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In memory of
Mary Jane Salter
A legacy of light.

SIT LUX

Be the light.



We lift up the life of Mary Jane Langford Salter ('68) as the model of servant leadership and a life of purpose. Mary Jane succumbed to Covid on February 26. Many of you knew her due to her work in the Randolph County region; some knew her as a colleague here at the college for the past five years, many more were blessed to know her as a friend. May we all aspire to be as bright a light as Mary Jane.

A MESSAGE

from the

PRESIDENT

DEAR ALUMNI & FRIENDS,

While it's obvious to state that no academic year has been like any other, this one was decidedly different on many levels, both enjoyable and tragic. Covid took the life of our beloved friend and staff member, Mary Jane Langford Salter. Covid rocked our faculty and students back on their heels many times this year. It affected sports team schedules, teaching pedagogy, and nearly every facet of college life. But the Andrew College family and spirit also came shining through. We figured out how to hold an Arts Festival this year, donors gave generously, and Tiger athletics boasts a conference champion in baseball, a first for Andrew. We are working hard to determine a fall semester that is as normal as possible. And that includes a Homecoming weekend that we hope will be the biggest and best ever. Please plan to join us October 1-3! Stay safe and well, and enjoy your summer wherever you are. Come see us in Cuthbert. We have a lot to show you!

Best,



Linda R. Buchanan, Ph.D
President, Andrew College



Get social with us



Save the date!

ANDREW COLLEGE HOMECOMING *October 1 -3, 2021*

Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2021: October 1-3! We missed having our alumni return in 2020 due to Covid, so this year, we're going big! Just to name a few of this year's Homecoming events...

- 50th Reunion for the classes of 1970 & 1971
- Sarah Anne Staples Hall Dedication
- Annual Alumni Awards (nominations opening soon!)
- A special Andrew College Theatre (ACT) production
- HOMECOMING PARADE!

Watch for more details coming in June 2021 on our Homecoming Events webpage at: <https://www.andrewcollege.edu/event/homecoming/>.

Departing March 24, 2022

SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND SPRING 2022

The Andrew College Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Development Office, offers alumni and friends the opportunity to travel with fellow graduates and other members of the Andrew community to locations around the world. The College is excited to announce its upcoming trips: Scotland Spring 2022.

MUSIC BUILDING NAMED FOR DONORS



Ribbon cutting after the ceremony with (L-R) Board Chairman, George Flowers, Richard Taylor, President Linda Buchanan, Sherrie Taylor, and Andrew Taylor. Pictured below is Richard Taylor talking with former Andrew College Professor Sam Edwards. Edwards was Taylor's professor and advisor.



Mr. Richard B. and Mrs. (Sherrie) Taylor recently made a contribution to the college for the music department. The music building will now be known as the Richard B. Taylor Music Center. Richard is a native of Cuthbert and a 1971 cum laude graduate of Andrew College. The arts are important to the Taylor family as Sherrie was a former professional ballerina and their son Andrew is an aspiring musician. A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony was held as part of the Arts 'Round the Square Event this spring. Taylor's son Andrew performed musical selections with Assistant Music Professor Dr. Dan Kolan as part of the festivities. During the ceremony, Richard spoke of his love for Andrew College and the area. Taylor has served as a trustee of Andrew College since 2011. The Andrew College community and its music students are grateful for the generosity and support of the Taylor family.

New Scholarship Endowment

Hal and Cheryl Meadows '70 of Cuthbert recently established the Meadows-Grubbs Endowed Scholarship Fund for the use and benefit of Andrew College. To be awarded annually, the Meadows-Grubbs Endowed Scholarship is presented to a student(s) studying in the field of agribusiness, forestry, or sustainable agriculture. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship in either their first or second academic year and need to be in good academic standing, with first preference given to students from Clay, Randolph, Stewart, or Quitman Counties. If no eligible student is identified, then a second preference will be given to a student within any area of study from Clay, Randolph, Stewart, or Quitman Counties.



A new place for a Green Space



Ernie C. Wright, '76



Andrew College will have a new green space, thanks to the generosity of Ernie C. Wright of Columbus. Wright is an Andrew College alum ('76) and board member. This new space will replace part of the Rhodes Hall parking lot and is the beginning of a larger campus vision.

During the start of the work last week on the parking lot, while excavating the old parking lot asphalt, Max Pittman of P & P Land Services uncovered an area that included some of the original materials of the college building that burned in 1892. Small pieces of brick, glass, china, pottery, and some metal hardware, including nails and a hinge, were uncovered. The next step with these artifacts is to clean and identify them as much as possible. They will eventually be put on display. After that, the parking lot will be regraded where the asphalt was taken. Sidewalks will be placed in strategic locations, and, in June, the area will be landscaped.



Arts 'Round the Square Round Up

Andrew College hosted the 3rd Annual Arts 'Round the Square Festival on March 27 in historic downtown Cuthbert. Attendees experienced live art, theatre, music and enjoyed shopping at the Cuthbert Farmers Market. The festival concluded with the dedication ceremony for the Richard B. Taylor Music Center. The festival included two venues open for tours, the Fletcher Henderson House in Cuthbert and the Center for Arts & Rehabilitative Energies, Inc., located in Shellman, Georgia. This year, Arts 'Round the Square was dedicated to Mary Jane Salter's loving memory, who helped start the event in 2018.



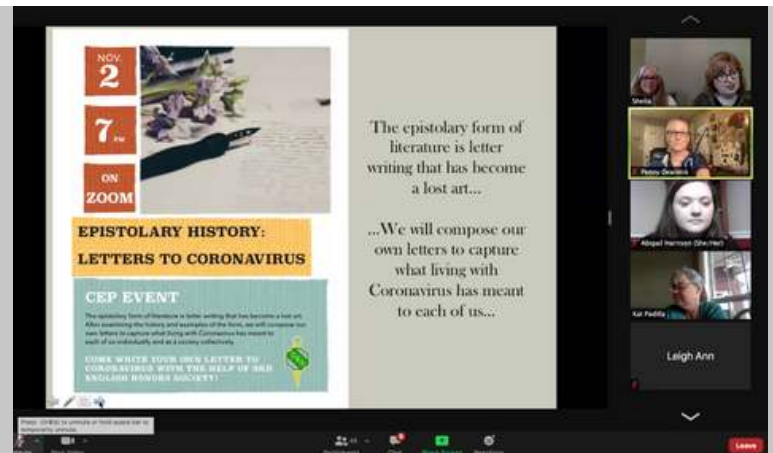
Up for Debate

The Humanities Division hosted a debate on April 9th, pitting students against faculty in order to model civil discourse for the campus and show off the research, speaking, and critical thinking skills of our students. The student team was composed of Dylan Kelly, Mason Flury, and Antonyo Myers, while the faculty team was manned by Bob Kortbawi and Amanda Knight. The debate topic was randomly selected from a list of five nationally impactful ones, and the students chose to defend the resolution: Immigrants should be welcomed to the US. The faculty chose to attack their position by counter-proposing that only legal immigrants should be welcomed to the US. The students eloquently presented carefully thought out evidence and logic to support their side, but the faculty was judged to be the winner by a slim margin of only three points. (Points are earned by refuting every argument that the opposition raises.) The students, faculty, and audience members enjoyed the match of wits and vowed to debate more often. Faculty members Sherri Cartwright and Michelle Collins assisted with judging and time-keeping.



ΣΚΔ
National English Honor Society

Prize for Prose



Andrew College's Phi Zeta Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honors Society, has been awarded a \$200 prize from the SKD National Honor Society for their "Epistolary History: Letters to Coronavirus" event. This chapter activity award is a highly coveted prize given to the chapter that best promotes the aims of SKD. Students, community members, and faculty logged into Zoom to participate and learned about the significance of the representation of all groups that experienced important historical events captured through the lost art of letter writing, and participants wrote their own letter to Coronavirus. The Epistolary History project was unique and appropriate, recording the reactions of people living through this time, making them think about the future and this event in the scope of their lives. Among the over 30 participants were Sigma Kappa Delta members Kenyaly Quevedo, Raina Plunske, Hasani Comer, Marchell Johnson, and Alexia Jones. The Andrew College Phi Zeta Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges, was established in 2019. All inductees must have completed at least one course in college-level English with a "B" or better, completed at least twelve semester hours, and have an overall G.P.A. of 3.0. The objectives of Sigma Kappa Delta are to confer distinction for high achievement and general scholarship in English language and literature, to provide cultural stimulation on college campuses through local chapters, to foster community within English departments, and to encourage creative and critical writing. Professor Penny Dearmin serves as Advisor.

HISTORY MAKING SEASON

The Andrew College Athletic Department teams are members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), and per the COVID-19 Rules established by the NJCAA, the men's and women's soccer teams, and the men's and women's basketball teams all had a major disruption to their normal schedules that proved to be a tough thing to overcome. Men's and women's soccer had their seasons moved from an August start to an April start, and with a reduced season length, forced a reduction in pre-conference games.



Men's and women's basketball saw their seasons severely shortened, from 30 to 22 games, plus a mid-January start from a normal November 1 start, which resulted in a brutal three games a week season. Baseball, Softball, and Men's Golf all had a normal spring schedule. Women's basketball forward Taliah Wesley was named to the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) 1st Team All-Region team and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Softball made the GCAA playoffs for the third time in five years and walloped South Georgia State 16-5 in the opening round before falling in the quarterfinals. Head Softball Coach Kayla Williams recorded her 100th career win during the season, a 1-0 win over Wallace State-Dothan (AL) on February 25. Golfer Conner Hixson won the GCAA Region 17 Men's Golf Individual Championship, winning a three-man playoff when he parred the first playoff hole, while the others bogeyed the hole. Emil Wallinder finished in a T4th and was named to the GCAA All-Region Team with Hixson. Baseball had its most successful season ever this spring, establishing a new single-season record for wins with 35, besting the 32 wins of the 2007 team, and captured the first-ever NJCAA Region 17 Baseball Championship in the 37-year history of the baseball program. Three players were named to the GCAA 1st Team All-Region team (Kaleb Podger, Jacob Pierce, and Jack Hay), a program first, one player named to the GCAA 2nd Team All-Region (Jake Edwards), and four players named to the GCAA Gold Glove team (Podger, Pierce, Edwards, and Jonah Stout), also a program record. Podger was named the GCAA Player of the Year, another program first, and Pierce was named the GCAA Defensive Player of the Year. Head Baseball Coach Blake Williams earned his 200th career win, with a 6-5 victory over Enterprise State (AL) on February 17. Head Softball Coach Kayla Williams earned her 100th career win, with a 0-1 victory over Wallace College (AL) on February 25th.

The academic success of the student-athletes at Andrew College continues, both as teams and individuals. Men's golf posted the highest team GPA with a 3.54, followed by Softball with a 3.22, Baseball at 3.17, and Women's Soccer at 3.07, as the overall GPA of the Athletic Department was a solid 2.87 across nine sports. Eighteen individual student-athletes were named to the Dean's List (3.5 - 3.99 GPA), and another fourteen made the President's List (4.0 GPA). In addition, student-athletes earned eight of the eleven highest awards given to an Andrew College student, including all three of the Andy Awards given this year, for Leadership (Women's Basketball - Taliah Wesley), for Achievement (Men's Soccer - Hasani Comer), and Service (Baseball - Colby Fields). Student-athletes also received nineteen of the twenty-seven Departmental Awards given in a full range of academic disciplines. Visit www.andrewfightingtigers.com to keep up with the Tigers.



In the Spotlight

In November, ACT presented "Cuthbert Speaks: Tales from the Dead" as our KCACTF Region 4 Associate Production. The show was performed live and outdoors at four on-campus locations by Jazmine Curry, Hasani Comer, Mason (Bear) Flury, D.J. Hodges, Dylan Kelly, Antonyo Myers, and Gabriel Negron. Our Production Assistant was Jordan Cunningham. This show was adapted from skits written and researched by Dr. Lela Philips and supported by a GA Council for the Arts grant. The performance was entered into the National Playwriting Program of KCACTF and received feedback during a response session conducted by NPP representatives from Clemson University and Hollins University. KCACTF/NPP respondents nominated Jazmine Curry, Antonyo Myers, and Shannon Green to compete in the Irene Ryan audition competition at the region festival.



Pictured above is theatre student, Jazmine Curry wearing a costume design by Angela Roberts from the production, "Cuthbert Speaks".

- "Cuthbert Speaks" was performed at the historic Greenwood Cemetery during Arts 'Round the Square and included instructor Deborah Liss-Green in the cast.
- Despite four weeks of instructor quarantine in the spring, the program embarked upon a semester-long production development process. Beginning with Introduction to Performance class and with two live Zoom performance workshops, the program created a devised work called "Lost and Found." The work, combining personal narrative, poetry, prose, and ethnographic study to explore identity, loss, and resilience, will debut in Magnolia Alley at 7:00 PM on April 22.

Activities/Honors

- Hasani Comer and DJ Harris were cast in ten-minute plays for the National Playwriting Project at KCACTF Region 4. KCACTF 4 is a 7 state region of the national festival, in which Andrew College Theatre participates annually.
- Deb Liss-Green served as a regional directing mentor during the KCACTF region festival. As a mentor, she worked with student directors from Georgia Southern and Florida International universities as they rehearsed and recorded new plays.
- As a KCACTF NPP respondent, Deb responded (virtually) to productions of new work at South Georgia College and Clayton State University.
- Deb Liss-Green and Theatre major Dylan Kelly attended a two-day long Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival workshop on anti-racist theatre practices, conducted by Kennedy Center trainers.

News

- A.C.T. is thrilled that Angela Roberts designed original costumes for "Cuthbert Speaks." Ms. Roberts is a professional tutor at the SSC, who is also a designer and seamstress. Her gorgeous costumes for this historical production will serve for future performances. We hope she will continue to design for us!
- The Andrew College Educational Programs Committee has approved a proposal to create two distinct tracks within the theatre degree: (1) Performance (2) Design, Technology, and Management. These tracks will enable future majors to focus their studies in their area of interest as they prepare for transfer to a university. In addition, the EPC approved the addition of new courses in the program.

Busy Brushes

Assistant Professor of Visual Art Chris Johnson and his students continue to share their talents. They hosted a very successful Arts 'Round the Square festival. On April 17 Johnson and Andrew College art students did a steamroller printmaking event at the Albany Museum of Art's Family Day. Other projects include Johnson's Small Things butterfly mural in Albany and the Pharmhouse painting in Leesburg. Johnson also served as a judge for state art exhibitions and competitions.



Senior Picnic



The Office of Career Services, in collaboration with the Office Student Life, had its first Senior Picnic. All faculty, staff, and students were invited to attend this monumental event. Attendees had food and fun with popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, inflatables, water slides, corn hole, lawn games, music, and a free traditional cookout hosted by SAGE during the event. Students who had approximately 30 earned credit hours at Andrew College received a free t-shirt and were encouraged to visit with the invited business vendors. There were over 100 faculty, staff, and students in attendance, and this event would not have been possible without the help from our gracious faculty and staff who lead the booths and helped with setup and takedown. We hope to make this an annual event. Check out more pictures from this event on the Andrew College Careers Facebook page, or scan the QR code.



TAKE A DEEP BREATH

Andrew graduates its first class of respiratory therapists.



Members of the first graduating class of the respiratory therapy program are pictured in the top right photo. Above are the students who will be returning for clinicals with their newly presented white coats.

Respiratory Therapy has always been an important pillar of the healthcare system. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, respiratory therapists have been pushed into the spotlight for all the world to see the importance of these professionals and their expertise in cardiopulmonary care. Andrew College is proud to assist in the fight in keeping talented respiratory therapists working in Southwest Georgia healthcare facilities. We are excited to graduate our first class of respiratory therapists and celebrated with a small gathering for their pinning and a white coat ceremony for the upcoming class. We celebrate these students in their quest to become healthcare heroes.

FAST FACTS



FALL 2020



Virtual Commencement 2021



Spring Commencement was held virtually this year at Jones Chapel and premiered on Saturday, May the 5th. Dr. Karan Pittman, Dr. Linda R. Buchanan, and Board Chair George Flowers participated in the ceremony, and Professor Amanda Knight sang the Alma Mater accompanied by Dr. Dan Kolan. To make the event a little more special for our graduates, they were invited to have pictures made or submitted to be shown as their names were announced. Dr. Buchanan noted, "even though the event is virtual, our graduates are no less deserving and we are all so very proud of you."



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President Linda R. Buchanan



Hasani Comer, Stone Mountain, GA
Andy Award for Achievement



Taliah Wesley, Blakely, GA
Andy Award for Leadership



Colby Fields, Stone McDonough, GA
Andy Award for Service



Catie Barber, Lawrenceville, GA
Clara Howard Award



Emil Wallinder, Stockholm, Sweden
Global Community Award



Andru Matthews, Bainbridge, GA
Pilot Friendship Award



Stephanie Akehurst, Lady Lake, FL
Rotary Award



Jaxon Bickford, Dalton, GA
Sarah Anne Staples Award

Nursing News

The Aderhold Division of Nursing held a socially distanced pinning ceremony for the 2020 and 2021 nursing program graduates. The joyful celebration brought a year of challenges to a jubilant close. Best wishes and prayers to our graduates as they move on to the step of their journey and as they take their state board examinations.



Faculty and Staff Updates

Faculty Promotions

Deb Liss-Green - Promoted to Associate Professor and Tenured

Dr. Charles Roberts - Promoted to Associate Professor and Tenured

Dr. Rachael Kenworthy - Promoted to Associate Professor and Tenured

Malanie Burnett - Promoted to Associate Professor

Departmental Changes & New Staff

Melissa Hawkins - Nursing Clinical Supervisor

Julia Miller - Nursing Clinical Supervisor

Teresa Teal - Adjunct, Statistics Instructor

Faculty Honors Awards Winners

John H. Woodall Award for Excellence in Teaching

Penny Dearmin, Assistant Professor of English

Vulcan Materials Teaching Excellence Award

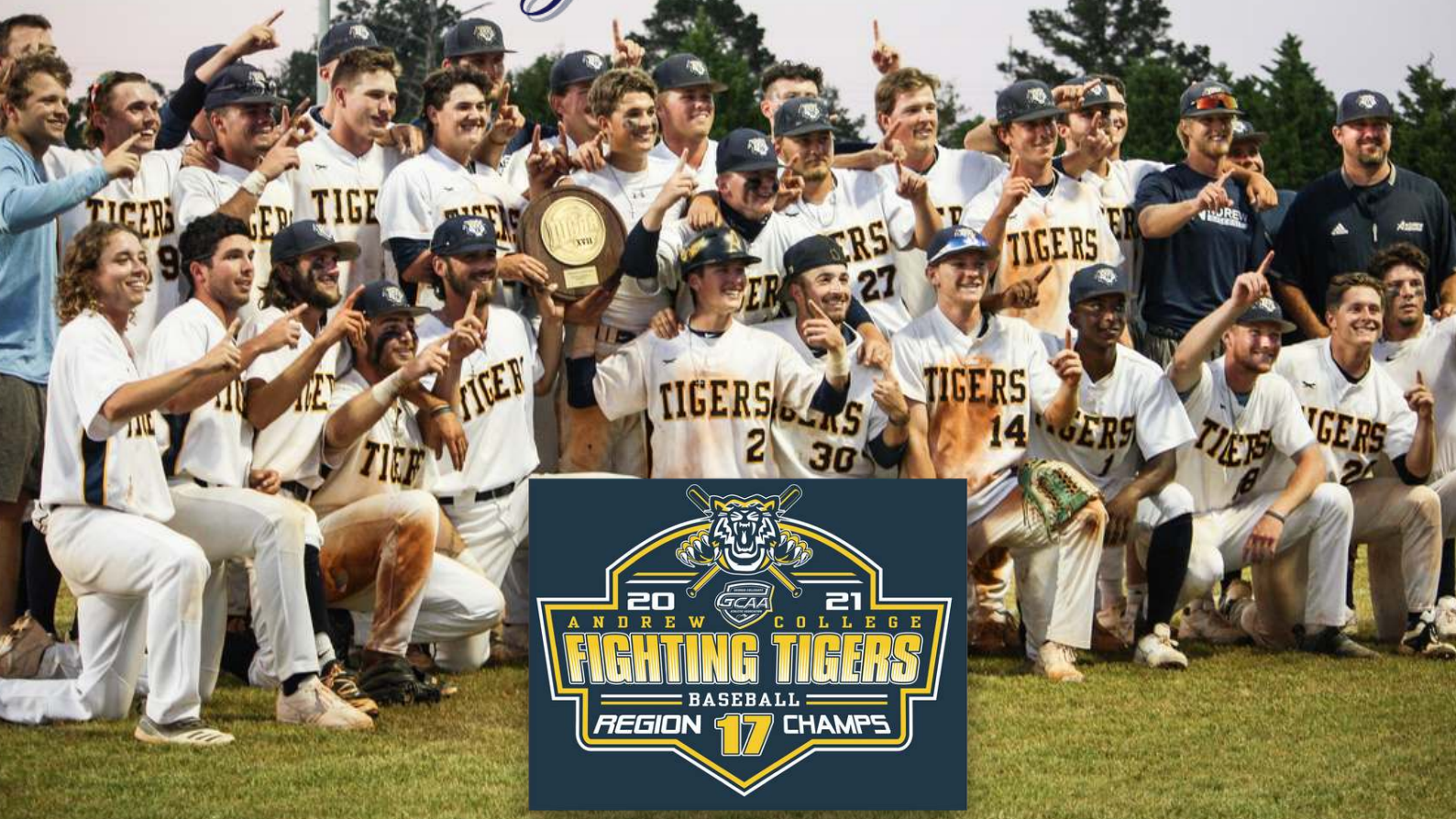
Dan Kolan, Assistant Professor of Music

United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award

Katie Dodrill, Associate Professor of English



Congratulations!



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ANDREW COLLEGE ORAL HISTORY PUBLICATION

Our current Andrew College engagement campaign will compile a unique oral history archive, uniting Andrew alumni across generations, geography, and life experiences.

We have partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to help collect stories from as many alumni as possible and produce the **Andrew College Oral History Publication**.

By sharing your memory, you'll ensure that the rich history of Andrew College will be preserved for generations to come.

Please call 1-855-912-9071 to speak with a PCI associate during the following business hours:
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM EDT

Thanks for your participation!





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