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14 DECADES OF AMAZING, TRAILBLAZING

WOMEN

WHO SHAPED CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY





A SPIRITUAL VIEW

"So maybe we can't get closer to whatever plane Heaven exists on by climbing. But we sure can distance ourselves from those first-world diversions that take up so much of our time — something our team has been learning a lot about while navigating our work with Living Hope." — Campbell writer Kate Stoneburner, upon visiting Table Mountain near Cape Town, South Africa, with a dozen students from Campbell Spiritual Life during a mission trip to Living Hope Ministries in June. Read more about the trip on Page 54. | *Photo by Kate Stoneburner*



ABOUT THE COVER



Fuquay-Varina artist Amanda Dockery illustrated the 14 women featured in this edition of *Campbell Magazine*. A graduate of the Arts Institute,

Dockery earned her master's degree in Biblical counseling from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and has illustrated numerous books, websites and video games. Learn more about Amanda and her process for her Campbell illustrations — at magazine.campbell.edu and on the University's Instagram page.

COVER STORY

24 14 Amazing, Trailblazing Women who Shaped Campbell

This edition of *Campbell Magazine* pays tribute to 14 women — each representing a decade in the University's storied history — who helped mold Campbell into what it is today. From Campbell's first teacher (and eventual First Lady) Cornelia Campbell to respected longtime English professor Mabel Powell; trailblazing student Patricia Conway to the founding dean of the School of Engineering Jenna Carpenter, the University wouldn't be where it is today without their contributions. The Fall 2019 cover story features 14 illustrations from artist Amanda Dockery and vignettes on each woman spanning 132 years of Campbell history.

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Campbell Spiritual Life's relationship with the South African ministry Living Hope goes back a decade with students providing care and hope to underserved communities. *Campbell Magazine* writer Kate Stoneburner spent two weeks with a group of 12 students during this year's mission trip and chronicled not only how their presence helps these communities near Cape Town, but how the trip also provides spiritual growth for the students.

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As the nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of the moon landing in June, brothers Jim and Gaylord Perry remembered their own special night on the baseball diamond back in 1969.

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Mary Jane Thomas ('75) had always wanted to see New England in the fall. So when Campbell Passport offered a trip to New England last October, Thomas knew she had to take advantage of the opportunity. The Campbell Passport program, hosted by the Office of Alumni Engagement, organizes travel tours for Campbell alumni and friends, allowing participants to explore new places and cultures, while keeping them connected with fellow alumni and University faculty.

This ability to connect with other alumni brought Thomas several new friendships while on her tour of New England. Though she walked into the airport on their departure day knowing no one on the trip, it did not take long for what Thomas called "the Campbell connection" to take over.

In addition to newfound friendships, Thomas enjoyed seeing a new part of the country. She not only achieved her dream of seeing the beautiful New England autumn, Thomas also enjoyed several other sights, such as Martha's Vineyard and the Old North Church in Boston. The group then explored John Adams' home and went whale watching together.

Asked if she would encourage other alumni to participate in the Campbell Passport program, Thomas gives an emphatic yes. In addition to the trip being well planned and implemented, Thomas says it's a great option for those who want to travel, but do so in a safe, group atmosphere. "Life is short," she says. "So take advantage of experiences and opportunities and learn as much as you can."

Campbell Passport will take another trip in Fall 2020 to Oberammergau, Germany. The seven-day tour will include tours of Germany's world-renowned castles and monasteries, as well as a viewing of the "Passion Play," a five-hour musical drama that only happens every 10 years and follows the final week of Jesus' life. For more information, visit alumni.campbell.edu/benefits



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Learn more about the Office of Alumni Engagement's planned Presidential Tour to Oberammergau, Germany next fall by visiting alumni.campbell.edu/engage/events/ and clicking the Passion Play 2020 link or email Sarah Swain at swain@campbell.edu.



ED & MILLIE: The Spring 2019 cover story on Norman Adrian "Ed" Wiggins and Millie Harmon Wiggins looked much different in the planning room. The original idea was to tell the story of President Wiggins' legacy at Campbell, a legacy that spanned over 40 years. But an afternoon spent with "Miss Millie" (just months before her death) changed that plan, and for the better. It became a love story more than anything, providing insight about the couple that even those closest to them hadn't heard before. We're happy to report that Millie is featured once again in this edition as one of *14 Women Who Shaped Shaped Campbell* — Page 42.

'Ed & Millie' cover story sparks memories for Campbell alumni

To the Editor:

Your article about Dr. and Mrs. Wiggins [*Ed & Millie, Spring 2019*] was delightful!

As a student in Campbell's study abroad program in Cardiff, Wales, I had the wonderful opportunity to know *Miss Millie* on a very personal level. Several years after graduation, Dr. Wiggins invited my husband John to join the administration at Campbell, so we returned home.

Over many years, we were privileged to know these two very special people. Often, when Dr. Wiggins was traveling, Miss Millie would join us at our home for dinner.

Thank you so much for the lovely and insightful article about these dear folks. Campbell would not be as well respected and well known today if not for these two.

Your article was beautifully written and a true tribute. Thank you!

WENDY ROBERSON ('84)
Buies Creek, North Carolina

To the Editor:

Thank you for an excellent story and column on Norman and Millie Wiggins. Your description of Millie was perfect.

As a trustee, I came to love and admire Dr. Wiggins and his expertise in organization, management and promotion of Campbell. He was a close friend of my late husband, Roy J. Smith, executive secretary and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Roy was the only person I ever heard call him "Ed," and he always signed his notes to him "Ed."

It was so special to Roy and me that he drove through the torrential rain and hurricane to attend our wedding at Meredith College. He and Dr. Jerry Wallace (who married us) were the first people who we reported to after his proposal.

That's how important Campbell has been to us. Many thanks for all additional editions of the *Campbell Magazine*, which helps keep us abreast of our school.

CHARLOTTE COOK SMITH
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

To the Editor:

I received my *Campbell Magazine* recently, and I believe that your article, *Ed & Millie*, is Pulitzer worthy.

There is no Campbell University today without Dr. and Mrs. Wiggins. I am pleased to have his name on my diploma ('79) and to have served under him as campus minister. I even adopted a dog that Millie had rescued.

Thank you for reminding me of these two forces in my life. You told their story with grace and beauty.

DENNIS COLLINS ('79)

To the Editor:

I was privileged to attend Campbell when Norman and Millie Wiggins were our own president and first lady. They were such a beautiful couple and inspired so many of us. Prayers for their personal family and the Campbell family.

SANDY DOUGLAS
Thomasville, North Carolina

To the Editor:

Campbell has lost a monumental lady of class and elegance who always carried an abundant love for the orange and black. She will live on forever through our wonderful memories of her.


WANDA WATKINS ('80)
Campbell University

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

The 14 women featured in this Fall 2019 edition of Campbell Magazine represent more than 130 years of history. Let us know what you think of our list, or comment on any of our features and get published in our upcoming Spring 2020 edition. Email Billy Liggett at liggett@campbell.edu or write us at:

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The women who built Campbell

BY J. BRADLEY CREED

There is a man here who went to Campbell College and wants to meet you.

I hear this often during travels while attending receptions, dinners and alumni functions, but this wasn't Raleigh, Charlotte or Richmond. Kathy and I were on a cruise ship in the Inland Sea of Japan. It's a part of family lore and well known among friends that wherever I go, I usually run into someone I know or meet someone who knows someone I know.

It has happened on a train in the Cotswolds, walking down the cobblestone streets of Oxford, on a subway in Berlin, hiking on a wilderness trail in the Joyce Kilmer Forest and most recently, in the Grand Teton National Park this summer. Since coming to Campbell, I have widened the circle for making serendipitous connections. I am now bumping into people everywhere with Campbell connections.

This time, it was 7,000 miles away from Buies Creek. I introduced myself to the fellow traveler, an alumnus who graduated over a half century ago, and he told me his Campbell story. He must have sensed that I smelled an opportunity to ask for a donation to our capital campaign.

Before we got too deep into the conversation, he informed me that his wife, not he, was the one with the money in the family, and she wasn't a Campbell graduate. Then he added, "But if I had the money, I would pay for a statue of Miss Mable Powell. That woman changed my life."

I have heard similar testimonies to the power of this diminutive woman, who was a giant of an educator, and her fabled Blue Book, the contents of which are etched indelibly in the minds of generations of Campbell students.

In this issue of *Campbell Magazine*, we highlight and pay tribute to some of the women who cast their shadows and made their marks on our university. Some of them lived before our time, like Cornelia Campbell, wife of founder J. A. Campbell. Her last home, right over our backyard

fence, is now the location for the alumni office. Some say that J. A. Campbell was the dreamer, the visionary and the salesman, but Miss Neelie was the realist, the pragmatist, the one with the business sense for how things work, and who kept her husband grounded.

Dorothea Stewart Gilbert, another honoree now retired, is a living repository of information on all things Campbell, one whose dedication to this institution and love of history connects us to our past. Others featured in these pages, like Wanda Watkins, Borree Kwok, Melissa Essary, Faithe Beam and Jenna Carpenter, are still making contributions to Campbell every day. They are inspiring leaders and effective educators with whom I have the privilege of being their colleague.

I am writing this column on Sept. 23, which is Millie Wiggin's birthday. She passed away this past spring. Had she lived a little longer, she would have been 99 years old today. Her memory has surfaced several times in my mind, and I am grateful for her legacy and the privilege of knowing her.

When telling institutional stories, the narrative focus usually falls on the founders, or decisive turning points in the college's history, or the generous benefactors, or the lives and contributions of the presidents, but this issue is about the women who in their own way and time made Campbell what we are today.

Where would we be without them? These leaders and educators have been the heart and soul of the university we cherish.

May their tribe increase!

J. Bradley Creed



J. Bradley Creed
President
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MAGICAL MYTHICAL TOUR

YouTube sensations and Buies Creek natives Rhett McGlaughlin and Link Neal — a.k.a. "Rhett & Link" — filmed a portion of an upcoming documentary at Campbell University's main campus over the summer. The film will chronicle Rhett & Link's early years and will not only feature their memories of Buies Creek, but also the proper way to ride a camel in tandem. | *Photo by Billy Liggett*





RAVEN ROCK

Campbell professor led the charge for area's most unique natural attraction to become a state park 50 years ago



Robert Soots, biology professor and head of the Campbell biology department, was teaching a course on the natural history of invertebrates at Campbell in the mid 1960s when he first

became acquainted with what is now Raven Rock State Park. Soots needed a place outside of the classroom to teach the laboratory portion of the class, and the large tract of land just a short drive from the University suited his needs.

Seeking permission to access the area for his classes, Soots got to know some of the landowners. One — he called her “Miss Lizzy” — became a good friend. She lived alone on the several hundred acres she owned along the Cape Fear River, and she often had Soots and his wife, Sharron, over for meals.

When Miss Lizzy considered selling her property for mining, Soots asked her to consider learning what it would take to convert it into a state park. He researched the process at length and visited other nearby landowners, floating the idea and testing the waters. “Without exception,” Soots said, “everybody said they would sell their property for the state park if we could make it happen. I made it clear to them there was no guarantee I could accomplish this, but I’d try.”

Soots sketched out a plan and took it to the Harnett County Board of Commissioners,

showing them slides of the beautiful area and discussing the benefits of having a state park in the county. He went to every town meeting and every garden club, bird club and scout club he could think of to get people on board.

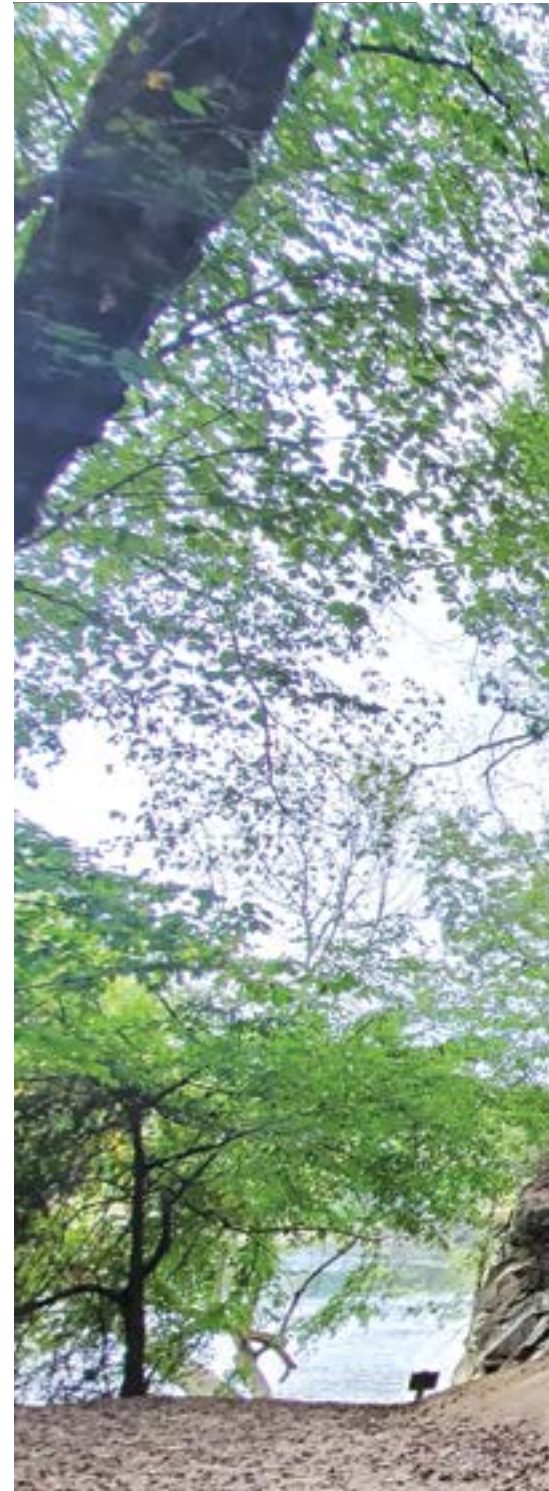
Following months of hard work, in 1969, Raven Rock State Park was created with the passage and adoption of North Carolina Senate Bill 495. Today the park, which covers 4,810 acres along the Cape Fear River’s banks, is a popular destination for hikers, campers, anglers and canoeists, drawing thousands of visitors every month.

To celebrate his vision and his work in creating Raven Rock State Park, Soots took part in an event celebrating Raven Rock’s 50th anniversary on Sept. 14. Several speakers were on hand to discuss the park’s history, and guests were led on guided tours of the park’s many trails — including the one that leads to Raven Rock itself — an immense crystalline structure rising to 150 feet and stretching for more than a mile along the Cape Fear.

Among those who organized the celebration was current Campbell biology associate professor John Bartlett. Of the man whose work helped create a state park and spare hundreds of acres from a potentially much different future, Bartlett was clear.

“I think Bob Soots is a hero,” he said. “He’s a visionary and he was way out ahead of his time on things.”

KATE STONEBURNER



RAVEN ROCK STATE PARK

The forest reigns as each year the timeless cycle of growth further heals age-old wounds inflicted by man. High above the Cape Fear River stands Raven Rock, its austere beauty a testament to the forces that have shaped the land. As the river below rushes to join the sea, nature’s elements continue to shape the surface of this natural monument. — stateparks.com



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The rock rises to 150 feet at its peak and stretches for more than a mile along the river. Originally called Patterson's Rock for an early settler who found refuge there when his canoe capsized nearby, its name changed in 1854, inspired by the sight of ravens that roosted on ledges.

4,684

In 1969, a bill establishing the park was passed in the General Assembly. More than 220 acres of land were purchased and another 170 acres were donated by Burlington Industries. Additional tracts have since been purchased, bringing the park to its present size of 4,684 acres.

400M

Raven Rock State Park sits along the fall zone, an area where the hard, resistant rocks of the foothills give way to the softer rocks and sediments of the coastal plain. The underlying rocks of the area were formed more than 400 million years ago by intense heat and pressure.

PHOTO BY KATE STONEBURNER



PHOTO BY BILLY LIGGETT

SEIZE THE MOMENT

New Director of Athletics Omar Banks saw a perfect fit at Campbell and sees a program ready to compete against the best in the nation

Omar Banks paused a few moments to take in the scene upon his official introduction as Campbell University director of athletics on June 25. Before a standing room-only crowd of orange-clad supporters in the lobby of the Pope Convocation Center, he began his tenure with three words.

“Wow. Wow. Wow.”



The former executive associate athletics director at Virginia Tech takes over a rising Division I athletics program coming off its first Sasser Cup honor (awarded to the overall top Big South program) since rejoining the conference in 2011.

Banks came to Campbell having served as chief financial officer for the 44th-largest collegiate athletics program in the nation at Virginia Tech, which saw an \$11 million increase in total revenue over 2017 and generated a surplus for the first time since 2015. Prior, he oversaw all aspects of a \$61 million athletics budget at the University of Cincinnati.

He said colleagues called him crazy when he decided to leave “corporate America” —

jobs at IBM and Fidelity Investments — for a business manager position at Hampton University in 2005, but shared how that decision eventually led him to Campbell.

“God had a plan for me, and I followed that plan,” said Banks, who credited three people in helping him through his transition. The first two were Ernest Jenkins Jr., his former boss at IBM and recently retired vice president at North Carolina Central University; and Craig Littlepage, former director of athletics at the University of Virginia. The third was Whit Babcock, who mentored Banks as director of athletics at both Cincinnati and Virginia Tech.

“They say it’s a compliment if someone hires you after they’ve worked with you. That

CAMPBELL CARAVAN: If you bleed orange and black, you don’t want to miss this opportunity for an exclusive meet-and-greet with President J. Bradley Creed and new Director of Athletics Omar Banks — 1:30 p.m. Oct. 19, at the Homecoming Alumni Village.

means you probably did a good job,” Banks said. “He brought me on at Virginia Tech, and he’s been my strongest advocate in propelling me into a leadership role in athletics. He’s a leader in this industry, a colleague and most of all, a friend.”

Banks said the three areas he’d like to focus on in his new role are getting the most out of the student-athlete experience, giving back to the community and being competitive in all programs.

“When student-athletes attend Campbell, we want them to learn to deal with success and failure, to develop time management skills, to relate to people from diverse backgrounds and different cultures, to demonstrate a commitment to athletic and academic success and to thrive socially,” he said.

In giving back to the community, Banks said sports has a way of connecting people from different social, economic, culture and religious backgrounds; and athletic departments have a responsibility to influence and connect with a community. “We want to share stories of our student-athletes in a manner that resonates with and moves people to engage and invest their time and resources into our athletes and their experiences,” he said. “We want that unique Campbell brand of ‘leading with purpose’ to be promoted locally, regionally and nationally.”

Banks said Campbell’s position in the Big South Conference exposes the school to some of the best schools in the country. He said this year’s Sasser Cup recognition shows the University has a strong foundation in place, and he said he wants to continue that momentum. “Let’s seize the moment,” he said. “That starts with the coaches we have in place. I’ll be connecting with each and every coach; we want to continue and build on the efforts and accomplishments of this past season.”

President J. Bradley Creed said Campbell’s five-month search for a new director of athletics led to a “very special person” in Banks. “It needed to be someone who supports and embodies Campbell’s distinctive mission, our Christian values and perspectives we know are essential for preparing students to make a difference through service and for leading with purpose,” Creed said.

BILLY LIGGETT



THE VIEW FROM HERE

Construction remains on schedule for Campbell’s long-awaited 110,000-square-foot student union, expected to be complete later this year and fully operational in time for the start of the spring semester in January. *Campbell Magazine* will dedicate a large portion of its Spring 2020 edition to the opening of the student union, from its many offerings — new dining options, a spirit store, movie theater, fitness center, ballroom and more — to the men and women (including students) who worked tirelessly to make the new facility a reality. Above, Randall Johnson, associate director of facilities management, gives a construction tour over the summer. *Photo by Billy Liggett*



FELLOW RESEARCHERS

Campbell launched its Student Research Fellows program in summer 2018 to offer financial and research support for student-driven projects that emphasize collaboration between undergraduate students and faculty mentors. The program returned for a second year this summer with six new students: Chloe Baumgardner, pharmaceutical sciences; Keitland Carter, music comprehension; Marina Maddaloni, clinical research; Amber Merklinger, communication studies; Peter Robbins, biochemistry; and Charlotte Wilmouth, pharmaceutical sciences. They’re pictured with Provost Mark Hammond and Professor Evan Reynolds. *Photo by Billy Liggett*

CONCERTED EFFORT

Construction at D. Rich is nearing completion for the Hobson Performance Center — a renovated auditorium expected to be ready for use by early November. The University will celebrate its opening with an inaugural concert on Nov. 14 featuring Campbell Wind Ensemble and Sandhills Wind Symphony, performing music written and conducted by renowned composer Jack Stamp. | *Computer rendering*







#PROHUMPS

Clemons lands NBA contract

The third-leading scorer in NCAA history has already made an impact at the next level.

Coming off an impressive run for the Houston Rockets during the Vegas Summer League, Chris Clemons signed an Exhibit 10 contract with the franchise in September — a one-year deal that guarantees Clemons receives a camp invite. If Clemons does not make the Rockets’ season-opening roster, he will have the option to play for Houston’s G-League affiliate in Texas.

Clemons — a four-year starter at Campbell and the Big South Conference’s all-time leading scorer — went undrafted in the spring, but signed a free agent deal with the Rockets. He wowed the Vegas League in June, outperforming most draftees. He averaged 20.8 points (fifth best), 4.4 rebounds and 2 assists per game. He’s projected to have a chance at cracking the Rockets’ deep line-up this fall.



 **CarolinaMudcats** Millbrook High School, Campbell University, Houston Rockets and Raleigh’s own Chris Clemons fired in a strike before a Mudcats game over the summer.



PHOTO BY BILLY LIGGETT

SERVICE | BERTIE COUNTY

Med students take mission mindset to underserved communities close to home

With 20,000 residents on 700 square miles, Bertie County is sparsely populated. There are no licensed ambulatory care facilities, no cardiac rehabilitation facilities and no licensed nursing pool in the county. And at last count, the ratio of residents to primary care physicians was 4,175 to 1.

Campbell medical students and staff spent a week over the summer travelling the county, setting up stations in six church fellowship halls and performing screenings to try to bridge the health care gap.

After collecting each patient’s name and information, students ran blood screenings for lipids, blood sugar and cholesterol, measured vitals and recorded each person’s height and weight. Their findings were run through a software program that estimates the risk of severe cardiac events based on each person’s test results. Students then printed out customized recommendations describing the lifestyle changes and potential medications that could help reduce their patients’ risk of health issues. The students were prepared with a list of the closest available health care providers in the area. At the last station, they worked with county health care representatives to counsel each patient, helping them

form an action plan and understand what information they need to give their primary care provider when they find one.

A service trip in rural North Carolina might not be as glamorous as one abroad for these students — they stayed in the small town of Edenton each night in order to get an early start on their health screenings tour each morning. But for first-year medical student Robert Gordon — this was the kind of trip he had in mind when he decided to pursue a career in medicine.

“This was one of the reasons I chose Campbell,” Gordon said. “We get involved in the community, which is exactly what I was looking for in a medical school. That’s what it’s all about.”

Vice President for Student Life Dennis Bazemore said that while Campbell University is not a service organization, it does provide service as a learning experience for its students. “This is good training for these students. If they can go to impoverished areas around the world to get this experience, can’t they do it here, too?”

Bazemore grew up in Bertie County, as evidenced by his expert pronunciation of local designations like *Ahoskie* and *Tuscarora*. For his family, rural eastern

North Carolina is home. Bazemore began working on Bertie County health initiatives to help serve underserved rural populations almost a year ago.

“Right here in North Carolina there are some very rural areas. One of them is my neck of the woods,” Bazemore said. “We can replicate what most teams do in Ecuador and Haiti with medical clinics and health screenings in rural areas around the world here in North Carolina where there is also a need.”

Rather than holding clinics in a community center, Bazemore and county leadership determined that by using Spiritual Life’s Center of Church and Community as a resource, Campbell was well-poised to partner with churches. Working with the county manager, he selected six different church fellowship halls to use as clinics.

While students treated patients, Brian Foreman, director of Spiritual Life’s Center of Church and Community, was on a mission to find out what Campbell can do for the area from both a spiritual and a neighborly perspective. The first stop on the health screenings tour, Indian Woods Baptist church, was older than Campbell itself, nearing its 150th birthday. Foreman saw areas where Indian Woods is making creative and innovative choices to support the health of their community. Instead of a typical Bible study classroom, an impressive makeshift gym takes up space in a room off the sanctuary. Treadmills, free weights, yoga mats and medicine balls, and other gym equipment is free for the community to use during the week. It’s an excellent alternative to the local YMCA’s \$30 monthly membership.

Foreman spent the day brainstorming ideas for how to improve upon Indian Woods’ initiatives with Campbell’s resources.

“At the end of the day, it’s all about community engagement and loving our neighbors,” Foreman said. “When we’re working this far from Buies Creek, our strength lies in engaging congregations and helping them use their assets to realize some of their hopes for the community.”

KATE STONEBURNER

CANINES IN THE CREEK

Campbell University celebrated International Dog Day in August by sharing photos of some of the cutest wet noses in Buies Creek on Instagram. Keep bringing your furry friends to campus, and tag us (@campbelledu) in your pup pics.



 [_sody_pop](#) Even my dog loves @campbelledu as much as me.



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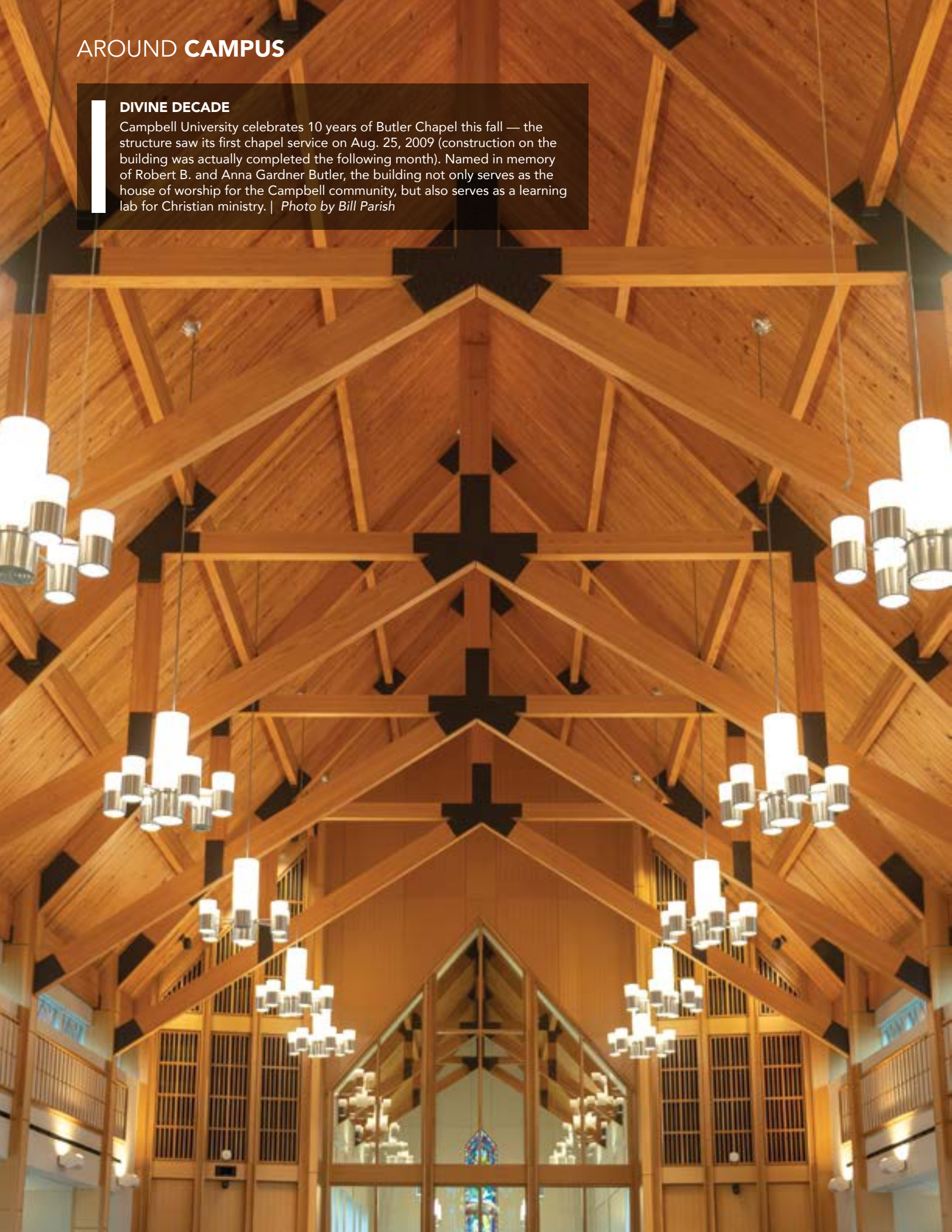


 [gocamelsswim](#) Big South Conference champion in the dog paddle.

AROUND **CAMPUS**

DIVINE DECADE

Campbell University celebrates 10 years of Butler Chapel this fall — the structure saw its first chapel service on Aug. 25, 2009 (construction on the building was actually completed the following month). Named in memory of Robert B. and Anna Gardner Butler, the building not only serves as the house of worship for the Campbell community, but also serves as a learning lab for Christian ministry. | *Photo by Bill Parish*





PHARMACY & HEALTH SCIENCES

Public speaking didn't always come easy for Campbell's top professor

All that stood between Michelle Green and her master's degree in physical therapy was the task of getting up in front of a group of professors and defending her thesis at a state conference in 1995. At the time, she would have preferred walking over hot coals.

"I wasn't able to stand in front of a group," recalls Green. "So I tried, and about halfway through it, I got nervous, stopped talking and ran off the stage. I couldn't complete my presentation. I was completely ineffective at being in front of a group and communicating to them. It was embarrassing."

The story makes where she is today all the more impressive. This spring, Dr. Michelle Green — an assistant professor of physical therapy in Campbell University's College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences — was the 2019 recipient of the D. P. Russ Jr. and Walter S. Jones Sr. Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence. The award is a culmination of nearly 25 years of hard work learning to not only overcome her fears of public speaking, but to also communicate effectively and personally with her students.

Only one month after she walked out of her conference, Green decided to tackle that fear head on. She signed up to teach an aerobics class at a local gym — and she admits she was horrible at it. But she kept at it, and by 2001, she had built enough confidence to teach a continuing education class. She says there

were a lot of failures along the way, but she made it a point to learn from evaluations that criticized her methods or pointed out that she wasn't connecting with her class.

"I looked at what was working and what wasn't working," she says. "It was a constant churning to make myself better at this. I wanted to connect with people and see where they were coming from. Why did they show up for these classes? What did they need from me? Were they learning? Were they having fun?"

"Having fun" was important to Green, because she's a believer that *fun* enriches a learning environment. She's learned to make her classroom not only a room for learning, but a safe environment where students can ask questions, make mistakes, be vulnerable and be OK with their lack of knowledge on a certain subject.

"Learning is a constant lifelong adventure," Green says. "And when I'm in a classroom, I'm teaching, but I'm also learning with my students. I'm right there with them — not behind a podium. Everything is hands-on, with lots of clinical reasoning. It's not just a cognitive profession — we spend a lot of time in our labs, practicing these skills.

"Nobody feels like they're on the spot. I show my failures, and they're able to share theirs. We all come together."

BILLY LIGGETT

MEDICINE

Student's study on essential oils gets published

A second-year student in the Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine is the lead investigator in a published study involving a potential link between the use of certain essential oils and abnormal breast growth in young boys and girls.

Tyler Ramsey spent more than two years as a lead researcher for the study, "Steroid Receptor Hormonal Actions of Lavender and Tea Tree Oil Components." The study found that breast growth in young girls and boys resolved after discontinuing lavender-containing fragranced products. It also determined that certain components of essential oils mimic estrogen and block testosterone, indicating that essential oils could be a source for the breast growth observed in these cases.

In 2018, Ramsey presented an abstract of his team's research at the Endocrine Society's prestigious 100th annual conference in Chicago and earned national media attention for the work. The finalized study was published nationally on Aug. 8, of this year in the Endocrine Society's *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*.



Leah Whitt Jarvis ('11, '14) was the special guest for the 50th episode of Campbell's Rhymes With Orange podcast this fall. Jarvis, who runs her own marketing company, was an original host of the show when it launched in September 2017.



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DIVINITY SCHOOL

A true friend and neighbor

Divinity professor dons red sweater, sneakers for spiritual lesson dedicated to his real-life friend and inspiration, Mr. Rogers



Professor Tony Cartledge met Fred Rogers for the first time in his empty television studio in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The set was stripped down and taping was finished, but as they sat in his office and talked after months of letter-writing, Cartledge knew Rogers was the same kind neighbor in real life as he was on air.

“I wish everyone could know what it feels like to be hugged by Mr. Rogers,” says Cartledge. “He was a beautiful example of pastoral care from one human being to another.”

College students today did not grow up with Mr. Rogers, but Cartledge is teaching them about his legacy with a talk he calls “Lessons from the Neighborhood,” originally written for a Thanksgiving service in Butler Chapel



Rhymes With Orange: Professor of Old Testament for Campbell Divinity School Tony Cartledge shares the story of how a family tragedy led to a friendship with Fred Rogers and how that friendship helped him through difficult times. [Download podcast at iTunes](#)

and delivered at several churches in the area. The response has been uniformly positive, particularly for those who watched the show with their children.

To bring Rogers to life for those who do remember him, Cartledge sings “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” while exchanging his suitcoat for a red sweater, sits down on a bench and changes his shoes — never quite as quickly as the man himself, he says — and teaches a lesson on love and what it means to be thankful.

“That iconic introduction was simple, stable and slow, which is exactly what children needed to settle down and truly understand,” Cartledge says. “I always

explain to the audience that I’m not pretending to be Mr. Rogers, but he was a good friend of mine.”

That friendship began in 1994 when Cartledge and his seven year-old daughter Bethany were involved in a tragic motor vehicle accident. Bethany died and Cartledge was seriously injured, spending several weeks in recovery. To process his grief, he borrowed a laptop computer (a rare commodity at the time) and wrote letters to people who had been especially influential in Bethany’s life. One of those people was Mr. Rogers.

Cartledge’s letter thanked Rogers for the programming that taught his daughter

about self-esteem and contributed to her positive attitude toward life. He never expected more than a form letter in response. But about a week later, Cartledge got a phone call from Rogers, who spoke to him for about a half an hour and asked him to “call him Fred.”

“He showed a lot of care, promised to pray for me and asked me to pray for him and said he wanted to stay in touch. I took him seriously.”

As he wrote and processed his grief, Cartledge would send poems and essays to Rogers, who always wrote back with a personal note and a compliment — “so I’m not sure he always told the truth,” Cartledge says — and when Cartledge headed north to attend a meeting, the two met for the first time in person.

They met again when Rogers gave a commencement address at NC State in 1996. Cartledge still remembers seeing Rogers leave his table at the luncheon to speak to a small child who was peering through a window to get a glimpse of his television hero. He and Cartledge kept up their correspondence until the year Rogers died. Cartledge still treasures his letters and notes, which were always written in a teal flair pen.

Today, Mr. Rogers is making a comeback in documentaries and an upcoming film starring Tom Hanks. Cartledge isn’t surprised that the soft-spoken man’s popularity is rising again after the last episode aired in 2001.

“We have become so divisive and so polarized. It is so hard for anyone to have civilized debate anymore,” he says. “We choose up sides and don’t even want to talk to someone on the other side. Sometimes I try to imagine how Fred would address that. I’m sure he could find gracious words even for people that I can only shake my head at.”

Cartledge will continue to deliver his message, “Lessons from the Neighborhood” in honor of Rogers’ legacy. “I think he’s a symbol of a more civil time and of the kind of person we need more of. We need more people like Mr. Rogers.”

KATE STONEBURNER



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHENOA SHELTON

TIME TRAVEL

Student goes back to basics while interning as 18th Century pharmacist

Fourth-year pharmacy student [Chenoa Shelton](#) completed a unique advanced pharmacy practice experience rotation in Colonial Williamsburg over the summer and shared her story.

One of my hobbies includes participating in Revolutionary War living history events across the state of North Carolina. When I heard about an advanced pharmacy practice experience elective at Colonial Williamsburg, I knew I had to learn more. This history-focused rotation only accepts two students each year. Campbell coordinated with the onsite preceptor, Robin Kipps, and I became the third student selected to learn more about the history of pharmacy.

The apothecary building where I spent my rotation was built on the original 18th Century foundation, and is the same dimensions and layout as the original shop. The employees and volunteers portray the life of an apothecary in the 1770s. Robin Kipps (pictured) and her colleague, Sharon Cotner, have been studying 18th Century medicine and pharmacy for over 30 years.

During my rotation, I dressed in 18th Century clothing. My experience was significantly focused on the “business” and social aspects of pharmacy. I was able to read original pharmacy compounding books, letters from the apothecaries to their supply companies and local newspaper advertisements for the shop.

It was very interesting to immerse myself in the history of pharmacy as well as educate the guests. My preceptor and I engaged guests in the shop by sharing facts about the beautiful and original apothecary jars.

Our favorite thing to do was compare 18th century pharmacy to modern day pharmacy. Pharmacists then were referred to as doctors and could see patients and prescribe medications just like physicians. Physicians were trained at universities in London and Europe, and apothecaries were trained to diagnose, compound and perform surgery through a seven-year apprenticeship. Some were even midwives. There were no pharmacy schools at the time, and only one recorded female apothecary in colonial America (and she happened to be married to an apothecary).

One of my favorite medications to show to visitors was the “cardiac troches.” This consisted of ground oyster shells, chalk, sugar and nutmeg. These contain calcium carbonate and are like today’s antacids.

This was an amazing experience, especially for someone who has an interest in this time period. One of my favorite things was learning the motto of an apothecary from a source written in 1747 — *Opiferque per Orbem dicor*, or “I am called for help throughout the world.” This phrase really stuck with me, and I feel like it shows the value placed on the pharmacy profession, even 250 years ago.

— FULL TRANSCRIPT AT [BLOGS.CAMPBELL.EDU](https://blogs.campbell.edu)



MUD PRIZE

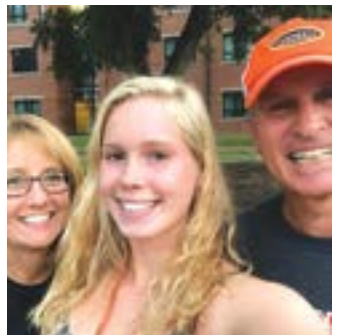
The traditional mud volleyball tournament to close out Welcome Week was cut short this year because of storms, but that didn't stop this team from taking a dive into the pit after their win. See more images from the first week of the 2019 fall semester on the following spread. | *Photo by Bennett Scarborough*






Welcome Week 2019 saw an incoming class of 950 freshmen who came to Campbell from 35 states. Academically, the Class of 2023 is the brightest freshman class to date, with the highest average entering ACT and SAT scores. | Photos of Move-In Day, the Welcome Back Party, Freshman Medallion Ceremony and the Welcome Week Glow Party by Bennett Scarborough and Bill Parish





 [mckenziebnaylor](#) Dorm sweet dorm.

 [realjamesking](#) I'm officially attending Campbell University! How the hand of God has moved to get me here is nothing short of amazing. [#Campbell23](#)

 [t_wright16](#) Officially hitting the books. The maturation process has been a blessing to watch from the front row. This dude is going to do great things.

 [bebo_hokie](#) Family selfie at the Creek before we head home with our daughter starting her freshman year at Campbell University. [#rollhumps](#)



14 DECADES OF AMAZING, TRAILBLAZING

WOMEN

WHO SHAPED CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY





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CORNELIA CAMPBELL

FROM STUDENT TO LEADER, THE TRUE CAMPBELL MATRIARCH

On the first day of classes, Jan. 5, 1887, an 18-year-old Cornelia Pearson entered the schoolhouse doors of Buies Creek Academy as a student and was immediately put to work as a teacher.

She was asked to take charge of the youngest of the children, schooling them alongside J.A. Campbell, the academy's founder. From that day on — until the day he died in 1934 — she would be by his side, teaching, praying, planning and directing. Cornelia quickly rose from teacher to assistant principal and business manager, and became Mrs. J.A. Campbell in 1890.

Cornelia Campbell spent the next few decades of her life supporting the Campbell community through the uncertainty of the early Buies Creek Academy days. With a calm and reserved disposition, she faced down the crises of the early years, including a fire that burned campus to the ground in 1900, a food shortage and financial insecurities. She labored daily behind the scenes, working night and day to provide vegetables and fruits from the farm for the meals served in the dining room.

When students had nowhere to live on campus, Miss Cornelia, or “Miss Neelie,” as her neighbors affectionately called her, opened her home for them to stay with the Campbell family.

Cornelia Campbell was an avid reader who reportedly could come across a book in her home while cleaning, open it up to skim through it, put the dust cloth or broom down and read the entire book in one sitting before returning to her task. She moved into a house across the street from Campbell's main campus after her husband's death in 1934. That house is now home to Campbell's Office of Alumni Engagement and Office of Annual Giving, and formerly housed the Home Economics department, honors students, and undergraduate admissions.

Without her hard work, resourcefulness and hospitality in the early days of the University, it is difficult to know whether those offices would even exist today.





VIRGINIA KIVETT

HER SACRIFICE MEANT THE ACADEMY WOULD LIVE ON

Virginia Kivett was 15 when she left home with her father and three older brothers — she was one of 11 children in all — to rebuild Buies Creek Academy brick by brick after a fire wiped out the small school in December 1900.

The story of Z.T. Kivett's heroic gesture has been forever etched into Campbell University lore, but the sacrifices of young Virginia deserve equal billing. Her contributions began by going door to door throughout Harnett County asking for nickels and dimes to pay for the bricks that would one day become Kivett Hall. When she and her brothers joined their father on the other side of the Cape Fear River to begin construction, they first built a small shanty that would become their home for the next 24 months.

Virginia's teenage years were spent cooking and caring for the boys (not just her family, but the entire camp), cleaning their makeshift home and sleeping on what amounted to wood planks. She only saw her mother and younger siblings on Sundays — there's was a household of open affection, and it was difficult for young Virginia to be apart from them for so long. She worked tirelessly and just as hard as the men for the other six days.

But there was reward in her sacrifice. While her brothers were forced to stop attending school for the two years that they worked, being so close to the campus meant Virginia was able to continue her education with school founder J.A. Campbell, his wife Cornelia and the other teachers who remained.

She graduated from Buies Creek Academy in 1907, four years after the completion of Kivett Hall, which today remains Campbell University's oldest and most iconic building and a visible testament to the school's motto, *ad astra per aspera* — “to the stars, through difficulty.”

Following graduation, Virginia's contributions to her school continued. She taught elementary children at Buies Creek Academy for the next 20 years, and she remained an active alumna, friend and advocate of the school all the way up to her death in 1966 at the age of 80.

GLADYS STRICKLAND

TRUSTED CREEK PEBBLES ADVISOR AND MASCOT NAMESAKE

She was among a trio of professors who joined the newly named Campbell Junior College in the 1920s — author J. Winston Pearce once wrote, “[Their] work and influence were so great that thousands of students would find it forever impossible to think of the school without thinking of them.”

But Gladys Strickland’s relationship with the school started much earlier as a Buies Creek Academy student from 1914-1920. She returned home and joined the staff in 1925 after earning her degree from Meredith College and taught French, English and journalism for 28 years until her marriage and subsequent retirement from higher education in 1953.

Sporting her signature spectacles and Marcel wave bobbed hairstyle, Strickland was said to be a hard taskmaster in the classroom, but she brought to her teaching a charm, enthusiasm and deep belief in the value of education that was contagious with her students and fellow faculty members. She knew her students as individuals — understood their strengths and weaknesses and dug deep to bring out their potential.

It was written that “sacrifice” was her hobby; her students her first love.

Nowhere was her guidance and dedication more evident than with her journalism students who ran the *Creek Pebbles* newspaper during her tenure. For a small, private school tucked away in rural North Carolina, *Creek Pebbles* was a beacon of solid, balanced journalism that served as the running journal of an era of considerable growth and important history for the school.

Many of her students went on to successful careers in communications, and many credit her with their success.

She became Gladys Satterwhite with her marriage in 1953 and moved to Oxford, North Carolina, where she taught high school until her “official” retirement several years later. Over the next 42 years, until her death in 1995, she remained close to Campbell. Her impact was so great and her name so memorable, the school named its short-lived female camel mascot Gladys in the late 1980s. Gladys the mascot made her triumphant return in 2019 — further continuing the legacy of the woman who made her mark on Campbell University over a century earlier.



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MABEL POWELL

UNDERDOG WITH A CONTAGIOUS PASSION FOR GRAMMAR

Burgess Marshbanks — a 96-year-old living, breathing encyclopedia on all things Campbell University related — speaks for generations of alumni who learned proper grammar from the legendary Mabel Powell. “If you’re going to build a monument to any woman on this campus, build it to her.”

Hers is an underdog story unlike any other in the school’s 132-year history. Diagnosed with a serious spinal illness as the age of 5, Powell’s doctor told her family she probably wouldn’t survive it, and if she did, she’d most certainly never walk again.

She did survive it, though her childhood and early adulthood meant wearing heavy braces on her back and legs and sleeping on a steel bed to keep her spine straight. The illness returned in 1918, when she was just 24, and doctors again gave Powell very little chance to survive. Not only did she live, but she got better. Powell was walking within a year, and her newfound health inspired her to finish her education. She earned degrees from Georgetown College in Kentucky and later UNC Chapel Hill.

She was 30 years old, stood just under 5 feet tall and weighed 84 pounds when she began pursuing a career in teaching. Despite her academic prowess, Powell’s applications were all rejected. The reason for each was the same: “Unfit for the rigors of classroom teaching.”

Campbell President J.A. Campbell took a chance in 1924 and hired Powell to teach English and Latin. She would remain at the school for the next 43 years. Her impact is well documented. A stickler for proper grammar, Powell authored “Outline of Fundamentals of English” — a famous little powder blue book that remained in Campbell English classrooms long after her retirement.

She was dedicated to her profession and to the school that gave her a chance. She worked for very little money in those early years and took as little as \$30 a month during the Great Depression so the school could afford to stay afloat. When President Leslie Campbell brought his 19 faculty members into his office in 1935 to suggest the school close for the spring semester because of financial troubles, it was Powell who stood up and declared that those 19 would die first before letting their school perish.

Leslie Campbell would later say of his friend, “Who can doubt that this great teacher of queenly character was divinely directed to Campbell College in our time?”

BERNADETTE WOODLIEF HOYLE

ACCLAIMED BIOGRAPHER BROUGHT EARLY CAMPBELL HISTORY TO LIFE

Described as one of North Carolina's top-flight newspaper-women and press photographers, Bernadette Hoyle penned the biography of J.A. Campbell that has kept his and the school's history alive for future generations. A central figure in the literary life of North Carolina, she was an award-winning author, photographer, publicist and journalist.

Hoyle was widely respected by the working press of North Carolina for her knack for interviewing and reporting skills. She was equally at home at a wreck, a murder trial, a hurricane or a wedding. She covered events of national importance, ranging from presidential campaigns to the "Miss America" pageant, and interviewed numerous celebrities, including Margaret Truman, Eleanor Roosevelt and Ava Gardner. Hoyle was a member of the North Carolina Press Women, the Carolinas Press Photographers Association, the North Carolina Writers Conference and the Smithfield Women's Club.

Far from being placed the "stuffy research" genre, her writing style brought men and women to life. Some of Hoyle's best friends were also writers, and she introduced thirty-five of them with her words and her camera in her 1956 book, "Tar Heel Writers I Know." As a biographer, Hoyle was never content to just set down facts. She let her subjects talk freely and caught their personalities in her work.

Hoyle recorded details of Campbell University's founding family that are still recalled today. Cornelia Campbell once told Hoyle that her husband had a playful spirit and "the saving grace of good humor." The statue of J.A. Campbell in front of Kivett Hall takes on a new personality when students read that once in a blue moon, Campbell would shave his mustache "just to see what people would say ... for he'd worn it so long that he looked strange without it." Thanks to Hoyle, we know that when J.A. Campbell sat in shock after the campus burned to the ground in 1900, Z.T. Kivett encouraged him to persevere and rebuild.

Hoyle was called "a remarkable woman ahead of her time." She served as director of public information for the State Board of Public Welfare and later for the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities. She also served as writer for the North Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee. There was no greater fan and supporter of North Carolina's writers, whether published or aspiring.



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DOROTHEA STEWART-GILBERT

DO-IT-ALL FIXTURE ON CAMPUS AND KEEPER OF SCHOOL HISTORY

Some of Dorothea Stewart-Gilbert's earliest memories are stories from her grandfather, who drove a buggy for Campbell's founding family in the University's first years. A Buies Creek native, she was born about a mile from main campus and is perhaps the only woman of Campbell who has known all five university presidents.

Dorothea attended grades second through seventh in the 1930s in the Kivett Building at Campbell, and then high school in the D. Rich Building, which stands just a few feet away. She graduated from Campbell Junior College in 1946 before earning a bachelor's degree in English at Western Carolina.

Her teaching career began two years later at Buies Creek High School, where she made \$150 a month teaching English, French, world history and first aid; coaching basketball and football; directing two plays a year; and planning all graduating activities.

She became an instructor at Campbell Junior College in the 1960s and went on to teach for 32 years before serving as curator of the Lundy-Fetterman Museum & Exhibit Hall. Under her direction, the museum dropped its ropes and allowed guests to touch and feel the pronghorn antelope, goitered gazelle, Persian ibex and blue marlin on display for the first time. She agreed to allow a group of local students up-close contact with the animals — strictly forbidden for guests — if they agreed to simply bring their own gloves.

As a Campbell student before World War II, Dorothea lived with regulations unheard of on campus today. Church attendance was required, and Dorothea and her peers had to sign out before they could leave the dorm, making sure that they were properly attired in hats, gloves and high heels.

Her memories of Cornelia Campbell and other figureheads of early University history have been vital to historical projects at Campbell, and her recollections of life at Campbell then and now are invaluable in recording Campbell's story and preserving its traditions.

DIAMOND MATTHEWS

STEADY RIGHT HAND FOR THREE CAMPBELL PRESIDENTS

Campbell Junior College put Diamond Matthews to work when she was just 17 years old. It was late in the spring semester of her first year of junior college when President Leslie Campbell offered Matthews a job in his office, based on a glowing recommendation of her English skills from her professor Mabel Powell.

That began a life of service for Matthews — over 65 years — to three Campbell presidents and hundreds of students.

She had quite a learning curve when she began working as secretary — she became so discouraged, in fact, she tried to resign three times. Each time, President Campbell would tell her to keep up the good work. Matthews worked alongside him for 23 years.

She has the distinction of being the first summa cum laude graduate after Campbell received senior college accreditation in 1965. She was also the first and longest-serving secretary to Campbell's Alumni Board of Directors, assuming that duty in 1959.

As a student, Matthews saw firsthand the many changes the school underwent after WWII changed the landscape. In her time, students received military training “just in case” of drafting or invasion. She could remember swinging on ropes and scaling fences ... and slipping and falling once or twice, too. When the veterans returned home, they played an important part in liberalizing some of the rules at Campbell. She joined them in the vanguard of those who wanted to bring dances to campus. Eventually, square dances were allowed in Carter Gym, then other more formal affairs came later — a real triumph, according to Matthews.

One of the great highlights of her career was seeing the University achieve accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Matthews spent long hours preparing materials for President Campbell to present in Atlanta, working day in and day out on the accreditation application. The night he returned from the presentation, the entire student body was waiting on the train station platform at 2 a.m. for the news that the University was accredited. Matthews, of course, celebrated with them.

She continued to work as an assistant to presidents Norman A. Wiggins and Jerry Wallace for many years after Campbell was accredited, eventually receiving the Alumni Life of Service Award for her dedication.





PATRICIA CONWAY

TRAILBLAZER WHO RETURNED TO FINISH HER CAMPBELL STORY

Patricia Oates Conway's first Campbell memory was in the summer of 1968, sitting outside of Norman A. Wiggins' office while her high school counselor, the Rev. Roger White, spoke to the new Campbell president about her enrollment in his school. When White walked into the waiting area where Conway sat, he looked her in the eyes and smiled.

"You're a Campbell student."

That year, she and two other students — Cordell Wise and Marquiette Lawrence — broke the color barrier, becoming the first black students in Campbell's 90-year history.

When President Wiggins asked her counselor what Conway had to offer Campbell, the reverend's response was, "A better question: What can Campbell do for her?"

She did have something to offer Campbell — her voice. A music major, Conway joined the travelling choir as a freshman and built strong friendships in the previously all-white group. She has positive memories of her concert trips and the friendships she made in her group.

But being a trailblazer didn't come without a price. She endured racial slurs and was once refused service in a restaurant because she was sharing a booth with a fellow male student who was white — the waitress thought they were a couple.

Conway didn't make it to graduation — she left after two years in 1970 for the "bright lights of Baltimore," as she put it, to find her self and start a new life.

But her Campbell story doesn't end there.

She returned to her hometown of Clinton, North Carolina, in the 80s to be near family. All three of her children grew up and went to college, and as adults, they began encouraging their mother to finish what she started and earn her degree. But it took a chance meeting with the man who introduced her to Campbell the first time — the Rev. White — to convince her to do it. "They owe you an education," he told her.

Conway earned her degree in communication studies in May 2017, finally closing the book on an important piece of Campbell University history.

MILLIE WIGGINS

WORKED WELL BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF FIRST LADY

Just months before her death at the age of 97, Millie Wiggins shared the story of how she met Campbell's third president, Norman Adrian Wiggins. She went back 72 years to January 1947, the first day of spring classes at Campbell Junior College. On this freezing winter day, her class huddled around the lone radiator in her Kivett Hall classroom.

That's where she first saw Ed — she called him “Ed” because he was one of two Adrians in the class, and the other got to keep the “A” — he was handsome and much taller than his classmates (thus, easily noticed). “My friends told me later that he asked everyone, ‘Who is that girl?’”

Millie Wiggins would marry her Ed just a few years later, and the two would go on to earn graduate degrees at Wake Forest and later Columbia University in New York. In 1968, Norman Wiggins accepted the leadership role at Campbell, and Millie soon became matriarch to the school she grew up next to in her hometown of Coats.

From the law school and library that bears the Wiggins name to the launch of the nation's first new pharmacy school in 40 years, an ROTC program, a business school, a school of education and a divinity school — the Wiggins oversaw unprecedented growth at Campbell, even ushering its transformation from a college to a university in 1979.

For 36 years, Millie Wiggins built her own definition of the term “First Lady.” While she accepted the traditional roles of hostess and socialite, she was more at home as Norman Wiggins' partner and was seen more as an advisor. The two traveled the world together — conventions in Ireland or Great Britain; the launch of a new Campbell program in Malaysia.

The president's successor, Jerry Wallace, said Millie Wiggins also sacrificed a great deal in her role. Her husband traveled alone often or kept late hours in his office. “Millie spent a lot of time by herself,” Wallace says. “A lot of time. But she never complained. Not once.”

She continued to support Campbell after Norman Wiggins' death in 2007 and throughout the rest of her life. Their tree-shrouded house in Keith Hills remained her home for 50 years. She loved her garden and her animals; many a stray pet found a home with her over the years and she feed the wild critters daily.





WANDA WATKINS

COACH, MENTOR AND FRIEND FOR GENERATIONS OF ATHLETES

Growing up, Wanda Watkins had the best driveway basketball court in the neighborhood — complete with a regulation goal and outdoor lighting — and everybody in the neighborhood would come over to her house to play late into the night. These were some of Watkins’ best childhood memories. Basketball was her first love.

The state added 5-on-5, full court girls basketball when Watkins was in eighth grade, and she went on to become a star at South Johnston High School, which won the state title during her time there. She was offered a full scholarship to play for Coach Robert “Peanut” Doak at North Carolina State University, but Watkins wanted something N.C. State didn’t offer at the time — a degree in physical education.

Campbell University did. And the rest is history.

Watkins became Campbell’s first scholarship female athlete and played for Coach Betty Jo Clary. She was team captain of not only the basketball team, but the softball team as well. She was named Campbell’s Outstanding Female Athlete after the 1978-79 season. She became a graduate assistant for Clary after graduation, and in 1981 when Clary decided to quit coaching to become a full-time teacher, Watkins had a crazy idea.

She asked Athletics Director Wendell Carr if he would consider a recent graduate in her early 20s with no coaching experience to take over the team. Even crazier, Carr said yes.

Over the next 35 years, Watkins would become the one constant of Fighting Camels athletics. As a coach, she posted 549 wins, 10 appearances in conference championship games and the program’s lone trip to the NCAA Tournament. She is now Campbell’s associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator. Watkins was inducted into the Campbell Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017 and the Big South Hall of Fame in 2019.

Her coaching philosophy: “I found that once people know how much you care, they will do anything for you. That goes back to my parents. They were great teachers of the game of life. And they stood by me. Even when I made mistakes, I still knew they loved me and supported me. I want the same thing for the kids. I’ll never replace their mothers, but they are like daughters to me.”

BORREE KWOK

LED CAMPBELL LIBRARY SYSTEM INTO THE DIGITAL AGE

When Borree Kwok implemented the first automated library system to replace the card catalog in 1995, she took the first step toward leading Campbell University libraries into the digital age. Over the next 24 years, she would support student learning and research as dean of the library, director of institutional research, director of library services and now assistant provost for administration.

A Hong Kong native, Kwok attended Hong Kong Baptist University, working as an editorial assistant at *AsiaWeek* and teaching high school after graduation. She moved to the U.S. to attend graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she completed a Master of Science in Library Science, and then worked at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., commuting home to Chapel Hill on the weekends to be with her newborn son.

When she accepted a librarian position at Campbell in 1993, the University library had no automated library system, no online catalog, and no automated circulation. Less than a year later, all of those systems could be found on the first library website, coded by Borree herself.

It was Kwok who established the first library computer lab, installed the first library proxy server and implemented electronic reserves on campus in the late 1990s. She briefly scaled back to part time in order to homeschool her two children, returning to full time in 2008 to introduce 24-hour library access during exam weeks.

Kwok designed a library space for the University to be adopted when the library relocated from Carrie Rich Hall to the Wiggins building and oversaw the move of the library's collection to its new home. In honor of the Wiggins legacy, she created the Annual Wiggins Library Academic Symposium. Now approaching its 10th year, the symposium gives students an opportunity to present research and art and engage with each other's work.

During her tenure as dean, the library's collection grew to over 560,000 print and electronic volumes, as well as over 110,000 print and electronic serial subscriptions. As assistant provost for administration, Kwok established the Office of Academic Advising and continues to focus on supporting student academic success with every new initiative she takes on.





MELISSA ESSARY

VISIONARY WHO GUIDED LAW SCHOOL MOVE TO DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

When Melissa Essary first arrived in Buies Creek as dean of Campbell University's Norman A. Wiggins School of Law in 2006, she was met with her first dilemma.

The school's home in Buies Creek could no longer keep up with enrollment, and pricey renovations were sorely needed for Kivett Hall, which housed a large portion of the school. There was no better time to consider a move that proved to be quite controversial at the time.

A move to Downtown Raleigh.

The Texas native — who left her role as law professor at Baylor University to become Campbell Law's first female dean — went to work immediately, leading a task force that studied the feasibility and sense in such a move. The recommendation to move made to the Board of Trustees was unanimous, and very soon, a building was found. It was just a block and a half from the capitol building and within walking distances of several courtrooms and law firms.

When the move was announced, applications to the law school rose by 40 percent in a year where other schools saw steady declines. Despite criticism from a vocal group who didn't want to see their alma mater leave the town where it all began, Essary moved ahead. In the end, cooler heads prevailed. Essary guided Campbell Law through the most important year since its inception and remained as dean until 2012 before stepping down to return to her first love — teaching.

The move to Raleigh has been nothing short of “transformational,” says current dean and Essary's successor, J. Rich Leonard. “I always say Dean Essary was brilliant to move the law school here,” he says. “There's a vibrancy to what we can offer students now that no other law school in the state and few in the country can.”

“Her leadership and vision throughout the process was remarkable,” adds Vice President for Advancement Britt Davis. “She was the architect for this remarkably easy and successful transition.”

Essary has remained in a leadership role since stepping down as dean — she's on numerous Raleigh-based and statewide committees and boards, and she's been recognized by several organizations, especially those that focus on women in leadership and law.

FAITHE BEAM

MINISTER, COUNSELOR, FRIEND, LEADER AND UNITER

Her father was a pastor, and when she and her sisters “played church” as children, Faithe Beam was always the preacher. She studied music education at Appalachian State University, planning to teach orchestra and work in the church part-time. But soon after graduation, a phone call from Zion Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina, secured her first job as a minister of music and education.

One of Beam’s greatest joys is walking alongside students as they discover how God is present and at work in their lives. Her confidence that there are endless opportunities to serve — no matter what barriers exist to women in ministry — supported her as she graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 2003. With a radiant smile concordant with her name, Beam began building personal relationships on campus and encouraging students to lead purposeful lives full of meaningful service. She became campus minister in 2007.

Beam has walked, cried, stayed up all night and laughed with countless students during her time at Campbell. She has listened to hundreds of stories over thousands of cups of coffee at the campus Starbucks or nearby Creek Coffee. Her students know her as a caring and accessible professor, and all those who engage with Campbell Spiritual Life know her as a compassionate and graceful friend.

As campus minister, Beam counsels students, plans the freshman Connections seminar, leads various ministries on campus and makes missions and outreach opportunities accessible for all students and staff. Her passion for service has introduced many new ways to lend a hand to a neighbor. Students have responded enthusiastically; when Beam first brought Inasmuch Day of Service to Campbell, registration topped 300 in the first year. More community engagement initiatives soon followed: Campbell’s Community Christmas Store, Campus Kitchen, Community Garden and Campus Pantry and Ministry House, to name a few.

Beam began Campbell traditions such as Freshman Worship in Butler Chapel, Lenten worship each spring and intentional focus on Advent each Christmas. She has guided Campbell through a shift in mission trips, sending students to the eastern seaboard and to cities across the country. No matter where they travel, Beam is committed to creating space for students to express their love for God and their neighbors. Her candor, kindness and compassion make her a blessing to the Campbell community.





JENNA CARPENTER

FOUNDING DEAN A NATIONAL VOICE FOR WOMEN IN STEM EDUCATION

Jenna Carpenter was a national voice for women in both STEM fields and STEM education before she ever stepped foot on campus as founding dean of Campbell University's School of Engineering in 2015. In her four years in Buies Creek, she's only built on that reputation — taking a new school and building it into one of the most inclusive and nationally recognized engineering schools in the country.

And it hasn't even graduated its first class yet.

She first stepped on the national stage (literally) in 2013, delivering a TED Talk while an associate dean at Louisiana Tech on gender bias and how it affects STEM education. She was soon named by Dreambox Learning as one of 10 "Women in STEM who Rock" in 2015, joining celebrities like Chelsea Clinton, actresses Mayim Bialik and Danica McKellar, and Yahoo! CEO Marissa Meyer.

When she became dean at Campbell, women in the U.S. accounted for only 26 percent of STEM workers, and only 13 percent of the nation's engineers were women. Carpenter's mantra was that young girls shy away from math, engineering and science early in life because of "confidence-zapping stereotypes" that those subjects are for boys, and the girls who do stick with it develop labels like "nerd" or "braniac." "They turn away from math and science at the very time in their lives when opportunities in those areas begin to open up for them."

She's made it a point to create a more welcoming and diverse atmosphere at Campbell. Her students host more than 100 Girl Scouts annually to mentor them on the engineering design process. In 2018, the school received an NSF grant to provide scholarships for low-income engineering students.

And this summer, Campbell was recognized nationally as having one of the "most inclusive" engineering schools in the nation, just weeks after becoming the 45th school in the U.S. to be nationed a Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network partner.

When the first engineering students walk the stage for their undergraduate degree in May 2020 and enter the workforce, it will mark a new era for Campbell University. And generations of future engineers will owe their success to Jenna Carpenter.



MINISTRY OF HOPE



Campbell Spiritual Life's relationship with South African ministry goes back a decade with students providing care and hope to underserved communities

Story & Photography by Kate Stoneburner

When they arrived in South Africa for their mission trip orientation, Campbell Spiritual Life's team of a dozen young women were guided into a dim, steel-lined room with a single bare lightbulb, seated on hard wooden benches, and told very firmly that Africa did not need saving.

So if they were there to see drastic changes, they might as well go back to the airport.

The reality check was slightly disorienting, but given what they had seen of Cape Town so far, it made sense. The luxurious mountainside homes and trendy coffee shops that made up much of the city didn't paint a picture of a place that needed or wanted their help.

But over the next few days, this mission team would also see villages made entirely of cardboard and shipping containers.

They would explore settlements of 50,000 people living on land with the infrastructure for only 5,000. They would also learn what life looks like for the disadvantaged in areas where the country's black population majority was only allowed to vote in an election in 1994, and running water and electricity weren't implemented until 2005.

Yet, it was apparent that South Africa didn't need saving in a physical sense, despite the hardships of many of their living spaces. For the thousands of people who grow up in impoverished villages, carrying a jug to get a day's worth of water isn't unusual, let alone a tragedy to be fixed. Americans' concepts of what constitutes a daily necessity is different, but that doesn't mean that families in South Africa lead inferior lives.

What they truly need is the same thing needed in North Carolina suburbs and all over the world: people who care about them and a living hope in something greater than themselves.





Students in Campbell Spiritual Life spent nearly a week in Cape Town, South Africa back in late May/early June to serve Living Hope, missionaries who provide educational opportunities, health care and spiritual resources to impoverished and underserved communities in the area. Campbell has sent students and representatives to the organization for 10 years.





Faithe Beam was very early into her ministry career when she went to South Africa for the first time in 1997. It was just three years after Apartheid, and a relatively young country was trying to figure out how its classes could get along in the same space. She and a group of Baptist women journeyed to Cape Town for a 17-day retreat that took them to two churches every day, sharing their stories, worshiping and teaching with women of different races who had never before interacted in such a personal way.

There was no hot water for showers, and they ate from aluminum plates. But she witnessed a beautiful and powerful coming together of people for worship, which brought women together from different traditions, cultures and ways of life.

“Like most people who go to Cape Town, I fell in love with the place and the people,” says Beam. “From then on, I took every chance I could to go back.”

When Beam was named campus minister in 2007, her first priority was growing missions. Most missions were done by external ministry groups like Campus Crusade and Baptist Student Union at the time, and it was important to her to open up missions opportunities to all of our students.

“Cape Town had been so transformative for me,” she says. “Not only do you see the beauty of God’s creation, but you see the challenges of the world, and that was a place I wanted to show our students.”

Beam and her husband returned to Cape Town with a new focus— to figure out how to create an experience for undergraduate students there. A friend from Beam’s very first trip to Cape Town put her in touch with John and Avril Thomas, a local pastor and wife team who ran a ministry called Living Hope. A partnership was set up in which students could help Living Hope with their programs to provide healthcare, substance abuse recovery, life skills and agricultural training to impoverished areas of Cape Town.

And the rest is history — more than 10 years of it — between Campbell University and Living Hope. There are only two years since Beam and the Thomas family met that Campbell students haven’t made the trip to see South Africa, and one of those years was due to travel restrictions around an ebola outbreak.

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Living Hope

In 1999, Pastor John Thomas of Cape Town, South Africa, attended a meeting of faith leaders and heard the statistic that 44 percent of Masiphumelele, a settlement not far from his church, had HIV/AIDS.

It was shocking. Especially because at that time, people with AIDS had little access to anti-retroviral drugs and died horrible deaths, neglected even by their families. He and his wife, Avril, were determined to step in and show AIDS sufferers how much God loved and cared for them. It was a huge undertaking for the couple and their church. They needed a building — a hospice to start with. He and his church mobilized volunteers to knock on doors in the area trying to identify that 44 percent. The resulting ministry was a group called Living Hope that was committed to giving South Africans dignity and care in their last days. Today, Living Hope employs more than 200 staff and reaches 110,000 people per year.

Years later, Thomas learned that the statistic that sparked life into Living Hope was inaccurate. Only 16 percent of the population of Masiphumelele had HIV/AIDS at the time. But without the shock of that initial count — nearly half the population — who knows if Thomas and King of Kings church would have been spurred to action so quickly or worked so passionately to help their neighbors.

Almost 20 years since it began, Living Hope does a lot more than care for the dying. Living Hope assists patients and their families with physical, emotional and spiritual support. They treat chronic and terminal illnesses, treat adults struggling with drug addiction, give students agricultural and economic training in their greenhouses and run youth programs to educate families on strategies to prevent illness.

“The stories of our courageous patients, the dedication of our staff, the trust in the giving of our donors and the awesomeness of God all continue to motivate us to make a massive dent in poverty in Cape Town and throughout Africa,” Thomas said. “We must do all we can to break the oppression of poverty and, by our actions and preaching, show people how much Jesus loves them and how He can meet their needs. My ongoing dream is this — when people look at Living Hope I want them to see Jesus in action.”





Part of Campbell's service to Cape Town was taking part in various health clinics held in multiple communities so residents could receive health assessments (blood pressure, blood sugar, HIV testing and more) and watch presentations on proper hand washing and other health tips. Campbell students joined other mission groups and universities from the U.S. during several of their stops during the trip.



Depending on their area of study, Campbell students in South Africa spend time working with Living Hope on marketing, education, medicine and spiritual life initiatives. This year, the daily routine included a traveling health screening setup, complete with blood pressure and blood sugar tests, HIV tests, TB screening and handwashing stations.

Four nurses and future nurses straightforwardly and professionally shared ways recognize sexually transmitted infections, talked diabetes and hypertension prevention and gave a short lesson on portion control. Students without the healthcare background headed up handwashing tutorials, entertained the kids who gathered around the stations, passed out information on preventing disease and prayed for the residents as they made their way through the line.

While developing nursing skills was one of the trip's many purposes, the most impactful moments were spiritual rather than educational. The team was made up of students from different denominations and faith backgrounds, from pastor's daughters who grew up in the church to students seeking encounters that would solidify their new or renewed beliefs. The week saw members of the team praying out loud with strangers for the first time, listening intently to one another even when they disagreed and sharing significant pieces of their life stories after only a week of friendship. The trip allowed students to see the vast diversity in the body of Christ, not just in South African believers, but in each other as well.

"I've been searching for the words to describe my time in Cape Town since I got home," said Taylor Trebotica. "The place and the people changed my life in a way I never expected. I was immersed in God's love and grace in a way I have never been before and I'm so thankful for the amazing women I got to spend the week with and the wonderful staff at Living Hope."

For Beam, the consistent spiritual development that Campbell students experience year after year in Cape Town is indescribable and awe-inspiring.

"Every time, without fail, there is a point in the trip when in one moment you see perfectly clearly why each student is there,"



*"I was truly blown away by God's creation and feel like I see how I am apart of it so much better now. I was so humbled by this experience. I'm still looking for the words of how to express the beauty of this country.
— Ashton Thompson*

Kate's blog

One of the most enjoyable things you can do in South Africa is just listen. The local languages (that is, the three we've heard of the 11 that are officially recognized) are beautiful regardless of whether you not you understand them. English is spoken with a not-quite-British flair of flattened vowels and rhotic r's. Xhosa has distinctive click consonants and a lilting tone that we've tried and failed to imitate. Even the birds are worth listening to — this morning, a bird that I later identified as a Hadedda Ibis woke me up with a screech-to-wake-the-dead particularly alarming call like someone was strangling a cat.

We've had a lot of fun comparing colloquialisms with our hosts, especially because several of us have pretty distinct accents ourselves. We know now that in South Africa, a car trunk is a "boot," honking the horn is "pushing the hooter" and a jacket is a "jersey." Traffic lights are called "robots," sidewalks are "pavements" and gas is "petrol" — and you won't have to pump it yourself. Our beloved new friend, tour guide and driver extraordinaire, Fransi, is an excellent sport when it comes to answering our questions about the various dialects. He also performs his best impression of our southern drawl when he feels like it's getting too quiet in the back of the van (a rarity that always ends in laughter).

There are a lot of words that South Africans use that we've never heard. There are also a lot of words that South Africans use that we simply don't use because we don't have to think about them on a daily basis — "autoimmune" and "tuberculosis" come to mind. Today, our nurses (and future nurses) used quite a few of those words in a presentation they gave at the Ocean View clinic.

Read more from Kate Stoneburner's experience in South Africa at blogs.campbell.edu/category/faith-service



Living Hope Podcast: Social Media Coordinator Kate Stoneburner joined Spiritual Life students during their mission trip to South Africa this summer and documented their experiences in a mini-podcast series. Download the series through Campbell's Rhymes With Orange podcast channels on Podbean, iTunes or via your podcast app.





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The students worked hard serving Living Hope and its community during their stay in South Africa, but their final day allowed for time to be tourists in this beautiful country. The unanimous favorite locale for the group was Table Mountain and Cape Point, both of which provided views that took the group's breath away. "It's easy to see why people have historically climbed mountains to get that feeling of being closer to God and the heavens," wrote Kate Stoneburner.

she says. “There is something about this kind of work in this particular place that is a very clear manifestation of the spirit of God at work. I can’t name it. But it truly is that revealing.”

The lessons learned by traveling abroad and the opportunity to be resourceful and utilize their gifts helped some students confirm that they were in the right field. Others found new areas of interest and rekindled passions for teaching and service.

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“It is a great privilege to help a team of students learn and know each other and the place they’re inhabiting,” says Beam. “The cultural awareness it develops is wonderful.”

As the students learned from their time with Living Hope, having a hospitable spirit is about welcoming people in but also about allowing yourself to be welcomed. “People in Cape Town want to welcome us, and no matter how different it is from our lives, it is their home. It’s important to have enough humility and flexibility to allow others to serve you, too.”

As the Spiritual Life program plans their next mission trips, Beam and her team are working on how to help students apply those lessons to their lives back home. Mission trips may change students’ sense of gratitude, influence where they shop or what they buy, affect who and what they pray for and increase their desire to talk about their experiences with other people.

“You don’t bring the spirit of God with you when you go on a mission trip. He is already at work, just like he is at home, and you are just there to bear witness to it.”





JIM PERRY ('59) & GAYLORD PERRY

Moon Men

While the world watched Apollo 11 land on the moon, the Perry brothers enjoyed their own big day

Daphne Perry knew an opportunity when she saw one. And this opportunity was just too good to pass up.

There in the same reception hall in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on Aug. 17, 1985, were the Perry brothers — Jim and Gaylord, Campbell College teammates who'd go on to become winners of a combined 529 Major League baseball games and three Cy Young awards — and the First Man himself, Neil Armstrong. The occasion was the wedding of Jim and Daphne's son, Chris (who'd go on to become a PGA golf pro) to Katharine Solacoff, daughter of Armstrong's childhood friend Konstantine "Kotcho" Solacoff.

"Chris had always wanted his dad to tell Mr. Armstrong his own moon story," Daphne says, referring to July 20, 1969 — the "one small step" that turned 50 over the summer. "We knew he hadn't heard it. And this was his chance."

It's one of the better stories in a sport full of improbable legends, feats and coincidences. And it starts seven years earlier in 1962 — months before John F. Kennedy famously declared there would be a man on the moon by the end of that decade.

According to baseball lore, Gaylord was taking batting practice when the aptly named San Francisco Chronicle sportswriter Harry Jupiter noticed the rookie pitcher's hard swing and suggested to Giants manager Alvin Dark, "This Perry kid's going to hit some home runs for you." Dark turned to Jupiter — as Perry tells it in a July 13, 2009 issue of Sports Illustrated — and replied, "There'll be a man on the moon before Gaylord Perry hits a home run."

Dark's prediction would hold true over the next seven years. While Gaylord would win more than 80 games and become an All Star in his first seven and a half years on the mound, his hitting was about what you'd expect from a pitcher. His batting average by the late 60s hovered in the low .100s, and a career of nearly 500 at-bats had no home

runs and only 13 total RBI to show for it.

Gaylord brought an 11-7 record into his start against the Los Angeles Dodgers and starter Claude Osteen on July 20, 1969. More than 32,000 fans showed up for the 1 p.m. matinee.

Seven minutes after Gaylord's first pitch, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins and Apollo 11 landed on the lunar surface.

Approximately 25 minutes later, Gaylord stepped to the plate against Osteen and drilled a shot to centerfield that, to his amazement, cleared the wall. It was his first, and one of only six he'd hit in his 22-year Hall of Fame career.

He also pitched a heck of a game that day, too — going all nine innings and striking out six Dodgers in the Giants' 7-3 win. But it was his "Moon Shot" that the Perry family will always remember.

One sportswriter quipped in the following day's paper: "The way Gaylord Perry swings a bat, he stands as much chance of hitting a home run as ... oh ... as a man does of walking on the moon. Well, Perry and astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin made it together Sunday."

The night before his brother sent a pitch into orbit, Jim Perry was enjoying a rare nice dinner with Daphne 807 miles away at Seattle's most recognizable landmark.

You guessed it ... the Space Needle.

Jim was scheduled to pitch for the Minnesota Twins that Sunday against the expansion Seattle Pilots at Sick's Stadium, a tiny temporary home for a team that would go bankrupt at season's end and become the Milwaukee Brewers the following year. As was customary under Manager Billy Martin, Jim was allowed to leave Saturday's game early to enjoy a nice meal with his wife and get well rested for the following day.

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1960s

MIKE BROWN ('64) is retiring after nearly 30 years as sheriff of Bedford County in Virginia. First elected in 1995, he won five re-elections during his tenure as sheriff. One of his biggest accomplishments was launching the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children task force now located in Forest, Virginia (one of 64 in the nation). He was also an advocate for internet safety and launched initiatives aimed at students in elementary, middle and high schools. In April, Brown and his wife Dr. Janet Brown were invited to The Vatican where they addressed the Global Security Network Conference attended by security leaders from around the world.

1970s



WILLIAM M. NOFTSINGER JR. ('73) joined Alpha Omega Wealth Management as senior investment manager. The former managing director of Davenport & Company, he is experienced in trust administration and managing both financial and real estate assets.

TIMOTHY MARK GRADY ('75) and **CONNIE HALL GRADY ('92 MED)** announced the VCOM Medical School graduation of their daughter, Leah Meghan Grady Webster, and her husband, William Zachary Webster. They will be completing residency at USC in Columbia, South Carolina.

ELEANOR NORRIS BRADSHAW ('79) retired this summer as the register of deeds for Sampson County, an elected position she'd held since 2008. Bradshaw, who grew up in Clinton, worked in marketing and sales for more than three decades before her first election. "It has been one of my most cherished positions in my career path," she said. "The people of Sampson County have been wonderful to me and I have enjoyed every minute of it."

1980s



DAVID GANTT ('81 LAW) was included in the 2020 edition of Best Lawyers in America in the Workers' Compensation-Claimants section. This is Gantt's sixth consecutive year named to the list. He and his wife Charise also celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August. The two were married on Aug. 11, 1979 in Sanford. David runs David Gantt Law Office, where he has represented working people throughout Western North Carolina for 38 years. He has also served as a Buncombe County commissioner for five consecutive terms, two as a chairman.

in America. He is a North Carolina board certified family law legal specialist; and since 2016, the Coward, Hicks & Siler firm, where Beck is employed, has been continuously included in the U.S. News and Best Lawyers in America "Best Law Firms" for family law in the Asheville metropolitan area.



MONTY BECK ('84 LAW) was included in the Family Law section of the 2020 edition of Best Lawyers

in America. He is a North Carolina board certified family law legal specialist; and since 2016, the Coward, Hicks & Siler firm, where Beck is employed, has been continuously included in the U.S. News and Best Lawyers in America "Best Law Firms" for family law in the Asheville metropolitan area.

"I had a radio with me," Jim recalls, a note that's met with an eye roll from his wife, "because I wanted to know what was going on. The reception on top of the Space Needle wasn't the best, so I kept having to walk over to the other side to hear the game."

It turned out to be a smart move. After nine innings, the Twins and Pilots were tied, 6-6. By the time the game got to the 12th, Jim told Daphne he probably needed to head back to the stadium in case Martin needed more pitchers. Both teams would score a run in the 15th inning, and Jim was back with his team as an emergency pitcher. Play was suspended in the top of the 17th — the scored tied 7-7 — because of Seattle's 2 a.m. curfew. The league ruled the teams would restart the 17th inning on Sunday, then play that afternoon's regularly scheduled game after Saturday's winner was decided.

Jim knew what that meant for him before Martin even told him. "I knew I'd have to finish that game and start the next one," he says. "And sure enough, Billy Martin tells me, 'Don't worry, we'll win that one in two innings, and you just go as long as you can on the next one. We'll find you some help.'"

Jim would retire the first three batters he faced that afternoon before starting the top of the 18th off with his own plate magic — a double that would eventually make him the game-winning run (the Twins actually scored four to take an 11-7 win). His teammates would retire to the clubhouse in between games to crowd around a few small black-and-white televisions and watch Apollo 11 make its landing. Jim, however, stayed on the field and threw to keep his arm warm.

"I could hear people hollering and cheering from the locker room," he says, "but I had to stay loose. I had to get ready for another game."

In true workhorse fashion, Jim Perry didn't need help in the nightcap. He pitched all nine innings of shutout baseball — got another hit and scored another run — in a 4-0 Twins win.

The final line for the Perry brothers that night:

*On the mound: 21 IP, 3 ER, 11 K and 3 W's
At the plate: 7 AB, 3 H, 2B, HR, RBI*

Jim Perry remembers receiving the news that evening that his brother hit his first Major League home run. The news made him smile.

"I thought it was great," he says. "He always swung the bat hard; he just rarely ever made contact. But you didn't have to be a great hitter with Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Bobby Bonds in your lineup."

Back to Aug. 17, 1985 — the wedding, the reception and Daphne's one chance at getting the Perry brothers to share their story with the great Neil Armstrong.



Jim (left) and Gaylord Perry, with the Twins and Giants respectively, the teams they pitched for on July 20, 1969 — the same afternoon of the historic Apollo 11 moon landing. The Perrys were featured by several national news outlets on the 50th anniversary of the landing this year. Photo courtesy of Jim Perry

So at the rehearsal dinner, Jim told Armstrong that on July 20, 1969, he and Gaylord "had a pretty big day, too."

"I think he enjoyed it," Jim says. "I mean, it wasn't landing on the moon. But it was a great story."

But the Perrys' connection with the moon landing goes beyond their dual efforts on their respective diamonds 50 years ago and even beyond that wedding ceremony in 1985. In his authorized biography, *First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong*, published in 2005 (seven years before his death), Armstrong told the story of visiting his childhood friend Kotcho at the home of Chris and Katharine Perry in Ohio in the early 2000s. He recalled the youngest of the Perrys' children — Jim and Daphne's granddaughter Emily — taking him by the hand "on an expedition through her house."

"I want to show you a secret, but don't tell anyone," 5-year-old Emily told Armstrong. "This is a secret which no one knows about." Up in the attic of her home, Emily showed Armstrong a giant dead bug and whispered again that it was a secret. She then led him to her room, where she showed the legendary astronaut her lamp, her mirror and some of her books.

"This one is on Winnie the Pooh," she told him. "And this one is about Sleeping Beauty, and this is Cinderella, and, oh, here is a book about Neil Armstrong. He was the first man on the moon."

The book concludes: "Then she stopped, hesitated for a moment, looked at the nice older man like Grandpa who had come to visit her in her house, and said, 'Oh! Your name is Neil Armstrong, too, isn't it?'"

BILLY LIGGETT



ALEXANDRA DAHL ('17) and **BRANDON TUTTLE ('17)** met on freshman move-in day at Campbell University on Aug. 17, 2013. They dated all through their time at Campbell and were excited to become Campbell alumni together. Alexandra graduated with a BA in communication and digital media and Brandon graduated with a BBA degree. They were engaged on graduation day, May 13, 2017, in the same spot where they first met, and were married on Oct. 14, 2018, on Pilot Mountain. They thank Campbell for bringing the two of them together and for being their home away from home. Go Camels!



DILLON PREVETTE ('13, '17 PT) and his wife DeAnna were blessed with the birth of a son, Liam Thomas Prevette. "We are excited about this new stage of life and cannot wait to see him grow up, but are going to cherish the little steps along the way," he said.

PAM ALLEN SUTTON ('86) was elected to the Lee County Schools Board of Education. Sutton retired as a teacher for the district in 2014. She was the top vote getter in the election.

BADIE CLARK III ('87) was inducted into the inaugural class of the Greenfield School Athletics Hall of Fame in Wilson in September. Clark was a 1983 graduate of the school and a soccer All-American who went on to play soccer for Campbell University. He is currently a pediatrician living in Wilson.



MELANIE CARROLL ('88 LAW) was appointed to Richmond Community College's Board of

Trustees by Gov. Roy Cooper in September. Carroll has been practicing law in Richmond County for 30 years and is currently in her 10th year as an attorney advocate for the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem program. She has also served six years as the attorney for the City of Rockingham.

SCOTT BULLARD ('99) began his tenure as president of Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, North Carolina, on June 1. He was previously interim president of Judson College, a private Baptist women's college (the nation's fifth oldest) in Alabama.

PHILIP TODD JOHNSON ('99) serves as the senior academic advisor for the University of Oklahoma's College of Education, where he advises all special education and elementary education majors. Johnson won the 2018-2019 University of Oklahoma's Academic Advisor of the Year Award, as well as the Distinguished Service Award. Both awards were issued due in large part to the fact that he designed and also constructed the University of Oklahoma's first ever American Sign Language program and coursework, which is now considered the most in-demand world language at OU.

2000s

KENNY SHERIN ('02 MDIV) was named the extension director for Randolph County.

DAVID RAKESTRAW ('04 MBA) was named to the 2019 edition of *The Financial Times'* 400 Top Financial Advisers list, which recognizes top financial advisers nationwide. Rakestraw is the senior managing director for The Lighthouse Group of BB&T Scott & Stringfellow.

1990s



TERESA WOODS-COX ('93 MED) is the CEO of T.A. Woods Company, a Wilmington-based

contracting company. The company works predominantly with commercial, institutional, industrial and government construction projects in Eastern North Carolina. Woods-Cox was featured by *Wilmington Biz* in September for being an advocate for more women in the construction field.

JOHN W. PAGE JR. ('94) was recognized by Harnett County Schools for 25 years in education. Page teaches sixth, seventh and eighth grade band at Dunn Middle School.

CLINT OFTEDAHL ('07) was named a play-by-play voice for the Cape Catfish, a new Prospect League team in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where he resides. The Prospect League is a summer league for college players that spans throughout the Midwest over to West Virginia. Oftedahl continues his role as color commentator for Jackson Indians High School football, and also a fill-in commentator for Southeast Missouri State RedHawks football out of the Ohio Valley Conference.





DAVID MORGAN ('16 LAW) and his wife Bethany run Love Abounds, a nonprofit organization in Zambia.

DAVID ('16 LAW) & BETHANY MORGAN

Chikondi Abounds

Nonprofit's coffee sales mean clean water, support for orphans and women in Zambian village

Upon learning that David and Bethany Morgan's nonprofit organization, Love Abounds, is located in Zambia, it's easy to write off any hope of volunteering as expensive, time-consuming and generally difficult. However, supporting Love Abounds is as easy as brewing a pot of your new favorite coffee.

Chikondi Coffee, a specialty coffee sourced from Zambia, is the solution to providing support to Kunchubwi Village, a small community in the Zambian bush and the primary location of Love Abound's work.

All proceeds from the sale of the coffee go to the couple's work in the village, including an orphanage for abandoned children, women's empowerment projects, and clean water initiatives.

Neither David nor Bethany, Fuquay-Varina residents, grew up with a connection to Zambia, but their love for the country and its citizens has grown quickly since 2012. David's father, a missionary and pastor of Cornerstone Church, reached out to his

congregation for assistance after a mission trip to Zambia.

"He said the village he was in didn't have any clean drinking water, and asked if anyone in the church would be interested in fundraising for this," Bethany says. "We both immediately knew it was meant for us. We started by fundraising for one borehole well, which turned into two, then three. For our fourth well, we actually went to Zambia to see it being drilled, where we met some of the local leaders we work with now."

Love Abounds is no longer actively fundraising for clean water wells, but generous contributions from the community have allowed the couple to drill seventeen wells since 2012.

The Morgans spent an entire summer in Zambia to see their fourth well drilled, which is when Love Abounds grew from a fundraising project to a nonprofit organization.

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DOUGLAS LOCASCIO ('09) was named general manager of the Hickory Crawdads — a Minor League Baseball Class A affiliate of the Texas Rangers — in June. Locasio began his career with the Crawdads in 2010 as the box office manager soon after graduating from Campbell, where he was a member of the wrestling team.

AARON JOHNSON ('09) and EMILY BAGLEY ('11) were married on May 5, 2017 in Charleston, South Carolina. The two met while Emily attended Campbell and Aaron was an assistant coach for the men's soccer team. They reside in Fuquay-Varina, and Emily works for Level 5 Designs and Aaron for Genesys.

2010s

THOMAS L. HARPER ('10 LAW) has joined Zator Law as an associate who concentrates his legal practice in the areas of business and real estate transactions, leasing, litigation and arbitration, as well as zoning, land use and municipal law. Harper came to Zator Law after eight years of honing his courtroom skills as a trial attorney in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and at a local litigation firm. He spent more than seven years on active duty with the Army JAG Corps.

JOSEPH LATINO ('11) and Danielle Stanley are happy to welcome their new baby girl, Leah Grace Latino, born July 4, at 8:54 p.m. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.



KIA WALKER ('11 MDIV) is co-owner of The Blue Violin Music Education Center in Fayetteville.

The music center offers individualized vocal and instrument training in a variety of musical genres. Walker and her business were featured in *The Fayetteville Observer* for its dedication to "empowering the mind and spirit through the gift of music."



“By the time we left, we had started a women’s empowerment project that taught women to farm using chickens,” David said. “We knew we wanted to do something besides clean water. There was no sustainable profit for the women in this village. They could grow crops, which is a one-time payment per year of probably \$90 or \$100.”

The project, cleverly entitled Chicks Empowered, provides women with the resources for chicken farming, allowing them to both feed their families and grow their income. “The last I heard, they were making about \$60 every 40 days,” David says. “They effectively quadrupled their yearly income. The purpose was economic empowerment, but the surprise result was this sense of community.”

“Some of our greatest outcomes are really hard to put numbers to,” Bethany says. “I was shocked to hear most of them say that the community and friendships they have made here are the best friendships they have ever had in their lives — and most of these women are in their 50s.”

The couple has intentionally kept their focus with Love Abounds on a smaller scale, helping individuals to the best of their ability. “Our vision was to have a deeper impact instead of broader,” David says. “In general, people are not trusting of Americans or outsiders, so drilling



wells allows us to open doors to friendships. To go about doing that all over the place would be difficult. That’s the great thing about choosing one community — they know us now.”

Love Abounds is meeting those needs to the best of its ability, even through unexpected challenges. Their biggest obstacle is the opposite of what the Morgans expected — government regulations. When they were building the orphanage, they had to meet several government regulations even though the surrounding building were mostly grass and straw huts.

“All of the rules are based like we’re building this in a city. The capital city is very modern for third-world standards, but an hour and

Sales of Chikondi Coffee, a specialty of Zambia, helps support Kunchubwi Village, the primary location of Love Abounds’ work. Learn more about how you can support their work at aboundinlove.org

a half away, where our village is, there is no electricity or plumbing at all; when we started working there, there were not even toilets. That contrast alone is difficult for us in the western world to understand.”

Love Abounds now has two full-time employees, also Fuquay-Varina natives, who moved to Zambia in 2016 to help with the organization. Bethany is currently in Zambia, but David stays home with the couple’s toddler daughter. The Morgans are constantly looking to the future of Love Abounds, with hopes of growing Chikondi Coffee within the village, starting a vocational training program for teenage boys and expanding their orphanage.

At the heart of their program is love. “I wanted love to be incorporated in the name somehow, because I truly believe love has the power to change lives, and I wanted that to be at the heart of our mission,” Bethany says. The added bonus? *Chikondi* means “love” in Nyanja, a language of Zambia.

RACHEL DAVIS



BAILEY WHITLEY ('19) and **SAMANTHA LOWDER WHITLEY ('19)** were married on May 18, at Old North State Club in New London. Glenn Jonas, associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, officiated the wedding, and many Campbell alumni were in attendance. The couple are now living in Farmville while Bailey attends the ECU School of Dental Medicine.



GREG HENSLEY ('16) and **RACHEL MILLER HENSLEY ('16)** were married on Sept. 29, 2018. The two first met at Campbell's freshman orientation in July 2012. "We sat at the same table in the business school during orientation and kept in touch over the summer. During Welcome Week in August, we were in the same group for a scavenger hunt. He asked me to lunch at Chick-Fil-A and the rest is history. We are looking forward to celebrating our first anniversary and we thank God every day for bringing us together," Rachel said.



ALYSSA MOCK STAFFORD ('13) and **ROBBIE STAFFORD ('13)** welcomed a baby boy, Barrett, on Sept. 18, 2018.



LAWRENCE POWERS ('09) and **HEATHER JONES POWERS ('07)** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Carol Powers, as well as the adoption of their son, Devon Emry Powers. Kennedy was born on July 27, and Devon was adopted on Aug. 26.

ALLISON BEAM, PA-C ('13 PA) of Harnett County Department of Public Health and Kayla Tyndall ('13 PA) of ABC Pediatrics, were awarded gold and silver honors respectively in the 2019 Best of Harnett County contest sponsored by *The Dunn Daily Record*. Beam and Tyndall were both honored in the pediatrician category.



DEAGAN WILLIAMS ('15) was appointed Harnett County magistrate on June 13 by Superior

Court Judge Gilchrist. He says he would not be where he is today without his Campbell University education.



BRITTANY HAWLEY ('16) was crowned Ms. Wheelchair USA in July, representing North Carolina in the national

competition. A native of Elm City, Hawley's platform was "Tassels Without Barriers," an initiative to get institutions of higher learning and all educational institutions to incorporate universal design for people with disabilities. The former softball player and competitive gymnast was diagnosed with complex regional pain syndrome, which is also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome, while in high school.

MICHAEL OWEN OUZTS ('17 DO) announced his engagement to Dorothy Hayes Shuttleworth. The wedding is planned for November in Dillon, South Carolina.

After graduating from Campbell last December, **ELISE KARRIKER ('18)** completed a four-month internship at Walt Disney World through the Disney College Program. She completed her internship in May and worked over the summer to obtain her North Carolina Real Estate license. Elise now works as a buyer's agent for the RE/MAX Preferred Realty.



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ORANGE OWNED | JUSTIN HERRING ('15)

As seen on Food Network

Alumnus' cupcake shop hits big after Halloween Wars appearance

Sugar Art had only been open for four months when Justin Herring and Ernest Strickland got the call from Food Network in November of 2016.

Before the call, the two were in the midst of what Herring can only describe as a “whirlwind” of big life and career moments in the nearly two years after Herring earned his business degree from Campbell. From packing up all their belongings and moving to Atlanta on a whim ... to all of the career unhappiness and uncertainty that followed ... and finally to their leap of faith returning home to Lumberton and starting a business — the two weren’t necessarily on steady ground when the decision loomed whether or not to associate their start-up with a behemoth like the Food Network.

Then again, there was no way they were saying “no.”



That August, Strickland — the “artist” of Sugar Art, whereas Herring brings the business savvy — was competing on the network’s highly popular *Halloween Wars*, which pits “six world-class teams of master food artists scaring up mind-blowing nightmares from cake, sugar and carved pumpkins.” Strickland’s team was the first to be eliminated, and the season wouldn’t air until 2018. But when it

did, things changed for Sugar Art. And they changed in a hurry.

“It’s been crazy,” says Herring. “Crazy because you come from a place like Lumberton — which, honestly, isn’t always put in the best light in the media [the city ranks last or close to last in the state in several areas like poverty and health factors].”



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So I think people here really wanted something positive, and when our business was attached to Food Network, it changed everything. People went from kind of knowing us as the Sugar Art guys to suddenly knowing us as the Food Network Sugar Art guys and wanting their pictures taken with us.

“Did we win? No, but nobody seems to care about that. We were on it, and now we can say, ‘As seen on Food Network.’ The results have been unexpected.”

Unexpected considering where Herring and Strickland started from just over four years ago. That move to Atlanta came on the heels of Herring’s graduation, even though neither had a job lined up. Strickland would land in a Walmart bakery as a cake decorator, while Herring bounced around between a few jobs that offered little in terms of career satisfaction. That changed when the two started a side gig together — Ernie’s Edible Visions — and sold sweets that Strickland made from the kitchen of their small Atlanta apartment.

The side gig did so well that the two decided to open up a store in an Atlanta mall in 2016. But car troubles kept them from showing up on the day they were to sign a lease, and Herring took the unfortunate events — plus a call from his mom that same day about a storefront she saw in Lumberton that looked perfect for them — as signs from God.

“I believe God has a purpose for me, and we pray constantly about where He is leading us,” Herring says. “I had always said you’d never see me returning to my hometown, because for so long I thought I needed to be somewhere else. But this is where God has led us, and now we’re here, and business is booming. I don’t feel like this would have happened had we stayed in Atlanta.”



Herring shares his story and his success during a rare slow time at his shop in Lumberton while Strickland works in the kitchen. On this day, they’re hosting staff members from the Office of Alumni Engagement, as Sugar Art is one of the first businesses with the Orange Owned seal, an initiative started this year by Campbell to network businesses run by Campbell alumni. The two welcomed the Campbell congregation with orange fondant-covered, Campbell-themed treats and a variety of take-home cupcakes.

Herring credits his Campbell business degree for steering him through the choppy waters after graduation and providing him with the skills and knowledge to launch a business and see it through to success. “Campbell prepared me for this,” he says. “But even more important, I wanted to return to those professors who meant so much to me and spent so much time teaching and training and caring for me, and I wanted to show them that they had an impact and made a difference.”

BILLY LIGGETT

ONLINE: Learn more about Sugar Art in Lumberton at facebook.com/sugarartcustomcakes



Sugar Art makes several sweet goodies — from candied apples to edible cookie dough — but it’s the cupcakes that have people coming back for more. *Photo by Billy Liggett*



JACKSON ADAMAH ('17 MDIV) graduated from Campbell Divinity with a 4.0 and went on to earn a one-year Master of Theology degree from Duke Divinity the following year.

This year, he applied to four schools for his doctoral studies — Emory, Baylor, Notre Dame and Duke — and was not only accepted into all four programs, but offered full-tuition scholarships at each school. Adamah earned Presidential Fellowships at both Baylor and Notre Dame — awarded to top incoming graduate students — but he chose to return to Duke and stay in North Carolina for his doctoral studies.

A native of Ghana, Adamah credits his professors at Campbell Divinity for mentoring him and preparing him for this next step. “It is thanks to them that I was accepted into all these great schools,” he says, “and I want to express my gratitude to Campbell.”

MICHAEL HORRELL ('19) earned his first professional win on the mound in July for the Tri-City ValleyCats, a Minor League affiliate of the Houston Astros. Horrell was drafted in the 30th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Astros in June. He was the 2019 Big South Conference Pitcher of the Year.

AARON STRYKER ('19) was named emergency management coordinator for Wayne County in August. Stryker served in the Marine Corps for eight years, achieving the rank of sergeant, before returning to school to study homeland security at Campbell.



Photo by Bill Parish

HOMECOMING 19

& Family Weekend

OCTOBER 18

- 7 p.m. | Basketball Exhibition | Gore Arena
- 8:15 p.m. | Bonfire | Saylor Park

OCTOBER 19

- 8 a.m. | Walter S. Barge Scholarship 5K | Eakes Athletics Complex
- 10 & 11 a.m. | Campus Tours
- 10 a.m. to noon | Campbell Alumni Open House | 450 Leslie Campbell Avenue
- Noon | Parade

- **12:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Alumni Village | Barker-Lane Stadium**

- 4 p.m. | Football vs. Hampton | Barker-Lane Stadium
- 7 p.m. | Women's Soccer vs. Radford | Eakes Athletics Complex

OCTOBER 20

- 10 a.m. | Family Worship | Butler Chapel

ALUMNI VILLAGE

Campbell alumni, family members and friends are invited to join us to celebrate Campbell pride in the Alumni Village (across from the stadium) prior to the Fighting Camels taking the field.

- Live music by Bantum Rooster
- Food trucks
- Class Reunion for the classes of 1979, 1994 and 2009, as well as the Golden Club



NOLAN PERRY ('13, '16 LAW) and David Morgan (Page 66) are on a mission to provide holistic legal services to the Fuquay-Varina community through their firm, Morgan & Perry Law, PLLC. "Our firm tagline is 'Community based. Client focused,'" Perry says. "We want to provide quality legal services to help our clients achieve their goals as well as serve our community. Our firm handles real estate, business and estate planning matters. These practice areas allow us to help our clients achieve their dreams; whether that be purchasing a new home for their family, start their dream business or protecting their assets for future generations."

ORANGE OWNED | ANGELA SHORES ('01, '06)

Alumna's Adventure Bound Books gives community a space for ideas to grow



When Angela Shores ('01, '06 M.A.) observed her community of Morganton, she realized that there was a perfect space in the rapidly growing downtown area for an independent bookstore to flourish.

In 2018, Shores and her family opened the doors of Adventure Bound Books, a space for the community to enjoy that Shore describes as "a boutique-style independent bookstore" that hosts children's story hour, book signings and writing workshops.

Over a year later, Shores gets to enjoy her book store, accomplishing a dream to open her own business she has held since her time as an undergraduate religion major at Campbell. "Every day is a challenge and I learn something new about myself and about being a business owner. Increasing awareness within our community that we once again have an independent bookstore is the primary challenge I face daily. There have also been some changes within the industry of bookselling that have created new challenges to overcome. I'm reminded with each challenge how well prepared I am to adapt and think creatively," Shores says.

She admits she struggled with self-confidence before transferring to Campbell from a larger state university, but through her professors in the religion department, her work as a student in the President's Office and her interactions with members



of the Campbell community both in and out of the classroom she learned to pursue her dreams.

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Now Shores has her eyes set on a lofty aspiration.

"The goal is to change the world," she says. "I want to challenge people to think in new ways. I want to offer people a safe place in their community to come to discuss and explore ideas. I strive to honor the rich diversity I want to see in the world through events and programming and through the books I curate for the shelves. The book store aims to be a place where action begins, where ideas are supported, and where lives are changed."

Adventure Bound Books is the perfect place to find the current book for the Campbell Alumni Book Club, an initiative launched by the Office of Alumni Engagement. In the online discussion group, alumni connect over literature, books on self-improvement, history, psychology and more. Group members can suggest and vote on future books, share their thoughts and questions, and participate in meaningful dialogue. To participate in the alumni book club, which begins a new book every two months, visit campbell.pbc.guru.

RACHEL DAVIS



In 2014, **TERRY HENRY ('05 MDIV)** was chosen by the Lott Carey Pastoral Excellence Team to teach and preach in Zimbabwe's Baptist seminary. He returned to Africa to serve as the commencement speaker for the 2016 graduation class at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, which later appointed him to serve as their seventh president. Today, he travels to the school in Liberia once a quarter and connects with the students virtually every day.



TAYLOR DECKERT ('19) has experienced more major life changes in a month than most people do in years. Just days after crossing the stage to earn her degree from Campbell, she crossed time zones — moving from her hometown of Raleigh to a new job in Sioux City, South Dakota.

Deckert is currently a multimedia journalist with Siouxland News for KMEG14 and FOX44, where she says every day is a new adventure. "From court rooms to construction zones and even a dunk tank, I never know what the day will hold or who I will meet."

Sioux City is a smaller designated market area, which will allow Deckert to explore as many avenues of journalism as she can. "Short-term plans are to gain as much experience in my first market as I can. By making the choice to move to a smaller DMA, I get the chance to be more hands on in the whole newsroom by the end of my contract," she says.

"When I came to Campbell the summer of 2015, I would have never seen myself growing and experiencing everything that I did," Deckert says. "It was a dream come true walking across the stage at graduation looking out at my family, my soon to be life-long friends, and my amazing professors who were there for me through everything along the way. I want to thank all of the communication studies professors for investing in me and believing in me."

RACHEL DAVIS

PHILIP JOHNSON ('99)

Alumnus models sign language guidelines at Oklahoma after Campbell's ASL program

On the day of his graduation from Campbell in 1999, Philip Johnson returned to his room in Small Hall to find a voicemail waiting on his answering machine.

The message was from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, offering Johnson a job in their Career Services department. Johnson, who majored in philosophy and religion while minoring in English and business at Campbell, had an interest in higher education. He took the position with UNC; a job that would set the tone for Johnson's ongoing contribution to students and advisement.

In 2010, he became a senior academic advisor in the School of Education at the University of Oklahoma. This position would allow Johnson a platform to meet a need he had been passionate about since his time as an undergraduate student at Campbell: serving the deaf community.

As a student at Campbell, Johnson had wanted to take American Sign Language (ASL) as his foreign language credit, but had not been able to due to the fact that students in certain programs (social work, education, pre-med) got first priority for enrollment. However, Johnson's interest in ASL and the deaf community did not lessen with time. When he found that Oklahoma was the only Big 12 school that did not offer ASL in some shape or form, he knew something needed to change.

In 2013, Johnson brought a proposal to the dean of the College of Education at OU that outlined a potential ASL program at the college. He developed the program using three guidelines — two of which he took from the ASL program at Campbell.

First, Johnson proposed that education, social work, pre-med and journalism students should get top priority for entrance into the program. Next, he was adamant that ASL instructors for the program should be completely deaf, adding "an element of deaf culture that students who were not deaf could learn to appreciate and interact within." Finally, he wanted to make certain that the College of Education at OU would shepherd the program in a way that would have ongoing support; he wanted participants to be able to come back and help support the ASL track through own experiences.

Johnson's hard work and thorough planning has paid off. Since the program's launch in 2016, every class and section has been completely full. The wait list for the semester at the time of Johnson's interview was more than 100 students long.



Photo: University of Oklahoma

Johnson's work has also garnered several awards over the past few years. In 2018, he received the National Academic Advising Association's Presentation Award for his lecture, "The Practicality of Parallel Planning." OU also recognized Johnson's efforts with two awards this year — he was selected by a group of his peers to receive the Provost's office Outstanding Academic Advising award; a choice that makes perfect sense when considering the fact that Johnson's student satisfaction rate is well above 90 percent.

The second award named Johnson as the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Service Award for his work to integrate the deaf community and the campus community. Johnson is the first advisor to win both of the university awards individually, as well as the first to win them both consecutively in the same year. He says the key to service is stepping out of one's comfort zone. "It's always a risk to lead because you are choosing to take charge" he says, "and it's also a risk to serve, because it may not be something you're used to."

Johnson also highlights the importance of taking the leap anyway; not for personal accolades, but for the success of future generations.

"When my youngest daughter goes to college, if she goes to OU and wanted to take sign language, to know that her dad was instrumental in his process ... so students like her could reap the benefits and the deaf community could reap the benefits? That's what brings me satisfaction."

LEAH TRIPP & RACHEL DAVIS

THE G. EUGENE BOYCE CENTER OF ADVOCACY



PLAN TO GIVE

Attorney G. Eugene Boyce and family

Anounced in September of 2015, the establishment of the G. Eugene Boyce Advocacy Center in the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law was made possible through a major gift from Boyce and his family. The gift has proven to have a significant impact on current and former students, faculty and staff at Campbell Law, as well as city of Raleigh.

The gift allowed three courtrooms to be updated with the latest technology and provided space for Campbell's advocacy professors, support staff and adjunct faculty.

An accomplished attorney who once served as assistant chief counsel to the Watergate Committee and currently serves as senior

counsel at Nexsen Pruet, Boyce chose to create Charitable Gift Annuities with Campbell in 2015, 2018 and 2019. All remainders of the annuities will be used to benefit Campbell law.

"Look at your circumstances — examine your past decisions and make decisions today that will help to map out your future," he says. "The Charitable Gift Annuities have a degree of self-necessity, as they are good for others (charities) but also good for you. I would rather give and be able to enjoy it, as well as benefit from it.

"Campbell Law gets some security, while providing me, the donor, a strong partially tax-free benefit. It's a logical choice that benefits both sides. I give to Campbell because I am involved, and the law campus came to Raleigh and is close to my home."



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ORANGE OWNED | SARAH ROBERSION CUMMINGS ('17)

Dance injury opened the door to art and a budding business for this Redheaded Camel

Sarah Roberson Cummings ('17) threw everything she had into her dance career – ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and modern pointe. Dancing was her life until one day in 2011, when she broke her back in the middle of a dance competition, ending her career with one wrong move.

“With newfound free time and a lot of creativity to spare, my parents bought me a few bottles of acrylic paint and brushes to fill my evenings and weekends,” Cummings says. While it took time to develop her skills, Cummings is now the proud founder and owner of The Redheaded Camel, a home decor, gift and apparel brand specializing in “hand-painted happiness.”

In 2013 Cummings, then a freshman at Campbell University, decorated her residence hall room with do-it-yourself decor, prompting questions from her friends and other visitors, “encouraging sentiments ranging from ‘I thought you got that at a Hallmark store’ to ‘you should really start an Etsy shop,’” Cummings says. “That encouragement, along with the encouragement from my parents to give it a shot, gave me the confidence to start an Etsy shop that has blossomed into a whole world I never imagined.”

Cummings, a business administration major with a health care management minor, soon learned that opening her own shop as a college sophomore gave her hands-on experience with concepts that she



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had previously learned in class. “Taking business classes while simultaneously running a growing business offered me a unique opportunity to see what my textbooks were talking about in real life, from taxes and bookkeeping to contracts and marketing. I was able to implement the lessons learned in the classroom in my real life as I was learning them,” she says. “Owning a business while getting a college degree, while working full time and running it full time before the age of 25 has certainly provided countless opportunities for growth.”

To Cummings, being a part of the Orange Owned network is a way to connect with other Campbell alumni with similar interests and values. “I am always grateful to be among good company, and this opportunity is one of those times. Being a part of the Orange Owned network, featured among people who know the value of hard work and the power of small business, is such an honor. I am excited to see how this new program creates new opportunities for Campbell alumni to succeed in business,” she says.

RACHEL DAVIS



ASHLEY NORDAN ('13 PA, CR) was among the 34 graduates in Campbell University's first Master of Physician Assistant Practice class in 2013, and this year, she's the first graduate to return as a member of the PA faculty.

Nordan comes to Campbell after practicing at Johnston County Health Department, where she rotated through adult primary care, women's health and child health clinics. She also consulted on cases in the epidemiology clinic. Her patients were largely under- or uninsured Spanish-speaking men and women. Nordan says her time as a student in Campbell's College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences prepared her well for her time in Johnston County.

“It instilled in me a strong sense of community and loyalty,” she says. “I left the physician assistant and clinical research programs feeling well equipped to serve not only my patients, but my community as a whole.”

As a member of the faculty, Nordan says she is excited to be somewhat of a liaison between current students and PA alumni. “It has been rewarding to see alumni come back and excel as lecturers and preceptors to current students,” she says. “As a charter class member of the PA program, it has been very rewarding to have come full circle.”

“I bring a love of Campbell and all of my past experiences as a student, guest lecturer and clinical preceptor for the program. I also bring a love of rural living and understanding of the importance of community.”



ERIC SWALWELL became the first person in his family to attend college after he got a soccer scholarship from Campbell University.

Unfortunately, he broke both of his thumbs before his sophomore season — not the best injury for a goalkeeper. He decided to drop soccer and instead turn his attention to politics by taking an unpaid internship with a congresswoman in Washington, D.C. Swalwell finished college at the University of Maryland, College Park, and earned a law degree at Maryland.

Now a congressman himself in California, Swalwell entered the Democratic presidential race in April and made national headlines for his proposed gun control measures. After strong showings in nationally televised debates, Swalwell became the first major candidate in the crowded 2020 primary field to drop out of the race in July. But he said the experience made him a better representative.

“It is the beginning of an opportunity in Congress with a new perspective shaped by the lives that have touched me and my campaign over the past few months,” he said.

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Kelly Waldrop (center) and Sara Mallory (right) run Freckled Flower Farm in Montpelier, Virginia.

ORANGE OWNED | KELLY WALDROP ('04)

Her Freckled Flower Farm is a success, but alumna's call to teach remains strong

Kelly Waldrop ('04) can confirm: owning a business is not easy. Waldrop, the co-owner of Freckled Flower Farm in Virginia, refers to owning a business as “a revolving door of challenges.”

Despite the obstacles, she and her partner, Sara Mallory, have created a successful family-owned business. Freckled Flower Farm grows, arranges and delivers a wide array of flowers for businesses and events in Central Virginia. In addition, the farm hosts classes and events for the public; a fulfillment of Waldrop and Mallory's dream to start a farm on family land.

While both grew up around the agricultural industry, their decision was still a leap of faith — they had to learn how to adjust to meet customer demands, arrange flowers, price their products and market their business. She attributes many of the skills that have made her a successful business owner as products of her time at Campbell, where she studied religion before deciding to study elementary education instead; a decision that was made after traveling to India to teach in orphanages with a student group.

Waldrop taught in Taiwan for six years after graduating from college. However, the use of her teaching skills did not stop after she exited the classroom. She says the education Campbell provided is now put to use on the farm; she uses her background as an educator to effectively teach tour groups about soil cultivation, pollinators and how flowers bloom. Waldrop says her time at Campbell taught her “the



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importance of being hands-on, creating visuals, and positively reinforcing learners.”

She also draws inspiration from several of her professors

during her years on campus. She cites professors Lora Roukema, Janet Powell and Mary Ellen Durham as “such strong women” who encouraged her and her classmates to go above and beyond the minimum and invest in their students and the call to teach. Additionally, Waldrop expresses gratitude for Provost Mark Hammond for his encouragement of her dream to study abroad.

Now, 15 years after Waldrop's graduation from Campbell, her alma mater is still contributing to her career; Freckled Flower Farm is a part of Orange Owned, an initiative that seeks to connect alumni with businesses owned by fellow Campbell graduates. She says that being a part of Orange Owned allows her to feel connected to the school that played a large part in shaping who she is today. “Orange Owned makes me feel a part of something special,” Waldrop states. “It reignites my pride in being a Campbell alumna.”

LEAH TRIPP

ANNABELLE LUNDY FETTERMAN (1921-2019)

Accomplished business leader had a fondness for Campbell

Annabelle Lundy Fetterman, co-founder of the Campbell University Lundy-Fetterman School of Business, died on Aug. 22.

She was born on April 14, 1921, to the late Burrows T. and Mabel Lundy. She and her late husband, Lewis Fetterman, helped found the School of Business in 1983 to give students in the Southeast the opportunity to study business and free enterprise economics.

“Annabelle Fetterman was truly part of the ‘greatest generation’ at Campbell University,” said Campbell President J. Bradley Creed.

“The investment of time, ideas and resources by Annabelle and Lewis Fetterman transformed the landscape and academic programs of Campbell.”

The Lundy-Fetterman School of Business today boasts nine premier undergraduate degree programs and two innovative graduate programs. “The generosity and vision of Mrs. Fetterman and her family have impacted countless students in our business school and beyond. Her legacy will continue to inspire and equip students for generations to come,” said Dean Kevin O’Mara.

A native of Montoursville, Pennsylvania, Annabelle was raised in Berwick, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Berwick



High School in 1939 and went on to earn her pilot’s license during a time when very few women flew airplanes. In 1947, she married Lewis and they enjoyed 63 years of marriage before his death in 2010.

She was an accomplished business leader with a thriving career at The Lundy Packing Company, the meat packing plant founded by her father when they moved to Clinton in 1949. She began her career with the company as an office manager before working her way up to chairwoman and CEO.

She served the family business with remarkable acumen, undaunted courage and steadfast dedication. During her tenure, she was listed as one of the Top 50 Women Executives in the U.S. by *Working Woman* magazine, and honored with induction into both the North Carolina Pork Council’s Hall of Fame and Business Hall of Fame.

While Annabelle enjoyed many professional accomplishments, she felt a strong sense of duty to support her community and the people of eastern North Carolina – particularly in the areas of education, the arts and health care.

She developed a particular fondness for “the school at Buies Creek,” and with husband Lew helped create several academic scholarships at Campbell. She was a long-serving member of the University’s Board of Trustees and Presidential Board of Advisors. She received an honorary degree from Campbell in 1987.

After moving south, the winter-blooming camellia flower captured Annabelle’s attention. Camellias would provide Annabelle a lifelong retreat as she and Lew grew blooms and exhibited them all over the world. She became a world-renowned camellia judge, the first woman president of the American Camellia Society and a director of the International Camellia Society.


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The half-Windsor

BY BILLY LIGGETT

I don't remember why I needed the tie. I just remember looking in the mirror at my grandparents' house, dumbfounded at the thought that I could take this long, skinny piece of cheap fabric and somehow make myself look more "professional" by wearing it.

I remember my grandfather appearing behind me in the reflection of that mirror ... we called him Papa. His reassuring, tight-lipped smile was there, as it always was. He could have poked fun at my dilemma — as he would do occasionally — but I think he sensed my frustration in this moment. Not just with my inability to tie a tie, but in my disappointment that I was 16 years old and never had the occasion to have to wear one.

"Here ya go, Billy," he said, taking the tie into his hands and starting the process as we both looked ahead. "The half Windsor is easy. I'll show you the full Windsor, too."

I concentrated harder on those hands than any lesson I'd had before it. I nailed the half Windsor in two tries. I've tied a million of them since.

My grandfather, Charles Stearns, was a rock for my family. Even more for me.

My parents' divorce. The terrible step parents that followed. Those divorces. Tough financial times. Tough emotional times. I was surrounded by instability as a teenager — but my grandfather was there. I sought him for advice or when I just needed somebody to vent my frustrations to. We talked a lot about football — he played collegiately for Rice University in 1950, the year they finished fifth in the nation and beat UNC in the Cotton Bowl.

We talked a lot about a lot of things.

I lost my grandfather last month after his lengthy bout with various illnesses, a weak heart and progressing dementia. I visited

him in Texas the week before he died — he didn't remember me, but on occasion would ask me about North Carolina.

I was asked to speak at his funeral as his oldest grandchild. In my speech, I focused on the calm he brought to not only me, but to just about everybody in my family (I love them to death, but there can be some drama amongst my tribe).

Friends and family have described me as a very laid back person, almost to a fault. Some

compliment my ability to take stress in stride and to not fold when the world is crashing around me. I feel like this is the greatest gift my grandfather gave me, and in my speech, I challenged my family and our friends in the audience to strive to become that calm — that rock — for the people around them.

The tie was another gift, but I couldn't bring myself to share that

story without tossing out everything my grandfather taught me and becoming a blubbering fool on the stage.

Six years before he died, my grandfather was putting on his best suit for another funeral — his wife of 50-plus years. My grandmother.

His dementia was in the beginning stages, and when my mother asked me to walk back to his room to check on him, I walked in to a familiar scene.

My grandfather, loose tie in his hands, staring at a mirror. Unsure what to do next.

"Here ya go, Papa," I said, taking the tie into my hands and starting the process as we both looked ahead.



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1912: Buies Creek Academy was celebrating its 25th year when this photo featuring The Band of Buies Creek Academy was published in the first Pine Burr Yearbook that year. The band was considered part of athletics at the time — as quoted in the yearbook: "A certain amount of time set aside each day for recreation is not only pleasant and profitable, but essential." One-hundred and six years later, Campbell University would start its first marching band, The Sound of the Sandhills.



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Mountain highway near Cape Town, South Africa, home of the Living Hope Foundation, a partner of Campbell University Spiritual Life, which sent a dozen students to serve for a week over the summer.
Photo by Kate Stoneburner

