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From the **President**



It is sometimes hard for me to believe that more than a year has passed since I started as Austin Peay's 11th president. What is certain, though, is that I'm even more excited about the amazing things going on here than when I first arrived back in March of 2021. That's because I've seen how every academic college is committed to our new mission of welcoming and inspiring "an inclusive community of learners to make a positive impact regionally and globally." And it's because I've seen how all of the other components of the university are working to support that mission, and coming up with innovative ways to enhance the experiences of our students.

In this issue of Austin Peay: The Magazine for Alumni and Friends of Austin Peay State University, you'll read how the Eriksson College of Education developed a groundbreaking, nationally recognized program that provides local high school graduates with an accelerated path to earning a degree and becoming a licensed teacher in just three years.

You'll discover how a Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts scholarship allowed a veteran to honor his family's Puerto Rican heritage and their long history of military service, and you'll join our GIS Center as they look for the forgotten graves of 19th and early 20th century African American soldiers.

We'll soon begin construction on a new health professions building, and you'll hear from our faculty about how this will help us improve the physical and mental health of our community and ensure students in our healthcare-related academic programs have access to cutting-edge classrooms and labs. Austin Peay is also about to enhance discussions on national security and military issues with a new institute we've created.

In this magazine, you'll see what I see every day. Austin Peay continues to thrive. And you'll learn that our success often comes from the generosity of our friends. Earlier this year, Joe and Cathi Maynard pledged \$15 million to our athletics department, and this historic gift will make us more competitive as we join the new ASUN Conference. Alumnus Larry Carroll has also shepherded the University's College of Business to new levels of success in recent years, earning him a first-of-its-kind accolade from Austin Peay.

I hope you read these stories with pride, knowing that your alma mater continues to serve its community while preparing a new generation of leaders. Thank you for your continued support of this University and, as always, Let's Go Peay!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mike Licari". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dr. Mike Licari
APSU President

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OUR MISSION

Austin Peay is a mission-driven, community-minded institution that provides transformational experiences through innovative, creative and scholarly activities. We welcome and inspire an inclusive community of learners to make a positive impact regionally and globally.

OUR VISION

We will be the region's university of choice for those seeking to improve their lives. We will achieve this vision through student-centered teaching and unique developmental opportunities with a focus on innovative research and public service.

OUR VALUES

We are a collaborative community that values personal growth and lifelong engagement through the promotion of integrity and academic excellence.





Govs now in ASUN

Last fall, APSU accepted an invitation to join the Atlantic Sun Conference. The University, which has been part of the Ohio Valley Conference since 1962, will officially join the ASUN Conference on July 1, 2022.

“I could not be more excited to help lead Austin Peay into a new era of growth, which will help expand and enhance our brand, our footprint and the quality of our product both athletically and academically,” Gerald Harrison, vice president and director of athletics, said. “As challenging as this opportunity is — and make no mistake, we are facing a step up in competition level — it’s even more exciting to embark on this journey to elevate the profile of this department.”

The move will increase the University’s brand visibility, with more than 10 million television homes - and 45,000 Austin Peay alumni - residing within the ASUN’s seven-state footprint.

Prentice Chandler, Dean



Eriksson College of Education reaccredited

Last fall, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) reaccredited APSU's Eriksson College of Education for another seven years. The CAEP accreditation, along with the glowing report, ensures that APSU's teacher candidates will continue to be fully prepared to enter classrooms around the world.

Matthew Crosston



APSU names first director for Institute for National Security and Military Studies

Dr. Matthew Crosston, senior research fellow for the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel, was named the inaugural director of Austin Peay's new institute. He is senior advisor for the Research Institute for European and American Studies in Athens, Greece, and senior fellow at the China Eurasia Council for Political and Strategic Research in Nanjing, China.

Public Humanities



Austin Peay creates Institute for Public Humanities

APSU's newly created Institute for Public Humanities is fostering a relationship between the university's humanities studies and Middle Tennessee's living history. Housed in the College of Arts & Letters, it offers lectures, conversations, media, classes and events meant to explore and deepen an understanding of the human landscape of Middle Tennessee.

Philip Short

Posey Paintings



Posey Scholarship now endowed

In 2013, the African American Alumni Chapter created the Marvin Posey, Jr. Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship was named after the late Marvin Posey Jr., an APSU alumnus and nationally recognized artist who created beautifully vibrant work during his lifetime. With the support of family, friends and community members, the scholarship recently became endowed.



Short named science educator of year

Dr. Philip Short – science education professor and co-director of the Eriksson College of Education’s Jack Hunt STEM Center with his wife, Dr. Donna Short – won the Tennessee Science Teacher Association Science Educator of the Year Award in the higher education category.

APSU ROTC



APSU Governors Military Hall of Fame

In March, President Mike Licari announced the creation of the APSU Governors Military Hall of Fame. Submissions were sought throughout the spring, and the inaugural class will be inducted during a special ceremony in November.



The --- Borinqueneer:

An APSU student honors military's influence on family and Puerto Rico through his art

As a boy growing up in Puerto Rico, Carlos R. Carpena often heard stories about his grandfather and the “Borinqueneers.” In the late summer of 1950, those young men – members of the island’s 65th Infantry Regiment – headed east to reinforce their fellow U.S. soldiers during the opening months of the Korea War.

According to the National Guard’s official website, “Sent into action immediately, the Puerto Ricans took part in the United States breakout and drive to the north. Following the brilliantly planned and



executed surprise landings at Inchon, (the United States and other United Nations forces drove deep into the mountains of North Korea.”

The fighting continued for years, with the “Borinqueneers” - named for Puerto Rico’s original name, Borinquen - earning the motto, “Honor and Fidelity.” But during one bloody battle, Carpena’s grandfather disappeared. No one ever saw him again.

“Unfortunately, they never recovered his body,” Carpena said. “I believe he is considered, ‘Missing in Action.’”

Carpena never met this grandfather, but that brave man’s noble service influenced the family for generations, with his Puerto Rican descendants serving in the military, from the Vietnam War up to the 21st century’s Global War on Terrorism. When Carpena retired from the U.S. Army in 2014, he thought about

exploring this legacy while studying art at Austin Peay State University.

In late November 2021, his emotional journey finally came to a healing end when, thanks to an APSU Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts Scholarship, he presented a powerful exhibition detailing the military's influence on Puerto Rican culture and his family.

"My grandfather's military service inspires this project," Carpena wrote in an artist statement for the project. "Once before, I was motivated by him when I enlisted in the U.S. Army. Now, I'm proud to do this work to honor the legacy he passed down to my family."

CHALLENGE COINS

On a cold, rainy morning in November, Carpena stood quietly amid his work – sculptures, charcoal drawings, video productions and other pieces – inside the APSU Art + Design Building's Barbara Beach Gallery. His dark hair, once clipped tight in a military

crew cut, now reached to his shoulders, and a little gray softened his dark beard.

In 2000, at the age of 22, Carpena earned his associate degree in drafting from Huertas Junior College, and following a short career as a drafting

teacher, he enrolled in the U.S. Army. But to understand his military career, one needs to look closer at his family legacy.

To do that, Carpena sculpted a series of large challenge coins depicting his family's service. The pieces were made using EVA foam and acrylic paint to give them a bronze color.

Everything here is personal and emotional to me.

"One of the military traditions is the use of the challenge coins," he wrote in a description of the exhibit. "They are usually given as an award for an honorable act, or a job well done to display the achievements, gratitude and appreciation the command group has toward their members."

The first coin in the series features Carpena's grandfather on the front and the words "Honor Et Fidelitas" on the back.

BORNIQUENEER

Carpena moved slowly past the coins and then paused at a white pedestal holding the bust of a soldier. The clay sculpture, painted bronze, showed a handsome young soldier wearing a U.S. Army hat. The face, molded into a realistic, three-dimensional form, depicted someone Carpena only knew from stories and two-dimensional photographs. It was his grandfather.

"Everything here is personal and emotional to me." He blinked hard. "While I was doing this and the research, it took a big toll on me. It was hard. I wanted to celebrate his service because my mom, she hasn't, how should I say, she's still hurt because she never met him. Everything she knows is from old stories of family members. It's been hard for her to talk about this moment.

"When I was doing this, I was kind of scared to tell her what I was doing. After she was surprised, but at the same time, she doesn't have any closure to it. It was hard for her to see this piece. Then she accepted it and was fine with it. But until they find his body or remains, she won't have any closure."



LETTING GO

Carpenter wanted to highlight Puerto Rico's legacy of military service, so after earning a bachelor's degree at Austin Peay in engineering technology, he decided to pursue his true passion - art. That led him back to his alma mater to earn a second degree. And thanks to the APSU Department of Art + Design, he began letting go of old, hurtful feelings.

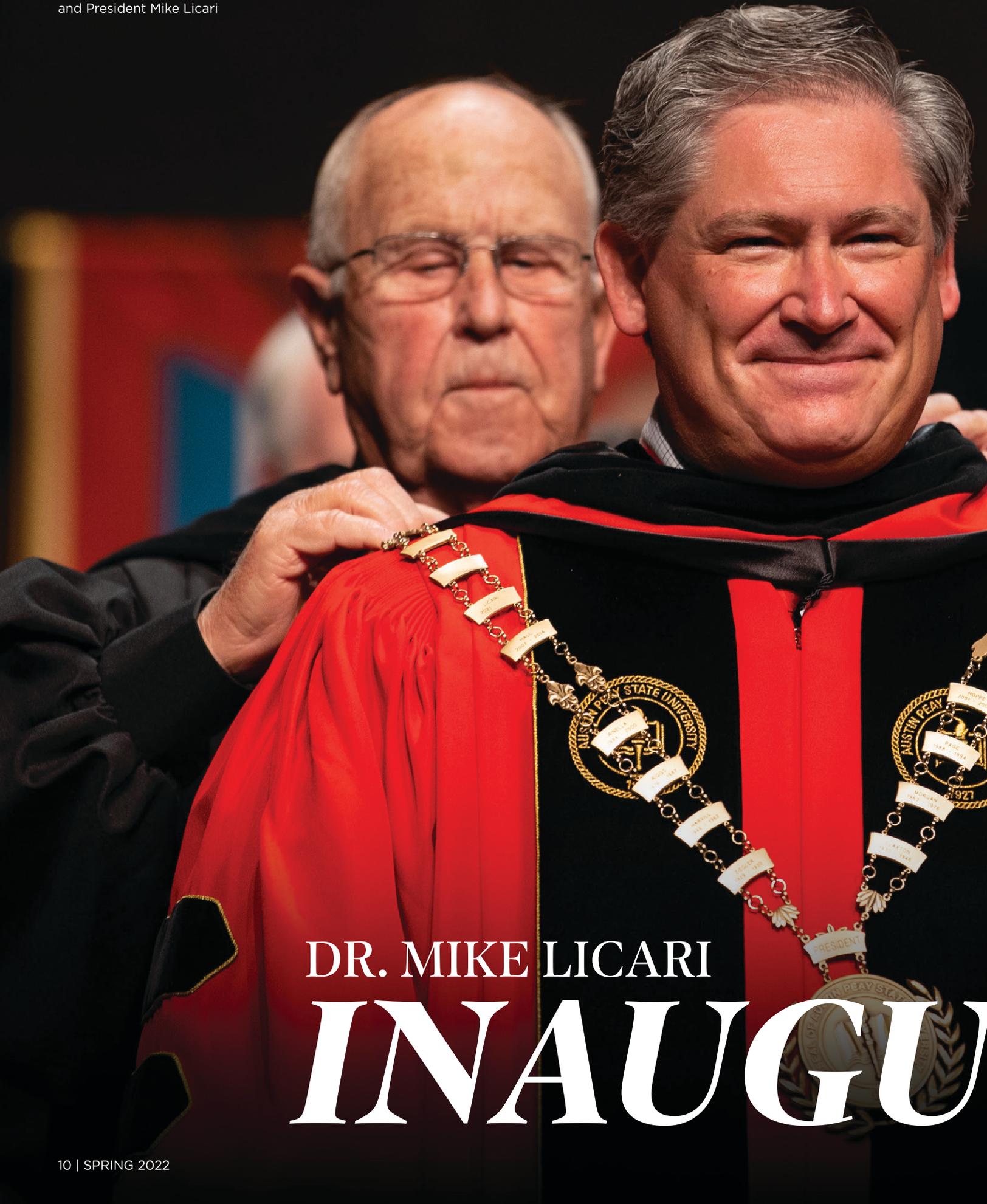
"This has helped me talk about my own career, accept it, realize what I've been going through and be grateful I'm still here," he said.

Carpenter graduated from Austin Peay in December 2021 with his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.



Carpenter at December Commencement

Board of Trustees Chair Billy Atkins
and President Mike Licari

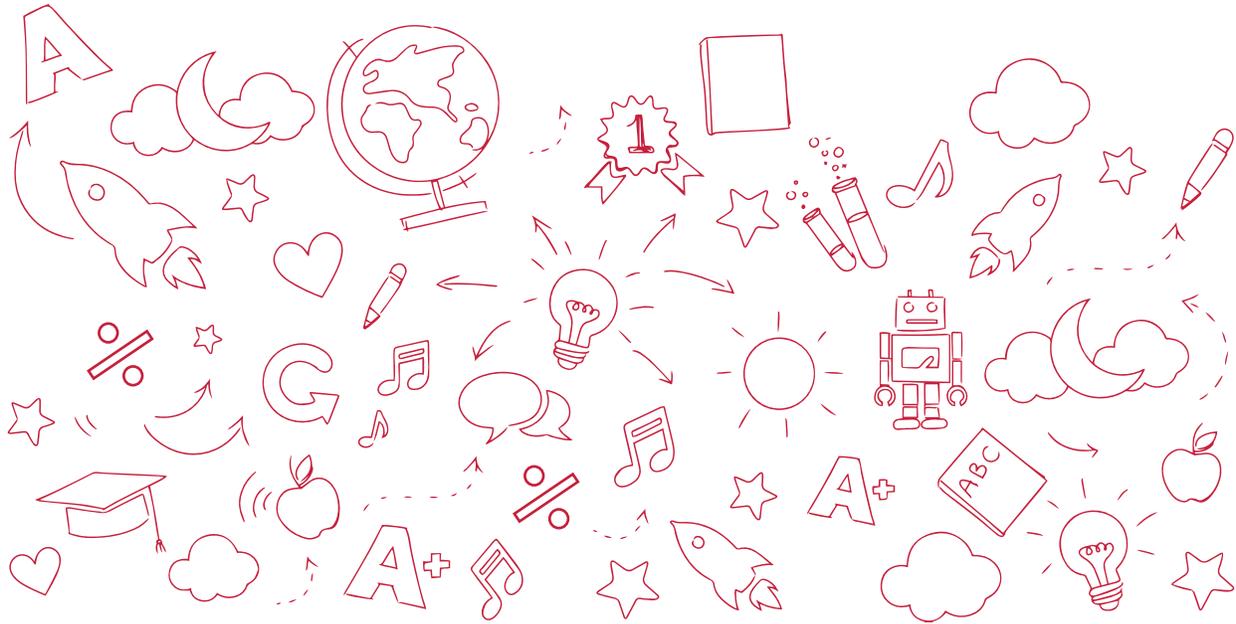


DR. MIKE LICARI
INAUGUR

During a special ceremony on Nov. 5, Austin Peay officially installed Dr. Mike Licari as the 11th president of the institution. The celebration began with a traditional processional of faculty and staff in full regalia, and it featured musical performances and well-wishes from local and state dignitaries. APSU Trustee Billy Atkins presented the presidential medallion to President Licari.



INATION



APSU's Grow Your Own

now national model for teacher recruitment

In 2018, Austin Peay's Eriksson College of Education developed an innovative partnership with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS) to provide 20 recent high school graduates and 20 CMCSS teacher's aides with an accelerated path to become full-time school system teachers in just three years.

That initiative - the Grow Your Own Residency Program - proved so successful that it was eventually adopted by colleges of education and school districts across the state. On Jan. 13, Tennessee became the first state to be approved by the U.S. Department of Labor to establish a permanent Grow Your Own model, with the state's Department of Education announcing that CMCSS and APSU would offer the first registered apprenticeship program for teaching in the country.

"We are proud of the work that we've been able to accomplish with our partners - CMCSS, TDOE and the Department of Labor - in charting a new path for teacher education in the state and the nation," Dr. Prentice Chandler, dean of the APSU Eriksson College of Education, said. "We believe that the narrative around teacher education is misleading; people do want to be teachers in our schools, as our residency programs show. We just need to make it more accessible for all. This program is a giant step in that direction. We are honored to be the first in the nation doing this groundbreaking work with CMCSS."

In October 2020, the Tennessee Department of Education used the APSU-CMCSS model to launch statewide Grow Your Own partnerships to strengthen the region's teacher pipeline.

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Prentice Chandler,
Dean of the Eriksson College
of Education

“As the first state to establish a permanent teaching apprenticeship program, Tennessee has a unique opportunity to lead the nation in education and workforce development,” Gov. Bill Lee said in a Tennessee Department of Education news release. “These apprenticeships will create a pipeline of experienced teachers with valuable on-the-job training and help ensure quality education for generations of Tennessee students.”

Tennessee’s Grow Your Own program began with 65 partnerships between school districts and teacher preparation programs, such as APSU, using up to \$20 million in federal relief funding.

“Tennessee’s leadership in expanding its ‘Grow Your Own’ program is a model for states across the country that are working to address shortages in the educator workforce and expand the pipeline into the teaching profession,” U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a Tennessee Department of Education news release. “Especially in the ongoing recovery from the pandemic, this work could not be more urgent or necessary. I am proud that Tennessee is creating a bold solution to cultivate teaching talent with the support of American Rescue Plan funds, and I look forward to seeing how this apprenticeship program positively impacts teaching and learning across the state.”



Volunteers clean headstones at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Preserving African American

VETERANS' *stories*

Last summer, Austin Peay State University and GIS Center student Josh Gramlick partnered with a local historical preservation society to help tell the story of Clarksville's African American soldiers.

The geography senior spent last summer working with the Mount Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society to create a brochure and a digital story map to share the stories.

"We'd walk the site several times, collecting (GPS) data points for these graves - you can barely see some of them," Gramlick said. "We went out to each of the sites, and we got the exact location of all the sites. The sites you see on the maps are accurate and associated with each veteran."

The story map not only shares a detailed history of the cemetery, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but also the stories of each soldier buried there. Those stories include soldiers who served during the Civil War, in the Western United States after the Civil War and during World War II.

Gramlick also got a hand from fellow GIS student Javon Dixon, an APSU computer science senior and graphic design minor who polished the brochure's final design. "It really touched me knowing that I'm taking a large part of Clarksville and working to bring it back to life,"

Dixon said. "It was a major deal for me bringing any type of skill towards that project. It was a big influence for me, and hopefully, it will influence others to make a change in Clarksville."

'A JOURNEY TO DISCOVER THE HISTORY'

GIS Center Director Mike Wilson lauded Gramlick and Dixon's work, not only as an example of the center's importance to the community but also as an example of the Mount Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society's importance to the community.

"It's really important to acknowledge the great work that they're doing," he said.

The Mount Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society strives to help current and future generations discover and celebrate Clarksville's African American history. The people buried at the cemetery represent not only U.S. military veterans, but also represent the stories of local churches, schools and other historical organizations.

The cemetery, established in 1817, is Clarksville's largest private African American cemetery with about 1,350 graves. About 241 civilians and 32 veterans - including 30 U.S. Colored Troops, one Buffalo Soldier and one WWII soldier - have been identified.

“The society members, there’s only a handful of us, we’re on a journey to discover the history of that cemetery,” said Mike Taliento, education director for the preservation society. “Anytime we can expand that circle and bring folks in who are passionate and interested in preserving that history, creating opportunities for the community, the county, the state and the nation to enjoy and understand our history, that’s part of the mission.”

A PARTNERSHIP TO PRESERVE, SHARE HISTORY

The preservation society’s work with the GIS Center meets that mission by developing educational briefings, papers, guided and self-guided tours and lectures that share the cemetery’s history.

“I reached out to Mike Wilson, seeking an opportunity to develop a veterans locator map that could be used by visitors to come into the cemetery on their own, allowing them to walk through the cemetery and the gravestones of our veterans buried there,” Taliento said. “They developed a digital version of it, which is quite amazing, and we’ve linked that to our biography library, so as visitors tour the cemetery, they have the opportunity to pull up the biography of the soldier who’s buried there and learn all about him.”

Taliento praised Gramlick’s work and other partnerships the society has had with Austin Peay employees and students.

“He definitely did a lot of the heavy lifting, and he was very passionate about it,” he said. “We embrace every opportunity to bring students in, university professors in, anybody who wants to contribute to preserving our history.

Volunteers help restore the Mount Olive Cemetery



“Tools like the map that was created by the GIS Center inspires folks to continue that preservation,” Taliento added. “I think we all, as citizens, have a patriotic and civic responsibility to do what we can to preserve our history and share it, pass it on to the generations that come ahead of us.”



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HEALTH PROFESSIONS BUILDING

Dr. Tatsushi Hirono

PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK

“Known as the ‘mother’ of social work, Nobel Peace Prize awardee Jane Addams was the founder of Hull House in Chicago. The Hull House’s initial programs included recreational facilities for slum children, lobbying for child labor laws, and assistance for immigrants becoming U.S. citizens. I am excited to inaugurate the APSU Health Professions Building as this may become our modern Hull House where we provide multiple social programs for our community. I want to introduce Ms. Jane Addams’ quote, ‘The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life (Jane Addams, 1892).’”



Dr. Shondell Hickson

PROFESSOR OF NURSING

“I’m excited about the new health professions building, which will house all the health professional programs on campus. The health profession students will be able to learn from each other, which will foster future collaborative partnerships, eliminating barriers to multidisciplinary practice, resulting in improved patient outcomes.”



Kelly Kleinhans

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY

“We are eager to provide authentic clinical education experiences for our students in the new Health Professions Building. This is an amazing opportunity to add value to the student experience and enhance clinical services to the community. Speech-language pathology students will have the opportunity to collaborate with other health professionals on-site to assess and treat individuals with speech-language and swallowing disorders.”



Health Professions Building

How will a new facility...

This fall, design work will begin on the new health professions building, the Tennessee Gateway Center.

This facility will not only transform the campus and academically – it will improve the lives of our students. Students will collaborate with other health professionals to provide important public clinical services to underserved populations, including veterans.

With the building projected to be completed next semester, here’s what some of our faculty have to say about the new building.

PROFESSIONS BUILDING

Dr. Perry Scanlan

PROFESSOR OF ALLIED HEALTH



“The new Health Professions Building provides a safe and modern space to prepare our Medical Laboratory Science students for today’s in-demand, high-paying, clinical laboratory jobs. This well-equipped, state-of-the-art medical learning facility uses modern techniques and instrumentation to learn the clinical skills required to diagnose and treat patients. The Medical Laboratory Science program’s new showcase space encourages student learning in laboratory science while providing opportunities for growth to meet the needs of Tennessee’s hospitals and clinical facilities. Our students, faculty, and staff are thrilled to have a new place to call home that provides so many opportunities for learning, growth, and state-of-the-art laboratory simulations.”

Professions Building: How will it transform APSU?

Begin on a new, state-of-the-art campus thanks to funding approved by the General Assembly.

Transform campus – both physically and improve public health in this region. Connect others in different fields, making interdisciplinary connections, and the building will provide a clinical space to serve different populations and low-income citizens.

Expected to open before the fall 2024 semester, its future occupants are saying,

Dr. Jennifer Thompson

DIRECTOR OF RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM



“Our students will have up-to-date equipment to learn hands-on, leading to increased competency in the clinical setting. Having new technology such as DR and C-arms in the radiography program will allow students to apply theoretical concepts such as radiation protection and image production in their lab courses. Additionally, interdisciplinary simulations will demonstrate the importance of the imaging sciences and how continuity of care ultimately improves patient outcomes.”

Dr. Nicole Knickmeyer

CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE AND COUNSELING



“The planned Health Professions Building at APSU will not merely house distinct healthcare-related programs; it will allow us to revolutionize how we train future healthcare professionals. The new building is designed with innovation in mind by creating spaces that promote the development of interprofessional skills and competencies. An example of this is the planned training clinic that will operate within the new building. This clinic will allow APSU to meet a great need in the community by providing a range of healthcare services to community residents. Trainees from our M.S. in Counseling, Psy. D. in Counseling Psychology, master’s in Speech Language Pathology, and psychiatric nurse practitioner programs will have an opportunity to develop interprofessional skills alongside those of their respective disciplines.”



Alumnus Larry W. Carroll honored with first APSU Presidential Medal of Distinction

Austin Peay State University alumnus Larry Carroll ('76) was presented with the inaugural Presidential Medal of Distinction from APSU President Mike Licari during the University's Military Appreciation Football Game at Fortera Stadium on Nov. 6.

"This recognition is certainly well deserved for Larry," Licari said. "His expectations for Austin Peay are

high, and we are better as a result. His commitment to supporting the University and especially our students has been transformational. Coupled with his distinguished career in business and his military service, he has truly brought honor to Austin Peay."

The Presidential Medal of Distinction is the highest award presented by the APSU president, honoring



President Mike Licari, Kris Phillips, Larry and Vivian Carroll, and Kirsten Licari.

outstanding individuals for their exemplary volunteer service and remarkable contributions to the University community. This award recognizes those individuals who demonstrate a strong dedication to Austin Peay's mission by exemplifying the University's abiding values of respect, trust, inclusion, discovery and excellence. The award also recognizes those achievements that bring honor to this University through intellectual creativity, civic engagement and national or international distinction.

"In my nearly 30 years in higher education, Larry has been one of the biggest advocates for students

I've ever known," APSU Vice President for University Advancement Kris Phillips said. "His expertise in financial planning is only matched by his passion to want every student to achieve greatness and he has provided many with access to greatness."

Also during the Nov. 6 game, Carroll, along with fellow APSU supporters Joe and Cathi Maynard and APSU Board of Trustees member Dr. Valencia May ('86), was presented with a military coin from the University. The University's military leadership commissioned these special commemorative coins. On one side of the coins, the APSU Governor logo is prominently displayed on

“We cannot thank him enough for his service and continuous generosity.”

a camouflage background. The other side features a specially made 50th Anniversary logo for the Governors Guard, including the dates of the program.

Carroll, a North Carolina businessman, provided the lead gift for the Larry Carroll Financial Trading Center in 2015, which is located on the lower level of the Kimbrough building accessible to the main floor.

Carroll was chairman emeritus of Carroll Financial Associates, Inc., which managed and supervised more than \$5 billion in advisory and brokerage assets and employed 28 certified financial planner practitioners. The firm’s success led Carroll to be featured regularly in many of the country’s top financial publications and on CNBC Street Signs and the NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. Last fall, the firm joined the Wealth Enhancement Group (WEG), with that company’s total client assets now expected to reach \$55 billion. Carroll now serves as senior vice president, financial advisor for WEG.

Carroll has been named on Forbes’ list of America’s Top 200 Wealth Advisors, as well as the Forbes’ list of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors for 2021, where he was specifically ranked #1 for North Carolina (West). Carroll has also been listed 12 times on Worth Magazine’s listing of The Nation’s Most Exclusive Wealth Managers, and he has been named on all of Barron’s annual lists of The Top Financial Advisors.

Carroll is also a past national chairman of the 24,000-member Financial Planning Association, and he has been a director of three publicly traded companies. He has previously served on the boards of other community banks and educational institutions, including serving as an inaugural member of the APSU Board of Trustees. He is committed to numerous charities, including the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, the American Red Cross, Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, as well as his alma mater, Austin Peay State University. He has made several significant contributions to the APSU College of Business,



President Mike Licari
and Larry Carroll

including the gift he made to name the college's first distinguished professorship, the AJ Taylor Distinguished Professorship, named after former marketing professor, Dr. Albert J. Taylor, who spent nearly four decades helping transform the college. Many years ago, he also established the Baggett Carroll Endowed Scholarship, which he co-named after Dr. Lawrence Baggett, who served as a faculty member at APSU for 39 years. The endowment is now worth more than \$1 million and the funding benefits APSU accounting students.

"Larry Carroll is one of our most involved alumni supporters for the APSU College of Business," Dr. Mickey Hepner, dean of APSU College of Business, said. "We cannot thank him enough for his service and continuous generosity. His contributions have and will carry a considerable legacy onward for our college for generations to come. We are proud to see him recognized as the esteemed first recipient of the APSU Presidential Medal of Distinction."

Carroll also made a generous contribution to the APSU Foundation to establish the Larry W. Carroll Gova Fund. The fund is being used in conjunction with the Larry Carroll Financial Trading Center to allow students to explore their passions in finance and investments by enabling them to manage an investment portfolio.

"I am incredibly grateful for my time spent as the communications director for the Larry W. Carroll Gova Fund student-led investment team," Amanda Erdman ('19) said. "It gave me an intuitive understanding of how to construct and analyze a portfolio. It was a truly valuable experience at APSU, and I only wish that we had the opportunity to join sooner."

“His expertise in financial planning is only matched by his passion to want every student to achieve greatness and he has provided many with access to greatness.”



The APSU Presidential Medal of Distinction.



Meet Matthew Crosston

Director of Tennessee's only Institute for National Security and Military Studies

Last spring, APSU announced it was creating the state's first Institute for National Security and Military Studies, and now – with a new Bachelor of Science in National Security Studies set to begin this fall – the university has hired a renowned security and intelligence studies expert to lead this new program.

On Feb. 1, Dr. Matthew Crosston, senior research fellow for the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel, became the inaugural director of Austin Peay's new institute. Crosston is also senior advisor for the

Research Institute for European and American Studies in Athens, Greece; senior fellow at the China Eurasia Council for Political and Strategic Research in Nanjing, China; executive vice chairman of ModernDiplomacy.eu; and a former professor of strategic intelligence and global security at the American Military University.

"I am deeply honored and humbled about being offered the opportunity to become the institute's inaugural director," Crosston said. "Regardless of anyone's background, professional career or personal interests,

the fact of the matter is that everyone cares about the subjects we will address at the institute, everyone has a take, everyone finds what we do fascinating. That is a heavy but inspiring responsibility about which we are all wildly passionate.”

The institute, housed within the APSU College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, will oversee three areas of focus:

- Educational programs (both credit and noncredit).
- Military outreach activities.
- Interdisciplinary research on national security, intelligence and military life.

“Austin Peay, with its proximity to the Fort Campbell Army Post, is the state’s leading provider of higher education to military-affiliated students, and we’re not only proud of this fact – we take it very seriously,” APSU President Mike Licari said last spring. “This institute will allow us to provide exemplary and unprecedented levels of educational and professional programs not only to these students but also to other individuals who are interested in advancing their careers in national security.”

In the coming months, Crosston will fine-tune the program and help develop the institute’s identity. He plans to use his experience and expertise to garner it an international reputation.

“While the original idea for this may have started with the goal of being an important organization for the state of Tennessee, it is my hope and intention to drive the institute into becoming one of the world’s major contributors to and make the name Austin Peay synonymous with the study of national security and military affairs in every way possible,” he said.

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GAME CHANGER

Maynard Family Pledges Historic Gift to Austin Peay



The Maynard Family (center) is surrounded by APSU's student-athletes during a halftime celebration recognizing their transformative gift.

PHILANTHROPISTERS

in Peay Athletics



Joe and Cathi Maynard have pledged to make a historic \$15 million donation to the Austin Peay State University athletics department, APSU Vice President and Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison announced in February.

The historic gift - the largest single gift in the history of Austin Peay State University - will further the objectives of Austin Peay athletics' "Total Gov Concept" by assisting with facility upgrades to all athletics facilities, expanding the commitment to student-athlete performance excellence, developing the potential of student-athletes, and recruiting high caliber coaches and staff.

"Cathi and I committed to supporting Austin Peay and its athletics program in 2018," Joe Maynard said. "We see this gift as a continuance of that commitment and a method to further enhance the student-athlete experience while providing additional opportunities for students and athletes to thrive and grow at APSU. The Maynard Family is grateful to APSU and Clarksville for embracing our hopes for the future."

To honor that family's generosity, the APSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name the area where APSU's NCAA Division I athletic programs are housed as the Joe and Cathi Maynard Family Athletics Complex. The board also voted to name the football field at Fortera Stadium as the Maynard Family Field. Before the official vote, the trustees paused to applaud the Maynards for their long support of Austin Peay.

Named Austin Peay's 2020 Philanthropists of the Year, Joe and Cathi Maynard have

given generously to the University, including improvements to the baseball field – now named Joe Maynard Field – and the softball park – known as Cathi Maynard Park.

“Today is a historic day for Austin Peay State University and Austin Peay Athletics,” Harrison said. “Joe and Cathi Maynard have altered the future of Austin Peay Athletics with this transformative gift. This investment represents the largest gift in school history, but it truly represents much more. Joining our move to the ASUN Conference, our partnerships with the Nashville Predators and F&M Bank Arena, this investment truly will allow our athletics department to ‘level up’ as we prepare for our bright tomorrow today! Joe and Cathi have been committed to enhancing the student-athlete experience since becoming a part of the Clarksville community and today’s announcement is just another example of their commitment and belief in the ‘Total Gov Concept.’”

Their gifts also have benefited many other areas of the University, including the establishment of the Joe and Cathi Maynard Family Fund of Excellence at Austin Peay. They also have made significant gifts to establish both the Dr. Joe E. Maynard Sr. Education Endowment, the George J. Reed Sr. Veterans Scholarship Endowment, and the John & Frank Hindsley Veterans Endowment.

“This gift from the Maynard family is truly transformational,” Austin Peay President Mike Licari said. “Their support creates opportunities to turn dreams into reality and will fundamentally improve the quality of the student-athlete experience. Athletics is a key way for the university to connect with the community, and the Maynard family’s legacy is in strengthening that connection.”

The Maynard family can be seen at Austin Peay athletics events, and they have purchased premium seating

“THIS GIFT FROM THE MAYNARD FAMILY IS TRULY TRANSFORMATIONAL.”

to further show their support of Governors’ student-athletes. They also attend many other Austin Peay events throughout the year and are avid supporters of the campus community. In addition, they have been involved through sponsorship opportunities with their business, ECHO Power Engineering.

Joe Maynard retired from the U.S. Army, having spent most of his career as a prime power production specialist with the Corps of Engineers. In that position, he traveled the world, providing critical infrastructure to developing nations. He met Cathi while serving in the military. She also served in the U.S. Army, as did several other family members.

Joe Maynard is co-owner of ECHO Power Engineering, a power engineering company with customers such as the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), The Tennessee Valley Authority and NASA. Cathi Maynard is CEO and owner of Shelby’s Trio in Clarksville.

“It is difficult to find the words to describe the impact Joe and Cathi Maynard have made on Austin Peay in recent years,” Kris Phillips, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the APSU Foundation, said. “Their contributions have included gifts to benefit many of our sports teams, athletics facilities, academic areas and University events. They have also created scholarships and a Fund of Excellence. The range of their giving, which now includes the largest gift in Austin Peay’s history, is impressive, and we are humbled by their desire to increase their investment. I want to thank Joe, Cathi, and their family for the legacy they have established at Austin Peay.”

**“Today is a historic day
for Austin Peay State
University and Austin
Peay Athletics.”**



From left, Gerald Harrison, Kris Phillips, Mike Licari, Andrea Maynard, Joe C. Maynard, Shelby Maynard, Cathi Maynard and Joe E. Maynard.

HARRISON EARNS CONTRACT EXTENSION, NEW TITLE



In February, APSU President Mike Licari reaffirmed the University's commitment to Director of Athletics Gerald Harrison by extending his contract through the 2026-27 academic year and giving him a new title - vice president and director of athletics.

Since joining APSU in 2018, he's transformed Governors' Athletics with an OVC football championship and entry into the more competitive ASUN Conference. Recently, under Harrison's leadership, Joe and Cathi Maynard pledged to make a historic \$15 million donation to the University's athletics department. The historic gift represents the largest single gift in the history of Austin Peay State University.

McGowan new women's soccer coach

In December, Kim McGowan was named the third head soccer coach in program history. She previously spent four seasons (2018-21) at Miami (Ohio), where she served as an assistant coach for three years before being promoted to associate head coach in May 2021.

In her first three seasons in Oxford, McGowan helped the RedHawks improve their



regular-season and conference-winning percentage each year while guiding five players to Mid-American Conference All-Freshman Team honors.

This fall, she will lead the Governors soccer team into its first season of competition in the ASUN Conference.

APSU retires 10 jerseys during 2021-22 seasons

The following Austin Peay greats were recognized during the 2021-22 athletics season:

- **Bob Bible** – a 1977 consensus football All-American at linebacker, the Govs' first OVC Defensive Player of the Year and a two-time First Team All-OVC selection.
- **Jay Bailey** – a 2002 consensus football All-American at running back, the Pioneer Football League South Division Offensive Player of the Year, and a two-time South Division All-PFL pick.
- **Isabel Canedo-Reagan** – the 1992 OVC Volleyball Player of the Year, 1992-93 OVC Scholar-Athlete Award recipient and two-time First Team All-OVC selection.
- **Dave Loos** – Austin Peay's all-time wins leader as a head coach, finishing his career with 420 victories and four NCAA men's basketball tournament appearances.
- **L.M. Ellis** – the Clarksville native became the first Black basketball player signed to play in the OVC when he transferred to Austin Peay in 1962.
- **Gerlonda Hardin-Fite** – the first APSU athlete to finish their career with four championship rings, she was the 2003-04 OVC Women's Basketball Player of the Year and a three-time All-OVC selection.
- **Andrea Miller** – the finest all-around athlete in APSU history, she earned 11 letters while playing softball, volleyball and basketball for the Governors. The first female athlete to earn Academic All-America recognition twice during the career, she was the 1995 OVC Softball Player of the Year and a three-time First Team All-OVC selection in softball.
- **Nate Manning** – the 1996 OVC Player of the Year, Tournament Most Valuable Player and a two-time All-OVC selection. He is the only APSU hitter to record 100 hits in a season and remains the program's single-season RBI leader (81).
- **A.J. Ellis** – the first APSU baseball player to be named First Team All-OVC four times during their career and the first in OVC history to do so at three different positions (utility, first base and catcher).
- **Shawn Kelley** – the second APSU athlete to finish their career with four championship rings, he was the 2007 OVC Pitcher of the Year and a two-time All-OVC selection.



Alumni News & Events



Austin Peay is fortunate to have alumni and friends who tirelessly work to make a lasting impact on the future of the University. We are grateful to all of our volunteers who give their time to serve as members of the National Alumni Association and the APSU Foundation. We also appreciate those who have given donations to the University, making it possible for us to reach the second-highest giving year in APSU history for the fourth year in a row. Our fundraising total for fiscal year 2021 was \$14.6 million, which eclipses the more than \$11.4 million raised in 2020. With your help, we intend to raise the bar even higher in 2022.

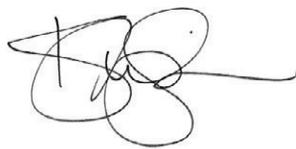
Several major gifts have already been made this year, including a transformative gift to APSU athletics from Joe and Cathi Maynard - the largest single gift in University history. They have pledged to make a historic \$15 million donation to the department, which will further the objectives of the "Total Gov Concept" by assisting with facility upgrades, student-athlete success and recruiting high-quality coaches and staff.

New funds have been created, including the Smith Family Education Endowment, the Phil Averitt Community Commitment Scholarship and the Scott and Tammy Cowan Endowment. The Marvin Posey Jr. Scholarship Endowment, named after an APSU alumnus and nationally renowned artist who created beautifully vibrant work during his lifetime, also became fully endowed.

Further strengthening our fundraising team, the Office of University Advancement has welcomed two new staff members. Brady Dorris is now the assistant athletics director - development and Kara Allen is the new prospect researcher. The responsibilities of both of their roles will further the goals of our division, such as increasing the visibility of the University and fostering lifetime engagement, loyalty, pride and support for APSU.

We strive to facilitate a lifetime connection between the University and its alumni, students and friends. Lately, we've reinvigorated that connection with several in-person events, such as the grand opening of the Jenkins Family Fieldhouse and the unveiling of the Fortera Stadium Gates, the Ann R. Ross Bookstore and APSU Wall Mural ribbon-cutting ceremonies, Homecoming 2021, the William E. & Sadako S. Newton Military Family Resource Center Ceremony and Ribbon-Cutting, the Downey Baseball Operations Center & Clubhouse and the Shawn Kelley X Club ribbon-cuttings, as well as the 38th Annual Candlelight Ball. This year's Candlelight Ball was a triumph for the premier event that has become a University tradition. Supporters raised the largest amount ever in the history of the Candlelight Ball. During the live auction, supporters raised over \$41,000 for the Candlelight Ball Scholarship Endowment, which assists deserving APSU students like Bayleigh Robinson and Madison Casey. We want to thank our guests who attended the event, as well as all of the members of the 2022 Candlelight Ball Committee for making the evening so successful.

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



Sincerely,
Kristopher R. Phillips, MSL ('91, '21)
Vice President of University Advancement
Executive Director of APSU Foundation

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2022-2023 ALUMNI & UNIVERSITY • CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1

APSU Baseball Clubhouse
& Y Club Ribbon-Cuttings

April 1-3

APSU Baseball & Softball
Jersey Retirements

- AJ Ellis
- Nate Manning
- Shawn Kelley
- Andrea Miller

April 5

Predators Night Gobs
Gathering

April 28

CSM (R) Darol Walker
Military Breakfast

June-August 2022

Gobs Gathering Events
(sites and location TBA)
www.alumni.apsu.edu

Aug. 19

Freshman Legacy Pinning

Aug. 19

Montgomery County Gobs
Gathering (downtown commons)

Sept. 24

Football Alumni Reunion Breakfast
(Echo Power Club Level)

Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Coach Joe Ellenburg Era
Baseball Reunion

Jan.-Feb. 2023

APSU Basketball Alumni
Reunion (Date TBA)

Feb. 2023

National Alumni Association
Board Meeting

March 2023

39th Annual Candlelight Ball



Sept. 19-24

- APSU Homecoming Week

Sept. 23

- Homecoming Golf Tournament
Swan Lake Golf Course

- Military Scholarship & Awards
Dinner

- African American Alumni
Chapter Mixer

- All Athletic Alumni Mixer

Sept. 24

- 50-year Reunion Breakfast &
Program

- Football Alumni Reunion &
Red Coat Society Induction

- Outstanding Alumni
Awards Luncheon

- All Alumni Tailgate

alumni.apsu.edu/homecoming

- APSU vs. EKU Homecoming
Game (3 p.m. kickoff -
Fortera Stadium)

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

For the most up-to-date Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts events and information including all “Downtown Art Galleries,” visit www.apsu.edu/creativearts



*Members of the National Alumni Association Board
and Executive Board*

CELEBRATING OVER CANDLELIGHT

This past March, APSU and the Candlelight Ball Committee celebrated the 38th anniversary of APSU's premier event - The Candlelight Ball.

Thirty-eight years ago, APSU's Wendell H. Gilbert saw the opportunity to raise funds for deserving students who needed academic financial support. A retired Army brigadier general and former APSU vice president for development and university relations, Gilbert is the founder of the signature Candlelight Ball. He depicts what it means to be a "true Governor." Because of his passion and the support from APSU alumni, friends, and the generosity of our underwriters and guests, this event has assisted and continues to raise scholarship funds for APSU students.

Over the past five years, APSU and the Candlelight Ball Committee (this year, under the direction of co-chairs Kayla Morgan and Betsy Baggett) have had record numbers of guests and dollars raised in underwriting and ticket sales to assist in raising scholarship funding. Well over 650 guests enjoyed a night of socializing, dinner, awards, live auctions and dancing!

Thank you to all APSU supporters, Presenting Sponsors: F&M Bank, Fortera Credit Union, Planters Bank, Allstate - Kathryn Minniehan, The Campbell Group, Farmers Insurance - W. Danielle Stack, APSU College of Business, The Kennedy Law Firm, Spring Creek Pediatric Dentistry, Sango Village Florist and all of our 2020 underwriters for another successful year!

We hope you all will join us in 2023 for our 39th annual event! For more information, visit www.alumni.apsu.edu/candlelightball or call 931-221-7979.

Over the years, proceeds of the ball have:

- Supported the restoration/renovation of the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill.
- Provided financial support for the APSU Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Funded the establishment of a scholarship endowment that continues to benefit deserving student recipients each year.

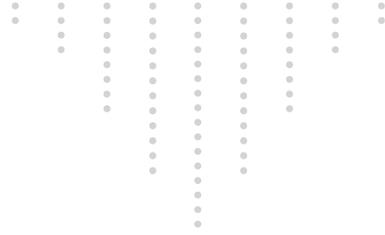
The 2021-22 Candlelight Ball was a tremendous success thanks to the committee, pictured here. Also pictured with the committee are our 2021-22 scholarship recipients, Bayleigh Robinson and Madison Casey.

Left top: APSU and the Candlelight Ball Committee awarded this year's Spirit of Austin Peay Award to Mrs. Casey Jenkins. Pictured with her are APSU President Mike Licari and Candlelight Ball Co-Chairs Kayla Morgan and Betsy Baggett and Past Co-Chair Kathryn Minniehan.

Left bottom: Dr. Cooper Beazley was awarded the Wendell H. Gilbert Award at the 38th Annual Candlelight Ball. Pictured with him are APSU President Mike Licari and Candlelight Ball Co-Chairs Kayla Morgan and Betsy Baggett and Past Co-Chair Kathryn Minniehan.

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDLELIGHT BALL



38TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL AWARD WINNERS

Two individuals were honored during APSU's 38th Annual Candlelight Ball on March 12, 2022, at the Omni Hotel in downtown Nashville. The "Wendell H. Gilbert Award" and the "Spirit Award" were presented to these APSU supporters for their outstanding achievement, contribution or recognition they have brought to Austin Peay.

WENDELL H. GILBERT AWARD DR. COOPER BEAZLEY



Dr. Cooper Beazley is a Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance physician and a staff member at Tennova Healthcare in Clarksville and Centennial Medical Center, St. Thomas Midtown and Surgical Care Affiliates in Nashville.

He has been the team physician for Austin Peay since 1986. He has supported the University as a member of the APSU Foundation and with contributions to athletics programs and academic scholarships. In 2013, he was named to the APSU Athletics Hall of Fame. The following year, he received the Chancellor's Award of Excellence in Philanthropy from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

He is a founding member of Premier Medical Group in Clarksville. Previously, he worked for Clarksville Orthopedic & Neurology and the Clarksville Orthopedic Clinic.

He completed his undergraduate studies in 1974 at Rhodes College in Memphis. In 1977, he graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. He later completed a residency in orthopedics at Vanderbilt University.

Beazley enjoys time with his wife Carol and their three sons.

SPIRIT OF AUSTIN PEAY AWARD CASEY JENKINS



Casey Jenkins is the third-generation owner of her family's local Ford-Lincoln-Honda dealership, Jenkins & Wynne.

She graduated from the NADA Dealer Academy in 2012 as vice president of her class. In 2014, she was in the Automotive News "40 Under 40" class. Jenkins also created womenatthewheel.net, an automotive website for women by women.

She serves on the Ford Direct Board, Marketing Board and Learning Journey Board with Ford Motor Company and is the chairperson for the Ford Dealer Advertising Board. She is a member of the APSU Foundation Executive Board and Athletics Subcommittee. She serves on the Clarksville Academy Cougar Athletic Board and the Montgomery County Sports Authority Board of Directors.

Jenkins is passionate about the work her family does through Having Hope, Having Bipolar, a foundation created in honor of her brother, Blake, who died in 2013.

She is married to Chas Greer, and the couple has three children, Zach, 15, Chandler Kate, 12, and Jenks, 2.

Govs Gathering



APSU alumni & friends celebrate the holiday season at the President's Holiday Reception in December of 2021.



APSU alumni & friends gather together to celebrate the holiday season at the President's Community Holiday Reception.



This past year, Estella Greer endowed the Dr. Joe Greer Scholarship Endowment in honor of her husband. Thank you to the Greers for their continued support of APSU!



GOVS GA



APSU alumni Rick Canady and Lucy Ann Gossett attend the 2021 Outstanding Alumni Awards Luncheon.



Former APSU Football players spent time during Homecoming 2021 reuniting with old teammates and friends during the All Athletics Reunion.



APSU Outstanding Service recipients, the Cunningham Family, gather during the Outstanding Alumni Awards Luncheon. The family accepted the award in honor of their dad/husband, the late Tom Cunningham. We thank the Cunningham family for their constant and continued support of APSU.



APSU alumni & friends spend time together at a recent alumni reunion reminiscing about their time spent at Austin Peay.



APSU Basketball Alumni reunited this past February to celebrate the jersey retirements of three legendary basketball Govs: Gerlonda Hardin-Fite, LM Ellis, and Dave Loos.



Former U.S. Congressman and alumnus Phil Roe and Clarinda Roe joined us at this past Outstanding Alumni Awards Luncheon.

GATHERING

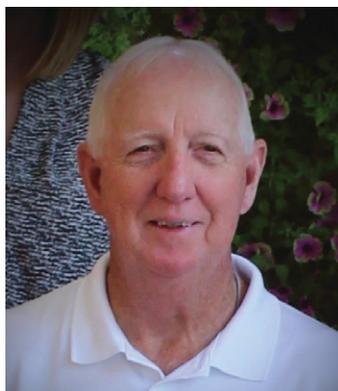


Last October, the University celebrated its annual Military Alumni Chapter Scholarship Dinner. The 2022 Military Alumni Chapter Scholarship Dinner will take place in September.



Former Governor athletes Cecile Gable-Lopez (volleyball) and Sam Lopez (men's golf) were spotted at the FedEx St. Jude Invitational this past summer in Memphis, Tennessee.

Class Notes



Harold "Red" Roberts ('71, '73) was named to the Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame after compiling a high school coaching record of 189-88, most of those games coming at Franklin County High School. He also was named to his hometown's Glynn County (Georgia) Hall of Fame. Roberts was an All-American wide receiver at Austin Peay. Roberts already has experienced a string of appreciation for his long football career, including his 2012 induction into the Glynn County Sports Hall of Fame with his 1964 Georgia state champion teammates. And in 2014, he was inducted into the Franklin County High School Football Hall of Fame as a coach.



Fred Alsop ('64) spoke at the 59th Annual Roan Mountain Fall Naturalist Rally last September about "Vanishing Birds and Live-Streaming Bald Eagles."



Joseph Gulley ('86) was named chief executive officer at Comprehend, Inc., a comprehensive behavioral health provider in Kentucky.



Larry Richardson ('66, '70) was selected to serve on a five-judge panel to choose the waterfowl image for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's annual National Duck Stamp in Washington, D.C.



Robert Bateman ('87) was appointed by Gov. Bill Lee as one of the next Circuit Court judges for the 19th Judicial District, which includes Montgomery and Robertson counties.



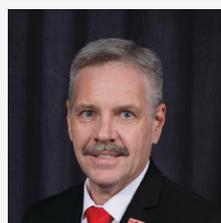
Dr. Joe Ann Burgess ('72, '94) published "The Odyssey of Burt High School: The Evolution of Education of a Small Black High School in a Small Southern Town" with retired journalist Phil Winchell Petrie.



Janelle Mahaney ('88, '90), an RTI teacher at West Cheatham Elementary School in Cheatham County, was named Cheatham County School District 2021-22 Teacher of the Year for elementary schools.



Schenell Agee ('89, '91) was selected as the 2021 Virginia Outstanding Economic Educator of the Year by the Virginia Council on Economic Education. Agee is supervisor of Library Media Programs and Research for Prince William County Public Schools.



Dr. Jaime Taylor ('90) was inaugurated as the 16th president of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Taylor served in several leadership roles at Austin Peay, including as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Mike Carrigan ('73) announced his retirement as a long-serving Montgomery County physician. He led a solo internal medical practice from 1980 to 1993 and has served at Memorial Hospital, Gateway Health and as chief administrator of Premier Medical Group.

David C. Mason ('80) was chosen as one of two 2021 Martin J. Purcell Professionalism Award recipients by the Trustees of the Missouri Bar Foundation.

James Derek Jones ('93, '98) has been named the director of the Renaissance Regiment marching band at Bethel University after serving as director of bands for a Murray, Kentucky, high school for 10 years.



Tamira Samuel ('07, '09) was named an honoree for the 2021 Women Who Mean Business Awards by the Houston (Texas) Business Journal.

Bryan Link ('93) has joined Plow Networks as executive vice president of products and services after serving as CIO for Nashville-based Advance Financial and senior product manager for the online banking division of NCR Corporation in Atlanta. He also founded SimpliFi, a web-based financial planning software builder for banks and credit unions.



Owen Driskill ('10) was named assistant provost and chief operating officer for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ginna Holleman ('95) became the chairman of the board for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council for the 2021-22 term.



Dina Velocci ('95) took office as the 2021-22 president of the 59,000-member American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology, headquartered in Park Ridge, Illinois.



Colby Wilson ('10) was appointed corporate communications lead for Ascend Federal Credit Union. He previously was director of athletic communications at Austin Peay.

Jennifer Hyer ('96) retired after 25 years as a police detective for the Clarksville Police Department.

Christy Davis ('12), a world history and science teacher at Sycamore Middle School in Cheatham County, was named Cheatham County School District 2021-22 Teacher of the Year for middle schools.

Robert Nash ('99) was appointed by Gov. Bill Lee as district attorney general for the 19th Judicial District, which comprises Montgomery and Robertson counties.

Matt Salmen ('13) was named head athletic trainer of the Maine Mariners, an affiliate of the Boston Bruins. Salmen is a member of Maine Medical Partners Orthopedics and Sports Medicine.

Suzanne Moore ('00) has been named Wilkes County (North Carolina) librarian after serving as the Ashe County (North Carolina) librarian for nine years.



Gretchen Hancock ('14) joined Reliant Bank as associate vice president and commercial banker in its Montgomery County market.

Dr. Bryan Johnson ('04) was appointed chief of staff for U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., after serving as superintendent of Hamilton County Schools.



Maj. Virginia R. Brickner ('07) assumed duties as deputy commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District, managing the support of military construction throughout the state.



April Lomax ('14) was named director of diversity and inclusion for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. Before that, she was assistant director of diversity, equity, and inclusion for Liberty Mutual.



Mariah Hughes Perry ('16, '17) was appointed by Chancellor Flora Tydings and elected by the Tennessee Board of Regents to serve as board secretary.



Tyler McKenzie ('18, '20) joined the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, Missouri, as volunteer coordinator.



Brady Dorris ('18), a Governors football alumnus, will serve as the new assistant director of athletics for development in the Office of University Advancement at Austin Peay.



Matthew Noblin ('20) joined the Security & Loss Prevention team that oversees City Hall, Clarksville Transit System, Clarksville Gas & Water, City Court, Clarksville Parks & Recreation, and over 350 municipal properties throughout the community.

Brittney Anthony ('17) is associate director of operations and engagement at The Sycamore Institute, where she leads statewide engagement efforts through community events and symposia.

IN MEMORY

Bonnie Gray ('81)
Feb. 4, 2018

Jerry G. Jerkins ('72)
Aug. 28, 2021

Stephen Meek
Sept. 24, 2021

Mabel Larson
Nov. 24, 2021

Bobby Wall ('57)
May 24, 2021

Kenneth Armstrong ('68)
Aug. 28, 2021

James E. Ferebee ('08)
Sept. 25, 2021

Alice S. Reid ('78)
Nov. 29, 2021

James P. Dobbins
July 17, 2021

Audie Eugene Newton ('75)
Aug. 29, 2021

Glinda Ann Manning ('90)
Oct. 10, 2021

Richard Fraser ('71)
Dec. 7, 2021

Michael S. Jones
Aug. 8, 2021

**Philancy Nobles
Holder-Pallen**
Sept. 3, 2021

Bill Feltner
Oct. 14, 2021

Myrtle Rye
Dec. 16, 2021

Warner J. Caldwell ('77)
Aug. 10, 2021

**Catherine Lynn
Huntsinger ('74)**
Sept. 5, 2021

Harold S. Pryor ('46)
Oct. 16, 2021

Abner Brown Harvey ('54)
Dec. 27, 2021

Helen Vonda Long ('66)
Aug. 12, 2021

Aaron A. Hutcheson
Sept. 5, 2021

Helen Hobson ('02, '05)
Oct. 17, 2021

Nell M. Warren ('91)
Jan. 7, 2022

Kristi Wenzler ('92)
Aug. 15, 2021

**Christie Michelle Litchfield
('00)**
Sept. 6, 2021

**The Honorable William
F. Lee ('69)**
Oct. 26, 2021

Kenneth Grambihler
Feb. 9, 2022

Jeanette A. Kirk
Aug. 19, 2021

Angelic "Lin" Bowman
Oct. 28, 2021

Patricia H. Stewart
Mar. 2, 2022

Dr. James Phillips
Aug. 20, 2021

Joann B. Weakley ('89)
Sept. 10, 2021

Roger Wilburn Clark
Nov. 16, 2021

Jean Gilbert
Mar. 10, 2022

David B. Jones
Aug. 23, 2021

Susan H. Young ('77)
Sept. 14, 2021

Charles Puckett ('79)
Nov. 21, 2021

Robert Taggart ('79)
Aug. 26, 2021

Mary McIntosh
Sept. 15, 2021



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