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In the fall of 1914, a young Clarksville lawyer named Austin Peay joined a men's league dedicated to the cause of women's suffrage. It was a risky move for the budding politician, but by following his convictions, Peay found himself on the right side of history. Six years later, on Aug. 18, 1920, Congress ratified the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.

"Women do not shirk responsibility," Peay said in March 1922, at the launch of his gubernatorial campaign. "Some of them did not want the ballot, but it is theirs, and they should not evade its use."

Nearly a century later, the school that now bears his name – Austin Peay State University – is continuing his legacy by encouraging generations of students in their educational pursuits and to take advantage of

generations of students in their educational pursuits and to take advantage of opportunities of civic engagement. Gov. Peay said women possess a "patient courage," and examples of this courage have flourished throughout the University's history.

Hattie Clay Walker exemplified this courage when she arrived on campus in 1956 as Austin Peay's first African American female student. A year later, she graduated with a Master of Arts in Education. In the late 1970s, Maggie Kulback was elected the first female president of Austin Peay's Student Government Association, which made her the first female SGA president at a Tennessee public university.

A few years later, history professor Betty Joe Wallace helped transform this institution by founding and serving as director of both the African American Studies and the Women and Gender Studies programs. Around that same time, Dr. Carmen Reagan became the first female dean of the College of Business. She continues to inspire and empower women on this campus through the Reagan Giving Circle, an organization that provides scholarships to female students at the University while encouraging women as philanthropic leaders.

Their contributions, along with the work of thousands of other women over the years, have contributed to Austin Peay's distinct culture, one we all cherish. In this issue of the alumni magazine, we celebrate the women innovators working and studying on campus today. You'll read about Dr. Amy Wright's nationally lauded essays on insects as a food source and how alumna and instructor Kelley Price is using her culinary talents to create award-winning wine. You'll learn about two undergraduate women who discovered famous works of art in the University's private collection, and you'll get a sneak peek at what several members of the APSU community are doing to commemorate next year's 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Two years after the passage of that amendment, Austin Peay called on the state's newest voters to fight for "higher ideals in Tennessee," and as you'll see in this issue, the women innovators at his namesake institution are continuing to do just that.

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Dr. Alisa White APSU President





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OUT-OF-STATE TUITION CUT NEARLY IN HALF

Austin Peay State University – Tennessee's fastest-growing public university – is looking to attract more students from other states by drastically cutting its out-ofstate tuition. For years, students living outside Tennessee paid about \$11,000 per semester, but a new rate approved by Austin Peay's Board of Trustees cuts that amount nearly in half to just under \$6,200 for 12 credit hours.

Dr. Rex Gandy, APSU provost, recommended the 43.5 percent out-of-state tuition reduction as a way of improving diversity at the regional university.

"The majority of our students are from the Clarksville-Montgomery County area," he said. "It's important for us to attract students from other states who bring different perspectives, culture and knowledge to our campus."



FIRST PAYLOAD IN SPACE

At about 4:30 a.m. CDT Thursday, June 20, Austin Peay State University's first-ever space payload launched on a NASA suborbital rocket. Austin Peay physics professor Dr. Justin Oelgoetz and two APSU physics students – Zach Hill and Zach Givens – built the predesigned payload during Rocket Week at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.



ROTC FINISHES STRONG AT SANDHURST

The ROTC Ranger Challenge team cadets elevated Austin Peay to a world-class level by finishing eighth among ROTC teams at the international Sandhurst military-skills competition. The team beat schools such as Florida State, Embry-Riddle and Johns Hopkins.



JONES NAMED COAL DEAN

Barry Jones, former chair of the APSU Department of Art + Design, was recently named dean of the University's College of Arts and Letters. Jones is a talented artist working in digital media, and he has exhibited work in galleries and museums across the country.



BROWN NEW COBHS DEAN

Dr. Tucker Brown, former chair of the APSU Department of Sociology, was recently named dean of the University's College of Behavioral and Health Sciences. Brown is a well-regarded academic, having published several scholarly articles and delivered more than 17 conference presentations.



NEW DOCTORATE IN THE WORKS

During its spring meeting, the University's Board of Trustees approved moving forward with a Doctor of Psychology degree in counseling psychology with a concentration in serving military personnel, veterans and their families. The program still needs SACSCOC approval.

DR. CHRISTOPHE KONKOBO NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

The U.S. Department of State recently named French and Francophone studies associate professor Dr. Christophe Konkobo a prestigious Fulbright Scholar. He will spend the 2019-20 academic year teaching and conducting research in the West African country Burkina Faso.

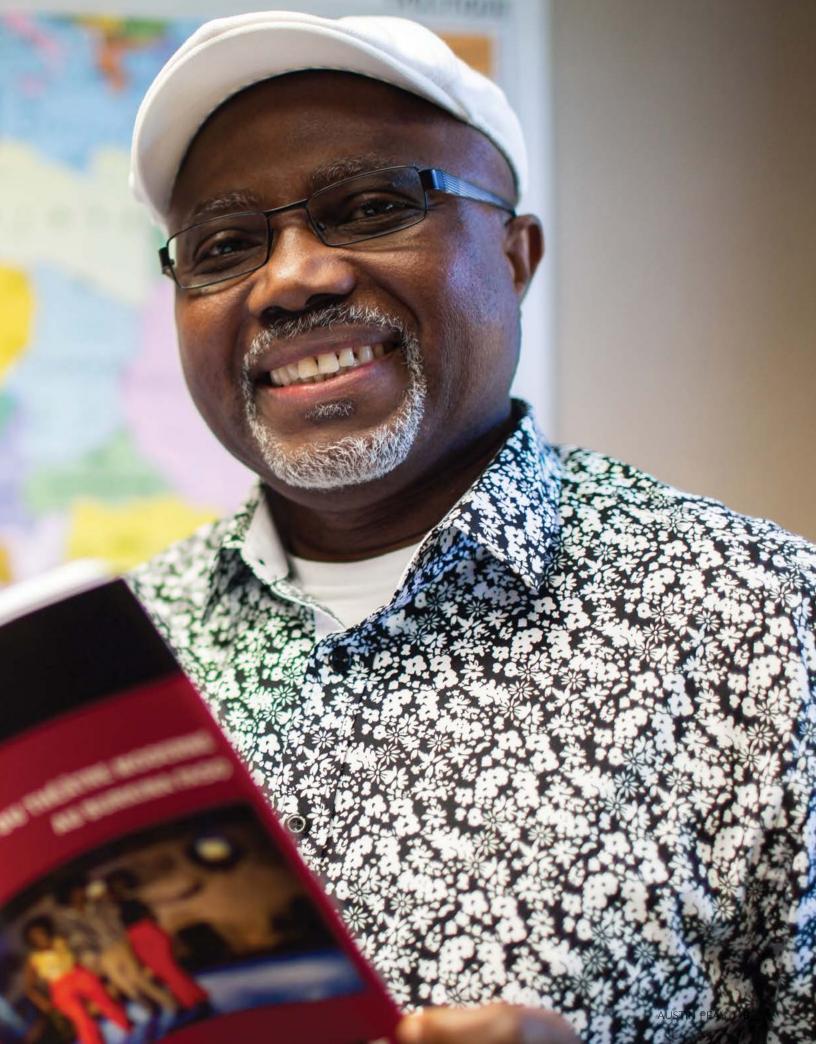
"I'll teach what is known as American culture, they call it more specifically 'American Civilization,' and my niche in that particular field is African American pop culture, film and theater," he said.

He'll also research acting and filmmaking in French-speaking (Francophone) Sub-Saharan countries. His goal is to write a book on the topic, following up on his book about theater in Burkina Faso titled "La Pratique du Théâtre Moderne au Burkina Faso" ("The Practice of Modern Theatre in Burkina Faso").



VA BENEFITS BOOST HELICOPTER PROGRAM

Austin Peay's aviation science program recently received approval for veterans education benefits, meaning veterans can earn the degree at "little or no cost." The program, Tennessee's first rotorcraft flight bachelor's degree, also received provisional FFA approval.



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TO THE STRATO

AUSTIN PEAY SENDS OFF DOLLS TO CELEBRATE WOMEN IN STEM

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ustin Peay State University and the College of STEM recently celebrated women in science by launching a high-altitude balloon carrying two dolls adorned in American Girl NASA space suits.

The dolls reached 93,914 feet at 11:13 a.m. Jan. 24. Balloon project team members hoped the launch helped raise awareness about the challenges of women rising in their fields of study.

"While growing up, I never really thought of myself as being good at mathematics or physics, the really difficult STEM fields, but being able to do this and having a successful launch, being the lead on it, having that responsibility, it feels good," Megan McCracken, team leader for the High-Altitude Balloon Team, said.

McCracken is pursuing a degree in physics after earning a master's in genetics and parasitology. Her goal is to become a professor, educating the next generation of scientists.

"Today was for the women of STEM, getting our name out there and saying we support the women of science, that we support anyone in science, that they have the potential to achieve big things in their field," she said. "It was having that picture of women in astronaut suits, being out there with the curvature of the Earth."

The team launched the balloon at 9:52 a.m. Jan. 24 from the Austin Peay Farm and Environmental Education Center on Pickens Road in Clarksville.

> Read and see more by visiting www.apsu.edu and typing "News: dolls in space" in the search tool.











There were crickets in the risotto. Dr. Amy Wright, professor of languages and literature, knew the insects were dead, but something about their small faces bothered her.

"These were whole crickets, and they appeared to be looking back at us," she said. "I said, 'I don't know if I can do this.""

Wright had toyed with the idea of tasting a bug ever since the United Nations issued a report identifying insects as a potential food source for humans. She knew if she ever hoped to write about it, she'd have to eat a bug. So Wright scooped up a fork-full of cricket mushroom risotto, ignored the little face staring at her, and took a bite.

The evening marked the beginning of a new

creative journey for the Austin Peay writing professor. In the years that followed, her essays about entomophagy – eating bugs – have appeared in prestigious journals and magazines across the country, and in March, Iris Press published "Think I'll Go Eat a Worm," a chapbook of her essays.

"Wright is masterful at drawing you into her world, and everyone could benefit from taking a quiet moment to join her there," anthropologist and author Julie Lesnick said.

The book, filled with wit and beauty, is now available at amazon.com.

Read and see more by visiting www.apsu.edu and type "News: Amy Wright" in the search tool.

Izzy Melvin, APSU's feature twirler, performs with the Governor's Own Marching Band at every home football game.

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Students Discover Works from

Two Najor Artists



As Austin Peay freshman Sarah Potter combed through the University's art collection in early February, she came across a photo of a man sitting on a rock, his back to the camera.

"I was looking for personality, for stories," Potter, who's curating an exhibit for the walls of Human Resources in the Browning Administration Building, said. "I liked it, so I set it aside with the other photographs."

University records listed the photo as "Artist Unknown" and "Title Unknown." Within hours Potter and University gallery director Michael Dickins identified the man in the picture as



Winston Churchill and the photographer as American portraitist Philippe Halsman.

Halsman's signature is on the back of the Austin Peay print along with the photographer's instructions to the printer: "More contrast please! This cropping."

Potter's discovery was the second major finding this year in Austin Peay's Permanent Collection. A week earlier, Austin Peay junior Katherine Tolleson

discovered two drypoint creations by French artist Alphonse Legros.

Tolleson's discovery happened as she helped Dickins remove acid mats from artwork (the acid stains paper).

> "I came across this one (a drypoint of a bearded man in a hat), and I couldn't quite tell if the mat was acid or not, so I checked with Michael," she said. "As we were taking it apart, we noticed some interesting things about it."

Alphonse Legros' signature was clear. Below that was the image's title, "The Sailor."

And below that Legros writes the image is one of only 10 imprints.

For more on the story and to see the artwork, visit www.apsu.edu and search "News: art discovered."



Winston Churchill

Busy Education of the semester as a legislative intern in the

Sierra Salandy's last year in college typifies her entire time at Austin Peay. She started off the semester as a legislative intern in the Tennessee General Assembly. And during her first week on Capitol Hill, she found out she'd won the crown of Miss Black Tennessee US Ambassador.

The political science senior represented Tennessee in the Miss Black US Ambassador pageant last summer in Atlanta, Georgia.

"Finding out during orientation week of the internship, that moment in itself was so surreal," Salandy, who graduated from Siegel High School in Murfreesboro, said. "My platform for the pageant is to promote more women to get involved with politics, law and government."

In addition to finishing off her degree at Austin Peay this year, Salandy served in Sen. Brenda Gilmore's office in Nashville during the legislative session and traveled around Tennessee in her role as Miss Black Tennessee US Ambassador.

Her political ambitions and pageant platform align nicely.

"My platform for the pageant is to promote more women to get involved in politics, law and government.))

"I'm a huge advocate for women empowerment, and I want to be a role model for young women, especially young black women, because I love inspiring others, and I'm very passionate about community service, diversity and sisterhood," Salandy said.

"Politics is so powerful and impactful. It affects me. It affected my ancestors. It affects all of us."

She cherishes her experience at Austin Peay.

"I feel like I've learned a lot about myself. I've definitely learned a lot about politics. It's challenged me in all the right ways."

"It's not something you'd think you can do as an undergraduate, participating in research like this. To pay homage to my hometown, and to my Fort Campbell family, is important to me. It feels good to give back in any way I can."

> *— Brittany McCall* APSU Center of Excellence for Field Biology





he stream beds on the Tennessee side of Fort Campbell harbor a rare treasure, a rustybrown crayfish with white-tipped claws that exists nowhere else in the world.

Former Austin Peay State University graduate student Erin Bloom led the research that identified the crayfish as a new species. She and her teammates named the new species the Screaming Eagle Crayfish in honor of the troops of the 101st Airborne Division.

"That was probably one of the most overwhelming parts of this for me was trying to come up with a name," Bloom, now a biology professor at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, said. "We knew we wanted to pay tribute to where the crayfish is found. Because the majority of them are found on Fort Campbell, we thought it would be perfect."

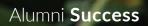
Even the Screaming Eagle Crayfish's scientific name salutes the 101st Airborne. Faxonius bellator loosely translates to "crayfish warrior."

For more on this story, visit www.apsu.edu and using the search bar, type "News: crayfish."

Bloom's research determined the crayfish lives in only three streams on post and one stream at Billy Dunlop Park in Clarksville, where it's seemingly rare. She and her teammates - APSU biology graduate Brittany McCall, APSU biology professor and Center of Excellence for Field Biology Principle Investigator Dr. Rebecca Blanton Johansen and retired Eastern Kentucky University biology professor Guenter Schuster – published their work Jan. 7 in the Journal of Crustacean Biology. The APSU Center of Excellence for Field Biology supported the research.

"It's not something you'd think you can do as an undergraduate, participating in research like this," McCall said. "To pay homage to my hometown, and to my Fort Campbell family, is important to me. It feels good to give back in any way I can."





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Chef Kelley Price ('14), a former U.S. Marine Corps military police officer, thinks she might be a bit twisted. Not in a bad way. She's just easily bored and likes to mix things up a bit. This happened a few years ago, when she first started work as an instructor in Austin Peay State University's Culinary Arts program.

"I taught the bar service and bar management class, and one year, I said, 'Why can't we do more with the program?'" she said. "So we incorporated making beer and wine. That class now fills up first every time."

When the class first started, Price didn't know how to make the beverages. But a friend donated a couple of kits, and after doing her own research, and a little trial and error, she figured it out. Once she was able to teach her class the basics, her mind began wanting to twist things around again.

"I went in and started experimenting, making my own flavors," Price said.

Why not add green apple flavoring to Riesling or develop a basil lemonade wine? If those sound strange, you should try her blueberry white merlot or melon berry pineapple cucumber wine. Price bottled her creations under the label Twisted Wines and submitted them to the Tennessee Viticultural Oenological Society's annual wine making competition.

"I entered one bottle, and I won silver," she said. "That's when I said, 'This is pretty cool,' so the following year I entered six bottles and won five – three golds, a silver and a bronze."

Now, Price has 500 bottles of wine aging at her farm in North Clarksville, and in the next few months, she plans to open Twisted Winery on the property.

Read and see more by visiting www.apsu.edu and typing "News: twisted wines" in the search tool.



NEW DOCTORATE HAS STRONG FIRST YEAR

Michael Johnson ('13,'14, '17), a Northwest High School music teacher, can't stop thinking about leadership strategies. For the last year, he's fixated on the topic, causing him to scrutinize his conversations with students and colleagues.

"A year ago today, I would never have analyzed it as much as I do now," Johnson said. "The way I view things now is from the lens of 'What's the leadership style? Why is this working or not working?' I'm not in a leadership role yet in the school system, but my thinking has translated into my classroom and my interactions with other teachers." Johnson developed this new mindset last August when he became one of Austin Peay's first doctoral students. He, along with 19 others, enrolled in the Eriksson College of Education's new Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree program, with a focus on educational leadership. After the program's first year, he remains committed to one day being called "Dr. Johnson."

"This is very well established, with high expectations," he said. "They're not going to just hand you a degree. You're going to have to work for it. That's exciting."



Dr. Gary Stewart ('70), professor of education, spent the last several years developing the program because of a growing demand from local educators. Last summer, he made sure they enrolled only the top candidates.

"They're everything we thought they would be," he said. "We knew almost 99% of them because they came through either our Ed.S. program in leadership or they came through one of our graduate programs. We knew the caliber of students we were getting."

The program's second cohort began classes this August. For more information and the latest updates on APSU's first doctoral program, visit www.apsu.edu and type "News: doctorate" in the search bar.



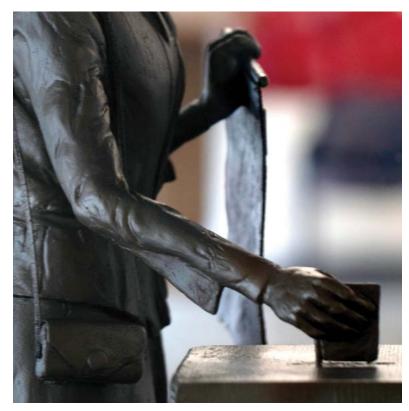


From back to front, theatre and dance majors Diondra Booker, Alexandria Heide and Kailey Sanchez rehearse for their performance of Serre-Moi Forte (Hold Me Tight) in preparation for the Spring 2019 Dance Concert in the Trahern Theatre. The performance was choreographed by King Alvarado and costume design by Kevin Bradley Loveland Jr. ('12). Feature





CELEBRATING A TENNESSEE TRIUMPH





On a July afternoon in 1914, more than 75 people crowded into a house on Madison Street for a meeting of the newly established Clarksville Equal Suffrage League. The women who joined the league that afternoon spent the next six years facing ridicule and threats of violence in the pursuit of their goal – earning women the right to vote. In that time, they helped Tennessee become the 36th state to ratify the amendment, providing suffragists with the threefourths majority needed to amend the constitution.

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution.

Next August marks the 100th anniversary of that historic event, and the upcoming centennial caused several women within the Austin Peay State Kanervo and Brenda Harper, a member of Clarksville's 2020 Vision Committee for the anniversary, put together a group of 20 women leaders, and the group began soliciting artists for the project. The committee ultimately picked Phoenix and Nashville-based artist Roy Butler's design, featuring a woman casting her first vote. The group nicknamed the statue Tennessee Triumph.

"Roy talked with us and made it unique to Clarksville," Kanervo said. "Her hat is based on a hat worn by Pearl Darnell Perkins, who was a Clarksville suffragist. The dress was from an ad in the 1920s The Leaf-Chronicle. The purse was carried by a bride in Clarksville in 1920, and the boots were from the museum collection."

66 Her hat is based on a hat worn by Pearl Darnell Perkins. **?**

University community to look at commemorating the event. Ellen Kanervo, retired APSU professor and director of the Arts and Heritage Development Council, decided her hometown needed to be part the Women's Suffrage Heritage Trail through Tennessee, which stops at monuments in Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis and Jackson.

"I thought, well if they're on the heritage trail, Montgomery County needs to be on the heritage trail," she said. "We need to have a statue." The group is currently soliciting funds to pay for the 7-foot-tall statue, which will be placed at the top of Public Square. Once the project is complete, Kanervo hopes all women will be able to look at Tennessee Triumph and see themselves in the statue.

"This is every woman," she said. "We asked Roy to please make it so anyone can see themselves in this monument, regardless of age or race. If you look at her, I think she manages to get that. I really like it."

Information on the project is available at www.artandheritage.us – click on the "Programs" link. For information on APSU's suffrage-related events this year, visit www.apsu.edu/suffrage.

A SECOND CHANCE AT **GRADUATION**

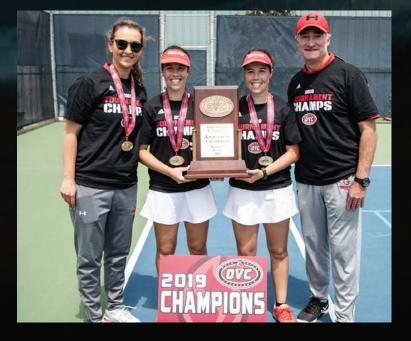
Twins Claudia and Lidia Yanes Garcia stood shoulder to shoulder adorned in graduation caps and gowns May 6 in Austin Peay's Iris Room as the University's top leaders took turns honoring them.

The twins didn't say much, other than a Spanishaccented "thank you" here and there, but their smiles shined – as their smiles always do – and that spoke loudly and clearly.

For four years, the Yanes Garcia twins from Los Realejos, Spain, played tennis side by side for Austin Peay, lifting the Governors to an OVC tennis championship earlier this year. They also studied side by side, both earning 4.0 GPAs en route to computer science degrees.

The four-year journey culminated in May in the Iris Room as the University held a special graduation ceremony for the twins. They missed their May 3 commencement because they were leading the Governors in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

"We're really proud of you," APSU President Alisa White said. "We're proud of your academic performance. We're proud of the way you conducted yourselves here. It had to be tough so far from home,



but you were just model students, model citizens, model athletes."

The twins' smiles never wavered.

"I feel so good," Lidia Yanes Garcia said. "I didn't expect to do graduation because when we won the OVC, we knew we were going to miss graduation day. We're so proud to be here today. Everybody is here."

Her sister, Claudia, laughed: "I felt like everyone was looking! But I felt good because that means we've been four years studying and we have something."



RACKEL NAMED GOOGLE CLOUD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

In June, Governors pitcher Morgan Rackel was named to the 2019 Google Cloud Academic All-America Division I Softball First Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Her selection marks the first time a Governor has earned first-team honors in program history and the fourth-time overall a softball Gov has been selected as an Academic All-American.





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LEBAN, PHILLIPS SELECTED IN 2019 MLB DRAFT

Parker Phillips and pitcher Greg Leban saw their names on the draft board during Day 3 of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft. They were the 18th and 19th players with APSU ties to be selected since 2010. Phillips was selected in the 27th round of the draft by the Minnesota Twins. Leban was selected in the 31st round by the Atlanta Braves.



HOLT INDUCTED TO OVC HALL OF FAME

Cheryl Holt, who served in the University's athletics department in various roles for nearly 35 years, was inducted into the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame during a special ceremony in May. Inducted into Austin Peay's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012, Holt joined the Governors athletics program in 1982 as a tennis coach but was tapped by then-Director of Athletics Johnny Miller to elevate the volleyball program. In 23 seasons, she amassed 364 career wins as the Govs volleyball head coach, with 19 consecutive OVC tournament appearances and won the tournament title in 1991.



BEST-EVER FINISH IN OVC COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Behind two regular-season championships and another pair of Top 3 finishes in Ohio Valley Conference play, Austin Peay's athletics department posted its best-ever finish in the 2018-19 OVC Commissioner's Cup. The Governors strong showing in the Commissioner's Cup included its OVC championship volleyball and women's tennis programs. In addition, the Governors baseball team and women's outdoor track and field teams each posted Top 3 finishes. Austin Peay also earned Top 5 finishes from men's basketball, women's basketball, men's golf, softball, women's indoor track and field and women's golf.



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FRIDAY, NOV. 8

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HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT 10 a.m., Swan Lake Golf Course

\$75 per person. Open to the public. Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville. To RSVP, sign up your full team, or sign up as a sponsor, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/hcgolf1.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HOMECOMING RECEPTION

5-7 p.m., F&M Bank, Franklin Room College of Business alumni are invited. Food provided. To RSVP, contact April Williams at 931-221-1283 or williamsan@apsu.edu.

MILITARY ALUMNI CHAPTER DINNER

6-8 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom

\$35 per person. Open to all. Portion of proceeds to benefit the Military Scholarship Endowments. To RSVP or to become a member of the APSU Military Alumni Chapter, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/militarydinner2019.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ALUMNI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP MIXER

6-10 p.m., TownePlace Suites Clarksville (120 Fair Brook Place, Clarksville, TN 37043)

Join the APSU African American Alumni Chapter 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, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/mixer19. For information, email Jasmine Jones at jhalljones823@ gmail.com.



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50 YEAR REUNION BREAKFAST — CLASS OF 1969 8-10 a.m.

Morgan University Center, Room 305 \$30 per person. To RSVP, visit www. alumni.apsu.edu/class69. For information, contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

GOVERNORS FOOTBALL ALUMNI REUNION BREAKFAST & PROGRAM 8-9:30 a.m.

Fortera Stadium, ECHO Power Club Level

Free. Former football players are invited in support of APSU football. Advance reservations requested for breakfast and complimentary game tickets (up to 4 tickets per alumnus). To RSVP, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/fbreunion19.

GREEK ALUMNI PARADE WATCH PARTY

9:30 a.m., Clement Lawn (off of College Street – Greek Tent) Join fraternity and sorority alumni for the Homecoming Parade. Free event. For information, contact Victor Felts, Greek Alumni Chapter president, at 931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu.

VETERANS HOMECOMING PARADE

10 a.m., APSU Campus Free and open to the public. Contact Student Life and Engagement at 931-221-7431 for parade details.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC MANAGEMENT ALUMNI REUNION BBQ

Noon, Morgan University Center, Room 305 Mix and mingle with alumni and current students. Lunch provided. Free event. For information or to RSVP, email disneye@apsu.edu or call 931-221-7515. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 28, 2019.

ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCH

11 a.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom \$25 per person. Open to the public. Meet and mingle with other alumni and friends while honoring this year's alumni award recipients. To RSVP, visit www.alumni. apsu.edu/alumniawardslunch19. For questions, contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

ALUMNI TAILGATE

1-3 p.m., Tailgate Alley Free and open to all alumni and friends.

HOMECOMING GAME —

APSU VS. UT MARTIN 3 p.m., Fortera Stadium Open to the public. Presentation of 2019 Homecoming king, queen and court at halftime. For tickets, contact Athletics Ticket Office at 931-221-7761.

HOMECOMING STEP SHOW 7 p.m., Foy Center

Doors open at 6 p.m.

- Students/military \$10 in Advance
- Community/alumni \$15 in Advance
- Tickets at the door \$20

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

Alumni News and Events



Throughout the spring and summer months, our Austin Peay family has had much to celebrate.

By the end of the 2019 fiscal year, we received more than \$10 million in gifts and pledges from alumni, friends and community members like you. This achievement is exciting because that total surpassed the \$9.85 million raised in 2018, making 2019 the second-highest giving year in University history. We are thrilled that so many donors are investing in student success, including two of our own retired faculty members – Dr. Susan J. Kupisch and Dr. Camille Holt – who both established new endowments to benefit APSU students. Dr. Kupisch

created the Dr. Susan J. Kupisch Psychology Endowment to help psychology majors maximize their potential and prepare for life after graduation, while Dr. Holt created the Jo and Isaac Buck Endowment, in memory of her late parents, to assist students with a major in education for reading specialists.

More than 600 alumni and supporters attended the 35th Annual Candlelight Ball on March 16. Over the years, this University tradition has provided more than 25 Austin Peay students with financial assistance and scholarships thanks to the generosity of underwriters and guests.

In April, the University's third annual 72-hour online giving event, known as Govs Give, contributed \$224,550 to the APSU colleges' Funds of Excellence, athletics and student affairs. These innovation funds allow deans and directors in academic and student areas to provide students with valuable tools and hands-on learning opportunities. The total impact of Govs Give is currently \$547,080 raised and 349 new donors recruited within the last three years.

Some of our newest alumni have started a legacy of giving as well. The APSU Senior Class of 2018 came together to donate more than \$8,000 in scholarship funding for future generations of students. The class reached this achievement by purchasing stoles and cords to wear at graduation and personalized brick pavers to be placed on the John Morgan Walk of History on the APSU campus. In total, 233 donors contributed. They were given special recognition at the Senior Toast on April 29.

We are also excited for Govs Night Out, a unique new event designed to bring together women in the Clarksville community, which will take place this Oct. 10, in the ECHO Club Power Level of Fortera Stadium. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the Austin Peay Athletics nutrition program. The program provides healthful nutrition support to the 350 student-athletes on all 16 of APSU's sports teams. During Govs Night Out, guests will enjoy wine, food, a fashion show, a special gift and a tour of APSU Athletics facilities.

Thank you for all the ways you work to support APSU. We are proud to share our success with so many outstanding alumni and friends.

Sincerely,

Kris Phillips ('91) Assistant Vice President for University Advancement



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NOV. 8-9

HOMECOMING 2019 (APSU VS. UT MARTIN; 3 P.M. KICKOFF)

NOV. 27

APSU GIVING TUESDAY

DEC. 13

FALL COMMENCEMENT

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NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

DEC. 6-7

10TH ANNIVERSARY APSU CHOIRS HOLIDAY DINNER (Tickets go on sale starting Nov. 1st. For more information, email swigerj@apsu.edu)

MARCH 14

36TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL (Omni Hotel, Downtown Nashville)

APRIL TBA

SPRING GOVS GATHERING (in the Atlanta, Chattanooga and D.C. areas)

MAY 8

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

JUNE TBA

SPRING GOVS GATHERING (Summer Govs Gatherings around Tennessee)

For the most up-to-date alumni events and National Alumni Association information, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu.

APSU ALUMNI & FRIENDS Foreign Travel — British Isles

The APSU National Alumni Association is offering another amazing and memorable international trip for alumni and friends next summer. Please consider joining us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

July 27 - Aug. 7, 2020 Trip Scholar: Dr. Timothy Winters

For more information and/or to book your trip, please contact: GO NEXT 800-842-9023 or gonext.com

To RSVP for the upcoming British Isles interest meeting, set for Sept. 12, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Morgan University Center Room 305, email alumni@apsu.edu with "British Isles interest meeting" in the subject line.



AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDLELIGHT BALL

March 14, 2020, at the Omni Hotel

Hosted by President Alisa White and husband, Elliott Herzlich, this premier University event takes place on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Omni Nashville Hotel. The purpose of the Candlelight Ball is to assist in providing scholarships to deserving students. More than 600 people attended last year's record-breaking event, raising more than \$125,000.

A special thank you goes out to the Candlelight Ball Committee, under the leadership of past co-chair Andrea Herrera and current co-chairs Kathryn Minniehan ('07) and Kayla Morgan ('16). The Alumni Relations Office is also grateful to the underwriters and businesses who support this event year in and year out.

To make your reservation or for more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or visit www.alumni.apsu.edu.

Congratulations to our 2020 Candlelight Ball Award Recipients

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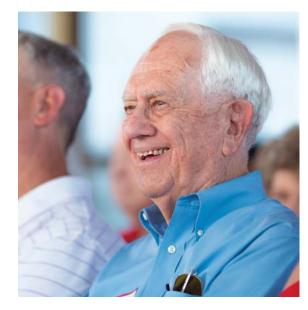
Spirit of Austin Peay Award Rhonda ('83, '86) & Kevin ('78) Kennedy Each year the APSU Board of Trustees selects three individuals to be recognized for their service to the University or for distinction they've brought to their alma mater through their accomplishments.

APSU PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD



In 2018, Wilma Newton ('73) presented her alma mater with a transformative gift, in honor of her late parents, to fund construction of the new William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center.

GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH



Ben Kimbrough Sr. ('51) co-founded The Tower Club, an organization intended to provide financial support to the University, and he has served as president of the APSU Foundation Board of Trustees and the APSU National Alumni Association.

GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE AWARD



Jack B. Turner has long supported the military, including his service as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and sponsoring the CSM Darol Walker Award Ceremony and Breakfast at APSU to annually recognize one outstanding ROTC cadet while also honoring Walker, the retired vice president of Jack B. Turner and Associates Inc.

Alumni Awards

OUTSTANDING SERVICE



DEE BOAZ

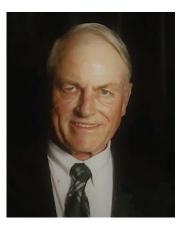
Boaz served as editor of The Leaf-Chronicle from 1983 to 1994, leading the newspaper to 135 state and national press association awards. She was the first woman elected chairman of the Mid America Press Institute Board of Directors. She also was the first woman elected Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors Association president. Boaz co-founded Leadership Clarksville, the Customs House Museum Guild and the Flying High Fundraiser. At APSU, she served on the 2014 Presidential Search Committee and is a member of the APSU Foundation and the Tower Club. Boaz was a founding member of the APSU Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts' advisory committee and established the Professors Scholarship of Excellence in the Arts. In 2013, she established the endowed Judge Sam E. Boaz Scholarship in History in honor of her late husband. Boaz received the 2013 Women in Philanthropy award by the Reagan Women's Giving Circle.



SHAN SMITH ('78)

Smith is an insurance and financial planning professional with Jack B. Turner & Associates, Inc. After his 1974 Clarksville Academy graduation, Smith worked at Northern Bank of Tennessee while attending Austin Peay State University. He double majored in accounting and business administration, graduating in 1978. He went on to earn his certified public accountant license in 1983. Smith is a member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Clarksville Rotary Club and the United Way of Clarksville-Montgomery County, and past member of the Clarksville Academy and Clarksville Salvation Army boards of trustees. He was president of the APSU Governors Club and is a member of Austin Peay's Tower Club, the University's Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee and the APSU Foundation. Smith served as treasurer of the Foundation Board and Executive Committee and chairman of the foundation's Investment Committee.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



RICHARD BIBB ('65)

Bibb is a certified public accountant, and he worked for 22 years as director of the Utility Rate Division for Tennessee's Public Service Commission. Bibb raises hay and beef cattle at the Bibb Family Homeplace in White Bluff. He graduated from Austin Peay with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Bibb is the former CEO of Farmers and Merchants Bank of White Bluff, and he served on the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce and the Dickson County Industrial Board. He was a founding member of the Community Foundation for Dickson County, which has grown to make a significant contribution to the well-being of Dickson County residents. He also helped organize and serves as an officer in the Friends of White Bluff philanthropic organization. Bibb and his wife, Patricia, have funded several scholarships to benefit Dickson County students attending APSU.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI



DR. CATIE CLINARD ('11)

Clinard, a former APSU women's golfer (2007-2011), is an assistant professor of psychology at Dalton State College. She received her Ph.D. in biological psychology from the University of Tennessee, and she has earned seven peer-reviewed scientific publications for her research on vulnerability and resistance to stress-related psychopathology. While at Dalton State College, Clinard is actively involved in the scholarship of teaching and learning. She was selected as a Governor's Teaching Fellow in Georgia and attended a two-week conference on innovative teaching practices. She also was awarded a textbook transformation grant to develop a no-cost textbook for students in her Introduction to Psychology course. Clinard is a member of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, along with her goldendoodle, Ty. In 2018, they spent more than 50 hours visiting libraries, schools, hospitals and nursing homes, providing comfort and anxiety relief to individuals during times of stress.



DR. BRYAN JOHNSON ('04)

Johnson, a former Governors football player, is superintendent of Hamilton County Schools in Chattanooga, where he leads 6,000 employees and 44,000 students. In his first year as superintendent, the district reached the highest level of student academic growth since 2013-14 and the highest graduation rate (86.5%) since 2012-13. After earning his Bachelor of Science in business administration from Austin Peay, Johnson received a Master of Teaching degree from Belmont University and a doctorate in educational leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University. He also studied in Harvard's Young American Leadership Program. Johnson is a Tennessee Team member of the ESSA Leadership and Learning Community and has served on the board of the National Career Academy Coalition, the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Greater Chattanooga. He was recently selected to the Leadership Tennessee VII class.



KHANDRA SMALLEY ('05)

Smalley is senior vice president of marketing research at F&M Bank in Clarksville. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Bethel College and a Master of Science in management from APSU. She has a Certified Financial Marketing Professional certification from the American Bankers Association. Smalley serves on boards for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Development; Workforce Essentials, Inc.; Cumberland Region Tomorrow; CMC Community Health Foundation; CMC Library Foundation; and the Adult Literacy Council. Past board affiliations include Leadership Clarksville (alumni), Leadership Middle TN (alumni), CMC Habitat for Humanity, Customs House Museum and the APSU President's Circle of Advisers. She is past president and lifetime member of both the Clarksville Jaycees and the Tennessee Jaycees. Her awards include City of Clarksville Citizen of the Year (2009) and the Clarksville Area Chamber Community Commitment Award (2012).

Class Notes

TERRY MINTON ('85), retired from the Clarksville Police Department after a 32-year career. During his tenure, he worked as a field training officer, patrol supervisor, crisis negotiator, crime scene unit commander and evidence coordinator.



JANA BRANHAM

('87), was recently named executive vice president and chief information officer at Ergon Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi. Branham is a graduate from the APSU business program. **ANDREA BLEDSOE ('07, '08)** was named principal of Dickson Elementary School. She previously served as assistant principal at Charlotte Elementary and assistant principal at William James Middle School. All three schools are in Dickson County.

JASON PIERSCHBACHER

('07, '10) was named principal of Pleasant View Elementary School in Cheatham County. He served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of sergeant, before joining the Clarksville-Montgomery County



School System in 2008. He previously served as an assistant principal at Rossview Middle School and assistant principal at Kenwood High School.

REX HOGAN ('95)

was recently named assistant general manager of the New York Jets football team. Hogan previously served as vice president for player personnel for the Indianapolis Colts.





DENISE RIVES ('00, '03), a Barksdale Elementary School Music Teacher, was honored with a Country Music Association (CMA) Foundation Music Teachers of Excellence Award. The CMA Foundation is the national music education nonprofit

and the philanthropic arm of the CMA. The foundation created the award to recognize the top music teachers in the Middle Tennessee area.



COURTNEY GAITHER ('16)

is creative services coordinator for the State of Tennessee. She works as a graphic designer, videographer, photographer and social media manager.

JUSTIN NELSON

('16) was named director of choral activities at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas. He recently earned his Doctor of Musical Arts from Texas Tech University.





JOSH KRAFT ('17)

recently earned a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in plant ecology and evolution at Purdue University.

MAEGAN COLLINS

('18) is an account manager at BLF Marketing in Clarksville. She fuels her love for the digital world and pursues her passion by creating engaging marketing campaigns for several local companies and organizations.





DEBORAH GULLEDGE ('18)

recently earned a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in astronomy at Georgia State University (GSU).

EBONY WALTON

('19) won an American Advertising Award and three Southern Student Graphic Design Show (SSGDS) awards. She also recently took a job as a designer with the public relations firm Evolve, Inc., in Greenville, North Carolina.



IN MEMORY

Garry Peeler ('78) Jan. 11, 2019

Richard Cochran ('86) April 6, 2019

Tom Cunningham ('85) April 6, 2019

James Groendyke ('71) April 12, 2019

Kenna Robards ('13, '17) April 14, 2019

Richard Sullivan ('56) April 22, 2019

Mary Rugraff ('41) May 29, 2019

Dr. John Martin, professor emeritus June 9, 2019

Tommy Clouser ('72) June 19, 2019

Jerre B. Nichols ('60) June 22, 2019

Leon Ross Sitter, assistant professor July 5, 2019

Constance Marie Fanning ('79) July 8, 2019

Charles Edwin "Ed" Smith July 10, 2019

Dr. Robert Sirk II, professor July 23, 2019

Rosalie Minetos Aug. 2, 2019

Glenda Argenti ('60) Aug. 6, 2019

Michael Robinson Aug. 11, 2019

Rubye Patch Aug. 14, 2019

Inga Filippo ('84), professor emeritus Aug. 17, 2019

Barbara Richardson ('91, '96) Aug. 18, 2019 Gov Gatherings

GOVS GATHERING

Each year, President Alisa White, the APSU Alumni Relations Office, University Advancement and other APSU faculty and staff meet with fellow friends and alumni on campus and around the country. Types of events held throughout the year include alumni receptions and gatherings, homecoming events, reunions, sporting events and chapter-sponsored activities. There are no fees associated with membership in the National Alumni Association or specific alumni chapters. To find out if there is an alumni group in your area or if you are interested in organizing one, call the APSU Alumni Office at 931-221-7979. For a complete look at the upcoming event schedule and for an updated list of alumni groups, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu or email alumni@apsu.edu.





- APSU alumni and friends in the Greater Nashville area joined administration and staff for the 2019 Nashville Govs Gathering. This event took place at Nashville's historic Loveless Café.
- 2 Last season, APSU Baseball hosted a dedication event at Raymond C. Hand Park by officially renaming Governors Baseball Field the Joe Maynard Field. Joe and Cathi Maynard's significant contributions to the Austin Peay baseball program have supported the construction of a new Governors baseball clubhouse.
- APSU alumni and friends celebrated the 90th birthday of former APSU football player and alumnus Hendricks Fox ('51) this past spring at the Nashville Govs Gathering event at Loveless Café.
- 4 The APSU Board of Trustees recently approved the renaming of the softball facility to Cathi Maynard Softball Park in recognition of Joe and Cathi Maynard's continued support. The Maynard's transformative gifts have resulted in additions and improvements to that facility, including new seating areas and an updated press box.





- 5 APSU Class of 2019 left a legacy here at Austin Peay by donating to the Senior Class Gift. In honor of their contributions and degree success, we honored our seniors this past spring at the APSU Senior Toast.
- First Lt. Kevin Doss, retired Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey, Jack Turner and retired CSM Darol Walker (seated) congratulate APSU ROTC Cadet Steven Price on receiving this year's CSM Darol Walker Award. Each year, the award recognizes an outstanding ROTC cadet.





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Just have your IRA trustee directly transfer funds from your IRA to Austin Peay to qualify for the tax break. If you withdraw the money from your IRA and donate it later, it will not qualify as a tax-free qualified charitable distribution.

For questions concerning this or other charitable gifts to APSU, contact the APSU University Advancement Office at 931-221-7127.

LEADING THE WAY

ast year, these individuals and organizations established new scholarships and endowments at Austin Peay, creating lifechanging 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.

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