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From the President -



One hundred years ago, in the late fall of 1922, Tennessee voters elected a Clarksville lawyer – Austin Peay – as the state's next governor. Sadly, Gov. Peay would only live five more years, dying suddenly during his third term in October 1927. Soon after his passing, the state would name the local teaching college he'd helped usher into existence in honor of him, and in five years, we'll gather to celebrate Austin Peay State University's centennial.

On the day this school first opened, R.L. Jones of the Memphis School System said, "There is something in a name. If so, no institution in Tennessee will stand for higher service than Austin Peay Normal."

Mr. Jones' words still ring true, and as we move toward our 100th anniversary, I think Gov. Peay would be proud of his namesake. Particularly, he'd be pleased with how this institution continues to change and grow, to re-examine itself to become better for each new generation of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Shortly after his inauguration in January 1923, Gov. Peay began work on his administrative reorganization bill, which his biographer, T.H. Alexander Peay, called "the most radical departure from established custom ever attempted in the Tennessee state government."

Gov. Peay wanted to make our state more efficient and able to thrive during uncertain economic times, and his spirit continues to infuse everything we do here on campus. Over the past year and a half, we've been working to reorganize his namesake to help it become one of Tennessee's premier public universities while continuing its nearly 100-year legacy of standing for higher service.

Last winter, we adopted new mission, vision and value statements, and in this issue, you'll read how those statements led to the creation of the Experience Austin Peay 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. The pillars in that plan will support us as we move toward our centennial.

On these pages, you'll also see the University's newly updated logo. In the last 95 years, our reputation has grown beyond Clarksville and the state, and we needed a visual identity to let people know exactly where they can find us.

Austin Peay State University continues to grow and evolve with innovative new programs – such as our new business degree in hospitality management, highlighted in this magazine – while also honoring what's made us great over the years. You'll see some of that history when you read about Dr. Sharon Mabry's astounding 52 years of teaching at Austin Peay, and when you learn about the historic impact the late L.M. Ellis had on our athletics programs.

I think you, like Gov. Peay, will be proud of the impact this university has made over the last 95 years, and I hope after reading these pages, you'll continue to be eager to follow the path we've charted for our future.

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Dr. Mike Licari APSU President



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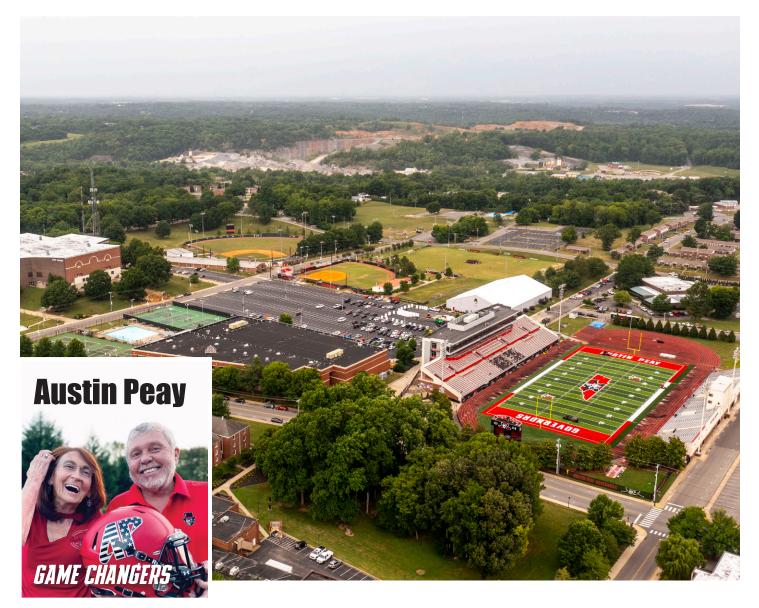
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Trustees approve naming portion of campus after Joe and Cathi Maynard

During the Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees meeting in March, the board approved naming a portion of campus after Joe and Cathi Maynard.

Earlier this year, the Maynards pledged to make a historic \$15 million donation to the Austin Peay athletics department. Their gift represents the largest single gift in the history of the University.

To honor that family's generosity, the board voted unanimously to name the area where APSU's NCAA Division I athletic programs are housed (pictured above) as the Joe and Cathi Maynard Family Athletics Complex. The board also voted to name the football field at Fortera Stadium as the Maynard Family Field.



Jill Bartee Ayers



Camille McMullen ('93)



Robert Wedemeyer

State court of appeals holds session on campus

In April, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals heard several actual cases in APSU's Morgan University Center. Three judges – Jill Bartee Ayers, Robert Wedemeyer and Camille McMullen – sat in their black robes in the front of a long conference room while attorneys argued for their clients. Behind these lawyers, a crowd of APSU criminal justice and political science majors watched the official proceedings.



Roohparvar new VP of finance and administration

In June, APSU hired Shahrooz Roohparvar as its next vice president for finance and administration after an extensive national search. Roohparvar spent his last 13 years managing finances at four higher education institutions, most recently at Cal Poly Humboldt.

APSU joins Nashville State to boost Black male student success

APSU and Nashville State Community College have developed an innovative partnership to help attract and retain a specific student population that is decreasing nationwide – Black male college students. On May 18, APSU and NSCC officially endorsed the Black Male Bridge Program Memo of Understanding, making it easier than ever for these students to earn a college degree.

The New Austin Peay State University Logo



Earlier this year, graphic designers in the APSU Office of Public Relations and Marketing were handed a secret project - it was time to modernize the University's iconic logo. President Mike Licari - who'd

recently tasked the campus with developing new mission, vision and value statements, along with a new five-year strategic plan – wanted a visual representation of how the University was changing while also maintaining the traditions so many students and alumni love.

"Some people think APSU is the same as it was 30 years ago," Licari said. "With this new logo, we want to elevate perceptions about the University and let them know this is one of the premier schools in Tennessee."

He specifically wanted the new mark to acknowledge the campus' physical location in Tennessee. Over the years, potential students and athletic recruits unfamiliar with Clarksville have sometimes wondered if Austin Peay was located in Texas.

This summer, the University officially unveiled a new, slightly altered logo that will carry Austin Peay into its centennial in 2027. The traditional "AP," developed more than 40 years ago, remains, but fonts have been updated and the words "Clarksville, Tennessee" now accompany the University's visual identity. The designers also added the tri-stars from the Tennessee state flag, which has become a unifying symbol for the state and has also been adopted by the Nashville Predators and the Tennessee Titans.

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Sodexo new food service provider for Austin Peay

Sodexo, a food service and facilities management leader, became the new food service provider for Austin Peay on July 1. As part of the 15-year contract, Sodexo will fund a new residence dining location at the University's Clarksville campus, as well as a renovation of the food court.



Hoon named new COAL dean

This summer, APSU named Dr. William "Buzz" Hoon, a seasoned communication scholar with 30 years of academic experience, as the new dean of the APSU College of Arts and Letters. Hoon previously served as interim dean of the Western Illinois University College of Fine Arts and Communication. During his three decades at that institution, he developed a curriculum for a sports broadcasting major and helped WIU become one of the first content providers for ESPN3.



Latino Advisory Council supports Latino students across campus

Last fall, Yanaraliz Barnes, director of the Latino Community Resource Center, partnered with LaNeeça Williams, APSU chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator, to establish the APSU Latino Advisory Council of Resource Advocates. They recruited members from offices across campus to make Latino initiatives University-wide efforts.

APSU College of Business launches new hospitality management concentration for booming hotel/ restaurant industry

ext time you're passing through Clarksville or Nashville, look at all the hotels, restaurants and event spaces popping up, and you'll see why tourism is now the No. 2 industry in Tennessee. According to the state's Department of Tourism Development, "Tennessee Tourism generated \$16.8 billion in domestic and international travel spending" in 2020.

In the next few years, that number will only continue to grow in Clarksville, with visitors heading to concerts or basketball games at the F&M Bank arena, eating dinner at Strawberry Alley or Shelby's Trio, or staying the night at a new hotel and convention center. And then there's Nashville with the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Predators and more restaurants than a person can visit in a year.

With all this continued growth, Austin Peay State University's College of Business is making sure there's local talent to lead the hospitality industry. That's why the college is launching a new hospitality management concentration this fall as part of its Bachelor of Science in Management degree program.

"I think with the growth happening in downtown Clarksville right now, with the F&M Bank Arena, Shelby's Trio, the convention center proposed near Interstate 24, and with everything in Nashville there

Dr. Tim Self

is a demand for future leaders in the industry," Dr. Tim Self, APSU assistant professor of business, said. "I've talked to a number of business leaders in the region recently who are excited to have a hospitality program nearby."

Before earning his Ph.D. in Hospitality and Tourism Management from Purdue University, Self worked in the restaurant and hotel industry and was a front office manager at Radisson Hotels in Shanghai, China. He arrived at Austin Peay in 2020, having previously worked in the Harrah College of Hospitality at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with the charge to grow Austin Peay's hospitality program. At the time, that program was housed in the APSU Department of Leadership.

"In the process of realigning the curriculum, we realized that the hospitality concentration aligned well with the current structure of the management program housed within the College of Business," Self said. "Both departments agreed, so we made the move."

This fall, the APSU program will become one of the few hospitality programs in the state connected to a College of Business.

"We're going to produce students with an expertise and knowledge for this growing field of industry here in Clarksville and nationally," Self said. "These businesses are interested in having people who know Clarksville and Nashville with the expertise and knowledge to contribute."

"The program examines the complexities that drive people to an establishment and also looks at how to consistently meet customers' expectations," Self said.

The concentration consists of six courses that deal with the principles of hospitality management, restaurant management, lodging management, marketing and tourism.

For information on the new concentration, email the APSU College of Business at cob@apsu.edu.

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Boyer spends summer at Chautauqua

Katie Boyer, graphic design student and recipient of APSU's inaugural Hazel Smith Summer Research Fellowship, spent the summer as a gallery assistant for the renowned Chautauqua Visual Arts (CVA) Galleries, in New York.

"This opportunity means quite a lot to me," Boyer said. "It is a wonderful chance for me to gain more hands-on experience in the gallery world."

Douglas finishes theater project with NYC performance

Senior musical theatre student Breanna Douglas performed in the culminating staged reading of "Our Tempest," a new play by Jake Brasch, at Theaterlab in New York City on June 6. The staged reading was the final step in a year-long engagement between the APSU Department of Theatre and Dance and The Farm Theater in New York City with generous financial support from APSU's Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts (CECA).





Grad student identifies 55,000 insects for research project

When he first set the traps along creeks at Fort Campbell, APSU biology graduate student Trevor Walker never expected he'd catch, pick through and identify so many bugs.

After about five months of collecting insects and six months of counting them in an Austin Peay lab, Walker and his team identified 55,085 bugs. He used his data for a research paper titled "Bat Species Diversity Linked with Stream Health as Described by Intolerant Insect Diversity."

Grad student now THA intern

Felicia Wesseh, an APSU healthcare administration graduate student, was among eight students across the country selected for the Tennessee Hospital Association's (THA) Agenda 21 Internship Program.

Designed to increase diversity in hospital executive leadership, the program furthers interns' exposure, knowledge and skills preparing them for future career success in the healthcare industry.





From left, Dr. Tucker Brown, senior vice provost and assistant vice president for academic affairs, Sam Mynhier, assistant director for annual giving and APSU President Mike Licari, participate in the "Dunk The Deans" event, celebrating fundraising efforts by the deans of each college during Govs Give 2022.

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APSU 2027: MAP TO THE UNIVERSITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Last August, Austin Peay State University President Mike Licari kicked off the Fall 2021 semester by asking some pretty big questions – Who are we? Where are we going? How will we get there?

Those questions launched a major, year-long project to redefine Austin Peay as "a premier public regional university" and the main focus of this project was the creation of an aggressive new strategic plan.

"Our 100th anniversary is in 2027, so I'd like to use this year to develop a strategic plan that will get us there in a way so that the university is strong and vibrant as we celebrate our centennial," Licari said last fall.

Over the next 12 months, Austin Peay's strategic planning committee - chaired by Dannelle Whiteside, vice president for legal affairs and organizational strategy, and Dr. Emily Lean, associate dean in the in the College of Business, with assistance from research analyst Dr. Kathrine Bailey – used community, employee and student input to develop a roadmap for the University to follow over the next five years. On June 10, the APSU Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the Experience Austin Peay 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

"The plan does reflect that we are a teaching-focused University, we are a student-centered University, and that we are a family, that we need to support and find ways for everyone here – students, faculty and staff – to be successful," Licari said. "And as you know, I take our connection to the community very seriously, and that comes out loud and clear in this plan also."

The full plan is available online at: https://www.apsu.edu/strategic-plan/.

THE PLAN'S PILLARS AND GOALS INCLUDE:

Pillar 1: The Academic Experience

- Goal 1: APSU will be a premier public regional university known for student-centered teaching excellence and high-quality, innovative and creative scholarship that is responsive to the needs of our diverse community and beyond.
- Goal 2: APSU will evolve academic offerings to strengthen our emphasis on delivering quality programs that address community and regional needs.

• Goal 3: APSU will optimize our institutional infrastructure to meet the academic needs of our students.

Pillar 2: The Student Experience

• Goal 1: APSU will afford each student the opportunity to have interactions and experiences by cultivating an inclusive community.

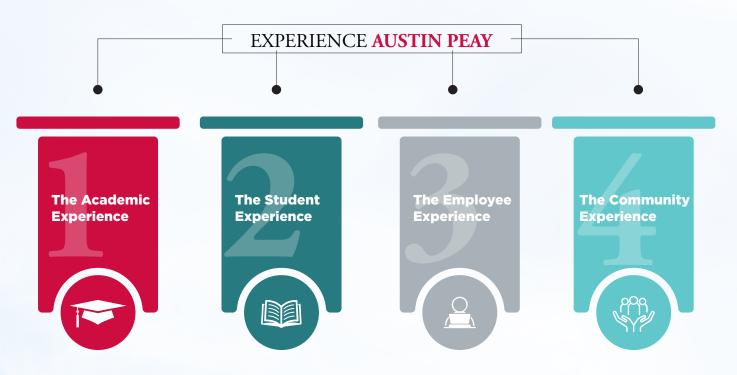
• Goal 2: APSU will ensure that all students are equipped to pursue their educational and career goals in an empowering environment.

Pillar 3: The Employee Experience

- Goal 1: APSU will empower employees to meet their learning and development objectives.
- Goal 2: APSU will support a campus culture where all employees can grow and flourish.
- Goal 3: APSU will cultivate a culture of connectedness in which employees intentionally engage with students to enrich the campus experience and influence student success.

Pillar 4: The Community Experience

- Goal 1: APSU will develop and enhance mutually beneficial community partnerships.
- Goal 2: APSU will increase community involvement by offering robust and unique programming.
- Goal 3: APSU will create a Gov-for-Life atmosphere that promotes sustained student and alumni engagement.



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AUSTIN PEAY'S CORPSE FLOWER ZEUS PUTS ON A SHOW

Zeus – one of Austin Peay State University's two corpse flower plants – delivered quite a show for its first-ever bloom in early June.

Thousands of people trekked to the Sundquist Science Complex greenhouse to witness Zeus grow to more than 6 feet tall before unfurling into its burgundy magnificence - while also emitting a rancid stench of cheese, sweat, garlic, decomposing meat, feces and rotting fish.

Zeus started blooming at about 4 p.m. on June 9. By the wee hours of June 10, the plant released the worst of its odor – the smell was so bad that an overnight cleaning crew called the police to report the stink. The stench reached all corners of Sundquist by sunrise.

Television stations across the state – and the country – picked up the story, and by the second night, the line of people who wanted to smell Zeus snaked through the building. More than 2,500 people left with "I saw Zeus at Austin Peay State University" stickers. More than 10,000 people watched Zeus grow and bloom via the Department of Biology's corpse flower plant webpage.

Indeed, Zeus' bloom captured the entire region's attention.

Zeus' bloom was a rare event. Although corpse flower blooms are becoming more common in cultivation,



they're still extremely rare. As of 2019, only about 500 corpse flower plants lived in university or private collections or botanical gardens.

Even rarer than a bloom, though, is witnessing a corpse flower plant produce fruit. Still, titan arum flowerings in cultivation are much more common than they were 40 years ago.

"We can get a dozen or more flowerings in a single flowering season, and that's why we were able to get pollen from a plant that was flowering two to three weeks ago at Dartmouth College to pollinate the (plant) here," said Jonathan Ertelt, Vanderbilt University greenhouse manager, who donated two corpse flower plants to Austin Peay's Dr. Carol Baskauf in recent years.

At about 8:15 a.m. June 10, Ertelt brushed the pollen from the Dartmouth plant onto the female flowers

inside Zeus' base. If the female flowers were receptive and if the pollen remained viable after that much time and travel, Zeus might produce fruit that could ripen in early 2023.

Baskauf also collected Zeus' pollen and will store it until another institution needs it. If Zeus produces fruit, the seeds can be planted to grow new corpse flower plants.

Zeus needed 10 years to bloom for the first time. Once a plant blooms, however, the corm – a giant underground tuber – is already big enough to support a much quicker bloom. If all goes well, Zeus could bloom again in two or three years.

To read more about corpse flower plants, visit apsu.edu and search for "corpse flower Zeus."



The Record:

Sharon Mabry retires after a historic 52 years

On a gray November afternoon in 1970, a young pianist named Sharon Mabry received a frantic phone call. The Austin Peay State University Music Department needed her help. The program's popular voice professor, Jack Hurt, had died suddenly that week, and someone had to take over his classes and finish out the semester.

Three months earlier, Sharon's husband, Dr. George Mabry, joined APSU as director of choral activities, and he mentioned to Dr. Thomas Cowen, chair of the music department, that his wife had double-majored in piano and voice in college.

"Dr. Cowen knew I had the degrees and could teach what Jack was teaching," she said. "He called me on a Friday and asked if I could start on a Monday, and I did."

It was only meant to be a temporary assignment, but 52 years later, Sharon Mabry officially retired from Austin Peay, earning the designation as the longest-serving employee in University history. During that five-decade-long career, she mentored thousands of students, enhanced the cultural life of the Clarksville-Montgomery County community, and helped transform Austin Peay's music department into one of the top programs in the Southeast. She also received the University's first Richard M. Hawkins Award – APSU's top award for scholarly and creative work – in 1979 and Austin Peay's Distinguished Professor Award in 2003.

"It's pretty overwhelming thinking about 52 years of service and employment at a single place and the impact that has had on our school in general but specifically our department," Dr. Jeffrey Williams, APSU associate professor of music, said. "Sharon and George have been associated with this department and this school for so long that as soon as you say Austin Peay, you think of the Mabrys in the same breath. That's only been a positive thing for us."

'George and I were shocked and honored'

In the 1970s, the APSU Department of Music occupied a few crowded rooms in the Clement Building's basement. The Mabrys, walking down those cinderblock hallways to their offices, dreamed of a more professional, inviting space that attracted





more vocal performance students. Until such a place existed, they'd have to use their charisma and talent to entice talented young singers to study at Austin Peay.

"We just started to work to build the voice area, and we worked for years doing that," Sharon said.

Their focus on providing more opportunities for their students had a secondary impact on the entire Clarksville-Montgomery County community. Suddenly, this small town on the Tennessee/Kentucky border became home to several high-caliber musical events, including the Broadway-style Cabaret Night, the Christmas Madrigal Feast and the Dimensions New Music Series.

"I was just blown away by the quality of the musical performances," the late Evans Harvill, a long-time APSU supporter, said in 2011.

The department's popularity eventually led to that dream facility – a \$9.5 million, 76,000-square-foot Music/Mass Communication Building at Austin Peay. The centerpiece of that new building was a 590-seat concert hall.

Harvill organized the Mabry Legacy Campaign, which quickly raised \$500,000 in scholarships to

rename the venue. On Nov. 11, 2011, the space officially became the George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall.

"George and I were shocked and honored when people got together to give money and name the hall after us," Sharon said. "They were always supportive of everything we did, concerts we gave. We've made a lot of friends."

'The greatest challenge'

In 2003, George retired from Austin Peay and began his second career as director of the Nashville Symphony Chorus.

Sharon continued with her busy schedule, but by March 2020, everything came to a halt. The COVID-19 pandemic had arrived in Clarksville

"The last two years, trying to teach singers during COVID has been the greatest challenge I've had to personally deal with," she said. "The first year it was mostly teaching on Zoom – a student sitting in a dorm room and you're at home. I had to learn all kinds of technology I never wanted to learn, but I learned it. Teaching voice over Zoom is not something anyone should do."

Over the last two years, vocal teachers across the country have left the field, frustrated with teaching online or through facemasks.

"Singers are the ones who spread it the most," Mabry said, "so you've got people singing double masked. You can't really hear what they sound like."

For Mabry, 52 years felt long enough. She announced her retirement earlier this year, which oddly still came as a surprise.

"For me being her colleague, I've been here for eight years, and so being her next-door buddy for the last eight years, you sort of get a sense of her impact," Williams said.

Read more about Sharon Mabry's career at https://www.apsu.edu/news/may-2022-sharon-mabry-retires.php.

"She has mentored thousands of students, enhanced the cultural life of the Clarksville-Montgomery community, and helped transform Austin Peay's music department into one of the top programs in the Southeast."



Meet APSU's Amber Zia Campbell Pakistan-native and U.S. Army officer

When Amber Zia Campbell entered Austin Peay State University's Dunn Center on Friday, May 6, her thoughts might have drifted back to her childhood home in Pakistan. As a young Pashtun girl living in a strict, patriarchal society, she didn't expect to achieve much out of life. But then her mother – a fiercely independent woman – demanded more for her daughter.

"My mom had to get in an argument with my dad all the time," Campbell said. "He said, 'She's not going to go to school in U.S. and can get same education in Pakistan.' My mom didn't want that. Without her, my life would be totally different."

In 2011, a 17-year-old Campbell arrived in Brooklyn, New York, to pursue an education. She was nervous in a completely new culture, but her mother's parting words guided her – "Don't do anything stupid. Focus on your school."

Campbell followed her mother's advice, and her mother's example, and on May 6,



she left Austin Peay with her Master of Science in Management and as an officer in the U.S. Army.

The stories of her accomplishments have already made their way into the ears of little girls growing up in Pakistan.

"My mom tells them and they're shocked," Campbell said. "I grew up the same way they did, but I'm the first person to get my master's degree in U.S. and to join the Army."

A Pashtun girl

"Growing up (in Pakistan), I never stepped outside the house alone without an elder next to me," she said. "I never really experienced the outside world until I moved to Brooklyn, New York, to pursue my education. There was a massive culture shock as I could not understand how this side of the world operated. I had to learn everything by watching or asking others."

She eventually earned her bachelor's degree in New York and found a job as a website writer on Wall Street. Then one day, she heard the U.S. Army was recruiting people with unique foreign language skills.

"I went to Brooklyn recruiter and asked him about the program the next day," Campbell said. "He asked me to think twice as I had a great job and had no clue about whatever information he gave. I had never worked out in my life, but I knew I was strong as I used to copy my brother doing pull-ups in Pakistan."

A few months later, she headed off to basic training and a new phase of her life. As an enlisted soldier, she found herself stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. That's where she met Chad Campbell, the man who would become her husband and father of her twin boys.

"My husband, who is a first sergeant right now, has been the most incredible mentor, and he was the one who pushed me to go to Airborne school, which was another best decision of my life," she said.

When the young family arrived at Fort Campbell, with its proximity to Austin Peay, Campbell applied for the Army's Green to Gold Program. She was selected, allowing her to earn a graduate degree and join the eight-time MacArthur Award-winning Governors Guard ROTC program. After graduation and being commissioned an officer in May, she is now one of the few Pakistani women officers in the U.S. Army.

"As an officer, I want to lead my soldiers in the right direction and show them that anything is possible," she said. "If a Pashtun girl like me can learn to do anything, so can you."

Family builds inspiring legacy over three generations at Austin Peay



In 1991, when Dr. Carmen Reagan was named dean of the APSU College of Business, she became the first woman in the University's history to hold that position. Over the next several years, her leadership helped transform that small program into the thriving college it is today, with much of her work focused on providing more opportunities to female students.

Reagan's work has influenced hundreds of students over the last three decades, but her time at Austin Peay has also had a profound impact on the women in her own family. That's because in 1995 her daughter, Ginna Holleman, earned her degree from APSU, and 27 years later, on May 6, 2022, Carlynn Holleman – Ginna's daughter and Reagan's granddaughter – also graduated from the University.

"It has been my very fortunate and rather unique experience for both a daughter and granddaughter to attend the university and take classes in the programs I have helped teach and design," Reagan said. "Both opportunities have provided me somewhat of a kaleidoscopic view of university life and have enriched my own development as an educator."

'Her leadership continues to ignite a powerful belief in the possible'

In the late 1960s, when few women taught business courses at the college level, Reagan began her long and impressive academic career. In 1988, she arrived at Austin Peay as an associate professor of marketing, and she quickly set to work making the college more accessible to female students. Ginna saw her mother's influence firsthand, and when it came time to go to college, she enrolled at Austin Peay with a prestigious President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) scholarship.

"Topping a long list of attributes, the courageousness mom demonstrates in all pursuits has been most inspirational and aspirational to me," Ginna said. "Throughout her life and career, she has often journeyed paths not easily traveled. She blazed them with bold independence while fostering a collective responsibility to help others along the way. Though gentle in spirit, the strength of her vision and determination sets a brave example to take the action, and risks, needed to succeed. For me and many others, her leadership continues to ignite a powerful belief in the possible."

Ginna, though originally interested in larger universities, was happy she decided to study in the program her mother oversaw. After graduating, she quickly became a prominent member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County business and civic communities, serving on multiple boards and working her way up to senior vice president of marketing for Fortera Credit Union. When it came time for her own daughter to go to college, Ginna watched Carlynn grapple with similar questions about where to go.

"Growing up with such a close association to APSU, Carlynn initially envisioned her college experience to be at a large school further from home," Ginna said. "She struggled to find the right fit until she discovered Austin Peay offered her program of interest and an environment uniquely suited for her."

'Austin Peay has always seemed like family too'

Carlynn looked at other schools, but the more she considered Austin Peay, the more she understood the important legacy her family was building at the University.

"To me, Austin Peay has always seemed like family too," she said. "As long as I can remember, it has played a huge role in our life and has been a constant presence with the involvement of my grandmother, mom and other family members. Being a student



really connected the bigger relationship though and I'm excited to continue that legacy."

After graduating high school, she became the third generation of her family to find a home on the APSU campus. As a 21st century college student, Carlynn forged her own path across campus while also following in her mother's and grandmother's footsteps. Then, on May 6, 2022, her successful academic journey came to an end.

"I have always dreamed of the day that I would graduate college and it means even more to cross the stage of APSU knowing my grandmother and mom have walked it before me," Carlynn said. "There is a great picture of them in the Dunn Center at my mom's graduation. They both look so proud, and I am proud to now join her as an alum and as one of the many students my grandmother has impacted."

Reagan officially retired in 2011, and that November, the University launched the Reagan Giving Circle to honor the entrepreneurial spirit she bestowed upon APSU and the business community. The giving program ensures the success of future female business leaders, regardless of their major.

Reagan and her family continue to believe in APSU and all it has to offer its students. That's why the family continues to find a home on campus.

"Through all of their experiences at APSU, I am confident that my daughter and granddaughter have been prepared for the future that beholds them," she said.

L.M. ELLIS 1943-2022

Austin Peay athletics mourns the passing of former Austin Peay men's basketball great and Govs Hall of Famer L.M. Ellis, who passed away Wednesday, June 1, at the age of 79.

Ellis broke the longstanding color barrier in 1962, becoming the first African American basketball player to play at Austin Peay and in the Ohio Valley Conference. As a trailblazer, the 6-5 forward averaged 9.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in 13 games during a shortened junior season after transferring from Drake to his hometown school.

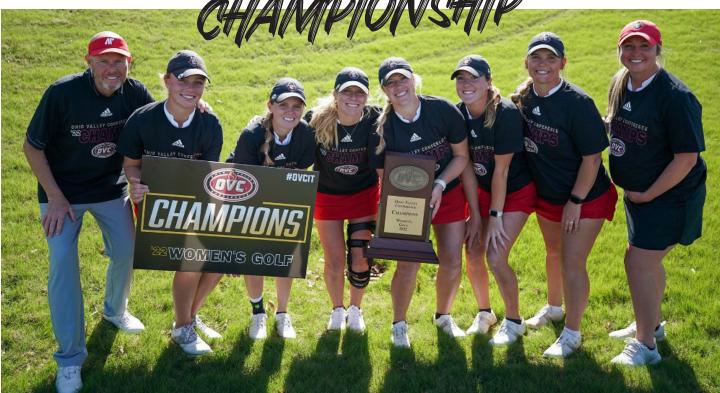
As a senior, Ellis averaged 6.7 points and 6.1 rebounds per game to earn a tryout with the St. Louis Hawks, known now as the NBA's Atlanta Hawks. During his prep career under head coach Dave Whitney, he led Clarksville's Burt Cobb High School to the 1961 district, regional, state and National Negro High School championships. That season Ellis was named team MVP by The Leaf-Chronicle newspaper.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1965, Ellis served in the managerial field of some of the nation's top chain merchandising stores, including stops in St. Louis, Chicago and Atlanta. In 1990, Ellis was inducted into the APSU Hall of Fame and in February 2022 had his number 45 jersey retired and hung in the rafters inside the Winfield Dunn Center.

Ellis is survived by his wife, Mary Ellis; children: Yvetta Denis (Darrell) Johnson, Jon Ellis, and Camilla Ellis; step-daughters: Monica (Herman) Barham, Tomeka (Jamie) Posley, and Roszena McRae; sisters, Susie Barker and Mary "LaVerne" Bryant.

"Mr. Ellis was the first African American to play basketball in the OVC and at Austin Peay, but more than that he was an incredible man," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison. "There are two moments I will always remember with Mr. Ellis. First, when I arrived in Clarksville in 2018, he encouraged me to be strong, be faithful and told me that I can do it. The second is when we retired his jersey in the winter, he stood up out of his wheelchair during the presentation to a thunderous crowd. I was in awe of his presence. Mr. Ellis, thank you for paving the way for me and so many others that followed behind you and chose Austin Peay. Rest well, sir. God Bless!"

GOVS WIN FIRST-EVER OVC WOMEN'S GOLF



Austin Peay's women's golf team won its first-ever Ohio Valley Conference Women's Golf Championship in May.

After winning the title, third-year Austin Peay head coach Jessica Combs was named the OVC Coach of the Year – the second in program history – and Erica Scutt was named the OVC Freshman of the Year – also the second in program history. Both awards were voted on by the league's head coaches at the conclusion of the tournament.

The Govs also earned the conference's automatic bid to the 2022 NCAA Women's Golf Championship – where they finished 12th in the regionals.

"This has been a wonderful week for Austin Peay women's golf," said assistant coach Will Snodgrass after the regionals. "Obviously this was our first attempt at the NCAA Regionals, and we are incredibly proud of what this team has done. Sometimes scoreboards can be misleading and you might look and see that 12th-place finish and mistake it for last. But as we talked with the girls today, there are 249 NCAA Division One women's golf teams, and 177 did not make it here."

ROLAND FANNING

Named Austin Peay's 12th head baseball coach

Roland Fanning, an Oklahoma State baseball staff member for the past three seasons, was named Austin Peay's 12th head baseball coach.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Coach Fanning, his wife, Beverly, and daughters, Emery Jo and Eastyn to Stacheville," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison. "I am confident Coach Fanning will relentlessly reignite the energy and passion around Austin Peay baseball that once led us to 15 Ohio Valley Conference championship seasons and six NCAA tournament appearances. He is an evaluator, a recruiter and a developer of talent. Those skills will be key to our success as we regain our competitive edge and level up to the ASUN Conference."



Fanning brings 15 seasons as an assistant coach, including eight combined seasons at Oklahoma State and Kentucky, to Austin Peay. While he was on the Cowboys and Wildcats staffs, those programs posted three 40-plus win campaigns, with this season's OSU squad a win away from another 40-win season.

"I'm extremely thankful for this opportunity," he said. "I want to thank (Austin Peay president) Dr. Licari, Gerald Harrison, and (Senior Director of Athletics) Jordan Harmon for all their hard work during this process. Austin Peay has a great tradition, with great alumni and a fan base that is excited about our baseball program."

Fanning also has developed top-caliber athletes, with two conference player of the year award winners and 21 All-American Selections. He has seen 56 athletes selected in the MLB Draft, with three chosen in the first round and seven reaching the major leagues.

Terry Taylor signs with Indiana Pacers

The Indiana Pacers recently signed Terry Taylor, APSU men's basketball's all-time leading scorer, to a multi-year contract extension. Taylor joined the team last year, earning some playing time as a forward for the team and for its G-League affiliate, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants.

According to ClarksvilleNow sports reporter Christian Brown, Taylor "averaged 9.6 points per game, 5.2 rebounds per game and shot an efficient .614 from the field. Meanwhile, when Taylor played in Fort Wayne, he averaged 18.9 points per game, 12.1 rebounds per game and shot .674 from the field."





Phillips named OVC Female Track Athlete of the Year

After defending her outdoor titles in the 200- and 400-meter dashes at the 2022 Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Championships last spring, Kenisha Phillips was named the OVC Female Track Athlete of the Year.

It was a record-setting 2022 outdoor season for Phillips who holds six of the 10 fastest times in program history in the 400-meter dash. Phillips claimed six individual titles during the outdoor season to go along with 10 top-five finishes.

Phillips also claimed indoor OVC titles in the 200, 400 and 4x400-meter relay. During the indoor season, Phillips became one of just two athletes in school history to run under 54 seconds in the 400-meter dash, breaking the school record in the 400- and 200-meter.

Govs' student-athletes level up with department-record 3.43 GPA



It was another record-breaking semester for Austin Peay student-athletes with the department announcing its 291 student-athletes combined to record a department-record 3.43 grade-point average during the spring semester.

It was the 10th consecutive semester the Austin Peay athletics department has posted a 3.0 GPA or better and the 13th time in department history. In addition, this semester marked the first time in department history that APSU student-athletes have posted a department-wide GPA of 3.4 or better with all 15 of the varsity programs recording at least a 3.0 GPA.

More than 80 percent of the department's 291 student-athletes earned academic recognition during the spring semester, with 107 named to the Austin Peay Athletics Director's Honor Roll and 137 eligible to earn recognition on the Austin Peay Dean's List – 21 more than the previous semester.

Osowski named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Third Team

An Austin Peay softball senior third baseman, Lexi Osowski, was named to the 2022 CoSIDA Academic All-America Softball Third Team, as selected by the College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Osowski, of San Diego, California, graduated last month with a 3.82 overall grade-point average and earned her bachelor's degree in exercise science.

She batted .408 with 15 doubles, two triples, 13 home runs, 46 RBI, a .777 slugging percentage and a .497 on-base percentage.

Osowski was named the 2022 OVC Player of the Year, OVC First Team selection and to the National Fastpitch Coached Association Midwest Region First Team.



Former Gov Erik Barnes earns PGA Tour card, qualifies for 2022 U.S. Open



Former Austin Peay men's golf standout and APSU Hall of Famer Erik Barnes earned his PGA Tour card and qualified for the 2022 U.S. Open in June.

Barnes competed in 14 events on the Korn Ferry Tour this season, making the cut in each event. For his performances, Barnes crossed the 875-point, fail-safe threshold to secure his first PGA Tour card. Barnes has been a consistent presence on the Korn Ferry Tour, compiling 18 top-10 finishes in 165 cumulative starts, including three runner-up showings.

Barnes shot six-under at the qualifying event at the Ansley Golf Club in Roswell, Georgia, to secure one of four qualifying spots for the U.S. Open.



MEMPHIS

APSU alumni & friends came together for a night of mingling, networking and celebrating being a Gov at the For the PEAYple Gathering in Memphis in May.



NASHVILLE

APSU alumni & friends with men's basketball head coach Nate James at the For the PEAYple Gathering in Nashville in May.



On July 1, Austin Peay began a new era of athletics when the University officially joined the ASUN Conference. The APSU Athletics Department hosted a celebratory breakfast that morning to mark the historic occasion. APSU was previously a part of the Ohio Valley Conference for 60 years. By joining the ASUN, the University will increase its brand visibility, with more than 10 million television homes – and 45,000 Austin Peay alumni – residing within the ASUN's seven-state footprint.

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44th Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament

Fri., Sept. 23 • 10 a.m., Swan Lake Golf Course \$75 per person. Open to the public. Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville, a Hand Family Company and AJAX Distributing Co. Fee includes ditty bag, refreshments on the golf course, light lunch, skirt, throw, and mulligan. To RSVP, sign up your full team, or to sign up as a sponsor (\$400, to include: business advertising, team of 4, lunch, 4 skirt/throw/mulligans), visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/hcgolf22.

Department of History & Philosophy and Phi Alpha Theta Homecoming Luncheon

Fri., Sept. 23 • Noon, Morgan University Center Room 303/305

The Department of History and Philosophy and Phi Alpha Theta Homecoming Luncheon will commemorate the 60th anniversary of Theta-Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (PAT) as well as announce honoree alumni on Sept. 23 at noon in Morgan University Center 303/305. David Britton (2010) will be our guest speaker. He is the park manager of Dunbar Cave State Park and Port Royal State Historic Park as well as the first recipient of the History and Philosophy Distinguished Alumni Award. All History and Philosophy alumni are welcome to attend. Current students and current members of PAT, History Club, and Indian Club will be present. The luncheon will cost \$20 per person. RSVP Janice Poindexter at poindexterj@apsu.edu or 931-221-7919 by Sept. 2.

OMECONIN **PELP and Honor Student Homecoming Reception** Fri., Sept. 23 • 4-6 p.m., Honors Commons, Memorial Health Building

All Honors/PELP alumni are welcome and invited to attend to meet current students and find out what is happening in the Honors/PELP Program. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. RSVP to atkinsd@apsu.edu.

College of Business Homecoming Reception

Fri., Sept. 23 • 5:30-7:30 p.m., Strawberry Alley, **Pilsner Room** (103 Strawberry Alley Clarksville, TN 37040)

All College of Business alumni are welcome and invited to attend. Food and drinks will be provided. To RSVP, visit https:// www.apsu.edu/business/events/2022_Homecoming_ Alumni_Reception.php.

Military Alumni Chapter Dinner

Fri., Sept. 23 • 5:30 Reception / 6 p.m. Dinner, Morgan University Center Ballroom

\$50 per person. Proceeds benefit the Military Scholarship Endowments. To RSVP or for more information visit www. alumni.apsu.edu/military22. Sponsored by Fortera.

All Athletic Alumni Mixer

Fri., Sept. 23 • 7-10 p.m., Upstairs at Strawberry Alley, 103 Strawberry Alley

Join us for a complimentary All Athletic Alumni Mixer at the Upstairs at Strawberry Alley, located on Strawberry Alley in Downtown Clarksville. To RSVP for this event, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/athleticmixer22.

Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center Homecoming Bash

Fri., Sept. 23 • 3-6 p.m., Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, Clement 120

This will be a great time to enjoy some good people, good food and good Govs, both past and present! The event will be filled with fun, interactive activities for all ages and reflections on the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center and its history! We'd love to see all of our alumni there! For more information, contact Harold Wallace at 9**31-221-6274 or wallaceh@ apsu.edu.**

50 Year Reunion Breakfast (Class of 1972)

Sat., Sept. 24 • 8- 10 a.m., Morgan University Center (Room 305)

This will be an exciting time for the class of 1972 as they celebrate this momentous occasion! \$30 per person. To RSVP, please visit: www.alumni.apsu.edu/ class72. For more information, contact Lacey Dillon at **dillonl@apsu.edu or 931-221-7290.**

Governors Own Marching Band Alumni Reunion & Halftime Performance

Sat., Sept. 24

8 a.m.	Breakfast/ Meet & Greet
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Announcements
8:40 a.m.	Stands Tunes/Halftime Music Rehearsal
	(Music Mass Communications Building)
10 a.m.	Watch Party at Homecoming Parade
11 a.m.	Rehearsals for Halftime Performance with
	GOMB (Fortera Stadium)
	Lunch Provided (Choir Room) Be sure to

- check out Tailgate Alley and Stache Street
- **3 p.m.** APSU vs. EKU Football Game
- **4:30 p.m.** Alumni Band Halftime Performance with current GOMB
- 7:30 p.m. Smash Bang Party at F&M Bank, 50

Franklin St. (Franklin Room, 5th Floor)

To register, please visit

https://forms.gle/L48cnjWC85GKwVVy5

Deadline to RSVP - Sept. 1, 2022

Additional details regarding locations, rehearsals, halftime performance, and the Smash Bang party will be emailed directly to all registered band alumni.

Greek Alumni Parade Watch Party

Sat., Sept. 24 • 9:30 a.m., Clement Lawn (College Street)

Reconnect with fraternity and sorority alumni from all chapters and enjoy the Homecoming Parade together. Free event. For more information, contact Victor Felts, Greek Alumni Chapter president, at **931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu.**

APSU Homecoming Parade

Sat., Sept. 24 • 10 a.m., APSU Campus

Free and open to the public. The Austin Peay and Clarksville community gathers together to celebrate Homecoming 2022. Contact APSU Athletics for game ticket information or to reserve a tailgate spot, (931) 221-7904. Contact Student Life and Engagement, (931) 221-7431 for parade details and information.

Distinguished Alumni Awards Lunch

Sat., Sept. 24 • 11:30 a.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom

\$30 per person. Open to the public. Meet and mingle with other alumni and friends as we honor this year's selection of Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients. For more information, please visit **www.alumni.apsu.edu/awards22.**

Alumni Tailgate

Sat., Sept. 24 • 1-3 p.m., Tailgate Alley

See Red! Wear your Austin Peay red. Free and open to all alumni and friends.

Homecoming Game - APSU vs. EKU

Sat., Sept. 24 • 3 p.m., Fortera Stadium

Open to the public. Presentation of 2022 Homecoming King, Queen and court at halftime. For admission prices, contact Athletics Ticket Office, **(931) 221-PEAY**.

African American Alumni Chapter Scholarship Mixer

Sat., Sept. 24 • 7 p.m.-midnight. Talley Hall (200 Harnett court Clarksville, TN)

Sponsored by the APSU African American Alumni Chapter. Join us for a night of mixing, mingling and dancing! Donations can be made at the door to benefit the Marvin Posey Jr. Scholarship Endowment. To RSVP, please visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/mixer22. For more information, contact **dillonl@apsu.edu**.

Homecoming Step Show

Sat., Sept. 24 • 7 p.m., Foy Center (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

- Students/Military \$15 in Advance
- Community/Alumni \$20 in Advance
- Tickets at the Door \$25

Call Fraternity & Sorority Affairs **931-221-6570 or visit www.apsugreeks.com** for more information.

Let the GOV times roll!

Alumni News & Events



My area has experienced some promising transitions within the last few months, and I am excited to share this news with you. You may have heard that the APSU Division of University Advancement has officially changed our name to the APSU Division of Alumni, Engagement and Philanthropy. We feel that this new title accurately reflects the work that we do, both for the Austin Peay campus and for the surrounding community. Our division now includes the Offices of Alumni and Annual Giving, Engagement and Philanthropy, as well as the Morgan University Center and Event Services.

We also said a bittersweet farewell to our Business Technology Analyst Larry Wheeler, who retired from the University after 24 years of service, as well as Director of Alumni Relations Nikki Peterson, who left Austin Peay to pursue a new career opportunity. We appreciate her 14 years of service in that role. She always made it her department's

priority to engage alumni and current students and to have them serve as ambassadors and advocates for Austin Peay. APSU alumnus Brad Averitt ('10, '17) has now been named the University's new assistant executive director of Alumni and Annual Giving, and I am confident that he will continue that work and lead the Office of Alumni and Annual Giving effectively.

On a somber note, our campus community was saddened to hear about the passing of Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Wendell H. Gilbert, former APSU vice president for development and university relations on Friday, July 8, 2022. Our current success has been made possible by the work he did in that role. Under his leadership, our fundraising and alumni activities grew to be what we now know as some of our most treasured campus traditions. He will be greatly missed.

I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in Govs Give 2022, the University's sixth annual online giving campaign. This year was the most successful one to date. With your help and the support of many APSU alumni, faculty, staff, friends, parents and community members, we raised a total of \$497,158 for the APSU colleges, athletics and Student Affairs from April 19 to April 20, 2022. Throughout the first five years of the campaign, APSU raised over \$1 million for student success. In just the last two years of Govs Give, the total amount raised was \$956,094. We appreciate your support, which continues to push us to new levels of achievement each year.

This year, many faculty and staff members made contributions to Govs Give as part of their participation in the SHAPE Campaign, the University's first-ever giving initiative designed specifically for them. APSU faculty and staff contributed \$22,375.33 during Govs Give 2022. We appreciate all of the faculty and staff members who participated and next year we plan to expand that initiative even more.

I want to remind you of our upcoming events, including the 2022 Homecoming activities and the APSU Scholarship 5K: Run for Govs on Oct. 1. Proceeds from the APSU Scholarship 5K will benefit student scholarships and funds. When you complete your 3.1 miles by running or walking, your experience will pay it forward for future Govs. To register, visit alumni.apsu.edu/5K22. We hope you will participate and celebrate the fact that we are all Govs together!

Sincerely,

Kristopher R. Phillips, MSL ('91, '21) Vice President of Alumni, Engagement and Philanthropy Executive Director of APSU Foundation

2022 Fall Calendar of Events

Sept. 9 Ron & Andrea Morton Family Track Naming www.alumni.apsu.edu/mortonnaming22

Sept. 23-24 Homecoming (ASPU vs. Eastern Kentucky) www.alumni.apsu.edu/homecoming

Oct. 1 APSU Scholarship 5K: Run For Govs Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill www.alumni.apsu.edu/5K22

Oct. 6 F. Evans Harvill Naming Browning Front Lawn www.alumni.apsu.edu/harvillnaming22 Oct. 14 Maynard Family Naming Celebration

Oct. 15 Govs Preview Days www.apsu.edu/govspreview

Oct. 29 Govs Preview Days www.apsu.edu/govspreview

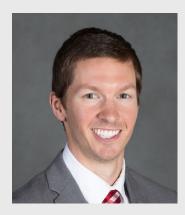
Nov. 4-5 APSU Governors Military Hall of Fame www.alumni.apsu.edu/military halloffame22

Dec. 2 APSU Board of Trustees Meeting Dec. 7 Military & Veteran Graduate Recognition Ceremony

Dec. 8 College of Business Graduation Dinner

Dec. 9 APSU Commenceent Ceremonies

ALUMNUS BRAD AVERITT NAMED APSU ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND ANNUAL GIVING



Austin Peay State University alumnus Brad Averitt ('10, '17) has been named the University's new assistant executive director of Alumni and Annual Giving. In this position, which he began on July 1, he will oversee the APSU Office of Alumni and Annual Giving.

"I am honored to have earned the opportunity to assume this role and lead the APSU National Alumni Association and our annual giving team," Averitt said. "Austin Peay has been a foundational part of my life for over 16 years, and it has been my pleasure to add value to the University in every way I possibly can. APSU alumni are incredibly passionate and supportive. There is a tremendous opportunity to continue to strengthen and grow that network of alumni and friends to support

the mission of our University. I am honored to play a role in that process to level up and lead the Alumni and Annual Giving team moving forward."

A native of Erin, Tennessee, Averitt is a third-generation Austin Peay graduate. His father, Phil J. Averitt, earned his bachelor's degree in marketing in 1969, and his grandmother, Myrtle Averitt, graduated in 1940 when the institution was still known as Austin Peay Normal School. Averitt's wife, Lesleigh, is also an Austin Peay alumna. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 2014.

Averitt is a two-time Austin Peay alumnus, earning a Bachelor of Science in corporate communications in 2010 and a Master of Science in Health and Human Performance in 2017.

PETERSON STEPS DOWN AFTER SUCCESSFUL TENURE LEADING ALUMNI OFFICE

When Nikki Loos Peterson ('04, '06) stepped down as director of alumni relations earlier this summer, it marked the first time in three decades that a member of the Loos Family was not working directly for the University.

The family tradition began in 1990, when her father, Dave Loos, became the men's basketball coach. After serving as the longest tenured coach in Division 1 athletics, Loos retired in 2017, but for much of his career his daughter, Nikki, was nearby as both an APSU student and, later, a fellow University employee. On May 31, 2022, her own successful tenure at Austin Peay came to an end. She now works with The Campbell Group at Coldwell Banker (Conroy, Marable, and Holleman)



"Although I am super excited to start this new chapter in my life and my family's lives, it is going to be hard not coming to the Peay every day," Peterson said. "This has not only been my career for 14 years, it has been home for more than 30 years for me and my family. I thank President Licari and Kris Phillips for all you have done for me in my career and personal journey. You, along with the University faculty and staff and our community, have supported me in an unmatched way. I also want to thank our APSU National Alumni Association (NAA), Candlelight Ball Committee, Tonya Leszczak, Janie Land, Lacey Dillon, alumni, donors and friends for allowing me to work with you. It has been a privilege to be part of the APSU family."

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDLELIGHT BALL

39th Annual Candlelight Ball

Saturday, May 6, 2023 • Omni Nashville Hotel 250 Rep. John Lewis Way South Nashville, TN 37203

For almost four decades, Austin Peay State University's Candlelight Ball has been one of the University's premier social events. On May 6, 2023, APSU President Mike Licari and his wife, Kirsten, invite you to join them for the 39th annual ball at the Omni Nashville Hotel. As in years past, the event raises money to provide scholarship funds to deserving students.

Along with the reception, dinner and dancing, the event will feature the 12th annual Wendell H. Gilbert Award and the Spirit of Austin Peay Award presentations to two individuals who have made memorable contributions to the University.

For information on next year's Candlelight Ball, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/candlelightball.

2022-2023 Candlelight Ball Committee

Co-chair Betsy Baggett, Co-chair Jordan McWhirter, Kayla Morgan, Andrea Goble, Andrea Herrera, Kathryn Minniehan, Adrienne Beasley, Marcia Campbell, Kimberly Wiggins, Mary Turner, Casey Tenholder, Candice Coleman, Amelia Magette, Nicole Rye, Ginna Holleman, Lesleigh Averitt, Lillie Millan, Beth Mabry, Chandler Hamaker

GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH SERVICE AWARD

GEORGE AND SHARON MABRY • Retired Faculty Members of the APSU Department of Music •



Over the course of many years, Drs. George and Sharon Mabry have brought music and culture to the Clarksville community while teaching in the music department at Austin Peay. In 1970, George was hired at Austin Peay as the director of choral activities. Three months later, Sharon became a professor of music education and voice at APSU. George and Sharon's focus on providing students with more opportunities brought several high-caliber musical events to Clarksville. In the fall of 2010, a group of Clarksville residents, led by local attorney Evans Harvill, organized the Mabry Legacy Campaign, which sought to raise \$500,000 in scholarships to rename APSU's concert hall in honor of George and Sharon. In 2003, George retired after 33 years with Austin Peay. In May 2022, after 52 years of teaching, Sharon retired and earned the designation as the longest-serving employee in APSU history. The couple has supported Austin Peay through contributions to many scholarships, the Woodward Library Society and the annual Holiday Dinner.

APSU PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

TOM KANE • President and CEO of Fortera Credit Union •



Tom Kane has worked in financial services in numerous locations across the country for more than 25 years. Before retiring in 2022, he served as president and CEO of Fortera Credit Union for 12 years. During that time, Fortera continually increased its support for Austin Peay. In 2016, Tom entered Fortera into a \$2.5 million sponsorship agreement with Austin Peay to expand the Fortera brand in Clarksville and provide Austin Peay athletics with resources to enhance facilities. In April of that year, Austin Peay and Fortera partnered to rename and renovate Governors Stadium as Fortera Stadium. Through a new gift to the APSU Foundation in 2019, Fortera established the Cleveland "Mario" Richardson ('10) Memorial Endowment. In 2020, the newly established Fortera Foundation made a generous contribution to create and endow the Fortera Foundation Bridge Scholarship to assist single-parent students pursuing degrees or certifications that lead to employment at family-supporting wages.

GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE AWARD

YOLONDA M. WILLIAMS • APSU Military Alumni Chapter vice president •



Yolonda M. Williams served 25 years on active duty in the U.S. Army. She is a retired senior noncommissioned officer who served multiple combat tours, earning the Bronze Star for her actions in Afghanistan. She graduated from Austin Peay with a degree in culinary arts in 2020 and is working toward her master's degree in leadership and organization at the University. In 2022, Yolanda, national commander of the Women Veterans of America, spearheaded the inaugural Education Summit for Women Veterans during Women's History Month in partnership with Austin Peay. Yolonda and the Women Veterans of America joined Leadership Clarksville, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clarksville and the Harwood Institute to host a community-wide event to discuss findings from their report, "Clarksville-MoCo: Stepping Into the Future." Yolonda is vice president of the APSU Military Alumni Chapter and the Association of the United States Army, Enlisted Affairs.

Outstanding Service



David ('94) and Tracie Hogan

David and Tracie Hogan are both Clarksville natives with long-standing ties to APSU and the community. Dave, a former Governor's football player, graduated from APSU in 1994 with a degree in economics. He later earned a master's degree from Georgetown University, and he now serves as vice president of growth segments for Ribbon Communications, a global provider of voice, data, and IP-Optical solutions, and as chair of the APSU College of Business Advisory Board. Tracie, a Vanderbilt graduate, is owner of the wine distribution company Premier Crush, and she provides wine for almost all APSU-sponsored events. In addition to being members of the Tower Club and the Monocle Society, the couple also sponsor two APSU scholarships – the Victor

Albright Jr. Scholarship, in honor of Tracie's father, and the George Albright Scholarship, in honor of her uncle. They also established and manage The Montgomery County Angel Fund, a non-profit organization assisting sick and injured animals. Their son, Hartley Hogan, is a junior at APSU.



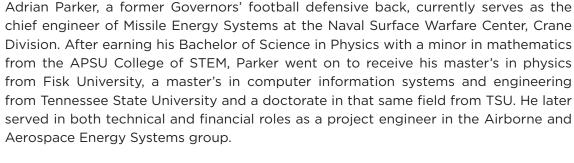
Dr. Bruce Myers

On Aug. 10, 2018, 48 years after he first arrived on campus, Dr. Bruce Myers retired as chair of the APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, having transformed it into one of the most innovative and fastest-growing programs at Austin Peay. In 2013, to make room for the growing department, the University opened the Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building. The next year, Austin Peay graduated the highest number of computer science majors in the Tennessee Board of Regents system. From 1995 to 2016, Myers was the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative for Austin Peay. He has been active professionally in the NCAA, serving on several national committees and also serving as a peer reviewer for NCAA athletics certification.

Outstanding Young Alumnus/na



Dr. Adrian Parker ('07)





Michael Northington graduated summa cum laude from APSU in 2009 after completing a double major in math and physics. He went on to earn a master's degree in math from the University of Mississippi in 2011 and a doctoral degree in math from Vanderbilt in 2016. He spent the next three years as a postdoctoral researcher and visiting professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology. In 2019, he was selected to be a part of a prestigious three-month program at Brown University's Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics in the area of computer vision. He currently works as a Principal Data Scientist at Optum.

Dr. Michael Northington ('09)

Outstanding Alumnus/na



Ginna Holleman ('95) from APSU in May.

Ginna Holleman, senior vice president of marketing at Fortera Credit Union and president of the Fortera Foundation, has been one of the university's most loyal and dependable alumni. She was the chair of the University's "What If" Comprehensive Campaign, which raised over \$65 million from 2015-2021. Holleman has been instrumental in helping the university secure funds for areas ranging from athletics to academic departments, and she served as a Govs Give Champion for the previous two years. She currently serves as a member of the Candlelight Ball Committee, a PELP mentor, and as a speaker at numerous University events. Her mother, Dr. Carmen Reagan, was the first and only female dean of the APSU College of Business, and her daughter, Carlynn, graduated



Louis Robichaux ('89)

After receiving his business degree from APSU, Louis Robichaux went on to earn an MBA in marketing research. Over the course of his impressive career, Robichaux has worked in the healthcare and corporate restructuring fields. During his tenure at Deloitte, he established a faculty research fund for the APSU College of Business. In 2016, he joined Ankura Consulting Group as a senior managing director, where he is responsible for crisis management, corporate restructuring, operational turnarounds, lender services and distressed transactions. He is a member of the APSU College of Business Advisory Board, and Louis and Marie Robichaux recently established the David R. Grimmett Distinguished Professorship in the College of Business to honor his

mentor and former professor. This \$250,000 gift is only the second full professorship to be privately established at APSU.



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Class Notes

John W. McClarty ('71), an appellate judge on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, released his autobiography, titled "The Dreamer: John W. McClarty."

Philip Sanford ('78) joined Neptune Wellness Board of Directors as audit chair. He previously served on the executive team at N3 LLC.

Dr. Gregory Thomas ('83) retired from All Animals Veterinary Hospital in Dickson County after 35 years of working as a veterinarian.



Deanna Griffin ('91, '12) was appointed Clarksville campus coordinator for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Clarksville campus.



Michele Oglesby ('97, '98) was promoted to senior operating partner for Graham Healthcare Capital. She previously served as vice president of strategic initiatives.



Dr. Eve Rice ('97), professor of nursing, was named director of the APSU School of Nursing in January. She'd previously served in that role on an interim basis.

Dr. Melinda "Mindy" Burch ('98) won the 2022 Teaching Excellence Award for Trevecca University's graduate programs.



Kim Steinle ('99, '01) was promoted to Nolensville Elementary principal. She has been the assistant principal there for the last 3 ½ years. **Dr. Laurie Carter ('00, '02)** was named dean of the School of the Arts and School of Humanities at Susquehanna University. She previously served as the Mellon Foundation endowed chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages at Hampton University.

Kristy Yentes ('01) joined Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida as a family nurse practitioner after serving as a family nurse practitioner for the past 10 years in Tennessee and Florida.



Tiffany Berry ('02) was named chief financial officer for Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. She comes to the position with 20 years of healthcare financial leadership experience.

Dennis Granger ('04, '09) was named chief engineer for Quality, Safety and Mission Assurance for Innovation, Science and Technology for the Missile Defense Agency.



Candy Johnson ('05), president and CEO of Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, was selected for Leadership Tennessee's Signature Program Class IX.

Chris McMahan ('05), a professor in Clemson University's School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, was named an American Statistical Association Fellow.



Adam Muston ('05), regional manager of Roll-off Operations for United Site Services, was named member of 2021 class of "40 under 40" by the Alabama Association General Contractors.



Dr. Joshua Stanley ('06, '09) was appointed Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Capella University in 2020.

Remembering Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Wendell H. Gilbert



The late Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Wendell H. Gilbert, 91, of Clarksville, passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022, at the "Brigadier General Wendell H. Gilbert" Tennessee State Veterans Home in Clarksville. Upon his retirement from the Army, Gilbert

served as vice president for development and university relations at Austin Peay for 17 years. He helped enhance the operations of the APSU Tower Club, the APSU Foundation and established the annual Candlelight Ball.

Class Notes —

Brian Wipprecht ('06) was appointed general manager at the Residence Inn by Marriott Cincinnati Airport after serving as general manager for the Crowne Plaza Cleveland Airport in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

Dr. Joseph Bradley ('09) was hired as the new assistant principal of William James Middle School in Dickson County.

Lindsay D'Albani ('12), a senior test engineer at Trane, was featured by the company as a "Trane Women in Engineering."



Isaac VanMeter ('17, '19) retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of active-duty service as a chief warrant officer 4 Apache maintenance test pilot. He also joined as an intern the Office of the Governor of Texas for the Homeland Security Grants

Division to serve in a strategic analyst role for the spring of 2022. VanMeter also earned the Saint Michael Silver Award from the Army Aviation Association of America for aviation military service.

Susie Kephart ('17) was named assistant principal at Cheatham Middle School after service as dean of students for the school since 2018.

Blake Taylor ('19) joined the staff of Seibert Chiropractic Center in Madisonville, Kentucky. He will complete his doctorate program at Logan University in December.

IN MEMORY

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\$27.6 MILLION

APSU raises \$27.6 million during highest fundraising year in University history —

Austin Peay State University recently experienced the highest fundraising year in the University's history. During the 2022 fiscal year, APSU raised \$27.6 million in gifts and pledges from 2,367 donors. That amount represents a 47% increase in the average annual fundraising amount over last year's \$14.6 million and a 31% increase over the last five years.

"We are proud that this memorable achievement can help our University rise to new heights," APSU Vice President for Alumni, Engagement and Philanthropy Kris Phillips said. "Many exceptional programs and initiatives are on the horizon for Austin Peay, and we are passionate about embracing this time of transition. We want to thank all of the members of our Governor family who have made this possible. They have given us much to celebrate, both now and in the coming years."

"Govs Together" was the theme of the Govs Give 2022, the University's sixth annual online giving event, recognizing all the things APSU community members can accomplish by working together. From 10 a.m. on April 19 to 7:27 p.m. on April 20, donors gave \$497,158 to support APSU Funds of Excellence for academics, athletics and student affairs. This year, nearly 549 alumni and friends made 601 gifts during Govs Give. That number included 84 new donors, and the average amount for gifts made during the campaign was over \$800.

APSU faculty and staff gave \$22,375.33 during the event as part of their participation in the SHAPE Campaign, the University's first giving initiative designed specifically for them. The SHAPE Campaign highlights how faculty and staff use their gifts and talents to shape all areas of Austin Peay.

"As we approach the University's centennial celebrations in 2027, fundraising and community engagement are crucial priorities for this University,"

APSU President Mike Licari said. "This is a landmark year in the distinguished history of Austin Peay, and I am confident that there will be many more triumphs to come for our campus community. We appreciate all of the alumni, donors and friends who have given back to APSU this year and in recent years. Their investment is key to our future success."

Throughout the year, roughly \$5.1 million in endowment funding was committed and 35 new endowments were funded or established. Community members and alumni also gave to various projects and programs across all areas of the University. A historic \$15 million gift was pledged in 2022 to the APSU Department of Athletics by Joe and Cathi Maynard. It is the largest single gift in the history of Austin Peay, and it will be used to further the objectives of Austin Peay athletics' "Total Gov Concept" by assisting with facility upgrades to all athletics facilities, expanding the commitment to student-athlete performance excellence, the development of the student athletes and the recruitment and retention of coaches and staff among other objectives.

Named Austin Peay's 2020 Philanthropists of the Year, Joe and Cathi Maynard have given generously to the University since 2017, including improvements to the baseball field – now named Joe Maynard Field – and the softball park – known as Cathi Maynard Park. Their gifts also have benefited many other areas of the University, including the establishment of the Joe and Cathi Maynard Family Fund of Excellence at Austin Peay. They also have made significant gifts to establish both the Dr. Joe E Maynard, Sr. Education Endowment, the George J. Reed, Sr. Veterans Scholarship Endowment, and the John & Frank Hindsley Veterans Endowment.

To establish an endowment or support other fundraising initiatives, contact Alumni, Engagement and Philanthropy at 931-221-7127.

APSU Governors Military Hall of Fame names inaugural class

The new APSU Governors Military Hall of Fame, to be housed within the William E. and Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center, will host its first induction ceremony on Nov. 4, in the APSU Morgan University Center Ballroom, with a reception at 5 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 a person, and can be purchased at alumni.apsu.edu/halloffame22. Join us in congratulating the inductees, listed below. To read a brief biography of each honoree, please visit, www.alumni.apsu.edu/halloffamehonorees. To find out more about the inaugural class, make sure to check out the Spring 2023 alumni magazine.



The Late Lt. Col Frank E. Adkins ('36)



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The Late Dr. Preston Hubbard



The Late Sgt. Osman Samuel Uffelman ('51)



Retired Brig. Gen. Paul Bontrager ('87)



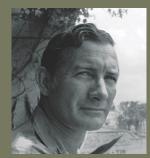
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etired Col. Carrie W Kendrick ('77)



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The Late Col. David Hackworth ('64)



Retired Capt. John McKay Jr. ('59)



The Late Command Sgt. Maj. Sidney Brown ('85)



The Late Lt. Col. Halbert Harvill



Retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Wayne L. Price ('83)



The inaugural induction celebration will be presented by Jack and Margie Turner. The Turners have long supported Fort Campbell, its soldiers and their families. For 16 years, Jack Turner served as the Civilian Aid Secretary to the Army (CASA). He was recently named an emeritus member of the CASA program.

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LEADING THE WAY

ast year, these individuals and organizations established new scholarships and endowments at Austin Peay, creating life-changing opportunities for future APSU generations. Because of their generosity, their names — or the name of someone they love — will now be associated with Austin Peay in perpetuity.

An endowment is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Endowments are invested, and each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the endowment's purpose. The minimum amount to start an endowment is \$25,000.

A non-endowed scholarship is supported with an annual gift. This gift is paid out to support the scholarship's purpose. The desired minimum award is \$500 per year.

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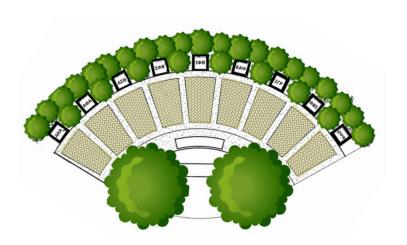
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National Pan-Hellenic Council Plaza Project

The Austin Peay campus community is excited to begin fundraising for a new project in honor of the nine historically Black Greek letter organizations that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Each of these fraternities and sororities is rich in history - ties to one or more of these organizations may be found in many college-educated Black families in the United States. These organizations promote APSU student success by engaging and encouraging their members to achieve their academic and professional goals.

The Austin Peay NPHC Plaza will be located near the Marks Building and the John Morgan Walk of History on the main APSU campus, which is conveniently close to the tailgate area where NPHC groups gather before the annual Homecoming football game. The space will recognize the many contributions these organizations have made to our campus community. It will serve as a gathering place for the "Divine Nine" and a point of distinction that will enhance the total Austin Peay experience. Use the QR Code below to support this project through a monetary donation of any amount.



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