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Welcoming Reinhardt’s 20th President
Dr. Kina S. Mallard
Cover: Reinhardt’s new President Dr. Kina S. Mallard and her husband, Steve Dietz, have immersed themselves in all facets of campus life, including getting to know students like Ansley Avera (seated, from left), Kelli Skokowski, Ariel Murphy and Caleb Smith. For more on their passion for involvement, outreach and interaction, see p. 4-6.
I am honored and overjoyed to serve as Reinhardt’s 20th President. Many of you have been connected to this special place for more than 40 years. As a new Reinhardt Family member, I want to share with you some of my first impressions.

Reinhardt is a place where mind and spirit soar. For those of you who are alumni, your lives bear testimony to The Reinhardt Education, a holistic education that challenges with care. You encountered professors who taught you to think and respond critically and creatively, to write and speak clearly and persuasively, to reason quantitatively, to engage in collaborative problem-solving and to view the world with compassion and hope. Reinhardt prepared you to make your way in a world of innovation and change, liberated from boundaries rather than defined by them. While this great university has grown and evolved in some ways, our values have not changed. Committed faculty and staff still mentor and encourage our students’ minds to seek wisdom and favor with God and neighbor.

Reinhardt helps students find their purpose and place in the world. The Reinhardt Education provides curriculum and conversations to help students explore and express their opinions, their ideas and their faith. Students consider questions of calling such as “Who am I?” “Where do I fit in this complex, challenging and rapidly changing world?” “How do I find and fulfill the central purpose of my life?” Reinhardt continues to prepare graduates as lifelong learners achieving their full potential, not to be the best in the world, but to be the best for the world. When our students walk across the stage and receive their diplomas, they leave equipped for professional success, personal enrichment and public leadership.

The Reinhardt Campus is one of our greatest assets. I refer to our beautiful campus as a university in a park, providing a physical environment for sparking intellectual curiosity and wonder of God’s creation, building friendships and community, and engaging in physical exercise and quiet reflection. From President Burgess’ passion for planting and identifying trees on campus to the inspiring landscaping and hiking trails today, generations of faculty and staff have been faithful stewards of our resources. The assets of the cities of Waleska and Canton, and the proximity to Atlanta, provide opportunities for students to serve those in need, participate in internships and experience intellectual, cultural and spiritual enrichment.

Recently, a faculty member referred to Reinhardt as a “place of hearts.” I agree. Thank you for giving Reinhardt your heart. I look forward to meeting each one of you.

Sincerely,

Kina S. Mallard, Ph.D.
President
The Blue and Gold Room in the President’s Home was designed to be a comfortable meeting and recreational space. Dr. Kina Mallard and Steve Dietz, her husband, enjoy getting to know students (from left) Calvin Robertson, DeVante Wynn, Ashlyn Taylor, Jaime Palmer, Torge Wiedenroth, Bradley “Luke” Hayes, Courtney Reaves and Lindsay Higgins.

Dr. Kina S. Mallard – The University’s 20th President

Since being named president in February and taking office in May, Mallard has embraced her new role. “Over the past months as I have gotten to know [Reinhardt’s] rich history, excellent faculty and staff, and superior students, I cannot imagine a better place to be,” she said.

Her passion for higher education developed early when she realized a love for communication, theatre and teaching. She has worked her way up the academic ranks, from instructor through increasingly complex and responsible roles to her last post as executive vice president and provost at Carson-Newman University.

A successful speaker and workshop leader, many of her published works address academic leadership, finding joy in work, communication and private and Christian higher education.

Mallard is a high energy leader who enjoys seeing her plans come to fruition.

“I’ve always been wired to love to get things done; I love to get results. I enjoy having an idea, putting a plan together, finding funding for the plan, and making it successful. At the end of every day I’m happier when I’ve accomplished a lot. Part of that is the joy of the work. Joy is also knowing that you are doing meaningful work and transforming lives.”

Mallard is married to Steve Dietz, and together, they have five children. Four are adults pursuing their own careers while the youngest is an engineering major at the University of Alabama. — MSW
2015–2016 Priorities

- **Develop a 5-year Strategic Plan** including New Academic Programs and Marketing and Branding Strategies
- **Raise money** for Student Scholarships and Campus Master Plan Funding
- **Build Relationships** with Alumni, Donors and Friends of Reinhardt
- **Focus on Student Success** including Increasing Retention and Graduation Rates

**Academic Background**

**Ph.D., Communication**
M.A., Organizational Communication
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

**B.S., Speech and Theatre**
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

**Leadership Experience**

2009–2015
Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Executive Vice President and Provost
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

2005–2009
Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.
Academic Dean

1990–2005
Union University, Jackson, Tenn.
Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Development
Director, Center for Faculty Development
Chair, Communication Arts Department

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
Graduate Teaching Associate, Communication

1984–1988
North Greenville College, Tigerville, S.C.
Instructor, Fine Arts Department

Dr. Kina Mallard and her husband, Steve Dietz, are EMBRACING UNIVERSITY LIFE. “We love the students; we draw energy from them. The President’s Home is a hub of activity. We’ll be having events to bring people in. We are bringing new energy and connections.”
Welcome to Your President’s Home

Dr. Mallard wants to fully utilize the Hal Wansley President’s Home for meetings and events. “This beautiful home BELONGS TO REINHARDT, and we want it to be open and welcoming for our students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends,” she said.

The August Alumni Board of Governors meeting was one of the first events held at the newly renovated President’s Home. “We were so glad to host this important meeting in our home. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and making connections. We also set some ambitious goals and have a busy year planned,” Mallard said.

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This spring McCamish School of Business students had more than just good grades on their minds. Tina Boosel’s Project Management class and Dr. Joann Adeogun’s International Business class studied the complicated problems of hunger, inadequate clothing and malaria, as they partnered with SERV International, a Christian nonprofit in Canton, Ga. Dr. Dana Hall’s Nonprofit Marketing Campaign Strategies class focused on a malaria prevention campaign founded by the United Methodist Church. The classes’ efforts raised or collected:

- **$1000** to buy the materials to build a bread oven for House of Hope, an orphanage in Kenya run by SERV International. The oven provides fresh bread for the children and extra bread to sell to the local community to generate income.

- **262** pairs of donated flip flops - See the smiling and dancing Hope of Hope residents above as they celebrate their new shoes.

- **$500** for mattresses and malaria nets for the orphanage to help combat the dangerous and highly communicable disease.

- **45** school uniform shorts for an April mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

- **850** meals financed by increased clothing donations to SERV.

- **$1160** to donate to Imagine No Malaria for insecticide-treated mosquito nets, medications, training and education to prevent/treat malaria.

A marketing campaign strategy to help the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church reach its objective of raising $750,000 this year.

Alexandra Mahan ’15 presented the marketing class’ efforts at the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in June 2015. She emphasized that “our class did research and created a marketing plan to support the cause. We gained real world experience... helped save 116 lives!”

The nonprofit marketing class worked with DREAMS, a student organization, to host a Half-Time Shoot-out during a men’s basketball game. For every 3-point shot an audience member completed in a five-minute period, $10 was donated. This fundraiser brought in more than $340.
Innovative learning opportunities at Reinhardt expanded in 2014–2015, earning the University national, state and religious recognition as a College of Distinction, a Georgia College of Distinction and a Christian College of Distinction. Reinhardt is one of only two colleges recognized as a distinctive Georgia Christian institution.

“It confirms what we on campus and the community already knew,” Reinhardt President Dr. Kina Mallard said. “It really gets our name out there, which is great for those students and parents looking for a school given high recognition.”

Focus on Engagement and Achievement
“The honor is noteworthy because it recognizes institutions that focus on student engagement and achievement,” said Dr. Mark A. Roberts, vice president and dean for academic affairs. “All in this category have unique aspects which include great teaching and the data to back that up. Just like the others in the group, Reinhardt has a vibrant community where students are engaged on campus. Our successful outcomes show students are benefiting from the Reinhardt experience in very real ways.”

High school counselors and educators make nominations, and each school is evaluated on key indicators including student engagement, student empowerment and curricular innovation.

Schools selected for recognition must demonstrate results in all four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community and successful outcomes. Listed here are several of the many examples of how Reinhardt addresses engagement and achievement:

Engaged Students
The annual Robert L. Driscoll Convocation of Artists and Scholars provides opportunities for students to present research papers and posters, share internship and study abroad experiences and show artistic expertise. All highlight student excellence and engagement.

Great Teaching
Assignments which require students to apply classroom knowledge and help others are evidence of great teaching and of learning while serving. In addition, students report a high satisfaction level with instruction on course evaluations.

Vibrant Community
The University’s “Year of” program, which provides an annual series of events focused on a specific region of the world, helps internationalize the campus and is evidence of a vibrant community. The programs held by the Funk Heritage Center and the Falany Performing Arts Center are additional examples.

Successful Outcomes
One of the many examples of successful outcomes is the high percentage, 75%, of seniors who complete capstone experiences, from internships, research projects and seminars, to senior recitals or exhibits. In addition, students are having success finding jobs and getting accepted to graduate schools.

Director of Admissions Lacey Satterfield ’02 said the admissions staff is publicizing the designation. “The Colleges of Distinction website provides numerous examples of how Reinhardt engages students and encourages and recognizes success. Prospective students can see how, at Reinhardt, they will have opportunities for unique, life-changing experiences as they earn their degrees. That’s powerful and valuable information.” — MSW

to learn more, visit: collegesofdistinction.com/school/reinhardt-university/
Adding programs has played a key role in Reinhardt’s development as a comprehensive university. Students can now choose from 43 associate, bachelor and graduate options, and that number is continuing to grow.

**Faculty has entrepreneurial spirit**
“The entrepreneurial spirit of this faculty helped sell me on Reinhardt,” Dr. Kina S. Mallard said. “They haven’t been content with their program variety; instead they have been adding programs that utilize faculty expertise, meet student demand and address employer needs. That’s a win-win-win.”

**New BFA in digital media arts**
The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Media Arts began this fall. It combines communication and digital art courses to produce graduates who know the art world, have technical creative skills and know how to communicate and market. Possible career choices include art direction, advertising, graphic design and museum curation. See reinhardt.edu/dma.

**Innovative creative writing program awaiting approval**
A Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing is in the wings. The low residency program differs from any other currently offered at Reinhardt or in Georgia. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is currently reviewing the program. Scheduled launch is May 2016.

In the seven-semester program, students will be on campus for short periods in three summers. In between, they will work closely with professors and adjunct instructors on online courses, individual study and writing assignments. Graduates will be prepared as professional writers or as university creative writing teachers, and English teachers certified in Georgia will be able to upgrade their existing teaching certificates. See reinhardt.edu/MFA-CW.

**Online business programs and more**
Faculty are also building an online degree completion program in business, which is scheduled to start in 2016. Several other programs — nursing, public health, athletic training, economics, computer science and cinematography/film studies — are being explored.

**Help spread the news**
If you know someone interested in going to college, tell them about Reinhardt. This excitement is contagious, and more programs will be announced later this year. — MSW
• 450 student-athletes
• Five 2014-15 Appalachian Athletic Conference Championships and participation in four National Tournaments
• 92 student-athletes named to All-Scholars Teams (3.25 GPA)
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• 12 teams were named NAIA All-Scholars Teams (3.0 team GPA). Women’s Soccer finished 4th in the nation with a team GPA of 3.75
• 43 student-athletes were named All-Conference performers

For more on athletics, see p. 32-37 or reinhardteagles.com

43
Degree Programs
including 6 graduate programs
see reinhardt.edu/majors

159
High Schools Represented
Reinhardt’s traditional new students came from more than 159 high schools in Georgia and other states. This represents a positive change from previous years. See reinhardt.edu/admissions.

Convocation of Artists and Scholars
This week showcases student success through the presentation of research projects, study abroad experiences, creative works and internships. Last spring, more than 70 students participated in this annual celebration of achievement. See reinhardt.edu/COAS

$7.9 MILLION
presented in 2015-2016 Institutional Scholarships. See reinhardt.edu/financial-aid

Expanded Career Services Available to Alumni
Online resources are available for alumni and students. The Focus2 online survey matches skills, interests and desired lifestyle with career fields. InterviewStream helps with resume writing and interviewing, and College Central, LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook offer job leads and news. Learn more at reinhardt.edu/career.

RU Green, a sustainability initiative, coordinates University-wide recycling and waste reduction efforts. Reinhardt joined with colleges across the county for RecycleMania and partnered with Waleska to beautify the city. See reinhardt.edu/RUGreen

A More Representative Student Body
32% of our new traditional student population are minority, thus reflecting a student body that is more representative of the world in which we live.

19 ATHLETIC TEAMS
and These Athletic Points of Pride
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More Online Students
Reinhardt has 154 students in online criminal justice and healthcare administration programs. Hannah Aschmann Hise ’09 ’15 is a BHA graduate now working at Northside-Cherokee. See reinhardt.edu/online

How Well... Do You Know...
28th Dave Henritze Scholarship Golf Classic to be May 2, 2016
The event will be held at the Hawks Ridge Golf Club in Ball Ground, Ga. For more information or to register call (770) 720-5506.

The 27th Classic, held earlier this year, raised more than $111,000 for scholarships. “We could not have accomplished this without 29 major sponsors, 16 hole sponsors and 100 player participants. Thank you so much for your commitment to Reinhardt University,” said Tommy Beman, committee chair.

A special thanks to Bill Pritchard and Bill Riley, two original Golf Classic committee members and former RU board of trustees members, for taking part in the 2015 tournament.

24th Ministerial Golf Outing to be May 18, 2016
The event will be held at Bent Tree, near Jasper, Ga. For more information or to register call (770) 720-5506.

Reinhardt is proud of its United Methodist connections. Dale Scarlett Morrissey ’76 ’99, director of fund raising campaigns and church relations, coordinates the University’s annual golf outing for ministers and churches. “Each year, this tournament raises critical scholarships for United Methodist students,” she said. The scholarships provide up to $2,000 per year to United Methodist youth and up to $12,000 per year for dependents of North and South Georgia United Methodist clergy. Last year the Golf Outing raised approximately $19,000.

2014–2015 Annual Fund

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Total $1,010,748 100%

2015-2016 Annual Fund Goal
$1.1 Million

To Make a Donation:
Return your gift in the enclosed envelope.
Give online at reinhardt.edu/GiveNow.
Call (770) 720-5507.
Thank you for your generous gifts made to Reinhardt between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. See how your gift is making a difference with our students, and their families, businesses, churches, organizations, and communities. EVERY GIFT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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A Truly Remarkable Opportunity

“Because I receive the Hagan Scholarship, I have received a truly remarkable opportunity. I am extremely blessed to be a part of the Reinhardt community and a part of a church family that supports higher education.”

Jamieson “Jaime” Palmer, 2015-2016 Student Government Association President (center) with his parents, the Rev. Harvey and Shereen Palmer
Bill & Donna Early  
William Elam  
First UMC of Buford, Ga.  
Russell & Lisa Flint  
Forysth Cumming Optimist Club  
Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association  
Gus South  
Sharon Gay & Neil Schemm  
Frederick E. Gilbert  
Jack H. & Dawn Morrison Gray '64  
Habersham Properties  
Andrew Harris  
G. Dennis & Jeanette Wakefield Harris, Jr. '58 '58  
Haverts Furniture Companies, Inc.  
James C. & Margaret Nesbitt Hobbs '65  
Bill Holt Chevrolet  
David W. Howe  
Juanita S. Hughes  
Robert P. & Barbara Hunter, Jr.  
ISSUES  
Lynn H. Johnston  
William J. & Mary Beavers Johnston '56  
Louis L. Jones, III  
Kiwanianne Club of Griffin  
The Kroger Company Foundation  
Thomus H. & Jean Krueger  
Lois & Lucy Lampkin Foundation  
Martha J. Lancaster '60  
Joel & Sheila Ingle Langford '91  
Hazel B. Lewis '42  
LGE Community Credit Union  
Little & Smith, Inc.  
Ben L. & Brandy Looper  
William D. & Neil Magruder  
Dennis & Marsha Manning  
McEachern Memorial UMC  
Milton L. & Betty Bailey McGeirt '55  
Dennis K. McIntire  
Thomas F. & Martha Fincher McLaughlin, III '72  
Mount Welcome Baptist Church  
The National Football Foundation  
Barry Nix  
Noonday Baptist Association Foundation  
Northside UMC  
Northwest Georgia Senior Golfers Association  
Glenda & Dean Owens  
Hubert & Ann Owens  
Peachtree City UMC  
Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia, Inc.  
Pickens County Board of Education  
Premaco Inc  
Harrison & Dorothy Reeves  
Republic National Distributing Company  
Richland County Foundation - Warner-Kafer Family Fund  
Mayor A. R. & Elaine Fraser Roberts, II '84  
The Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia  
Franklin D. Self  
Ms. Pamela J. Smith  
Steven L. & Cristal Stancil '73  
Charles Austin Stephens  
Martha B. Stephens  
Johny L. Stone  
Summerville-Trion Rotary Club  
SunTrust Bank Atlanta Foundation Matching Gifts  
Sydney Mae Taylor Foundation, Inc.  
William A. Teasley  
The Melvin Teetz Revocable Trust  
Trion City Schools  
U.S. Bank Foundation Employee Matching Gift Program  
UBS Financial Services Inc.  
United Steel Workers Local '787  
United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.  
Usa The Sullivan's Foundation  
Wal-Mart Foundation  
Walton Electric Trust Inc.  
Harold Warren Charitable Trust  
Carlton & Janet Wellborn  
Steve & Robin Williams  
Charles E. & Jane Jernigan Wilson, III  
John C. & JoAnn R. Wilson '60  
John H. & Joel Bell Wilson '60 '61  
Melody Wilder Wilson & David D. Wilson  
The Xerox Foundation  
Year of Scholarship  
Neely & Kathy Young  
Dean’s Club  
(500 - $999)  
911 Restoration of Atlanta  
AHS Class Action Settlement Fund  
Appalachian Mountain Regional Campus Council  
AT&T Georgia  
Cannon & Anne Vickers Barton '65  
Mark D. & Amy Saxon Belcher '99  
Keith & Barbara Bell  
Jesse M. & Aly ice Black, Jr.  
Bloomfield UMC  
Ken Bowser  
BridgeMill Sixes Service League  
Michael & Nancy Buchieri  
Cascadia Building Systems LLC  
Robert & Janet Cavin, Sr.  
Chevron Station #43282  
Christians for Change Baptist Church  
Marguerite Thigpen Cline '58  
Bob Conner '67  
Corbini Ecology Group, LLC  
Steve Crain  
Credit Union of Georgia  
Ben R. Crigler Jr.  
Crigler Enterprises, Inc.  
Brenda Daly  
David & Doris Datry  
Lucretia M. & Bill Davenport  
Dawson County Wrestling INC  
Danny & Bonnie Hobgood DeBord  
Earl Dolive  
Dyer & Rushbridge  
Catherine B. Emanuel  
Robert & Norma Emerson  
ExxonMobil Foundation  
Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC  
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund  
Ron & Yvonne Flowers  
Flowery Branch High School Band Association  
Jerry & Carol Foster  
Thomas & Mary Fraschillo  
Gila Distributing-Georgia INC  
Gila Properties INC  
GLH Chemical  
Gardy Young Foundation, Inc  
M. David Gregory  
Hamilton State Bank  
Alan & Carol Hanson  
The Hon. Joe Frank & Elizabeth Harris  
David E. & Susan Harrison  
Martha Jane Hendrix  
Claude B. Hicks '65  
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The Cheryl L. Hill Revocable Trust  
Orenda L. Hillside UMC  
Bettie Holland  
Neve Hopsion Memorial Foundation  
Marjorie Humphrey Hubbard '37  
Margaret C. Jackson  
Peter Allen Jernigan  
Eric T. & Carol C. Johnson  
Ronn Koger  
Lake Arrowhead Church  
Lake Arrowhead Women's Activity Club  
Stephen S. & Jane Wong Law '69 '71  
David R. & Beth Leppard  
William Manns & Mary Sawyer  
Barbara H. Martin  
Aquilas & Natalie Martinez  
Paul & Susan May  
Walter H. McCready  
Sammy & Dean McCullers  
John McIntyre  
R. Gregory & Lydia Meadows  
MedCorp Billing, LLC  
H. David & Joy T. Melton  
Tom & Caroline Miller  
James B. & Jo Poore Mooneyhun '66 '66  
Maurice M. & Pansies G. Moore '67  
Richard Mullenhack  
North Metro Waste, Inc.  
L. Eugene & Yvonne Harris Norton '60 '60  
Oak Grove UMC  
Robert Gary & Bonnie L. Otts '65  
Parkside Partners, Inc  
Gerald F. Perry '54  
Marion T. & Judy Pope, Jr.  
Pope, McGlarry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood, LLC  
Mary Leatherwood Ratcliffe '43  
Margie L. Richards  
William O. Riley  
Thomas A. Roach  
Arthur & Catherine Rollins  
Rotary Club of Canton  
Rebecca Ann Salter  
Sam Jones Memorial UMC  
Pamela & Robert Schindler  
Martha Pearce Shaw  
Shell Oil Company Foundation  
Jane Shelnutt  
Shiloh Hills Christian School  
Ken & Geraldine H. Slaughter  
Garrett P. Smith  
Sonora High School  
Betty Stephens  
Don F. & Lila Stevens  
F. Len & Patsy Cochran Surtidvin '61 '61  
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Thomaston-Upson County Board of Education  
Thomasville High School  
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Jordan E. & Marie L. Turner '07 '12  
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Webster Bank  
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Paul Boone  
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Robert Bridges  
Diane Briscoe  
Noel & Elizabeth Burt '76  
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Arthur Chapman  
John & Patricia Chastain  
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Cherokee Recreation & Parks Association  
Gordon & Sharon Christophsen  
Alexander & Hilda Clark  
Anne Johnson Cofman '65  
James L. Curry, Jr.  
Charles L. Davidson III  
C. W. & Alice Dennard  
Jerome E. & Owen Pritchard Dobson '65 '64  
Alyson Davis-Dreilly  
Rod Drake, Jr.  
Jimmie Foxx & Joyce Duncan '56 '56  
Thomas D. Earley & Ann Schumann  
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Jim Ellis Atlanta, Inc  
George E. English Ph.D. '55  
Bobby & Susan Sams Epling '87  
Roger Estill  
Fannin County High School Band Booster Club  
William W. & Nadine May Fincher  
Fisher-Crum Foundation  
Oscar F. Fleckner  
Allison Fluttt  
David H. & Luck F. Gambrell  
John Gamwell, M.D.  
Gordon Central Band Boosters Association  
Gordon Systems  
Vernon W. & Norma Gordon '57  
Brian K. & Angela Galloway Griffin '87 '86  
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Marguerite Thigpen Cline ’58

A Lady of Many Firsts:
“I like to learn new things, and I never look back!"

“First woman” or “first female” are often used when referring to Reinhardt’s 2014 Distinguished Alumna. First woman superintendent of the Cherokee County School District. First female mayor of Waleska, Ga. First female Cherokee Chamber of Commerce board chair. Being first hasn’t bothered Cline; instead, it has inspired and motivated her and many of those around her.

A postage-paid postcard changed Marguerite Thigpen Cline’s destiny. Her journey to Cherokee County began when a teacher asked her to pick up something on the floor. The text caught her eye: “If you want to know more about Reinhardt College, write your name and address here.” If a stamp was needed she wasn’t going to mail it, but it was postage paid, so she returned it.

Before long she was headed to Reinhardt, sight unseen, with a roommate selected by then-president Dr. J. Rowland Burgess. She also had a secretarial position on campus because she “had had two years of typing and one of shorthand. I had a hard time trying to remember shorthand but somehow managed,” she said. “The job paid for my room and board.” Her parents didn’t expect her to stay, but stay she did. More than 60 years later, her impact can be seen across Waleska, Cherokee County and beyond.

Helped Found Reinhardt SGA
A very active student, Cline helped start the Student Government Association. After graduating in 1958, she earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree from North Georgia College and a specialist degree from West Georgia College.

She met her late husband, Joe Bob, while at Reinhardt. They married in 1958 and had three children: Cindy, Joel and John.

Many Accomplishments in Education
Cline taught for 20 years at Clayton, Hickory Flat, R.M. Moore and Canton elementary schools. She was assistant superintendent of schools before being elected as the first woman superintendent of schools, a position she held for eight years. She has been a partner with Dobbs and Cline Consultants, an adjunct professor for Brenau University and an instructional consultant for North Georgia RESA. She was the first woman elected as mayor of Waleska, a position she held for 14 years.

Cline has been a very active and involved community member and loyal alumna, serving as the first A DAY for Reinhardt chair and as Alumni Board of Governors president. Now a Reinhardt Ambassador, she served on the recent presidential search committee. At the 2015 Talon Awards Gala, she was named Reinhardt’s Distinguished Alumna of the Year.

Media Personality, Writer, Author
Cline is also a media personality and writer. For many years she has been a columnist for The Cherokee Tribune. She also co-anchored a TV show, Cherokee Profiles, for several years.

A question from one of her sons encouraged her to become an author. “Mommma Cline crocheted blankets for all of her grandchildren. What are you going to leave for your grandchildren?” he asked. She enjoyed writing, so she became an author. “I’ve Been Thinking” and “I’ve Been Thinking Book Two” include stories and experiences from her life in Sparta and Waleska. She also wrote “The Glory Years of WCHK.” And stay tuned, another book may be in the works!

Cline is an active member and deacon of Heritage Baptist Fellowship Church and was a long-time member of Waleska Baptist Church. She served as church organist for 40 years.

When asked what motivates her, she says, “I like to learn new things, and I never look back!” — KAB

Marguerite Cline’s children and their spouses were on hand to see her named Distinguished Alumna of the Year. Joel ’90 is a veterinarian and director of research for J.H. Taylor Laboratory in Elba, Ala. He and his wife, Anne, have two children, Grace and Joseph. Cindy is a CPA with two children, Bess and Ben. John, a Cherokee County probate judge, and Millie Warren Cline ’95, his wife, have two children, Laney and Lillianne. Pictured are (from left) Anne, Joel, Cindy, Marguerite, Millie and John.
When Dr. Carlos Cadena Gaitán ’05 was selected from more than 100 nominees across six continents to be the 2015 International ‘Future Sustainability Leader,’ he was caught off guard. “It was a huge surprise. The Colombian media quickly caught up with the news, and it was widely published all over the nation,” he said.

The award was presented by Sustainia, a Danish think tank and consultancy with partners and clients on three continents and an online audience from more than 115 countries. The announcement described him as: “an astonishing inspiration for leaders around the world for how to mobilize people, create change in your local community and see the international effects.”

Successful Student Leader, Athlete and Scholar

A native of Medellín, Colombia, Cadena Gaitán came to Reinhardt in 2002 on a one-year Georgia Rotary Student Scholarship. An exemplary undergraduate student leader, he completed a prestigious internship with the New York City Government in 2004, played tennis, met his future bride, Reinhardt coed Carolina Daza of Barranquilla, Colombia, and earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Reinhardt in 2005.

Cadena Gaitán continued his education with a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University and a doctorate from UNU-MERIT, a joint research institute of the University of Maastricht and the United Nations University, in The Netherlands.

Putting Doctoral Lessons into Action to Produce Impactful Change

During his doctoral studies, he helped form La Ciudad Verde, a Colombian activist think tank that promotes sustainable cities through citizen participation and creativity. The organization uses social media and art to share academic knowledge. He also coordinates the World Bicycle Forum, which brings together citizens, advocates, researchers, administrators, policy makers and artists to promote cycling as a serious form of urban transport.

Since receiving the international recognition, La Ciudad Verde has become an icon for citizen-led think tanks. “We have installed an innovative approach towards promoting urban sustainability based on citizen empowerment that guarantees public accountability. All of our strategies derive from ‘creative sustainability;’ an idea that by using creative tools can we compete with those institutional dynamics that determine unsustainable practices.”

Cadena Gaitán said the World Bike Forum has been very successful. “In its fourth version, we attracted almost 7,000 participants from 37 nations and 150 high level speakers. We did this by engaging volunteers, and every single activity was free. This has been the largest ever urban cycling event on Earth, and our message directly impacted more than 800,000 Colombians.”

Combining Academic Evidence with Urban Activism

He believes in data but knows action is crucial. “It is people like you and me who have to do something. This is what we’re doing in Colombia. We are combining academic evidence with urban activism.” As a result, cycle lanes are being built all over Colombia. “Where before politicians only planned our cities to become addicted to ‘your majesty,’ the car, we are also giving people the chance, empowering them, showing them how to build their own pedestrian pathways,” he said.

He stresses making data easy to understand and readily available. “We are doing informal ‘Beer Mondays’ with experts so that we can pre-digest and digest hard numbers better. We are doing applications via social media so that we can promote better urban habits. We are also getting people, popular social figures as role models, on electric bicycles to tweet and Facebook about what they are doing with powerful messages to their followers.”

Cadena Gaitán hopes to find key allies that will help replicate their messages and strategies in other countries. He also plans to continue travelling the world, teaching and researching. For more, watch his TEDx lecture: “Theories won’t change the world” at goo.gl/TiokW9. — MSW
Decades before the modern civil rights movement, Dorothy Rogers Tilly ‘99 was an anti-lynching activist, leading boycotts and mobilizing churchwomen in campaigns for racial equality and social reform. As a member of President Harry S. Truman’s civil rights commission, she did important work. In our own time that still includes racial strife, it is heartening to know that Reinhardt has a history of contributing graduates who saw compelling issues and tackled the problems of society head-on.

Tilly was one of several Rogers family members at Reinhardt. Her father, Richard, led Reinhardt as president from 1896-1901. A Methodist minister, he and his wife, Fannie, moved to Waleska with their many children in tow. One elder daughter, Lois, joined the faculty to teach English language, literature and history. Other Rogers children enrolled as students.

President Richard Rogers also pastored the local Methodist church. In the 1900 census, he indicated his occupation as “preacher.” It tells us something about him that being a college president was subsumed under his ministerial calling.

The Rogers family certainly brought a pastoral outlook with them. Tilly remembered that while growing up, “I saw and heard the troubles of the community, both Negro and white, pour over the doorstep of the parsonage.”

In 1899, Dorothy graduated from Reinhardt with honors at age 16 and went to Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Ga., to complete her baccalaureate degree. Soon she married Milton Tilly, and a year later they had a son, Eben. A difficult pregnancy led doctors to recommend that she bear no more children. As a result, once Eben was beyond his early years, she was a well-educated woman with energy and time on her hands.

She worked for the Women’s Missionary Society of the Methodist Church and in 1918 began running its Children’s Work for North Georgia program. This position carried her into contact with the poor, both black and white, and during the 1930s she expanded her engagement with social causes, joining first the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and later the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching—she served as secretary, field reporter and representative. Still highly involved with Methodism, Tilly had also moved into civil rights. In the 1940s, she organized Georgia churchwomen in boycotts of businesses owned by Ku Klux Klan members and fought against poll taxes across the South.
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Admired by Eleanor Roosevelt

Because of work Tilly did in Washington, D.C. in the 1930s, she became friends with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Roosevelt wrote in her memoirs that she admired Tilly’s courage because “I was told that whenever a lynching occurred, she went alone or with a friend, as soon as she heard of it, to investigate the circumstances.” Perhaps a recommendation from Mrs. Roosevelt led to the invitation in 1946 for Tilly to join President Truman’s Committee on Civil Rights. The committee produced a famous and influential report, “To Secure These Rights,” which called for an immediate end to segregation.

Tilly and her work aroused opposition. The Klan threatened to bomb her home, and she received many harassing calls. Undaunted, she talked back to her callers, repeatedly asking them to identify themselves, but eventually she placed a record player by her telephone stand. When a caller could not be engaged in reasonable conversation she dropped the needle on a recording of the Lord’s Prayer, which played into the phone’s mouthpiece as she walked away.

Foreseeing a Future that Many People Could Still Scarcely Imagine

In 1949, Tilly founded a new organization in Georgia, one she ran almost single-handedly, called the Fellowship of the Concerned (FOC). The FOC, with thousands of members, launched various initiatives and hosted interracial conferences, foreseeing a future that many people could still scarcely imagine. Anticipating, and then reacting to, the 1954 Brown v. the Board of Education decision that declared public school segregation unconstitutional, the FOC trained women in how to make their white communities ready for integrated schools.

The late 1950s and 1960s brought mass-action protest of a different sort to the fore in the search for racial equality and civil rights; young activists often had little use for what seemed an older generation’s maternalism. Yet in 1963, the year Tilly turned 80, President John F. Kennedy appointed her to the National Women’s Committee for Civil Rights, and Tilly, ever vigorous, carried on with the FOC almost until her death in 1970.

A Powerful Example of the Importance of Women’s Roles in Changing Social Views and Ideas

Overall, the life of Dorothy Rogers Tilly shows how she fused her family background, education and church involvement into a persistent commitment to tackle a massive social problem. Tilly connected Christian social work and social reform of the early 20th century to the beginnings of the modern civil rights movement. She is a powerful example of the importance of women’s roles in changing social views, and her involvement in Methodist women’s groups was central to her ideas about how to bring dignity to and improve people’s lives. Reinhardt, led by Tilly’s father, clearly had an ethos supportive of that work of Christian uplift; while Tilly was an exceptional person, her life gives us clues about the kind of training and mentality that some Reinhardt graduates of that time carried with them as they left Waleska for the wider world.

For more on Tilly, see chapters on her life in From the Old South to the New (1981), Throwing Off the Cloak of Privilege (2004), and Before Brown (2004), reprinted in Politics and Religion in the White South (2005).
The Wesley Laity Award recognizes church members who have made significant contributions to United Methodist institutions of higher education. The Bennetts are from a family who believed in serving its alma mater in ways both large and small and who have left a legacy which has improved the institution.

After earning a business degree from the University of Georgia, John began a long career in the chicken and farming industry. His professional activities include service as Amicalola EMC Board of Directors vice chair, Oglethorpe Power Corporation Board of Directors and Georgia Poultry Improvement Association Past President. After recently retiring from Pilgrim’s Pride, he is enjoying dedicating more time to the family farm in nearby Salacoa Valley.

He has been very active in the community with the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Lions Club. For Reinhardt, John has chaired the Alumni Board of Governors, the Board of Advisors and A DAY for Reinhardt. He serves on the Funk Heritage Center Advisory Board and has been an active Reinhardt trustee since 2002.

Joy attended Reinhardt as a nontraditional student. In addition to being a mother and student, she was also an administrative assistant in the President’s Office at Reinhardt. She retired in 2000 to be a full-time grandmother to her eight grandchildren. She continues to be a positive role model for family and the many others who call her ‘friend.’

John and Joy are active members of the Goshen Baptist Church – John for 60 years and Joy for 48 years. He is a longtime deacon, while both are choir members and assist with the youth.

Five generations of the Bennett family have lived in Salacoa Valley, thus they share a long history with Reinhardt. A gift from John’s parents established the Bennett Family Museum in the Funk Heritage Center. John’s father was an alumnus, as are all of John and Joy’s children and one of their grandsons. A granddaughter is now a dual enrolled student.

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR
MARGUERITE THIGPEN CLINE ’58

This award recognizes an individual with outstanding personal achievements who has been devoted to Reinhardt. Even as a student, Marguerite Thigpen Cline was a trail blazer, helping found the Student Government Association (SGA). Her Reinhardt connections have spanned decades, from roles on the Alumni Board of Governors and as the first chair of A DAY for Reinhardt to recent roles on the presidential search committee and Ambassador group. Previous recognitions include the College’s Alumni Loyalty Award in 2007 and the renaming of the most outstanding female SGA award in her honor, also in 2007.

In addition to enjoying professional success as a school teacher and superintendent, she has also been a well respected and effective community leader. Just a few of her associations include board or leadership positions with Cherokee County’s Municipal Association, Parks & Recreation Commission Board, Sports Hall of Fame, Chamber of Commerce and Cherokee County Jury Board. — LHT

JOHN WESLEY LAITY AWARD
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JOHN WESLEY CLERGY AWARD
THE REV. DR. C.R. HILL
The annual Wesley Clergy Award recognizes a pastor who has made significant contributions to United Methodist institutions of higher education. Hill is an ordained minister in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. He began his ministry after serving in the U.S. Army. He has an Associate of Arts from Emmanuel College and a BSED from the University of Georgia. He received his Master and Doctor of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Hill retired from active pastorate in 2011 after serving 12 congregations, including Peachtree Road and Conyers First UMC. As senior pastor of McDonough First UMC for 13 years, he led that congregation to grow in members by 100 percent. Under his leadership, Wesley Way UMC was established. During his 10 years of service at Canton First UMC, the congregation completed a 900-seat worship center and educational complex. Hill continues to fulfill his call to the ministry as Northside Hospital Chaplain in Canton, Ga.

Hill’s association with Reinhardt includes being the parent of two alumni, April Hill Hawkins ’85 and Carl “Max” Hill ’90. While at Canton FUMC, he served as an ex-officio member of Reinhardt’s Board of Trustees. This summer he began a new role as Reinhardt’s Ministerial Association president, a position which also includes ex-officio trustee membership.

Writing poetry is another of Hill’s avocations. Among his four published works are two books of poetry, “Light From Beyond the Veil,” and “I Talked with Him This Morning,” as well as a series of Christmas sermons, “Through The Frosted Window.”

Hill and his wife, Jackie, live in Canton, Ga. They celebrated 52 years of marriage in 2014. They have two married children, three grandsons and one grand-daughter-in-law. — LHT

New Deans Enhance Academic Leadership & Experience
Reinhardt welcomed three new deans during the summer of 2015; each replaced a dean who retired after many years of service.

Dr. Fredrick A. Tarrant, dean of the School of Performing Arts, came from Shorter University, where he had taught music and served as music, theatre and dance department chair. He has a doctorate in musicology from Indiana University and a master’s in music history and literature and a bachelor of music in piano pedagogy, both from Baylor University. He is also the choirmaster and director of music at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Rome, Ga.

Dr. Jacob P. Harney, dean of the School of Mathematics and Sciences, had taught biology and held leadership roles at the University of Hartford, Hartford, Conn. He has won eight scientific research grants, directed more than 25 graduate student theses and published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals. He earned a bachelor in science in animal science from the University of Connecticut and a master of science and a doctorate in reproductive physiology from the University of Florida.

The new Dean of the Price School of Education Dr. Cynthia “Cindy” M. Kiernan has taught at Reinhardt for five years. She came to Reinhardt after a successful career as an elementary school teacher and curriculum specialist in the Fulton County Public School System. She has a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Berry College, a Master of Arts in middle grades education from Oglethorpe University and an Ed.D. in curriculum development from Nova Southeastern University.

Returning academic leaders include Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Mark A. Roberts, McCamish School of Business Interim Dean Dr. Donald Wilson, School of Arts and Humanities Dean Dr. A. Wayne Glowka and School of Professional Studies Interim Dean Lester “Trey” W. Drawdy III.

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Nominating a 10 Under 10

You can find the 10 Under 10 form, criteria and selection timeline at reinhardt.edu/nominate10Under10. Nominate yourself, a classmate, coworker or friend. —KAB

Baker graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration. He then earned his license to become a private and commercial helicopter pilot. He earned his instrument and flight instructor ratings.

He is currently the chief helicopter pilot for D.R. Horton, the largest construction company in the U.S. When not flying executives around the Southeast, he drafts house plans for D.R. Horton. In addition, he is a volunteer pilot for relief and mission efforts around the world and is a board member of Air Calvary.

Baker is a member of Reinhardt’s Love Bird Club, meeting and marrying Reinhardt alumna Andi Henry Baker ’04. They have two baby Eagles, Landyn and Ephraim.

Byrd graduated with honors with a B.A. in History. She then moved to Atlanta to pursue a career in marketing. Her first position as a digital account manager offered the opportunity to relocate to New York City, NY, in 2013.

She is now the associate interactive producer at Publicis Kaplan Thaler, the fifth largest advertising agency in New York. She works with brands and companies in the luxury, food & beverage, technology and real estate industries.

Byrd graduated with honors with a B.A. in History and an English minor. Using a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, he earned a Master of Science in International and European Politics at the University of Edinburgh.

He went to Thailand, where he worked with UNESCO’s Education, Policy and Reform unit helping to advise policy in Southeast Asia and then at an IB World School on whole-school projects. He completed a Post Graduate Certificate of Education via correspondence from the University of Nottingham and an Advanced Teaching Practicum from Keele University. He then seized the opportunity to teach and manage in various school settings including serving as the head of the Literacy department at the Braeburn School in Nairobi, Kenya.

Recently Cody moved to the San Francisco Bay area, where he works as an education consultant. Since Reinhardt, he has lived in five different countries and travelled to 30 (the most exciting was trekking with gorillas in Rwanda). He attributes his risk-taking forward thinking to the strong foundation he received at Reinhardt.

William Cody ‘08

Edenfield graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration. A month after graduation she was hired by The Home Depot as an inventory planning and replenishment analyst. In this role, she manages more than 165 products, approximately $500 million in inventory across 1,400 stores for the Riding Mowers Department.

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Elizabeth Gibson ’10

Gibson graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music. She started the dual Pharm.D./Ph.D. program at Mercer University in Atlanta. In August 2011, she transferred to a degree partnership program to obtain her Pharm.D. from Lipscomb University and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Vanderbilt University. Two of her research articles were published in peer reviewed journals in 2013. As a result of her research, she traveled to San Diego, Calif., to present her research on “Generation and Characterization of Topoisomerase IIα” at the 2014 Experimental Biology Conference.

Gibson was selected as an American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Walmart Scholar in April 2014. Since graduating in May 2015 with her Pharm.D., she has continued her research at Vanderbilt University working with the topoisomerase II enzyme and its relation to cancer, cancer treatment and the development of secondary cancers.

She also continues to use her God-given musical talents and serves as music director and organist at Woodmont Bible Church in Nashville, Tenn.
10 Under 10 honors a group of 10 alumni who graduated within the last 10 years (2004 - 2014) and are successful in their professions. These alumni were recognized at the annual Talon Awards Gala in April 2015, and their portraits and biographies will be displayed outside the bookstore in the Hasty Student Life Center for the next year.

Jeff Holt ’05

Holt earned undergraduate degrees in Business Administration and Sport Management. He received his Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, from the Georgia State University College of Law, where he was also business editor of the Law Review and a Moot Court Board member.

Holt has written extensively on a variety of legal topics, including admiralty law, Georgia charter schools legislation and constitutional interpretation. After working for several years as an attorney, he is now transitioning from his position in a law firm to a leadership role with the family business, T&O Refrigeration Inc. The company builds and services refrigerators for commercial businesses.

Before attending law school, Holt served as the executive director of the Atlanta Junior Golf Association, a non-profit organization which hosts golf tournaments and provides golf education for children.

He and his wife, Lana, live in Fayetteville, Ga., and they have two young sons and recently welcomed a new baby girl.

Jim Mroczko ’11

A nontraditional student, Mroczko graduated with an B.A. in Organizational Leadership and Management and is now the president of SERV International, a faith-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with operations in Kenya, the Dominican Republic and the U.S. As president, he oversees the day-to-day operations, manages an international staff, operates an orphanage in Kenya and implements strategies to carry out the organization’s mission, vision and direction.

Mroczko has a long history of helping organizations fulfill their goals with more than 25 years of business management experience in healthcare IT with a concentration in strategic and organizational leadership.

He and Debbie, his wife, have three children.

Emeka Ngonadi ’05

A native of Anambra State, Nigeria, Ngonadi moved to the U.S. in 1997. He earned a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in information systems. While working for a start-up company, he landed a job as an information systems implementation specialist for Hewlett Packard in the Washington, D.C. area. He was quickly promoted to a project manager after managing the implementation of more than 9,000 government employees on a proprietary travel system.

He has successfully managed large and high visibility projects such as the Launch of the “Jason 3” Satellite at NOAA and the infrastructure and operational transformation for Exelon Corporation. He is now a manager at KPMG US.

He has completed a Master of Science in Information Systems Technology and Information Systems Technology Management at the George Washington University and is currently working on a Master’s in Computer Science. He is also a certified Project Management Professional.

Ngonadi is active in his church where he has served as a youth leader.

Mimi Rohlfs ’04

Rohlfs completed her A.S. in prenursing. She went on to earn a B.S. in Nursing from Kennesaw State University and then a Master of Science in Nursing Education from South University in 2008. She has worked her way up the ranks to hold her current position as a Shift Nurse Manager on the cardiac floor at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Additionally, she is a clinical instructor of nursing at Kennesaw State.

She said, “My education allows me to be a positive influence in people’s lives on a daily basis.”

At Reinhardt, Rohlfs took music and voice classes; those classes fueled a love for singing. She enjoys performing in her church choir and ensemble at Summit Baptist Church. She also volunteers as a first aid nurse at her church’s community events.

Christopher Williams ’10

Williams graduated with honors with a B.S. in Business Administration. He then interned for a year with the Georgia World Congress Center Authority. In 2012, he started his own business, Williams Enterprises, which specializes in business plan writing and business coaching. He also works for State Farm Insurance as a team lead in initial loss reporting.

At Reinhardt, Williams was selected to represent the institution in Washington, D.C., at a foreign policy conference for the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), an organization he continues to support.

His most recent endeavor is “Inspired with Christo,” a series of educational, informative and empowering videos provided to help viewers achieve their business and personal goals. Learn more at bizlynks.tv/.
Welcome Back! Class of ’65

Golden Anniversary Grads

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of their graduation, the Golden Anniversary Class of 1965 has established a fund to support student scholarships. As of Oct. 15, donations have totaled $4,155. Additional classmates are invited to support the fund. Donations should be sent to the Reinhardt University Advancement Office.

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Alumnotes

From the ’50s

Joanne Phillips Caldwell ’54 was recently honored by the Rockdale County Board of Education. They unanimously voted to name the Rockdale Career Academy auditorium in Caldwell’s honor. As the former clerk of the Rockdale County Superior Court, she was instrumental in developing the Academy through her service on the Rockdale County Public Schools Community Leadership Committee.

She worked as clerk of the Rockdale County Superior Court for 23 years. During that time, she was named Stetson F. Bennett Superior Court Clerk of the Year. She was appointed to the Superior Court Clerks Retirement Board, served as president of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks Association and is an active member of the Superior Court Clerks’ Training Council.

Her civic recognitions include the A.R. Gus Barksdale Boys and Girls Club Leadership Award; Person of the Year by the A.R. Gus Barksdale Boys and Girls Club Rotary Club Lee Arrandale Leadership Award; Person of the Year by the A.R. Gus Barksdale Boys and Girls Club Leadership Award; the Rockdale County Public Schools Community Leadership Committee.

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From the ’60s

Carolyn R. (Becky) Williams Buckman ’60, a freelance writer, was named to Strathmore’s Who’s Who Worldwide in 2014.

R. Bobby Craven ’61 is serving a second term on the Butts County Board of Education. Bobby and his wife, Jackie, live in Jackson, Ga.

George Ribble ’61 worked for Northville Psychiatric Hospital as a clinical social worker. He is now retired.

Raymond “Mac” Williamson ’61 retired in December 2014 after working 40 years at Jacobs Engineering. He is now working for Glaxo Smith Kline. He and his wife, Vivian, enjoy gardening.

From the ’70s

Jane Strother ’73 is traveling to Kampala, Uganda, for the third time to help build Benjamin House, a comprehensive children’s home/complex.

Lee “Jack” Dunn, Jr. ’74 received the 2014 Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacists of the Year award from the National Community Pharmacists Association.

Robin E. Garrett ’76 is in her 17th year as an educator, with 13 years in special education. She would love to hear from her classmates.

From the ’80s

Robert B. Davenport-Ray ’84 was appointed to the 2015-2016 Georgia Board of Nursing, APRN Committee.

Rodney D. Porter ’85 and Kim Weller Porter ’85, his wife, live in Columbus, Ga., where he pastors Striplin Terrace UMC, and she teaches 4th grade. Their son, Benjamin, is attending Reinhardt.

Tracy Young Stewart ’85 received her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Development from Nova Southeastern University. She is the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Hart County High School in Hartwell, Ga. Her husband, the Rev. Dr. R. Allen Stewart ’85, is the senior pastor at Hartwell FUMC in Hartwell, Ga., and they have three daughters.

From the ’90s

Cindy Roper Lawson ’90 is working for National Association Management Group as a group health sales representative. Previously she worked at Reinhardt for almost 10 years.

Nate Nardi ’01 owns Decatur Glassblowing in Decatur, Ga. In addition to creating blown glass sculptures, he also offers classes for individuals and groups, as well as demonstrations. For more, see natenardi.weebly.com/

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Sarah Statham ’04 is the art director and assistant director of marketing at The Sage Colleges in New York.

Brandon D. Smith ’06 is a physical education teacher in Roswell. He also coaches soccer for Milton High School.

Peter Bromstad ’07 retired as controller at Reinhardt on Aug. 15, 2015. He had served in that role since March 2003. He is continuing to teach as an adjunct instructor.

Todd B. Davis ’09 joined Madrona in June 2014; he helps with technical talent acquisition needs across Madrona’s portfolio of companies.

From the ’10s

Peter Bromstad ’15 is principal at the Sage Colleges in New York.

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Lindsay E. Powell Boyd ’04 and Ben, her husband, welcomed baby girl, Penelope Noel, into their family on Nov. 1, 2014.

Margaret A. Andrews Chind ’06 and husband, Daniel, had a son, Liam Lukas, on July 14, 2014.

Lauren E. Hewett Dodson ’06 and Shaun, her husband, announce the birth of their daughter, Emery Ashley, on Dec. 03, 2013.

Brittney Taylor Ray and husband, Clifton Keith Ray ’06, had a baby boy, Anderson Keith, on May 20, 2014.

Robin Louise Lindemann ’07 married John William Tortorello on April 12, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.


Greg Ihlenburg ’08 is based at Ramstein AB, Germany in Rhineland-Pfalz. He has been there for a little over a year and has about two years to go. He flies the C-21, a versatile airlift aircraft with three distinct missions: distinguished visitor transport, cargo and aeromedical evacuation. He met his wife, Jenna, in San Antonio while he was in pilot training. They have been together for three years and were married on May 16, 2015.

Hannah Aschmann Hise ’09 graduated from Reinhardt with a Bachelor of Healthcare Administration in 2015 and is now the administrative assistant to the Director of Operations at Northside-Cherokee Hospital in Canton, Ga. She is also a member of Cobalt Strings, an Atlanta-based string quartet.

Health W. Hooper ’09 is an assistant professor of sport management at Shorter University.

Ashley Raimondi Jensen ’09 and Kalen, husband, had a son, Clayton Hallock, on Feb. 13, 2015.


Buckley Wheeler ’09 MBA ’13 was promoted to purchasing agent for John Deer Landscapes, LLC in June 2015.

From the ’10s

Christopher A. Bryan ’10 completed a Master of Education - Higher Education Leadership from Mercer University on May 16, 2015. He has worked in Reinhardt’s Office of Admission since 2011 and was promoted to assistant director of admissions in October 2014. He and his wife, Jessica, live in Talking Rock, Ga.

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N. Alexandra “Alex” Riccardi, DMD, ’10 has returned to Americus, Ga., to practice dentistry with her father. A biology major and softball player as an undergraduate, she graduated from Georgia Regents University (GRU), Augusta, in May 2015 with a doctor of medical dentistry.


Jeffrey D. Weber and Jenna, his wife, welcomed their daughter, Sofia Grace, on Oct. 14, 2013.

Matt Martin ’11 is the youth director at Bonaire United Methodist Church. A year ago, he married his Reinhardt sweetheart, Courtney Holcombe Martin ’14.

Andeal Jemere McCurty gave birth to a daughter, Hollynd Lavette Sims, on Dec. 6, 2013.

Beth Cohen Pullias ’11 is a social engagement specialist with the American Red Cross. She monitors national social channels, creates content and works with chapters across the nation on social strategy. She and her husband, Jesse, live in the Washington, D.C. area.

Ansley Brackin ’12 is part of the communications team for the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church (NGC). During the United Methodist Association of Communicators awards banquet in fall 2014, Brackin won 1st place in electronic publication for the design and layout of the conference’s monthly newsletter, Snapshot. She also won a 3rd place award for a photo series depicting Reinhardt’s first football game. Her work helped win a 2nd place award for website design and a 2nd place in social media for the NGC Instagram account.

P. Taylor Mills ’12 became the director of youth ministries at Centre FUMC in Centre, Ala., in March 2015.

Katie Reed ’12 and Adam F. Utterback were married on Nov. 8, 2014, at the Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, Ga. They live in Kennesaw, Ga.

Kelsey R. Syers ’12 is teaching 8th-12th grade English, writing and reading at the Hsinchu International School in Taiwan.

Martie Richard Turner ’12 (see Jordan Turner ’07).

Travis T. Grindstaff MBA ’13 was inducted into the Cherokee County Sports Hall of Fame on May 1, 2015.

Stephen Karafa ’13 has been promoted to assistant director of admissions at Mercer University.

M. Garrick Sanford ’13 is the head tennis professional at the Cleveland Country Club, Cleveland, Tenn.

Virginia L. Hutton ’14 is a support coordinator at Creative Consulting Services.

Meagan Hurley ’15 is a reporter with the Opelika-Auburn News in Opelika, Ala. She covers community, city government, business, features and breaking news.

Sandy Stephens ’15 was named associate athletic director at Fellowship Christian School, Roswell, Ga., in June 2015. A U.S. Air Force veteran who also spent 15 years as an aircraft mechanic for Delta Airlines, Stephens returned to the classroom to earn an associate's degree in business administration from Chattahoochee Technical College in 2013. — KAB & MSW
In Memoriam

Evelyn Thacker Healan '36 died at the age of 97 on May 9, 2015.

Annabelle D. Selph '39 passed away on April 7, 2015.


Claire Hall Barnett '45 passed away on Dec. 17, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Dil G. Barnett '45.

Claude R. Harris, Sr. '46 died August 10, 2005.

The Rev. Harvey C. Boyd, Sr. '48 passed away on Nov. 20, 2014.

James C. Cline Sr. '48 passed away on Nov. 24, 2014.

H. Marvin Wilson '51 of Lawrenceville, Ga., passed away Sept. 20, 2014, after a lengthy illness. He and his wife, Dr. Barbara B. Wilson, had been married 57 years.

They had established a scholarship at Reinhardt in honor of his father and mother.


Earl 'Tommy' Mayo, Jr. '58 passed away in Feb. 2011.

David L. Strickland '58 passed away on Nov. 12, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jenny Bell Strickland '58, three children and four grandchildren.

Kay B. Butler '59 of Athens, Ga., passed away on March 16, 2014.

Malcolm C. Goss '59 passed away on Aug. 22, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Frances Yeager Goss '59.

Jerry L. Butler '60 passed away on May 13, 2015.

Joyce Wallace Hawkins '60 died unexpectedly on June 15, 2015.

Jimmy C. Blalock '61 passed away on March 16, 2015.

Stephen Cole '62 passed away on Jan. 11, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Dian.

Thomas W. McMurray '62 passed away on April 2, 2015.

M. Alton Willard '65 passed away on March 27, 2015.

Samuel T. Mattison '70 passed away on May 19, 2014, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Martha.

The Rev. Larry L. Pearson '79, age 73, passed away on May 13, 2015.

Robert "Bob" E. Robinson '88, age 62, passed away April 26, 2015. He is survived by his wife, J. Denise Clark Robinson '80.

Caitlin "Caity" Cunningham, a Reinhardt freshman, passed away Feb. 3, 2015, of heart complications. She was a transfer student from Roswell, Ga., and had enrolled at Reinhardt in Jan. 2015. She is survived by her parents, Lisa and Brian, her brother, Patrick, her sister, Nikki, and her grandmother. —KAB & MSW

Faculty

Dr. George Lucktenberg, artist-in-residence from 1995 to 2012, passed away on Oct. 26, 2014. During his tenure with Reinhardt, he was an active performer, teacher, clinician and author. Lucktenberg’s extensive career with traditional and historical stringed keyboard instruments gained him international recognition for performance, teaching, promotion of the instruments and their literature and organizational leadership. He initiated and developed programs for historical keyboard studies at every level, notably for 52 summers at the Interlochen Arts Camp (Mich.) and in professorships in Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia; those, and study grants from the Fulbright Commission and Ford Foundation, formed his richly varied background. He also gave numerous solo and ensemble recitals and was a frequent judge of performance competitions. The School of Performing Arts presented a concert in his honor on Sept. 20, 2015.

Trustees & Friends

Norman W. Paschall '79H '94H was a talented businessman and dedicated United Methodist known for his integrity, energy and leadership. Some described Reinhardt as “perhaps his greatest passion, other than his family, church and business.” He served as a Trustee from 1974 until his death on March 3, 2015, and as board chairman from 1983 to 1995. He received honorary degrees in 1979 and 1994, and the plaza in front of the Burgess Administration Building was named for him. He also served on the Advisory Board of the Funk Heritage Center.

A high school graduate at age 16, his college hopes were dashed by the Depression. He began a career in the textile-by-products business in 1935, but six years later, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. While stationed in Nebraska, he met Barbara Van Gundy, his wife of 67 years, who passed away in 2013. Together they started the Norman W. Paschall Co., Inc., in 1946. It is now the oldest continuous operating industry in Peachtree City, having relocated there in 1962.

He is survived by son Norman Van Paschall, daughter Patricia Ann Carroll, son-in-law Michael and several other relatives.

Bill Wester '96H passed away on Sept. 23, 2015. A longtime member of the Reinhardt Board of Advisors, then Ambassadors, he was named an Honorary Alumnus in 1996 and an Honorary Scholarship was designated in his name in 2006. He served as A DAY for Reinhardt chairman in the early days of the campaign, and he stayed on the A DAY advanced gifts committee for almost 30 years. In 2008 he was honored with the Cherokee FOCUS Volunteer award for his dedication to Reinhardt.

Wester came to Canton as the Georgia Power Co. district manager in 1973, and he stayed in that role until his retirement in 1989. —MSW

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A New Team in Place

President Mallard has created a new senior management team to lead Reinhardt University. After her arrival in mid-May 2015, she promoted the Director of Athletics Bill Popp to the University’s Leadership team.

“This change reflects the importance of athletics to the health and future of the University,” Mallard said. She describes the group as “the best leadership team any president could hope for.”

Three vice presidents were in place when Mallard took the helm. They are: Julie C. Fleming, enrollment services; Dr. Roger R. Lee, student affairs and dean of students; and Dr. Mark A. Roberts, academic affairs. Tim Norton, advancement, was hired to follow JoEllen Bell Wilson ’61, and David R. Leopard, finance and administration, replaced Bob McKinnon. Both Wilson and McKinnon retired earlier in the year, and Mallard took part in selecting their successors.

Mallard is enthusiastic about the strengths and abilities of the University’s leadership team and its members. “A leader is only as strong as the team she works with,” she said. “I cannot imagine a more committed and competent team to join me at the helm steering Reinhardt into an exciting future.”

Faculty, Staff or Administrators Who Retired During the 2014-2015 Year

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Faculty/Staff Notes

Dr. Joann P. Adeogun, PHR, SSLP, assistant professor of business, completed the Six Sigma Lean Professional Certification on Aug. 15, 2014, with a 100% score. She also presented “Make Today Count” at the Reinhardt Student Leadership Conference and presented research on “customer dissatisfaction with financial service providers” at a International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines conference.

Dr. Matthew M. Anderson, assistant professor of music, was honored with the Jane England Faculty Award for Excellence. This award is named for a longtime professor who exemplified leadership and dedication to students. A classical guitarist, he recorded a second album with Athens Duo and toured the world with performances in China, Scotland and Ireland.

Dr. Theresa L. Ast, professor of history, published a book, “Perfectly Awful: The Philadelphia 76ers’ Horrendous and Hilarious 1972-73 Season,” a retrospective on the team with the most single season losses in NBA history.

Dr. Clara Chambers, a housekeeping staff member since March 1976, received the Bridge Award. This annual award is given by the faculty to a staff member in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service and commitment to the faculty and students of the University. She was also awarded the Jason Gamel Blue and Gold Spirit Award during the 2015 Homecoming Festivities.

James “Jym” B. Davis, associate professor of art, was honored with the Faculty Artistic Award. This annual award recognizes creative success. He has also been invited to be Artist-in-Residence and exhibit his work at Shankill Castle in Kilkenny, Ireland for three weeks in May and June 2016.

Dr. Catherine B. Emanuel, Center for Student Success director, received the Elizabeth Moss Bailey ’28 Faculty Mentor Award. The award is presented by the Student Government Association and recognizes an exemplary faculty member who provides outstanding mentorship to students.

Dr. Robert T. Epling, associate professor of physical education, published a book review of “Perfectly Awful: The Philadelphia 76ers’ Horrendous and Hilarious 1972-73 Season,” a retrospective on the team with the most single season losses in NBA history.
Dr. Jonathan Good, associate professor of history, wrote a book review of “Shame and Honor” by Stephanie Trigg for the journal “Reviews in History.”

Jason Hanes, sports information director, was named the 2014-2015 Appalachian Athletic Conference Willie Belcher Sports Information Director of the Year. In his third year at Reinhardt, he is a member of NAIA-Sports Information Directors Association and the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Dr. Kathy Hyatt, associate professor of business, presented a lecture “Ethics in Business” to the Leadership Bartow Alumni Association and served as a reviewer for the Southern Management Association’s annual conference.


Robin C. McNally, assistant professor of mathematics, received the prestigious United Methodist Exemplary Teacher Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching, commitment to value-centered education and service to students.

T. Brett Mullinix, assistant professor of art, had three collages published in Kolaj; see kolajmagazine.com/artistdirectory/brett-mullinix. He also had a piece selected to be in a catalog and exhibition: Idearte, Subasta Internacional de Arte en Honduras, Quinta Edicion, 2014 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Visit isusu.com/min-honduras/docs/idearte-2014 to view his piece (#38).

Joseph W. Mullins ’02, assistant professor of sport studies, received the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes a faculty member who makes outstanding contributions to education, student learning and campus life.

Susan E. Naylor, associate professor of music, was named the 2014 Georgia Music Teachers Association Teacher of the Year.

Jillian Nichols ’04, an adjunct instructor with the undergraduate/WAIT and MAT education programs, received her Specialist in Education in September 2014, and she continues to work on her doctorate at North Central University. This fall she became an assistant principal at Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy in Cherokee County.

Dr. Karen P. Owen, Master of Public Administration program director, co-authored an article in the December 2014 edition of Social Science Quarterly: “‘Your Honor’ is a Female: A Multistage Electoral Analysis of Women’s Successes at Securing State Trial Court Judgeships.” She also arranged for Georgia Supreme Court Justice Keith Blackwell to speak at Reinhardt for Constitution Day, on Sept. 17, 2015.

Dr. Mark Roberts, vice president and dean for academic affairs, presented “Hillbillies: A Modern Product,” in March at the Funk Heritage Center and in September at the Bartow History Museum. He draws his lecture from his research into how Appalachian people became stereotyped as “hillbillies” in the early 20th century. He contends that as the automobile brought more mainstream Americans into contact with mountain people, comic strips and “hillbilly” advertising images helped outsiders believe — often wrongly — that they understood the people and culture of the Southern highlands.

John Robinson, adjunct instructor in Reinhardt’s Police Academy, was appointed Police Chief of the city of Powder Springs, Ga. Robinson, a police officer in Powder Springs since 2011, had served as interim police chief since 2014.

Dr. Cory Schantz, assistant professor of music-voice, sang in the Atlanta Opera and performed with Rimrock Opera Company in Montana.

Dr. Martha Shaw, choral director, was invited to be a guest conductor at Carnegie Hall, the Georgia Music Educators Association annual conference and the American Choral Directors Association’s annual conference.

Dr. M. Katrina Smith, assistant professor of biology, was the author of the poster presentation, “Changing environmental attitudes but not behaviors after coursework and travel” at a Southeastern Psychological Association meeting. She, Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, professor of sociology, and Dr. Danielle A. Satre, associate professor of biology, presented “A sociologist, psychologist, and biologist walk into an Ecuadorian bar: A postmodern approach to understanding an interdisciplinary trip abroad” at the Southern Sociological Society meeting. Smith also held a workshop with Brown and Dr. Donald G. Gregory, associate professor of sociology, entitled “Stalled revolutions abroad: Taking students to the epicenters of change, a workshop on creating dynamic international travel adventures.”

Photos

Dr. Zach Felix, assistant professor of biology, is conducting Project Pine Snake to learn about the northern pine snake in north Georgia and to raise awareness about their conservation plight.

You can help. If you see a pine snake, even a deceased one, snap a photo and email it to zif@reinhardt.edu. To help build a historical record, he’s also interested in pictures from long ago. To help identify a pine snake, see the “Project Pine Snake” Facebook page or blogs.reinhardt.edu/projectpinesnake/. His work has been featured on WABE - 90.1 and at wabe.org/post/scientists-search-georgias-elusive-pine-snake.

Dr. Paula Thomas-Lee received a Faculty Research and Scholarship Award. Her proposal, “Piano Proficiency Requirements in Higher Education and the Application of Skills Utilized by Music Classroom Teachers: A Comparative Study of Keyboard Competencies,” was selected for presentation at the 2015 MTNA national conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 21–25, 2015.

The Rev. Jordan S. Thrasher, University chaplain, was named to the Millennial Advisory Committee of the Atlanta Regional Commission. This group provides a forum for young adult voices to shape the infrastructure of Atlanta and its surrounding areas.

Dr. Kenneth H. Wheeler, professor of history, had an article, “Joseph E. Brown and the Civil War in Cherokee County, Georgia,” published in the book “Cherokee County Voices from the Civil War” by the Cherokee County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. He and Jennifer Lee Cowart ’12 ’14 also co-published a joint faculty-student research project, “Who Was the Real Gus Coggins?: Social Struggle and Criminal Mystery in Cherokee County, 1912-1927,” in the Georgia Historical Quarterly. The article evolved from a paper Cowart wrote for Wheeler’s Interdisciplinary Studies course on local history and culture.

Dr. Pamela Wilson, professor of communication, had an entry, “Indigenous Media” included in Oxford Bibliographies. — LHT, MSW
Have You Been to Reinhardt Recently?

Come for a play or a concert at the Falany Performing Arts Center, a Year of Mexico event, a lecture or campus event, an athletic competition or a program at the Funk Heritage Center. They are a wonderful way to reconnect with your alma mater.

The Falany Performing Arts Center offers a year-round schedule of cultural events, including the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 29 and May 20. The offerings range from classical to jazz, murder mystery to Broadway, even family favorites like the Polar Express. The Music, Theatre and Musical Theatre Department performances are also included in the Falany Center offerings.

The Mayfair Affair was the first play of the 2015-2016 season. Guys and Dolls will follow from Nov. 20 - 22, 2015; Dancing in Lughnasa Feb. 19 - 21, 2016, and The Mystery of Edwin Drood from April 8 - 10, 2016.

Purchase tickets from reinhardt.tix.com.

The Funk Heritage Center hosts events which focus on native American and early settler history. For events, dates and times, see reinhardt.edu/funkheritage.

Year of: Every year Reinhardt hosts a series of events which focus on a selected area of the world. This year is the Year of Mexico. reinhardt.edu/yearof
With three national awards in 2015, Randi Wimpy had a stellar junior year. She was named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA, First Team All-American; National Fastpitch Coaches Association’s NAIA All-American Catcher; and National Fastpitch Coaches Association’s NAIA Diamond Sports Catcher of the Year.

Director of Athletics Bill Popp commended Wimpy for her accolades. “We knew when Randi made a decision to come to Reinhardt to play softball that we had a very gifted and special student-athlete, and she did not disappoint from the get go,” he said. “She has already earned two NAIA All-American honors as well as multiple Appalachian Athletic Conference awards and then was presented with the prestigious NFCA/NAIA Diamond Sports Catcher of the Year award making her the best catcher in the NAIA. If history has given us a glance to the future, we will see a great senior season from Randi Wimpy.”

This past year, Wimpy finished fifth in the U.S. in slugging percentage with a .912 mark. Her 57 RBIs ranked 22nd in the country as well. She led the team with a batting average of .447 with 16 doubles, 11 home runs, 53 runs scored, 42 walks, and a phenomenal .575 on-base percentage.

Each designation has unique significance. Unlike the NAIA All-Americans, which names two players at each position on the First and Second team, the NFCA All-American squads only have one player per position, plus five at-large spots. Wimpy was one of 16 players named to NFCA’s First Team All-American honors list. The Diamond Sports Catcher is presented annually to the top catcher from a NFCA member institution in each division.

A Cartersville, Ga., native, she was named 2014 NAIA First Team All-American after leading the country in home runs. She is now Reinhardt’s first repeat softball First Team All-American. — JAH

Reinhardt University has been named a 2014-2015 Champions of Character Five-Star Bronze Institution by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, NAIA. The designation is given to schools who reach a specific threshold on the NAIA Champions of Character scorecard, which includes the ‘Live 5’ values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

“We are very excited to again earn Five-Star recognition from the NAIA,” said RU Director of Athletics Bill Popp. “This award is really a tribute to our coaches and student-athletes who play on the field and work off the field by the NAIA’s ‘Live 5’ characteristics for life.”

Reinhardt’s 2014-2015 Champions of Character activities included:

- Two character breakfasts, during which staff members shared character-building experiences from their lives; these events were initiated by University Chaplain the Rev. Jordan Thrasher
- Preseason education session for all head coaches held by faculty athletic representative/Faculty Athletic Committee
- Preseason discussion of expectations with each team by the director of athletics
- Character message delivered at all youth athletic camps
- Cherokee Youth Baseball and Youth Basketball Days at Reinhardt

- Breast Cancer awareness events including Dig Pink volleyball match and Save 2nd base softball games
- Participation in a fund raiser organized by one of Reinhardt’s business classes and a student organization to support Imagine No Malaria, a project of the United Methodist Church

Out of 236 NAIA schools, 169 institutions and 20 conferences (including RU’s home conferences of the Appalachian Athletic Conference and the Mid-South Conference) earned five-star designation. — JAH, MSW
Meet Two Student-athletes Who Spanned the Globe to Get to Waleska

Looking through Reinhardt’s athletic team rosters, you will find some diversity. Every student-athlete has an interesting life story, and some of these histories begin a continent away. For baseball player Christian Trejos and soccer player Samson Nyamunda, their roads to Reinhardt began in their home nations of Panama and Zimbabwe.

Christian Trejos - Panama
A baseball player since he was a kid, Christian Trejos had one lifelong dream: “to play baseball here [in the U.S.] and study at the same time,” he said.

As a native Spanish speaker, he had to learn how to speak English to fulfill his dream. He dove in head-first and traveled to Florida, where he received an opportunity through a friend of Reinhardt head baseball coach Kevin Howard.

“I was in Miami,” Trejos said. “I was taking an English course. Coach Howard watched my video, and I came here in November 2012.”

Trejos didn’t make the decision to come to the U.S. and to Reinhardt alone. He also had to consider his family.

“My family in Panama is really poor,” he said. “I know that with my baseball skills, I can change the life of my family. If I’m here and get my degree, I can find a good job and help my family in Panama. That’s why I’m here.”

In balancing baseball, learning English and studying, Trejos doesn’t see his situation as easy, but he appreciates what everyone around him has done to make the ride a little bit easier.

“Everybody just helps me,” he said. “I’m really happy about that. That’s why I love Reinhardt.”

Samson Nyamunda - Zimbabwe
Samson Nyamunda began playing soccer at age 5, and he didn’t let a lack of equipment hold him back.

“Back home we made plastic balls, just bigger than a tennis ball,” he said, “so that’s what I used to play soccer. We played barefooted in the road so my feet were really strong. That’s when I started knowing that I was good at soccer.”

Years later, scouts from American schools came to Zimbabwe and chose seven players; Nyamunda was one of them. He sent DVDs of his performances to the coach of Southern Polytechnic State University, who was interested.

“We started talking over emails,” he said. “I wasn’t able to talk to him all the time because back home you had to go to an Internet cafe where you pay money to use it for 30 minutes. I had to do that for several months before I came.”

In 2011, Nyamunda finally moved to the U.S. to begin his collegiate career at Southern Polytechnic State University. He tore his ACL in the 16th game of the season, but then he hit a bump in the road.

“Before we went to nationals, I tore my ACL in the 16th game of the season,” he said. “I had to sit out all of spring semester.” He ended up getting a release.

Without a scholarship, Nyamunda moved in with a friend’s family and began his comeback, working out daily by himself. Meanwhile, he reached out to one of his former opponents.

“I called (former Reinhardt soccer) coach Dan [Farnham], because we had played Reinhardt,” he said. “He drove to my school to see me. He knew I was injured, but he gave me a reasonable scholarship to come here.”

Nyamunda would go on to become a very valuable member of head coach Joey Johnson’s team at Reinhardt. The Eagles would win the Appalachian Athletic Conference regular season championship in 2014, with Nyamunda scoring six goals and adding five assists on the campaign.

“Samson possesses many of the traits I highly value in a player,” said Johnson. “He is hard working, professional and brings energy to the training ground each day. The characteristics that he displays within our men’s soccer program have been evident in his exemplary work in the classroom and will surely bring him great success as he moves forward with his life.” — JH
Reinhardt’s newest athletic building, the Ken White Indoor Athletic Facility, was dedicated on May 19, 2015. The 4,500-sq. ft. facility, which opened the previous fall, was built and furnished at a cost of almost $200,000.

A generous gift from Reinhardt trustee C. Kenneth “Ken” White ’61 made the building possible. His name is a common sight on the Reinhardt campus: you’ll also find the White softball field, baseball field, and turf field used by RU’s football, soccer and lacrosse teams, as well as the White Atrium in the University’s Falany Performing Arts Center and the White Music Center.

“My hope is that other people will see a need and make a donation, if they are able, to help fulfill that need,” White said. “I would like to see this building used, not just for softball, but for all of the sports that can use it.”

Director of Athletics Bill Popp said the building was a much needed addition. “Our very gracious donor and trustee Ken White helped us create a space that can be set up for so many different things. First it is a dynamic indoor practice area for our baseball and softball teams. We can also use the space for relief for other teams on rainy days, large gathering spaces for meetings, and it’s a great place for a visiting football team to dress. The building truly is a multi-dimensional facility.”

The new bronze statue of an eagle swooping through the sky with a fish in its talons was also recognized. The statue is in front of the Indoor Athletic Facility and next to the walkway leading to many of the University’s athletic facilities.

“Ken White has been one of the driving forces who has helped shape what Reinhardt Athletics is today,” said Popp. “We are always very grateful whenever he steps in to fill a void. Things would certainly be much different for our department if not for the generous support of Ken White.”

Alumni have also shared their appreciation for the new facility. Maddie Monroe ’13, a four-year letter winner and former four-time Appalachian Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, thanked White via Instagram. “So glad it finally came to life!” she said. “As always, Ken White is an amazing supporter!” —JAH
The Intercollegiate Athletic Staff name four outstanding student-athletes each year. The Golden Eagle Awards recognize outstanding athletic performance. The Thelma Rogers Silver Eagle awards highlight loyalty, team spirit and those who embody the NAIA “Live 5” qualities.

**Makism Yorsh – Golden Eagle**
Maksim Yorsh (above) led the Reinhardt men’s tennis team to its best season in program history. The junior was named an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, the first for the RU men’s tennis program. An Appalachian Athletic Conference All-Conference performer, Yorsh improved as the year went along. The Minsk, Belarus, native helped RU to a dozen wins in a row, with a win in either singles or doubles in all 12 of those matches.

In Reinhardt’s final three matches of the season, Yorsh perhaps played his best. In the AAC Championship finals, Yorsh teamed with Nikita Hrynov at the top doubles line to give the Eagles an 8-4 win and a point. That point would be pivotal as the Eagles would go on to defeat No. 21 Tennessee Wesleyan, 5-2, to win the AAC Championship.

Next, at the NAIA National Tournament, Yorsh won both of his matches. After teaming with Hrynov to win at No. 1 doubles (8-3), the junior would go on to a dominating 6-1, 6-3 win at No. 1 singles to help the Eagles win their first NAIA National Tournament match against Westmont. While the Eagles would fall to Auburn-Montgomery in the Round of 16, Yorsh and Hrynov would win at No. 1 doubles, with Yorsh leading in his match at No. 1 singles when play was halted.

**Stephanie Goins – Golden Eagle**
Goins (left) has had perhaps the best two seasons of women’s soccer in Reinhardt history, with 2014 being exceptionally great. This past year, Goins was named Appalachian Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and the Most Valuable Player of the AAC Championship. She also earned NAIA Honorable Mention All-American honors.

In the last season, the Lady Eagles went 15-4-2 and earned a bid to the NAIA National Tournament because they won the AAC Championship over St. Andrews. For the second year in a row, Goins earned AAC Championship MVP honors, earning assists on goals in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

In her 2014 season, the Lawrenceville, Ga., native had a pair of goals and ranked 35th nationally with nine assists.

**Lindsey White**
**Thelma Rogers Silver Eagle**
A repeat Silver Eagle recipient, White’s work on the playing field, in class and in the servant community is exceptional. White (above) was a Second Team All-AAC honoree, scoring 10 goals (including a pair in the AAC tournament semifinals) and adding five assists. She also earned AAC All-Tournament honors.

White was recently named Reinhardt’s first-ever Capital One Academic All-American. She posted a 4.0 GPA while double majoring in cultural diversity and family counseling.

She also continues to help children she met during a Spring Break mission trip to Mexico.

**Michael Coleman**
**Thelma Rogers Silver Eagle**
2014 men’s soccer team captain, Coleman personifies the “Live 5” qualities of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Sportsmanship and Servant Leadership highlighted by the NAIA Champions of Character program.

“He does it naturally and without intentional effort as he is a true servant leader,” said RU men’s soccer head coach Joey Johnson.

An Atlanta native, Coleman was also a Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete, an AAC All-Academic Team honoree and the men’s soccer representative on the AAC Champions of Character Team. — JAH
Blue & Gold: Showing Eagle Spirit Head to Toe

It started quietly. In a meeting with resident assistants, Dr. Kina Mallard was sporting her Reinhardt blue and gold from head to toe... and her shoes launched an on campus color craze. “I decided to build on it! I told students, faculty and staff if they bought blue tennis shoes, I would give them the gold shoe strings. I’ve given out boxes of laces, and we’re all showing our Eagle spirit.” Alumni and friends can also show their Eagle spirit by picking up a free pair of gold Eagle shoelaces at the campus bookstore.

President Mallard (left), shown here with Alumni Board of Governors President Susan Pinson, spoke at ‘Reinhardt in the City’ on Sept. 18 at the Commerce Club in Atlanta. Dr. Mallard’s remarks included the alumni premiere of a new video, “It Began at Reinhardt,” which can be found at Reinhardt.edu/IBAR.

“Please join me and our Alumni Board of Governors who have made a commitment of 100% participation in giving to our Reinhardt University this year. Your gift will support student success as a part of Reinhardt’s annual $8 million scholarship budget.” — Susan Moore Pinson ’04

“It is vitally important that our alumni and other friends of Reinhardt join us by making gifts now as we work to create new beginnings for students who come our way.” — Dr. Roger Lee, vice president for student affairs and dean of students

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