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The Weekly Newsletter for Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Friends of Louisburg College

Spotlight on December Graduate Brandant Akins

Brandant Akins of Raleigh, N.C., will graduate from Louisburg College this month with an associates in business, and this spring he is headed to Appalachian State University, where he plans to complete his bachelors degree in accounting. For a young man who had not originally planned to go to college, we are proud to report that Brandant is graduating with an overall GPA of 3.2!

After visiting a friend who attended Louisburg, Brandant was inspired to apply for admission. "I chose Louisburg College because I needed to build a new academic foundation," says Brandant. Now, two years later, his fondest memory of LC, he says, is the "friendly admissions staff."

During his time as a student, Brandant realized that applying himself and working hard would be the key to his success. "I learned that I was always capable of doing this well," he says.

He encourages current and prospective students to "stick to it" and finish their degree. "If you do," he says, "so many doors that never seemed possible will become open to you."

As a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the College's honor society, and the Chorale, Brandant stretched himself beyond academics, fully immersing himself in college life.

He hopes to be remembered by the College staff and fellow classmates as "a striving student who excelled beyond the common expectations."



Great Futures Coach Marla Peoples and Brandant Akins.



Brighten Christmas for a Local Child

During the intermission of the show "It's a Wonderful Life," on Saturday, December 8th, the College will host a special Christmas tree lighting in the lobby of the JPAC. During that time, we encourage patrons to bring an unwrapped gift for a Franklin County boy or girl and place it under the tree. (You can also bring a gift during JPAC open hours between now and Decemeber 14.

Pictured: President La Branche, Leigh Ann Parrish, and Robert Poole in front of the Jones Center Christmas Tree.

Bookstore Christmas Sale

Pick up some LC gear as gifts for family and friends! Now through December 14th, the Bookstore will hold its Annual Christmas Sale. Stop by anytime between 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday through Friday, to enjoy 10% off your purchase of tees, sweats, shorts, and hats. All LC employees get an additional 15% off their entire purchase. For more information, stop by the Bookstore or contact Brandy Gupton, Bookstore Manager, at 497-3224 or bgupton@louisburg.edu.





It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre

Saturday, December 8, 2012 | 7:30 PM

Jones Performing Arts Center

Experience the magic of this 1940s "live broadcast" of Frank Capra's beloved film. Its message of hope and optimism will bring warm holiday cheer to the whole family!

Holiday Discounts for Ticket Holders

To help you with your holiday shopping, the following retail businesses are offering our patrons a discount through December 31st. Just bring in your ticket stub or punched season pass from "It's A Wonderful Life" to access your discount!

LOUISBURG

Stewart's Jewelers

(218 N. Bickett Boulevard)

15% off purchase

Rose Garden Frame Shop

(101 Industrial Drive)

10% off one order

WAKE FOREST

The Cotton Company

(306 South White Street)

10% off one item

RALEIGH

Triangle Treasures

(Triangle Town Center and Quail Corners Shopping Center)

10% off purchase

Christmas at the Manor

The Franklin County Arts Council is hosting "Christmas at the Manor" at the Hudson Manor on 908 Moulton Road in Louisburg this Saturday, December 8th, from 4-7 P.M. Jewelry made by LC's own Emily Zank and Amy Wolfe will be on display and for sale. Please visit <http://www.fcacarts.org/events.html> for more information and to purchase tickets in advance.

Athletics

FOOTBALL

The Hurricanes football team attended their first bowl game in school history where they were defeated 30-27 in the 2012 Graphic Edge Bowl in Cedar Falls, Iowa. LC took on a strong Ellsworth CC Panthers who improved to 7-4 with their third Graphic Edge Bowl win in the last five years.

LC got off to a great start as **Jeff Richardson** (Charlotte, NC/Rock Hill HS) picked off a Panther's pass in ECC's first possession, but Louisburg went three-and-out forcing a punt that was returned all the way, giving Ellsworth a 7-0 lead. The 'Canes struck next as **Madison Mills** (Winston Salem, NC/Carver HS) hooked up with **David Alston** (West End, NC/Pinecrest HS) tying things up at 7-7.

Louisburg went on a couple scoring runs extending their lead to 20-10 in the second quarter, but once again ECC had a big drive and scored a touchdown (that wasn't converted after a missed extra point) in the final seconds of the opening half, setting the score at 20-16.

The Panthers returned the opening kick of the second half 81 yards which set up what could have been a go-ahead score, but Louisburg's defense picked off their third pass of the game ending a good ECC scoring opportunity.

Neither team made up much ground in the third quarter, but ECC did take a seven point lead as they scored a touchdown that was followed by a

successful two point conversion. With the score set at 27-20, Ellsworth was knocking on the door again when LC forced a fumble, deep in their own end, that was returned all the way by **Brandon McGee** (Milton, NC/Bartley Yancey HS) knotting things up at 27-27.

In the final minutes of the game, the 'Canes had a chance to take the lead but **Ryan Samuels'** (Fredricksburg, VA/Massaponax HS) 45 yard field goal attempt was blocked and returned to the LC end of the field. A couple plays later the Panthers hit a short field goal as the clock expired, giving ECC the 30-27 win and closing Louisburg's year at 6-3.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The #2 LC man's basketball team improved their season record to 10-0 with a pair of wins last week. Louisburg took a mid-week game, 109-58, over Richard Bland College on Wednesday; then the 'Canes opened up Region X play with a 114-87 win over Lenoir CC.

The Hurricanes had six players score in double-digits in the win over Bland. **Marcus Freeman** led the way as he scored 15 points and pulled down ten rebounds. The 6'8" forward also played strong under his hoop, blocking six shots.

Guard **Paul Stone** (Danville, VA/Dan River HS) was the leader in the conference win over LCC as he picked up a

double-double, scoring 18 points and swiping 12 boards. The sophomore also dished out six assists.

The Hurricanes will play two more games before the break; both will be road contests.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The #3 LC women's team also played a pair of games last week, both in New Rochelle, New York. The lady 'Canes suffered their first loss of 2012 on Saturday, in the first game of the weekend as they were knocked off 63-62 by Monroe CC. The Hurricanes bounced back in the second game of the weekend as they defeated #5 Monroe College, 76-66, on Sunday.

Shooting guard **Justin Taylor** (Gastonia, NC/Ashbrook HS) led Louisburg on Saturday as she had a team-high 21 points. Sophomore guard **Tiffany Johnson** (Philadelphia, PA/Prep Charter) led the 'Canes in Sunday's win, scoring a game-high 19 points. **Jazmine Parker** (Burlington, NC/Oak Ridge Military) and **Latrice Phelps** (Virginia Beach, VA/Tallwood HS) each just missed double-doubles as Parker scored 15 points and pulled down eight boards, while Phelps scored nine points and swiped 11 rebounds.

The 8-1 Lady 'Canes will play one more game before the holiday break when they travel to Pendleton, SC to take on Tri-County Tech on Friday.

We Want to Hear from YOU!

To have your news included in the next Mid.Week.Message, please email your submission by **Monday at 5PM** to: Melinda McKee, Director of Communications and Marketing, mmckee@louisburg.edu.

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