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It was with Earl Givens' help that we can demonstrate examples of this new augmented reality technology in this edition of **CAMPUS**.

Using a free app download, Blippar, readers can view the cover photo of the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse through the screen of their mobile device and be transported from viewing a still photograph to viewing a video that includes the image shown in the still photo. The solar eclipse still image and the video were both shot and shared by Dr. Steven Coggin, Professor of Biology at Catawba.

This augmented reality technology is also available for use with a Harrison Seefelt photo taken at the Homecoming football game on page 23, and with an image that Maegen Worley took on page 16 of a Catawba student and her emotional assistance dog.



Blippar & What We Learned About It

To even be able to share three examples of Blippar technology and how it displays augmented reality, we went through a learning curve of our own. We learned that:

- Blippar is colorblind – hence our beautiful black and white cover image couldn't trigger the Blippar app on its own as we so desired; it needed the detail available in the image inset on the cover to trigger Dr. Coggin's eclipse video.
- Blippar needs a certain level of detail in any image used to actually trigger augmented reality.
- Images that the Blippar app will recognize must be registered with Blippar in advance of their intended use. Registration lasts for only one year.
- There are endless ways that we can potentially use Blippar and augmented reality for marketing the college to both prospective students and current members of the Catawba and local community. Stay tuned.
- Blippar is also realizing the full potential of its app and augmented reality, as are major commercial and social media companies, including Revlon and Facebook.

Meet Earl Givens, Jr.



He's the new Director of the Corriher-Linn-Black Library. After serving for the past six months as interim, Givens has already been instrumental in initiating programs and technology to advance the changing future of the campus library for the 21st century. He has also continued his research in augmented reality and is working closely with the campus to implement this technology in marketing and public relations.

Givens earned both his undergraduate degree in American History with an emphasis in Museums Studies and his Masters of Library Science and Technology (M.L.S.) from Emporia State University. Thereafter, he accepted a position as the statewide Technology Consultant with the State Library of Kansas. This was a role he served in for almost two years before entering higher education.

Departing the State Library of Kansas, Givens joined the faculty at Emporia State University as an assistant professor of Information Literacy & Technology. As a faculty member, he was a contributor in the development of Emporia State's First-Year-Seminar program. In addition to teaching, he also served as the Digital Resources Librarian and worked closely

with county and institutional archives to develop a 21st century approach to archival practices and community engagement. That archival partnership led Givens to conduct cutting edge research in augmented reality and its implementation in higher education; he has produced three international, five national, two regional, and 10 local presentations along with five articles.

Seeking to be closer to family, Givens joined Catawba College in 2015 as the Systems and Technology Librarian, before being named acting director in May 2017.

It is worth noting that while an undergraduate, Givens obtained a license in ministry and was ordained in 2006. With over 12 years of ministry experience, including nine years of pastoring, he continues to serve his local community in Rowan County. Additionally, with his training as a leadership coach and consultant in Harvard's Adaptive Leadership model, he is currently working on providing leadership training to Rowan-Salisbury Schools and the community at large. In his spare time, he enjoys playing jazz piano and guitar, working in the community, and exploring North Carolina with his wife and two sons.

From The President

Another exciting academic year is well under way at Catawba!

Dear Catawba Community,

New opportunities and initiatives are emerging, including:

- The “Values Proposition” that will connect high impact experiential education (through internships, undergraduate research, travel, and service learning) with the core values of the College (Scholarship, Character, Culture and Service);
- Our first cohort of Nursing students and the new Department of Environment and Sustainability;
- The Ketner School of Business undertaking a very positive site visit as it pursues accreditation; and
- The “Forward Path” comprehensive fundraising campaign racing toward a record-breaking conclusion.

In spite of the complex series of obstacles facing higher education across the nation, Catawba continues to achieve its strongest independent scores and evaluations:

- Ranked 4th again among the “Best Regional Colleges – South” by U.S. News and World Report (up from 17th just five years ago);
- Ranked among the Top 100 in the nation by Forbes Magazine’s “Grateful Graduates Index” for the 5th year in a row. The only other North Carolina institutions that can claim that are Duke, Davidson and Wake Forest;
- Ranked among the Best Colleges and the Greenest Colleges by Princeton Review, cited as a “Best Buy” by Washington Monthly and and recognized as having great value or Return on Investment by Affordable Colleges Online and Best Value Schools respectively; and
- Ranked as among the best schools for music, theatre arts, psychology, and sports management by various publications.

As you know well, it is not just about the experiences during one’s time at Catawba – the real proof is in the results. Of last year’s graduates, 94% are already on to the next step in their path:

- 72% of graduates are employed; and
- 22% of graduates are enrolled in a program of continuing education.

Catawba continues to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world and workplace – and they are following the example of generations of graduates before them to become leaders in their professions and their communities.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated faculty and staff on campus, nor without the generosity and assistance of alumni and friends who are committed to supporting Catawba.

I hope you will enjoy learning more about the Catawba community of learners in the pages ahead. Please check your email and our website regularly to keep up with the latest news, events, and opportunities available on campus.

As always, you have my deep appreciation and thanks for all you do for the College.

Yours at Catawba,  – Brien Lewis



FORBES

For five years running, Catawba continues to be one of only four N.C. institutions among the top 100 colleges and universities nationwide cited by Forbes for inclusion in its 2017 Grateful Grads Index.

Forbes says a Catawba College education is well worth its cost, and claims the proof of that is in the institution’s alumni giving. This online Index ranks the best long-term value, or return-on-investment (ROI) of the top 200 private, not-for-profit colleges enrolling more than 1,000 students.

In addition to Catawba (87), other North Carolina institutions included in the top 100 in the 2017 Index are Davidson College (7), Duke University (9), and Wake Forest University (46), Queen University (120), Salem College (148), and Elon University (198).

Forbes’ 2017 Grateful Grads Index is available at www.forbes.com

U.S. NEWS

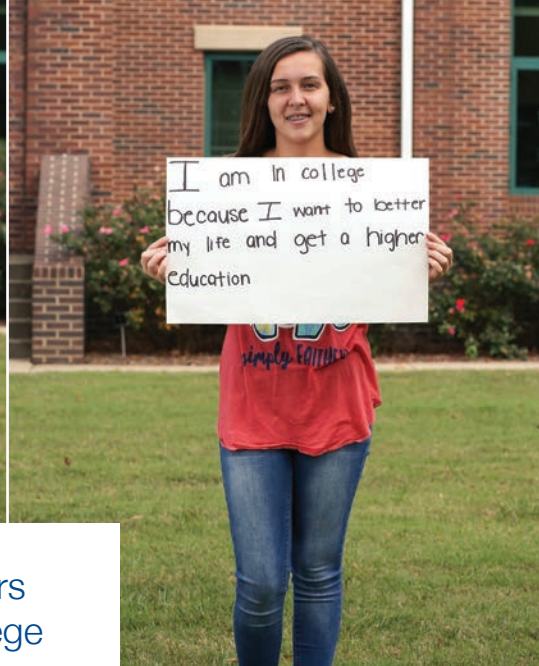
Catawba College maintains its #4 position among the Best Regional Colleges in the South in the 2018 U.S. News “Best Colleges” rankings.

Catawba moved up 11 positions to the number 4 slot among Best Regional Colleges in the South in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings and remains there in the 2018 edition of this publication.

“We continue to be pleased that national publications like U.S. News and Princeton Review recognize Catawba College as one of this country’s best institutions of its kind. Inclusion in these publications is indicative that our college continues to excel in our job of preparing our graduates to reach their highest potential,” Catawba President Brien Lewis shared.

Catawba was one of 324 colleges in U.S. News Regional Colleges category, ranked according to geographic region: North, South, Midwest, and West.

U.S. News Best Colleges rankings are billed as a starting point “for families concerned with finding the best academic value for their money.” www.usnews.com/colleges.



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Thank you to our alumni and donors who have supported Catawba College already this year. You have helped these students achieve their dreams.

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PRINCETON REVIEW

Catawba College continues to be recognized for "Best College Theater" according to the Princeton Review's 2018 edition of "The Best 382 Colleges," ranking 17th in the nation.

Catawba is also cited as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education.

Catawba's appearance on the "Best College Theater" rankings lists is based on the guidebook's surveys of students attending the colleges.

Catawba is one of the 375 most environmentally responsible colleges profile in the 2017 edition of The Princeton Review Guide to 375 Green Colleges, and boasts a Green Rating of 94 out of possible scores ranging from 60-99, and an 86 Quality of Life Rating for campus life.

More info can be found at www.PrincetonReview.com/best382 and www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.

ZIPPIA

catawba.edu/rankings

Catawba is ranked number 2 among the Top Colleges for Music Majors in North Carolina and is the only private college included in this top five list created by Zippia, a website dedicated to helping people find and pursue the right career.

Catawba trails only UNC Chapel Hill in the Top Colleges for Music Majors in N.C., and is followed by UNC Wilmington in the number 3 slot, Western Carolina University at number 4, and Appalachian State at number 5. To view the rankings, visit www.zippia.com/music-major/#best-music-colleges-in-north-carolina.

One Catawba alumnus, Chris Williams (aka YUNG Citizen), who majored in Music Business and graduated in 2012, credits his undergraduate preparation for his success in the music industry. "Catawba College was nothing but wonderful to me. I had the best time of my life as a Music major, specifically in Music Business," Williams shared. "The faculty prepared us mentally for the real world when it came to the music industry. The music industry is very cutthroat and you have to have a 'hustle mentality' and Dr. David Fish (the founder of Catawba's Popular Music program at the college) was able to teach us that."

Catawba Classes Get Eclipsed by Solar Phenomenon

Approximately 600 members of the Catawba College community queued up on the lawn of the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel beginning at noon on Monday, August 21, patiently waiting for their pair of solar eclipse glasses.

Faculty organizers from across disciplines say people began lining up more than 45 minutes before they distributed 550 pairs of the glasses. More than 30 individuals were turned away when the campus supply was depleted. Some shared the glasses they received, others bought and brought their own, still others made pinhole viewers to safely see the moon pass in front of the sun and experience the 96% eclipse that occurred in Salisbury.

"I feel like it's a once in a lifetime opportunity and I like this solar stuff," explained sophomore Sarah Brown of Concord.

"It's a great opportunity to come out with friends and witness a nice natural phenomenon," shared another sophomore, Danielle Ritz of Lexington.

Catawba History Professor Dr. Gary Freeze spoke briefly before 2:41 p.m. when the maximum eclipse (96%) occurred on campus, noting that the pre-modern view of eclipses was that they were "disrupters of the natural order." Then by the 1500s, he explained, eclipses became "guarantors of the regularity that occurs in nature."

Today, Freeze said, by coming together and knowing what causes an eclipse to occur, "it endlessly teaches us something new. While it is familiar, it takes you to a new place of wonder and inquiry. For example, how do different individuals deal with the odd light that the eclipse casts? As the light changes, is there a change in you? Then, what are the quantum changes we can expect in this moment?"

Where some faculty, staff and students wanted to go on August 21st was where they could experience totality. Biology professors, Drs. Steve Coggin and Joe Poston, traveled with their camera and video equipment traveled to a campground in Greenwood, S.C., where they could experience and capture totality.

By 3:30 p.m., the Chapel lawn was empty of people, but many left with their memorabilia of the event: cell phone images, eclipse glasses and paper pennants created by the Science Departments commemorating the place and the date of the solar eclipse.

– **CAMPUS cover photo credit & eclipse video:**
Dr. Steve Coggin Professor of Biology

– **Eclipse Omwake-Dearborn Chapel lawn shots:**
Wayne Hinshaw '68

L-R Drs. Joe Poston and Steve Coggin



Catawba student Christopher Derrick '18



Ready, Set, Safely View:



“ We have come to trust science and then we can debate science realizing that science is only a step into what you don't know and that it is a vehicle to take you to a place that you want to go. ”

- Dr. Gary Freeze Professor of History



Catawba Announces Changes in Academic Administration

After four years of service as Catawba College's Provost, Dr. J. Michael Bitzer will be stepping down at the end of the fall 2017 semester to assume some new responsibilities at the College. Bitzer will become the inaugural Director of the Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching at Catawba.

Bitzer will play a lead role in development and implementation of not only the aforementioned Center, but in the development and implementation of the institution's Values Proposition. The Values Proposition is a campus-wide initiative that will expand and enhance Catawba's ability to provide internships, travel, undergraduate research,

service learning, and other experiential opportunities for its students. Bitzer will also return to the classroom, teaching Politics and History.

Colleagues of Bitzer's who have served since May 2016 in Associate Provost roles at Catawba will step up to assume new roles of their own. Dr. Forrest Anderson, Associate Provost for Student Academic Success, will maintain his current responsibilities, but will become Acting Dean of Students, effective October 23. Dr. Constance Rogers-Lowery, Associate Provost for Faculty Development, will become Acting Provost, effective January 1, 2018, with the start of the spring semester.



Dr. Constance Rogers-Lowery Acting Provost

Rogers-Lowery said moving into the role of Acting Provost at Catawba will give her yet another career challenge and an opportunity to glean even more experience in academic administration.

"Change can be an anxious time, but it is also truly exciting," she shared. "Over the past year, the campus community has demonstrated an incredible willingness to consider and embrace changes that improve the educational experiences of our students. We have a positive restlessness about us! I look forward to collaborating with faculty, staff, students, and friends in implementing our Values Proposition and other initiatives."

Rogers-Lowery joined the faculty at Catawba in 2006 as an assistant professor of Biology and was promoted to associate professor of Biology in 2012. She chaired the Department of Biology from 2012 until 2016 when she was appointed Associate Provost of Faculty Development.

Since 2012, Rogers-Lowery has served as director of Catawba's Noyce Scholarship Program, after she successfully authored a \$1.45 million grant from the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program of the National Science Foundation to fund the program. Scholarships provided through this program, which ran between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2017, helped prepare STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors for teaching careers.

Rogers-Lowery was honored by Catawba with the Swink Award for Classroom Teaching in 2014.

Prior to joining the faculty at Catawba, Lowery served as a faculty member and Instructor of Biology at the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences in Concord and the Presbyterian School of Nursing in Charlotte. She also was a Research Assistant Professor, completing postdoctoral work at UNC Wilmington.

Rogers-Lowery earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Sciences degrees in Biology from the UNC Charlotte, and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biology from Wake Forest University.



Dr. Forrest Anderson Associate Provost for Student Academic Success & Acting Dean of Students

Anderson shared that he was grateful for the opportunity to continue his partnership with Drs. Rogers-Lowery and Bitzer as "we work to centralize high impact practices at Catawba College."

"I am eager to gain insights into the student life side of campus as I work to improve our retention and graduation rates at the College," he said.

Anderson joined the faculty of Catawba in 2010 as an assistant professor in the English Department. Prior to Catawba, he served as an assistant professor of English at Arkansas Tech University, and as a teaching assistant in the Department of English at Florida State University. At Florida State, he worked for two years as an archivist and assistant for Pulitzer Prize winning author Robert Olen Butler, his dissertation director.

Anderson has published over a dozen short stories in a variety of literary journals and magazines. He has served as contributing editor for the "Fiction Writers Review," and is currently a co-chair of the literary arts section of the Christian Scholars Conference.

At Catawba, Anderson serves as the faculty athletic representative. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Chiefs Club.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Journalism and Mass Communications from UNC Chapel Hill, his Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from the University of South Carolina, and his doctorate in English, with concentrations in Fiction from Florida State University.

Dr. J. Michael Bitzer Director of the Center for Engaged Learning & Teaching

Bitzer was named Provost at Catawba in early January of 2014. He had been serving in the position on an acting basis since June 1, 2013. A professor of Politics and History at Catawba, he joined the faculty in 2002.

At Catawba, Bitzer has been active in faculty governance, having chaired the Admissions Committee and served on the Curriculum Committee and the Assessment Committee. In 2010, he spearheaded a committee of faculty that produced "A White Paper on an Institutional Philosophy of Education at Catawba." This paper set forth the idea of a "liberal education" which unifies a liberal arts education and professional education into one over-arching philosophy. At the time of his appointment as acting provost, he was serving as chair of the Department of History and Politics.

Bitzer came to Catawba as a visiting instructor in the Political Science Department and with a passion for Southern politics. A native of South Carolina, he was baptized in his passion in the early 1980s while in high school, landing a job as a page in the Washington, D.C. office of South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Erskine College, a Master of Arts degree in History from Clemson University, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs, where he was selected as one of five "Excellence in Teaching" award winners for 2002. Before beginning work on his doctorate, he was a newspaper reporter and a public affairs director at Clemson University.

He was tapped by Catawba President Dr. Robert E. Knott to serve as Interim Dean of Admissions at the college from 2007 through the end of 2008. During that period, he managed the responsibilities of that position while continuing to teach a full slate of classes in his subject area. For the 2011-2012 academic year, he was the Swink Professor for Excellence in Teaching at Catawba, after a vote of the faculty senate.


He is frequently sought out by local, regional and national media outlets as a commentator on Southern politics and campaigns and elections. His comments have been used by "The New York Times," "The Washington Post," "Christian Science Monitor," NPR, "The Charlotte Observer," "The News & Observer," "The State," and television stations in the Charlotte market. He has posted observations about regional and national politics in a blog entitled, "The Party Line," for WFAE, the Charlotte NPR affiliate.

Catawba President Brien Lewis made the announcement on campus regarding these changes in academic administration on Monday, October 16. He said the college will be launching national searches to fill both the Provost and the Dean of Students positions before the start of the 2018-2019 academic year.

Lewis thanked Bitzer for his dedication and commitment to Catawba and for being willing to wear so many hats for so long at the institution. He also praised Anderson and Rogers-Lowery for their willingness to step up to fill the positions being vacated by Bitzer. He said

the three administrators share a strong commitment to help grow Catawba's student population as they collaboratively work to enhance student opportunities for participation in high impact learning practices and engagement on campus.

"These three individuals represent the academic excellence we offer at Catawba College. They truly are our servant leaders, willing to go above and beyond as we strive for institutional excellence and collegiality," Lewis said.



I am a historian and political scientist by training, but I've had to confront business-minded questions posed by today's prospective students and often, their parents: Why should we consider Catawba College? What is the "return" on our "investment?" In responding to them, the term "value proposition" came across my desk many times. That term seems to include the notion of how something delivers specific benefits (quantified value); solves a problem or improves a situation (relevancy); and tells why the ideal individual should select from you and not from the competition (unique differentiation).

The aforementioned are business concepts, and some bristle at viewing an education as a "product" to be simply "consumed." But as a liberal arts graduate, I have seen the value, relevance, and differentiation of such an education in my professional lives. It has helped me communicate effectively, think critically, resolve problems, work within a team, and also provide leadership when needed. All of those skills, what *New York Times* columnist Randall Stross describes as "a practical education," are inherent within Catawba College's education. It is perhaps best expressed in the first sentence of the College mission statement: "...to provide an education rich in personal attention that blends the skills and competencies of liberal studies with career preparation."

Most employers want employees with these skills, and numerous surveys by the National Association of Colleges & Employers point to them as prized by today's employers. But there are other values that employers may seek as well, including practical experience; developing one's character while recognizing the culture of others; and a willingness to serve.

These characteristics are an important part of who and what Catawba College is as well. "Scholarship. Character. Culture. Service." are inscribed on the college's seal. So, when trying to determine what Catawba College's "value proposition" is for prospective students, a group of faculty and staff developed the *Values Proposition Initiatives*. Taking each of the college's four values, they found that activities such as internships, undergraduate research and creativity, travel (both domestic and abroad), and service opportunities and service learning can embody the value of a Catawba education.

Many of these activities already occur across the campus. For example, the internships and experiential learning within the Ketner School of Business and sport & health sciences, the undergraduate research found within the natural sciences and social sciences, the creativity of the performing arts, and the service orientation of the Honors Program and the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values all demonstrate the college's commitment to its values. But, if a Catawba graduate doesn't participate or major in one of these areas, they may not have had a reflective experience associated with those four values when they receive their diploma.

Research also demonstrates that many college students never experience what Gallup Poll and Purdue University termed "the big six" in a collegiate educational experiences: having professors who made learning exciting; having a professor who cared about their students; having a professor who encouraged their students to pursue goals and dreams; opportunities to work on a semester-long project; opportunities to apply classroom experience to an internship or job; and students who were active in extracurricular activities and organizations.

In a recent survey by Gallup and Purdue, only three (3) percent of college graduates had all six experiences; but of those who had all six experiences, eighty-five (85) percent strongly agreed that "my college prepared me well for life."

Our *Values Proposition Initiatives*' goal is to not only convey what "value" a Catawba education can bring, but what "values" all Catawba graduates can experience as they strive to "reach their highest potential while becoming responsible citizens with a zeal to enrich human life."



Dr. J. Michael Bitzer

Provost and Professor of Politics & History



Catawba Campus Renovations 2017

The campus landscape is among many college or university's most valuable assets, and certainly its most enduring. Numerous studies have shown the appearance and quality of the campus to be critical factors in both the recruitment of potential students and the retention of existing ones.

When most people think of the campus landscape, they think of plants – trees, shrubs, flowering plants and lawns. While plants are certainly a large part of the picture, it is important to remember that there is far more to the campus landscape than just plants. When we refer to the “campus landscape,” we also include the hard materials used to construct the campus – pavements, walls, lights, furniture – in short, everything except the buildings.



Tree Conservation



Heath Hill Alumni House



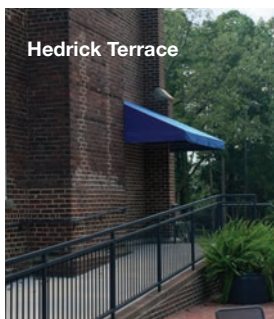
Tree Removal



Soccer Building Wrap



Salisbury-Rowan Hall
HVAC & Renovations

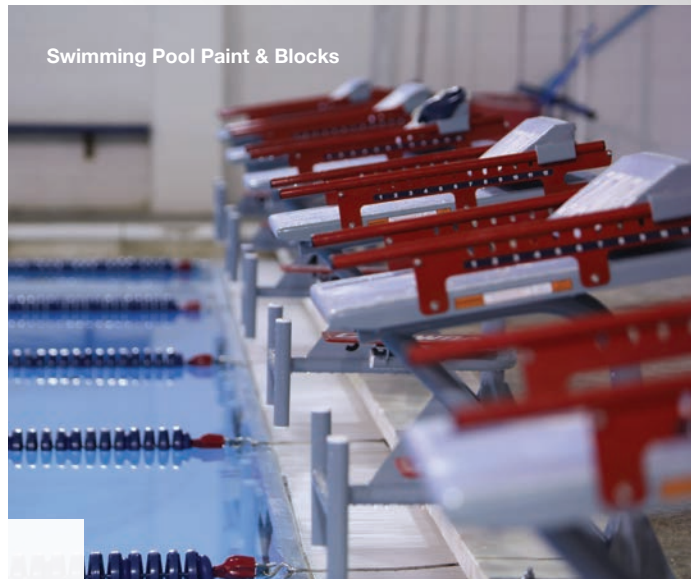


Hedrick Terrace



RCCC Lobby





Swimming Pool Paint & Blocks

The Catawba Facilities Department has spent the past year working diligently to improve the appearance of campus. The hallmark of these efforts can be found in the heart of campus where a new Hedrick Terrace has been added between the Hedrick Administration Building and the Cannon Student Center. This new terrace area offers seating and gathering spaces for students, a renovated water fountain on the adjacent Stanback Plaza and removal of some aged and diseased trees and shrubbery that were encroaching on adjacent buildings.



Hedrick Terrace



Ketner Hall
Renovations



Stanback Plaza Fountain

Ketner Hall received a welcomed interior facelift with new paint, floor covering and furniture. Heath Hill, a former residence hall, was transformed into the Heath Hill Alumni House and now houses the Development Offices. Salisbury-Rowan Residence Hall received a new HVAC system in towers A and B, had architecturally designed fencing installed around clustered transformers, and had its slate roof restored with stainless valleys while restoring and retaining its original copper guttering and scuppers.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

The 2017-2018 academic year at Catawba College began with a new academic department, the Department of Environment and Sustainability. This Department houses both the academic major and minor of Environment and Sustainability, which were formerly housed in the Department of Biology.

This new department has two new full-time faculty, Dr. Luke Dollar, chair, and Dr. Tyler W. Davis, a visiting assistant professor. The new department is also home to Dr. John Wear, who serves as director of the Center for Environment at Catawba and as an associate professor, and Dr. Sue Calcagni, an associate professor who will continue to have a joint appointment in Biology.

Dollar, formerly a faculty member at Pfeiffer University, is a renowned wildlife biologist and conservationist, and a National Geographic Explorer. Much of his research is focused in Africa, as he manages the National Geographic Society's Big Cats Initiative. In Madagascar, Dollar also leads ongoing, long-term research focusing on the ecology and conservation of the island's largest endemic predator, the Fosa, a unique carnivore found nowhere else in the wild, resembling a blend between the mongoose, hyena, and cat families.

Dollar says his academic department at Catawba is seeking students who want academic adventure and to "move the world's needle, and want to be able to do so in an informed way." He has big plans for the Environment and Sustainability Department, which most immediately include "expanding our GIS programs, as well as international study abroad opportunities for our students."

Dollar also serves as an adjunct professor in Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. He spent the summer of 2017 in Madagascar continuing his study of the Fosa, also with a brief stint in Cartagena, Colombia to present his research, alongside one of his graduate students, at the International Congress for Conservation Biology. He takes prides in sharing his research with local people to educate them about serving as wildlife caretakers rather than wildlife threats.

Dollar was educated at Duke University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Anthropology and Psychology; his Master of Science degree and his Ph.D. are in Ecology.

New Academic Department Launches at Catawba in '17-'18 Academic Year

After earning his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering with a focus in water resources from the University of Pittsburgh, Davis went on to do research at Imperial College London. There, he worked with a team of paleoclimatologists, ecologists and environmental scientists to create an open-source model for testing new hypotheses on the controlling factors of vegetation growth (primary production).

"Developing this fundamental knowledge based on historical observations is crucial," Davis explains. "We must first understand how and why the natural environment around us works before we can predict how it will change under future scenarios."

From there, Davis spent two years working at the United States Department of Agriculture in the Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) studying how the physical structure and orientation of crop roots influences their vitality under various environmental stresses (for example, drought, nutrient deficiency and soil toxicity). Davis states that "our current understanding of how plant life organizes itself and adapts below our feet is limited, but what we have found so far has significant implications for our global food security."

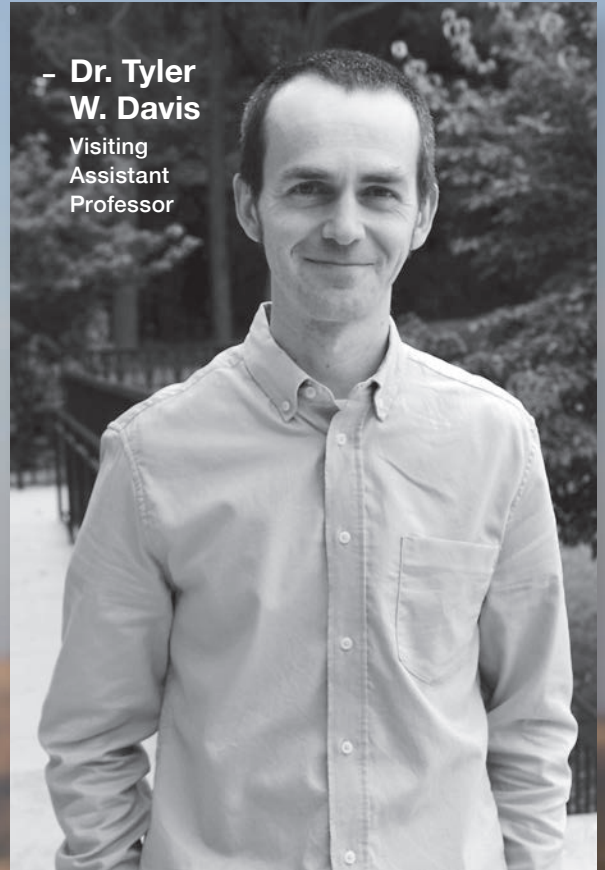
As a civil engineer working in the life sciences, Davis takes a multi-disciplinary approach to address "grand challenges" in ecosystem science, plant biology and agriculture. "Today's grand challenges are complex threats facing the interaction between our environment and our own wellbeing," Davis shares. He believes that solving these grand challenges starts in the classroom, which is why he is excited to be a visiting professor at Catawba this year.

In addition to his computational work, Davis also has technical expertise with designing environmental sensors and sensing networks, which has given him a means of collecting novel datasets to assess the environmental consequences from our utilization of our natural resources. He is eager to bring his technical background to Catawba College, along with over 10 years of experience working with GIS (geographic information systems). One of his goals at Catawba is to embolden Environment and Sustainability students, as well as students across disciplines, with computational and technical skills that will be valuable in their postgraduate careers.

Students who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing an academic major in Environment and Sustainability at Catawba College may qualify for a departmental merit scholarship. Contact the Office of Admissions at admission@catawba.edu for information.



- Dr. Tyler
W. Davis
Visiting
Assistant
Professor



It's a big world that needs big solutions, Dollar shares, "and training students to deliver those solutions is our mission. We will continue to help our students create and curate knowledge, and there's a humility and strength that comes from understanding first-hand the context and magnitude of what it all means.

- Dr. Luke Dollar





Catawba College welcomed its inaugural cohort of students into its new B.S.N. pre-licensure program with the start of the 2017-2018 academic year.

This, after learning that the N.C. Board of Nursing had unanimously approved the new program for up to 50 students at its May 12th meeting.

The nine students in this first cohort have all completed a special nursing application and a health assessment form (available online at www.catawba.edu/bsnPL), according to Dr. Racquel Ingram, Chair of Catawba College's Nursing Department. These upper division students, all transfers to Catawba, include Vonetta McGhee Carrington, Tatyanna Carter, Sarah Eloise Ducote, Victoria Lopez, Cherell Louise Martin, Cindra Martin, Sophia Smith, Stacy Sword-Halsey, and Paul Tyler Thomas.

Catawba College President Brien Lewis was on hand to welcome these nursing students and called their arrival "a culminating moment" that followed five years of "work, dreams and aspirations" on the part of faculty and administrators, and members of the Rowan County community. "People in the community and friends of the college believe in this program," he shared.

Catawba Provost Dr. Michael Bitzer assured students in this inaugural cohort that they could expect "an education rich in personal attention" that blends liberal studies with professional studies.

Ingram noted that 17 lower division students enrolled at Catawba have expressed an interest in the B.S.N. Pre-licensure program and had attended a special advising session with the Nursing faculty in mid-August.

In addition to Ingram, other faculty and staff members in the Nursing Department include Sandra Yamane and Zula Price, assistant professors of nursing, and Theressa Parks, administrative assistant.

The mission of the program reads: The Catawba College Department of Nursing seeks to prepare competent, diverse nurse professionals to meet the holistic health care needs of a culturally diverse society; using an interdisciplinary approach to blend the knowledge and competencies of liberal studies, and evidence-based practice healthcare models to embrace nursing education, nursing practice, critical thinking, scholarship, and service.

The B.S.N. pre-licensure program follows Catawba College's initial foray into Nursing with the R.N. to B.S.N. program launched in spring 2017 in the School of Evening and Graduate Studies. That original program offering, which continues, offers Registered Nurses (RNs) who want to pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree the opportunity to do so using a flexible block format.

For more information call Dr. Racquel Ingram, Chair of Nursing Department, at (704) 645-4508 or visit www.catawba.edu/nursing.




Catawba Is N.C.'s 1st College to Participate in EPA Air Quality Flag Program



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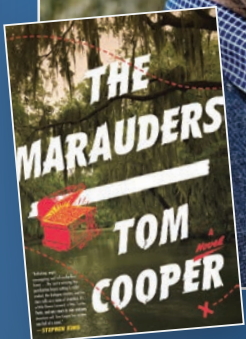
Our participation in this program is a small but tangible way that our institution can do our part to help inform individuals in the campus community and in the community at large of air quality issues that may affect them.

– College President Brien Lewis

Catawba College is North Carolina's first college to participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Flag Program. The College plans to raise one of five various colored EPA flags on a daily basis to help members of its campus community and the Salisbury-Rowan community at large be aware of each day's air quality conditions. The Air Quality Flags will be flown beneath the Catawba College flag on a flagpole located in front of the Hedrick Administration Building on W. Innes Street.

The EPA also provides a way, in addition to the Air Quality Flag program, for obtaining up-to-date air quality information. Those interested may subscribe at www.enviroflash.info to get the daily air quality forecast by email, or can download the AirNow app to get air quality on their cell phone. This is especially helpful for those who are sensitive to the effects of air pollution, such as children, adults who are active outdoors, people with heart and lung disease, and older adults.

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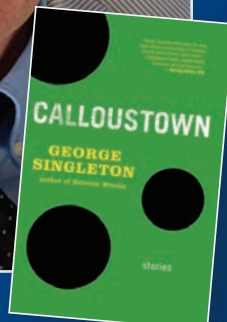
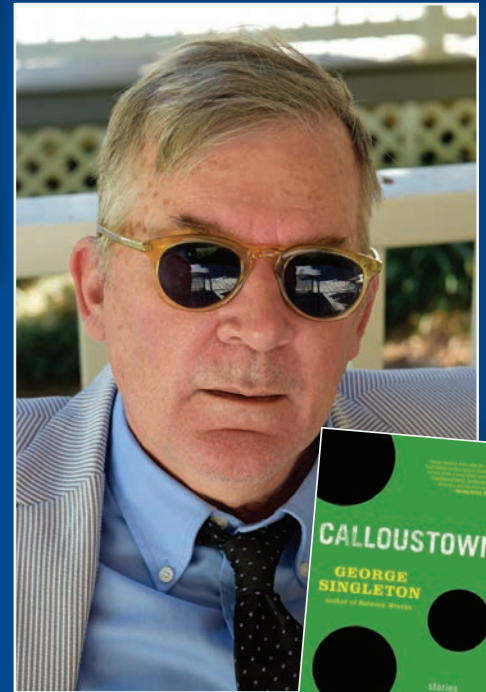
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Piggy

Catawba Finds the Solace of Animals

Catawba College has gone to the dogs, cats, and even a rabbit this year, and a few students are glad and grateful that it has. This academic year marked the first that Catawba has implemented a policy on service and emotional assistance animals that has allowed eight of the animals to be formally registered with their own institutional identification by their student owners.

The new service and emotional assistance animal policy on campus allowed sophomore Sarah Grace Cuthbert of Charleston, S.C., to bring her dog, Piggy, with her to live on campus in a residence hall this year. Having the three and half year old Corgi/Beagle mix with her as an emotional assistance animal, she says, has made a tremendous difference in her college life. She used her Christmas money to adopt him when he was around one year old after he had been rescued from an abusive puppy mill situation.

"It was an emotional bond. I was \$3 short and they let me have him. My life totally changed when I bought Piggy. It was really love at first sight. He is so charismatic and expressive.

"I had a pretty rough freshman year with all of the transitions, but having Piggy has helped me this year," Cuthbert explains. "I'm happier and more joyful. Having him with me makes me feel more like a grown up because I'm taking care of him. I want him to be healthy and happy and it really is keeping me healthy and happy."

Cuthbert, who has been diagnosed with anxiety, depression and OCD, says having Piggy on campus makes it easier to be successful as an Honors student pursuing a history and political science double major. And, she says it is not just her who benefits from having Piggy around, but rather her friends and others on campus.

"I've had no dog and I've had a dog on campus, and everything about this year is better. It's helped me in so many ways I couldn't imagine. I have responsibility and I haven't been as depressed this year. Piggy's there to be a little light in my life. He does more for me than I could ever understand. The fact that I'm able to keep him on campus is not just beneficial for me, but for everyone.

"Piggy loves everybody. He is so loving and he's happy all the time. He literally smiles 24/7. He's low-maintenance, doesn't bark - he's perfect - very well-behaved and potty-trained. My suitemates love him and I have some friends who will ask if they can come see Piggy, or walk him or snuggle with him during midterms. He's the campus dog - the most popular boy in school."

The handful of students like Cuthbert who have service or emotional assistance animals must sign an agreement when they register their animals. In that agreement, they attest that they will keep their animal up-to-date on its vaccines, regularly treat it for fleas, and bathe and groom it, keep it on a leash or in a carrier if taking it out on campus, and pick up its waste and properly dispose of it in bags in outside trashcans. Animal owners are also required to have their animal's Catawba ID card with them at all times.

Catawba Director of Counseling and Wellness Services, Dr. Nan Zimmerman, was complimentary of the inaugural group of animals and their student owners.

"From the time President [Brien] Lewis mentioned that he would like for the campus to be animal friendly, I knew there were a number of students who could benefit from the support and comfort of assistance animals," Zimmerman explains. "I know my own pets keep me sane when life gets tough!

"Our goal was to balance the needs of individuals wanting to have animals on campus and those who do not. Since the vast majority of students and employees 'light up' when they see one of these animals, I think we have achieved that goal. The only real problem we have encountered is that the approved animals are often besieged with requests to cuddle and come visit. While they bring comfort to their owners, they also bring joy to the campus as a whole. It is what I call an intended consequence."





Junior Holly Messick of Advance has a service dog-in-training with her, Delilah, a purebred English Cream Golden Retriever, just turned one year old on September 2nd, but already she's at work learning just what she needs to do to serve and help Messick.

Messick, a special education and elementary education major who has multiple medical issues, says she looked into acquiring a service dog after she decided that her current treatment regime was not what it needed to be. She found a breeder who helped her select Delilah and the two began training when Delilah was only nine weeks old. When she's on campus this year, Delilah typically wears a vest noting that she is a service dog in training.

"Delilah is able to detect low blood sugars and will let me know when it drops, often when I'm sleeping, she will wake me up," Messick explains. "And she's in training for cortisol alert – she'll be able to tell when my heart rate surpasses a certain number and I'll need to sit down since I tend to fall." Seizure response and psychiatric work is also a big part of Delilah's training. Messick jokes that Delilah sure has her work cut out for her!

Messick is well versed on the difference between service animals and emotional support animals. She has legal protection to have Delilah with her because Delilah's purpose is "specifically to mitigate an individual's disability or disabilities." The main difference between emotional support animals and service dogs is that ESAs provide comfort to their human, while service dogs are task trained animals, where the training takes two years on average, to mitigate a disability/disabilities. The individual must meet the legal definition of disabled to have a service dog. Service dogs can be guide dogs, hearing dogs, seizure alert/response dogs, diabetic alert dogs, mobility dogs, psychiatric service dogs, or dogs that are task-trained to assist with other medical alert/responses.

"A lot of owners of ESAs will pass their animal off as a service animal. Both are incredibly important, but it is imperative to know the difference," Messick notes. "As much as Delilah helps me and I need her, I would prefer I didn't need her because I would rather live a regular, healthy life as a normal 21 year old. I constantly deal with people following us around in stores and taking pictures of us without asking. They try and distract her, yell at her, and they ask me what's wrong with me and if I'm going to die soon. The other day at a festival in Matthews (NC), a grown man barked in her face. I have come to realize the general public is interesting to say the least.

"On campus, the majority of people have been very respectful and I have been pleasantly surprised. A good rule of thumb is - if you wouldn't do it to someone's wheelchair, don't do it to a service dog. Always remember that chronic illness is not always easily seen and not all disabilities are visible."

"Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way."

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Sophomore Allie Hedrick of Hickory has a two-year-old cat, Willow, as her emotional assistance animal on campus and says that "has completely changed my college experience; it has made it so much better just having her here."

"The college was really, really supportive. I love Catawba and it feels like home and I think they want us all to do our best and if having Willow helps me do my best, I feel like they support that for me."

Hedrick who suffers from anxiety and depression says her depression was so bad last academic year "that I didn't want to get out of bed. But this year, I have to get up to let her out and change her box. It gives you someone to be responsible for and someone to worry about other than yourself. She definitely provides focus."

A biology major with a theatre minor, Hedrick wants to go to med school and believes with Willow's support that she'll be able to successfully navigate the collegiate path to get there. A family member found Willow as a kitten who was "super skinny and dirty" "beside a house that had burned." When the kitten was brought to Hedrick's home she recalls, "we bonded really, really well."

"I feel like I am emotionally closer to her than to most people. Willow is so kind-hearted and she can tell if me and my roommate are upset about anything; she comes over and gets in our lap and purrs. I was worried about having a dog because it was such a small space in the dorm room and I didn't want to impact an animal's life in a negative way. But, I feel like she has a full life in a positive way. I still can take her on walks because she has her harness and leash. When I take her out on walks, people come over to ask about her. People ask permission to pet her first, and I feel like the community is very respectful about that."

Catawba Welcomes New Hires in Development

“Catawba is very fortunate to bring back an alumna the caliber of Erin Stringer. Her professional experiences, Catawba knowledge, and engaging personality are sure to resonate with our constituents.”

– President Brien Lewis

Erin Phillips Stringer '05 Director of Alumni and Parent Relations



Erin Phillips Stringer '05 is Catawba College's new Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. The Pennsylvania native arrived on campus to assume her new role in the Development Office at her alma mater on June 19.

Stringer leaves a position she has held for five and a half years as Associate Director of Alumni Relations – Young Alumni Programs at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. In that role, she has been responsible for transitioning graduating seniors into philanthropically-focused young alumni. Additionally, she has planned and executed Gettysburg's Homecoming Weekends and, has coordinated reunion programs. Her prior position also required her to closely collaborate with Gettysburg College's Communications and Marketing Office to develop social media and email communications, and design webpages that align with institutional strategies for communications, engagement and fundraising.

Before her position at Gettysburg College, Stringer spent two years at Catawba between 2009 and 2011 as an Admissions Counselor. She coordinated the Alumni Ambassador program and directed and coordinated the Junior Admissions Representative program, all while managing a recruiting territory for prospective students that included Alabama, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia.

A Political Science major at Catawba with a minor in English, Stringer's early employment immediately following her graduation was in Washington, D.C. She worked from 2005 to 2006 as a Clerk on the Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability. From 2006 to 2007, she was a Press Aide and Legislative Correspondent for Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis of Virginia.

Leaving Washington, D.C., she spent two years as a Customer Service Representative for M&T Bank in Wayne, Pa., before returning to Salisbury to work as an Admissions Counselor.

Stringer said of her new position: "Within the field of alumni relations, I see no greater honor than to be entrusted to foster and strengthen meaningful connections between alumni and college at one's own alma mater. I am humbled and invigorated to take on this role at our Catawba, and I thank President Lewis and the Development Team for this opportunity."

Professionally engaged, Stringer has served as a presenter since 2015 for Academic Impressions on the topics of "Young Alumni Councils," and also co-authored a paper for Academic Impressions entitled "Should You Start a Young Alumni Council?" She was a workshop presenter of "Going BOLD: Young Alumni Programs at Gettysburg College" for the 2013 CASE, District II Conference. At the 2013 CASE District II Conference, she received a Gold Award for her work in developing Gettysburg Young Alumni Leadership Program.

As an undergraduate at Catawba, she served as captain of the Cross Country team. She was a member of Phi Epsilon Honor Society, and a perennial name on the Dean's List and the Presidential Honor Roll thanks to her academic success.

She is married to husband Stephen Stringer, a 2011 Catawba alumnus. Together they are proud parents of son Ryan Phillip Stringer, born in April 2015.

Stringer's connection to Catawba also extend past her own undergraduate experience. Her younger sister, Kelly Phillips Finland, is a 2008 Catawba alumna who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Kelly, who is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Literacy Education from Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., is also married to a 2008 Catawba alumnus, Eric Finland. The two were married by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp '70 and currently make their home in Bronx, N.Y.



Mindy Mahrer Miller Director of Annual Giving

Mindy Mahrer Miller joined Catawba's Development staff on October 2 as Director of Annual Giving.

Miller comes to Catawba from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga., where she has served since 2015 as the Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. At Georgia College, Miller was responsible for outreach to over 46,000 graduates and led a team of six individuals in alumni relations, annual giving and data management. She used direct mail, email and phonathon strategy to increase alumni giving percentage there, growing senior class giving by 200 percent, and Alumni Board of Directors giving participation by 51 percent.

"We are delighted to add someone with Mindy's professional experience to the Development staff at Catawba," shared Catawba's Interim Vice President of Development Meg Dees in announcing the appointment. "I learned during the interview process with her that she already has ties to Catawba. Her husband, Ben, is a 2011 alumnus of Catawba, and the two were married in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus."

Prior to joining Georgia College, she served as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at High Point University between 2012 and 2015. While there, she enhanced and maintained all alumni e-newsletters and email communications, managed alumni volunteers, including the creation of a young alumni council and a student alumni council, and helped increase both participation in and alumni giving associated with Alumni Weekend.

Miller earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management from Georgia College and her M.Ed. in Student Affairs Higher Education from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

She is a graduate of the Putnam County Leadership Program, an advisor to Sigma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc., and a former advisor to Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. She is a former board member and the national board president of Sigma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc. National Board of Trustees.

Save the Date for these Basketball Team Reunions!



Meg Kluttz Dees
Interim Vice President of Development

Catawba welcomed Salisbury native Meg Kluttz Dees on August 21st. Dees joined the Catawba College administration for a two-year period as an executive on loan from the Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. Dees has served the Foundation For The Carolinas since 2008 as Vice President - Philanthropic Advancement, Affiliate Development.

The Foundation For The Carolinas oversees 13 affiliate community foundations throughout North and South Carolina. Dees' role has been to promote and raise awareness of the five local affiliate foundations in Salisbury, Lexington, Stanly County, Cabarrus County, and Rowan County. She has led the Foundation's business development efforts for individuals, families and non-profits in those communities working with professional advisors, current clients and prospects to help fund holders identify and implement their philanthropic goals.

At Catawba, Dees will lead the Development staff and oversee fund-raising efforts, including cultivation and outreach to friends and donors, alumni and parent relations and area community foundations, grant writing, and planned giving.

"Meg brings a wealth of philanthropic experience to Catawba in her role as our Interim Vice President of Development," Catawba President Brien Lewis said as he announced Dees' hiring. "Her contacts in the region and her knowledge and familiarity with many in our donor base have been evident in her service on our Board of Trustees since she joined it in 2015."

"This is a great opportunity for me to help advance the mission and the vision of Catawba, an institution which has played such a pivotal role in education in our state and region since its founding in 1851," Dees said. "I am grateful to my

colleagues at the Foundation For The Carolinas for allowing me this unique opportunity to put my skills and experience to work in a different yet very familiar way."

Prior to joining the Foundation For The Carolinas, Dees served as Assistant Director of the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Main Street Program which promotes downtown revitalization and economic development within the context of historic preservation in small towns across the state. She also served as Executive Director of the Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation.

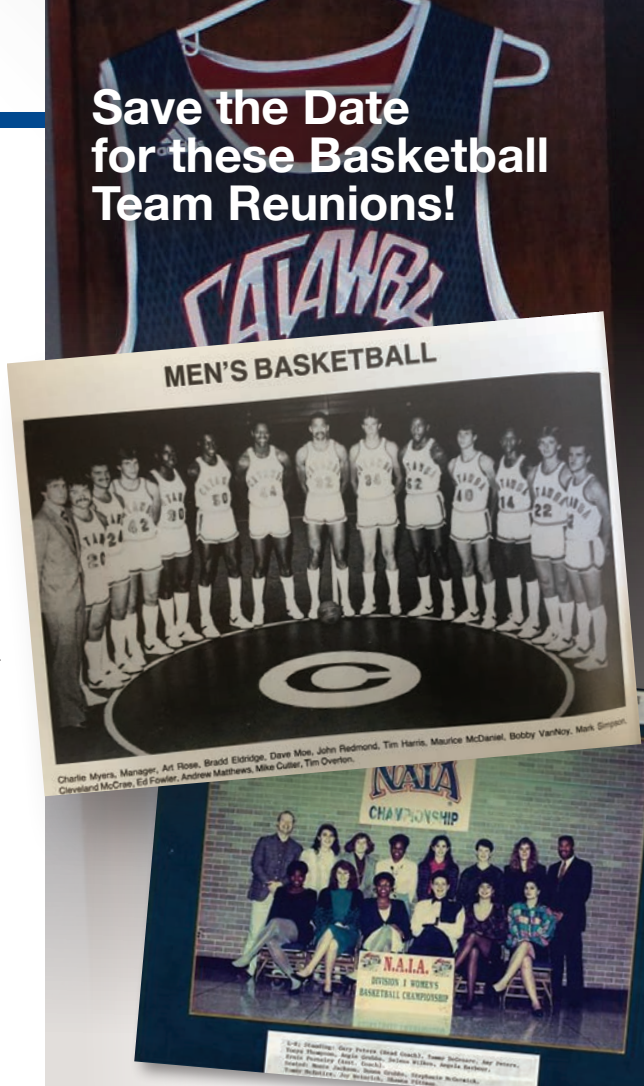
She is actively involved in many area non-profit organizations. She serves or has served on the Boards of Piedmont Players, Rowan Museum, Preservation North Carolina, and the National Sports-writers and Sportscasters Hall of Fame Association. At Catawba, she has served on the Center for the Environment Advisory Board, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Catawba Foundation Board.

Dees holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from N.C. State University and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Baldwin College in Virginia.

Dees is married to husband Jay, an attorney in Salisbury, and the two are parents of Archie and Maggie. The Dees family are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

“I’m sure all will find her personable and a great communicator who can quickly put her many talents, insights and skills to work at Catawba.”

– President Brien Lewis



Saturday, January 20, 2018 – noon
A 25th anniversary celebration and reunion of the 1992-1993 Catawba Women's Basketball Team which won the SAC Championship and advanced to the NAIA District 26 National Tournament.

Gather with former players and coaches for lunch and reminiscing before watching the Lady Indians take on Lincoln Memorial at 2 p.m. in a home matchup.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 – 1pm
A 35th anniversary celebration and reunion of the 1982-1983 Catawba Men's Basketball Team, the winningest Catawba basketball team in school history.

Gather with Coaches Sam Moir and Tom Bonebrake for lunch and remembering before watching Catawba's Men's Basketball Team take on Carson-Newman in a 4 p.m. home matchup.

For more details, contact Jeff Childress, Associate Athletic Director / Director of Athletic Development and Director of the Catawba Chiefs Club, at jchildre@catawba.edu or 704-637-4265.



“Jeff is a perfect fit for this position with his ties to the community,”

– Catawba Athletic Director Larry Leckonby.

“He has already been working with our Hall of Fame Committee and has a great knowledge of our athletic alumni having over 20 years of history here at the College.”

JEFF CHILDRESS

Associate Athletic Director / Director of Athletic Development

Jeff Childress, formerly an Assistant Athletic Director and the Head Coach for Men’s and Women’s Tennis, was promoted in late May and assumed a new role as Associate Athletic Director for Athletic Development.

Catawba President Brien Lewis also spoke in support of Childress’ new responsibilities saying, “Jeff has consistently demonstrated his affection for and dedication to the College. I am confident he will do an outstanding job in this role.”

Childress first came to Catawba in 1991 as the men’s tennis coach. In 1998, he left to become the Director of Athletics at Pfeiffer University. He returned to coaching tennis at Pfeiffer in 2003 and came back to Catawba the following year to become the Director of Tennis. Before Leckonby joined the college, Childress was tapped to serve as Acting Athletic Director at Catawba.

“After 27 years in college athletics with 20 of those at Catawba College, I am very excited about this new opportunity to lead the Catawba Chief’s Club and Athletic Development to generate scholarship support for the 20 Catawba athletic teams,” said Childress.

“We are very thankful and appreciative for the many individuals who have given generously of their time and resources in the past to the Catawba Chiefs Club. Now our challenge is to renew and grow the Chiefs Club, the successful foundation that supports Catawba Athletics.”

Recently, as an assistant athletic director, Childress has coordinated the Golf Marathon Fundraiser and the Hall of Fame Committee. He has also worked to secure items for the Silent Auction Fundraiser and has served as game day operations supervisor for football.

Childress coached the Catawba men’s tennis team for 21 years and posted 274 wins. Over 13 years at the helm of the women’s program the team won 169 matches. During his first stint at Catawba, Childress coordinated the intramural program, worked with athletic compliance and coached the cross country teams for six years from its inception in 1992.



Five Former Catawba Quarterbacks Pay It Forward by Joining the Chiefs Club

Five former Catawba College quarterbacks are paying it forward for the college’s current student athletes. These five alumni and their playing years include Ken Avent ’90-’93, Kevin Brown ’94-’97, Luke Samples ’01-’04, Brad Roach ’04-’07, and Michael Sheehan ’13-’16. By joining the Chiefs Club, these five men are investing in the future of Catawba Athletics and the lives of tomorrow’s leaders.

Avent completed 401 of 767 passing attempts and ranks 7th with 4,618 career passing yards at Catawba. He is also the 7th all-time with a .523 completion percentage, and is 8th with 33 career touchdowns. In 1993, he was named SAC (South Atlantic Conference) Player of the Year. This year, his son, Ken Avent III, is following in his father’s footsteps as a freshman quarterback on the Catawba football team.

Brown stands sixth all-time with 4,807 passing yards and is third with 53 career touchdown passes. He earned SAC Player of the Year honors in 1996 as he helped Catawba to the SAC Championship. He currently serves and assistant coach with Catawba’s football program.

Samples is the all-time leader with 9,650 passing yards. He led Catawba to three conference titles and a berth in the NCAA II semifinals. He was selected as the 2003 SAC Player of the Year and tapped for induction into the Catawba Hall of Fame in 2017.

Roach was second to Samples in career passing yard with 7,874. He set a school mark with 32 touchdown passes in one season in 2007, the same year he was named SAC Player of the Year. He helped Catawba win a pair of conference titles and a NCAA II playoff berth.

Sheehan is the only Catawba player to pass for over 4,000 yards and rush for over 1,500 yards during their collegiate career. He led Catawba to the 2015 SAC title and a berth in the NCAA II playoffs.

Jeff Childress, Catawba’s associate athletic director for athletic development and director of the Catawba Chiefs Club, was particularly proud to welcome Avent, Brown, Samples, Roach and Sheehan to the ranks of Chiefs Club membership. He said they “are setting a very good example for our other former student-athletes to follow.”

Chiefs Club memberships directly offset the rising cost of higher education and athletic opportunities for Catawba’s student-athletes. The purpose of the Chiefs Club is to provide financial support for athletic grants-in-aid for Catawba’s student athletes, to promote the welfare of the college through the athletic program, and to foster the ideals of good sportsmanship and good scholarship. Catawba currently offers 83 full athletic scholarships and 20 varsity sports for men and women involving over 400 students as players, cheerleaders, coaching assistants, team manager and student trainers.

Five new members were inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame in ceremonies at Goodman Gym on November 10, 2017.



Joining the Hall of Fame as the Class of 2017 were Mike Delabar '02, Adrian Whitley Gantt '98, Bill Griffin '71, Danyel Locklear Jolicoeur '04, and Luke Samples '05.

To read more about the accomplishments of the five Class of 2017 inductees, visit www.catawba.edu/sportshof.

MIKE DELABAR '02



Delabar played both men's soccer and men's lacrosse for Catawba. In soccer, he helped Catawba to a South Atlantic Conference title as a freshman then a league tournament title in 2001 where he was named the SAC Tournament MVP.

Gantt was also a two-sport athlete at Catawba, competing in both field hockey and softball. She was twice named an All-American in field hockey and was a two-time All-SAC selection in softball.

BILL GRIFFIN '71



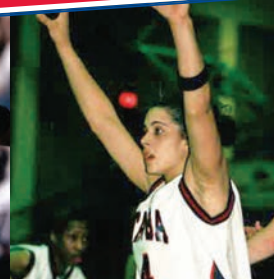
Griffin starred in football and track and field for Catawba. He was a two-way lineman in football, playing both offense and defensive line. Griffin was drafted in 1971 by the Dallas Cowboys and also had a stint with the Miami Dolphins in 1972.

Jolicoeur was a standout in women's basketball, helping Catawba to three conference titles and a pair of league tournament titles. Catawba qualified for the NCAA II Tournament three times during Jolicoeur's career.

LUKE SAMPLES '05



DANYEL LOCKLEAR JOLICOEUR '04



ADRIAN WHITLEY GANTT '98



Among her school records are most points in a game (41) and a career (1,838).

Samples quarterbacked Catawba to the NCAA II football semifinals in 2001. He went on to be named first team All-SAC three times and was the league Offensive Player of the Year in 2003. Catawba won a pair of conference titles and earned three NCAA II Playoff berths during his four years.



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2017 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Catawba presented four Distinguished Alumni Awards on Saturday, October 14th in Goodman Gymnasium during Homecoming Weekend activities. These awards, given annually by Catawba's Alumni Association, recognize individuals who have served their community, distinguished themselves in their profession, and have served the Catawba College community.



GARY BLABON '91

Gary Blabon is senior director of professional and support services at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Gary, a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., came to Catawba on a football scholarship and majored in sports medicine and worked with all of the college's athletic teams while a student here. He was named Most Outstanding Athletic Trainer in 1991, his graduation year. Twenty years later, in 2011, Gary was a member of the inaugural class of Catawba College's Athletic Training Hall of Fame.

After earning his undergraduate degree, he obtained his master's degree in health administration from Pfeiffer University.

Gary has been instrumental in working with Catawba's Sport Medicine Department to place students in that program in internships with local health care providers. He also created a sports medicine program that is currently in place in all Rowan County High Schools.

He has contributed countless volunteer hours to Catawba's Athletic and Athletic Training Departments. He also serves as a radio broadcaster and color commentator for Catawba football games broadcast on WSAT.

He serves on the Chiefs Club Board of Directors and is also a former president of that organization. He is a United Way of Rowan County board member and currently serves as treasurer/secretary of that board. He serves on the board of the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury and a current elder at Life Church in Salisbury. He is also a member of the 2014-2015 Leadership Rowan Class.

Gary met his wife, Deirdre Tigniere Blabon '93, while both were students at Catawba. The two are parents of daughters Jacqueline Cates, age 18, and Gabrielle Leigh, age 15. The Blabon family has enjoyed hosting international student athletes in their home since 2010.

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DAVID '77 AND ANNE CLEVELAND '76 RENKES (joint award)

David Renkes worked as a territory manager in the furniture manufacturing industry since his graduation from Catawba. For the past 23 years, Anne Renkes has been a Parish Catechetical Leader in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, serving as a Middle School Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Alpharetta, Ga.

Dave was the recipient of the Georgia Home Furnishings Association's Rep of Merit Award in 1999 and also served as the president of the Georgia Home Furnishings Association from 2009-2010. He has been a member of the International Home Furnishings Association throughout his professional career.

Anne has been a member of the National Association of Catechetical Leaders.

The couple met while students at Catawba with both cast in a student-directed one-act play. Dave explains "Anne had the lead, I had a bit part and it's been that way ever since!"

Dave came to Catawba from Newton, N.C., to major in speech and business. He was active in the Catawba band and was general manager of the first campus radio station, WNDN. Anne came to Catawba from Rockville, Md., and majored in speech, theatre and education. She was a member of the Blue Masque and served as president of that organization between 1974 and 1975.

Since the early 1980s, this couple has been involved in their children's school PTA and in ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Perhaps closest to Anne and Dave's heart is the work they do every other month at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite Hospital. In 2012, Dave initiated and formed "Patches the Dog," a silent dog character who entertains the children, while Anne does craft projects with them. They say it is a great privilege to bring a smile to a sick child and their stressed parents!

Anne has served and supported the St Francis Table Soup Kitchen in Atlanta, the Atlanta Night Shelter at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Central Presbyterian Church, and regularly

participated in the Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk. By organizing a biennial Cardboard Campout for middle school youth, she has helped raise funds for organizations like Catholic Relief Services, North Fulton Community Charities, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Heifer International. Working with Catholic Relief Services and Helping Hands, she organized a parish Meal Packing Event that provided over 10,000 relief meals to the people of Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Dave has served at the Atlanta Night Shelter at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and at Central Presbyterian Church. He has been an active member of the STA Drama Ministry, is a longtime volunteer in the Kairos International Prison Ministry at Hays State Prison in Trion, Ga., and served as Kairos Advisory Council chairman for Hays State Prison for several years. Currently, he assists the North Fulton Community Charities Food Pantry and the Senior Services of Roswell Meals on Wheels.

The Renkeses are parents of daughters Katie Harton (husband Will) and Lauren Amick (husband Brian) and grandparents to Jackson Amick, age 3, Hudson Amick, age 7 months, and Lucas Harton, age 4 months.

DR. KATHARINE "KATIE" PHELPS WALSH '05

Dr. Katharine "Katie" Phelps Walsh is employed by Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a teaching consultant.

Katie was recruited to Catawba to play softball from her Prince Frederick, Md., hometown. While an undergraduate, she was a College Honors student who pursued her baccalaureate degree in history. Active on campus, she was a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Sociology Club, and also served as an Alpha and a Catawba Ambassador. Her accomplishments in her academic field of study earned her the Elizabeth Scranton History Award, given annually to the student who attains the highest academic average during his or her senior year and who represents the ideals of liberal scholarship in the area of history.

After graduating from Catawba, she earned her Master of Arts and her Ph.D. in history from the University of Pittsburgh. During her time at University of Pittsburgh, Katie was honored with the Graduate Student Teaching Award by that University's History Department and also received the Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award.

She has several scholarly publications to her credit, including "Marketing Midwives in Seventeenth-Century London: A Re-examination of Jan Sharp's 'The Midwives Book'" in *Gender & History* 26 no. 2 (2014) and "A Humanist's Guide to Interpreting Empirical Educational Research" in *National Teaching & Learning Forum* (in press).

Married to husband Matt, the two are parents of son Miles, age 2.

DR. ALEXANDER WHITLEY '00

Dr. Alexander "Alex" Whitley is a physician/owner of Central Alabama Radiation Oncology in Montgomery, Ala.

As a student at Catawba, Alex majored in biology and minored in chemistry and graduated magna cum laude with his Bachelor of Science degree. He also played soccer while a student here.

After graduating from Catawba, Alex went on to earn his Ph.D. at the Medical University of South Carolina and then, his medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Today, he is a peer accreditation reviewer for the American College of Radiation Oncology, a delegate to the American Board of Radiology, chief resident at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Radiation Oncology, an ABR Holman Research Scholar, and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. He has published 12 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 35 peer-reviewed abstracts, and is often tapped to make local, national and international presentations.

Active in his local community, Alex is a board member on the Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama, the YMCA of Central Alabama and of the Southeastern Diabetes Education Services – Camp Seale Harris.

Married to his wife, Dr. Heather Whitley, a professor at Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy, the two are parents of daughter Reese and sons Colin and Lane. Alex is the son of Cecil and Nan Whitley of Salisbury.



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Catawba Inducts Accomplished Professionals into Blue Masque Hall of Fame

Catawba College's Blue Masque inducted three theatre professionals and a beloved Catawba professor into its 2017 Hall of Fame. This 10th anniversary celebration was held in the Robertson College-Community Center's Hedrick Little Theatre on October 13 during the College's Homecoming Weekend activities.



Ralph Leonard Roberts was born in Salisbury and attended Catawba College in the late 1930s. Roberts' began his long running professional acting career when he made his Broadway debut in the 1948 revival of *Angel Street*. To help finance his acting passion, Roberts also became a masseur, with a clientele largely made up of actors and actresses. Marilyn Monroe was a client and close friend.

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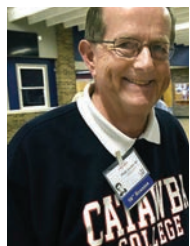
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John Daniel Harris received his Catawba theatre arts degree in 1982. Afterward graduation, he moved professionally from production technical director to stage director of musicals and operas. Harris was the former CEO of Virginia Scenic, one of the premier scenic studios for opera, until he sold that business, and has served as chief operations officer at the Castleton Festival in Virginia.



Craig Grigg, a proud member of the Honors program while at Catawba, earned his B.A. degree in theatre with minors in English and German. His Broadway designs have been seen in more than 60 productions, beginning in 1997. These include *Finding Neverland*, *Cabaret*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Big Fish*, *Kinky Boots*, *The Addams Family*, *Harvey*, *Cripple of Inishmaan*, and *Blithe Spirit*, among many others.



Janice Fuller grew up in Salisbury, before earning degrees in English at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Recently retired from the Catawba English Department, Fuller's work as a poet has brought her wide acclaim. An avid supporter of the Blue Masque, several of Fuller's plays were first produced at Catawba in collaboration with Theatre Arts faculty and students.

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Shelley Tyler-Smith

Director of Internships

Shelley Tyler-Smith has joined Catawba College as its new Director of Internships. Collaborating with the offices of Career Services and Catawba to Career, she will help standardize and implement an internship model that will be available to all Catawba students regardless of academic disciplines. Furthermore, she will also work with employers in the region to help standardize placements and expectations of Catawba interns.

Tyler-Smith leaves a position as Experiential Education Coordinator and Career Advisor that she has held for the past 11 years at the Charlotte campus of Johnson & Wales University. In that role, she was responsible for meeting and preparing students for their Experiential Education term (required by Johnson & Wales curricula) and also for gathering, maintaining, and analyzing data about students' utilization of the Career Services Office there. She developed relationships with regional employers willing to offer internship opportunities to students and assured that these employers were properly trained as internship partners as well as approved by JWU.

At Johnson & Wales, Tyler-Smith facilitated between 150 and 170 student internships annually. She said of her new role at Catawba that she was "excited to grow and enhance the College's already thriving internship program," noting that she is an advocate for "continuous education and training."

Tyler-Smith also added teaching to her responsibilities during her tenure at Johnson & Wales. She served as an adjunct instructor of Organizational Behavior and Human Resources since August 2015.

Her prior employment includes work between 2003 and 2006 as a Revenue Program Officer with the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet.

A native of Lexington, Ky., Tyler-Smith earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Apparel Retail Marketing and Merchandising and her Master of Public Administration degree with Specialization in Human Resource Management and Organizational Leadership from Kentucky State University.

A firm believer in Servant Leadership, she is very involved in community service with the Covered Girls Organization (www.coveredinc.org).

Married for two and a half years to Markieth Smith, a Credit Card Treasury Analyst for Compass Group, the two enjoy traveling, both internationally and domestically.



Steffanie West '11

Director of Admissions

Steffanie West transitioned from her role as Associate Director of Admissions Operations to Director of Admissions, replacing Elaine Holden. In addition to her continued work overseeing Admissions Operations, she now oversees the full Admissions staff and coordinate recruitment efforts for the day program.

Steffanie began working for Catawba in January of 2011 immediately following her graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management from the College. She has held multiple roles on the Admissions staff, including Admissions Counselor, Event Coordinator, as well as extensive work within the Operations Department of Admissions that has included reporting Admissions data for the campus and a heavy involvement in the implementation of the Admissions CRM (customer relation management) software.

Committed to her alma mater, Steffanie has begun her second term as chair of Catawba's Staff Council, and served between August 2012 and May 2017 as advisor to Catawba's Student Government Association.

She is married to husband Eric West, also a Catawba alumnus who works as an Instructor of Physical Education at North Hills Christian School. Together, they are active in their church, leading Bible studies for post-college singles and volunteering with the church's college ministry.



Elaine Holden

Vice President of Enrollment

A Pittsburgh, Pa. native, Elaine joined the staff at Catawba in 1988, serving in the Admissions Office for nine years and then for an additional year in the Alumni and Development Office. In Development, her task was Small Business Development Relations and Alumni/Admissions connections. She was a 1995 graduate of Leadership Rowan.

Elaine left Catawba for over a decade during which time she substitute taught for the Rowan-Salisbury School System, focused on raising her family, and worked with several community-based organizations focused on youth related initiatives, including Community in Schools and Food for Thought.

She returned to Catawba in 2011 as Director of Admissions. She is active in NCICU, as well as state, regional and national associations for Admissions Officers, Registrars and College Counselors. She has served on Catawba's SAC-COC Quality Enhancement Plan committee which implemented the Catawba to Career Center and is currently involved in the John N. Gardner Institute's retention strategic planning as well as the values proposition strategic planning initiatives for the College. She, working closely with Cindy, Steffanie and Catawba's I.T. Department, has been an integral part of Catawba's implementation of the Common Application for the fall 2018 entering class.

Active in her church, St. John's Lutheran, she also continues her involvement in community-based organizations focused on youth by volunteering in several capacities with the Rowan County Crosby Scholars program and Community in Schools mentoring.

Elaine earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication with a marketing concentration from Bowling Green State University (BGSU). While an undergrad, she interned with the Walt Disney Company and BGSU's Undergraduate Admissions offices. She is currently in the process of completing a Master of Arts in Higher Education Leadership from Lenoir-Rhyne University and anticipates a May 2018 graduation.

Married to husband Tyler, the two are parents of Shelby, a 2016 graduate of Salisbury High School who is a student at UNCW, and David, a junior at Salisbury High School.

Two long-time Catawba College employees in the Admissions area, Elaine Holden and Steffanie West assumed new responsibilities August 1 after Cindy Barr, the former Vice President of Enrollment, left the college. Their promotions came with Barr's strong endorsement and were announced by Catawba's President Brien Lewis.

Elaine Holden, formerly Catawba's Director of Admissions, became Vice President of Enrollment, responsible for Admissions and Financial Aid in the Enrollment area.

Steffanie West, formerly Associate Director of Admissions Operations, became Director of Admissions.

Both had worked closely with Barr to advance and strengthen Catawba's enrollment and are committed to continuing to execute strategies now in place.



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Editor's Note: It was Bill Hall '66, former Dean of Students at Catawba, who first showed me a photo of Mathy Milling Downing. He flipped through the 1974 Sayakini until he came across her photograph. She appeared wide-eyed and innocent, and to the unknowing viewer, she seemed to be posing nude. She actually was not unclothed, in fact. I found out later that she was actually wearing a pink bikini. It was the pose that made her appear nude. I assumed that the inclusion of this photograph in Catawba's yearbook was intended to shock and awe at the time. I know that it did because Bill remembered being shown the photo by Catawba's President at the time, Dr. Martin Shotzberger, who asked Dean Hall his opinion of the picture. (He said it was a beautiful picture. End of story.)

Bill and I talked. We wondered whatever happened to this beautiful, wide-eyed coed. We decided to make a plan. Bill would try to contact Mathy using information last published in Catawba's 2005 alumni directory. We would attempt to learn what had happened to Mathy

during the past 41 years since graduating from Catawba College in 1976. We decided to ask her if she would be willing to recreate the image taken of her in 1974 and return it to us. I proposed to interview her and then write a follow-up story entitled, "Between These Images: A Catawba College Life."

Bill called Mathy. Of course she remembered him, and she remembered that particular yearbook photo of herself. She was willing to recreate the innocent picture by having her daughter's wedding photographer take a new image of her based on the original and then return it to us. For this newly created photo, Mathy traded in her pink bikini for a black tankini, but achieved the same effect of being unclothed. She agreed to a phone interview about where life has taken her in the years since her Catawba College graduation in 1976.

Bill and I love it when a plan comes together; Mathy's first-person story follows and is about both the younger and older woman in the photos who appears to be naked, wide-eyed, and unafraid.

– TBG

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Between These Images:



Mathy Milling Downing



Mathy Milling Downing says that the day in 1974 when the yearbook photo of her was taken, “it was a beautiful day when all of the girls from Woodson were outside sunbathing across from Dr. Shotzberger’s residence. I was wearing a pink bikini. It was really a very innocent picture. **There was absolutely nothing inappropriate about it.**

LIFE



“I was a happy student and had a lot of friends. I was a dorm counselor at Woodson, served on the banquet committee and was on the College Union Board. I went out with a few school athletes and loved the social activities; everything from the theater performances and musical concerts, to the various sports events, especially the football and basketball games. I was fortunate to be on both the Homecoming Court and May Court. It was an honor to have been chosen for both of these special events.

“I was an Adaptive Physical Education major. I especially loved my courses with Dutch Meyer – swimming, gymnastics, and dance. I somehow even managed to be enrolled in the wrestling class, but not by choice. When I asked why I had been placed in this class, Coach Meyer responded that he thought I wanted to take it for self-defense. Not true! Admissions assumed I was male, given my name. Needless to say, I dropped that class. I enjoyed the humanities and language classes that I took. I loved the beautiful campus itself and that it was semi-enclosed making it easy to get from one side of the campus to the other.

“I was always a little bit outspoken,” Mathy continued. “The local Salisbury Post had written a scathing article about inappropriate student behavior on campus, especially at the football games. I responded with a letter of my own stating that they needed to change the focus of their story from one of negativity, to one outlining all of the good things that were taking place rather than focusing on the bad behavior of a few students. I wanted to write it anonymously, but they wouldn’t let me. I had to sign my name in order for my retort to be printed. Rather than getting in trouble for writing it, I received a thank you from both Dr. Shotzberger and the football team.

“It was actually my desire to go to a much larger local university, but my parents chose a small Christian school in the South. By doing so, however, I was able to become involved in so much more. Because of my positive experience, my high school counselor at Mt. Pleasant High School in Wilmington, Del., sent his own daughter, Kathy Kearney ’77, to Catawba.

“After I graduated in 1976, I began work on my master’s degree at Appalachian State and stayed in North Carolina for an additional four years before moving back home to Delaware. I used my undergraduate degree to become a state coach for both N.C. and Delaware Special Olympics. I received a master’s equivalency in Special Education, and in 2002, received a master’s degree in Counseling from John Hopkins University. I have continued my education through various trainings, and consider myself to be a lifelong learner.

“I continued working in the field of education for the State of Delaware, working closely with the Division of Speech and

Hearing and have worked for Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland in special education, general education, and more recently, with children for whom English is a second language, for almost 30 years. I have definitely put my language skills from Catawba to good use.

“I met my husband, Andy, at a beach party in Rehoboth Beach, Del., in 1987. We wed in April 1988 and are still very happily married. We have been through a lot together. Our daughter, Caroline, is getting married two days before our 30th wedding anniversary in 2018. It’s a really joyful time for us right now.

“There’s one component to me that has had a huge impact on my life. In January 2004, my second daughter, Candace, who was only 12 years old at the time, died very tragically and unnecessarily. She had been over-medicated following a diagnosis of test anxiety at school and couldn’t metabolize the drug she was prescribed. She died three days after a hospitalization for serotonin syndrome, an adverse reaction to the ingestion of antidepressants. After researching what had happened to our daughter, my husband and I testified before the FDA in September of 2004. This led to my speaking out on “The Today Show,” and every other major network. In October of that same year, I was asked to speak on CNN at the announcement of the FDA requiring that all antidepressants carry a Black Box Label, the strongest warning that can be placed on medications; stating that antidepressants can cause suicide or suicidal tendencies, especially in children and youth 25 years and younger.

“Besides my 40 years of teaching elementary school in various capacities, I’ve also become a child advocate both nationally and internationally. Although it doesn’t take away my pain, it may help alleviate someone else’s or give them a deeper understanding as to the possible negative outcomes of prescribing these dangerous medications to children.

“I happily retired July 1 of this year. This will allow me to spend more time advocating and being available to support others. I’m on the advisory council and the board of Empathic Therapy headed by Dr. Peter Breggin and am an active member and presenter for ISEPP, the International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry. I’m also the state director of drugawareness.org for Maryland.

“I am proud of my efforts. I can’t change the world, but I can bring an awareness to this subject. The case study of our daughter has been published in medical texts all over the world. I had the opportunity to speak in Denmark at a medical conference – they had asked five women to speak about what it was like to lose a child or a spouse to antidepressants, something that is happening not only in

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TWO NEW MEMBERS WERE INDUCTED INTO THE CATAWBA ATHLETIC TRAINING HALL OF FAME IN FEBRUARY 2017

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ASHLEY KAMINSKI BURIN '01 D.P.T., M.B.A

Ashley Kaminski Burin is the Clinic Director for Physiotherapy Associates in East Cobb, Ga., a position she has held since 2007. She has been recognized multiple times by her employer for excellent performance in the workplace.

She was a Physiotherapy Associates President's Club Award winner for each year between 2010 and 2015. She was awarded the Peer Excellence Clinic Director Award in 2011, and the Georgia Clinician of the Year in 2015 by Physiotherapy Associates.

Prior to her current position, she was employed as a Staff Physical Therapist for Physiotherapy Associates in Atlanta, Ga., from 2004-2005, and as Clinical Director for Physiotherapy Associates in Canton, Ga., from 2005-2007.

Burin graduated summa cum laude from Catawba where she received the Braun Physics Award and captained the college swim team. She went on to earn a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., in 2004, and then earned her M.B. A. from the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., in 2008.



JOANN SIENKIEWICZ '91 B.A.

JoAnn Sienkiewicz is employed as Athletic Trainer and Health & Physical Education Teacher for the Burlington County Institute of Technology, a position she has held since 1990. She was named Teacher of the Year for Burlington County Institute of Technology in 2010.

Prior to her current position, she served as Athletic Trainer and Clinical Outreach to Moorestown Friends High School through Nova Care Rehabilitation in Moorestown, N.J., between 1992 and 1998. She earned her teacher certification in Health & Exercise Science (K-12) from Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., in 1999.

She received certification as a Personal Trainer and as a Pre/Postnatal Exercise Specialist from American Fitness Professional and Associates in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she served from 1991-1992 as an Intern and an Assistant Athletic Trainer for the College Athletic Department.

Seeking 2018 Nominees

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We'd like to invite you to be part of the process and submit your nominations of potential recipients for these awards in 2018. Send your nominations and a bit of information about your nominee to alumni@catawba.edu. All nominations will be shared with Catawba's Alumni Board which is charged with making the final selections.



Mathy Milling Downing, left, was alarmed when a mental health test was suggested for her daughter Caroline, right, after the suicide of Caroline's sister.

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the U.S., but globally. To become a voice and be able to tell the world about what has happened to us has given me strength to move forward. Our family has grown stronger and more united in this quest.

"We have the truth on our side and have fought hard to share that belief with others. If we can help save even one child's life, you'd better believe we're going to do it. People at conferences approach me and maintain connections regardless of whether they live here or abroad. To be able to be a voice and an empathic listener to people from all over the world is a godsend.

"Google 'Candace Downing' or my name and numerous articles will come up. It's kind of nice to know that you have a reputation as being a force to be reckoned with. Lobbying on Capitol Hill, walking into a senate office and having the chief of staff know who you are is powerful. Having Senator Ted Kennedy speak about the unnecessary loss of your child during a senate hearing is overwhelming.

"It was through no fault of ours, nor our daughter's, that she died. Much of the negative outcomes of these medications was suppressed by the drug companies. It has been a life-learning process. My greatest victory is that it did not destroy us as a family. I wanted the drug company to admit that their drug killed our daughter, and they did. We will continue to try and right the wrong.

"My life has been very full. I've had something horrible happen, but the biggest goal right now is to keep moving forward in a positive direction and encourage families to understand the possible negative aspects of over-prescribing medications to children. I want to prevent what happened to us from happening to other innocent families.

"I continue to be involved with the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, serving on the board of the Episcopal Church Women. I'm very devout and work closely with the church. I know it is my faith that has allowed me to grow and to not remain a victim.

"The perky Mathy from Catawba is still out there. Am I pleased with the photo taken 43 years later? Not really, but I don't have anything to hide. I feel blessed that yet another opportunity had arisen. I told Bill [Hall] that I was willing to do this, but that I wanted to do it right. I guess I took it seriously. When friends see the photos, they think that my daughters look just like me. I'm really an on-the-go person and imagine I will always be that way. This year, my focus is going to be getting Caroline married and continuing with my advocacy work and my involvement with the Episcopal Church."

And Mathy's advice to wide-eyed coeds who are so like she was in 1974? "Stay focused and follow your dreams. Be prepared that the diploma you get will not necessarily be the end to all of your professional dreams and experiences. Take what you learn and grow from it. Reach out and help others. Listen to what the next person has to say. Accept that your path may not be what you envisioned when you were in your early 20s. And, live life to the fullest. Life has no guarantees."

The Downing Family – Mathy, Andy and Caroline – shared their story about losing their daughter and sister, Candace, in the documentaries, "Prescription: Suicide?" and "Generation Rx".

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Jacquelyn Loy '14

Mary Leslie Brandon '75

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Andy McCain '08



Alumni photos with numbers have corresponding classnotes.

1962

Helena Jones Farquharson writes "What wonderful memories I have of Catawba! Living in Europe (soon to be UK only), I feel so far away from what is happening in the USA. I am still working in films and commercials, as background and some featured bits. If any one, that I know, is in the UK, and has time, please get in touch!" Her email is hj.farquharson@ntlworld.com.

Robert Handwerk of Lebanon, Pa., is the author of two novels, "Muses to Sustain The Thoughtful Life" (non-fiction) and "Black Hole Rising" (fiction).

group for a one-mile run at Lake Junaluska, N.C., in early June. He notes that "there are still some 'old people' – Catawba grads – who stay physically fit and can still run."

husband, Aaron, teaches special needs elementary school children in Lebanon, Ohio. Emily and Aaron make their home in Cincinnati.

1970

Tom and Vickie Whitaker are pleased to have established The **Thomas S. Whitaker, Jr. '14** Memorial Fund for the Catawba College History Department. Friends who wish to contribute to this fund may do so by contacting the Development Office at the College at 1-800-CATAWBA.

1975

Mary Leslie Brandon of Winterville, N.C., has retired from teaching and is heavily involved in all aspects of the Magnolia Arts Center theatre group in Greenville, N.C., – everything from acting, stage managing, volunteering at Front of House, to directing a recent 10-Minute Play competition. She became a member of the board of director for Magnolia Arts Center in 2016.

1967

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Sue Green Burkett of Southport, N.C., shares that she and husband Serge Ayache did not attend Homecoming and her 50th year class reunion in October because they were in Madeira and Portugal for Serge's best friends' wedding. Between the two of them, they are parents of five children and almost eight grandchildren, with the newest grandchild due in December. "We travel a lot and enjoy our retirement in our little riverfront town by the sea," she wrote.

1971

Carl Gray of Lexington has retired after more than 40 years of practicing law in and around Davidson County, N.C. He most recently held an Of Counsel role with Brinkley Walsler Stoner, after joining that firm in 2015.

Charm Elizabeth Wicks Delinger

just wanted everyone to know she has moved to 4854 Old Salisbury Road Apartment B Lexington NC 27295 and is finally enjoying the golden years of retirement. She shares, "I do what I want when I want. This is great." Friends may contact her at charmdellinger@gmail.com.

1968

Dr. Charles T. Muse, Sr. says that he was the first place finisher in the 60+ age

1973

Mike McCracken shares that he and wife Pat are pleased to announce their daughter, Emily, was married Oct. 15, 2016, to Aaron Bacon. Emily, who earned her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Cincinnati in April 2017, is a social worker at a psychiatric hospital in West Chester, Ohio, while her

1976

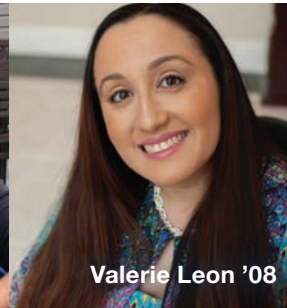
Robert "Bob" C. Anderson of Ocean City, NJ, retired in August 2016 after working 40 years with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in the Claims Department. He and his wife, the former Lorraine "Rainey" Milcarek '77, whom he met at Catawba in 1973, now reside at 361 Asbury Ave, Ocean City, NJ. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Sue Green
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Mensinger
Stewart
'74

Valerie Leon '08

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1977

Bobby B. House, Jr. of Thomasville, N.C., shares that he has retired after 34 years of high school teaching and coaching. He has also been inducted into the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame for his record of coaching wrestling. In 2015, he finished his coaching career in N.C. with a 639-118 record, with two state championships. He notes that both of his sons were state champions in wrestling.

Lynn Whitman Plummer was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina on January 28, 2017 in Greensboro by Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple. Deacons serve liturgically in a parish and bring the needs of the world into the church and take the church to meet these needs. Lynn has been employed as Quality/Facility Manager with Bonded Logistics Inc. of Charlotte for 21 years. He resides in Salisbury with his wife, the former Debbie Webb, and they have two sons, Lynn II of Albemarle and Aaron of Gold Hill NC. Reverend Plummer has been assigned as deacon at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Huntersville NC.

1981

Angela L. Vann, a personal development trainer & coach, online stylist, blogger and accessories designer, writes that she finally published her first eBook in September. "Made to Match: The Art of Mixing and Matching Clothing" is now available and is being followed with the publication of her second eBook, "Holiday Style: Looking Your Best from November to January." Her third eBook is due out in January 2018, "Spring 2018 Ready-To-Wear Fashion Shows Are Over! Now What?" She would love to hear from Catawba College students, graduates, faculty and staff who are publishers or who have been published. She can be reached at msangelalvann@outlook.com.

1986

Timothy "Tim" Ross had a role in the pilot episode for the series "Sciencstars" that was filmed in Salisbury, N.C. "Sciencstars," is a new science fiction series designed to help teach science in accordance with the Next Generation Science Standards. View the pilot episode online at sciencstars.com.

1991

Brian James Middleswarth graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, with Master of Divinity degree and was ordained and installed as a pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Ely, Iowa, in early June. Brian and his wife, Karen, now make their home in Ely.

Douglas "Doug" Youngs, president of Y&Y Hardwoods in Thomasville, recently had his company featured in an article in "Timberline Magazine." The company was showcased due to multi-million dollar investments it made in its facility that included the addition of four kilns for drying hardwood lumber, a new two-sided planer, a kiln gasification burner-boiler system with auger, a new yard office, a new sales office, and new dust collection system. Doug and wife Lisa work in the business and are parents of son Jacob, a rising junior at Catawba, and daughter Megan.

1993

Kristin "Kri" Macaluso Paulson of Avalon, NJ, shares that she has downsized and is enjoying a new life at the beach. She wrote: "My daughter is a senior at The Hill School and looking at heading south for college, and my son is a freshman at St. Augustine Prep. I enjoy being a mom, therapist and yoga instructor. Miss my college peeps but still remain super close to my college roomie, **Rebecca Casey Steinberg '95!**"

Matthew Allan Peeler graduated with a doctorate in education from UNC Charlotte in December of 2016. He and wife Renita Smith Peeler '92 both work for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury, NC; Matthew as Director, IE, Analytics & reporting, and Renita as an English Instructor.

1998

Susan Sullivan Slater of Portsmouth, Va., was recently married to husband Christopher Slater in June 2017 in a private ceremony. She now has two step-children and a child of her own and reports she is enjoying family time.

Correction:

Alumna Dinah Matlock '76 was erroneously listed in the fall 2016 **CAMPUS** as deceased. It was in fact Dinah's mother, **Joy Teague Matlock '51** of Taylorsville, who should have been noted as passing on **Sept. 20, 2015**.

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1999

Randi Jo "Pixie" Bruner of Marietta, Ga., and husband Sonny, an electronic music/DJ duo known as Memory Splice, have recently released their latest EP, "Black," a collaboration with EU Producer Abine on Delaforce Recordings. The duo has been featured twice by Paul Van Dyk and also had their original music played by international top DJs Paul Oakenfold, Sean Tyas and others. They have appeared on the Beatport Top 100 charts multiple times and have broken into the chart at #24 in Trance Releases and at #16 on the Breaks chart for their "Esse Quam Videri" EP. Pixie shares that "Esse Quam Videri" was "inspired by the ethics taught at Cat-U, is named after the N.C. state motto, and is a message that authenticity and character matter." The duo are full-time music producers, composers and engineers for audio book scores and performing in clubs throughout the U.S., and are also the creators/coders of the Roland synth software editors for the Roland TB-3, JD-Xi and JD-XA. Visit www.memorysplice.com.

2002

Angela "Angie" Stancar of East Barnet, Hertfordshire, England, recently earned her Master of Educational Leadership from the University of Buckingham. She is currently serving as head of the English faculty at Southbank International School, where she has been teaching IB, MYP and DP English since 2009.

Melanie Anne Burton '02 and **Adam Landon York '07** were married in June 2016.

2003

Patrick Parr shares that his first book, a biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be released on April 1, 2018. The title of the book is "The Seminarian: Martin Luther King, Jr. Comes of Age." He wanted to share the news with members of the Catawba College community and writes "I loved my time at Catawba."



Carrie (Harris) McGuffin '11



Susan (Sullivan) Slater '98

6



Victoria Whetzel '17

7



Vaughan Earle Justice '72



Over 20 members of our Catawba family attended the NC Sports Hall of Fame 2017.

2012 Close-Up

Kendrick Mayes joins Greensboro, N.C. Parks & Recreation



Kendrick Mayes '12

Mayes joined the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department as the City's new Special Events Coordinator in April 2017. In his new position, he is responsible for managing the City's special events office, which includes the citywide special events permitting process; event sponsorship program; securing, producing, and facilitating large-scale special events; and for providing consultation and assistance to City staff and external providers in their leadership and facilitation of special events.

Mayes comes to Greensboro from the Town of Garner, N.C., where he served as the Marketing & Events Coordinator in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department. Prior to Garner, he worked with Durham Parks and Recreation as an Athletic Specialist. Mayes is active in the profession as he serves on the NCRPA marketing committee and the NRPA young professional committee. He earned his bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation and his master's degree from N.C. Central University in Recreation Administration.

in Edinburgh. Krotos develops and produces audio software for the entertainment industry, including the Dehumanizer, a vocal software processing/sound design tool that produces studio quality monster and imaginary creature sounds in real time.

2013 5

Ashley Acken-Young married Joshua Young on December 23, 2106. The two met at Duke University where Ashley earned her Master of Divinity degree and where Joshua is working on his Ph.D. in Religious Studies.

Hannah Fisher married **Daniel Couchenour '14** on July 29, 2017.

Kaitlin "Katie" Johnson, who earned a B.A. in Theatre Education with a Psychology minor, shares that she currently works as a co-director for a non-profit theater, Maryland Ensemble Theatre in Frederick, MD. She writes: "We direct and produce school plays for schools with no arts programs. Our outreach program brings the arts to many public elementary and middle schools across Frederick County in Maryland. I am also currently in my second year of graduate school at Mount St. Mary's University to earn my Masters of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education. I plan to graduate in December of 2017 and begin teaching in the Frederick area soon after that. My time at Catawba has meant everything to my career and life. I use my lessons and sage advice from my theater professors with me every day. I am indebted to them for their 4 years of guidance and support."

2004

Antonia Bowden Taylor of Terre Haute, IN, welcomed two big changes in 2016. Her second child, Edward, was born on April 9, 2016, joining his older sibling, Luciana Taylor, born in 2012. Antonia was also promoted in 2016 to Assistant Director of the Writing Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC). SMWC did not have a writing center previously, so Antonia has worked over the past year to get it up and running.

2005

Kristen McCachren Raymer writes, "I'm excited to share that our family will be embarking on a journey to live among and learn beside an unreached people in Tanzania with Africa Inland Mission (AIM). We plan to depart in July 2017 for the first four years of a lifelong commitment to share our family's faith and experience in education and agriculture. We appreciate your prayers. You can follow our blog @ The Raymer Family | Africa Inland Mission."

2008

Tara (Ketcham) Buch and husband Philip welcomed their son into the world on June 4, 2016. Lucas Leo Buch was 8 pounds 3 ounces and 21 inches long.

2011

Elizabeth Foye Owuamanam announces her marriage to Anthony Owuamanam on November 25 2016 in Raleigh, N.C. The newlyweds have made their home in Bronx, N.Y., where she is working as a Middle School Spanish Teacher at Bronx Charter School for Excellence.

2012

Sarah Matulis recently completed her MBA at the University of Edinburgh and is employed as the advertising manager for Krotos

2015

Katherine Ann Hill of Arden, N.C., graduated in May 2017 with her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

2017

Victoria Whetzel is seeing the Big Apple through the eyes of CBS Broadcasting Network. Life in New York for this Communication Arts graduate has included working at *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, to *CBS This Morning* and even *CBS Sports*.

30s Close-Up

Captain Lamar Russell '39



1939 Catawba alumnus has homecoming 73 years after he went missing during World War II

Captain Lamar Russell '39 finally returned home to Rowan County, more than 73 years after this World War II serviceman went missing, a passenger on a B52 that crashed in New Guinea in 1944. He was buried in his hometown of Gold Hill on September 24, 2017 with full military honors.

Russell joined the Army Air Corps in 1940 after earning his baccalaureate degree in biology from Catawba. He trained at Fort Worth, Texas, and Denver, Colorado, before being sent overseas as a second lieutenant in 1942. Stationed first in Australia, then New Guinea, he distinguished himself as part of the photographic section in his bombardment group. He achieved the rank of Captain and received the Legion of Merit Award in December 1943 just two months before he was lost in a plane crash.

The wreckage of the B52 that Russell was aboard with 10 others was not located until 1961, but since DNA testing was not available then,

the human remains found were unable to be linked to any specific individual aboard. Those remains ended up being buried in the National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., where military services were held for the 11 men lost.

More human remains from the crash site were recovered in recent years and an Army representative contacted Russell's sister, Patsy Russell Yelton, in 2014 requesting a DNA sample to compare to the DNA in the remains they had found. When the comparison was made, some of the remains found more recently at the crash site were positively identified as belonging to Lamar Russell, the family learned in 2016.

Lamar Russell and his brother, Ernest Russell, both served in the military and both died in 1944, Lamar in the plane crash in New Guinea and Ernest in Saipan in the Marianas. Both are now buried in the family plot of the Gold Hill Cemetery.



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IN MEMORIAM

Helen A. Lesser '36

March 8, 2017, Ellenton, FL

Dr. Eleanor Longenecker**Ryder '39**

September 1, 2016, Shippensburg, PA

Myrtle Elizabeth Chunn Spry '39

October 12, 2017, Concord, NC

John Burgess Fisher '40

December 20, 2016, Salisbury, NC

Ruth Hill Guy '41

January 4, 2017, Statesville, NC

Elizabeth "Betsy" Russell**Exum '42**

December 4, 2016, Columbia, SC

Mary Putzel Goldman '42

August 10, 2014, Waterproof, LA

Milburn "Millie" Hunt Hinshaw '42

February 27, 2017, Winston-Salem, NC

Sterling Hegnauer Whitener '42

January 28, 2017, Greensboro, NC

Carrie Goodman Wood '42

November 6, 2016, Salisbury, NC

Carrilee Coble Long '43

June 12, 2015, Matthews VA

Frances Lowe Rouzer '43

September 26, 2016, Banner Elk, NC

Jeanne Harris Allen '44

March 24, 2017, Concord, NC

Owen H. Hoke '44

May 17, 2017, Anchorage, AK

Esther E. Jones '44

April 12, 2017, Asheville, NC

Robert F. Patterson '44

January 22, 2017, Greenville, SC

Carolyn Hutchins Dewey '45

June 12, 2016, Charlotte, NC

Nell Harden '45

August 15, 2017, Asheville, NC

Nancy Ruth Boyd Payne '45

March 30, 2017, Charlotte, NC

Irving G. Rudolph '45

December 28, 2013, Florence, AL

Maude Miller Williams '46

September 14, 2016, Tampa, FL

Bonnie Blevins Lewis '47

July 18, 2017, Winston-Salem, NC

Sarah Culbertson MacElwee '47

April 16, 2016, Vero Beach, FL

Harold Bowen '48

October 4, 2016, Lexington, NC

Allie Ray Boyce '48

June 1, 2015, Albemarle, NC

Henry Cowles "Cokie"**Bristol, Jr. '48**

March 5, 2017, Statesville, NC

Perry L. R. Lefeavers '48

November 22, 2016, Mesa, AZ

Robert L. Rector '48

February 4, 2017, Salisbury, NC

Joseph E. Riley '48

June 4, 2017, Salisbury, NC

Betsy Love Squires '48

November 30, 2016, Burlington, NC

James B. Allred, Jr. '49

October 19, 2016, Greensboro, NC

Mary Lou Byrd Andrew '49

August 9, 2016, Albemarle, NC

Joyce Boone Burris '49

January 18, 2017, Albemarle, NC

Gay Nell Reavis Cartner '49

September 8, 2016, Statesville, NC

Arliss "Art" Claar '49

December 1, 2016, Burlington, NC

Marvella Davis Dorman '49

April 2, 2017, Tabor City, NC

Albert B. Gminder '49

September 28, 2016, China Grove, NC

Robert "Bob" Russell**Greenland '49**

July 28, 2016, Salisbury, NC

Richard Blacknall Holeman '49

December 6, 2016, Plymouth, NC

Rev. Dr. Joe Powlas '49

January 21, 2016, Booneville, KY

Geraldine "Gerry" Cabell**Spencer '49**

March 19, 2017, Salisbury, NC

Dr. Bernard B. Vinoski, Sr. '49

November 29, 2016, Beaufort, SC

Dr. William H. Weinel '49
January 15, 2017, Wilmington, NC

William Franklin Cannon '50
August 13, 2016, Concord, NC

Arlie F. Culp, Jr. '50
October 18, 2017, Ramseur, NC

Robert Joe Gore '50
April 4, 2017, Charlotte, NC

Odell J. Nassar '50
December 1, 2016, Wyckoff, NJ

Lillian H. Love Nance Bailey '51
December 3, 2016, McConnells, SC

Lee Boyce Caudle '51
October 6, 2017, Granite Quarry, NC

Peggy Plexico Covington '51
July 4, 2017, Rockingham, NC

Daniel Frank Hayes '51
March 14, 2017, China Grove, NC

Clarence E. Morris '51
September 15, 2017, Atlanta, GA

Rosa Lee Satterwhite Slate '51
September 30, 2017, Winston-Salem, NC

Edward Everett Vuncannon, Jr. '51
December 16, 2016, Ellerbe, NC

Carolyn Byrd Josey Whiteley '51
September 13, 2013, Albemarle, NC

Ruth Lumpkin Simpson '52
September 2, 2017, Mount Pleasant, SC

Ricard P. Voccola '52
March 17, 2017, Du Bois, PA

Millard Eller '53
January 18, 2017, Davidson, NC

James R. Cress '53
March 4, 2017, Raleigh, NC

Margy Dickey Fink '53
August 6, 2015, Salisbury, NC

Patsy Lou Everhart Palmer '53
December 26, 2015, Greensboro, NC

Raymond Cecil Ritchie '53
December 31, 2016, Salisbury, NC

Patricia Eikelberger Walters '53
April 17, 2016, Milton, MA

Bobby D. Beaver '55
August 3, 2017, Rockwell NC

Curtis Hayes Edwards '55
February 5, 2017, Wilmington, NC

Dr. James Oliver Link '55
May 29, 2016, Carrollton, GA

Garrett R. Simpson '55
July 17, 2017, Burlington, NC

Jack W. Snyder '55
January 23, 2017, Fairhope, AL

William Ray Christenbury, Sr. '56
June 6, 2017, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Jane Cook Corn '56
June 23, 2017, Laurens, SC

Roger F. Morris '56
February 7, 2017, Oak Island, NC

Gayzell Hopkins Rush '56
February 9, 2017, Rome, GA

James Neil Anderson '57
March 19, 2017, Mocksville, NC

Nancy Carolyn Potts '57
September 12, 2016, Lexington, NC

Harrell Powell, Jr., '57
October 25, 2016, Bermuda Run, NC

Joyce Chapman Brown '58
March 17, 2017, Salisbury, NC

Billy James Ford '58
January 12, 2017, Concord, NC

Carolyn Harmon Parker '58
February 19, 2017, Lenoir, NC

Janet Frye Rhodes '58
March 28, 2017, Salisbury, NC

John H. Lewis '59
July 20, 2017, Salisbury, NC

**Ret. U.S. Navy CDR James
"Jim" Daniel McRee '59**
December 9, 2016, Maiden, NC

Rev. Chester "Chet" W. Byerly '60
March 28, 2017, Thomasville, NC

Tony Ray Queen '60
December 20, 2015, Salisbury, NC

Donald L. Shearer '60
May 8, 2017, Elizabethtown, PA

Nathlee C. Strickland '60
June 1, 2017, Indian Trail, NC

Joan Rothrock Cline Backhaus '61
January 4, 2017, Cherryville, NC

Robert D. Brown '61
June 4, 2017, Gastonia, NC

Joel Saner Hubbard '61
December 10, 2016, Salisbury, NC

Frances Hampton Reaves '61
May 4, 2017, Albemarle, NC

Eugene Gray Williams '61
October 21, 2016, Clemmons NC

Andrew C. Appanaitis '62
November 23, 2016, Cameron, NC

Deleetha Wiley Baker '62
February 17, 2017, Glen Burnie, MD

Jerry W. Cole '62
May 21, 2017, Southern Pines, NC

Helen Lyerly Ford '62
September 9, 2017, Greensboro, NC

Rhett Edward Greene, Sr. '63
December 8, 2016, Lexington, NC

Jean Grubb Griffin '63
November 18, 2015, Monroe, NC

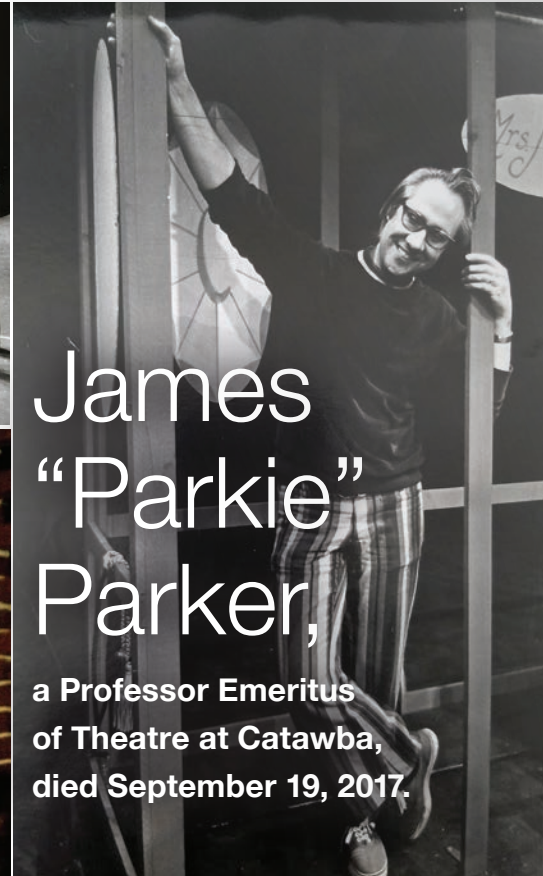
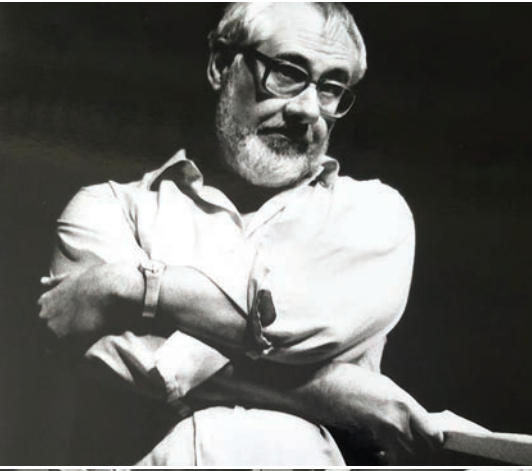
Allan M. Heilig '63
September 12, 2017, Gulf Breeze, FL

Rev. C. Philip "Phil" Laucks '63
February 14, 2017, South Daytona, FL

Louis E. Marett '63
August 9, 2017, Statesville, NC

John L. White '63
August 19, 2017, Gastonia, NC

Eugene M. Aiken '64
November 12, 2016, Statesville, NC



James "Parkie" Parker,

a Professor Emeritus
of Theatre at Catawba,
died September 19, 2017.

Parker had retired from the Theatre Arts Department in 2003 after 33 years of service. He was the department's costume designer for most of his tenure, while also teaching many of its technical theatre courses. As a director, he mounted 14 Shakespearean productions, nine of those at Catawba. He adapted plays, taught performance and literature classes, and acted.

His last production at Catawba was Shakespeare's "Pericles," one he directed while also playing the character of "Old Gower," the play's narrator. He said at the time that he selected that play as his swan song because it is a fairy tale for grownups and had never been staged at Catawba.

He was awarded Catawba's Swink Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching in 1978 and was inducted into the inaugural class of the College's Blue Masque Hall of Fame in 2007.

After graduating from Ithaca College in 1954, he went on to do some off-Broadway shows in the mid-1950s. He met his late wife Betty at

the Boothbay Playhouse in Maine doing summer stock in 1959. She was a member of the company and Parker was a designer. They were married that fall and their only child, daughter Deirdre, was born in 1961.

Known for his frugality in Catawba's Theatre Department, he earned a reputation as the school's costume guru who could make something out of nothing. Patchwork became a signature style for him and he could often be seen wearing patchwork clothing of his own creation. As a director, he encouraged experimentation and was remarkably candid with his students. He was also known for his characteristic wry wit.

A memorial service for Parker was held at Catawba on September 24 in Hedrick Little Theatre and was attended by his friends, colleagues, and many former students who shared stories of what they learned from him. Parker is survived by daughter Deirdre Parker Smith and her husband, Steve Smith.



Catawba College marked the passing of several Facilities Department employees over the past year. They include [Wayne Crowe](#), [Connie McCullen](#), [Tim Cunius](#), and [Gene Trexler](#).

They are remembered with gratitude for their dedicated service.

Two longtime Catawba College staff members died in June of 2017.

Funeral services were held for **Eloise Peeler**, who worked for almost 40 years as assistant to the president until her retirement in 1996, and **Sandra Roseman**, who worked for 30 years as administrative assistant in the Humanities after joining the College in 1974.

Eloise Peeler

February 17, 1934 - June 14, 2017

Sandra Roseman

February 12, 1948 - June 15, 2017

Richard Wayne Bowers '64
October 7, 2017, Vanceboro, NC

David Ralph Garner '64
September 26, 2017, Lexington, NC

Andy Louis Peretin '64
May 25, 2017, Johnstown, PA

David Vance Erwin '65
December 29, 2016, Wilmington, NC

Sally E. Kennedy '65
April 25, 2016, Winterville, NC

Guy H. Lanning '65
August 31, 2017, Clemmons, NC

Jane Crunkleton Matthews '65
November 10, 2016, Wilmington, NC

Frank E. Keller '66
August 16, 2016, Sewell, NJ

Shirley Myers Long '66
July 5, 2017, Advance, NC

Freddy Dean Smith '66
June 17, 2017, Pilot Mountain, NC

Brenda Bame Barnes '67
September 15, 2016, Greensboro, NC

Lentz McSherry "Mac" Lackey, Jr. '67
February 25, 2017, Statesville, NC

Dawn Koonts Shaak '67
November 8, 2016, Lexington, NC

DeWhitt Conway Stroud '69
October 27, 2015, Statesville, NC

Robert G. Willey, Jr. '69
April 30, 2017, Burlington, NC

John McGrew Brubaker '71
December 3, 2016, Sunset Beach, NC

John Schoderbek, Jr. '73
December 7, 2016, Charlottesville, VA

Pamela A. Morrison '74
June 6, 2017, New York, NY

Malcom W. Butner '75
August 24, 2016, Salisbury, NC

Dr. Lane Gaskell Graham '75
March 11, 2017, Salisbury, NC

Virginia Ann "Ginny" Rasweiler Minnich '76
February 15, 2012, Howell, NJ

Deborah J. Buckingham '77
March 14, 2017, High Point, NC

Carol L. Hanchette '77
October 9, 2017, Louisville, KY

Wayne E. Dalton '81
June 8, 2017, Spencer, NC

R. Christopher "Cat" Felix '92
March 27, 2017, Ocean City, NJ

Ian Brinkley '96
October 30, 2016, Sneads Ferry, NC

Randall P. Worthington, Jr. '06
April 4, 2016, Charleston, SC

Thomas Squires Whitaker '14
October 3, 2016, Raleigh, NC

Brittany Parsons '16
August 26, 2017, Durham, NC

Clarification of Alumnus Remembrance from Fall 2015 CAMPUS:

Cathie Brettschneider '69 shared a further correction regarding 1968 alumnus Bill Wilhelm's remembrance of late campus pastor, the **Rev. Porter W. Seiwel '35**, that appeared in Fall 2015. Cathie notes that Camp Michaux was in Pennsylvania, not West Virginia. She shares that she first went to that camp when she was 10 years old. Later, when she went to the senior division of the camp, she met **John Hostetter '68**, who eventually went to Catawba and graduated a year ahead of her. She writes that she was shocked to read in the Fall 2016 Campus magazine that John Hostetter had died in September 2016.



Allison Baucom '16

There's Moo in Store for This 2016 Catawba Graduate

It's been a herd of a year for 2016 Catawba College alumna Allison Baucom. Baucom has just completed her first year of veterinary school at North Carolina State University where she has used her skills gained at Catawba to propel her into a rigorous course load to achieve her dreams of becoming a Veterinarian.

As a biology major and chemistry minor at Catawba, Baucom was also a student athlete, playing on the Women's Soccer team and Cheerleading squad. She credits her involvements at Catawba as one of the reasons she has been able to succeed so well in vet school.

"Being a student athlete at Catawba also really fine-tuned my time management skills. It was a challenge in itself to balance soccer and cheerleading while being a biology major and working, but vet school really tested that skill."

Baucom knew from the beginning that in order to achieve her dream she would need to put the hours in outside of the classroom too. During her four years, she worked at Salisbury Animal Hospital to accrue hours in experience. This experience transpired in a unique way: "At the end of orientation, N.C. State does something many vet schools wait to do; we receive our white coats as a symbol of welcome into the veterinary professional community," she explained. "I had my boss and mentor from Salisbury Animal Hospital present my white coat to me."

During her first year in vet school, Baucom has had the opportunity to not only join several clubs such as Animal Behavior Club, Surgery Club, but had the opportunity over Christmas Break to immerse herself in the opportunities provided by the Bovine Club.

"Over Christmas break I went on an annual trip the Bovine Club organizes called "Cowabunga." We went to Colorado and Nebraska to several dairy farms, feed-lots, and other farms to see how different the production of animal medicine is in those areas of the country. While there, I was exposed to 6000-head herds of cows and major production operations."

So what advice does Baucom offer to those who want to know what Catawba can offer students interested in the Sciences?

"If you look early, you can start working towards your goals early on and make yourself a stronger candidate by allowing yourself different opportunities for experience."

And finally, Baucom adds, "Attending Catawba makes you stand out among other people and often gives you something to talk about. Eighty-five percent of my vet school class had never heard of Catawba, and only two other people aside from myself in the history of Catawba have been accepted to NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine, but I truly believe it made me stand out as an applicant!"

As fall 2017 begins, Baucom heads into her second year of vet school, prepared for the work load and opportunities that lie ahead.

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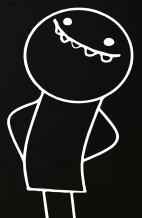
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BFFs: Basketball Friends Forever

“ We talked about having our own basketball program when we were students at Catawba and now eight years later, here we are. ”

– Martin said of his longtime friendship and collaboration with Veshi.



Two 2013 Catawba College alumni, Lee Martin and Ben Veshi, forged a bond as undergraduates based on their mutual love of basketball. That bond has continued in their new roles as coaches and counselors at Hargrave Military Academy, a private college preparatory boarding school located in Chatham, Virginia.

It was Martin who discovered Hargrave first. After graduating from North Surry County High School as a varsity basketball player, the six-foot six-inch guard did not receive any basketball offers from colleges or universities. A family friend suggested he might improve his collegiate playing options by spending a year after high school in Hargrave's post-graduate basketball program, honing his skills.

Martin did just that. Turns out, the family friend was correct, and following the year he spent at Hargrave, Martin began to get basketball scholarship offers from a variety of colleges and universities, including Catawba.

"I was able to come to Catawba and play as a freshman and I would not have been able to do that right out of high school. That changed my life," Martin said.

It was at Catawba that Veshi met Martin. The two were roommates in Pine Knot and Fuller Residence Halls and "built a bond here," Veshi said, largely based on their mutual love of basketball.

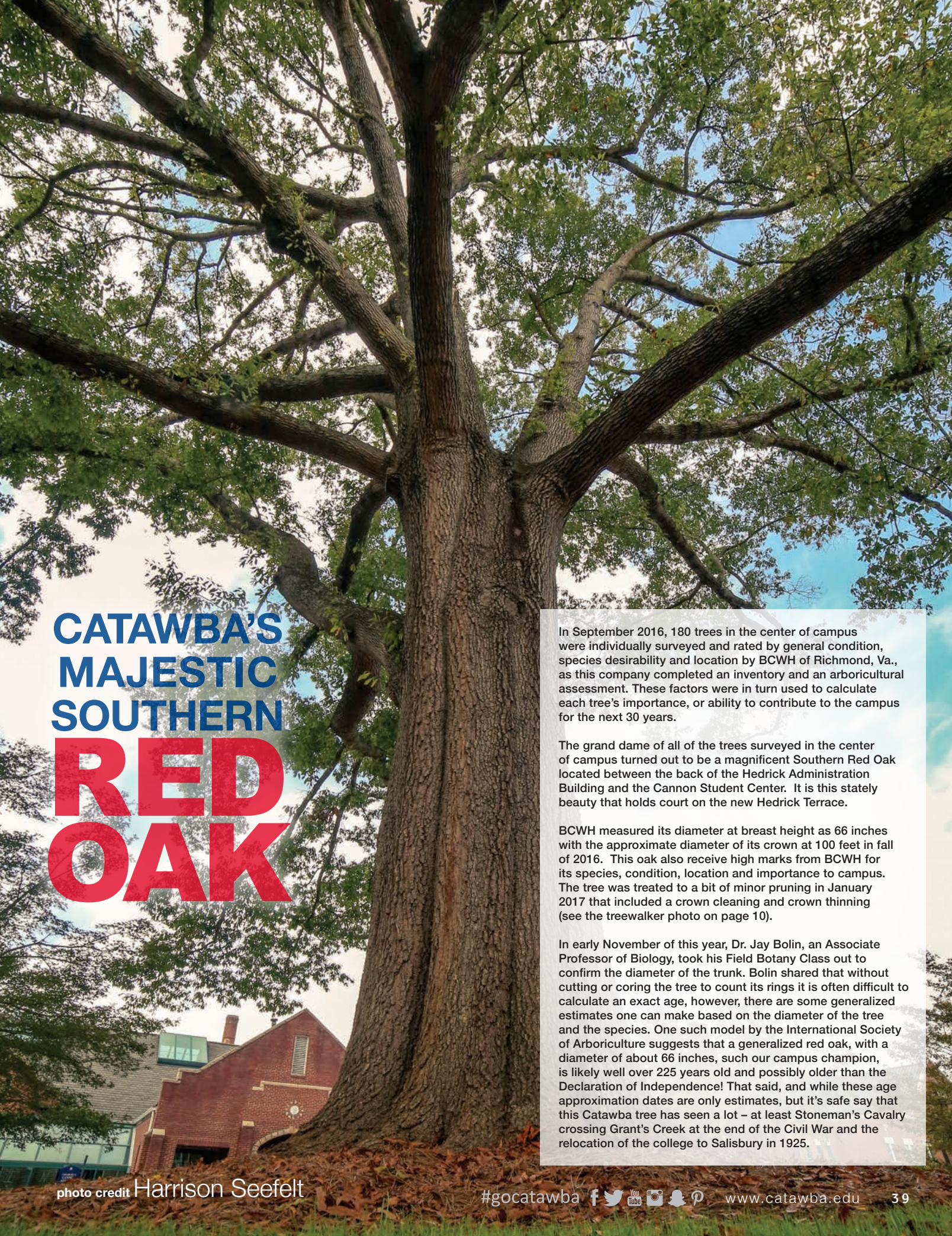
After the two graduated from Catawba, Martin headed to work at Hargrave as an assistant post graduate basketball coach and college counselor "to recruit more students like myself," while Veshi headed to graduate school, earning his MBA with a marketing concentration from Nichols College. While Veshi was in graduate school, he worked part-time at Catawba in Development, at the Downtown Catawba storefront, and served as an assistant basketball coach to Catawba's Men's Basketball Head Coach Rob Perrin.

In 2016, Martin recruited Veshi to Hargrave to work. Martin moved up to head post-graduate basketball coach and Veshi stepped in as head varsity basketball coach and college counselor.

And Veshi is learning all of the things about Hargrave that Martin already knew. "Lee did a good job of preparing me and helping me. A lot of it is 'Yes, sir, and No, sir' and knowing when to speak and knowing your role. My first year, I was the guy with no real military experience. I lived on barracks and that definitely toughens you up."

Or, as Martin describes the Hargrave model it is "college preparation at the core with the use of a military structure for routine, accountability and discipline."

"We teach life," Martin concludes of his and Veshi's roles at Hargrave. And Veshi, nods and smiles at his former college roommate, in complete agreement.



CATAWBA'S MAJESTIC SOUTHERN RED OAK

In September 2016, 180 trees in the center of campus were individually surveyed and rated by general condition, species desirability and location by BCWH of Richmond, Va., as this company completed an inventory and an arboricultural assessment. These factors were in turn used to calculate each tree's importance, or ability to contribute to the campus for the next 30 years.

The grand dame of all of the trees surveyed in the center of campus turned out to be a magnificent Southern Red Oak located between the back of the Hedrick Administration Building and the Cannon Student Center. It is this stately beauty that holds court on the new Hedrick Terrace.

BCWH measured its diameter at breast height as 66 inches with the approximate diameter of its crown at 100 feet in fall of 2016. This oak also receive high marks from BCWH for its species, condition, location and importance to campus. The tree was treated to a bit of minor pruning in January 2017 that included a crown cleaning and crown thinning (see the treewalker photo on page 10).

In early November of this year, Dr. Jay Bolin, an Associate Professor of Biology, took his Field Botany Class out to confirm the diameter of the trunk. Bolin shared that without cutting or coring the tree to count its rings it is often difficult to calculate an exact age, however, there are some generalized estimates one can make based on the diameter of the tree and the species. One such model by the International Society of Arboriculture suggests that a generalized red oak, with a diameter of about 66 inches, such our campus champion, is likely well over 225 years old and possibly older than the Declaration of Independence! That said, and while these age approximation dates are only estimates, but it's safe say that this Catawba tree has seen a lot – at least Stoneman's Cavalry crossing Grant's Creek at the end of the Civil War and the relocation of the college to Salisbury in 1925.



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