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Related by faith to The United Methodist Church, Louisburg College is committed to offering a supportive community which nurtures young men and women intellectually, culturally, socially, physically and spiritually. As a two-year institution, we provide a bridge for students to make a successful transition from high school to senior colleges and universities.

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Louisburg Calls Its 28th President

Get to Know Dr. Gary M. Brown



When I arrived at Louisburg College, I was delighted to learn about the rich tradition of the institution, its alumni and our community. Since our founding in 1787, Louisburg College has educated thousands of students by providing a nurturing college family and a pathway of opportunity for their journey in higher education.

At Louisburg College, we believe strongly in the value of a two-year, supportive, opportunity-driven education that is committed to nurturing young men and women both inside and outside the classroom. Our College family is focused around a philosophy that puts students first.

Small classes, close interaction with faculty and a caring community define the Louisburg College experience. Character is also important to us at Louisburg College, and we consistently work to turn our students from learners into leaders.

Our students confidently enter colleges and universities like NC State, Elon, Appalachian State, UNC Chapel Hill and East Carolina University, knowing that they are prepared. This continues a long history of Louisburg College students continuing their education post-graduation.

We are also proud to continue the tradition of being America's premier private two-year college, as you will read about inside the pages of this magazine, and I am excited to be part of the Louisburg College family.

For the College,

Dr. Gary M. Brown



On November 16, 2017, Louisburg College was excited to announce Dr. Gary M. Brown as the 28th president of this historic institution.

Dr. Gary M. Brown, an accomplished dean, academic administrator and community leader, comes to Louisburg College with more than three decades of experience in higher education administration.

For more than fifteen years, he led Mercyhurst North East, a private two-year, residential campus in North East, Pennsylvania as Executive Vice President and as Executive Dean.

During his tenure, Brown oversaw the growth of Mercyhurst North East from an enrollment of 148 students to 1,100 students. He helped the campus expand with the addition of new residence halls, a new academic complex with a library, new science labs and three new athletic fields. Brown was also instrumental in raising \$2 million to support the first endowment for the Mercyhurst North East campus.

At Mercyhurst North East, Brown created a reputation of being a student-centered, supportive campus that went out of its way to help students become successful. Throughout his career, Brown's leadership roles included serving as a director on boards for the Chamber of Commerce, local

banks, a hospital and several service organizations and charitable organizations.

"The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Dr. Gary M. Brown as our next President," said Franklin Roberts, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

"We believe that his combination of leadership and administrative experience in the private, two-year residential higher educational setting is going to benefit Louisburg College greatly as we plan for a new and exciting chapter of the College's storied history."

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees selected Brown on October 30, 2017, upon the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee. The Presidential Search Committee conducted the search over a seven-month period, and members included current and former trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, community leaders and the president of the Student Government Association.



Tree Campus USA

Louisburg College Honored by the Arbor Day Foundation

Louisburg College was recently honored with 2017 Tree Campus USA® recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management. “Students are eager to volunteer in their communities and become better stewards of the environment,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Participating in Tree Campus USA sets a fine example for other colleges and universities while helping to create a healthier planet for us all.”

Tree Campus USA, an Arbor Day Foundation program, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The Tree Campus USA program honors colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Louisburg College achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus USA’s five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and a student service-learning project. Currently there are 344 campuses across the United States with this recognition.

Q&A with Dr. Brown

Where are you and Laurie from originally?

I am from Albany, NY and my wife is from Poughkeepsie, NY. We actually got married in Poughkeepsie, and this July will be our 34th anniversary.

Now that you are living in the South, what is one thing you’re excited about?

My wife and I really love the beach, so we look forward to taking some long weekends and relaxing by the water.

Do you have a favorite go-to restaurant?

Olive Garden. Their lasagna and salads are delicious.

Where is the most amazing place you have traveled to?

I’ve been to Hawaii, twice, and I love it. The volcanoes and beaches are gorgeous, and they have the most magnificent rainbows. Hawaii is very relaxing because you feel so far away from everything.

What is one of your favorite home cooked meals?

Spaghetti and meatballs...it’s all about comfort food. And I am a chocoholic, so you can’t go wrong with anything chocolate for dessert.

Do you have any favorite sports teams?

I really enjoy watching basketball, so I cheer on the Cleveland Cavaliers. I also like the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Butler [University] Bulldogs – my daughter went there.

Do you have any hobbies?

Golfing is one of my favorite things to do. I also like going on walks, gardening, doing yard work or really anything that gets me outside.

What is one of your favorite pastimes?

My family and I would go on vacations every year to the North Carolina coast. Also, for the last 10-15 years, we have been going to Marco Island, in Florida, for Christmas.



“Here at Louisburg College, we are committed to preserving and enhancing both our community and our environment. Louisburg College has always had a deep connection to “The Oaks.” It’s only fitting that we receive national recognition, acknowledging that we are a college that promotes environmental stewardship, a healthy community forest and student involvement.”

- NATHAN BIEGENZAHN, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF FACILITIES



The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. The Arbor Day Foundation has helped campuses throughout the country plant thousands of trees, and Tree Campus USA colleges and universities invested more than \$48 million in campus forest management last year. More information about the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA.



Commencement

Graduating Class of 2017



On May 12, 2017, Louisburg College conferred degrees for 101 students: 13 earned an Associate of Science in General Science degree; two were awarded an Associate of Science in Business degree; 86 earned an Associate of Arts in General College degree. Among them, six graduated *summa cum laude*, 10 graduated *magna cum laude*, and 27 graduated *cum laude*.

Kathryn O’Leary – cheerleading captain, honors student, Hurricane Advisor, student ambassador and president of the College’s PBL Business Fraternity and PTK Honors Society chapters – was chosen to address her classmates. “This experience has not been a mere stepping stone,” she said.

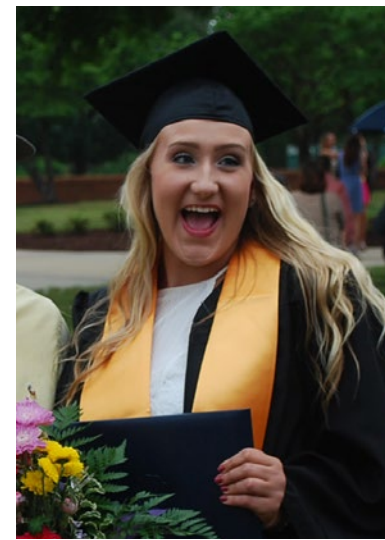
“Louisburg College laid the foundation that we all need to be successful in the next part of our journey. The values and lessons we learned here will help guide us through our next steps in life.”

Louisburg College was also pleased to welcome Jason Brown as the 2017 Commencement speaker. Brown, a native of Henderson, N.C., is a former NFL lineman. At age 29, he walked away from his lucrative career to become a farmer.

An honors graduate of Northern Vance High School, Brown excelled in football and won state championships in discus and shot put. He studied interpersonal communications at UNC Chapel Hill while on a football scholarship, but he maintains that his greatest accomplishment at UNC was meeting his wife, Tay Brown.

Brown and his wife returned to rural North Carolina to serve their neighbors by farming, although they had no prior experience. The couple bought 1,000 acres near Louisburg and called it First Fruits Farm. They now live with their four children in a century-old farmhouse heated with a wood stove.

Each year, Brown grows sweet potatoes, cucumbers and other produce, then gives away the first fruits of his harvest to local food pantries and churches. His mission: “to share the love of Christ and aid in hunger relief in eastern North Carolina.”



Congratulations, Louisburg College Class of 2017!

2018 COMMENCEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Naomi Dickens Shaw Award for excellence in teaching: Tommy Jenkins, Associate Professor of English

Allen P. Brantley Award for outstanding scholarship and highest cumulative GPA: Troy Bates and Dajah Denis

I.D. Moon Award for outstanding leadership, scholarship and citizenship: Nehemiah Harris and Phoenix Spivey

Alumni Appreciation Scholarships to graduating sophomores: Donnell Loury, Paul Appiah, Dajah Denis and Alyssa Pickens



College Is About Community

Check Out What the College Family Has Been Up To This Year



SUMMER CONCERT

The Caribbean came to Louisburg when the JPAC hosted Bluffett and The Son of a Sailor Band (a Jimmy Buffett tribute) to kick off the 2017-2018 Allen de Hart Concert Series. Before the concert began, guests enjoyed beach music, food and games while scoring giveaways and taking photos with props at a photo booth. Jimmy Buffett fanatics (above) dressed to impress and participated in a Parrotthead costume contest. The event was a huge success and everyone had a fun time!

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN

Together, the Robbins Library and Louisburg College English Department hosted the African-American Read-In, a national event held during Black History Month. Thousands of schools and libraries across the country highlighted the achievements of African-Americans across all genres, disciplines and media. About 60 students, staff and faculty members read aloud from the many rich genres of African-American literature, scholarship, art and popular culture ranging from Frederick Douglas to Morgan Freeman.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

The Louisburg College baseball team recently spent an afternoon at Laurel Mill Elementary to celebrate Read Across America – an annual reading motivation and awareness program that encourages children to celebrate reading. The baseball team truly enjoyed meeting and reading to local children, as they always strive to build character through community service.

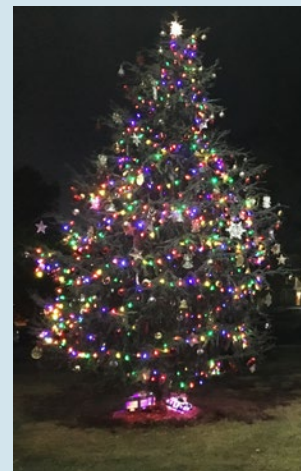
ETHICS BOWL

Louisburg College students recently competed in the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Ethics Bowl and won three out of four of their competitions! The debates revolved around the concept of “community” and the identities of hometowns, college campuses, churches and social media. The Canes, led by Wally Hurst and Susan Ranes, came together to defeat Campbell University, Livingstone College and Catawba College. Over 120 students competed at the event, which was held at the State Legislative Complex in Raleigh.



STUDENT ART SHOWS

Louisburg College students have the opportunity to display their work in the Lumpkin Gallery of the JPAC. This semester, students were tasked with telling their personal stories through different artistic mediums by focusing on their past, present and future. One example of this is shown in the *New Yorker* project. Using colored pencils, students recreated magazine covers and explained how that specific cover related to a personal experience. They also created self-portraits of clay and painted a memory of a time or place from which they needed to escape. As a final project, they created amphorae that revealed what they hoped to do or who they wanted to become.



CHRISTMAS AT LOUISBURG

Christmas Carolers welcomed patrons to an extraordinary night of joy, wonder and Christmas celebration at the JPAC. The annual event began with a dinner for patrons and their guests and was followed by the annual tree lighting ceremony. Attendees were invited to bring gifts that were donated to children in Franklin County. The North Carolina Symphony's full-time, 66-member professional orchestra took the stage with an outstanding performance of sing-a-longs and holiday favorites.

HURRICANE DAY

At Louisburg College, Hurricane Day is all about positivity, success, respect and community. Students gathered in the intramural field to experience an annual event full of music, inflatables, games, prizes, community discussions about respect and a BBQ dinner. In addition, a seldom-seen solar eclipse attracted over 500 Louisburg College students, staff and faculty members. Attendees were provided safe viewing glasses and took the opportunity to view the sun in a way they had never before seen. Dr. Bruck, Professor of Environmental Science, provided a demonstration about what causes a solar eclipse.



Leading from the Stage

By Wally Hurst, Director of the Norris Theatre



College Ethics Bowl Team, Gettinger has played an even more prominent role in the Norris Theatre.

Gettinger portrayed the dual roles of Belinda and Flavia in *Noises Off* last fall, Lily St. Regis in *Annie* at Christmas, the title role in Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in February and the lead role of Scaramouche in the spring musical, *We Will Rock You*.

Gettinger carries a high GPA as well, excelling in classes and managing her time well between her various projects and responsibilities. Gettinger believes her time at Louisburg has been well-spent.

“The Norris Theatre has become my home and every member of the theatre, my family. Because of Louisburg College, I have the courage to pursue my dream of becoming an actor. I would not have been able to do this without the College’s love and encouragement.”

Wally has been the best mentor anyone could ever ask for, and I will always keep him and the friends I’ve made at Louisburg close to my heart.”

Wally Hurst returns the compliment:

“Molly Gettinger represents the epitome of the type of student who excels at Louisburg College. She is unafraid of a challenge, and by learning to budget her time well and her willingness to ‘get involved’ on campus, she has packed a lot of learning and growing into two short years. I wish her nothing but success, and I know she will continue to pursue her dreams. I am so proud of the person she has become.”

Molly Gettinger, a transplanted New Yorker by way of Cary, chose to attend Louisburg College during her senior year of high school. She decided that theatre would be an exciting thing to do while she was earning her associates degree, and it looked like the Director of the Norris Theatre, Wally Hurst, would be fun to work with. Gettinger also knew that, by attending Louisburg College, opportunities for major stage roles wouldn’t be taken by juniors and seniors.

What a great ride it has been! Gettinger has been in every Norris Theatre production – even the community productions – since she arrived on campus in August of 2016. She has played a nun in *Catch Me If You Can*, a gossipy Baptist church lady in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Titania, Queen of the Fairies, in Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and a street urchin in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

All in her first year at Louisburg!

As a sophomore this year, in addition to her duties as a resident advisor on campus and a member of the Louisburg

BAN THE R-WORD

The Louisburg College Learning Partners program participated in a national campaign to promote inclusion and acceptance, focusing on the elimination of the R-word (retard/ed) from our speech. Over 200 students from local high schools united with Louisburg College students, staff and faculty to promote respect. Students with and without disabilities played kickball, danced and laughed together while encouraging one another to have fun and just be themselves. The week-long campaign also offered students the opportunity to sign a banner pledging to personally refrain from using the R-word.



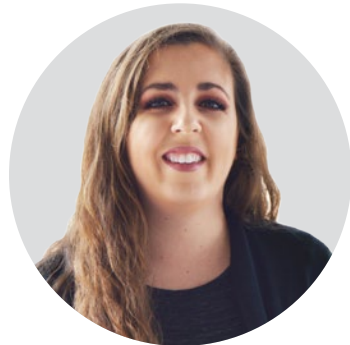
TAR RIVER CENTER FOR HISTORY & CULTURE (TRCHC) 2017-18 LECTURE SERIES

The TRCHC at Louisburg College promotes a sense of community and shared history by helping citizens of all ages and backgrounds explore the rich culture, architecture and history of the upper Tar River region of North Carolina. The 5th-Annual Lecture Series featured four professionals who spoke about North Carolina’s involvement in WWI. Their topics included: The Great War: An Overview, Black North Carolinians as Soldiers, Women on the Home Front and North Carolina’s Progressive Reputation.

Passion and Purpose

Take a Look at Why Our Faculty Love Teaching at Louisburg

Faculty members arrive at Louisburg College along many paths. Some choose teaching early on, while others pursue teaching after careers in industry. No matter how they arrived here, a common thread keeps faculty members at Louisburg College semester after semester: the desire to significantly impact students' lives.



DANIELLE DIETZ

LEARNING SPECIALIST,
LEARNING PARTNERS

Education is transformative. I became a special educator once I realized my passion lay less in my content area (history) and more in working with and helping students, particularly those who have yet to find their own voice.

Every student deserves to feel successful and to have a champion. It's my mission to give a voice to students who are often not heard. Through education we can make the world more accepting and inclusive.

I came to Louisburg College from the public K-12 system for the small environment and my co-workers. However, I have stayed because of my students. I enjoy the nurturing community that helps students realize their potential and break down the walls they put up around themselves. In my short time here I have been fortunate to witness this transformation. Bearing witness to their success is a privilege!

Each semester, I work with my writing students on finding their "why." What is the motivation behind their work? Do they have a "life's purpose" underlying and enriching all they do? Inevitably, one will ask me about my "why." I tell them I've thought it over carefully, and my purpose is to help young people feel respected and become empowered. This is why I became an educator.

I knew from my first interview at Louisburg College that I would like to work with the down-to-earth, caring and friendly faculty who sat around that table. In the world of higher education, the phrase "family atmosphere" can be cliché, but in our case it's absolutely true. My colleagues are interesting, hard-working, kind-hearted and hilarious, and Louisburg is, indeed, like a "family" to me. My "work friends" are real friends. My supervisors are people I can trust and count on. An atmosphere of generosity and understanding pervades the campus. I have taught at other schools, but there really is no place like Louisburg College.



SUSAN RANÉS

ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH



CHARLES SLOAN

PROFESSOR OF
EDUCATION,
MATHEMATICS
& RELIGION

After many years of teaching at Louisburg College, I recognize that students enjoy learning any subject with the proper encouragement. Louisburg College allows me the academic freedom to keep students engaged. College life is very much like a job: students eventually realize work production is measured by grades earned. Students become more work-oriented and recognize academic study paves the way for progressive learning.

Most students in my mathematics and religion courses will admit they appreciate the challenge, produce good work and are proud of the grade they earned. I am an educator because God gave me the skills to teach. As a Christian, I want to use those skills to help others. I teach my students the logic of mathematics as well as the importance of a relationship to God. I feel very comfortable engaging with my students to teach them these important concepts and skills to maintain a valuable and productive life.

Each day I look forward to coming to Louisburg College. I don't see teaching as work. Instead, I am a mentor to students who want to learn. Louisburg College is a stepping stone for students in continuing their well-rounded education about the realities of life. I am one of those persons with whom they engage to better understand and relate to others. Indeed, how can I but enjoy my role and responsibility as I look forward to each day at Louisburg College?

After working at Louisburg College since 1987, Professor Sloan will retire in May. Thank you, Charles, for serving in many capacities as our institutional research director, golf coach, and instructor (and other roles in between!) you have influenced hundreds of lives.

I became an educator to share my passion for education and history with others. I love teaching at Louisburg College, where I get to know my students as people and have the privilege of learning about their diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities and perspectives.

"I challenge young men and women to realize their potential, and I do that through inspiring my students, pushing them to think critically and helping them find their purpose."



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Knight Family Legacy

By Jamie Eller Patrick '84, Alumni Engagement Officer

Knights were professional cavalrymen of the Middle Ages. As the top soldiers to the kingdom, they protected it at all costs. They served with chivalry – an ancient code of honor, love and sacrifice. And fathers proudly handed down their sacred coats of arms to their sons. People alive today who have been granted knighthood include Sir Robert Redford, Sir Sean Connery, and Sir Paul McCartney.

And then there are born Knights.

“I was a late bloomer. I didn’t know what I wanted to do with my life,” recalls Charles Knight '87, who heroically serves Louisburg College as both Trustee and Alumni Association President. “No one in my immediate family had a four-year degree. I had several jobs after high school, but I could not find my groove. I remembered that my mother, Anna Gibbons Knight, attended Louisburg College from 1962 until 1963. I decided it might be a place for me.”

A presale engineer and systems architect for Canon USA, Knight proudly shares his educational and professional journey with anyone who will listen.

“I would not be where I am today without my time at Louisburg College. It is still, after 231 years, the best kept secret in North Carolina.”

The Knight clan of four includes Charles, wife Cathy, daughter Caroline, and son Cameron. Both children had documented learning disabilities in high school, so their

parents enrolled them at Louisburg after seeing the successes of students in the Learning Partners program.

“I had fond memories of Louisburg, and we wanted them to make the same memories,” said Knight. “Through Learning Partners, they’ve become their own best advocates and developed confidence in their abilities to be successful, even though they learn in ways differing from most of their peers.” Caroline graduated from Louisburg in 2014 and is enrolled in the NeuroDiagnostic Technology program at Pamlico Community College. She plans to work with Alzheimer’s patients in a hospital setting after graduation.

Sophomore Cameron “Cam” is on track to graduate in 2018. “Caroline and I have wished that Louisburg could be a four-year school,” said the former Louisburg College Ambassador of the Year. “I’m so thankful to feel safe and at home here. It’s like a family. I want my kids to find those same feelings, so I keep praying and thinking and hoping that Louisburg will still be here for them.”

As the youngest Knight, Cam observes, “I would not be the man I am without Louisburg College.” He will attend William Peace University this fall and wants to have a career in Special Education or Elementary Education. Meanwhile, he is getting experience by volunteering in a special education classroom during semester breaks.

And while he’s far too humble to identify with “Sir Charles,” the elder Knight unapologetically flies his College colors high. “I need to give back to the institution that took a chance and never gave up on me. Louisburg will never give up on a student who does not give up on themselves. I would like for my grandchildren to attend and continue our family’s legacy. I am passionate about Louisburg College, and get quite emotional talking about it.”



Anna Cornelia Gibbons Knight '63



Charles Knight '87



Caroline Knight '14



Cameron Knight '18

Q&A with Charles Knight

What is something that makes Louisburg College a contender for anyone embarking on a collegiate journey?

If one has the desire to be successful and is willing to take an active role in their learning by applying themselves in their journey towards success, the Louisburg College faculty and staff will help when the burden is more than they are capable of bearing.

If you could offer one piece of wisdom to Louisburg College students, what would it be?

Actually, here are seven...

Strive to know what you don’t know.

Ask questions.

Be curious.

Don’t accept things at face value.

Engage your mind, think things through and come up with your own conclusions.

Resist the temptation to “go with the flow” and the herd mentality.

Trust yourself and always be the very best version of you.

In what ways do you hope the Knight family legacy will inspire people?

Eventually, our family would like to endow a scholarship for a student or students who are not able to partake in Learning Partners due to financial reasons. Too much good happens here and too many lives are transformed for more people not to know about Louisburg College.

Opportunity + Engagement

Louisburg Students Thrive On and Off Campus

At Louisburg College, we strive to ensure that every single one of our students is given the opportunity to excel in the classroom and within the campus community. Our students are part of a learning community where faculty and staff enthusiastically offer the support they need to discover their paths in life and reach their full potential. Whether they find success as a Louisburg College student, after they transfer to a four-year institution or once they begin their dream job, we are incredibly proud of every accomplishment our students achieve. Take a look at some of our past and current students, and learn about the goals they have been able to reach because of the opportunities they were given at Louisburg.

DAJAH DENIS '17

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) was a great experience for me, filled with people who taught and supported me every step of the way. Before I joined the Louisburg College chapter, I would lose my mind just thinking about public speaking. But now, I am confident in my ability to effectively deliver my work to an audience in a way that connects with them. I came in 1st at the State Leadership Conference in 2016 and 2017 and 1st at the National Leadership Conference in 2016. I'm currently studying Marketing Analytics and Intelligence at UNC Charlotte, and thanks to PBL at Louisburg, I'm more prepared for a career in business!



PHI BETA
LAMBDA
BUSINESS
FRATERNITY

NICHOLAS SKERPON '15

My experience here was truly what I always thought college should be like growing up. I made my best friends, created unbelievable memories and had the greatest professors I could have asked for. Louisburg College gave me the freedom to become a young adult while also providing me the guidance I needed at that age. Louisburg also gave me the opportunity to grow as a student. I will forever be grateful Louisburg College. After graduating, I transferred to Ithaca College in New York. I am currently an intern for Corning Incorporated, and I also serve on Louisburg College's Alumni Association Board.



ROGER G.
TAYLOR
HONORS
PROGRAM

LAUREN WILKERSON '10

I used to be embarrassed knowing that I had a different learning style than my peers. However, because of the Louisburg College Learning Partners program, I discovered that at the end of the day, we all learn differently than one another. Once I began attending East Carolina University, I realized that I was able to advocate for myself after having a conversation with one of my professors about my testing anxiety. Learning Partners helped me overcome my fear of speaking up for myself. I owe a lot of my success to Louisburg College and will always have a relationship with my LP specialist, Ms. Kaye!



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DAVID WILLIAMS '18

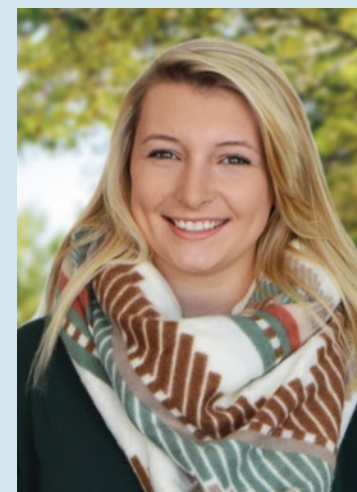
Being a member of Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD) created an avenue for meeting published authors and engaging with peers in new-found environments. To see these prominent authors face-to-face and hear what they had to say really opened my eyes. Interacting with people who are passionate about their work and are constantly pursuing education has been an incredible experience. I will be attending App State in the fall and will major in Special Education. My ability to remain calm in high-stress situations and connect with students who have learning differences helped gear me towards this career path.



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SOCIETY

KIMBERLY ANGE '18

As treasurer of the Louisburg College SNCAE Club, I have been given the opportunity to assume leadership roles and become more involved in a broad range of activities. I believe that this would not have happened to me as a freshman or sophomore at a larger school. My favorite thing about Louisburg is the small, family atmosphere. I came here because I wanted an environment that would enable me to easily communicate with faculty members who truly care about my development. When I graduate from Louisburg, I plan to attend UNC Wilmington and pursue a degree in Elementary Education. I want to help local children develop their abilities, just like I was helped at Louisburg.



STUDENT
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ASSOCIATION
OF EDUCATORS

TIMYRA STATON '15

I decided to return to Louisburg College because I wanted to work in a place where I could give back what was given to me. When I was a student here, the faculty and staff were incredibly helpful and encouraging to me. My past experiences at Louisburg College were phenomenal. Being one of seventeen cousins, I am all about family. I really love being able to help people when they are in need, and that is exactly what Louisburg gave to me. This place is my home-away-from-home, my second family and a great environment where I can get involved on campus and meet new people.



LOUISBURG COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

KATHRYN O'LEARY '17

Being a Student Ambassador was one of my favorite leadership opportunities at Louisburg College! I came to realize how much I enjoy interacting with people and sharing my passion for my institution. I am currently a student at UNC Wilmington, and I am able to apply my past experiences from Louisburg every day in my positions as a tour guide and orientation leader. Very much like my time at Louisburg, I'm becoming more and more involved each day. I am so thankful to be able to work in areas where I can share my college experiences with fellow students and communicate my past and present passions in life.



LOUISBURG COLLEGE STUDENT AMBASSADOR

ALEJANDRO RIVERA QUINTERO '18

Being the president of PTK and a member of Emerging Leaders gave me leadership experience that I will take with me when I leave Louisburg College. I improved upon my communication skills and learned how to verbally express my thoughts in front of my peers. I also discovered what it took to work as a team to achieve a common goal. This semester, I organized a project where we collected books and donated them to local children. My goal is to attend NC State University and major in material engineering.



PHI THETA KAPPA (PTK) HONORS SOCIETY

Giving Students a Voice

By Brittany Hunt, Registrar and Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Although there are many student organizations and clubs vying for students' attention at any given college, the Student Government Association (better known as SGA) is without a doubt the one that represents the voice of the students.



"Both of my positions [in SGA] have been more fulfilling than I could have expected," says Haley Sheehan, spring 2018 graduate and SGA President.

Sheehan started in SGA as a Freshman Senator and fell in love with the position. "SGA has prepared me as a leader," Sheehan explained. "For instance, sitting in on Board of Trustees meetings was intimidating at first, but it is building speaking skills and allowing me to literally give students a voice." Sheehan also serves as a student ambassador (presenting herself as a face of the College by assisting Admissions with campus tours and events that welcome prospective students), as well as actively expanding her world-view through the Canes for Change living-learning community. Sheehan is a member of the track and cross country teams and plans to pursue an Associate of Arts in Education at UNC Greensboro.



For Hill, becoming Vice President was a mere extension of his desire to lead. "I thought [SGA] was a great way for me to give students a voice," he says.

Sheehan's right-hand is Vice President Latrell Hill, another spring 2018 graduate and member of the Louisburg College football team. Hill first joined SGA in his current role as Vice President. He also serves as a resident advisor (overseeing students in a residence hall), is a member of MADE to LEAD (enrichment opportunities for student leaders) and is

a student ambassador. Hill is awaiting decision letters from several institutions, with NC State University as his top preference.

SGA serves as a way for students to voice their concerns and, indeed, has given students a voice. Advised by Jason Modlin, Vice President for Student Life, SGA has three campus improvement projects that are all moving forward. First, lights for the outdoor sand volleyball area will be added so students can safely play as the day grows darker. Next, extended hours for the Robbins Library are underway after a successful trial run. Finally, new computer equipment for the Davis Computer Lab is in the final approval process after a resounding vote of support from President Dr. Gary Brown. "Dr. Brown wanted to get it started the same day," recalls Hill with a laugh.

In this, Sheehan and Hill agree: College staff have stepped in as mentors and curators of the SGA's impact on campus. SGA has responded in kind with the desire to cultivate the relationship between the SGA and the students that it represents and serves. Sheehan recommended a suggestion box be created for students to anonymously submit their requests. Hill proposed reviving town hall meetings for students to candidly voice their opinions to staff and administration.

"There are so many opportunities to lead with SGA when we are freshmen and sophomores at Louisburg College," says Sheehan. Hill confirms this, wishing to "empower students" to take advantage of using their voice and making actual, sometimes immediate, changes in the College.

In keeping with this initiative, the College's Student Life team also recently began Louisburg Listens, a program which prompts the Louisburg College community to participate in an open forum focusing on issues that are currently impacting our students' lives. The first session was held in February and four more are planned for the spring semester. The College community has been encouraged to participate in this civil dialogue and voice issues on their minds.

The students' voice – as championed by Hill and Sheehan – has never been louder nor heard with more desire for change than now.

Opportunity Grows

For Louisburg College Students, Faculty, and Alumni

Cum laude graduate **BREHANNA DANIELS '14** became the first African-American female pit crew member in NASCAR history.



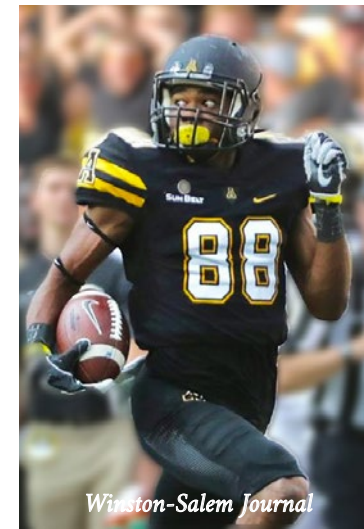
DON FISH '60 was named Tar Heel of the Week by the Raleigh *News & Observer* for his achievement and success as Director of the NC Sports Hall of Fame.

Brantley Award Winner **STEPHANIE TOLBERT '97** has risen to the rank of Senior Vice President of Enrollment and served as Interim President after working at her alma mater for 15 years.



While at Louisburg, **LARRELL MURCHISON '17** became an honor student, team captain and Junior College All-American before he signed with NC State University on a full football scholarship.

ALIZA WILLIAMS '18 boasts incredible academic achievements as she is a member of PBL and PTK, a Co-Chief Marshall (4.0 GPA) and on the volleyball team.



TJ WATKINS '16 caught his first career [an 84-yard] touchdown for Appalachian State University. He was featured in the *Winston-Salem Journal* and several newspapers across the state.

TYREE DAYE, former instructor of English, was featured on WUNC's *The State of Things* for his book of poetry, *River Hymns*, which won the American Poetry Review/Honickman First Book Prize.



With a proven record of extraordinary service to the State, **SUSAN MCKEEL CASPER '72** was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a North Carolina citizen.

A Methodist Calling

Religious Life with Louisburg College Chaplain, Rev. Shane Benjamin

Related by faith to The United Methodist Church, Louisburg College is a college committed to offering a supportive community which nurtures young men and women intellectually, culturally, socially, physically and spiritually.

The College's Chaplain, Rev. Shane Benjamin (pictured below), seeks to empower each of our students with a belief in their infinite value and worth. They are constantly challenged to reflect upon their faith, especially in relation to what is happening in the world, with the hope that they will make lifelong commitments to building and serving in communities dedicated to justice and peace.



Please join us for Chapel! Services are held Tuesdays at 11:00 am.

The Benson Chapel is the hub for spiritual formation and growth on campus, helping students and the College family with individual and communal journeys of faith. Throughout the school year, the Chapel hosts a variety of exciting events ranging from community meetings, gospel concerts, weekly worship, prayer services and Bible studies, to lectures and other activities offered by groups such as The Tar River Historical Society or Daughters of the American Revolution. This kind of holistic approach involving the physical, spiritual and academic needs of students shows that Louisburg College is committed to providing opportunities for our students' success during their college years and beyond.

High Tea at Person Place

A New Louisburg College Tradition

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Homecoming on Main

Reviving an Old Tradition



Homecoming on Main was a fun-filled day and a sweet reminder of the wonderful friendships and experiences that Louisburg College offers to alumni, faculty, staff and friends. Old friends and classmates gathered around a delicious buffet of chicken 'n' waffles and a live bluegrass band. Alumni and their families also enjoyed lawn games, a moon bounce and, of course, the company of old and new friends.



The stands were packed, spirits were high and the football team did not disappoint. With a 48-17 victory, the Hurricanes notched another win in their undefeated season.



ALLEN DE HART HUMANITARIAN AWARD was given to Charley-John Smith. For over 30 years, the name Charley-John Smith was synonymous with Louisburg College Theatre. During his time here, Smith mentored, coached and directed thousands of Louisburg College students (and sometimes faculty and staff). He directed over a hundred stage productions, including two outdoor dramas, a feature length horror movie and his famous musical adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol!* Vision, dedication and creativity are words that best describe this man who has touched the lives of so many, not only at Louisburg, but on stages across the nation.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD was given to Daniel Thomas '07, an acclaimed chef, cookbook author and philanthropist. After graduating from Louisburg College, Chef Daniel Thomas graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. Thomas grew up in Washington, D.C. and has spent much of his career serving culinary creations to politicians, entertainers, athletes, celebrities, foreign Heads of State and even the President of the United States. A career highlight was serving with the team of chefs at the Annual Kennedy Center Honors Awards Program. In 2009, he had the honor to cook for the nation's 44th President, Barack Obama, the First Lady and Vice President Joseph Biden during the Presidential Inauguration.



Pictured from left to right: Brittany Hunt, Charley-John Smith, Daniel Thomas, Scott Shook and Daniel Wilson

CECIL W. ROBBINS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD was given to Scott Shook '90, born and raised in Raleigh. Shook was the second of three in his family to attend Louisburg College. At Louisburg, Shook established himself firmly in his pursuit of learning and then later attended NC State University, before enrolling at East Carolina University. Shook was awarded a degree in economics before embarking upon a successful career in banking and finance. In 2013, he was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to serve on the NC State Board of Community Colleges. In 2015, Shook was elected chair and re-elected in July of this year.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD was given to Brittany Hunt '10. After graduating from Louisburg College, Hunt earned her undergraduate degree in English from North Carolina State University. She then joined the Louisburg College staff full-time with the Office of Admissions before transitioning into the role of Director of Institutional Effectiveness. Hunt now also serves as the Registrar for her alma mater and helps to ensure that Louisburg students are on the path to academic success. During her time at Louisburg, Hunt has been recognized with several awards, including the Henry Douglass "Doug" Lindsay III '66 Young Alumnus Service Award in 2015.

HENRY DOUGLASS "DOUG" LINDSAY III '66 YOUNG ALUMNUS SERVICE AWARD was given to Daniel Wilson '06. Growing up as a first-generation college student, Wilson was blessed to start his academic journey at Louisburg College. Wilson also earned a basketball scholarship to play at Louisburg under head coach Enid Drake. From here, he went on to receive another basketball scholarship at Longwood University, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Sociology. He earned a master's degree from Liberty University and a Ph.D from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Wilson is currently the Associate Dean of Student Enrollment Services at Nash Community College.

Louisburg Advances in STEM

By Meridith Berson, Manager of Advancement Services



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Opportunities grow for students at Louisburg College. Success is a tradition here, and for the past 231 years we have been helping bridge the gap from high school to highly selective four-year institutions. If you or someone you know is interested in attending Louisburg, contact our Admissions Office today!

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“Crucial to science education is hands-on involvement: showing, not just telling; real experiments and field trips and not just virtual reality.”

– Martin Rees, Ph.D., astrophysicist and cosmologist

The natural sciences are a crucial and unique part of a student’s education. They require the student to transform dormant textbook theories into living, manifested experiments. They teach creative experimental design and nurture mental grit and perseverance. The outcomes shape and fuel the everyday lives of tomorrow.

In response, Louisburg College’s Associate of Science in General Science degree utilizes a hands-on philosophy to prepare and equip students for their subsequent bachelor’s degrees and the workforce. With the addition of 3D printers, which are used in chemistry, biology and biotech lab courses, students are able to print models for closer examinations.

With the future addition of DNA sequencers, students will be able to study cloning, polymerase chain reactions, high-performance liquid chromatography and genome sequencing. Many of these experiments will mirror those used by police forces and crime labs.

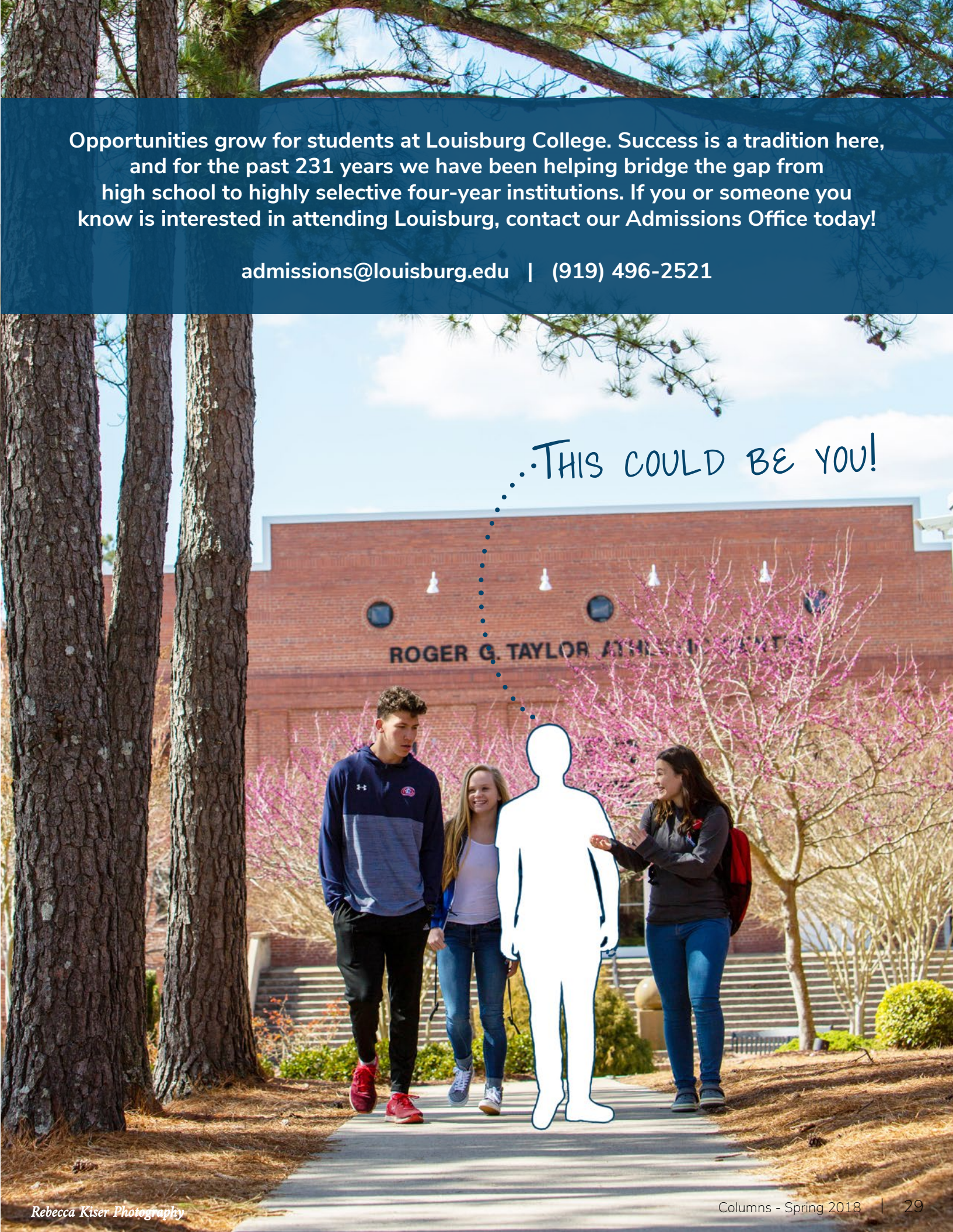
All of these new technologies build on Louisburg’s expanded science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program and the new Associate of Science in General Science

STEM degree. The coursework – which also provides exams for the NABCEP solar and wind certification, the US-EPA pollution prevention certification, and the US Labor-OSHA 40 hour HAZWOPER certification – prepares students to seamlessly transfer into a four-year college or enter the workforce.

“We are proud of all of the opportunities we can offer our students and excited about adding to these opportunities,” said Emily Zank, Interim Vice President for Academic Life. “It highlights the mission of Louisburg College and displays our relentless pursuit of equipping our students for success.”

Interest in this degree continues to grow and, at the bequest of the late Allen de Hart, the Louisburg College de Hart Gardens will soon be the site of a wet lab where students can examine samples collected from the grounds and surrounding areas.

It will also provide a secondary lecture hall for classes and allow students to complete their examinations and experiments on site.



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UNDEFEATED

The nationally ranked Louisa County High School Football team celebrated another undefeated season as the Hurricanes closed out a 7-0 record in 2017. This accomplishment comes on the heels of the 2016 undefeated season. Led by head coach Trevor Highfield, the Hurricanes achieved an 8-0 record, notching wins against teams like Nassau Community College, NC Wesleyan, Palmetto Prep Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Members of the sophomore class (pictured left) at Louisa County High School will graduate in May, having never lost a football game as Hurricanes.

Coach Highfield and his staff do a great job of developing character and talent by helping student athletes reach their potential at Louisa County High School. As a result, players are able to adapt to a college lifestyle in and out of the classroom.

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Highlights and Accomplishments of Some of Our Nationally-Ranked Athletic Teams



The Lady Canes Basketball team played in the Region X Championship after winning a first round bye, finishing their season with a record of 23-5 (18-4 in the conference).



Louisburg Track & Field member, Zach Boyers, won the state title in shot-put.



The Louisburg College Cheerleading Team took home the 3rd place trophy from the NCA National Cheer Competition in Daytona Beach, FL.



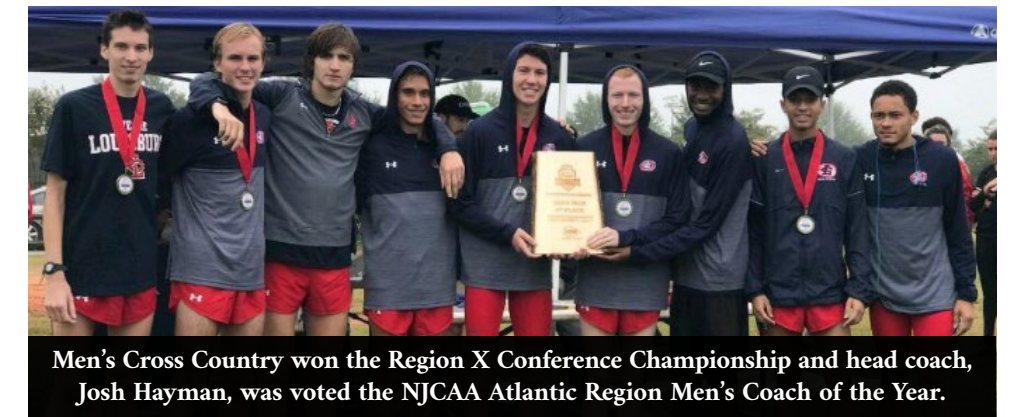
The Men's Basketball team was crowned Region X Champions after a 96-95 win against Richard Bland.



Men's Soccer won both the 2017 NJCAA Region X Championship and the NJCAA Southeast Division Tournament.



Baseball is off to a 19-11 start, and is currently ranked 3rd in the Region X Conference.



Men's Cross Country won the Region X Conference Championship and head coach, Josh Hayman, was voted the NJCAA Atlantic Region Men's Coach of the Year.



Sophomore and middle infielder Monica Pepe (above ↑) was one of only fifteen Softball players in all of Division I NJCAA to be named to the All-American team.



Three Lady Canes Volleyball players were selected to the Region X All-Conference teams and eight made the Hurricane Scholar Athlete list.

Training Future Educators

By Dr. Kelvin Spragley, Associate Professor of History & Education

In spring of 2017, the Louisburg College Board of Trustees approved the new Associate of Arts in Education degree for students who are interested in pursuing a career in K-12 education. The pathway – which is ideal for students who want to be teachers, school counselors, school social workers, school administrators or coaches – provides students with both theoretical and hands-on experiences while pursuing the degree. In addition to completing at least 61 semester hours of course work, students are also required to accrue 60 volunteer hours in an educational setting, complete a three-chapter capstone project, participate in a mock interview and take a practice version of the *Praxis* tests.

When the new degree path was initiated, eight Louisburg College students switched their major to the A.A. in Education degree path, all of whom are scheduled to graduate in spring/summer of 2018. Currently, the program has 25 students who are registered as education majors.

Throughout the 2017-2018 academic year, students in education courses have visited more than 10 schools. While on these visits, Louisburg College students toured campuses, observed classes and participated in education panels with teachers, administrators, and students. In most cases, students continue to stay in touch with teachers at these schools via a program referred to as “electronic mentoring.” The electronic mentoring concept allows students to ask practitioners questions in real time regarding education issues that students are discussing in class or that are discussed in the media.

To aid students with their intellectual development in the area of education, the following courses are required for graduation in the A.A. in Education program: Foundations of Education, Classroom Management & Instruction and

Advanced Issues in Education. In these courses, students examine past and present education policies, the history of education in America and the state of education today. Another benefit of the new education program is that students are provided an opportunity to join the affinity group, Student North Carolina Association of Educators (SNCAE), which is affiliated with the National Education Association (NEA).

By joining this professional organization, students not only receive liability insurance as a safety measure to protect them while visiting classrooms, they also participate in pre-service teacher trainings, receive a quarterly e-newsletter, and attend statewide conferences where they collaborate with their peers from other institutions. When students leave Louisburg College and transition to senior institutions, this membership is maintained and they are allowed to renew.

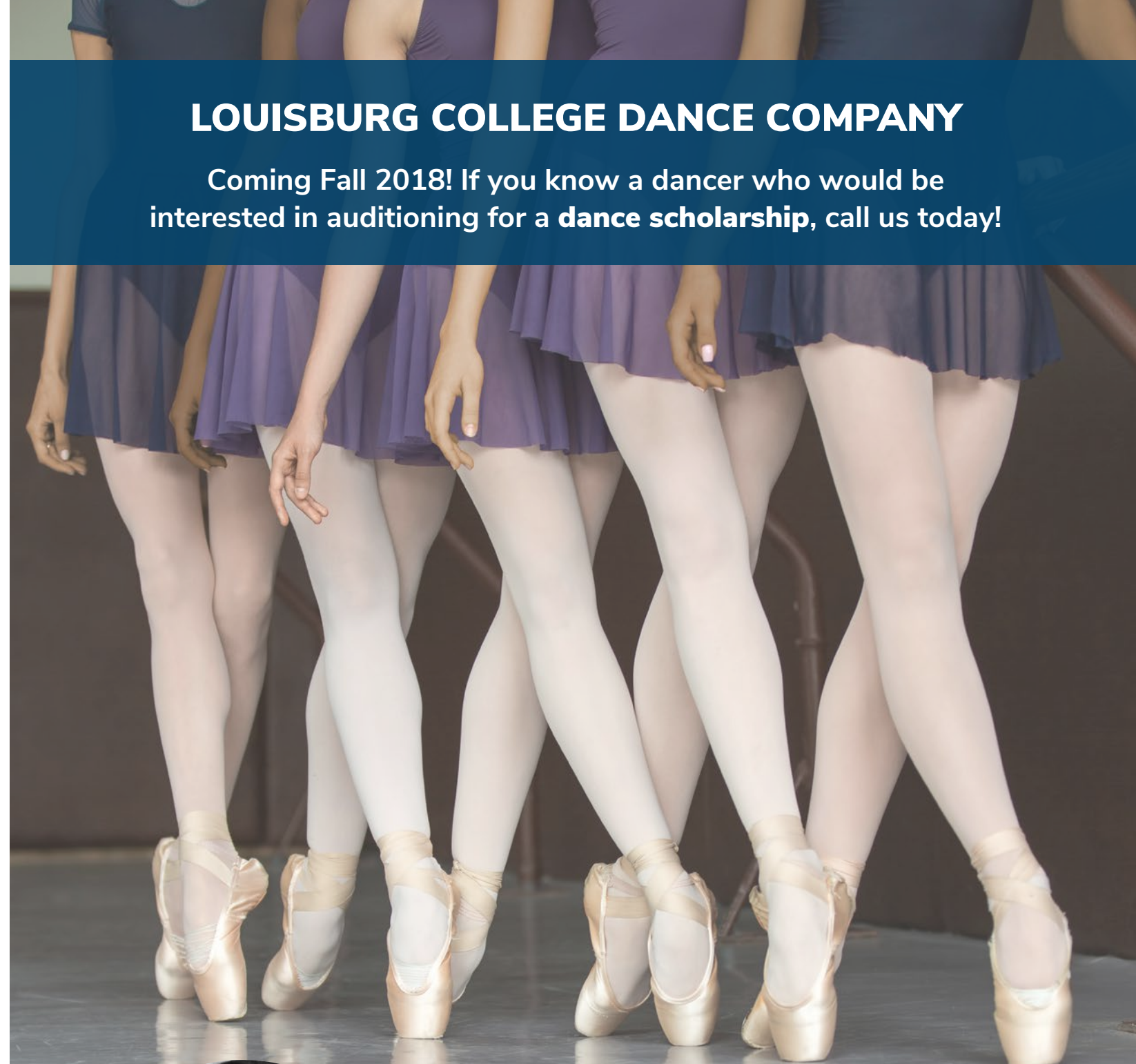
As the program continues to grow, there are a number of activities planned. One of the goals is to visit more local high schools to encourage students to attend Louisburg College. With a small student-to-teacher ratio, this pathway is structured to provide the one-on-one attention that students need to assess their interest in the area of education.

Finally, to better assist students with transferring, Louisburg seeks articulation agreements with senior institutions. This becomes increasingly important as students strive to make sure that all of their classes will transfer into their program of interest when they leave Louisburg College.

Needless to say, we are proud of our accomplishments thus far, with hopes of achieving even greater success in the future as the program evolves.

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Men's Basketball finished **2nd place** in the 2017 NJCAA Championship

The Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Business Fraternity students won **1st place** in the 2017 National Business Competition



REAL WORLD IMPACT



Of our graduates who transfer, 92% go on to 4-year colleges and universities



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LEARNERS TO LEADERS

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42+ of our clubs, organizations, and sports teams are all led by freshmen and sophomores

44 students are enrolled in the 2017-2018 Taylor Honors Program



Here at Louisburg College, we are proud of our students, faculty and staff. They excel in the classroom, on the athletic fields and on the stage. You should be proud to be connected to such an inspirational and transformational institution of higher education.

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Philanthropy Leads to Progress

By Chad Barefoot, Vice President of Institutional Advancement



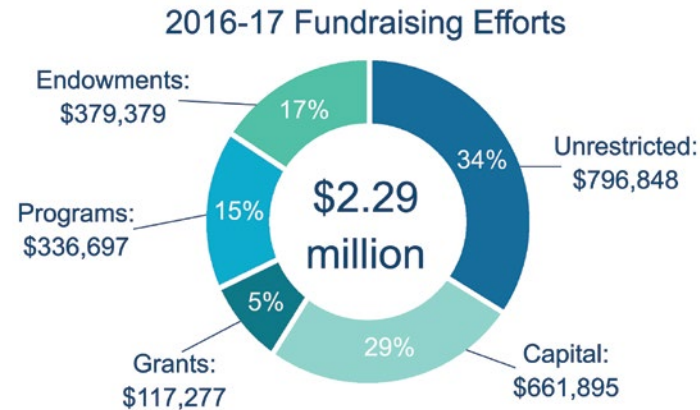
I cannot begin to tell you what a pleasure it was to celebrate the culmination of the 230th Anniversary of Louisburg College with many of you at the Louisburg Society Plaque Dedication earlier last fall. I am in awe of the generosity and kindness of Louisburg's supporters. Thank you for always making the College a top priority.

If you are hearing about these wonderful events for the first time, then connect with us! We want you to stay engaged with your alma mater. You can stay up to date through social media or our monthly e-newsletters. By donating to the College, you will receive a quarterly print publication called *Opportunity Grows* that features the latest news and happenings around campus.

Your support helps us continue a legacy of growing opportunities for students. Alumni and the Louisburg College family have been investing in our students for over 230 years. We are so thankful that you are a part of that tradition. The impact that your donation has on the lives of countless students, faculty and staff is incalculable. On behalf of them, we are most grateful because opportunity grows through every gift at Louisburg College.

The 231st year of Louisburg College's history has been an exciting one. We've welcomed a new president and the College is experiencing historic levels of giving and philanthropy. We listened to you, and the Office of Institutional Advancement has redesigned the Louisburg Society, which now boasts historic participation levels with membership featuring exclusive events, concerts, newsletters and recognition on campus. Last year, the Louisburg Society experienced an 81% increase in membership with over 240 active members.

Culturally, the campus remains vibrant and alive. Under the leadership of JPAC Director Robert Poole, the annual Allen de Hart Concert Series continues to be a smashing success. We have made the North Carolina Symphony's *Holiday Pops* an annual tradition at the College. Professor Will Hinton's traveling art exhibitions are impressive and thought provoking and Norris Theatre Director Wally Hurst's productions are entertaining must sees!



Louisburg College's Endowment funds saw a huge increase in the 2016-17 fiscal year, thanks to the bequests of alumnus John Edwards and Faculty Emeritus S. Allen de Hart.

Your gifts help support Louisburg College in many areas around campus:



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Leonard had given generously to the College during his life, supporting Louisburg College's Learning Partners program, athletic scholarship programs and various capital projects. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to use Leonard's gift to further the mission of Louisburg College.

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In 1934, Coca-Cola named Lettie Pate to the Board of Directors. She was one of the first women in the United States to serve on the board of a major corporation. When she died in 1953, her legacy only grew. Her entire estate was left for charitable causes, including lending scholarship support to Christian women in the Southeast.

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Roger G. Taylor attended Louisburg College in 1967-1968 where he was captain of the basketball team. He went on to be the captain at NC Wesleyan and was named the Most Outstanding Student-Athlete, Most Valuable Player and All-Conference player, and became an All-American.

Taylor was the owner of Roger G. Taylor & Associates, a financial services firm located in Rocky Mount, NC, for over 40 years. He now serves on Louisburg College's Board of Trustees and is also a member and past president of the Louisburg College Hurricane Club. Taylor has served as president of the Louisburg College Alumni Association, and in 1992 was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 2007, he was inducted into the Louisburg College inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 2012, the Holton Gymnasium was renamed the Roger G. Taylor Athletic Center to honor Taylor's longtime contributions and generosity to Louisburg, including his role in a \$500,000 fundraising effort to upgrade the facility. Taylor also founded the Taylor Honors Program, which offers enhanced learning and travel opportunities, as well as additional scholarship funding, to qualified students. Taylor continues to be an invaluable part of Louisburg College both in his service and philanthropy.



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A Glimpse Into 231 Years of Life on Campus

The Alma Mater

*Alma Mater, shelt'ring college
Thou hast been our guiding friend,
From thy fount of flowing knowledge
We would drink until the end.
Be thy children's inspiration,
Glowing light to cheer and guide;
Stand, Old College, Alma Mater,
Through the changing years abide.*

*Greater love and veneration
Be thy portion, Mother dear;
May each coming generation
Bring rich gifts thy heart to cheer.
May thy stalwart columns heavenward
Ever point the way of life.
Stand, Old College, Alma Mater,
Through the changing years abide.*

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Class Notes

The Stories and Successes of Our Alumni

'61 HARRY LANGE, county commissioner for 18 years, was named Harris County, GA Citizen of the Year, inducted into Atlanta Buckhead MiLB Coaches Hall of Fame, and will be sworn in as President of Association County Commissioners (ACCG) of Georgia.

'64 JIM HOGSETT is founder and president of Worker Ministries, which promotes the Christian work ethic throughout the world. He authored *A Worker Need Not Be Ashamed*, a book concerned with how to live the Christian life in the workplace.

'65 JAMES V. ORR is officially retired from Frost National Bank as of 2008.

'66 MERCER M. FAULKNER retired from Wells Fargo in 2011 after working in risk management for 43 years in South Florida. He sold his beach properties and moved to Kansas farmland. "I manage my son's farms and his cattle, plus our farm. It all keeps me busy seven days a week. Life is good!"

'67 PETER GRIFFIN retired in October 2017 from Wells Fargo Advisors (WFA) in Norfolk, VA. He led the financial advisory team Griffin-Hines Investment Group of WFA for 125 families, overseeing \$165 million. Griffin loves being with his wife of 47 years, Laura, two sons, and five grandkids. He is active in his church, Rotary Club and loves exercising.

'70 DEBORAH J. MOORE Watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings by Deborah J. Moore can be found at Frangipani Gallery A and Stone Soup Gallery in Key West.

'71 EMMETT SNEAD recently turned the settings of his childhood into a work of historical fiction. *Yankees In the Cornfield* is a story set in 1960's Fredericksburg, VA and is available on Amazon.

'73 MAURY YORK was elected president of the Historical Society of North Carolina in October 2017, for a term of one year.

'75 JAMES "JIM" FLOYD AMMONS, JR., the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge in Cumberland County, received the J. O. Tally, Jr. Award from the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club on February 9, 2018, for "Distinguished Leadership and Manifest Loyalty to the Kiwanis Family."

'76 MICHAEL EAVES retired December 31, 2017 after 34 years of service with USDA-Farm Service Agency. His last position was Administrative Officer in the state office in Raleigh, NC.

'76 JONATHAN PHILLIPS was awarded a major lifetime achievement award in Geomorphology, the Melvin Marcus Distinguished Career Award.

'79 THOMAS "PHIL" DARK just received the 2017 Grower of the Year award from the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association.

'80 CARL BROWER is the chairman of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission.

'86 DALLAS TROY GLOVER graduated from Vance-Granville Community College with a medical assisting diploma. In 2017, he received his Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) certification from American Medical Technologists.

'88 ROBERT GEORGE retired from the New York City Police Department (NYPD) after 23 years at the rank of Sergeant Detective. He spent most of his career assigned to the Intelligence Division, and was fortunate to travel to 18 different countries. He is starting his fifth year working with the NY METS baseball organization.

"[I have] nothing but great memories from Louisburg College, especially the baseball ones."

'88 DR. M. DAVID CHAMBERS is entering his 22nd year on staff at Antioch Baptist Church in Timberlake, NC. He is also celebrating the publishing of two books: *The Best Is Yet To Come* and *Perpetuity*. A third book entitled *Heaven* will be published this year from Hammock Publishing.

'90 LEWIS BRIDGFORTH, III recently accepted a new position in the field of data analytics.

'93 JIM HART is the Campus Pastor and Director of Christian Education at Crossnore School and Children's Home.

'96 ANWAR ATKINSON is a U.S. Customs and Immigration Agent.

'96 TRAVIS CHERRY, two-time Grammy-nominated music producer, musician, and songwriter finished 2017 with two new album releases: *Case* and *Demetria McKinney*. His music has been featured on four TV shows in 2017 -- "Unsung" in February, "Bobbi Kristina" in October, "Superstition" and "Soul Train Awards" in November.

'97 JENNIFER MITCHELL WHEELER was the inaugural recipient of the Louisburg College Faye Griffin Service Award in May 2017, which recognizes a Louisburg College administrator who exemplifies excellence and service to the College.

'03 ANGEL JONES was a shortstop on the Louisburg College softball team, and now her son, Matthew Mayes, is currently attending Louisburg College and is a shortstop on the baseball team! He came with her to practice when he was a toddler. "It means the world to me that his baseball career is starting at Louisburg!"

'14 DERRICK VAUSE will graduate from North Carolina State University in May 2018 and has been accepted into Campbell Law School. He and wife, Ashley, recently celebrated the birth of their son, Lincoln.

IN MEMORIAM

MARK JOYNER began working at Louisburg College in 2003 and shepherded the College into the 21st Century by establishing the technology infrastructure that the College relies on for operation today. As the Chief Technology Officer, Joyner was constantly dreaming of the next big innovation he could implement to better educate students, to provide tools to faculty, and to support staff in their various roles.

Joyner also served as the "Voice of the Hurricanes," announcing and live streaming countless athletic events and providing tech and sound services for the Allen de Hart Concert Series. Through his work, Joyner's dedication to the College was unquestionable, but, more than anything, Joyner was a beloved, irreplaceable colleague who was always willing to lend a hand and crack a joke to brighten someone's day.

SOPHIA AGNES SPIVEY CODY '38 passed away peacefully at her residence on April 14, 2017 after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 97. Sophie was born in Louisburg, graduated valedictorian, and studied organic chemistry at UNC Chapel Hill.

As the first female realtor in the state, Sophie made sure the G.I. Bill helped returning veterans find homes. She also helped raise funding to build a new facility for Goodwill Industries in 1959, thus, providing a transformative expansion of jobs and services. Sophie was named "Goodwill Woman of the Year" and also received the Junior League Award for Outstanding Community Service.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Tell us about your news! Did you get a promotion? Get married? Travel to an exotic location? Win an award? Did an exciting, life-altering event happen to you? Do you just want to let your classmates know you are doing well? The Class Notes section in Louisburg College's annual alumni magazine, *Columns*, is the perfect vehicle to let your classmates – and alma mater – know what is new with you!

Please email all class notes to jpatrick@louisburg.edu.



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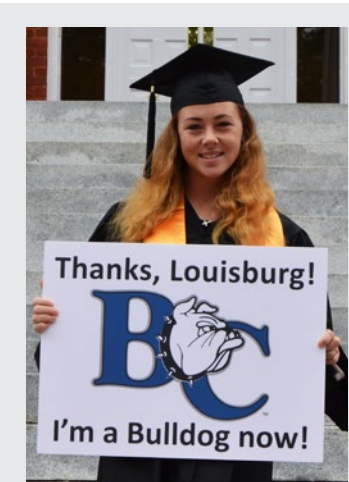
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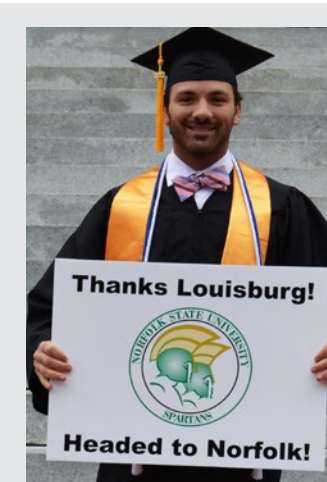
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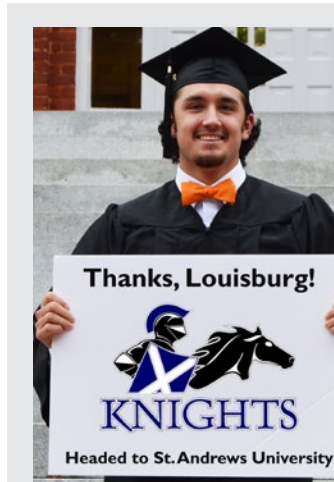
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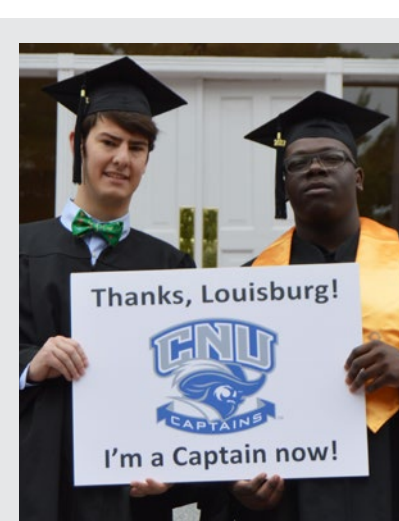
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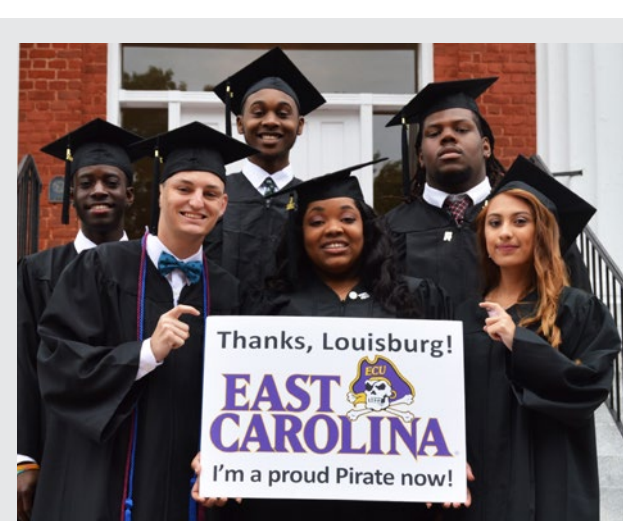
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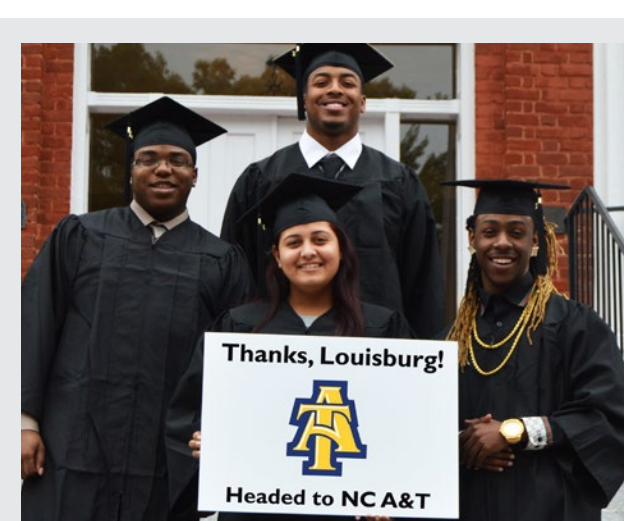
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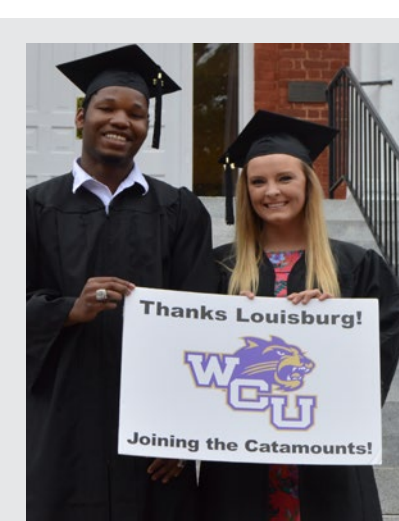
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