The face behind Facebook

If you like or follow the Alumni Association’s Facebook or Twitter pages, you’re already acquainted with Erica Taylor Mizelle ’02.

Erica, a six-year member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, has been the voice of the Association’s Facebook page for the past two years and the Twitter page for this past year. She also penned the Association’s vision statement (see below). It’s part of the work of the communications committee, which she has chaired for the last three years.

Such involvement seems a natural extension for an alumna who spent her student years doing everything from being active in Alpha Delta Pi to writing for The Carolinian to serving as a community advisor and a university ambassador.

“I loved being a student,” she says, noting that serving on the Board has given her a chance to stay engaged with the university. “The opportunity to stay actively connected and work alongside others who are committed is wonderful.”

These days, Erica lives in Atlanta and works at Banyan Communications as a communications strategist. Like many career paths, it has been a bit of a winding road and a surprise.

Originally from Greensboro, Erica had always been interested in journalism and majored in communication studies with a minor in English. She appreciated professors such as Sharon Bracci, Pete Kellett, Bud Goodall and Ned Cline.

An internship with Fox 8 in High Point led her to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. With a master’s degree from Boston University, she got her first job in Maryland as a “one man band,” meaning she acted as reporter, photographer and editor.

In 2006, she returned to Greensboro to work at News 2. When her husband got a chance to pursue a post-doc opportunity in Atlanta, Erica had to make a tough decision.

“It was a moment at a crossroads,” she says. Burned out on the long hours required in news, an assignment desk job at an Atlanta station wasn’t appealing. Neither was the aspect of staying in Greensboro or finding a reporting job elsewhere while her husband left for Georgia.

She parlayed her journalism background into a media relations position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. At the time, she didn’t know how to create a PowerPoint presentation nor did she have a Facebook account.

She quickly learned a variety of skills, joined social media, and helped launch a Facebook page for the CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention. Missing the interaction she enjoyed with the public as a reporter, she found it was a good way to establish a connection with the people who could benefit from the division’s research. In 2012, she made the move to the more creative environment of Banyan.

In the meantime, she continued to be active with the Alumni Association Board of Directors. As an out-of-state board member, she felt taking on the Alumni Association’s Facebook and Twitter pages was a good way to contribute while being far away from Greensboro.

In the coming year, she will prepare someone else to take on that role. But her involvement with the Alumni Association won’t end. She hopes to devote more time to support the Atlanta Alumni Club.

Looking back over the last few years, both personally and professionally, Erica says she has met some incredible people along the way.

“The communication aspect is the one common thread,” she says. “It’s served me well.”

Alumni Association vision statement

This is our home; an association built by and for YOU. We are steeped in history, focused on the future, dedicated to service and infused by culture and diversity. Driven to support and nurture our current and future alumni. To give back what was given to us. To remember what was while working toward what can be. We are the long-ago, the right now, the yet to come. We are UNCG Alumni.
Good memories, great expectations

Dust off your best UNCG memory, and prepare to share your experiences with students coming to campus this fall. Your college tales are in high demand this summer.

The Alumni Association, in partnership with the Office of Admissions and the Office of New Student and Spartan Family Programs, will hold three Summer Sendoffs for incoming freshmen and their families in July.

Newly minted Spartans will be invited to an ice cream social to meet other incoming freshmen as well as alumni from their area. The sendoff gives students a chance to start building their Spartan networks even before they set foot on campus.

Alumni can help by sharing their stories of life at UNCG and building excitement about becoming a Spartan.

Summer Sendoffs will be at the following times and locations:
- Greensboro - Wednesday, July 23, 6 p.m., Greensboro Historical Museum
- Charlotte - Sunday, July 27, at 3 p.m., Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
- Raleigh - Sunday, July 27, at 3 p.m., Mint Museum

For more information or to RSVP, contact Mary Swantek at (336) 256-2011 or m_swantek@uncg.edu.

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FIVE WAYS

We know you’re proud Spartans. In the last issue of the magazine, we offered five ways you could show your Spartan pride. This summer, five more ideas for you:

1. Wear your class ring.
2. Mentor a student.
3. Attend an alumni event in your area. Browse the calendar at alumni.uncg.edu/events.
5. Support the UNCG annual fund. Visit advancement.uncg.edu/giving.

Want more suggestions? Turn to the UNCG Alumni Association, a lifelong resource that connects members to the campus and to one another: alumni.uncg.edu

connections

Open dialogue

Once again, UNCG alumni have stepped up to advocate for their university.

More than 150 UNCG alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and friends attended the second annual North Carolina General Assembly Reception in Raleigh May 14.

The reception, which coincided with the opening day of the legislative session, was an opportunity for UNCG supporters to make connections with state legislators and show their support of higher education. Additionally, attendees had a chance to tell legislators about UNCG’s contributions to economic development, breakthroughs in scientific research, development of future leaders and service to the people of our state, nation and world.

“This year’s NC General Assembly Legislative Reception was a unique opportunity to get legislators, advocates for the UNC system, and most importantly advocates for UNCG in one room to engage in dialogue and to be exposed to all of the amazing strides the university is making,” said Joy Cook, a member of the legislative advocacy committee of the UNCG Alumni Association’s Board of Directors. “Thank you to the Spartan Legislative Network for providing this opportunity. We hosted a record number of alumni this year!”

The event was organized by the Spartan Legislative Network, whose mission is to promote UNCG as one of the flagship institutions of the UNC system and as a global leader in higher education. For more information or to join the Spartan Legislative Network, please contact Mary Swantek, assistant director of Alumni Relations, at (336) 256-2011 or m_swantek@uncg.edu.

Visit http://alumni.uncg.edu/get-connected/spartan-legislative-network/news/photo-gallery/ to see images from the North Carolina General Assembly Reception.
The UNCG Alumni Association literally rolled out the red carpet for new graduates this year. The inaugural Red Carpet Reception was an opportunity to welcome the Association’s newest members the day before Commencement.

A red carpet led the graduating seniors and their families up the stairs to the Alumni House. The new alumni received complimentary champagne flutes as a welcome present from the Association. Inside, hors d’oeuvres, champagne and sparkling grape juice awaited, as well as members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and staff from the Office of Alumni Relations to congratulate them on their accomplishment. The graduates also were invited to have their pictures taken with UNCG Chancellor Linda P. Brady in the Alumni House’s Parrish Library.

In his celebratory toast, Alumni Association President Jeff Collins told the graduates: “Be proud. Your UNCG degree is something that can never be taken away from you — it cannot be bought or sold, and the value becomes greater with time.”

Other UNCG alumni made their own toasts to the graduates via the Association’s Facebook and Twitter pages:

“Every experience may not be what you expect right away, but let it be a lesson, not a setback.”

“Never let your schooling interfere with your education.”

“Take some time for yourself & never forget your experiences make you better.”

“Live your life passionately!”

“Never forget where you received your education. Always represent the G wherever you go! Call on UNCG Alumni if you need assistance. We’re EVERYWHERE!”

The Association hopes to make this a new graduation tradition. At this event, 63 graduating seniors attended with their friends and families.

“It was a great gathering,” Collins said. “Many UNCG students were able to mingle with fellow graduates from other departments in a relaxed social setting. I met an online student from Chicago who was on campus for the first time and was blown away by his school.”

The Alumni Association plans to continue this annual event as part of its efforts to promote awareness of the Association and engagement to UNCG’s youngest alumni. These efforts will continue with a “Zero Class Reunion” for the Class of 2014, which the Association plans to introduce this fall at Homecoming.

SEE PHOTOS OF THE EVENT AT ALUMNI.UNCG.EDU/ROLLING-OUT-THE-RED-CARPET
profile

History preserver

If it’s Friday, you can probably find Robbin Dodson ’71, ’76 MA at the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County, doing her part to make sure the rich history of the country is preserved for future generations.

Robbin is quick to say she hasn’t been the leader of historical preservation efforts in her native Rockingham County. But don’t overlook the impact of her four decades of volunteer service to the Rockingham County Historical Society, now known as the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County (MARC).

Robbin first joined the historical society in the 1970s, after she finished her history degrees from UNCG. She’d learned of the Rockingham County Historical Society through contacts she made while working at the Eden Public Library. Through the years, she stayed as active as she could while raising her family.

Then, a few years ago, she got a phone call. After about a century of use, the county was building a new courthouse. Key members of the historical society were going to try to establish a museum of the county’s history at the site of the old courthouse. Would she be interested in helping?

Robbin jumped on board. “You don’t have to have degrees in history to want to know or be curious about where you’re from,” Robbin explains. “Who built that building? Who’s buried in that cemetery? It’s curiosity and a search for knowledge about where we’re from.

“History is a part of life; it’s a life-learning process. The museum’s purpose is to exhibit and preserve the history of Rockingham County for present and future generations. We’re there to find it, keep it and show it off.”

One of her tasks involves taking inventory of items citizens wish to donate to the museum. “I talk to people when they bring in items every Friday, just listening to their stories, seeing what they bring in and relating it to the history of the county,” she says. And in addition to volunteering, Robbin also serves as the secretary of the museum’s Board of Directors.

She has a particular interest in the county’s history, having grown up in Madison, in the western part of the county, where her parents owned a hardware store downtown. She’s always enjoyed spending time reading books and listening to people’s stories.

A lot of the items donated to the museum are about people’s “family stories and their way of life in the county,” she says. “Many times they bring in things related to tobacco and textiles. A lot of times I didn’t know what these things were. I was removed from it, so it’s been wonderful grasping that knowledge.

“It’s just an enjoyable thing to do. You have to have dedication and a little bit of a knack for this.”

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You can also mail your information to Class Notes, UNCG Alumni Relations, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC  27402-6170.
From president to pioneer

On May 9, she rang the university bell at commencement. Weeks earlier, she led her 50th class reunion.

ANNE PRINCE CUDDY ’64

wasn’t always this outgoing. Her early years on campus? “I was the nerdiest nerd. I was tall and clumsy.”

By the time she was a junior, she’d decided to run for Student Government president and supported a popular proposal: “1 o’clock permission.” All students had been required to be back in the dorm by 11 p.m. on school nights, midnight on Saturdays. She prevailed, and Saturday night curfew became 1 a.m. “They made me see that I am competent; I can do this.”

Jean Buchert, an English professor who “made Chaucer really interesting,” and Eugene Pfaff, history, made a particular impact as her peers to enhance their teaching techniques.

Anne was just getting started.

She was hired by IBM. “I was one of the first women in the Research Triangle Park facility.” Only recently had IBM started hiring women in any capacity. People often assumed she must be one of the new female secretaries.

She was a programmer and later taught programming languages to new employees. She became a manager, again one of the first women at IBM in that role. After 35 years at IBM, she had seen — and been a part of — so much change, from a focus on primarily hardware to the growth of software and services. In later years, she managed telecommunications marketing and technical education.

Reasoning, collaboration and the use of common sense influenced her work style as much as technical knowledge. She credits the Woman’s College (UNCG) for development of those skills.

At WC, she was a part of the Honors Program all four years. Dr. Cornelius Krusé, emeritus professor of philosophy at Wesleyan University, led the program during the class’s junior year. “He made us feel special and intelligent.”

Jean Buchert, an English professor who “made Chaucer really interesting,” and Eugene Pfaff, history, made a particular impact as her peers to enhance their teaching techniques.

“I’ve seen what really good teaching can do.” In her decades at IBM, she taught hundreds of computer professionals as computers changed our society and the world. And today she continues to make an impact. At age 67, she earned recertification as a lifeguard instructor.

She created a clinic to teach swimming to adults who are afraid of water at a Durham YMCA. She wrote a book about two YMCA camps on the coast and created databases for them. She served for 10 years on the Board of Directors of North Carolina Opera.

She sees a need, she answers the call. It all started back at WC.
tireless and selfless contributions to society outside the university for no remuneration and for the well-being of others. The award was presented by the Association of Retired Faculty at N.C. State University. Barbara is actively involved with the North Carolina Symphony, Carolina Ballet and 4-H.

Alumni deaths

IMogene “Gene” Elizabeth Walker Anderson ’50X
JEAN FISHER CLENDENIN ’50
PATRICIA RUTH STONHAM RADISCH ’50X
JEAN SMITH TREADWAY ’50, ’55 MFA
HELEN RIGBY BORUM ’51
HILDA WALLERSTEIN FLEISHER ’51
GRACE IRENE BASS GOODWIN ’51
REBA GRETHA METZ HAMID ’51
BETTY GANDY HILL ’51
PEGGY MOZELLE BROWN MARTIN ’52X
JACKSON ’52
KATHERINE MAY KI LosGORE MCDAMS ’51
BETTY BEAUFORD MOONEY ’51
MINNIE LEE DAUGHTRY PEAK ’51
MARY NANCY BLANTON SMITH ’51
JANE PRITCHARD SNEAD ’51
MARY JANE ENGLISH STREET ’51
LOIS LOFTIS BARNES ’52
HILDA WALLERSTEIN FLEISHER ’51
BARBARA COLEMAN HUBBARD ’52X
WOODARD ’52
MINERVA “JANE” Kunze STAAT JOHNSON ’54
HOWARD DON RIDGE ’54 MEd

CHRISTAY HASTE TOWE ’54X
NANCY LINVILLE BENTON JONES ’55
BETTY J0 HARRELL LINTON ’55
GEROTHA T. GENTRY ’56
MARY BARBARA ELLEN FREEMAN O’BRIEN ’56C
MARY FRANCES PHILBECK BOYLES ’57, ’77 PhD
JEAN MARIE CAUBLE BROWNING ’57
CHRISTINE FEATHER GREENE ’57
KATE HARRISON WHARTON HOCKETT ’57
EUGENIA “JEAN” MINECY FLETCHER ’58
PATRICIA LEE GRAYSON ’58
LORRAINE WALLACE MCCAIN ’58
JOYCE ANN SMITH MCLURE ’58X
FREIDA HAGAN NEESMITH ’58X
VIRGINIA SCARBOROUGH YATES ’58
BARBARA ANN LISTER ’59X
KAY MORRIS RIDDLE ’59
CAROLYN ARROWOOD ROBINSON ’59
NELDA COBB CHRISTIAN ’59

Sympathy is extended to


ASHLEY HOLLAND DOZIER ’54 in the Feb. 12, 2014, death of her husband, Graham Pinson Dozier III.


1960s

BETH STOUT CARTER ’60, ’65 MEd has written a new children’s book, “The Lonely Little Sea Shell.” Beth is a speech-language pathologist with 25 years of experience in clinical and educational settings. She currently works at the elementary and middle school level.

ANNA PACK CONNER ’62, president of the Polk Historical Association, spoke at the Tryon Arts and Crafts School open house as part of Heritage Days.

CAROL MATTICKS ’62 and her husband, Bob, received the 2013 Menscer Cup award from the N.C. State University Foundation for their lifelong service. The award particularly recognizes them for the Bob and Carol Matticks University Scholars Program.

COURTFAY ROANE SLAWTER ’62 has joined Leonid Ryden Burr Real Estate in Winston-Salem as an agent. Courtney has 28 years of experience in real estate.

SYLVIA WILKINSON ’62 will have “Big Cactus” published by Ovul Canyon Press in December.

MARY ELLEN SNODGRASS ’66 won a third “Best of Reference” award for her 2013 book, “World Clothing and Fashion, An Encyclopedia of History, Culture, and Social Influence.” Mary Ellen has written more than 100 reference volumes and textbooks and is a well-known independent scholar in classical mythology, literature and the humanities. She is currently serving a four-year term as a governor’s appointee to the N.C. State Library Commission.

LINDA DArk ’68 was a panelist for a discussion titled “A Community Within a Community: The African American Experience in Winston-Salem Before Integration” held at the New Winston Museum. Linda is a former nurse and active member of Friends of the Oddfellows Cemetery Restoration Project and the Society for the Study of African American History.

ROBERT R. MORGAN ’68 MFA has released his new novel, “The Road to Gap Creek.” His earlier “Gap Creek” was a selection of the Oprah Book Club and a New York Times bestseller.

CAROLYN BURNETTE INGRAM ’69 was included on the 2014 North Carolina Super Lawyers List for her seventh consecutive year. She was selected in the category of family law, in which she is a board certified specialist. She also is a certified Superior Court mediator and a certified District Court family financial mediator. She practices in Kannapolis in partnership with her husband, Charles M. Ingram, under the firm name of Ingram and Ingram.

SUSAN O’NEAL ’69 retired from the Middletown Township Public Library in New Jersey after 13 years as director. She was president of the New Jersey Library Association in 2011.

DANITA BRIGMAN RICKARD ’69 campaigned for re-election to the Kannapolis City School Board of Education.

Alumni deaths

CAROL JEN BERRYHILL ’60
MARY ELEANOR HOPE FARLOW ’60
BARBARA PRICE SHERWOOD ’60
JUDITH SNYDER WILLIAMSON ’60
JOYCE DAUGHTRY WHITE ’60
JANICE ROBERTSON WHITENER ’60, ’69 MEd
JUNE MANN BARE ’61
MILDRED A. “MIMI” AVERY TOUMARAS ’61
CAROLYN ARENA WOOD ’62
BARBARA COLEMAN HUBBARD WOODARD ’62X
DOROTHY “DOT” MCLEAN BAUCOM ’63 MSc
MARTHA BOLICK DIXON HATCH ’63C

alumni authors


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Ironman times three

CECIL PEGRAM ’78 has proven himself as an Ironman.

Last summer, Cecil completed the Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, Ironman Triathlon. In one day, he swam 2.4 miles, rode 112 miles on his bike, and topped it all off with a 26.2-mile run. He took seventh for his age group with a time of 15 hours and 44 minutes.

In April, he ran marathons in Paris and London.

Cecil was in good company at Coeur d’Alene. Two of his daughters competed as well.

“I always am looking for new challenges,” he says. “After watching my daughter Kara complete two Ironmen and discussing making it a family affair with my younger daughter, Helen, it just seemed the appropriate thing to do.”

He says he isn’t really sure who inspired whom. Helen, finishing a law degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee, challenged him to do a sprint distance triathlon with her several years ago. Then Kara, working on her PhD at Seattle Pacific University, started competing. Kara took the sport to the next level and started doing Half-Ironman (70.3 miles) events, completing her first Ironman three years ago.

“My oldest daughter, Jessica, is busy with her own Ironman of sorts,” he says. “She is busy raising three small children.”

Dad and daughters can get together to train only over holidays, but they keep each other posted on training progress throughout the year. And, he adds, “We are always there for a word of encouragement when the going gets tough.”

Cecil completed a Half-Ironman in St. George, Utah, as part of his training plan for Coeur d’Alene. He was recently named Big Sky State Games Male Athlete of the Year and National State Games Male Athlete of the Year.

More recently, in May, he did a Half-Ironman and qualified for the world championship in Mont-Tremblant, Canada. “I’m not fast, I’m just persistent,” he teases.

Cecil’s late wife, Martha, earned a nursing degree at NC A&T. Cecil earned a BFA with a concentration in painting and printmaking at UNCG and has exhibited in both North Carolina and Montana. He says his time at UNCG gave him perseverance and fortitude.

“It taught me that anything was possible if you were willing to make the necessary sacrifices and persevere. For example, late nights in the art department often morphed into early mornings in the print room. Through my scholastic endeavors at UNCG, I learned that when I set goals I have the willingness and strength to overcome any obstacles that may arise.”

He was involved in athletics at UNCG only peripherally, canoeing and biking with the Outdoors Club.

He always enjoyed biking and running but took neither seriously until he moved to Montana.

The Air Force sent him to Montana, which he has grown to love. He now works in the development department of Kampgrounds of America and splits his time between Montana and the N.C. coast.

Today he is focused on completing the last of the six major marathons. He’s done Boston, New York, Chicago, Berlin and London. That leaves Tokyo, which he hopes to do in 2015.

As Cecil puts it, “Goals are like magnets that pull us into the future.”
A welcome home in a faraway place

When Esther Milanzi ’09 arrived in South Africa, family members she had never met were at the airport to greet her. They held balloons and a “welcome home” sign.

“It was an amazing and heartfelt moment, and I am so grateful for this opportunity to get to know this part of my family,” she wrote in her blog.

She arrived in South Africa in January to serve a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship. Esther is midway through her year of work at Sedibeng College for Further Education and Training in Vereeniging.

From a professional perspective, this year meshes beautifully with her passion to help college students cultivate leadership skills. Personally, it’s giving her a chance to meet cousins, uncles and half-brothers. She has taken a trip to the northern part of South Africa so she could see her father’s grave. Esther’s father, originally from South Africa, left America when she was only 2 years old. He died in 2009.

At the college, Esther is putting the leadership skills she learned as an undergraduate to work. Every year at UNCG she worked with Housing and Residence Life, helping with orientation and learning how to work on teams.

“Student affairs was the most amazing thing ever,” she says. “I learned to inspire and lead.”

Even then, she was interested in international affairs and dreamed of changing the world. Today, Esther’s goal is to help young women mentor and support one another.

“I am inspired by my mom,” she said. “She’s a single parent who raised three girls. She’s always empowered us as women.”

South Africa is a male-dominated society, Esther says. But already she’s seen success stories. “The girls I work with are amazing.”

For example, a young woman named Lerato sought her out. She wanted to start a college newspaper. Esther and her fellow English Teaching Assistants helped her with the proposal and attended her presentation. Just before the school let out for a break, she was given approval to move ahead.

“It’s cool to see her dream come true,” she said.

For Esther, serving this Fulbright is the fulfillment of some of her dreams. After graduation, she went to Florida State University for a program that would allow her to earn her master’s in Sociocultural International Development Education Studies and go into the Peace Corp. She got the degree but, for medical reasons, the Peace Corp was put on hold.

She began learning about teaching English to speakers of other languages and interned at the Peace Corp. She got the degree but, for medical reasons, the Peace Corp was put on hold.

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started his career as a volunteer student phonation caller at UNCG and later served as an Annual Fund assistant at the university.

B. LEIGH WALTERS '84 MM was named the 2014 North Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year through the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She participated in the NASSP State APOY forum in Washington, D.C.

JUDI BUGHIAZET '85 MLS is director of the Plymouth-based Pettigrew Regional Library System. She previously headed the Perquimans County Library.

CINDY GARREN '85 MFA is director of cultural programs at South Florida State College.

HUGH MONTGOMERY '85 MPA was named interim administrator at Murfreesboro. He has served in municipal leadership roles across North Carolina for more than 25 years.

MARK WOODSON '85 MBA is chairman of the redevelopment commission for the City of Greenville and owns the Five Prime Group, an independent media and information company.

ROBERT SAUNDERS '86, '88 MBA was awarded a U.S. Patent for a construction mixing tool. The product has been featured in Home Depot and Lowes. An investor group also has filed patents for this product in Europe and foreign trade.

GEORGE SINGLETON '86 MFA has released a new collection of short stories titled “Between Wrecks.” He teaches writing at South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities.

CLEVELAND L. SELLERS JR. '87 EDD, president of Voorhees College, received the 2014 Walker E. Solomon Award for his work to eradicate racial inequities in the education profession, school and community. The award was presented by the South Carolina Education Association. Cleveland was among 30 unarmed black students who were shot by police while exercising their constitutional right to peaceful assembly and free speech in a segregated bowling alley in Orangeburg, S.C., in 1968. He was imprisoned for six months. A former director of African-American Studies at the University of North Carolina, he has been a prolific author on civil rights since the 1970s.

OLGA M. TOPPING '88 is one of The Business Journal’s 2014 Women in Business honorees. Olga is vice president and sales manager with BB&T’s International Services Division. She is an authority on global business and foreign trade.

ANNETTE PRIVETTE KELLER '89 is communications director for the City of Kannapolis. She formerly served as communications director for Matthews and Concord.

CANDACE SALMON-HOSEY ’89, ’11 EDS is executive director of technology for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools. She formerly served as executive director of technology services and career technical education for the Alamance-Burlington schools.

ALUMNI DEATHS

REBECCA JO GOBBEL CAGLE '80 MED JOHN GARLAND DUNCAN '80 BILLIE LAUREL HODGES '80

STEPHEN SPURLING MARCH '80 MFA ELMER HARVEY THOMAS JR. '80 BEULAH BATTLE FITZGERALD '81

MARY SCARBOROUGH CRAVER '82 ANNA SUE "SUSIE" FORD '82 MM DONALD "DON" J. HILBURN '82 NANCY DANIELS ALDRIDGE '83

ROSALIND CALVERT PEREZ '83 EDD DAVID EVERTTE GREENWAY '84, '87 MPA MARY BRUCE "BRUCIE" LEE '84

GWENDOLYN FOXX SLADE '85 MED JAMES M. BATES '86 MM, '10 DMA PAUL E. ELIZABETH CRAVE SMITH '86

PAMELA CALDowell BOOKOUT '87 MED JOHNNY HARRIS PHILLIPS '87 EDD DAVID OATES BOWDEN '88 CARNICE YVETTE ESSEX '89

Sympathy is extended to SUE TAYLOR WOODWARD '81 in the Aug. 28, 2013, death of her husband, Derek Woodward.

SUSAN CASH BOWDEN '89, '92 MED in the Feb. 11, 2014, death of her husband, the Rev. DAVID OATES BOWDEN '88.

1990s

NANCY GORE '91, family support specialist with the Adult Center for Enrichment, received UNCG’s 2014 Health and Human Sciences Public Service Award.

PAUL J. "JOE" HEAFNER '91 MS received the American Association of Physics Teachers Homer L. Dodge Citation for Distinguished Service. Joe has been active in the North Carolina Section of the organization for 14 years, most recently serving on the programs committee and the Committee on Physics in Two-Year Colleges. He is a contributing editor to “Sky & Telescope” magazine, writing software and book reviews. Joe, who is on the staff of the Lucille Miller Observatory at Maiden Middle School, is working on his second book, which will be an inquiry-based introductory astronomy textbook.

MATT JOHNSON '91, a senior rare book conservator with Etherington Conservation Group, participated in a program titled “Caring for Your Family Treasures” at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in Hickory. He is a professional associate of the American Institute for Conservation and is president of the Southeast Regional Conservation Association.

BRUCE BOYLES '93 EDD will serve as associate professor of education for Gardner-Webb University following his retirement as superintendent of the Cleveland County Schools.

TRAVIS COLLWELL '93 MA, '98 PHD is the first African-American president of the North Carolina Psychological Association. He has worked at the Community Outpatient Center of the Veterans Health Administration in Midway Park since 2009.

VIVIEN RADONSKY '93 PHD, author of “Building a World Connection Through Jewish Mystical Wisdom,” led a discussion of her book at the Eat Well, Live Well. Stay Well. Book Club meeting in Beaufort County. She is an ordained rabbi. She is an associate at the Center for Creative Leadership and a mentor/coach in her private coaching and leadership development training practice, Watering the Tree Outside the Fence.

CHRISTIE CLINARD SMITH '93 is manager of the Lexington Senior Center, a program of Davidson County Senior Services.

LADISNE TAYLOR '93 MSN, a certified gerontological nurse practitioner, spoke at the Word of Life Family Worship Center’s black history program. Ladisne has been employed at the Hefner VA Medical Center for 20 years.

JOHN VERNON BROWN JR. '94 brought his John Brown Trio to perform at the Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts Series. They also performed at the Tarheel Theatre of Community Theatre of Greensboro and for a N.C. Arts Council concert in Angier. Bassist, composer, educator and actor, John currently serves as director of the Jazz Program and associate professor of the Practice of Music at Duke University.

CHRIS LESTER '94 and KAYNE FISHER '94, founders of Natty Greene’s Brewing Co., launched the company’s rebranding effort, which provides more information about the contents of each beer.

SHANNON MAGGARD '94 is Part-time Director of the Year at First Christian Academy, where she teaches high school Spanish and middle and high school drama. She is also the yearbook editor.

CHARLES PERKINS '94, ’01 MED, ’12 EDS is assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Rockingham County Schools. He previously served as Rockingham’s director of school administration. He is currently pursuing his educational doctorate from UNCG.


DOROTHY P. “DOTTIE” BRUNETTE '95 MLS retired as librarian with the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva. She served the Fontana Regional Library System for 17 years.

ELIZABETH HUDSON '96, editor-in-chief of Our State magazine, received The Ethel N. Fortner Writer and Community Award from St. Andrews University. Elizabeth has served as editor-in-chief of the magazine since 2009. Elizabeth also spoke at a meeting of the St. Phillips’ Episcopal Women in Transylvania County.

LEAINE PIZIO '95 MFA, a potter, created teapots and character sculptures for an “Alice in Wonderland” show. She is a featured artist in galleries throughout the Triad and in South Carolina. She has also participated in High Point’s International Home Furnishings Market and hosts the “Keep the Local Show” on her property to help area artists increase their visibility.

REBECCA LITTLE TURPIN '95 MSN qualified as PHD(c) from East Tennessee State University and has begun her dissertation work. She is an assistant professor in the BSN program at Tennessee Technological University. Her paper, “State of the science of nursing presence revisited,” has been accepted for publication in the International Journal for Human Caring.

SCOTT ELLIOTT '96 is superintendent of Watauga County Schools. Scott served the past two years as assistant superintendent of Transylvania County Schools, where he has worked as a teacher, assistant principal and principal, and administrator for more than 17 years. He is chair of the Western Region Association for Career and Technical Education Administrators. He is a member of the board of trustees at Blue Ridge Community College.

CHAD HENCH '96 published his first book, “Emergence.” Chad teaches ninth- and 11th-grade English in addition to coaching soccer and swimming at Central Davidson High School.

Vanessa Curtis ’10, Jaimey Howard ’10 and Ronald Williams II ’06 are pictured following their graduation from law school at North Carolina Central University. Cassandra Patterson ’11 also received her law degree during the ceremonies. Elizabeth Auciello ’01 married Timothy Reed Busch of Wheeling, W.Va., April 13, 2014, in Washington, D.C. They are pictured under a cherry blossom. Elizabeth Hinkle ’98 married Harish Marisiddaiah Oct. 20, 2013. Camellia Mclean Crump ’08 and Marcus Crump were married Sept. 14, 2013. Edith Hendrix Horne ’51 and her husband Harvey Horne celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 7, 2013. Krista Matthews Wharton ’94, director of Special Spaces Tri-Cities, appeared on the Today Show. She, along with the show’s anchors, completed a Special Spaces dream bedroom makeover for a youngster who has cancer in Long Island, N.Y. A camera crew documented the makeover as the Today Show anchors helped create the dream bedroom. Pictured from left are Natalie Morales, Willie Geist, Krista Wharton and Al Roker. Tom Martin ’70, Gayle Person Currie ’74 and Jane Preyer were inducted into the 2013 Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame. Mary Satterfield Taylor ’45 was featured in Evergreen, the magazine of Sunnyside Communities in the Spring/Summer 2013 issue. “I had to wait until I was 89 to be a cover girl,” she writes. Edna Earle Richardson Watson ’40 celebrated her 95th birthday June 6, 2014. She’s pictured wearing her class ring. Ruth Crowder McSwain ’45 sent in her photo with a word of advice for those who graduated many years ago – rest your chin on your hand. It makes you look years younger. She learned that while posing for this church directory photo. Also, keep a sense of humor. If you lose that, you’re in real trouble, she says. Phyllis Shaw ’65 went on a hiking trip in Scotland in June. Behind her is the Cuillin Ridge on the Isle of Skye.
MARGARET ADAM ’97 MLIS is the youth services librarian at Walkertown Library.

TRACEY HELTON LEWIS ’97 MSES, principal at Flat Rock Elementary School, has been appointed to the state textbook commission.

URSULA LITTLEJOHN ’97 is the associate director of the Master of Accounting Program at UNC Chapel Hill. She has been with the university for seven years and with the Kenan-Flagler Business School for the past three years.

FRANCES T. “TERRI” SINCLAIR ’97 DMA co-directed the Coastal Carolina University Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Jazz Combo at the seventh annual “Isn’t It Romantic?” concert. Terri is an associate professor of music and director of choral activities at CUC.

LORY LEE HARTMANN KELLEY ’98 was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. A partner with Bernard Robinson & Co. LLP, Lory is one of two partners overseeing the firm’s expansion into Winston-Salem. She volunteers with Greyhound Friends of North Carolina in Oak Ridge and the State Employees’ Credit Union Family House in Winston-Salem.

DAVID E. SPELL ’98, a math teacher at Wheatmore High School, has retired as head basketball coach.

CHRISTY COMBS WEAVER ’98 celebrated 20 years of marriage to Brad Weaver in October. They have one son, Davis.

S. CHAPIN COOK IV ’99, ’01 MA was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. He is a business analyst and systems administrator for U.S. Courts – U.S. bankruptcy, administrator for the Middle District of North Carolina. He also lectures at UNCG and N.C. A&T State University. He is a founder of The N.C. Leadership Academy, a Kernersville charter school focused on leadership development and college preparatory academics.

ANTHONY GRAHAM ’99 MED, ’03 PhD was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. A professor at N.C. A&T State University, Anthony oversees 24 undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Education. He serves as the liaison between the university and Guilford County Schools and plans the annual Urban Education Institute at A&T. He volunteers with the Charles Hamilton Houston Leadership Institute for Adolescent Black Males, a residential enrichment program.

MELISSA JOHNSON ’99, ’00 MED, associate director of the University of Florida Honors Program, has been elected as the Advising High Achieving Students Chair of the National Academic Advising Association.

JENNIFER LYNN NICHOLS ’99 exhibited her found-art sculptures at Dye Pretty in Winston-Salem. She works for Senior Resources of Guilford.

JONNETTA PEMBERTON ’99, practice performance improvement specialist with the Cone Health Medical Group, was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. She has taken on leadership roles in both the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Solomon’s Porch Health Ministry at New Jerusalem Cathedral.

DREW PERRY ’99 MFA published his second book, “Kids These Days,” and is working on another novel. Drew is an English professor at Elon University. He also led a workshop for the North Carolina Writers’ Network titled “Thieves & Liars.”

KELLY TRODDON ’99 is an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy at Virginia Tech’s College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Kelly’s areas of research are metaphysics and the philosophy of mind. He teaches courses in these areas as well as aesthetics and logic.

ALUMNI DEATHS

TERRY DEAN SCHLUCHTER ’93 ELIZABETH CLAY RASCOE SMITH ’93 SIDNEY “CHIP” ZULLINGER III ’84 EDD MICHELE JEAN O’DONOGHUE CAMPION ’97 DAVID LEE COE JR. ’97 JANICE ELIZABETH SMITH POCASE ’99 BRENT COPELAND SPRANGE ’99 ALISON ANN PERKINS WOOD ’99

2000s

HERB BURNS ’00 MS, department chair of Design Technologies and program coordinator for Digital Effects and Animation at Forsyth Technical College, received a Fullbright scholarship. He participated in the 2014 Russia Community College Administrators Seminar in Russia to facilitate an understanding of how the American community college system works. Herb, a registered architect, has served as an adjunct faculty member at UNCG and Salem College in the Interior Design Departments.

MIRANDA “MANDI” MULL GILLIS ’00 received her MSA from East Carolina University in 2011. She has worked for Onslow County Schools since 2006 and was named assistant principal at Blue Creek Elementary School in 2013.


FELICIA PETE ’00 MSN, chairperson of the North Carolina Commission on Public Health, spoke at the Nash County Republican Party’s annual convention. She is a nurse anesthetist at Wake Cary Hospital.

LESLEE H. SHEPARD ’00 MSN, associate professor in the Division of Nursing at Winston-Salem State University, received a 2014 award for teaching excellence from the UNC Board of Governors. Leslee teaches adult medical surgical nursing, nursing problems and introduction to professional nursing courses in the university’s School of Health Sciences. She also serves as the director of the adult health area of undergraduate programs. She received the commemorative bronze medalion and a $12,500 cash prize during WSSU’s commencement ceremony in May.

AMANDA WATERHOUSE ’00 and CHRISTINA CALTAGIRONE ’00 are designing tea cocktails for local restaurants and events as part of their business, Tea Hugger. Amanda works part time at Triad Stage, while Christina teaches drama at High Point Central High School.

YOULAND YARDE WILLIAMS ’01 MSN is vice president of nursing for Wesley Long Hospital. She is a certified nurse executive through the American Nurses Association and is a former North Carolina Great 100 recipient. She is a board member of Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro and serves on its human resources committee.

THOMAS DEMPSTER ’02 received a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission for an interactive sound sculpture. He also received a commission from the South Carolina Music Teachers Association to compose a new work for piano duo and electronic sounds. Thomas is an assistant professor of music at South Carolina State University, where he teaches music technology, music composition and music business. Thomas also presented a recital of works for the bassoon in April at the university.

JENNIFER MANCE ’02, ’13 MFA is director of The Music Center in Greensboro and oversees the Opus Concert Series as well as Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park.

CHERYL HARRELSON ’02 MED is vice president for university advancement at New Mexico State University and president of the university’s foundation. She previously served as the associate vice president for annual and special gifts stewardship and special events at Washington State University.

CASSANDRA HUNSUCKER ’02 MLS is head librarian for the New Bern branch of the Craven Pamlico-Carteret Regional Libraries. She previously served as librarian at the Mint Hill Branch Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

DAVID OSTERGAARD ’02 starred in an award-winning film shown at the Cannes Film Festival. David was part of an Asheville-based film crew whose short film, “Joint Effort,” won the 2013 National Film Challenge. Grand prize was a showing at the elite film festival, held each year in the French Riviera. The film was shot partly at David’s house in Asheville. David also was named Best Actor in the Film Challenge.

SERENA REAVIS ’02, ’05 MA has joined DELTA at N.C. State University as an instructional technologist.

ANDREW WATERS ’02 MBA, executive director of the Spartanburg Area Conservancy, has been named director of the South Carolina Land Trust Network. He previously was operations director for the Land Trust for Central North Carolina in Salisbury.
embracing in the snow. Year. The photo was of a bridal couple which was named 2013 Photo of the photograph to Bridal Guide Magazine photographer, submitted a Executive Forum. on the board of the Triad Health percent in profitability. She serves led a turnaround of more than 300 championship. T. Wingate Andrews High School "Mama Won't Fly." Savannah Sprunt in a production of and public relations. She volunteers embarking on a career in marketing as a staff reporter for The Elkin BRITTAN WOOD '03, '05 MPH is a reporter with UNCG Sustainability Council. Brittan received her National Board GRADTIDINGS

BROOK WINGATE '02 MBA has been named vice president of philanthropy for the Children’s Home Society of North Carolina. She previously served as director of development and major gifts. She is chair of the external marketing committee for Greensboro Day School’s Parent Ambassador Council and serves on the school’s Advancement Committee. She is Juvenile Arthritis Chair for the North Carolina Leadership Council of the Arthritis Foundation. PAM BEGOVIĆ '03 MBA was recognized as one of The Business Journal’s 2014 Women in Business honorees. Pam is chief operating officer at Advanced Home Care and led a turnaround of more than 300 percent in profitability. She serves on the board of the Triad Health Executive Forum. QUENTIN FEARS '03 made it to the finals on Glamour’s “Dress to Kill” web series and competition. He was featured in eight of the 20 episodes of the show’s first season. Quentin is the lead stylist and art director for Glitter magazine in New York. AMY GIBBONS '03, a professional photographer, submitted a photograph to Bridal Guide Magazine which was named 2013 Photo of the Year. The photo was of a bridal couple embracing in the snow.

APRIL R. PITTMAN '05 MA, who owns Salisbury Audiology and Hearing Aid Services, was featured in an article in the Salisbury Post about her decade of work as an audiologist.

JOHN H. SHEARIN III '03 coached his T. Wingate Andrews High School girls’ basketball team to the 2014 state championship.

BRITTAN WOOD '03, '05 MPH received the Rookie of the Year award from the Greensboro Jaycees for her work on the Public Health Accreditation Board and serves as the Alumni Association’s representative to the UNCG Sustainability Council. Brittan also is president-elect of the UNCG Health and Human Sciences Alumni Association Board.

PAUL CONRAD BRANNON '04 MSA has been named assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Davidson County Schools. He previously served as principal of Northview High School in Dulpah, Ga.

KITSEY BURNS '04 is a reporter with the Yadkin Ripple. She worked briefly as a staff writer for The Elkin Tribune and Yadkin Ripple before embarking on a career in marketing and public relations. She volunteers with Foothills Theatre and played Savannah Sprunt in a production of “Mama Won’t Fly.”

JEFF MONTGOMERY '04, Greensboro city president/commercial relationship manager with SunTrust Bank, was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. He also serves on the board of directors for the Greensboro Partnership and is active with the Nat Greene Kiwanis Club.

SHIRLEY MORRISON '04 EDS, '09 EDD was selected for recognition as one of The Business Journal’s 2014 Women in Business honorees. Shirley is chief human resources officer with the Guilford County Schools. She oversees 60 employees and a $14 million budget.

SIDNEY OUTLAW '04, rising operatic baritone, is one of the winners of the Walter W. Naumburg, Foundation’s International Competition. Sidney was awarded the second-place honor, which includes a $10,000 prize. He made his Atlanta Opera debut as Figaro in “The Barber of Seville” in April and is scheduled to cover Mahmoud in the Metropolitan Opera’s production of “The Death of Klinghoffer.” Sidney performed as Guglielmo during his North Carolina Opera debut in Mozart’s “Così fan tutte.”

AMANDA PENEGAR '04 is directing Brunswick Little Theatre’s Let’s Play summer children’s theater workshop. Amanda is a professional theater educator and teaches broadcasting at South Brunswick High School.

STEPHANIE FOLEY DAVIS '05 MM performed the solo in Sergei Prokofiev’s “Alexander Nevsky” in a joint concert by the Greensboro Symphony and the Winston-Salem Symphony.

PHILIP FLEISCHMANN '05 MS is community recreation services division manager with the City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

MEGAN MICHAUX METZGER '05 and her husband, Shawn, had their third child, Emma Grace, on June 7, 2014.

KENNY POTTER '05 DMA joined the Hickory Choral Society as guest soloist for its annual spring concert. Kenny, a baritone, performed solos in “The Mass of the Children” and “The Requiem.”

WILLIAM BRAD RHYMES '05 MEd is Southeast Middle School’s Teacher of the Year. He teaches seventh-grade language arts at the school and coaches cross-country and track.

DONYELL L. ROSEBORO '05 PHD is chair of the Department of Instructional Technology, Foundations and Secondary Education at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington’s Watson College of Education (WCE). The associate professor is the first African-American department chair in the WCE. She formerly was director of the professional development system at the college.

DR. KRISHN SHARMA '05 joined the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Physician Group as a hospitalist. Krishn earned his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine, where he also completed a residency in internal medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine with a special interest in patient education and nurse/physician communication.

JAMES WILLIAMS '05 MFA, an associate art professor at Guilford Technical Community College, coordinated the second annual faculty art show in addition to displaying his contemporary mixed-media pieces.

JUAN BARRON '09 performed at Opera Experience Southeast at Millbrook Community College. Jos, a pianist, joined OES in 2011.

HANNAH DAVIS '06, co-founder of Gotham Versatile Training in New York City, was the judges’ choice in the third season’s first episode of “Fit or Flop,” an online fitness show. She holds a personal training diploma from New York City’s Academy of Personal Training. She is the fitness expert of Cosmopolitan Magazine’s advisory panel.

TAMMIE MCGINNIS LAUGHLIN '06, '13 MSN is chief executive officer of Hospice of Scotland County. She joined the organization in 1999 and most recently served as chief clinical officer. She holds national certifications as a hospice and palliative care nurse and administrator.

TERRY TOMASEK '08 PhD is director of Elon Academy. Terry is an associate professor of education at Elon University, and served as co-director of the Academy for the past year.

MELTONIA YOUNG '06, '08 MA discussed the role of quilts in the Underground Railroad during a program at the East Regional Library in Durham. She is an artist and Road Scholar with the N.C. Humanities Council.

CARRIE CECILE COYLE '07 was one of the designers in the fifth annual Goodwill Rock the Runway Fashion Show. She is a design and merchandise manager with the Seamless Apparel Division of Acme-McCrary Corp.

ALEX REYNOLDS '07, drama teacher at Carson High School in Rowan County, was named the N.C. Regional Teacher of the Year. He had earlier been named Rowan County Teacher of the Year.

LEAANN SNYDER '07, '11 MEd is Teacher of the Year at East Forsyth Middle School, where she teaches eighth-grade math. She also has received her National Board Certification. She and her husband, Andrew, have a son, Robby.

BROOKE AVERY '08, a potter, is the new resident artist for the Randolph Arts Guild.

NANTACHIE M. CHAVIS '08, a family nurse practitioner, joined Southeastern Medical Clinic Red Springs, an affiliate of Southeastern Health. She was previously associated with Southeastern Health’s Mobile Medical unit and Dr. A.J. Robinson Medical Clinic in Lumberton.

JOSHUA COCHRAN '08 joined Fifth Third Bank’s Georgia affiliate as a wealth management advisor for Atlanta-area clients. A certified public accountant, Joshua serves on the board of the Atlanta Society of Finance and Investment Professionals.

ANDREA ELIZABETH CROUSE '08 has opened her own boutique, Nomad, in Greensboro and built a natural dye garden to produce the Botanicals she uses in her clothing designs. Nomad is a spinoff of Gaia Conceptions, the company she founded in 2008. She sells clothing internationally, making 80 to 150 garments a week.

CHARLA DUNCAN '08 is executive director of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. She previously was a program assistant for the New York City Healthy Relationship Training Academy, a unit of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

RISHARA FINSEL '08 MLIS is the library director for Polk County. She previously served as senior librarian for public services for the Flathead County Library System in Montana.

PETER GOFF '08 MFA, studio art instructor at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, discussed “Process as Document: A Talk on Contemporary Sculpture,” at the Waterworks Visual Arts Center.

JAMES KEITH '08 MM, '13 DMA, associate director of music at First Presbyterian Church, was featured in a News & Record article about his 1912 Model T Ford. James is a student at UNCG, pursuing a pre-med degree with the goal of attending Wake Forest School of Medicine.

JOANNE PERKINS SMITH '08 MSN was appointed to the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control which develops and implements a formal cancer plan for the state. She is pursuing her doctoral degree at Gardner-Webb University. JoAnn is a chairwoman for the Catawba County Cancer Task Force and serves on the board for the Catawba County Health Partners. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and North Carolina Nurses Association.
LOUIS V. TOMS ’08 MLS had his reference work, “U.S. Armed Forces Insignia – Annotated Bibliography,” added to the Project Gutenberg catalog.

ANTOINETTE GORE BOSTON ’09 has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force. She is assigned to the 31st Medical Group, under the Surgical Operations Squadron, Aviano Air Base Italy.

KATE FARRAR ’09, a mezzo-soprano, competed in the Southeast regional level of the Metropolitan Opera annual competition in Atlanta.

KRISTEN MOOREFIELD HINCHMAN ’09 completed her master’s degree in global and international education at Drexel University. She is the program developer for the study abroad office at High Point University.

AKIR SAEED KHAN ’09 MPA was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. Khan is a success coach at High Point University’s Freshman Success Program. He also volunteers with Out of the Garden and Impact Greensboro.

ERIC KOONTZ ’09 DMA performed with the Francaix Trio at the Ashe Arts Center in West Jefferson. Eric is a member of the string faculty at the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University. He previously led the viola sections of the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra and the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

JANZLEAN LAUGHINGHOUSE ’09 PhD was the keynote speaker at the Community Exce尔斯 Club of Kinston’s annual service awards ceremony. Janzlean is program coordinator/assistant professor in the social work program at Bennett College.

JACQUELINE MCCRACKEN ’09, programs manager of Junior Achievement of Central North Carolina, was named to The Business Journal’s 2014 40 Leaders Under Forty list. She advocates for abused and neglected children in Guilford County’s court system and volunteers with the group that provides breakfast burritos to the homeless.

EVA MILES ’09 writes for Alamance Magazine.

AARON MOOD ’09 MM performed with Samee Griffith in a piano duet concert as part of the St. Mary’s Music Academy Concert Series. Aaron is staff accompanist at Winston-Salem State University, adjunct instructor of theory and music appreciation at Guilford Technical Community College and associate master teacher of piano at The Music Academy of North Carolina. Samee is working toward her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance at UNCG.

PATRICK PARKER ’09 was among seven semifinalists in the 2014 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. He is a doctoral student in musical arts at the University of Houston. He currently performs at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Houston.

DR. ANDREW SIMPSON ’09 joined Jicha Eye Care. He earned his optometry degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

JULIE ANN TESH ’09 is a field director for the Congressional campaign of Phil Berger Jr. She previously served as an intern for Congressman Howard Coble in Washington, worked in the White House for the Executive Office of the President in the Office of Political Affairs, and volunteered at the Republican National Convention and the Guilford County GOP.

DIANA THOMPSON-BREWER ’09 MM, a coloratura soprano, won first place at the Opera Guild of Charlotte’s competition, which includes a possible mainstage role with Opera Carolina. She is a member of the Martin American Spiritual Ensemble and has performed with companies such as The Augusta Opera, GLOW Lyric Theatre, Charleston Chamber Opera, Charleston Chamber Orchestra, Martina Arroyo’s Prelude to Performance program, The Singers of Cary, Natech Festival of Music, Opera North and Singers’ Theatre of Washington.

ASHLEY VONCLAUSBURG ’09 was part of the international relief effort after Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the central Philippines. She worked with All Hands Volunteers. She is traveling through Asia and writes about her travels and experiences in a blog, travelerbydesign.com.

ALUMNI MARRIAGES
SHAUNA L. DAVIS ’00 to Patrick Treadaway on Sept. 28, 2013, on the Conway Riverwalk in Conway, S.C.
VALERIE MARINO ’03 to KEVIN NORRIS ’04 on Oct. 26, 2013. They live in Durham.
FRANZISKA FRANKE ’06 MBA to Markus Hugenberger in December. They live in Hong Kong, where Franziska is working as a human resources manager for BASF.
JULIE SOUTHERLAND ’06 married Amelie Schreiber on May 17, 2014.

ALUMNI DEATHS
CHRISTINE L. MAYHAN BOTTOM ’01 COURTNEY ANN SANFORD ’04 ASHLEY DAWN JOINES ’05 GRETCHEN ELIZABETH GLEASON ’07

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO
EMILY HAIRR HENDRICKS ’01 in the December 2012 death of her grandmother, ATHENE CLAPP BRANTLEY ’42C.

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DEANNE DAVIS BROOKS ’10 EDD, an assistant professor of kinesiology at Greensboro College, received the 2014 Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award. DeAnne joined the faculty in 2010. She has served on the board of directors of the National Organization for the Advancement of Physical Activity for Girls and Women in Sport, and she is the advisor for the Greensboro College Kinesiology Club.

KRISTEN NICOLE SMITH ’10, a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, participated in a six-week summer travel study to Sonagachi, India, where she conducted research on sex workers in one of Asia’s largest red light districts. Afterward, she traveled to Bangkok where she volunteered for a week at the Thailand Elephant Sanctuary.

ZACH EWIN TON ’11 co-created and wrote the screenplay for “Eat Men Like Air,” a zombie apocalyptic web series filmed in Gastonia. The chapters can be viewed on YouTube. He is writing a book tentatively titled “The Dead King.”

JONATHAN V. NEESE ’11 is an officer with the Mebane Police Department.

KENNETH PRICE ’11 MFA directed “The Hip-Hop Fellow,” a documentary about Winston-Salem native and Grammy-winning producer Patrick Douthit — aka 9th Wonder — and his recent teaching fellowship at Harvard University. The film premiered at Durham’s Full Frame Documentary Film Festival.

HERBERT L. RICHARDSON JR. ’11 has created 11 independent comic book issues in the past two years for various clients on the east and west coasts. He plans to release a comic book series called “6 Deep,” which follows the lives of six Detroit superheroes, as well as a Christian comic book he has illustrated called “Faithwalker: Sins of the Father.” He owns his own design business, Blyght Brothers Interactive Imaging.

KATHY SAUNDERS ’11 MED is the 2013-14 Piedmont Triad Region Teacher of the Year. A teacher since 2003, Kathy teaches English at Asheboro High School.

JUSTIN STREULI ’11 MBA is director of the North Carolina Entrepreneurship Center at UNCG. Streuli co-founded his own firm and worked in business development in addition to helping organize multiple local entrepreneurship organizations and events.

ZACH YOUNG ’11 has been promoted to branch manager and business development officer of Select Bank & Trust in Gibsonville.

KELSEY ELIZABETH ARMENTROUT ‘12 chairs the middle school science department at Hilburn Academy and was selected to write curriculum forBiosem Idec’s community lab in the Research Triangle Park. She also was selected as a 2014-15 Kenan Fellow. Her fellowship is “Students Discover: eMammal Camera Trap Stakeout” with Dr. Stephanie Schluttler and Dr. Roland Kays of N.C. State University and the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

CHARLES LESTER CHAVIS JR. ‘12 graduated from Vanderbilt University’s Divinity School and will pursue a doctorate in history at Morgan State University.

ABBY GENTRY ’12 MS, executive director of Roxboro Development Group, spoke to members of the Roxboro Kiwanis Club about the role of RDG and its activities.

ERICA HARRIS ’12 participated in the VRS Interpreting Institute, a training facility dedicated to lifelong mentoring and training for American Sign Language interpreters and interpreter educators.

STEPHANIE CHRISTINE JONES ’12 received a grant from Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter CB, Southport, to continue her post-graduate education. She will attend the Infant-Parent Mental Health Fellowship Post-Graduate Certificate Program offered by the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Stephanie is a consultant with Possibility Parenting, where she provides support, education and coaching for parents and consultation for practitioners. She is co-chair of the North Carolina Parenting Education Network and a member of the National Parenting Education Network’s Guidance Council.

JONATHAN D. LYDA ’12 graduated from U.S. Air Force basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, as an airman first class.

CASEY MANN ’12 is executive director of the North Carolina Democratic Party. She had served in the role on an interim basis. Casey previously served as the party’s state director and is a veteran campaign worker.

CHRIS PARKER ’12 is sports information director at Brevard College. He previously served as the assistant sports information director.

JOPPA JOANNA PENN ’12, a winner in the 2012 N.C. Entrepreneurship Center’s 2 Minutes to Win It Business Idea Competition, is fundraising to launch the business idea, instantinternships.com. The web-based company would offer virtual internships to students.
Award from the Randolph County Schools. Jessica is a second-grade teacher at Randleman Elementary School.

RHONDA LUCAS ‘13 MSN is a community provider with the House Calls program of Caswell Family Medical Center in Yanceyville. She is an adult/gerontological nurse practitioner.

JUSMAR RODRIGUEZ MANESS ‘13 MSA is principal of Balfour Elementary School. She previously served as assistant principal at David D. Jones Elementary School, Guilford County Schools’ Spanish Immersion Magnet School.

MELISSA RICHARD ’13 PhD recently was named a full-time instructor in the English department at High Point University. She was interviewed by Inside Higher Ed for an article about career paths that are open and closed to adjunct faculty members.

Susie, who was office manager at Northwood Manor at Woman’s College, an assistant director of the Women’s Resource Center, a member of the Board of Directors of the Piedmont Triad Regional Library System, and a member of the Board of Directors of the School of Education and the School of Liberal Arts. She was a member of the Greensboro City Planning Commission. The Greensboro City Council issued a resolution expressing their respect and gratitude for Susie. She was executive director at Guiford Battleground Co. as well as president and owner of Hartigan and Associates. Her civic involvement included the boards of directors for the Women’s Resource Center, Women’s Professional Forum Foundation, YWCA, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro Human Relations Commission, Association for Psychological Type, Fun Fourth Festival, North Carolina Shakespeare Festival and the Eastern Music Festival.

DR. WILLIAM E. KNOX, a professor and former chair of the Department of Sociology, died Dec. 2, 2013. Knox joined the faculty in 1963 and, from the 1970s onward, spearheaded computer use in teaching-and writing-intensive instruction. He graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University and attained his doctorate degree from Cornell University in 1965. His professional accomplishments included publication of a critically acclaimed book in 1994 with colleague Dr. Paul Lindsay, “Does College Make a Difference?” a longitudinal study that followed 20,000 high school graduates from the class of 1972 through the early 1980s. He was a committed civic activist, receiving the Norman B. Smith and McNeill Smith Awards from the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina for his outstanding contributions to the organization. He was also a conservationist, receiving recognition for his work from the N.C. Audubon Society and the Wilderness Society. An accomplished photographer, his photos have been exhibited in juried and museum shows.

ARVID JOHAN KNUTSEN died Feb. 7, 2014. He became Director of Opera at UNC-G in 1978 and also served as a member of the voice faculty in the UNC School of Music. He was president of the National Opera Association, 1998-2000.

MARMY LEA MILLER, 83, professor emeritus, Department of Library and Information Studies, died May 22, 2014. She was professor and chair of the Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology at UNCG from 1987 until her retirement in 1995. Under her leadership, UNCG established a distance education program which was the first in the state to offer an entire master’s degree via a remote satellite campus. Marilyn served on the Greensboro Public Library Board and Friends of the Library as well as on the N.C. State Library Commission. The Dr. Marilyn L. Miller Scholarship Award is established in her name at UNCG to recognize her long and distinguished service to the School of Education and to the university.

MARSHALL MOSER died Sept. 9, 2013. Former vice president with Pegram West Lumber Co., he joined UNCG as the assistant director of the Physical Plant. He retired in 1990.

IRNA FERNANDA PRIORE-COELHO, associate professor of music theory, died May 29, 2014. She joined UNCG in 2011. She earned her PhD in music theory from the University of Iowa and completed a fellowship at Mannes Institute for Advanced Studies in Music Theory. She held a DMA in flute performance from City University of New York, a master’s degree in flute performance from The City University of New York-Queens College and a bachelor’s degree in flute performance from Santa Marcelina College in Brazil. She advocated for women and minorities who had talent and interest and volunteered in pregnancy crisis centers. She played the piano for the Hispanic Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

LOUISE LONG WILSON ’53, ’63 MS died March 17, 2014. She taught in the public schools of North Carolina and Virginia and retired from UNCG after serving 39 years on the faculty.