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LAWSON AND BETH MABRY

Real Estate Development and Business Professionals

William Lawson Mabry and Beth Fletcher Mabry have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their alma mater through decades of service and philanthropy.

The Mabry family has to date established two endowed scholarships at APSU, The Harriett Noland Mabry Memorial Scholarship for Language and Literature majors in the College of Arts and Letters and the William Marrast Mabry Memorial Scholarship for Finance majors in the School of Business.

Lawson graduated from Austin Peay State University in 1977 with a B.S. in English. He was editor of The Tower campus literary publication, editorial editor of The All State, and president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Since graduation, he has worked in real estate in Clarksville, Tennessee, focusing on land acquisition, development, and construction. He has been involved with the development of many neighborhoods and thousands of residential lots.

He was an organizer and director of Heritage Bank in Clarksville from 1988 until its acquisition by Old National Bank in 1999. He also served as chairman of the board of First Federal Savings Bank/First Advantage Bank in Clarksville from 2006 until its merger with Reliant Bank in Brentwood, TN in 2020, and served of Reliant Bank's board until its acquisition by United Community Bank in 2022.

Additionally, he was an organizer and president of both the Clarksville-Montgomery Public Library Foundation and the Clarksville Academy Foundation. Lawson has served on various other philanthropic boards, including the Austin Peay State University Foundation, the Customs House Museum, the Aspire Clarksville Foundation, Clarksville Academy, the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library, the ZSR Library Board of Visitors at Wake Forest University, the Clarksville River District Commission, and Leadership Clarksville.

Beth Fletcher Mabry, a 1985 APSU graduate, majored in business administration. At APSU she was a member of Chi Omega sorority and was elected Homecoming Queen. After graduation Beth had a corporate career in marketing with Globe Business Furniture, Haworth Inc., and Fruit of The Loom. She currently serves on the Woodward Library Society Board and has also served on the Candlelight Ball Committee.

Beth and Lawson have two children, Elizabeth and Will. Elizabeth is pursuing a full-time MBA at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Will works as an investment banking analyst at Barclays Investment Bank in New York City.