**profile**

**Drive and navigation**

Ask **Jean Sellers ’97, ’01 MSn** about her passions and you’ll learn that she enjoys running, taking care of her newly adopted 3-year-old Doberman, being with her adult daughters and nursing. Specifically, oncology nursing.

As administrative clinical director of the UNC Cancer Network, she has spent the last several years implementing a new kind of program in sites across the state that helps make sure those who are faced with a cancer diagnosis know where to turn at each step of the process.

The concept is fairly straightforward. With nurse navigation, a person with cancer is paired up with a nurse who stays with them throughout their treatments and walks them through the sometimes-confusing maze of medication, appointments and doctors. They make sure the patient avoids duplication of tests and does everything they need to do for treatment.

If there’s a barrier to care, the nurse is there to help overcome it. The nurse is also a familiar face during a scary time in a patient’s life.

“I’m driven to develop programs to ensure there is access to care for those who don’t live in urban areas,” Jean says. “And that these patients have somebody to connect with.”

Right now, three demonstration sites have been established – Dare County, Greenville and Asheville. Each site is staffed by two nurses. While navigation can be done by members of the community, case managers or social workers, the UNC Cancer Network is using the nurse model.

“As word is getting out, we’re getting more requests,” Jean says. “It seems to be one of the hottest topics in health care. Patient navigation can make a difference in so many ways.”

She lives three minutes from UNC Hospitals, so she’s lucky, she says. For those in more rural areas, access to this type of service is more critical.

And she should know. In June 2010, she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. She underwent chemotherapy and had a bone marrow transplant Nov. 16, 2010.

For 100 days, she was required to remain in isolation due to low/no immunity. And during that time, all the lessons she learned from the patients she cared for through the years came back to her.

She remembers one patient in particular. “He was amazing,” she says. “He never lost his sense of humor. Wow, did that come back to me. He became a teacher for me.”

Now she’s back to doing what she loves, helping to care for all the people facing cancer in North Carolina. “After my transplant, everything took on a whole new meaning,” she says. “I live my life with an urgency I didn’t have before. There’s so much to do. Nobody should have to go through a diagnosis alone.”

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**1930s**

EVELYN MCNEILL SIMS ’31 celebrated her 102nd birthday on Dec. 8. Happy birthday, Evelyn!

**Alumni deaths**

MARY LUCILE HERMAN HARRIS ’30
MARY BENNETT DIVINE ’31C
MARY DELIA RANKIN JARMAN ’31
MARGARET HENDERSON MITCHELL ’33
SUE SHERRILL PHILLIPS ’33
LOUISE NASH DORSETT ’34
MARY WILLIAMS WARD SHANOR ’37
HANNAH STEELE BROWNELL ’38
MARY WILSON HENDERSON BURNETTE ’39
PEARL TURNER PEEBLES ’39

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**1940s**

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MARY RUTH FRYE BOROUGH’S ’40
MARION OKELL MURCH ’40C
MERLA JOHNSON CLINE ’41
HELEN PARKER KELMAN ’41
PAULINE DOUGLAS SICELOFF ’41
MILDRED SMITH ’41C
MARJORIE HOLMES RAYNOR ’42
PATRICIA MALONE WATTS ’42
NANCY IDOL WHITE ’42
CAROLYN HUNTINGTON JORDAN CLARK ’43
DOROTHY ADAIR HAYMAN ’43C
MENEFEE BENNETT LITTLE ’43
JOAN FLANAGAN O’BRIEN ’43
MARCIA GILCHRIST WALTERS ’43
ANNA TOMLINSON WEBB ’43
ROSALIE HOLMES ’44
MARY COOPER BROUGHTON ’45
MARTHA “MARY” GESSNER JAMES ’45X
MARY OWEN MAGNESS ’45
HENRIETTE MANGET NEAL ’45
JULIA ALEXANDER HOYLE ’46
JULIA SPENCE MCDANIEL ’46
VIRGINIA “GINNY” SETZER MCLEAN ’46
MARY EDITH MCPHAUL ’46
BETTY JOYCE MOORE ’46
MARGARET BLOODWORTH DILLARD ’47
GERALDINE JARMAN INMAN ’47
BETTY RUTH TOMLINSON WILLIAMS ’47
MARJORIE BELCH WROTTEN ’47
ROSE HANNAH ZIMMERMAN POST ’48

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1950s

FRANCES VAN NESS ROGERS ’52 has been living in the northwest suburbs of Chicago since 1971 after living all over the world with her husband and two children. She taught preschool for a number of years before shifting focus to sell real estate and retired at age 75 to spend more time with her children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. Frances is active with her church and is a regular attendee of the opera and symphony. She lives with her husband Alec in Arlington Heights, Ill.

SALVATORE A. FESTA ’53 MED was highlighted in the Burlington Times-News in October for all of his volunteer efforts. The 89-year-old has volunteered with his local Red Cross chapter for the last 23 years. He has also been active with the United Way of Alamance County since 1955, and is involved with the Knights of Columbus. Sal was honored in 1985 as Alamance County’s Volunteer of the Year and in 1986 as Alamance County’s Citizen of the Year. In 2001 he received the Alamance County Human Relations Council Lifetme Service Award. After earning his master’s in education in 1953 Sal began a long career with Alamance County Schools holding positions such as principal and purchasing agent for the school system. He lives in Burlington.


ALUMNI DEATHS

SARAH ANN WILLIAMS COTE ’50
WYNDALL MASON HENDERSON ’50
CAROLINE PEARSON CAMPBELL ’51
NELL WHITELY SMITH ’51
BARBARA BROWN ALLSTON ’52X

Sympathy is extended to

IRENE BASS GOOWYN ’51 in the death of her husband, Arthur F. Goodwyn.
ANN CRAGAN JOHNSTON ’51 in the death of her mother, MARY HENDERSON BURNETTE ’39.
SARAH JACKSON POTTER ’51 in the death of her sister, FRANCES JACKSON BUTLER ’54.
E. EUGENIA OKEY ’52 in the death of her mother, Edna Yorke Okey Paschal.
JANE CRAGAN COWELL ’53 in the death of her mother, MARY HENDERSON BURNETTE ’39.
ELINOR WRENN HADLEY ’54X in the death of her sister, Kay Wrenn Armstrong.
JOSEPHINE OKEY PHILLIPS ’55 in the death of her mother, Edna Yorke Okey Paschal.
ANNE WRENN RUSSELL ’56X in the death of her sister, Kay Wrenn Armstrong.
NANCY STAFFORD SETTLEMYRE ’56 in the death of her husband, Thomas A. Settlemyre.
HELEN PATE WILLIAMS ’56 in the death of her grandson, Tyler Williams.
MARY JANE PHILLIPS DICKERSON ’59 in the death of her mother, SUE SHERRILL PHILLIPS ’33.

1960s

BECKY RHODES SMOTHERS ’61 was named one of the Triad area’s most influential people for 2011 by the Triad Business Journal. Becky is the mayor of High Point and is a member of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation board, the Aerotropolis Logistics board, the Piedmont Triad Partnership board and the High Point Market Authority. She lives in High Point.

ELIZABETH “BETTY” WARD CONE ’64X was named one of the Triad area’s most influential people for 2011 by the Triad Business Journal. Betty is the executive director of Grassroots Productions, a Greensboro corporation.

Let your exercise go to your head

In the 1970s, many doubted whether physical activity was linked to cognitive function in older adults. That this connection is now considered conventional wisdom is due in no small part to the pioneering work of DR. WANEEN WYRICK SPIRDUO ’58 MED, the Mauzy Regents Professor of Kinesiology and Health Education at The University of Texas.

Using fellow faculty members as her first subjects, she studied reaction times as a simple measure of how quickly the brain processes information. “Lo and behold, I discovered there was a big difference between professors who exercised on a regular basis and those who did not,” says Waneen, herself a rower.

For her groundbreaking research and other contributions to the field, the National Academy of Kinesiology has presented her with its highest honor, the Clark W. Hetherington Award. She has received roughly $1 million in grant support, published more than 70 research reports and founded The University of Texas Institute of Gerontology in the course of a career that has spanned more than half a century.

Waneen credits faculty members at Woman’s College, especially Dr. Celeste Ulrich, with kindling her passion for research. “She inspired all of us to want to do research. If you really want to understand the way things work you need to do research and you need to read research.”

Her work in the area of physical activity and aging has lessons for all of us. For instance, we should all take to heart the maxim “use it or lose it,” she says.

“The important thing to remember as you get older is that the things you do every day are the things you’ll be able to do for as long as you live. The things you quit or don’t do very often, you lose.

“So if you like to walk – if you like to go to Europe and spend the day walking around museums and cathedrals – and want to be able to do that when you’re 75 or 80, you have to keep doing it.”
that focuses on fostering interest in local history and events. She is the honorary chair of Carolina Theatre where she is guiding plans for a spring benefit concert and is co-chairing the United Arts Council of Greensboro’s 50th anniversary celebration. Betty lives in Greensboro.

JANE JOYCE WADE ’68, ’84 MLIS was named Media Specialist of the Year for Randolph County. Jane retired June 13 from Trinity High School where she had managed the media center since 1989. During retirement, Jane plans to travel, paint with watercolors, adopt a puppy, and continue her work as editor of the Journal of the Genealogical Society of Rockingham and Stokes Counties. Jane lives in High Point.

MARIE SATENIK NAHIKIAN-SEYMOUR ’69 took a position with the US Department of Housing and relocated to Washington, D.C. She had lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., for many years.

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Trunkful of memories

A trunk, rescued before the curbside trash pickup and stored away in a museum, held treasures that to many may be rather mundane. But for helping tell a city’s story, a family’s story, a war’s story, they proved priceless.

STEPHEN CATLETT ’73, ’75 MA pored through the contents for a year and a half for prominent display in “Army Town,” a popular exhibition and catalog. When he’d arrived at the Greensboro History Museum in 1986, they had relatively little on World War II.

“I get to read people’s mail,” he tells groups when he speaks. The wartime correspondence, found in that trunk, was between a Greensboro mother of two and her husband fighting in the Pacific. In the letters, Beth Puckett tells Lewis the latest from The Boar and Castle. About no shoes being available for purchase. About buying the last electric iron in town. An archivist, Stephen explains, gets to hold in his hands – and share with others – what makes history come alive.

He began his career at the top, he says. At the American Philosophical Society Library, founded by Ben Franklin, he was entrusted to twirl the vault lock every day. Franklin’s chess set, Darwin’s letters, Lewis and Clark’s journals, and a manuscript for the Declaration of Independence Jefferson sent to Richard Henry Lee highlighted the collection. The thinking at that place and time was that primarily scholars should have access.

At the Greensboro Historical Museum, the idea is to provide easy access, to engage the community. There was an opening. Extended family was here. It was home. He joined the museum, where he’d have the opportunity to design the new Archives facility, part of the museum’s physical expansion.

And Greensboro is where he’d gotten hooked on history archives a decade earlier, at UNCG.

At that time, he’d thought he’d be an English major, but then he had classes with the great history lecturers Richard Bardolph and Ron Cassell. “That changed my direction.” He then worked toward his master’s in history.

“It was very strenuous, incredibly,” he says. Karl Schleunes was a big influence, as was Robert Calhoun. The greatest impact was Frank Melton. As part of an assistantship, Stephen was called on to transcribe 17th century English letters for Melton’s book on Sir Robert Clayton. “He showed me how to transcribe, told me the lingo. It was my first experience with primary material,” albeit on microfilm. He was enthralled.

After Stephen’s return to Greensboro in 1986, Allen Trelease invited him to teach an archives course, which Stephen taught at UNCG from 1989 to 2002. He recalls his own student experience — “If you can get through that, it gives you confidence.” In your professional life, you’ll have deadlines, pressures. “Having gone through challenging things in your education, it prepares you mentally in your work life.”

The knowledge is only part of it, he explains. You learn study techniques that work best for you, how to build rapport, learning who you are as a person. He has seen students grow professionally. “It’s so rewarding.”

For example, Gwen Erickson ’96 MA, ’97 MILS is head of the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College. Katie Nash ’04 MILS is an archivist at Elon University. Tim Cole ’96 MILS was his first assistant at the museum and was later archivist at Pfeiffer University Library.

Newly retired as the museum’s archivist, Stephen’s now planning to devote more time to his photography, a passion rekindled by his work helping acquire, then exhibit, a treasure trove from Greensboro’s Martin’s Studio when it closed.

He takes the long view – these materials may become more treasured as the years pass. What one generation takes for granted, the grandchildren may find remarkable. If the photos or letters are in a museum archive, they can be preserved forever.

He has helped family members come and hold documents belonging to ancestors. It’s tangible. He is pleased by the move toward digitizing so people can access materials online — but the physical object is part of the story.

He gives a poignant example. In telling the story of Greensboro’s connection to 9/11, the museum has displayed the flight book of flight attendant Sandy Bradshaw, killed on Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001. “Having the original artifact, with stains of dirt on it where it was dug out of the Shanksville field, it’s a powerful thing.”
SUSAN MCKENZIE ’77 was named director of public relations and marketing for Aging Outreach Services, a full-service elder care firm in Southern Pines. Susan serves as an ambassador for the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, a board member with the Professional Women’s Network, a United Way of Moore County committee member and a “bee helper” for the Moore County Literary Council. Susan and her husband David live in Pinehurst.

BEA LATHAM ’77 is assistant manager at Historic Bath State Historic Site. Bea lectured on author Edna Ferber and the old James Adams Floating Theater. Bea lives in Bath.

WAYNE DRUMHELLER ’78 conducted a writing workshop called “Writing as Art and Editing.” Wayne was elected to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Writers Network and is the lead facilitator for the Brevard Writers Group. Wayne and his wife Linda live on Round Mountain.

SHANNON KAYE FIKE ’78 was named district teacher of the year. Shannon is a 31-year teaching veteran who teaches English I-IV reading for the deaf to high school students at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Shannon and her husband Lawrence live in Moore, S.C.

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JOANNE GOLDWATER-DEMENT ’81, ’86 MED received the Parthenon Award in July from the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) Foundation in New Orleans. The Parthenon Award recognizes outstanding service and leadership to ACUHO-I and the housing profession. Joanne lives in Lexington, Pd.

SALLY LINER ’81 was named in the Business Journal as one of the Ten area’s most influential people. Sallye has been with Forsyth Medical Center and Novant Health for 35 years. As chief clinical officer, Sallye focuses on innovation in the delivery of seamless patient care across Novant’s hospitals, outpatient centers and physician practices. Sallye is a member of a variety of boards in Forsyth County.

LINDA GAIL PIPER FREDERICKSON ’85 was named the North Carolina Association of Educators Central Office Administrator of the Year for 2011. Linda is director of Elementary and Title I for Franklin County Schools. Linda has been employed with Franklin County Schools since 1985.

SHERRON LEPLIN ’85 MED, ’90 MED, ’98 PHD was named the new principal of E.K. Powe Elementary School by Durham Public Schools last June. Sherron served as a principal in Orange County Schools from 2004-10 and prior to that she was an assistant principal in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Sherron has also held multiple central office positions.

MIKE DEROE ’88 MBA completed his PhD in technology management in May from Indiana State University. Mike is the chair of the mechanical engineering technology program at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College in Cincinnati. He lives in Loveland, Ohio, with his wife.

EILEEN YOUNG ’88 took the role as the music director of the Salem Band in September. The Salem Band, a wind and percussion ensemble, was established in 1771, starting as a Moravian band but has since evolved into a community band. Eileen’s the principal bass clarinetist in the Winston-Salem Symphony and teaches clarinets and saxophones at Wake Forest University and Salem College. She also conducts and coaches several ensembles at WFU, including the Clarinet Choir, which she founded.

THOMAS H. SMITH III ’90 MM was appointed the first professor of jazz studies at Ningbo University in Zhejiang Province, China. Thomas is a jazz trombonist, researcher and senior Fullbright professor of music.

CHRISTOPHER M. JOYE ’90 MBA was elected board chair of Midlands Technical College commission. The commission is made up of 12 community leaders appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of their respective legislative delegations. Christopher is principal and founding partner of the Joye Technology Group.

SHERRI BULLOCK THOMAS ’93 was promoted to vice president of member financial centers at Truist Financial Credit Union. Sherri has more than 16 years of experience in the financial industry. She lives in Oak Ridge with her husband, Ronald, and their three children.

LILLIE MATILDA COX ’94, ’96 MED, ’92 MSA was awarded UNCG’s School of Education Distinguished Career Award on Sept. 23. Lillie is the superintendent of Alamance-Burlington Schools and is the former superintendent of Hickory Public Schools. She received the award during UNCG’s Homecoming at a ceremony that honored graduates who have demonstrated exemplary service to the education profession. Dean Karen Wixson presented Lillie with the award.

MAUREEN HARTIGAN ’94 MSBE is executive director of the Guilford Battleground Company, the nonprofit that supports the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park and Tannenbaum Historic Park in Greensboro. Maureen has always had an interest in history but that interest took a back seat when she entered the business world working for General Electric, TRW and Volvo GM Heavy Truck Corporation.

DR. ANGELA BOST DUNCAN ’95, ’00 EDD was named assistant superintendent for school improvement for the Alamance-Burlington School System in October. She lives in Graham.

SUSAN DAVIDSON NEELEY ’95 MSn was named State School Nurse Administrator of the Year by the School Nurse Association of N.C. Susan is Gaston County School’s director of health services. The announcement was made at the September Gaston County Board of Education meeting.

MARIO SINGLETON ’95 was appointed director of Oncology and Administrative Services at Annie Penn Hospital. Mario’s responsibilities include working with Annie Penn Hospital’s administration and the Cone Cancer Center in order to expand the oncology program at the hospital. In addition, he will assist the hospital with new physicians and serve as a liaison between Annie Penn Hospital and Cone Health Physician Network.

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MATTHEW PUGH ’97 was appointed principal of Thomasville Primary School in Thomasville. Matt received his master’s degree from High Point University and is enrolled in a doctorate program at Liberty University. He lives in High Point with his wife, April, and their 6-year-old son, Sam.

LINDA LISTER ’98 DMA published a book titled “Yoga for Singers: Freeing Your Voice and Spirit Through Yoga.” Linda is the director of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Opera Theatre.

TRACEY GREEENE-DORSETT ’99 is the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation’s community economic development program officer.

HARRIS J. WHITAKER ’00 MED was named ambassador to Barbados. He was named ambassador to Barbados.
10th Wonder? Film grad spotlights hip-hop guru

KENNETH PRICE ‘11 MFA was a fan of hip-hop producer/beat-meister 9th Wonder. And when Kenneth, a budding filmmaker fresh out of grad school, found out 9th would be teaching at Duke University he was intrigued. What a complex, enigmatic personality to film.

“I wanted just to capture the dichotomy of this guy’s life as a father, a Grammy Award-winning producer, a professor, an NAACP ambassador,” Kenneth says. “I thought, ‘No way his life is ho-hum.’”

And so “The Wonder Year,” a documentary recording a year of 9th’s life, was born. Kenneth and 9th have screened the 78-minute film at film festivals and universities, including showings at Winston-Salem’s River Run International Film Festival, North Carolina’s Cucalorus Film Festival, the Indie Memphis Film Festival, The Hawaii International Film Festival, the Sound Supremacy Producers’ Conference in Toronto, the Brooklyn Academy of Music and Harvard University.

Kenneth’s interest in filmmaking caught fire when he entered Enloe High School, an arts and sciences magnet in Raleigh. Students at the school won a grant to buy high-end video equipment to make TV programs for other teens. The students won a High School Emmy for their work, broadcast on TV affiliates in the Raleigh area.

“I was 15 and just exploring stuff,” he says. “I had always been a movie fan, but I hadn’t thought about becoming a filmmaker. It was a combination of my enjoyment of film and being around all that equipment and having that opportunity, I think.”

Kenneth’s interest in filmmaking led him to UNC Wilmington, where he double-majored in film studies and English. Meanwhile, he got practical experience working as a production assistant on about a dozen projects, including “Dawson’s Creek” and “One Tree Hill.”

Ultimately, his need for more creative involvement and control in the filmmaking process led him to UNCG’s MFA program in film and video production.

“I realized that as a production assistant, I was not getting the ability to make the stories I wanted to make and tell the stories I wanted to tell,” he says.

Kenneth, who has taught film and video production at Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington, plans to continue teaching and making films. At the moment, he’s using his skills as an associate producer for Ubisoft, a gaming company with offices in Paris, Montreal, Shanghai and Raleigh.

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“He didn’t want it to be exploitative like a reality TV show,” Kenneth says.

But 9th likes the completed film, and he and Kenneth are present at all showings. They make an evening of it – 9th gives a lecture before the showing, answers questions afterward and deejays an after-party.

Kenneth is impressed by 9th’s enthusiasm and work ethic. “He’s still actively enjoying his work,” Kenneth says. “I was surprised at the amount of work that goes into what he does, and the fact that he still works like a starving artist trying to make it, still pulling all-nighters at the studio. And he doesn’t let money or status influence who he works with.”

Visit http://thewonderyear.l-r-g.com to watch “The Wonder Year” trailer and track screenings.
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Chapter of the American School Band Director’s Association. Suzanne is codirector of bands at Asheboro High School. The award recognizes outstanding young band directors with fewer than seven full years in the profession who have demonstrated great potential future as music educators and a desire to serve their district and state organizations.

TAMMY BOYTON ‘06 relocated to Seattle where she is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Antioch University Seattle. She is the 2011-12 recipient of the Coretta Scott King Scholarship and the Doctorate of Psychology Fellowship. PAUL CORBITT ‘06 earned a master of arts in military history from Austin Peay State University in Tennessee. He is an Army Adjunct General Officer at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

DR. WILLIAM DUFFY ‘06, ‘11 PhD was appointed assistant professor of English at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., in August.

CHRISTOPHER RICHARDSON ‘06 was appointed director of library services at Southern Virginia University in December. Christopher and his wife Martha have a son and live in Buena Vista, Va.

Dwight Thompson Jr. ‘06 completed a master’s in elementary education at Pfeiffer University in August 2010. Dwight was selected as a North Carolina Principal Fellow for Class 18 this past fall. He is currently pursuing a masters of school administration at UNC Charlotte.

YVONNE FISHER GILMER ‘07 was appointed principal of Hopewell Elementary School in Randolph County in June. She and her family live in Greensboro.

Myron Antron Brewington ‘08 enlisted in the United States Navy in April under the delayed entry program. He will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy’s Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.

Michael Joe Ferrell ‘08 was appointed principal of Williams High School in the Alamance-Burlington School System. He served as principal at Eastern Guilford Middle School since 2004. He lives in Burlington.

Justin Hazzelgrove ‘08 is director of choral music at Catawba College in Salisbury. Provost Dr. Rick Stephens said, “He is a fine and experienced conductor and an accomplished baritone soloist. He will bring energy, enthusiasm and new ideas to the department.”

Genna Elvia Shelton Holt ‘08 is employed at Miller Coors Brewery in human resources. She and her husband, Chad, live in Stoneville.

Nicole Anne Peragine ‘08 performed with the Carolina Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in March. Nicole has been playing the viola since she was in the fourth grade, despite the fact that she had a 70 percent hearing loss as a child. “For as long as I can remember, I made a lot of sound...it was probably because I couldn’t hear myself” said Nicole. She is orchestra director at Pinecrest High School and is also a section viola player in the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. She is also involved with the Conservatory International, a pilot conservatory program in Pinehurst, where she is the youth string orchestra conductor.

Alana Ruth Blackmon ’09, ‘11 MPH earned a master certified health education specialist credential from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc. Alana lives in Greensboro.

Michael C. Wright ‘09 is a luxury apartments and commercial properties real estate broker on Wall Street in New York City.

Alumni Marriages

Quiana Morton Tyson ’01 to Daniel Tyson August 6. Quiana is assistant director of development special events at Duke University. They live in Cary.

Neal Brown ’02 to Sara Beth Craven May 21. Neal is director of sales and marketing at Matlab, Inc. They live in Ramseur.

Stacy Walls Payne ’03 to Brandal Thomas Payne Oct. 7. Stacy works for the Hospice & Palliative CareCenter. They live in Germanton.

Adam Prior ‘03 to Sammie Jo Tetter Sept. 24. Adam is an officer with the State of North Carolina and is also a volunteer firefighter with Guntreet Fire and Rescue. They live in Winston-Salem.

Charles Gillespie ’04 to Yvette Smith June 18. Charles is pursuing a master’s degree in counseling from Liberty University. They will live briefly in Atlanta before relocating to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Alina Matson ’04 was recently married and is now Alina Vandawalker. Alina lives in Port Orange, Fla.

Brandi Renee Minor ‘05 to James Minor IV April 30. Brandi is an accountant. She and James live in Durham.

Katie Biggerstaff Crumpler ’06 to Ryan Crumpler Oct. 15. Katie works for Public School Forum of North Carolina. They live in Raleigh.

Carly Peeler Regan ’07 to Garth Thomas Regan August 6. Carly completed her master of science degree in nursing in the adult-gerontontology nurse practitioner concentration at UNCG in December. They live in Mocksville.

Kyle Samuel Stockton ’07 to Katherine Elizabeth Gibbs ‘08 Sept. 18, 2010. Katherine is employed at TEKsystems in Greensboro. Kyle is with Penske Truck Leasing in Winston-Salem. They live in High Point.


Brittini Leigh Anderson ‘09 to Stephen Perry Ohm ’08 June 4. Brittini is a teacher at Broadview Middle School in Burlington. Brittini and Stephen live in Gibsonville.

Kristin Maria Bailes ‘09 to Matthew Kelly Rogers Sept. 15, 2010. Kristin and Matthew returned from Shandong, China, in July where they had taught English during the past year. They now live in Charlotte.

Paige Elizabeth Cumbee ’10 to Tyler Scott Molley June 18. Paige is a fourth grade teacher at Ramseur Elementary School. They live in Asheboro.

Katie Elizabeth Ward ’10 to Jonathan Alexander Gonzalez Sept. 3. Katie is a case manager with the Salvation Army. They live in Raleigh.

Lindsay Michelle Rogers ‘10 to Zachary Aaron Colhoun July 9. Lindsay is a teacher at Pleasants Grove Elementary School. They live in Browns Summit.

Jesse Russo ’10 to Bobby Bennett Nov. 10. Jesse, a former UNCG Student Government Association president, is an admissions counselor at UNCG. They live in Greensboro.

Allison Danielle Taube ’10 to Mark Edwin Cashin July 23. Allison is a fixed assets accountant at MurphyBrown, LLC in Warsaw. They live in Clinton.

Emily Wall Thomas ’11 to David Alexander Miller Nov. 5. They live in Atlanta.

Faculty and Staff Deaths

Dr. Helen Canaday died Dec. 30. She was a professor in Early Childhood Development at UNCG, a national consultant for the Head Start Program, and author of the book “The Wisdom of Young Children.” UNCG hosted a book signing for her on her 90th birthday.

Dr. Ray H. Forbes died Dec. 1. Forbes began working at UNCG in 1989 and retired in January 1998. He worked with the School of Education where he started the Center for School Accountability. In 1990, he led the effort that resulted in the first Regional Educational Laboratory contract award to UNCG that became the basis for SERVE (the Southeast’s regional educational research and development center).

Charles Williamson died Nov. 17. Charles was a Building Environmental Services Technician in the Sullivan Science Building and had been employed with UNCG for more than six years.