esports market intelligence provider, there are 2.2 billion active gamers worldwide.

Likewise, the global fan base for competitive gaming has surged over the past decade, making it the fastest growing spectator sport in the world. In fact, substantially more people watched the 2017 League of Legends World Championship (106.2 million), reported The Washington Post recently, than watched this year’s Wimbledon, Kentucky Derby, U.S. Open 2018 and Daytona 500 contests combined (42.8 million).

Intercollegiate and rec esports at Newberry

Esports will launch as an intercollegiate sport at Newberry College for the 2019-20 season under the auspices of the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE). A recreational league will be offered concurrently for students seeking to compete more casually or to build up their skills to move into the intercollegiate ranks.

“Intercollegiate and recreational esports leagues formalize a structure that will help students connect with one another and with the campus – a big win for students in terms of influences that keep them in school and persisting to graduation,” said Dr. Sid Parrish, interim vice president for Academic Affairs.

As with any intercollegiate sport, students will earn a place on the roster based on their playing ability. Because they will be eligible to receive athletic scholarships, they also will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as any other student-athlete.

Esports teams compete in different leagues based on the specific games they play. Newberry will compete in “Overwatch” and “League of Legends.” Both are multi-player games in which players compete as a team against another college team.

“This is an excellent opportunity for Newberry to establish itself as an esports competitor,” Parrish said. “Not only will we attract a new segment of students to campus who are highly motivated and technologically savvy, these students will experience the benefits of team competition and strengthen campus connections.”

For more information about the Esports program, contact Michael Stamp, Coordinator for Recreational Programs, at michael.stamp@newberry.edu
And The Wolfie Goes To...
Sixteen Wolfies were awarded last spring to student-athletes, coaches and teams in recognition of their successes over the 2017-18 academic year at “The Wolfies.” The annual Newberry College athletics awards show was created in 2013-14 to recognize the year’s best performances in athletic excellence, perseverance, teamwork and service.

Other 2018 Wolfies Honorees

- Women’s Coach of the Year: Ciria Triplett (Softball)
- Men’s Coach of the Year: Howard Vroon (Golf)
- Women’s Team of the Year: Tennis
- Men’s Team of the Year: Golf
- W.L. Laval Senior Award: Valeria Newcomb (Women’s Soccer)
- Jimmy Villeponteaux Senior Award: James Stepp (Men’s Basketball)
- Billy Douglas Male Community Player of the Year: Xavier Hill (Basketball)
- Billy Douglas Female Community Player of the Year: Hannah Lepaio (Basketball)
- Individual Male Performance of the Year: Rob Valentine (Basketball)
- Individual Female Performance of the Year: Meg Essex (Basketball)

Athletic Hall of Fame 2018

Each year the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame honors alumni and coaches who have made a lasting impact on Newberry athletics. The 2018 class of inductees includes (pictured L to R): Anita Bulcher Covington ‘10 (Women’s Basketball), Maria Luz Besio ‘12 (Women’s Golf), Ben Lown ‘11 (Men’s Golf), daughter accepting on behalf of Steve Robertson ‘57 (Football Coach), Larry Dibiase ‘69 (Men’s Basketball Coach), Dustin Coats ‘00 (Football).
A Psychology major with minors in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Jamarcus wrapped up a stellar football career when he graduated in December 2018. He was a key contributor on a defensive line that ranked in the top 15 in the NCAA Division II and that led the SAC in passing defense, total defense and scoring defense.

Now, Jamarcus is on a mission to play professional football, whether in the NFL, CFL, arena or overseas. He knows it’s a long-shot, but he’s applying the same positive energy, laser-focused determination and strong sense of purpose that has fueled his success so far.

A record-breaking defensive end at Union County High School, Jamarcus was scouted by multiple high-profile Division I schools. Ultimately, they passed on him, pointing to his size. At 5’10” and 230 pounds, they considered him too small to be a college defensive end. He made it his mission to prove them wrong.

Jamarcus dominated as a defensive end with the Wolves from nearly the moment he stepped on the field. He broke the school records for both sacks (31) and tackles for loss (62), finishing his career ranked 31st in Division II history for sacks and 20th in tackles for loss. He also earned the coveted gray stripe for his helmet that identifies him as a team leader.

His strategy when things feel overwhelming? “I pray … daily,” he said. “I express my gratitude for what I have and ask God to stay with me and keep me on the right course.”

When he finally hangs up his cleats – whether next fall or after a pro football career, he plans to attend graduate school for psychology or social work or apply to medical school for psychiatry.

Jamarcus will take his shot at pro football. If Plan A (football) doesn’t pan out he’ll tackle Plan B with his characteristic blend of focus, positivity and gratitude.

“Regardless of whether football works out, I’ve always got that degree”, he said.

Jamarcus just wants his chance to prove that anything is possible.
2018 Alumni Association Awards

The Alumni Association proudly recognizes alumni and friends of the College each year for their service to the institution, the church and the community. Awards are presented during Homecoming Weekend at the Alumni Association annual meeting.

Students Celebrate College Milestone

Newberry students and their families gathered at the Dufford Alumni House during Family Weekend in October to participate in the annual Class Ring Ceremony, a demonstration of their love and loyalty for Newberry College.

Seniors Jay Salter and Hunter Berley were honored as the winners of the class ring essay competition in which they described what receiving a Newberry College class ring means to them and how they plan to serve their Alma Mater and community after they receive their degree.

Class Notes

1940s
Bill Dufford’s ’49 memoir, “My Tour Through the Asylum,” won a 2018 IPPY Award silver medal in the memoir category from the Independent Publishers Book Awards.

Clifford “Buddy” Hodge ’49 was posthumously inducted into the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 16, 2017.

1950s
At the age of 91, Ralph Moose ’50 still enjoys playing golf a couple of times a week, though he admits that, after 70 years, he’s still not very good.

Charles Berry ’53 enjoys golfing and senior league bowling. He and his wife, June (Ruthven) ’51, are the grandparents of nine and the great-grandparents of six.

The Rev. Donald E. Hanberry ’54 was recognized by Bishop H. Julian Gordy, bishop of the Southeastern Synod, in honor of his 60th anniversary of ordination into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament. The presentation took place June 1, 2018, at the Southeastern Synod Assembly of the ELCA.

Hubert Morris ’54 was inducted into the inaugural class for the Strom Thurmond Athletics Hall of Fame in a ceremony held on Sept. 21, 2018.


Olin C. Bishop ’57 retired in 1989 from Fleet Financial Services in Charleston, SC.

Linda (Unger) ’63 and Frank Yonce ’61 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 27, 2018, with family in North Myrtle Beach, SC. They met as students at Newberry College and were married July 27, 1968, at Faith Lutheran Church in Batesburg, SC.

James Hunter, Jr. ’64 retired in 2008 after 43 years with South State Bank, where he served as executive vice president. He lives in Orangeburg, SC, and enjoys golf and sailing on Lake Murray. He and his wife, Christina, have been married for 50 years. They have two sons, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Dr. Fred Schott ’65 lives in Santa Fe, NM, where he serves as president of the Richland Two Education Foundation recently honored Dr. John Hudgens ’60 for his 22 years of service, including 10 years as district superintendent. Under his leadership, Richland Two achieved the highest percentage of U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Schools in the nation for districts of that size. In recognition of John’s influence and impact, the foundation bestowed upon him the first annual Order of the Flame, an award established to recognize individuals who have represented the district with honor, humility and high moral standards.

1. Bill Dufford ’49
2. Dr. Fred Schott ’65

1960s
Milton Dufford ’61 was named Trustee of the Year by Regional Medical Center.

Carl Short ’61 was elected into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame during a ceremony on March 21, 2018.

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Rotary Club of Santa Fe and is a member of the Rotary District 5520 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee. He works with congregations as requested by the Bishop of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod, consulting with families and individuals as requested.

Ronald Redd ’71 was elected as Lay Member-at-Large to the ELCA South Carolina Synod Council in June 2017. He is currently serving as president of St. Stephen’s Lutheran Men in Mission and president of the Saxe Gotha Conference of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission.

Jill (Frommater) Richardson ’71 retired as a disability examiner from South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation. She has one daughter, Elizabeth Ward Sherman ’99, and two grandchildren who are very active in sports. Jill and her husband belong to Bachman Chapel Lutheran Church and spend their free time watching their grandkids play football, softball, baseball and basketball.

Ivan Hobbs ’72 still has fond memories of his four years at Newberry College. He enjoys keeping up with all Newberry athletic teams, especially baseball, which he played at Newberry from 1969-1972.

Col. Mark ’73 and Rita (Derrick) ’74 Hodges are enjoying retirement in Williamsburg, VA. They stay busy with friends, hobbies, church and eight nearby grandchildren.

Lt. Col. Tim Parkman ’73 recently retired after serving 24 years in the U.S. Air Force followed by 16 years with the U.S. Department of State. He and his wife, Donna (Garner) ’74, are enjoying retirement on their farm in Browntown, VA.

Bruce Fraedrich ’74 received the prestigious Award of Merit from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the highest honor bestowed by ISA. The award recognized his career of outstanding, meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals and practice of arboriculture.

Alois Lechner ’74 retired from BCBS of SC in April 2018.

Kenneth Tyler ’76 accepted a new job with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Southern Coast Real Estate in Charleston, SC.

Donivan Edwards ’77 is an affiliate professor of Education at Southern Wesleyan University and an adjunct professor of Education at Anderson University.

The Rev. Frank W. Anderson ’78 recently was called as the 37th pastor for St Michael’s Lutheran Church at 400 River Road in Columbia, SC. He served 13 years (2005-2018) at Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of South Carolina.

Norma (Lavender) Price ’78 retired after 35 years with the Newberry County School District and is currently an adjunct professor in the Newberry College Department of Teacher Education.

Damone Leaphart ’80 retired from Lexington High School after more than 35 years of service in the Sports Medicine department.

Sarah (Shealy) Dowd ’81 was named director of Financial Aid and Veterans Assistance at Trident Technical College in Charleston, SC.

Chris Miller ’81 was inducted into the South Carolina Football Coaches Hall of Fame at a ceremony held in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Dec. 7, 2018. He has won five state championships during coaching stints at Broome, Byrnes and Spartanburg.

Jim Lanier ’82 and his wife, Pam, have a beautiful daughter, Sydney, who has high spectrum Autism and brings pure joy and happiness to them every moment. Jim is the Creative Arts Pastor at Union Church in Avon Park, FL.

James Davis, Jr. ’83 was inducted into the Camden High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his work in the community. He is currently chief magistrate for Kershaw County.

Caroline Preacher Krueger ’62 was honored recently with the Come-See-Me Community Service Merit Award, which recognizes dedicated volunteers for their selfless service and commitment to helping others. Carolina has been the driving force behind the Oakland Baptist Church Ministry Center’s efforts to equip families in need with clothing, shoes and household essentials. She recruits volunteers, organizes donations, leads distribution efforts and coordinates with more than 15 local agencies serving families in need. She earns high praise from volunteers and clients alike for her patience, compassion and ability to make every client feel like a VIP.
Tony Lawton ’85 was named a commercial relationship manager with CountryBank.

Bart Dominick ’87 retired from the South Carolina Department of Transportation in June 2018. He currently owns Dominick Land Surveying and Triple D Farms, where he farms cattle and sheep. He and his wife have three children.

Carter Infinger ’87 serves as the chairman of the County Commission for Bryan County in Georgia. He previously served six years as commissioner of Bryan County District 4.

1990s
Kim (Poston) Tuten ’91 was named head girls’ basketball coach at Hannah-Pamplico. She replaces Nick Dixon ’13, who returned to his alma mater at Chesterfield High School.

Dr. Cassandra (Sligh) Conway ’92 recently had her book, “Faculty Mentorship at Historically Black Colleges and Universities,” published.

Tim Singleton ’94 was inducted into the Hilton Head Island Hall of Fame during a ceremony held on Sept. 7, 2018.

Larry Millstead ’95 was named Aiken Works lead for the Aiken County School District. Aiken Works is a community workforce development collaborative and community-wide informational and educational campaign led by Aiken County Public Schools and the Alison South Marketing Group. Aiken Works teams up with local businesses to prepare students for the workforce through authentic, hands-on, paid experiences.

2000s
Chris Copeland ’00 was promoted to vice president, senior compliance officer, with Bank of the Bluegrass in Lexington, KY.

The Rev. Lisa Hermann ’00 was named a Distinguished Alumnus in the First Decade of Ministry by Louisville Seminary, where she graduated in 2009. She recently accepted a position as staff chaplain for American Family Children’s Hospital in Madison, WI.

Kyle Richard ’00 was named senior vice president of sales and marketing with Allen Harim. He also is working to complete his MBA from Colorado State University.

Brett Wadford ’00 started a new position as director of Development for the Center for Heirs’ Property Preservation in Charleston, SC.

Lt. Col. Ken Furtick ’01 was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on Oct. 18, 2018, for his hard work and

Natalie Brady Reynolds ’02 had the unique and exciting opportunity to appear on season 15 of the NBC hit show “The Voice”. Her powerful rendition of “Barracuda,” the Rock classic by Heart, earned Natalie a place on Adam Levine’s team. Although eliminated from the competition in a subsequent round, the experience gave her valuable exposure to an international audience. Natalie is a well-established performer in music venues throughout her home base of Nashville, where she also juggles the day-to-day responsibilities of being a mom to her 8-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son.

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dedication to the U.S. Army. Ken is Aide-de-Camp to the 8th Army Commanding General. He and his wife, Kelly (Chapman) ’00, and their children, Andrew (11), Jonathan (9), and Owen (7), are stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea.

Bradley Adams ’03 was named head football coach at Woodruff High School, SC. He previously served in the same capacity at Georgetown High School and Union County High School.

Charlie Banks ’05 was named to Columbia Business Monthly’s list of “50 Most Influential” for 2017. He is currently with VentureSouth, an angel investment firm in Columbia, SC.

Janet Culbreath ’05 is the proud mother of a 10-year-old daughter, Myracle. Melissa (Thomas) Weathers ’06, and her husband, William, welcomed their new son, Amos Thomas, on May 21, 2018. He joins his big brother, Watson.

Wyatt Chocklett ’07 was named to the 2018 Tampa Bay Business Observer’s “40 Under 40” list.

Travis Howard ’08 was named Pacific Coast League’s Sports Turf Manager of the Year for the second consecutive year, becoming only the second person to win this award in back-to-back years. He is the head groundskeeper for the El Paso Chihuahuas, the AAA affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

Kiwanis Mitchell ’08 completed the Administrative Office Technology program, earning a Medical Office Specialist Certificate in May 2018, and began a Medical Coding program in fall 2018.

Karibbean Finkley ’09 is the proud mother of a beautiful daughter, Sanaa Boateng. Matthew Fogle ’09 is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in West Columbia. He and his wife, Lauren, welcomed a son, Hunter Harold, on Sept. 18, 2018.

Keith James ’09 accepted a new job as assistant director of Housing and Dining at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, ND, in July 2018.

Jessica Takach Corn ’10 recently accepted a position as assistant to the COO of Moondog Animation Studios in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Chelsie Hilbourn ’11 and William Tyler Skinner ’10 were married in Moore, SC, on July 11, 2015. Members of the wedding party included Jessica Reid ’10 and Jorge Santos ’11. Ty accepted a job teaching Social Studies at Woodruff Middle School where he also coaches cross country and basketball at Woodruff High School.

Dr. Shelby Chastain ’12 received her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering in December 2016. She is working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Colorado’s Anschultz Medical Campus in their department of Anesthesiology.

Justin Johnson ’12 was named head girls’ basketball coach at Hartsville High School.

The Rev. Gryff Carosiello ’13 married Rachel Witt on May 19, 2018, in Kingsport, TN. He was ordained as a full elder in the United Methodist Church on June 4 at the South Carolina UMC Annual Conference in Greenville, SC.

Lauren Culclasure ’13 and William Wilson were married on May 12, at Mayesville Presbyterian Church. She was escorted down the aisle by her father, Todd Culclasure ’86. Members of the wedding party included Amanda Darnell ’13 and Meredith Barfield ’13.

The Rev. Vern Kinard ’13 earned his M.Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in May 2018. He was installed as the new pastor at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Lexington, NC in July 2018.
Lauren Veres '13 married Eli Pinckney in Columbia, SC. Members of the wedding party included Ansel Trotter '12, Calley Potterbaum '13, Lauren Odom '12, Hannah Rohrer '14, Ariel Fox '13 and Missy Kelley '15.

Josh Brown '14 received his J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is an associate attorney at MGC Law in Florence, SC.

Parker Hollister '14 was named the Oak Pointe Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2018-19 and was one of five finalists for Lexington-Richland School District Five’s teacher of the year award.

Kaitlyn Hudson '14 was promoted to creative director for Complete Public Relations.

Jessica Thomas ’14 launched her career as a school counselor with the Aiken County School District in August 2018.

Andrew Smith ’15 is a sales executive with Kennickell Group in Savannah, GA.

Marcus Brown ’16 is a partner in The Junkyard, a new fitness training center in Anderson, SC.

Evan DeGrazia ’17 competed in his fifth Staal Foundation Open, a Mackenzie Tour- PGA Tour Canada event held in his hometown Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Cole Watson ’17 signed a contract to play with the Toronto Argonauts in the Canadian Football League.

Chase Austin ’18 was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Avery Shippy ’18 was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

In Memoriam

1930s
Harriet Bowers Bruner ’38, March 5, 2018
Sarah “Sis” Esther Boozer Hall ’43, August 5, 2018
Mary Layton Dickert ’43, January 18, 2018
Grace Morris Meynardie ’43, December 31, 2017
Edna Workman Ringer ’43, April 4, 2018
Rebecca Wise Fulmer ’44, March 20, 2018
Arnolda Kohnahrens Peterson ’44, March 9, 2018
Col. Katherine Irene Shealy ’44, January 3, 2018
Robert Leroy Shantz ’45, May 28, 2017
Mertice Elaine Dickert Summer ’45, October 19, 2018
Margaret Sligh Hawkins ’46, July 23, 2018
Arthur Peterson ’46, May 25, 2018
Alice Merita Benton Hammond ’47, July 26, 2017
Iris Jennings Rodelsperger ’47, August 15, 2018
Col. Robert Joseph Corley, US Army (Ret.) ’49, April 20, 2018
Joel McKellar Duke ’49, August 27, 2018
Clifford Padgett “Buddy” Hodge ’49, December 16, 2016
Dr. Frank C. Jones, Jr. ’49, June 14, 2018
James Everett Kinard ’49, May 4, 2018

1950s
Evelyn Schneider Brittingham ’50, May 5, 2018
Jason Melvin Jackson ’50, April 6, 2018
Dr. John Augustus Kluttz ’50, November 27, 2017
The Rev. Colie Edgar Lindler ’50, July 30, 2018
Martha Edith Counts ’51, August 9, 2018
William E. “Billy” DeHihns, Jr. ’51, April 12, 2018
Alvin Reginald “Al” Fister, Jr. ’51, April 11, 2017
George Stockman “Stocky” Richardson ’51, September 4, 2018
Dr. Doris Boozer Matthews ’52, January 4, 2018
Robert Roy Creekmore ’53, January 9, 2018
The Rev. David Timothy Robinson ’53, September 3, 2018
Winston Emory Coker ’54, December 2, 2017
William Russell “Richard” Whitaker, Jr. ’55, January 11, 2018
Dr. C.S. “Sam” Boland ’57, September 17, 2017
Valeria Louise Stuck Bowers ’57, March 28, 2018
Dorothy “Dot” Amick Dantzler ’57, April 4, 2017
The Rev. Hugh Wyman Dowd ’57, January 18, 2018
Mildred “Milly” Goddard McLauchin ’57, July 21, 2018
James Richard Sanders ’57, February 26, 2018
Heyward Fulmer Slice ’57, May 12, 2018
Paul Nichols Bedenbaugh ’58, January 6, 2018
William “Bill” Ervin Bradely ’58, January 30, 2017

Charles L. Oswald ’49, June 5, 2018

In Memoriam
Homer Melton “Mel” Eargle, Jr. ’58, October 18, 2018
Jonnie Sue Stone Emory ’59, February 9, 2018
Dr. James W. Jenkins ’59, May 2, 2018
Wendell Frank Price ’59, October 19, 2017

1960s
Frank Breland Miley, Jr. ’60, February 8, 2018
Dr. Jack Darrow Kinder ’61, November 10, 2017
Barbara Patterson Nuessle ’61, January 18, 2018
Kinard Michael “Mike” Stevens, Jr. ’62, January 5, 2018
Dr. Franklin B. Ashley ’64, October 17, 2018
Dr. George William “Bill” Koon ’64, October 3, 2017
Ernest Ray Gilliam, Jr. ’65, October 2, 2018
Raymond Leo Adams ’67, May 28, 2018
Raymond Patrick Merrick ’67, August 27, 2018
The Rev. Guy Hubert Shealy ’67, June 2, 2018
Doyle Edwin Yates ’67, August 27, 2018
Duncan Lee Wells, Sr. ’68, May 31, 2018
Dr. Thomas Pinckney Steele, Jr. ’69, August 12, 2017

1970s
David Stanley Gosnell ’70, September 22, 2017
Anita Lin Helmey Parker ’70, January 1, 2018
Lewis Wayne Pearson, Sr. ’70, March 15, 2018
Steven Edward Waites ’70, April 1, 2016
Sgt. Major Franklin Myron Berry ’71, January 6, 2018
Harriet Hendrix Easler ’71, May 19, 2018
Franks Charles Helgert ’71, December 28, 2016
Thomas Maxwell Stone ’71, October 19, 2018
Elaine Smith Story ’72, May 27, 2018
William “Bill” Green Irick, Jr. ’74, August 7, 2018
Joseph Earl Lee, Jr. ’74, September 16, 2018
William “Bill” Jennings Carter ’79, September 26, 2017

1980s
Robert Craig Pruitt ’87, July 18, 2018

1990s
Floyd “Dale” O’Dale Hargis, Jr. ’90, December 9, 2017
Virginia Ruth Aull ’93, January 6, 2018
John Nathan Cook ’98, November 15, 2018

2000s
Courtney Amanda Briscoe ’02, October 6, 2017

2010s
Kyle Carter Christian ’14, November 21, 2018

Attended
Charles Tillman Black, Sr., July 11, 2018
Charles “Pebo” William Dickerson, October 11, 2018
Stephen Ralph Fetner, III, November 2, 2017
Margaret Watkins Finch, June 3, 2018
Clara Ruff Gregory, September 18, 2017
Caroline Ravenel McBee, June 24, 2018
Jeffrey Alan Morris, November 24, 2017
Mitchell Antone Scrivens, March 6, 2018

Clara Jane Wagner, April 23, 2018
William Henry “Beau” Waters, November 13, 2017

Honorary Degree
U.S. Sen. John McCain, August 25, 2018

Faculty & Staff
William “Billy” O’Dell, Staff, September 12, 2018
Thomas Edward McDonald, Trustee, February 11, 2018
Scott A. Mills, V-12 Program, August 2, 2017
Sidney Clark “Orion” Pitts, Staff January 27, 2018
Col. William “Bill” A. Steiger, III, Staff, March 2, 2018

IN MEMORIAM
If you know of Newberry College alumni or former faculty and staff who have passed and are not recorded here or if you learn of others in the coming months, please let us know. If possible, provide a copy of the obituary or funeral bulletin to the Office of Alumni Relations.

PLEASE SEND CLASS NOTES, ADDRESS CHANGES & CORRESPONDENCE TO
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ALUMNI DIRECTORY UPDATE
The Newberry College 2019 Alumni Directory is scheduled to ship on the week of Dec. 20, 2018. Please allow 2 – 3 weeks for delivery.

Questions? Contact
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### Spring 2019 Events

#### JANUARY
- **WED 30**
  Faculty Piano Recital – Dr. Sarah Masterson  
  7:30 pm  
  AMC Recital Hall

#### FEBRUARY
- **MON 11**
  Faculty Piano Recital – Wanda Neese  
  7:30 pm  
  AMC Recital Hall
- **WED 13**
  Jazz Combo Concert  
  7:30 pm  
  AMC Recital Hall
- **TUES 19 – WED 20**
  Spring Theatre Production: Miss Julie  
  8 pm  
  Wiles Theatre
- **THURS 21**
  Heritage Society  
  5:30 pm  
  Smeltzer Hall - Summerland Room
- **SAT 23**
  Upstate Regional Science Olympiad  
  All Day  
  Campuswide
- **TUES 26**
  Guest Voice Recital – Jess Munoz, Tenor  
  8 pm  
  AMC Recital Hall
- **THURS 28 – SAT 2**
  Newberry College Jazz Festival

#### MARCH
- **SAT 2**
  Jazz Big Band Concert (Jazz Festival)  
  1 pm  
  Wiles Chapel
- **TUES 3 – THURS 4**
  Spring Theatre Production: Miss Julie  
  8 pm  
  Newberry Opera House
- **THURS 11**
  Wind Ensemble Concert  
  7:30 pm  
  Wiles Chapel
- **SAT 13**
  Jazz on the Lawn  
  6:30 pm  
  AMC Lawn
- **TUES 16**
  College Singers & Madrigals Concert  
  8 pm  
  Wiles Chapel
- **WED 17**
  Passion Narrative Chapel Service  
  10 am  
  Wiles Chapel
- **MON 22**
  Newberry Chamber Orchestra Concert  
  8 pm  
  Newberry Opera House

#### APRIL
- **TUES 2**
  Woodwinds/Vocal Showcase  
  8 pm  
  AMC Recital Hall
- **WED 3 – THURS 4**
  Spring Theatre Production: Miss Julie  
  8 pm  
  Newberry Opera House
- **THURS 11**
  Wind Ensemble Concert  
  7:30 pm  
  Wiles Chapel
- **SAT 13**
  Jazz on the Lawn  
  6:30 pm  
  AMC Lawn
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  8 pm  
  Newberry Opera House

#### MAY
- **THURS 2**
  John Bachman Founders Society  
  6 pm  
  Center for Teacher Education
- **Jazz Big Band Graduation Concert**  
  8 pm  
  Newberry Opera House
- **SAT 4**
  Spring Commencement  
  2 pm  
  Eleazer Arena

#### JUNE
- **SUN 9 – SUN 16**
  Called to the Common Good  
  High School Youth Theology Institute  
  For students currently in grades 10, 11 and 12  
  Details at www.newberry.edu/CommonGood  
  MullerCenter@newberry.edu OR 803.321.5215

Events listed are free unless otherwise noted. View the complete calendar of events at www.newberry.edu.  
Find sports schedules, scores and more at www.NewberryWolves.com

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**HOMECOMING 2019** - October 11 – 13  
Newberry vs. UVa-Wise

Class of 1969 (Golden Newberrian 50 Year Reunion)  
Class of 1994 (25 Year Reunion)  
Class of 2009 (10 Year Reunion)
Saying Yes To Change

These are the best of times for Newberry College and I hope we have captured the highlights of the past year in this edition of Dimensions. We are enrolling more students than ever, building new residence halls, retaining and attracting high quality faculty and staff and earning higher than ever results in national ranking reports.

Newberry is committed to creating the best possible learning environment for our students. We are making remarkable progress on our strategic priority to enhance the student experience in the classroom and in campus life. Intensifying our student-centered focus, we have embarked on an aggressive plan to improve our student persistence rate and to become a national leader in student success.

Today more than ever, the world needs us to follow the guidance of Micah 6:8 (NIV) to “act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” By doing so, we can bring about meaningful change. It will not be easy, but together we can change the world. We will do it one day at a time.

When creating change, we must acknowledge that some things are beyond our control or influence, which can feel unpleasant. We all want to be comfortable; it’s human nature. However, if we always remain in our comfort zone, we get lazy and stop learning. So, let’s agree to get uncomfortable.

If we are going to have an impact, we need to say “yes” to new things, even when it means doing something mentally, emotionally or physically challenging. By becoming vulnerable and opening ourselves up to new things, we gain a heightened awareness of the changes that need to happen. We will find the empathy and compassion that will lead us to action.

Change requires our full engagement. We cannot fool ourselves into believing we can make a difference just dipping a toe into the ocean. To make a lasting impact requires plunging feet first into the briny deep and struggling through the cold, rough waters. We end the struggle at the first sign of discomfort or inconvenience. Once we fully engage, we will not quit.

Change also requires the ability to (often repeatedly) absorb the emotional discomfort of setbacks, rejection and failure. We must press onward when others retreat and take a stand for fairness, equity and justice when the crowd prefers the status quo. We must never give up because we CAN make a difference.

During this most meaningful of seasons, let us be thankful for God’s love and the blessings of Christmas. Wishing you all the best in 2019.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maurice Scherrens
President
NEWBERRY COAST TO COAST

It’s official, Newberry College now has alumni in all 50 states!