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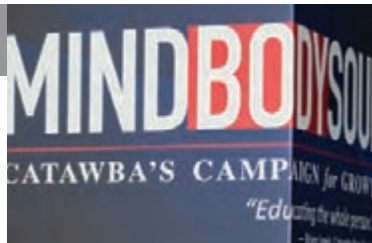
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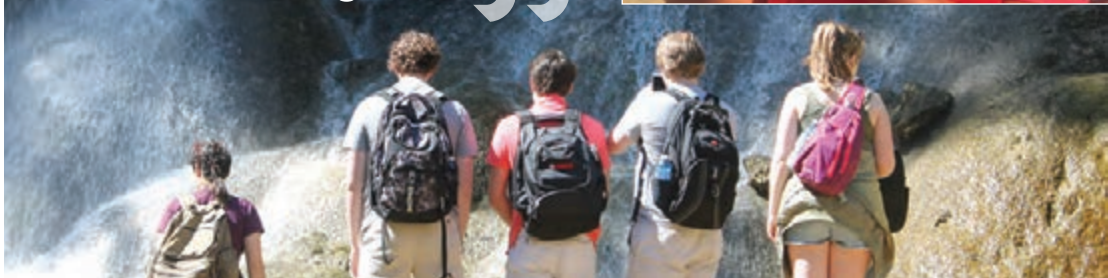
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As the creator of *Saturday Night Live*, Lorne Michaels, once reputedly said,  
 “If you are the smartest person in the room then you are in the wrong room!”



Dear Catawba Family,

One of the great benefits of a college experience is being surrounded – and challenged – by bright, creative, and interesting people of all backgrounds and experiences. Catawba’s Honors Program is one of our key vehicles for attracting students and faculty who seek these kinds of experiences. The impact on these individuals and the campus as a whole is significant.

In the pages of this edition of *CAMPUS*, you will read about **MindBodySoul: Catawba’s Campaign for Growth** and the manifold ways in which we are seeking to enhance the College and what it can offer our students. The Honors Program is a vital element of that and I am thrilled to advise you that visionary and generous donors have **created a \$2 million endowment** to sustain and expand it. These same generous and anonymous friends have already made a huge difference through a gift for the Honors program in our previous campaign. What kind of a difference?

- **Enrollment in Honors Courses has more than doubled in the past seven years from less than 100 to over 200;**
- **Honors students are presenting their original research at regional and national conferences, winning awards and recognition for their work;**
- **Honors students who travel domestically or internationally as part of their Honors courses have grown from fewer than 20 to nearly 70 in the past seven years;**
- **Spaces dedicated to the Honors Program have been established in residence halls (Hurley and S-R) and academic areas (Hedrick); and**
- **The number of students graduating with Honors has grown from three in 2013 to 10 in 2018.**

These numbers alone are compelling evidence of the impact a gift can have on students’ experiences at Catawba and how we can prepare them for a complex and dynamic world. Of course, the intangible opportunities are equally or more important in developing these young people to be leaders in their professions and communities. Attracting more of them starts with sharing their stories with friends, neighbors, and total strangers. Catawba’s growth – both in numbers and in quality of opportunities – depends on you!

Many thanks to these generous supporters who have enabled Catawba to make such progress – I hope they will inspire others to find their own ways to grow and sustain the College for generations to come.

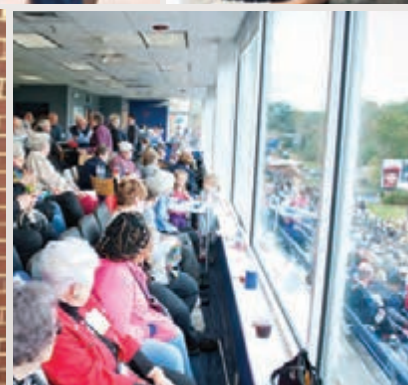
Yours at Catawba,

**Brien Lewis**, *President*

**Homecoming and Campaign Kick-Off Weekend 2018 saw a huge number of alumni, family members and friends back on campus this year.**

Signature events for the weekend included the Mind, Body, Soul: Catawba's Campaign for Growth Kick-Off Celebration, an all-campus Homecoming Networking Social, Class Reunion Events for 1968, 1978, 2008 and 2018, Special Recognition and Events for Athletic Teams including 1988 Football, 1998 Men's Soccer, 1998 Women's Soccer, and Volleyball, the annual Homecoming Golf Tournament & Fundraiser at the Revival Golf Course at the Crescent, the Blue Masque Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception, Football vs. Tusculum University (a big win for Catawba!), and the Alumni Awards Ceremony & Brunch.

*Enjoy the photos, relive the memories, and mark your calendar to join us next year – October 25-27, 2019.*



## Four Receive Distinguished Alumni Awards Saturday, October 20th during Homecoming Weekend Activities.



Those recognized included **Allan Robert Autry '08** of Raleigh, recipient of the Young Alumni Award for Career Development; **John D. Balls '70** of Charlotte, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement; **Marvin T. Moore '99** of Concord, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service; and **Robin Tynes-Miller '12** of Charlotte, recipient of the Young Alumni Award for Service.

*These awards are given annually by Catawba's Alumni Association to individuals who have served their community, distinguished themselves at different phases of their professional careers, and have also served the Catawba College community.*

**Allan Robert Autry '08** is a CPA and the youngest Tax Principal at Johnson Lambert, LLP, the fifth largest accounting firm to insurance industry in the country.

A native of Fayetteville, N.C., Allan majored in Accounting while an undergraduate at Catawba and was a member of the College Golf Team. Recognized for his academic success while a student, Allan served as Junior Marshal and was a member of the Philomathean Society.

After graduating from Catawba, he earned his Master of Accounting degree, magna cum laude, from N.C. State University's Poole College of Management.

A member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the North Carolina Association of CPAs, and the Insurance Accounting & Systems Association (IASA), Allan is a regular presenter at regional and national insurance industry conferences on tax and workplace issues. Recent talks include "Managing a Multigenerational Work Force: Unleashing Its Potential," and "State Taxes: The Unknown Frontier." He also authors articles for clients to help them better understand tax law, and his recent works include: "The Impact of the Tax Reform Act for Property and Casualty Insurers" for the PIAA Inside Medical Liability publication, and "Trump Tax Reform" for the IASA E-Interpreter.

Allan met his wife, the former Meagen Kittle, also a member of the Class of 2008, while both were Catawba students. She is employed as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs at William Peace University and Teaching Assistant Professor at N.C. State University College of Engineering. The two are parents of daughter Rowan Meadow Autry and the family lives in Raleigh.

**John D. Balls '70** of Charlotte is a former Vice President and Chief Information Officer for AT&T/Lucent Technologies, Inc., and a retired educator.

After graduating from Catawba with a degree in Business Management, John earned his Master of Science degree in Finance from Benjamin Franklin University (now George Washington University), an M.B.A. in Management and Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and his master's and doctorate degrees from Gardner-Webb University. He also graduated from Cornell University's Executive Leadership Program and from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Executive Program in Technology.

While a student at Catawba, John was honored as Student of the Month and inclusion in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He also served as a Junior Marshal at the College.

After a long career with AT&T/Lucent Technologies, Inc., N.J., where John held several strategic positions between 1971 and 2000, he began a career as an educator. He served as an instructor in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools between 2000 and 2003, then worked in the Stanly County Schools first as a vice principal at West Stanly High, and then as a high school principal at Stanly Early College between 2006 and 2010. Thereafter, he joined Gardner-Webb University, serving as director of the Center for Innovative Leadership Development between 2012 and 2016, as coordinator of the Doctorate of Education in Organization Leadership Program between 2014 and 2016, and as assistant professor in the School of Education there between 2013 and 2016. John continues to serve Gardner-Webb University as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Education.

John has numerous publications to his credit and has been honored with various awards throughout his career, including the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Honoree Award in 2018, and the North Carolina New Schools Innovator of the Year Award in 2010. He has served on the board of directors for the local Boys & Girls Club, and has

served as a mentor for students and young professionals in various ministries at his church.

He is married to wife Greta.

**Marvin Moore '99** is employed by the Rowan-Salisbury Public Schools as Principal of Isenberg Elementary School.

While a student at Catawba, Moore was a standout basketball player who earned his degree in physical education. His achievements on the court earned him many accolades, including three-time All-Conference Player; four-time champion – on the team that won two Conference Championships and two Conference Tournament Championships; All American, Conference Player of the Year; Conference Athlete of the Year; and Conference Hall of Fame member. He was the only player in Conference history to have 1500 points, 500 rebounds, 500 assists, and 200 steals. He holds the record as Catawba's all time steals leader in a game, a single season, and in his career.

He served as Catawba's assistant men's basketball coach for 10 years and help lead the squad to three conference tournament championships and three conference championships. He still continues to mentor Catawba's male basketball players.

After his Catawba graduation, Marvin earned his master's degree from Gardner-Webb University and is currently pursuing his doctorate from Wingate University.

In the community, Marvin is active in several volunteer organizations including Dream on 3, Food for Thought, and the Crosby Scholars. He has been honored as a finalist for Rowan County Principal of the Year and as the Salisbury area Community Principal.

Married to wife Jessica, the couple makes their home in Concord and are parents of daughters Sydny, Maliya, and Londyn, and son Marvin "M.J." Marvin is a native of Ahoskie, N.C., and the son of Helen Hurd.

**Robin Tynes-Miller '12** is the Founder and Artistic Director of Three Bone Theatre, and Analytics Manager for Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

A native of Black Mountain, N.C., Robin came to Catawba as a transfer student, majoring in Musical Theatre and earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. While a student, she distinguished herself academically. She was tapped to serve as a Junior Marshal, inducted into Phi Epsilon, served as Blue Masque President between 2011 and 2012, and was a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the Theatre Arts Honor Society. She was Improv Team Captain, an Irene Ryan Semi-Finalist for 2012, and the recipient of the Augustin Daly Award. Popular with her fellow students, she was also a member of the Homecoming Court.

While a Catawba undergrad, she met fellow theatre arts alumna Carmen Bartlett '10 and developed a close friendship. The two discussed their shared dream of establishing a small, non-profit theatre in North Carolina and actually realized that dream when they established Three Bone Theatre in Charlotte in 2012. The name of their theatre company comes from Reba McEntire quote: "To succeed in life: you need a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone." Through Three Bone, Robin and her colleague have established a company that serves as a catalyst for hope, strength and humor throughout society. Three Bone Theatre was recognized in 2017 by the North Carolina Theatre Conference with its George A. Parides Professional Theatre Company of the Year Award.

Recently married to husband Scott Tynes-Miller, the two make their home in Charlotte.



# Blue Masque Hall of Fame Inducts Four Successful Theatre Practitioners

Four accomplished theatre professionals were inducted into the Blue Masque Hall of Fame on October 19 during the College's 2018 Homecoming Weekend activities. Inductees were David R. Latham, professional lighting designer, master electrician, and technical director; Mia Self, current director of acting, directing, and academics at North Carolina State University; Linda Kesler, former Catawba College Professor of Theatre Education and Theatre Management; and David Pulliam, long-time Catawba College Professor of Scene Design and Visual Art.



## David R. Latham

has worked in technical theatre with theatre, dance, music and opera companies for the past 32 years. A 1986 theatre arts graduate from Catawba College, Latham's technical theatre expertise and design work have won acclaim in America and abroad.



## Mia Self

is a 1992 Catawba theatre arts graduate. Also holding an M.F.A. in directing from the University of Mississippi, Self has worked as a professional actor, playwright, director, and college professor.



## Linda Kesler

holds the 1983 B.A. in theatre and B.S. in business administration from Catawba College. Also the recipient of an M.F.A. degree in arts administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Kesler has worked professionally in both theatre education and theatre management.



## David Pulliam

has been a member of the Catawba Theatre Arts Department faculty since 1986. With an M.F.A. in theatre design from the University of Alabama, Pulliam has designed scenery for over 50 plays at Catawba.

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## Opening Convocation 2018

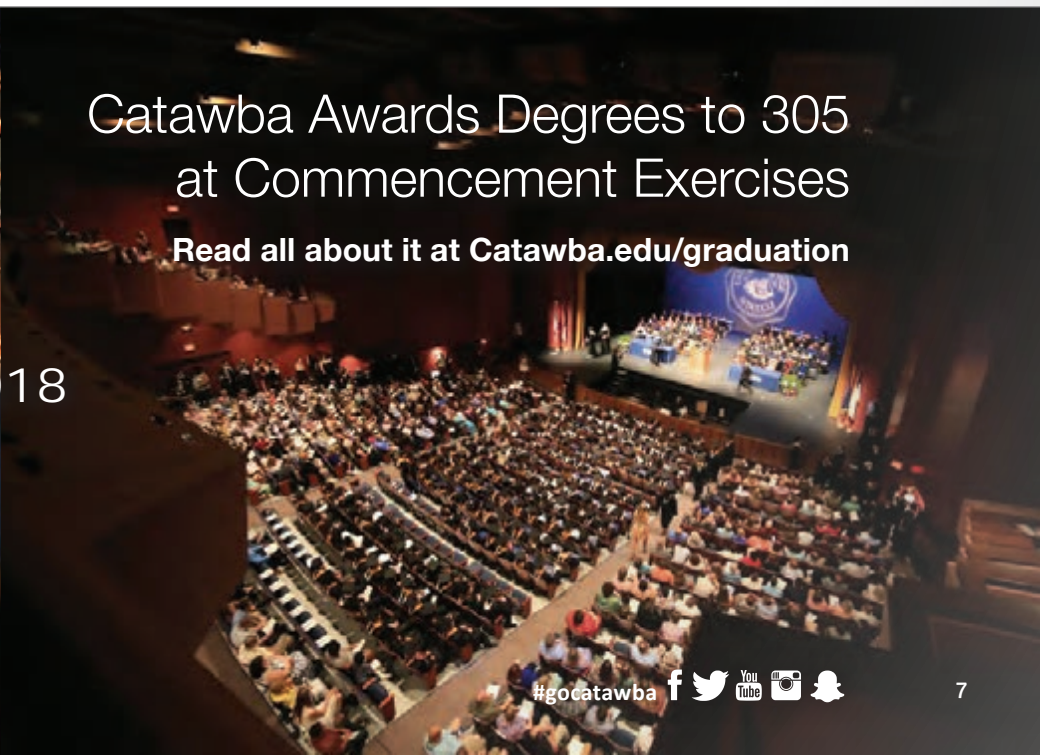
President Brien Lewis leads first-year students through a welcoming line of faculty, staff, and students following Opening Convocation.



Graduation 2018

## Catawba Awards Degrees to 305 at Commencement Exercises

Read all about it at [Catawba.edu/graduation](http://Catawba.edu/graduation)





Christian Crifasi



## Two Young Alumni, Both Military Officers, Establish the “NOT FOR SELF, BUT COUNTRY” SCHOLARSHIP



Spencer Preston

**Catawba College students who want to pursue a career as an officer in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces can apply for a new scholarship to help them do so. Interested students can apply to be considered each year for a \$1,000 award from the Non Sibi Sed Patriae (Not for Self, for Country) Annual Scholarship.**

Two 2013 Catawba College alumni and close friends who established this scholarship are both supply officers in their respective military branches. Christian Crifasi serves in the U.S. Navy as a Supply Corps Officer at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego in San Diego, Calif., while Spencer Preston is a Marine Officer holding the position as a Supply/Fiscal/Logistics Officer with Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 at Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C.

“There isn’t a lot of exposure for the military while you’re attending College and that is comparable to having only one-track in mind,” Preston, an Exercise Science major and a four-year varsity soccer player at Catawba, explains. “A lot of people feel the call to serve, but no one puts it on the plate for them. You have to commit to the service.”

We’re not looking for applications, we are looking for commitments. The college itself is a college based on service. At the end of the day, Catawba College is a unique experience, and it’s not for everybody, just like the service, it’s not for everybody. But if we can facilitate a connection between interested students by being available to talk to them about serving, it opens the hatch for their consideration to answer the call.

– Spencer Preston

Crifasi echoes Preston’s sentiments saying, “I definitely have a different perspective since I’ve joined. What got me started was the desire to serve; especially growing up in a small town (Coleridge, N.C.) where so many

join the military. I have grandfathers, cousins and good friends who have served and it was always in the back of my mind. Once I met with all of the branches and all of the recruiters, I figured the Navy was best for me.”

Crifasi majored in Business Administration with a concentration in Economics and ran Cross Country at Catawba. He started Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. several months after he graduated, in August 2013, and received his commission in November 2013. His first operational tour was onboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) where he served from July 2014 to August 2016.

Preston held several jobs, including employment as an Admissions Counselor at Catawba, a part-time fire-fighter position with the Salisbury Fire Department, work for “The Wonderful Company,” and a position with Quality Cabinets and Counters in fabrication and installation of countertops/cabinets, before he began his journey on the yellow footprints at Officer Candidate School (OCS) in September of 2016. He completed OCS in November 2016 earning his commission with the United States Marine Corps.

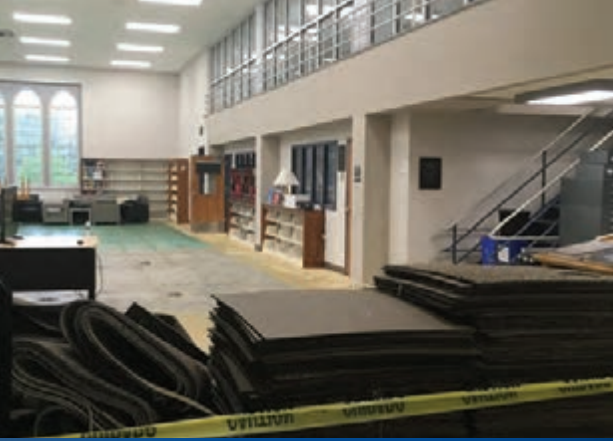
“When I first graduated from Catawba, Christian wanted me to join the Navy, but I didn’t. Later when I felt ready to serve, I started to solicit the different branches. Remember, there’s an enlisted path and there’s an officers path. When I called other branches, they were telling me what they could do for me, but when I called the Marine Corps, they asked me if I had what it takes,” Preston recalls. “Basic School for Officers is very physical and very mentally demanding. As challenging as it is, it is meant to be horrible. My older brother, who served as a Marine from 1991-1995, had told me the Marine Corps was a culture, more than just a branch of the armed forces; I have found that to be true.”

Crifasi describes himself and Preston as “pretty blessed to be where we are right now,” and believes the scholarship is an appropriate way to pay it forward to current and future Catawba students. “Hopefully, we can provide some guidance for students who want to pursue a career as a commissioned officer in one of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.”

*Catawba students who want to apply to be considered for the Non Sibi Sed Patriae Annual Scholarship are asked to write a brief essay answering the following questions: “Understanding that this line of work comes with inherent risk, including the potential loss of life, why do you want to be a commissioned officer in one of the branches of the Armed Forces? Why not enter into the civilian workforce after graduation?”*

*Completed essays with an applicant’s contact information should be submitted to Catawba College’s Chaplain and Senior Vice President Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp, a mentor and friend to Crifasi and Preston, by August 1st so the scholarship award can be made before the start of each academic year.*





# Catawba Campus Shines Thanks to Significant Renovations

If you haven't been to Catawba College's campus in while, consider stopping by to see the significant renovations that have taken place and those that are still underway. The College has raised over \$13 million in grants and restricted gifts over the last year which have allowed for improvements benefitting many areas central to Catawba's student experience.

"These improvements helped to both improve and enhance Catawba's classic, 43-building, 276-acre campus and provide great financial support to address current and future needs of the College," said Catawba's Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President.

The monies raised allowed work on a number of projects to begin and, in some cases, complete over the summer. In the circa 1925 Hedrick Administration building, there has been significant work taking place across a wide range of areas. This included the stabilization of brickworks, renovations of classrooms and offices, new flooring in several areas, renovated rest rooms, and fresh paint and carpeting throughout the building. Offices were also rearranged to allow for more convenient access by students. The Admissions and Financial Aid offices are now located in close proximity to the relocated offices of the Registrar, the Business Office, Supplemental Instruction, Tutoring, Academic AccessAbility, and Testing. The area on Hedrick's first floor formerly occupied by the Registrar is now home to Internships, Career Services, and Catawba to Career (C2C).

Elsewhere on campus, new carpet and paint were installed in the Cannon Student Center, while Hoke Hall had demolition work on its third floor that will provide an additional 1,600 square feet of multipurpose space. Hoke also received new carpet on its second and third floors.

In the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, a new boiler was installed. In the Heath Hill Alumni House, a new HVAC system was installed.

Boarding students on campus will benefit from new HVAC systems installed in Salisbury-Rowan Residence Hall, Stanback Residence Hall, and Woodson Residence Hall. In the five upper class residence halls in Abernethy Village, all of the showers were replaced. New paint was completed in Salisbury-Rowan Residence Hall, while the five largest residence halls on campus – Salisbury-Rowan, Woodson, Stanback, Ruth Richards, Barger-Zartman, and Hollifield – received new room furniture. New lobby furniture was also placed in Stanback Residence Hall and Woodson Residence Halls

Summer improvements and renovations on Catawba's campus also included retrofitting the 1954 Corriher-Linn-Black Library from a repository for books into a collaboratory for students. Most books in the library's collection are now available digitally and the spaces which housed the tomes are now interdisciplinary, collaborative spaces for project-based learning. New carpet plus moveable furniture, including stackable chairs, moveable tables, laptops, and multiple display screens, foster an environment of experimentation, innovation, and discovery. A new boiler was also installed in the library during these summer renovations.

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"Many returned from the summer to find a significantly improved campus, with enhancements to building interiors and grounds," explained Frannie Taylor, Catawba's Director of Facilities Operations and Project Administration.

We are so pleased that the college was the recipient of significant donor gifts to make these improvements possible. We are happy to say, 'Welcome back to a refreshed Catawba.'



“Stage 1 of the interior library renovation project is complete, and the Corrher-Linn-Black library is open for business,” Earl Givens, Catawba’s Director of Library Services, announced in an email he sent to the campus at the start of the new academic year. “With the fall semester upon us, it was imperative that the largest renovation stage be completed first. However, everyone should stay tuned for more exciting changes as we continue to transform our library over the course of this school year.”

A number of technology improvements took place including the upgrade of a computer lab in the Hedrick Administration Building with new equipment and the implementation of new technology in several classrooms. Most classrooms on campus are now equipped with a dedicated wireless access point, a new high-resolution laser projector, and a sound system that supports both wired and wireless audiovisual presentations.

All campus computer labs are equipped with new Windows or Apple computers, and all full-time faculty are equipped with a new Windows or Apple laptop. A large presentation space in the Center for the Environment has been equipped with new audiovisual technology as well as lecture capture technology so that guest speaker presentations can easily be made available online. During the day, this multi-purpose space becomes three separate classrooms, one of which can also be used for lecture capture that integrates directly into the College’s learning management system.

Coming soon, students will be able to check out a new Windows laptop, with just a swipe of their student id card, from a laptop kiosk that will be available to them in the Student Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With a scan of their student id card, students also have 24 by 7 access to printing, copying, and scanning in the Student Center.

In the Athletics area, a resurfaced track around Kirkland Field in Shuford Stadium was one of several projects completed over the summer. In Abernethy Physical Education Center, renovations included new branding graphics, and renovation of a downstairs weight-lifting area to adapt it for reuse as a teaching/learning space for Exercise Science students. In Newman Park, the baseball stadium, some drainage and grading was completed to help reduce water issues affecting the playing field; this was a collaborative effort the City of Salisbury engineers. The baseball project utilized a green initiative erosion protection product, FLEXAMAT.

Across campus, installation of energy efficient lighting fixtures and conversion of fluorescent to LED lights was completed, allowing the College to both realize a significant reduction in utility costs and more fully demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and eliminating its carbon footprint by 2030. This included the replacement of over 4,000 fixtures with LEDs. Centralized computer control of HVAC system on campus was also enhanced for another reduction in utility costs.

The campus grounds also enjoyed significant improvements over the summer as interior improvements were underway. The College tree canopy was raised with significant tree removal and pruning. Perennials were planted in beds, and all-season, self-watering planters replaced existing planters across campus. A new stone wall with stair access to Heath Hill Alumni House was constructed in the 200 block of Summit Avenue using natural stone selected to blend with other two adjacent retaining walls. A pedestrian pathway was created between Abernethy Village and Abernethy Physical Education Center that also solved drainage challenges in the area.

The remainder of the multi-million dollar renovations will occur throughout the 2018-2019 academic year and include a roof replacement for the Shuford Science Building, new drainage and bathrooms in the Florence Busby-Corriher Theatre Arts Annex, engineering and stabilization of stairs and final renovations of restrooms in the Administration building. Ketter School of Business remain offline as work is taking place for a total replacement of the HVAC system, roof repairs and interior enhancements.

“I earned my undergraduate degree from Catawba and have been affiliated with the college as a neighbor and as a trustee for a number of years, and I can say quite candidly that the grounds and campus have never looked more beautiful. Our campus buildings have never been in such good shape as they are right now or will become after this extensive campus renovation effort,” said Catawba College Chair of the Board of Trustees Bill Graham ’83. “We are deeply grateful to our benefactors for their ongoing commitment to Catawba College. Their gifts have helped us enhance and upgrade facilities that support new and growing academic programs, including Nursing, Health Sciences and Business, and create spaces on campus geared specifically toward today’s students.”





# Alumni Couple Establishes Scholarship to Pay Forward Their Catawba Experience

**Alumni Dorothy Crunkilton Brown '59 and Gary R. Brown '60 have established an endowed scholarship at their alma mater.**

**Earnings from the \$25,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student recipient with outstanding grades, who might not otherwise have the financial means to afford a college education.**

Dorothy, who always went by Dottie, had a marvelous career at Catawba. She graduated cum laude and was also selected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, Miss Catawba, Homecoming Queen, and a member of Kappa Tau Kappa. She was a cheerleader for three years and Chief Cheerleader during her senior year. She served for three years as chairman of and performer at May Day activities, and during her senior year, she was on the May Court. She also served on the Student Judicial Board and the Student Government Association's Senate. She wrote for the "Sayakini" (yearbook) and "The Pioneer" (school newspaper).

After graduating from Catawba, Dottie taught second grade for several years until the couple's daughters were born. She then became the stay-at-home mom until the girls finished high school and were off to college. Dottie then went back to teaching in a private academy and helped ready young children for first grade. Although she had always played a lot of tennis, Dottie became serious about the game after their daughters were grown, and she won five Atlanta Doubles Championships. In 1977, she was selected as New Neighbor of the Year for metro Atlanta.

Gary was a Business major and a starting guard on the football team; he also led Catawba's conference in punting. After graduation, he worked a short stint at Dan River Mills, and then joined Potomac Electric Power for 10 years, ultimately becoming the manager of the Accounting Department there. In 1973, he joined Xidex Corp as a sales representative, eventually opening an

office in Atlanta as sales manager. He spent the majority of his career working for the Silicon Valley entity that was very much involved in the early days of hi-tech. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Eastern Regional Manager with responsibility for the New York, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and Dallas offices.

While Dottie was on the tennis court, Gary was on the golf course. Over the years, he won a club championship and a senior club championship. In 1966, he made a run at the U.S. Amateur, but failed to qualify.

Cindy, Dottie and Gary's oldest daughter, is an estate planning attorney. Their daughter, Laura, and her husband, have their own public relations and media business, SimsCommunication.com. Granddaughter Kate, a University of Virginia graduate was recently selected for Law Review at Scalia School of Law at George Mason University. Granddaughters Sarah and Maggie attend Mount Vernon Presbyterian School in Atlanta. Sarah and Maggie are also outstanding students and into all kinds of activities such as basketball, softball, music, golf, cross country, and art.

Dottie and Gary reside in the northern suburbs of Atlanta in Roswell. For the past 16 years, they have spent their winters in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Dottie has three brothers retired there and her sister, Peggy Crunkilton '67, and husband Thomas join the group for the winter.

Dottie is a native of Arlington, Va., and Gary is from Mt. Airy, N.C.



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# RANKINGS &

## U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges

Catawba College maintains its **#4 position among the Best Regional Colleges in the South**, according to the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges," published by *U.S. News & World Report*.

## The Princeton Review's Best Colleges

Catawba College is again cited as **one of the nation's best colleges** in *The Princeton Review Best 384 Colleges guide 2019 edition*.

## Forbes' America's Top Colleges

Catawba is once again listed among the North Carolina public and private institutions included in **Forbes' "America's Top Colleges 2018,"** on their list of the 650 best undergraduate colleges. This is the eighth consecutive year that Catawba has been named a top college by *Forbes*.

## Forbes' Grateful Grads Index

For six years running, Catawba is **one of only four institutions** in North Carolina making the Top 100 list in *Forbes' Grateful Graduates Index 2018*. The other N.C. institutions were Duke University, Wake Forest University, and Davidson College. The Index ranks the best long-term value, or return-on-investment (ROI) of the top private, not-for profit colleges enrolling with more than 500 students

## N.C.'s Best Value Colleges

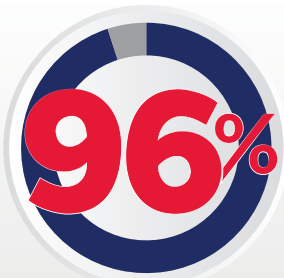
Catawba is ranked **19th** among private colleges in N.C. as one of the 30 best value colleges and universities in the state in 2018 by *Online Communications' BestValueSchools.com*.

## College Consensus Ranking of Best Colleges in North Carolina 2018

College Consensus.com included Catawba College at #16 among N.C.'s best colleges, ahead of Queens, UNCC and others.

“We’re very proud to be ranked as one of the best colleges of our type in the nation.”

- President Brien Lewis



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2017 Catawba graduates had jobs or were enrolled in graduate school within one year of graduation



# RECOGNITIONS

Catawba.edu/rankings

## Colleges of Distinction

Innovative application of high impact educational practices at Catawba College earned the school recognition among the nation's Colleges of Distinction. Already recognized by Colleges of Distinction for its innovative approach to education, Catawba College has also been honored for its expert blending of the liberal arts with professional programming in **Business** and **Education**.

## Best Music Schools

The country's leading music education magazine, *In Tune Monthly*, has named Catawba College as a "**Best Music School**" for 2019.

## N.C.'s Safest Colleges

Catawba was cited among the "**Safest Colleges in North Carolina**" in 2018. The ranking is based on key statistics and student reviews using data from the U.S. Department of Education. Top-ranked colleges offer a safe and healthy environment with little or no campus crime, drugs, or alcohol usage.

## Top Colleges for Biology Majors

Catawba was ranked **6th** among the Top Colleges for Biology Majors in North Carolina, according to *Zippia*.

## Best Psychology Degrees

Catawba was ranked among the most affordable small colleges for a **psychology degree** in the U.S. by *Best Psychology Degrees*.

## The Princeton Review's Green Colleges

Catawba is **one of the country's most environmentally responsible colleges**, according to *The Princeton Review*. Catawba was named again to *The Princeton Review's 2018 Green Colleges*.

## Washington Monthly's College Guide and Rankings

*Washington Monthly* magazine released its *2018 College Guide and Rankings* and Catawba College is included in that publication's baccalaureate college rankings. Catawba is one of the institutions the magazine cites as **delivering the "Best Bang for the Buck."**

## Creative Colleges

In the 2017 edition of "Creative Colleges," Catawba College is again included as one of the college options for all **arts majors** across the board. This guidebook contends that students are 100% unique, and their college should be too.



activities include

- 1 } making phone calls }
- 2 } hosting/attending regional events }
- 3 } adopt a classroom }
- 4 } high school visits }
- 5 } on campus events/panels }

2018



1959

volunteers spanning nearly

**60**  
Class  
**YEARS**

Challenge lasted

**6**  
Months

**188** alumni, parent, & friend volunteers



# Catawba receives \$1 million grant to support clergy in leadership development



**Shannon Axtel Martin,**  
lead writer for latest  
Lilly grant.



**Dr. Kenneth Clapp**



Catawba College has received a grant of \$1 million to help establish the Catawba Clergy Network Program that will support clergy in leadership development. It is part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Thriving in Ministry, an initiative that supports a variety of religious organizations across the nation as they create or strengthen programs that help pastors build relationships with experienced clergy who can serve as mentors and guide them through key leadership challenges in congregational ministry.

Catawba College's program will focus on college alumni who are members of the clergy in the United Church of Christ, as well as clergy from other denominations. The \$1 million grant will be used during a five-year period, with \$200,000 allocated each year for staffing dedicated to program development, workshop offerings, conference development and attendance costs, speakers, accommodations, and travel. Catawba College Chaplain and Senior Vice President the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Clapp believes Catawba's planned program offerings will provide enrichment and growth opportunities for clergy who need targeted assistance in carrying out their managerial responsibilities as a leader of a church congregation.

"Clergy depart divinity school well-versed in biblical studies, but often lacking in knowledge of how to raise funds for their churches, manage a congregational budget, or how to deal with modern issues facing congregants," Clapp explained. "I see Catawba's program as a way to help our clergy grow as leaders of a congregation while assisting them in navigating their way through both the business and psychological sides of their work. Often new clergy have no funding for

professional development and that's where our program comes into play. We will help create opportunities for clergy leadership development and hope to facilitate mentor relationships where seasoned clergy are tapped to help new clergy."

Catawba College is one of 78 organizations located in 29 states that is taking part in the initiative. The organizations reflect diverse Christian traditions: mainline and evangelical, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox.

Thriving in Ministry is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen pastoral leadership in Christian congregations in the United States. This has been a grantmaking priority at Lilly Endowment for nearly 25 years.

"Leading a congregation today is multi-faceted and exceptionally demanding," said Christopher L. Coble, Lilly Endowment's vice president for religion. "When pastors have opportunities to build meaningful relationships with experienced colleagues, they are able to negotiate the challenges of ministry and their leadership thrives. These promising programs, including the Catawba Clergy Network Program, will help pastors develop these kinds of relationships, especially when they are in the midst of significant professional transitions."

*Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family - J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons Eli and J.K. Jr. - through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, the Endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and its home state Indiana. Its grantmaking in religion focuses on supporting efforts to strengthen the leadership and vitality of Christian congregations throughout the country and to increase the public's understanding of the role of religion in public life.*

## In Tune Monthly recommends colleges and universities recognized for the strength of their music studies programs to college-bound students. This year's edition shines a special spotlight on seven institutions, one of them being Catawba.

"We're proud to be honored for a tenth year," notes Dr. David Lee Fish, Director of Popular Music at the Salisbury, North Carolina school. "It recognizes the achievements of our entire music department and inspires us to aim ever higher."

Most of Catawba's music majors pursue studies in popular music, with the school drawing talented students from as far away as California and New York. They study the performance of popular music in a variety of styles, as well as songwriting, audio recording, and the business of music.

The most talented Catawba students go on to successful careers in the music industry upon graduation. Some even find success before they graduate. For example, the debut album by senior Dustin Chapman reached #51 on iTunes when it was released last year.

Catawba students have the opportunity to study with top music faculty. They include saxophonist Adrian Crutchfield (a member of Prince's New Power Generation), North Carolina Music Hall of Fame inductee Dolph Ramseur (manager of the Avett Brothers), and award-winning songwriter Dennis Reed.

This fall brought with it the addition of roots master Jeff Little to Catawba's popular music faculty. He serves as Artist-in-Residence for the school and Director of its music business concentration. Little tours internationally with the Jeff Little Trio and was one of the closest musical associates of Appalachian legend Doc Watson.

For more information about Popular Music and Music Business, contact Dr. David Lee Fish at [dlfish@catawba.edu](mailto:dlfish@catawba.edu).



# Lilly Center for Vocation and Values Hires Two

**During 2018, the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values expanded its staff in ways that promise great benefits for Catawba students and faculty and staff as well. Two positions, made possible by special funding from grants and an endowment, were filled by recent Catawba alumni and both will report to Catawba Chaplain and Senior Vice President, the Reverend Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp.**



**Shannon Axtell Martin '08** became the new director of the Catawba College Theology Institute, "DISCOVER," in late January. She will be responsible for putting together the faculty for the Institute, hiring, training and supervising interns from the participating colleges that staff the Institute, and recruiting and screening each summer's "Discover" participants.

Axtell Martin majored in Religion and Philosophy with an Outdoor Ministries concentration and minored in Psychology while a student at Catawba. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University School of Divinity in 2011.

Her employment experiences include Regional Coordinator for Partners in Health and Wholeness, an initiative of the North Carolina Council of Churches; Interim Associate Pastor for Contemporary Worship for Guilford College United Methodist Church; Chaplain Resident at Wake Forest Baptist Health; Retreat Planner for First Baptist Church; Residence Life and Housing Graduate Hall Director at Wake Forest University; Minister of Youth at United Baptist Church; Teen Day Camp Counselor at the YMCA of Northwest N.C.; and six years serving in various capacities at Camp Hope in Connecticut.



**Johnathon Boles '16** joined the Lilly Center as the Coordinator for Service and Outreach programs in mid-May.

In this role, he will be coordinating service and volunteer opportunities for members of the Catawba community. He also will work with Catawba students who do internships and participate in developing programs and opportunities for church, civic and community groups to participate in that are designed and led by Catawba students. The Retreat Leadership Corps and some other Lilly Center initiatives that provide students with opportunities to develop skills and have experiences that will benefit them in their future work and service to their communities will also be under his direction.

Boles was a Biology major with minors in Chemistry and Accounting while an undergraduate at Catawba. He served as senior class president and president of the Pre-Health Club.

## Changes in the College's Human Resources Office

**Larry Farmer** of Landis retired May 31st after 20 years of service as the College's first Director of Human Resources.

On June 1, **Drew Davis** joined Catawba as its Legal Counsel and Director of Human Resources.

Davis has practiced education law for more than 17 years, 14 of those in North Carolina. He departed a position he had held since August 2014 as General Counsel to the Beaufort and Hilton Head, South Carolina Public School System.

Davis' prior employment experience includes serving four years as General Counsel to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, one of the largest 90 public school systems in the U.S. with more than 9,000 employees and more than 53,000 students.

Davis is a member of the South Carolina and North Carolina Bar Associations and has served on the Education Committees of both associations. He is well-versed in advising education clients on human resources and personnel matters, including the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), student conduct and discipline, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), athletics issues, student health and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), campus safety, and more. His experience includes responding to administrative complaints regarding Titles II, VII, IX, special education and discrimination-related issues.



**Larry Farmer**



**Drew Davis**



“ Marcus is a consummate professional who is committed to each student’s personal growth and development.”

– **Jared Tice**,  
Dean of Students

## Marcus Washington

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Washington left a position he had held since 2016 as Assistant Director of Residence Life at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa. His prior work experience in higher education includes employment as Resident Director at High Point University (2015-2016), and work as a Coordinator of Recruitment and Pre-College Programming (2013-2015) and as an Admissions Counselor (2010-2013) at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Before joining the employment ranks in higher education, Washington worked as an Adolescent Program Specialist at Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pa., as a Family Based Mental Health Worker and Therapeutic Staff Support at Pennsylvania Counseling Services in Carlisle, Pa., and as a Youth and Teen Director at the Carlisle Family YMCA also in Carlisle, Pa.

Catawba Dean of Students Jared Tice noted Washington’s breadth of experience working with teens and college students in announcing his hiring. “Marcus is a consummate professional who is committed to each student’s personal growth and development. His inclusive mindset recognizes how diversity enriches a campus and challenges students to look past their own worldviews. He is also a first-generation college graduate, as are many of Catawba’s students; that fact alone will serve as an instant point of connection that he will have with our students,” Tice said.

Washington earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development and Family Science and his Master of Arts degree in Higher Education from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pa. He holds professional memberships in the Association of College and University Housing Officers – International and the Mid-Atlantic Association of College & University Housing Officers. His civic engagement includes service on the President’s Leadership Council at Messiah College, work as a Youth Group Leader at Calvary Road Church of God in Carlisle, Pa., service as a Volunteer Youth Basketball and Football Coach at Carlisle YMCA in Carlisle, Pa., and work as a Lead Presenter and Presentation Team Participant at Capital Area Pregnancy Center in Camp Hill, Pa.

He is married to wife Lydia, and the couple has two children.

“ Esports is my passion, and to have the opportunity to continue my career in North Carolina with Catawba College is exhilarating. I am incredibly thankful and honored to join the Catawba College family.”

– **Gidd Sasser**



## Gidd C. Sasser

**Gidd C. Sasser joined Catawba’s Office of Student Affairs on October 1 as Coordinator of the new esports program.**

Catawba joins over 60 other colleges and universities offering an esports program, as esports has become the world’s fastest-growing spectator sport. With Sasser’s hiring, Catawba brings a wealth of experience to its program startup. Sasser’s esports experience as a head coach, manager, scout, event coordinator, and a business adviser spans both collegiate and professional leagues in the Americas, Europe, and Korea, with a lifetime record of 142-60 (70% win rate). His skill set includes work with titles such as Overwatch, League of Legends, Rocket League, Hearthstone, Heroes of the Storm, and FGC, and adeptness at player development through playoff appearances, championships, and player placement into professional organizations, teams, and conferences.

Sasse actively speaks across the nation on topics such as recruiting, balancing academics with play, coaching, and program/initiative development. He has 10 years of experience in risk, security, business management, and public relations. He also has LAN Center operations experience, designing and implementing regional and community centric LAN events encompassing FPS, FGC, Moba, Sports and TCG ladders/rankings.

Sasser led the University of North Carolina Charlotte’s esports program between August of 2015 and March of 2018, serving as its manager, coach, analyst, and adviser. That team of approximately 50 players were Collegiate Southern Champions in 2017, with a 10-0 season in Overwatch, and a 5-0 playoffs record with Rocket League.

Sasser also has served as director and head coach of Kansas Wesleyan University’s National Association of Collegiate esports varsity program. While there, he created the varsity esports budget, coordinated the recruitment and scouting of student athletes, developed sponsorship opportunities, and managed and led public engagement via social media.

Although Sasser no longer leads UNCC esports, he serves as an independent adviser for that organization as well as for other collegiate teams at North Carolina State University and Colorado State University. He serves as a guest coach and adviser to university teams participating in national playoffs. He has worked as an independent adviser for 5 Kings esports, Koyobi LLC, HotShots Sports Bar, and Tespa. He also works with global Contenders/Trials team, SkyFoxes, as the assistant GM and community manager. Sasser works as collegiate adviser and speaker for DreamHack, the world’s largest annual video game festival.

Sasser attended Rowan-Cabarrus Community College for an A.S. degree in General Studies, and earned a certification in simulations and development from Central Piedmont Community College. He is pursuing his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from UNCC.





“It was clear during the interview process that he lived out his personal commitment to the success of and advocacy for students. We found him attuned to the needs and desires of today’s college students and very aware and in lockstep with current trends in higher education, especially at small campuses like Catawba’s.”

– President Brien Lewis

## Jared Tice

**Jared Tice became Catawba’s Dean of Students on June 1, concluding a national search to fill the cabinet-level role.**

Tice had served at Barton College in Wilson, N.C., since 2011. He joined the community there first as Director of New Student Programs, Student Activities, Greek Life, and Intramural Sports, a position he held between 2011 and 2014. In 2014, he was promoted to Dean of Students. His responsibilities expanded to include serving as senior judicial officer and chief student advocate, while also supervising the Office of Student Activities, Greek Life, Intramural Sports, New Student Programs, and Parent and Family Relations. He also taught at Barton, including First-Year Seminar and Sports Management courses.

“We are delighted that Jared accepted our offer to join Catawba,” said Catawba President Brien Lewis.

Tice served as Student Activities Program Coordinator at West Virginia Northern Community College in Wheeling, W.Va., between 2010 and 2011, coordinating and planning social, recreational and intramural programs for that institution’s 3,200 students on three different campuses.

His other employment experience includes serving in 2009 as Special Events, Service Learning, and Volunteer Coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club of Pleasants County in Saint Marys, W.Va., and in 2008, serving as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Teacher Education in the College of Education & Human Services at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va.

Tice has been a frequent presenter at professional conferences, most notably at the Southern Regional meetings of the National Orientation Directors Association. He authored two successful grant applications, one for \$15,000 and one for \$14,660, while employed by the Pleasants County Boys & Girls Club. He was honored by Barton College in 2016 with the Spirit of Barton Award, as the staff member who had made a significant difference in students’ lives and personified that institution’s core commitments.

He holds professional memberships in the Association for Orientation, Retention, and Transition in Higher Education (NODA), the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities, the Association of Student Unions International, American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the Association of College and University Housing Officers – International.

Originally from St. Marys, W.Va., Tice earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in Business Administration from Concord University in Athens, W.Va., and his Master of Arts degree in Education Leadership with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration from West Virginia University in Morgantown. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Education in Higher Education Leadership from Maryville University in Maryville, Mo.

## Catawba College Adds Esports

The College hired Gidd Sasser as its Coordinator of esports, and finalized the location and equipment for its esports gaming lab this fall. Sasser is now actively recruiting students to play on Catawba's esports team.

With the addition of the esports program, Catawba joins over 60 other colleges and universities offering the program that has become the world's fastest-growing spectator sport.

It is estimated that by 2019 nearly 430 million people worldwide will tune in to watch esports competitors play in organized, multiplayer video games. The popularity of esports is tied to the accessibility of online streaming media platforms like Twitch.tv and YouTube.

Esports tournaments like the League of Legends World Championship, The International and the Intel Extreme Masters provide live broadcasts of competition and prize money, with play often occurring in venues like Madison Square Garden that are regularly sold out. In response to the popularity of esports, ESPN has broadened its sports coverage to include reporting on esports competitors and competitions. According to PBS.org, the esports industry was anticipated to gross nearly \$1 billion by the end of 2018.

Tice said Catawba's esports program has the potential to seamlessly thread together the academic, social, and intercollegiate aspects of campus. "Esports tournaments featuring Catawba students as competitors will become an on-campus spectator event with large screens broadcasting the game action while fellow students watch and cheer. Students in our Communication Department can collaborate with the Catawba esports team and its coordinator to record and broadcast the event on the social media channel, Twitch, and to stream play to large screens on campus. Communication students may also serve as play-by-play commentators for on-campus esports competition, while our Marketing students may help promote the Catawba esports team. Our Sport Management or Business Administration students can gain insights and even potential careers in establishing and managing a winning esports team."

"In short, esports provides Catawba with a new and distinctive way to holistically engage our students across campus. It will be exciting to see the potential connections and impact evolve."



The addition of esports allows us to meet our students where their interests are," explained Jared Tice, Catawba College's Dean of Students. Esports gives Catawba another pathway for student recruitment and provides our current and future student-athletes with a new and exciting intercollegiate sport.



## DR. KARL HALES HONORED WITH ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE BY N.C. GOVERNOR



**Catawba College Professor Emeritus of Communication Arts, Dr. Karl Hales, was honored and speechless on October 21 when he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The award, one of the most prestigious that can be presented by N.C. governors, was presented to Hales during Sunday morning worship at his church, First Presbyterian of Salisbury.**



The award was presented by Catawba alumnus Phil Kirk '65, a former trustee and chairman emeritus of the N.C. State Board of Education, who read the actual Order proclamation from Gov. Roy Cooper. Catawba President Brien Lewis also played a role in the presentation citing accolades about Hales that were included in recommendation letters written in support of him receiving the award.

Hales founded Catawba College's Communications Arts Department, and had a 39-year career at the college until his retirement in 2005. He has been the public address announcer at Catawba football games for 38 years. And, over almost 40 years, he has visited Rowan County elementary schools to present Christmas stories.

Hales received his bachelor's degree from Drury College (now Drury University) in 1962, majoring in speech, drama and English. He earned his master's in speech and dramatic arts from the University of Arkansas in 1966 and a Ph.D. from Florida State University in rhetoric and public address, with a minor in theater, in 1975. Hales also has taken studies in para-professional psychology and counseling at Catawba and Livingstone colleges, and post-doctoral studies in continuing education and management from Harvard University.

Catawba College has honored Hales with the Swink Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching, the Paul Fisher Service Award, and with induction into the Blue Masque Hall of Fame.

# MIND BODY SOUL Campaign for Growth

## Expanding the Donor Base: Give, As You Are Able — Ensuring

**D**an Bross is a first-generation college graduate and still the only person from his family who went to college. He grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania and went to a high school that had only 95 students in his class.

Going to Catawba College changed his life, and he talks about what Catawba did for him every chance he gets. He thinks there are a lot of students like him, who need the experiences that a small liberal arts college offers. He wants to make sure that those students have the opportunities that he experienced.

Bross, Class of '71, is co-chair of the new \$38.2 million MIND BODY SOUL Campaign for Growth at Catawba. He knows that when it comes to choosing a college, one size does not fit all. Still, he is convinced of the need for “the rich, personal, intimate relationship with students that is Catawba. I want to make sure that experience is available to others,” he says. “I want to make sure that Catawba is able to provide the next generation as they provided for me. I owe whatever successes I have had in my professional and personal life to Catawba.”

Bross retired as Senior Director of Business and Corporate Responsibility for Microsoft, working both in Seattle and New York City. He now works as a consultant and uses much of his free time to give back to Catawba “because Catawba gave so much to me,” he says. He has served on the Board of Trustees for 22 years.

Bross likes that the MIND BODY SOUL campaign is two-fold, with goals to:

- **GOAL 1:** Expand the donor base and re-engage alumni who left Catawba with wonderful memories and then, for whatever reason, fell away from the College and its mission. “We want alumni and friends of the College to know that each dollar is important,” he says. He wants to dispel the notion that a \$35 gift that would have been Starbucks money can’t help. It can. “We want everyone involved, regardless of the level of giving,” he says.

The array of giving opportunities provides something for everyone, he says, either in academics, athletics or the spiritual area.



Dan Bross, (far right) with fellow '71 classmates, (l to r), Donnie Moose, Susan Moss Arnold, Bob Arnold, Nancy Yundt Meyer, Ralph Perrino, and Dr. Dolan Hubbard

Dr. Constance Rogers-Lowery, Provost/Professor of Biology and a member of the MIND committee, offers the following examples of funding opportunities in the MIND area: **A \$50 gift purchases supplies to support a research project or creative work by a student; a \$300 gift provides a first business suit for a student who completes the Career Services Program of Development; a \$1,000 gift provides a scholarship for a travel experience or a local internship; a \$5,000 gift sponsors a student engaging in an out-of-town internship, international study experience, or a summer-long research project.**

- **GOAL 2:** Ensure the College’s financial future by recruiting and retaining students. Growth is essential. With growth of 200 students, the College would add \$4.3 million to its tuition revenue per year. Growth of 700 students would allow the College to add \$10.3 million to its annual revenue.

Homecoming weekend on Oct. 19-20 marked the beginning of the campaign with a special kick-off event. The College’s Office of Development is concentrating on three specific areas in the MIND BODY SOUL campaign with donors designating where their dollars will be used.

The three-year campaign is designed to upgrade facilities and begin new programs.

Darlene Ball of Salisbury, Class of '62, and co-chair of the campaign, says that the kick-off event clearly explained the importance of all gifts – large and small – **and the importance of each gift to the future of the College.** “Each gift counts,” she says. “This is an engagement campaign. We want to reach and engage all alumni and friends of the College. Everyone that will make a key difference. They can contribute, as they are able, and we will show them results.”

# MIND BODY SOUL

## CATAWBA’S CAMPAIGN for GROWTH

*“We want alumni and friends of the college to know that each dollar is important.”* — Dan Bross, '71, Co-chair of the MIND BODY SOUL Campaign for Growth

# the Financial Future by Recruiting and Retaining Students

More than 200 alumni and friends of the college attended the kick-off event at the Robertson College-Community Center, held immediately after the winning homecoming game. The evening event also debuted a video featuring familiar faces touting the importance of the campaign. The video can be viewed on the Catawba College Facebook page and YouTube channel for those who were unable to attend the event. Brochures and a website ([www.CatawbaMindBodySoul.com](http://www.CatawbaMindBodySoul.com)) are available explaining each phase of the campaign with details of how the dollars will be used. Contributions towards the campaign may also be made online through the website. "The event defined specifically what we need today," says Ball.

Brien Lewis, College president, says that the campaign reflects that reaching one's full potential requires the education of the whole person. "Catawba needs to be placed firmly at the intersection of the liberal arts and real world experiences. The campaign is about ensuring that we are fully prepared to provide access to 21st century opportunities," he says. "In addition to inspiring professors, today's students need experiential opportunities such as internships, travel, service and undergraduate research."

"Our growth plan seeks to make the distinctive Catawba experience sustainable, while ensuring that every student has access to the programs and experiences that will prepare them to succeed in a rapidly evolving and demanding world," Lewis says.

Bross says that his story of finding himself at Catawba is not unique. "I have heard it over and over again, from other alumni, from 25-year grads to 2018 grads," he says. "The values that are part of me today germinated when I was at Catawba."

Bross chose Catawba over Penn State, with its then 40,000 student enrollment. "I would have been completely lost at a large school. I needed the personal attention, the community

engagement, and the faculty attention to mature as an individual," he says. "The views that I heard at Catawba, both conservative and liberal, helped me figure out who I am."

Fred Stanback of Salisbury and Junie Michael of Mooresville, Class of '70, are Honorary Co-Chairs of the campaign. Meg K. Dees is interim Vice President of Development.

The campaign is planned for a three-year period, and is set up as follows:

- **MIND, \$28 million, for Environment and Science, Health Science, Performing Arts, Business, Student Success, Impact Areas (Internships, Research and Creativity, Travel and Service Learning), and Scholarship Support. This committee is led by Deborah Messinger of Salisbury, Class of '74, and Greg Alcorn of Salisbury, Class of '79.**

Dr. Constance Rogers-Lowery, Provost, and member of the MIND Committee, says that "an education is more than just facts and information learned in a classroom. It is about using knowledge to do things you could not do before, to experience in a new way, and to create that which is bold and unique. That is the true impact of a Catawba education."

- **BODY, \$6.9 million, for Kirkland Field Artificial Turf for Football/Track, State-of-the-Art Video Board, Newman Park Baseball Field Renovation, Abernethy PE Center New Locker Rooms, Renovated First Floor Coaches' Offices, Outdoor Sand Volleyball, Whitley Softball Field Lighting, and Frock Athletic Complex Restrooms/Concessions. This committee is led by Barbara Marshall of Cary, Class of '72, and Randy Crumpler of Raleigh, Class of '75.**

Jim Gantt, baseball coach, says that improvements in athletic fields and buildings will grow programs and the student body. "The bigger field dimensions at Newman Park will entice pitchers to want to come pitch for Catawba," he says.

The kick-off event for the campaign was held on Homecoming Weekend and included displays for each section of the campaign. Teams of alumni, students and professors promoted each section of the campaign. A photo booth allowed attendees to pose with fun MIND BODY SOUL props.

Forrest Anderson, Associate Provost, with Bob '78 and Dottie '78 Haynes



Rob Perron, Head Men's Basketball coach; Carrie Graham, Assistant Professor and Director of Undergraduate Research & Creativity; Shelley Tyler-Smith, Director of Career and Internship Services; Forrest Anderson, Associate Provost; and Elizabeth Anderson



Dr. Dolan Hubbard '71 with Payton Coleman '19 and Reginald Pulley '19



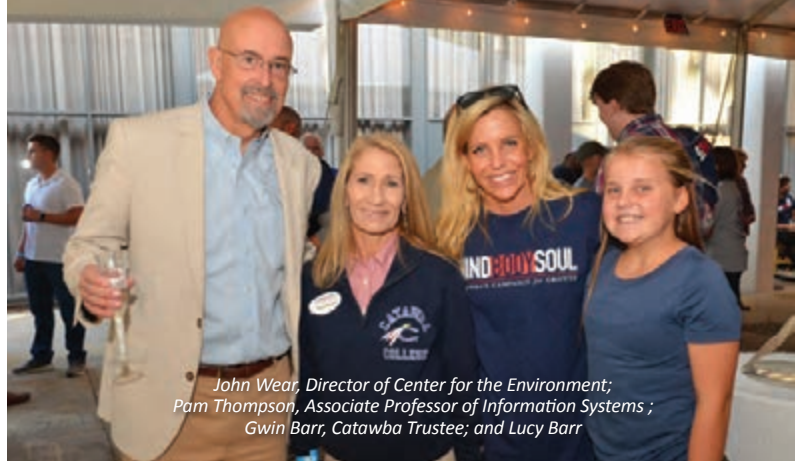
■ **SOUL, \$3.3 million, for Organ Renovation and Enhancement, Omwake-Dearborn Chapel Endowment, Endowment for Discovery Programs, and Support for Clergy Alumni, Churches and Students Preparing for Ministry. This campaign is led by Sara Cook of Salisbury, Class of '65, and Richard Seiwell of West Chester, Pa., Class of '67.**

The Cassavant Organ is in need of repair. The organ is more than 50 years old, and while it has provided acoustical splendor in the chapel for many years, it is at the point that it must be renovated and enhanced. The organ can be played, but barely and only by someone who knows the organ and its limitations well. Many notes are “dead” and the console action locks up at times. The plan is to rebuild/renovate the 40 percent of the organ that can be, and couple this to a 4 manual Rodgers 484 organ. This will customize the organ to meet Catawba’s needs. The American Gothic-styled chapel is a landmark on campus and ties the College to the community through both public and private events. It is distinguished by a nave lined with stone gothic arches, a three-paneled stained glass window rising above the reredos, a beautiful rose window and a 75-bell carillon.

The Chapel holds special meaning for the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Class of '70 and College Chaplain and Senior Vice President. He says that for 30 years, he has “walked through this beautiful edifice almost every day on the way to my study and each time I enter it, I still feel a sense of awe as the morning sun pierces the chancel window, casting slivers of multi-colored light across the pews and through the arches, light that proclaims anew the wonder and presence of God in our lives.”

Seiwell, co-chair of the SOUL campaign, says that throughout Catawba’s history, the College has been consistent in providing for the spiritual growth and development of its students. This new funding will “enable us to continue this wonderful tradition by maintaining current programs and developing new ones. These programs help students discover who they are, how they should live out their faith and what they are called to do vocationally,” he says.

**For more information on the campaign, visit [www.CatawbaMindBodySoul.com](http://www.CatawbaMindBodySoul.com) or contact the Catawba College Office of Development at 704.637.4394.**

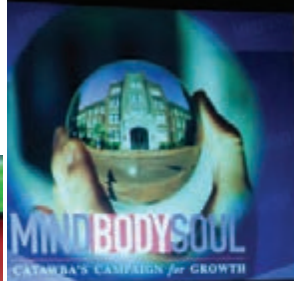


*John Wear, Director of Center for the Environment; Pam Thompson, Associate Professor of Information Systems; Gwin Barr, Catawba Trustee; and Lucy Barr*



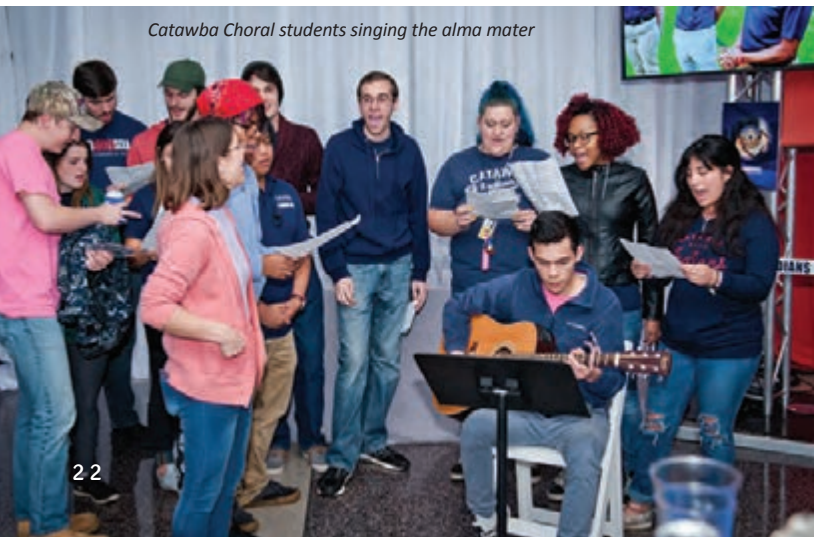
*Darlene Ball '62; Earl Givens, Library Director; Jay Bolin, Chair of Biology Department*

Catawba students entertained at the kick-off event which was attended by 200 people. Co-chairs, Dan Bross and Darlene Ball detailed the “MIND BODY SOUL Catawba’s Campaign for Growth” at a presentation in Hedrick Little Theatre.



*Campaign Co-Chairs Dan Bross '70 and Darlene Ball '62*

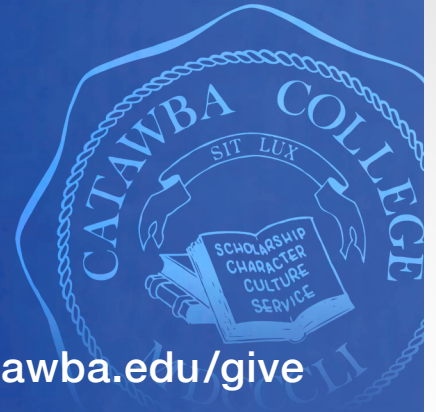
*Catawba Choral students singing the alma mater*



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**Daniel T. Bross**

**Catawba alumnus and trustee Daniel T. Bross of New York, N.Y., was honored on Sunday, November 11, as the 2018 recipient of the College's prestigious Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service.**

Bross, who serves as co-chair of Catawba's recently launched \$38.2 million Mind Body Soul Campaign, was presented the award by College President Brien Lewis, during a special 1851 Society Celebration for the institution's major donors. The event was held in Peeler Crystal Lounge of the Robertson College-Community Center.

Read more about Bross and view images of the event at [Catawba.edu/shuford18](http://Catawba.edu/shuford18)





**This past summer, I went on the most exciting trip of my life, and it simply wouldn't have been possible without my Catawba College family.**

Thanks to the support of faculty, staff, and especially Mrs. Hurley, I was able to spend five weeks studying literature in one of the most literarily significant cities in the world—London.

Before London, though, my first stop was Edinburgh where I met up with the other students who would be joining me on this adventure. Brought together by the University Study Abroad Consortium, we arrived in Scotland eager to see as much as we could in the five days we had before taking the train down to London. It became pretty clear that we would have to pack our schedules full if we were going to make the most of our time in Edinburgh—and that's exactly what we did! Guided by our USAC advisors, we traipsed up and down the hills of Edinburgh, through castles and museums and our fair share of pubs. One day, we even took a twelve hour bus ride through the highlands, which was easily one of the highlights of the entire summer. We took a ferry on Loch Ness which was absolutely breathtaking, despite the disappointment of not stumbling across any monsters in the lake's depths.

One morning in Edinburgh stands apart in my mind, though, and I know I will never forget it. My friend Nic and I, despite being worn out from our daily hikes through the city, resolved to climb Arthur's Seat, the veritable mountain that looms above Edinburgh. We rose early, knowing we had to be back by lunch to meet up with our group, and set out for the base of the mountain. I've never been much of an outdoorsy guy, but the astounding natural beauty of the rolling hills and verdant grass kept drawing me off the main path. Nic, a good sport, followed along as we got further and further from the straight-shot path that led straight to the peak—and as our route became less a hike and more a climb. Every time we scrambled up one rock, we'd take in the view, and then see a rock higher up that we simply had to climb. By the time we made it to the peak of Arthur's Seat, we were out of breath from more than just the amazing views.

But it was the way down that proved to be the most difficult! Somehow, we started down the wrong side of the mountain. In our defense, it looked just as walk-able as the other, but a few



**Daniel Morrison '19**

minutes into our descent, we realized our mistake. We spent the better part of half an hour sliding down the side of Arthur's Seat, the sound of a music festival below floating up to us in the open air. It was amazing. It was terrifying. And as soon as it was over, we found the nearest pub and treated ourselves to some well-earned Scotch. For the rest of that day, we felt like true Scots—though Nic's version of our morning mountain climb became more and more death-defying with each telling. It was hard to say goodbye to Edinburgh, so I settled for "until next time!" I hope to return before too long and hike Arthur's Seat again—though this time, I may stick to the main path.

We emerged from King's Cross Station in the heart of London, all forty USAC students. We were from all over the States, though by this point, we had all become thick as thieves. We moved into our lodging house only a few blocks from Hyde Park and the Albert Memorial. Imperial College, where I spent 8 hours in class 2 days a week, was in South Kensington, sitting right on Exhibition Road, so it was easy to pop into the Natural History Museum or the Victoria and Albert Museum between classes.

I had been looking forward to the tube and the Globe and the pubs, but I was taken by surprise by just how much I loved my classwork. Studying under biographer Lucinda Hawksley, a direct descendent of Charles Dickens, was an absolute privilege, as was learning about authors in the very city in which they worked. The experience of studying Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the morning and then spending the afternoon at the Sherlock Holmes Museum at 221B Baker Street was surreal. We read Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway* and then retraced the character's route through the city from the beginning of the novel, with Professor Hawksley pointing out all sorts of sights along the way. It was a phenomenal way to see the city and to learn about the classics of the literary canon.

Speaking of the literary canon, the greatest privilege of my time in London was having the opportunity to stand among the groundlings and watch *Hamlet* at Shakespeare's Globe. It's difficult to describe the feeling of taking in such a classic in a perfect recreation of the space it was originally performed in. The performers were incredible and—even though we were all exhausted standing in the uncharacteristically hot weather—I loved every second of it. I came back without my group a few weeks later to catch *Othello*. After being in a staged reading of *Othello* my freshman year at Catawba, it was incredible to see it done at the Globe.

It was a whirlwind of a summer. Though it was good to return to North Carolina where chips are chips and fries are fries and we drive on the right side of the road, I still miss the walk through Hyde Park to get to class and the tube rides back from a night at the theater. And even though the city was absolutely devastated when it turned out that the World Cup was in fact not "Coming Home", I'll always be grateful to Catawba and Mrs. Hurley for allowing me to be there, to spend a summer across the Atlantic, studying what I love and experiencing something completely new.





Leah Huggins '19

## The trip of a lifetime – eye-opening, impactful, life-changing, and so much more that I won't list –

is exactly how I would describe my experience in Ireland. I cannot put into words how grateful I am to have experienced something such as this.

*Nervous, excited, frightened and anxious can all describe the mixture of emotions I was feeling in the few weeks leading up to May 23rd.*

*I arrived at the airport and kissed my parents goodbye, not knowing that my life was about to be permanently impacted. As I reached my first layover in Philadelphia, I was greeted by about 20 strangers who are now among some of my closest friends. We all boarded the plane and eight hours later arrived in Dublin.*

*For the first week of this trip, I was able to travel the entire island of Ireland, exploring the Ring of Kerry, Slæ Head, Dingle, Kilarny and many other small towns. I was immersed in the Irish culture through song, dance and cuisine. My experience did not slow down after this tour, as I then became settled in Cork, where I was to study for the next six weeks; my adventure had just begun.*

*I explored the city with fellow classmates, amazed by the history. I could not get enough of this place. I became friends with a few locals who would give us tours of the city and direct us to which sights were the 'must sees' of Ireland such as The Cliffs of Moher, or the beach town of Kinsale.*

*Though Ireland is quaint, its beauty is indescribable. Spending these few short weeks on such a small island opened my eyes to just how busy and routine my life in America was. I have now learned to live on "Irish time" as they call it, taking in the atmosphere around me, actually living in the moment rather than focusing solely on the next task.*

*I returned from Ireland cultured, spontaneous, and grateful for the things we take for granted such as Walmart or refined sugar, because who likes Oreos that aren't sweet?! I had the thought before I left that I was independent, but I quickly realized that I did not know the meaning of the word. Being completely on my own, having a clean slate for six weeks, not having my parents to fix any issues I had, and being forced to step out of my comfort zone and make new friends was by far the best thing that could have happened to me.*

*Grateful is an understatement, as I have the [Catawba] Humanities Department and Mrs. [Gerry] Hurley and USAC to thank for making this experience possible for me. Without this scholarship, it would have been financially unattainable for my family and I to have funded this sort of trip. These few words do not even begin to describe or convey how life-changing this experience was for me.*



**Catawba College seniors Daniel Morrison of Greensboro, N.C., and Leah Huggins of Hope Mill, N.C., were humanities students who had study abroad experiences this past summer thanks to their successful applications as inaugural recipients of the Gerry and Jim Hurley International Study Scholarship.**

**Leah's** study abroad program, offered through the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), had her based in Cork, Ireland, where she took a three-hour credit course titled "Introduction to the Folklore and Ethnology of Cork." In her application, she noted that she "will be able to explore the interesting world of the folklore as it applies to Cork, Ireland, as well as the accents, dialects, idioms, and expressions of the people of Cork that have been passed down through generations. Through the art of folklore these stories will reflect the social, economic and technological landscape of this culture. This course will be beneficial to my personal studies as it will enable me to draw connections between Cork culture and my own."

**Daniel's** experience took him to London, England, where he took two three-credit hour courses offered through Imperial College. This English Literature major who is pursuing minors in Psychology and Theatre Arts confided on his application: "I've never been out of the country and England has been the place I most want to go for a long time. It is home of many of our literary traditions; getting to study great British authors abroad in their own country would be an amazing opportunity."

**Check out their first-person blogs at [Catawba.edu/hurleyabroad](https://Catawba.edu/hurleyabroad)**

### New School of Health Sciences & Human Performance Established and Its Dean Named



Dr. Jim Hand



Dr. Valerie Rakes

“We want empathetic students who have servant hearts and who are passionate about their academic discipline.”

– Dr. Jim Hand

**Catawba College has established a new School of Health Sciences & Human Performance and has named Associate Professor of Health Sciences, Dr. Jim Hand, as its founding dean.**

The new School houses three different departments, including the Department of Health Sciences (Athletic Training, Exercise Science, and Therapeutic Recreation); the Department of Human Performance (Sport Management and Recreation); and the Department of Nursing (Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pre-Licensure and the RN to BSN program). Prior to the establishment of this new school at Catawba, the Department of Sport and Health Sciences was housed in the Goodman School of Education and the Department of Nursing was housed in the Hurley School of Arts and Sciences.

The School of Health Science & Human Performance currently houses academic programs that enroll 216 of Catawba’s current undergraduate student population (of Catawba’s 1296 undergraduate enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year).

Dr. Hand is tasked with assisting in recruitment of students to the aforementioned academic majors, providing oversight to the nursing accreditation process, and developing new undergraduate and graduate programs, as resources are made available. He will work collaboratively on the nursing accreditation process with new faculty in

place in the Department of Nursing, including its new department chair, Dr. Valerie Rakes.

“We’re excited to begin the new academic year with the School of Health Sciences & Human Performance, and pleased to have our administration’s support behind this effort,” Hand shared. “Although we will be phasing out our Athletic Training program with the graduates in the Class of 2020, we will continue to serve the athletic community in our other programs, like the Sports Medicine track that is offered in the Exercise Science major. This track features collaborations with local hospitals, doctors’ offices, occupational and physical therapy offices, and the V.A. hospital.

“In all of our academic program offerings in the School of Health Sciences & Human Performance, it is important to us that we give back – that’s a big part of who we are as a college with the core values of scholarship, character, culture and service. We want empathetic students who have servant hearts and who are passionate about their academic discipline.”

Dr. Hand joined the Catawba faculty in 2010 as an assistant professor and director of Athletic Training Education. He was granted tenure by a vote of the College Board of Trustees in 2014. Before joining Catawba, he served as an assistant professor of Motorsport Management at Winston-Salem State University, as an assistant professor of Human Performance and Sports Medicine and director of Athletic Training Education and assistant professor of Sports Sciences

and coordinator of Clinical Education at California Lutheran University, and as an assistant professor of Sport Science and director of Athletic Training Education at Wingate University.

Hand earned his undergraduate degree in Recreation Management with a minor in Sports Medicine from Culver-Stockton College, his master’s degree in Physical Education from Ohio University, and his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from California Lutheran University.

Dr. Valerie Rakes joined the Catawba faculty in June of this year as chair and associate professor. A registered nurse with 29 years’ experience in both hospital practice and academic settings, her teaching expertise includes leadership, behavioral health, therapeutic communication, maternal-child, and pediatric nursing courses. She is currently involved with an evidence-based practice project to increase clinical reasoning in undergraduate baccalaureate nursing students utilizing technology and theory-driven educational methods.

Rakes’ educational background includes an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing from Fayetteville Technical Community College; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Cabarrus College of Health Sciences; a Master of Science degree in Nursing (Leadership in Healthcare Educational Systems) from East Carolina University; and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (Leadership and Education) from Gardner-Webb University.

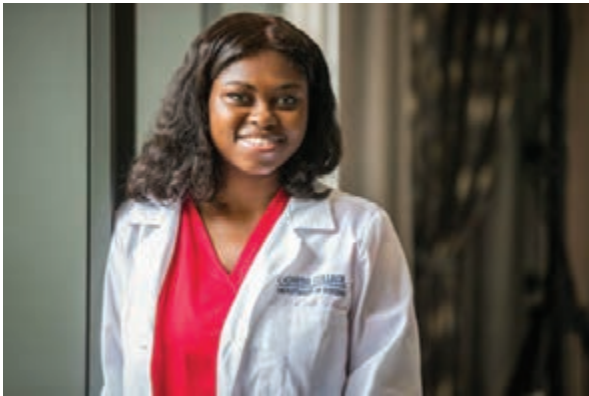


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## Nursing Students in Catawba’s Classes of 2020 and 2019 Recognized in White Coat Ceremony



Catawba College’s Department of Nursing formally welcomed members of its Class of 2020 into the nursing program during a White Coat Ceremony held Friday, September 28 on campus. As families and friends looked on, members of the Class of 2020 who are entering the upper division of the program received their white coats, and stood alongside their senior nursing peers in the Class of 2019 to recite the Department’s Commitment to Compassionate Care Oath.



Dr. Valerie Rakes, Chair of the Department of Nursing, noted that this inaugural White Coat Ceremony was a new tradition at Catawba and said it was synonymous with the Compassionate Care Ceremony.

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Nine nursing students in the Class of 2020 who participated in the ceremony included Madison J. Bell of New Port Richey, Fla.; Amber M. Biscotti of Mt. Pleasant; Cassandra M. Damery of Matthews; Preston H. Ellenberg of Leland; Paige A. Keaton of East Bend; Emma D. Kluge of Thomasville; A’Jewel Leak of Durham; Madison Lilly of Lexington; Autumn M. McGee of China Grove; Hannah M. Perry of Mocksville; and Brooke N. Walsler of Salisbury.



Senior nursing students in Catawba’s inaugural Class of 2019 who were recognized at the ceremony included Vonetta Carrington of Charlotte; Tatyanna Carter of Salisbury; Sarah Ducote of Mocksville; Victoria Lopez of Salisbury; Cherell Martin of Salisbury; Cindra Martin of Mooresville; Sophia Smith of Salisbury; Stacy Sword-Halsey of Winston-Salem; and Paul (Tyler) Thomas of Mocksville.



### Catawba Signs RN to BSN and Comprehensive Articulation Agreements to Ease Transitions from Community Colleges

In mid-October, Catawba College joined 10 other four-year private college in North Carolina that signed an RN to BSN articulation agreement between North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) and the N.C. Community College System that will make it easier for RNs to advance their careers with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The RN to BSN agreement describes a progression plan that includes required general education and nursing prerequisite courses acceptable to all participating RN to BSN programs. Students who follow the plan and take those courses at community colleges will meet the entrance requirements for those RN to BSN programs.

Additionally, Catawba became a signatory of the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) that the NCICU negotiated with the NC Community College System. The ICAA agreement allows community college students to transfer seamlessly to a private college or university, assuring that their credits will transfer.

## From our Catawba Tower Society

*In the First Person:*

### Tower Society Member Helen B. Everhart of Clemmons, N.C., Shares Her Catawba Story

While visiting with Randy Southard [employed by Catawba College as a Senior Development Associate and a 1974 alumnus] in May of 2018, I realized that I have a “Catawba Story” to tell. With my 90th birthday approaching this year, I decided it was time to share it.

When I graduated from high school at age 16, I was in the last group in North Carolina to do so in 11 years. No one in my extended family had gone to college, but my mother dreamed of having her children educated; she had been the only one of 13 children in her family to graduate from high school. I still marvel at how my parents came up with the money from a farm income to fulfill my dream.

Catawba was the only college near enough to Davie County for me to know about. A girl in my senior class of 19 graduates, Maggie Lou Barney had enrolled there in 1945. I had to wait until the fall of 1946 to get things arranged to go.

*I loved everything about college from day one! The first thing I remember is how friendly everyone was. “Catawba says ‘Hey’” was not just a motto, it was the standard practice.*

The second thing that impressed me was the close relationship between the college and the town of Salisbury. We were given rides to and from campus by friendly residents – “Just stand on the ‘bumming corner’ ” and a passer-by would offer a ride. It was a safer world then and few students had a car.

The third great memory is the feeling of extended family. Everybody knew everybody! The star athlete was friendly with the shy scholar. The older ex-G.I. was never condescending toward the younger person struggling to find his/her way in the adult world. The administrators and faculty members made every effort to make us feel welcome in our new home.

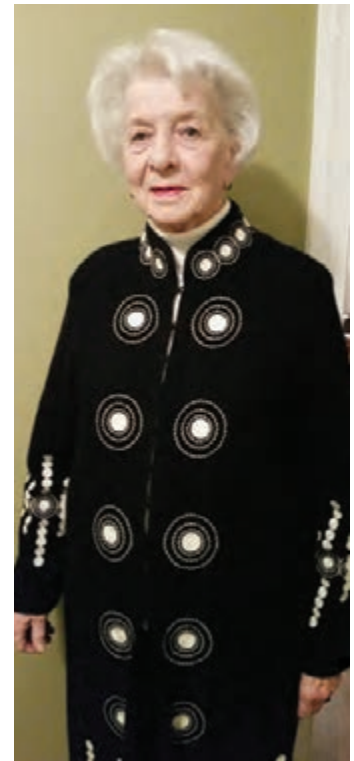
My plan to become a meteorologist was stymied by a poor background in math. I dropped out after my sophomore year to work a year and rethink my future. After working for Southern Bell Telephone Company for 18 months, I was blessed to be guided toward a career in teaching.

My younger sister and I, with encouragement and financial help from a high school teacher, were able to attend Appalachian State Teacher College (now ASU). We were both able to go to a state-supported school for a little more than I was paying to go to Catawba (Private Colleges continue to struggle with this problem). Had I not had such a wonderful experience at Catawba, I might never have gone back to college.

In 1954, I married an ex-G.I. who got his education at High Point College (now HPU). He was also the first in his family to attend college. We both became teachers, which means we never became wealthy, but we never forgot how blessed we had been to get a college education.

When we reached the point in our lives when updating our will became important, we agreed that HPU and Catawba had played such positive roles in our lives that we wanted them to share in our estate. We decided to split one-fifth of our legacy between these institutions. Our two children and two grandchildren will each receive a fifth and will also see how much we value education. Our hope is that what we contribute will make a difference in the life of some student who will be inspired to “pass it on.”

It is with humility and gratitude that we remember the sacrifices made by our parents: the Ben and Mary Everhart and Olin and Edna Barnhardt families.



# CATAWBA PLANNED GIVING



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## Get to know happy, 98 year-old, 1947 Catawba Graduate Edward "Bud" L. Hedrick, Jr.

- His wife of 71 years, recently passed in October of this year, she was 94 years old.
- 3 children; one child was still-born, one child died while traveling from Appalachian University in a traffic accident, one child still alive – Brooks (son); Brooks graduated from N.C. State University.
- Met his wife in Asheboro on a blind date arranged by some friends after his return from WWII.
- Bud attended Catawba for two reasons; membership of family in Reformed Church and his older sister Rebecca (deceased) attended Catawba.
- Arlee Culp, longtime N.C. Congressional member from Randolph County was a roommate at Catawba.
- Graduated high school in 1937 and came to Catawba. Tenure at Catawba was interrupted by 3 years 8 months in the Army. He was in an Artillery unit while in Germany and was reassigned to a Quartermaster unit upon return to the States. He mustered out as a 1st Lieutenant.
- He was in the 36th Infantry, a unit from Texas, while in WWII, entering the war in southern France and spending time in Germany while advancing on the enemy troops. He was in a Forward Observer Group for his Field Artillery division. After victory in Germany, he was part of the Army of Occupation.
- Played baseball on the first American Legion baseball team in Randolph County in 1935.
- Served on the Randolph County Soil and Water Board for 20 years, including a stint as the President of that Board.
- Career was spent in the textile industry – American Braid Company.
- Before war, worked in the shipyards in Wilmington, N.C.

### CATAWBA MEMORIES:

- Dr. Faust (the Faust who taught religion) was one of his most memorable professors.
- Remembers that Dr. Dearborn was the Dean of Men when he was there.
- Remembers that the campus basically consisted of the Administration building (where everything occurred, from housing to cafeteria to chapel to classes.....) and two women's living quarters/buildings.
- Hedrick Administration building is named for his uncle, Jones Tilden Hedrick, but he doesn't remember the reason.
- Bud says he is still very mobile, but hasn't driven in nearly 15 years due to failing eyesight. Says he "gives out easily", so when he goes out to rake leaves in the yard he takes a chair with him so he can rest – again smiles and laughs.

Texas 36th Infantry Division  
battle during World War II



Below: 36th Infantry Division's  
combat service identification badge

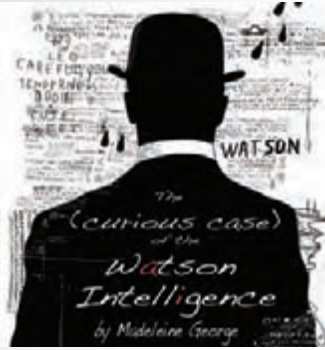


**A Bud Catawba story** – when he was nearing graduation he met with Dr. Dearborn as was standard for seniors. He asked Dr. Dearborn to make sure everything was in order as he didn't want to get to graduation and find he had come up short on hours. About 3 weeks before graduation he got a note to come to Dr. Dearborn's office. Dr. Dearborn told him he was ½ credit short – the ½ credit was for P.E.!!! He said Dr. Dearborn said "don't worry, I'll figure this out." Bud says that 3 days before graduation he got a note from Dr. Dearborn to come to his office. Dr. Dearborn told him everything had been taken care of ... that he had discussed with the Trustees and they were giving him the ½ P.E. credit due to his service time in WWII!!!! Bud tells that story with a laugh and a smile.

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## The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence

Florence Busby Corriher Theatre,  
February 12-16, 7:30p

by Madeline George

In this time-jumping play by Madeline George, time and character run parallel in the present, 19th century America, and the fictional England of Sherlock Holmes, where multiple characters played by only three actors struggle with the idea

of meaningful interpersonal connections and examine closely how technology effects human relationships.

Adult: \$15

Non-Catawba Students/Senior Adults: \$10

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## Into the Woods

Hedrick Little Theatre,  
April 10-13, 7:30p,  
April 13, 2:30p

Music and Lyrics by  
Stephen Sondheim;  
Book by James Lapine.

A witch. A wish. A wolf. What could go wrong?

In Stephen Sondheim's classic musical, all your favorite fairy tale characters journey Into the Woods to get their wishes granted. But along the way, they discover the dangerous consequences of wishing, and learn that what tears us apart might also hold us together. "Careful the tale you tell, that is the spell..."

## CATAWBA

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## Robert Olen Butler

– Pulitzer Prize-winning author –

His novels and six short story collections include works like "Good Scent from a Strange Mountain," that won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1993; "Perfume River: A Novel" (2016); "The Empire of Night" (2014); and "The Hot Country" (2012).

*"I'll never stop believing it: Robert Olen Butler is the best living American writer, period."*

– Jeff Guinn, Fort Worth Star-Telegram



For details or to register to attend, visit [www.catawba.edu/authorsymposium](http://www.catawba.edu/authorsymposium)

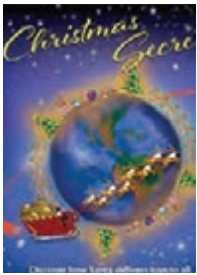


Quite a few Catawba alumni are published authors. Below are details about a few who have submitted information about their works.



### George R. Kuper '65

(aka Uncle Pappy) has published a juvenile fiction book, "Christmas Secrets," the first in a series of Christmas books that reveal the secrets of Santa Claus. This first 32-page book sold through Amazon and Barnes and Noble, explains how Santa delivers toys to all the children of the world in just one night. Future books in the series explain what Santa does with all the milk and cookies, how he fits down the chimney, and other secrets that adults and children will want to know.



George is a retired executive in the consumer-packaged goods industry. He, his wife, children, and grandchildren currently live in California, but have resided in numerous states and traveled throughout the world.



### Patrick Parr '03

authored "The Seminarian: Martin Luther King, Jr. Comes of Age" (Chicago Review Press) that was released on April 1, 2018. The book, available through Amazon, is exclusively about King's years in seminary (1948-1951). Patrick, a Literature major at Catawba with an emphasis in Creative Writing, currently lives overseas with his wife and works as an author and lecturer. His website is [www.patrickparr.com](http://www.patrickparr.com).



### Angela L. Vann '81

has published three eBooks. Her latest, "Spring 2018 Ready-To-Wear Fashion Shows Are Over! Now What?," was published in January 2018. She is employed as a personal development trainer and coach, online stylist, blogger and accessories designer. Contact her at [msangelavann@outlook.com](mailto:msangelavann@outlook.com).



### Julia Taylor Ebel '72

of Jamestown, N.C., dubs herself a "keeper of stories." She is the author of numerous children's books, many inspired by her love of the North Carolina mountains and their people. Titles include, "Hansi and the Iceman," "The Picture Man," "Walking Ribbon," "Orville Hicks: Mountain Stories, Mountain Roots," and "Mama's Wreaths," to name a few. Her books are available on her website at [www.JuliaEbel.com](http://www.JuliaEbel.com).



### Andrew Teague McCollister '15

published his first novel in March 2018 entitled "Beneath the Surface." The thriller/suspense, available on Amazon, follows the fictional character Conner Mills, a scholar and champion swimmer, just as he begins to realize there may be more beneath the surface than even he could possibly comprehend.

McCollister, a member of the swim team at Catawba, majored in Writing. After Catawba, he attended graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston and earned two master's degrees – one in accounting and the other in business administration. He lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and works as an accountant.



### The Rev. Galen Hahn '69

of Thomasville, N.C., has written a book in his retirement, "Finding My Field," that he published in September of 2018. The book is based on Hahn's summer experiences as a Catawba undergraduate student who ministered to migrant farm workers who came from Belle Glade, Fla., to Frederick, Md., to help harvest and process peas, beans, and corn. Copies of his book are available by contacting him directly at [Galenhahn2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Galenhahn2001@yahoo.com).



### Sylvia Stephens Grooms '86

recently wrote her first book titled "Do It Now Anytime, Anywhere." The Christian book is available on Amazon.

As we receive news from alumni who have published books, we will share the information on the Catawba College website at [Catawba.edu/authors](http://Catawba.edu/authors).



# INCREDIBLE SEASON ENDS IN NCAA FIRST ROUND



JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. – Catawba women's soccer first NCAA appearance in 10 years ended with a loss November 10th.

The Indians finished the campaign with a record of 13-6-0 after a 3-0 loss at McCown Field against No. 14 Carson-Newman, who improved to 15-4-0.

"That was a tough one," Head Coach Nick Brown said. "I thought we played well in pockets but obviously it wasn't enough. We understand why they were

in the National Championship last year." Despite the final tally, Catawba allowed just 12 shots by the Lady Eagles, who averages nearly 21 a contest. It equals the second fewest attempts this season. The Indians held them to the same number last Friday in the South Atlantic Conference semifinals.

"It is exciting and fun," Brown said. "They are motivated and ready for it. I think if I said practice tomorrow – they would be like let's go."

One of the youngest teams in the South Atlantic Conference, the Indians lose two players from this year's roster and will turn their attention towards spring ball in preparation for the program's 30th season, which kicks off August 2019.

**"I have never been a part of a team like this. There is a lot of love on this team."**  
Shelby Thompson,  
Catawba's senior goal keeper

## Catawba's Assistant Coach Tharon Drake is First NCAA Blind Swim Coach in Nation



Tharon Drake might not be able to see, but he sure can swim and coach. Drake, a member of Team USA and the United States Paralympic National Team, holds 13 current American records and has earned gold and silver medals in recent international competitions. He joined Catawba College this academic year as an Assistant Swim Coach and is already teaching members of Catawba's swim team how much more to competitive swimming there is than meets the eye.

Drake is the first NCAA blind swim coach in the nation. He has the extraordinary ability to provide technical feedback, racing splits, and stroke analysis just like other coaches. Catawba swim team members have been amazed that Drake can so accurately analyze and interpret their swimming techniques and discern traits as well or better than most sighted coaches.

"Tharon has really stirred the pot for everyone since he joined us," explained Catawba's Head Swim Coach Mike Sever. "His is a great story about creating access and dialog. For us, it all began with the question: 'What if your coach was blind?'"

Drake is a member of the Disability Committee for USA Swimming and has devoted more than three years of research and development to create times

recommendations for swimming athletes with a disability. In addition to Drake's coaching duties, he is actively preparing for Tokyo 2020.

**"As a campus community, we're looking forward to cheering Tharon on when he competes in the 2020 Paralympic Games," Sever shared.**

Drake, a native of Hobbs, N.M., competes in the S11 classification for blind swimmers. He won silver medals in the 400 freestyle and the 100 breast at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. He took gold in the 400 free and the 100 breast, and won a silver in the 200 individual medley at the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships in Mexico City.

In spring 2018, 437 student-athletes from Catawba's athletic teams collectively earned an overall 3.28 GPA.



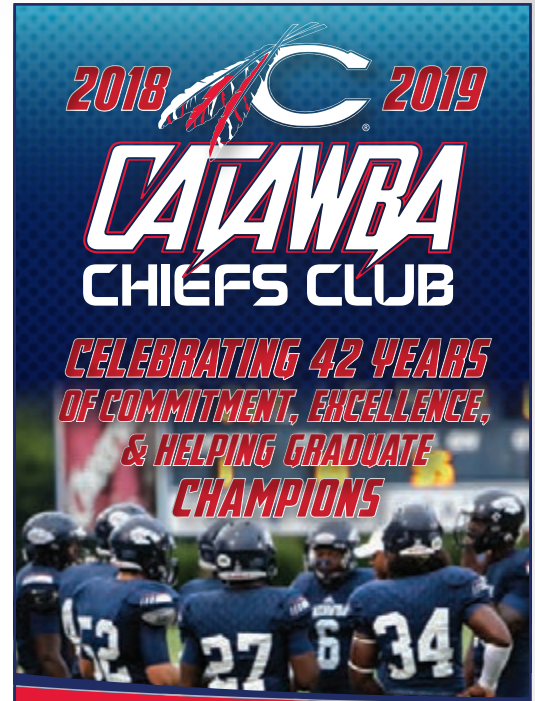
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**For those who love Catawba  
College Football and Basketball,  
but who couldn't make it to the  
games, the broadcast of some  
of 2018 games has been a boon.**

Football games were broadcast on the  
following media outlets, with the games being  
aired on a same day delay in some markets:

WAXN-TV, Channel 64 (Channel 50 Digital)  
– Charlotte, NC (airing all Catawba College  
Football games live)

Cox Sports Television in Cleveland, Ohio;  
New Orleans, LA; San Diego, CA; Las Vegas,  
NV; Providence, RI; Phoenix, AZ; Tucson, AZ;  
Macon, GA; and Baton Rouge, LA

NBC Sports – Chicago, IL

Viewers could visit [CoxSportsTV.com](http://CoxSportsTV.com) for  
respective markets, [NBCSportsChicago.com](http://NBCSportsChicago.com)  
and websites of other outlets to find Catawba  
Indians Football broadcast game times.

While the broadcast schedule for select  
Catawba Men's Basketball games is still  
coming together, the production crew shared  
these outlets where Catawba fans can tune  
in for the games, noting that some of these  
may be aired on a delay:

Cox Sports Television  
Soul of the South Network  
MASN (which games TBD)

# CATAWBA

News from our Catawba Alumni

## classnotes

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### 1966

**Russell Allen Hatfield** shares that he retired as Rector of the Tazewell County Cluster of Episcopal Parishes at the end of 2016 and has moved back to Tazewell, Va. Friends may contact him at [fatherruss@yahoo.com](mailto:fatherruss@yahoo.com).

### 1968



**Dr. Charles T. Muse, Sr.**, was recently appointed as the first Commander of the 1st Civic Support Bridge and Commander of Troops for the South Carolina State Guard (SCSG). COL Muse reports to the Deputy Commander of the SCSG with the three Ready Response Battalions under his command. Their mission is rapid response to and provides support for disasters in the state of South Carolina. Previously, COL Muse stood up the first Swift Water Search and Rescue Teams (WSAR)

at the Battalion level. These WSAR teams were in great demand during the recent flooding created by Hurricane Florence. For his service with the SCSG, Charles has received three Humanitarian Service Awards and two Individual Achievement awards. Charles has 31 years of reserve and active duty experience as a Marine Corps Officer. He commanded USMC units at all ranks up to Colonel to include ground and aviation supply, combat service support elements, logistics at the battalion, regiment and division level and Command and Staff College. Before retiring from higher education in 2013, he served as the Executive Director of the National Robotics Training Center a Division of Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) for seven years.

### 1969

**Charles W. Faure** shares that after living in half a dozen states and one foreign country, he has moved to North Carolina to retire. He has been living in Hendersonville for just over two years now and is "LOVING everything about it!" He sends "Regards to everyone and come and visit!" [faure638@gmail.com](mailto:faure638@gmail.com).

**Joanne Deitch Popovich** and husband Bob have moved, after 43 years, to a new address. Friends from Catawba would be welcome to visit them when in the Pittsburgh area. Their address is 3050 Derby Court, North Huntingdon, PA. 15642 or contact Joanne by email at [jdpopo469@yahoo.com](mailto:jdpopo469@yahoo.com).

### 1971

**R. Payton Warren** is retired and has moved to a new address in Wilmington, N.C. Friends may contact him at [payton-warren88@gmail.com](mailto:payton-warren88@gmail.com).

### 1972



**Marsha Kessler** writes that after retiring in 2010, she returned to graduate school and in May 2017, earned an M.A. degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. She works as a part-time instructor at Frederick Community College and loves the work. "Each class I leave happier and more energetic than when I arrived. The students are wonderful and I feel like my efforts contribute not only to their well-being, but to the well-being of my community and ultimately our country. After almost six decades, I have found my passion! And in the same spirit, I took up horseback riding lessons in fall '17. So far, I haven't fallen...fingers crossed! I love Catawba -- 46 years later I am still grateful for the education I received there and the friendships I made. Please feel free to get in touch!" Contact her at [fiddler82050@gmail.com](mailto:fiddler82050@gmail.com).

## Theatre Alumna Honored

Dr. Susan Vick '67 was honored on October 15, 2018 as an Outstanding Drama Teacher by the New England Theatre Conference. Susan, who recently retired after 37 years as director of the drama and theatre programs at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), received the 2018 Leonidas A. Nickole Award from the New England Theatre Conference at the organization's annual Excellence in Theatre Awards program. The award is given for outstanding teaching in the field of drama.

She once recalled that she produced her first play at the age of 5 at her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She graduated from Catawba College and toured with the National Children's Theatre before becoming the first woman to earn an MFA in directing from Southern Methodist University. She held a number of academic posts, including serving as acting director of theatre at Bowdoin College, before returning to school to become the first woman to earn a PhD in theatre at the University of Illinois. A number



of acting awards, more than 20 directing milestones, and a budding career as a playwright followed. She joined the WPI faculty in 1981 after having achieved early success in the theatre.

She was honored by Catawba in 2010 when she was inducted into the Blue Masque Hall of Fame.

**Albert Martin Tilley** shares that he has been really enjoying retirement for over two years now. After extensive travel during his 44 years in the textile sales business, he and wife Margaret tend to stay closer to home in Oak Ridge, N.C., these days where they enjoy fishing trips to the beach and golf trips to various courses. He sends "Best wishes to all in the Class of '72!"

## 1973

**Jim Mallinson and Carla Hoffmann Mallinson '74** moved in September 2017 from Salisbury, where they had lived almost since graduation, to the Raleigh area to be closer to family. The Mallinsons have two children and three grandchildren.

## 1974



**Reverend Dr. H. William "Bill" Green** recently retired after 41 years of ministry in the United Methodist Church. For the past 29 years, he has served as the Executive Pastor of Congregational Care at

First United Methodist Church in Cary, N.C. Bible Outreach Ministries of N.C. ([www.disciplebibleoutreach.org](http://www.disciplebibleoutreach.org)) has established a scholarship in honor Bill, recognizing his many years in prison ministry. Bill and wife Polly will continue to live in Cary, N.C., and Bill plans to pursue his interests in teaching and biblical storytelling, while Polly will continue her work as a marketing consultant and pursue her interest in art. Bill and Polly enjoy sports, music, and walking their dog, Gracie Jo. Bill would love to hear from friends and can be contacted at [hwgreen67@gmail.com](mailto:hwgreen67@gmail.com).

## 1975

**Randy Loeb** writes: "Seven years ago, I was the second employee with my current employer, ARCpoint Labs, and today, we are the third largest independent, medical testing lab in the U.S. Given the responsibility to grow this company, I've had a great time putting my 'stamp' on it over the last several years. Recently, my wife, Gail, and I relocated from Greenville, S.C. to Wilmington, N.C. as we wind down our careers and wanted to be closer to the beach. I'd love to hear from folks or even have you stop by if you are heading to the beaches of N.C." Reach Randy at 910-408-1129 or by email at [rgloeb@msn.com](mailto:rgloeb@msn.com).

## 1978



**The Honorable Joe Wild** will be retiring at the end of 2018 after 30 years on the bench in the State of Florida.

## 1979

### Martha "Beth" Holmes Sheldon

of Buford, Ga., is employed as a Props Master by Sony Pictures in Atlanta, Ga., She shares: "Thanks primarily to the excellent education I received at Cat-U (McC, Parkie, Sinnott, Epp) I have been gainfully employed in Hollywood, and now Atlanta, for over 35 years. 'Living the dream,' as we say in the biz. On a new show called "We Here Now" for Sony. Please watch and thanks for helping keep my Catawba dream alive. #Dramafreaks."





## Richard Shields '73

### Alumnus reconnects with Catawba during visit

Richard Shields '73 made a trip to Catawba last March to reconnect with classmate Bob Setzer '73 and former Catawba Dean of Students Bill Hall '66. He said he "expected to just pick up Bill and Bob and head to lunch," but was overwhelmed with his Catawba welcome. "Y'all really made my day," he wrote. "That's what has always made Catawba great!"

ty on December 15, 2017. He would love to hear from Catawba classmates. Reach him by email at [trevorallen@mail.com](mailto:trevorallen@mail.com).

## 2000

### Tabitha "Bitha" Mouhot

**Bateman** continues to reside in Jubail, Saudi Arabia where she has been lived for the past four years with husband Lane and son Jackson, 13. Friends may contact her at [tabithabateman@gmail.com](mailto:tabithabateman@gmail.com).

**Sean Hurley** recently got engaged to Holly Newcomb on August 17, 2018 and the two are planning their wedding. Sean also started a new position as a Territory Development Manager with Unilever in the Metro Philadelphia market.

## 2001

**Fredrick Corriher, III**, a wine importer, was inspired by Casey Davidson, the owner of Toadfish Outfitters in Charleston, S.C., to create a wine that could generate money to help S.C. coastal ecology. Toadfish makes and sells oyster knives, shrimp cleaners and fishing rods, but its main mission is to use those products to raise money for replenishing oyster reef habitat. Corriher thought Davidson's story was inspiring and had an idea to make a wine that would support the same mission. On a trip to France, Corriher searched for a Muscadet wine in the Loire Valley; Muscadet is a white wine that is known for going well with seafood, particularly oysters. He thought a Muscadet would be the right type of wine to create to benefit South Carolina's coast since people might order it to go with oysters and get a subtle lesson about the stress the oyster's habitat is under.

In France, Corriher met winemakers Guy and Jean-Luc Ollivier, who agreed to work with him to produce a boutique wine called Oysterman, which made its debut in Charleston in late August of this year. Corriher also partnered with Toadfish to donate a portion of the proceeds to programs like the Department of Natural Resource's oyster recycling program. For each case sold, the two say it will fund the replanting of 10 square feet of oyster beds.

**Christopher Morgan** of Kernersville, N.C. reports that after 19 years of courtship, he and **Mary Brown '00** "FINALLY tied the knot in a ceremony held on the beach in Gulfport, Miss., on Saturday, April 7, 2018!"

## 1981

**Julia Gilkerson King**, a counselor at Waterman Elementary School in Harrisonburg, Va., was one of the two recipients of the 2018 Lucy F. Simms Educator of the Year Award given last May by the Harrisonburg City Public Schools. Julia, who was selected as the 2018 Teacher of the Year for her school, was then in the running for the Simms Award. Julia is the daughter of two Catawba alumni -- her father, **Cecil F. Gilkerson '49**, and her late mother, **Gay West Gilkerson '51** -- the sister of Catawba alumna, **Pamela "Pam" Gilkerson Setzer '74**, and sister-in-law of Catawba alumnus, **Robert "Bob" S. Setzer '73**.

**Lori Anne "LA" Sword** of Indian Trail, N.C., last spring played the role of Camila in "In the Heights" at Seacoast Repertory Theatre.

## 1991



**Emily Graves Kaltenmark** was awarded the "Fairfax County [Va.] Outstanding School Based Leader" for the 2017-18 school year. This is her 22nd year working in education and her eighth year as an Administrator. She is employed as an assistant principal at the Fairfax County Public Schools.

## 1986

**Jennifer Eyre Smith**, husband Travis Dunnington, and their three children moved to Dayton, Ohio more than a year ago to be close to her husband's family. She would love to hear from any fellow Catawba alumni in the area. Reach Jennifer at [Jenotype@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenotype@yahoo.com).

## 1992

**Trevor Allen** was appointed Director of the N.C. Justice Academy on April 24, 2017. He received the Master of Justice Administration degree from Methodist Universi-

## 1989

## 2002

**John E. Meeker, II** married wife Ashleigh on Sept. 29, 2012. The couple lives in Durham, N.C. and have a daughter, Daphne Lucille Meeker, who was born on Oct. 27, 2016. John works in team sales at Eurosport/Soccer.com.

**Angela "Angie" (Stancar) Johnson** and husband Adrian welcomed their third child, Oskar Patrick Johnson, on April 2, 2018. Oskar joins big sisters Ella (2008) and Freya (2012). The family lives in London, UK, where Angela is Head of English at Southbank International School.

## 2004



**Kerri Conley** married Angel Gonzales, Sr. on September 10, 2016 in Lancaster, Pa. Kerri currently resides in York, Pa., with her husband and daughter Allura Gonzales. She has owned and operated her own photography business, Majestic Wonders Photography, since 2012.



**Amanda "Amy" Elisabeth Holloway Inman** and husband John welcomed their second child, Mary Parker "Molly" Inman, on July 5, 2018. Molly joins older sister, Caroline Elisabeth Inman, born on October 11, 2015. Amy spent eight years on Active Duty in the Navy and is currently a Lieutenant Commander in the Reserves. She and her family live in Jacksonville, Fla., where her husband is a P-8 pilot in the Navy.

## 2005

**Connor P. Coleman** is the founder and principal of Resiliency Lands, a private- and ranch- land management advisory group operating in the Roaring Fork Valley near Aspen, Colorado since 2016. In 2012, Connor moved to Colorado from North Carolina after completing both a Master of Environmental Management degree and a Master of Forestry degree at Duke University.

**Carolyn Kramkowski**, a music teacher at Shaw Visual and Performing Arts School in the Saint Louis [Missouri] Public Schools, was the coordinator of One Voice event in November 2017 that featured 65 students from across the district who gathered to perform as the St. Louis Metro 8 Elementary Honor Choir.



**Terri Lombardo Paul** celebrated her 22nd wedding anniversary with husband MArc, her 25th year of owning her store, Wanderings, in Havana, and her 27th year of living in Tallahassee, Florida. In March of 2018, she also opened a coffee shop in her store called Poppy's. She writes that she "will treat any visiting Catawba classmates to a free cup of coffee!"

## 2006

**Lindsey Burch Griffin** earned her Masters of Arts degree in Human Services with a concentration in Career Counseling from Lenoir Rhyne University in December 2017. She is employed at High Point University as Student Success Coach.

## 2007

**Kendra Deal Owens** earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Catawba's evening program and now owns her own business, Embellish Boutique, in China Grove, N.C., with the help of her husband, **Jason Owens '03**, and her parents, **Ken '75** and Lisa Deal. Jason is a lieutenant at the Rowan County Sheriff's Department and has served there for 17 years.

## 2008

**Ross Scallan** and his wife, the former Carrie Wollaston, welcomed a new addition to their family with the birth of Grady James Scallan on July 27, 2018. The new baby joined brother Winston Scallan who was born March 18, 2016. The family is living in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, where Ross works as a U.S. Army nurse.



**Jessica Taige** writes: "Life has been a roller coaster. While pursuing my acting career in NYC, I started a small handcrafted peanut butter cup company, Jessie's Nutty Cups, never thinking that this would be my new career path. What started as a little side thing in 2014 has flourished into a successful growing business. Jessie's Nutty Cups are now sold throughout NYC at a variety of stores including Dean & DeLuca and Dylan's Candy Bar, and we recently completed our biggest order yet heading to Japan!" Reach out to Jessica at [jtaige86@gmail.com](mailto:jtaige86@gmail.com).

## 2010



**Patrick B. Dennis** attended the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University where he earned his medical degree. He and wife Faith welcomed their daughter, Madelyn, just six days before Patrick found out he would be completing his residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is currently in his second year of general surgery residency. He and his wife love Charleston, S.C.!

### 1990s Close-Up

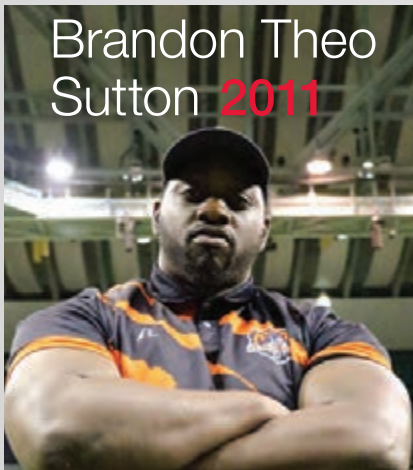
## Jowita Sokolowska '97



### '97 International Alumna Visits Catawba

Jowita Sokolowska '97, Catawba graduate and Catawba Sports Hall of Fame 2010 member, made the trip all the way from Belgium in July to help support the Chiefs Club and Catawba Athletics. Jowita was a standout basketball player during her time at Catawba. While on campus, she reconnected the Chiefs Club Director Jeff Childress.

### 2011 Close-Up



**A former All-SAC & All-Region defensive lineman for Catawba, has spent the past seven years playing Professional Football.** He reports that he has had some private NFL & CFL workouts and played Professional Arena Football for the last seven years. He has played for The Richmond Raiders, mini-camp with The Philadelphia Soul, The Lehigh Valley Steelhawks, The Pittsburgh Power, The Triangle Torch, and is playing in his second season with The High Country Grizzlies, which is located in Boone, N.C. During the entire process, Brandon has been a father to his now 11-year-old daughter, Taki'yah Marie Sutton.

## 2011

**Rebecca Lucille "Lucy" Scott** and husband **Stephen Davis '15** make their home in Pikeville, Kentucky now, where Stephen coaches football and Lucy continues to work in education. Lucy will be pursuing her Ph.D. in the spring. Lucy and Stephen are parents of Magnolia, who turned two on July 26.



**Kelli Ferguson Starrett** and husband Ryan welcomed their first baby, Benjamin, on December 15, 2017. Kelli writes: "We can't wait to tell him all about Catawba. He will certainly grow up around campus whether the disc golf course, Lessons and Carols, or football games."

**Bonnie Williams** was married to Justin Browne on August 27, 2018 in Corolla, N.C., on the Outer Banks.

## 2012

**Antoinette "Toni" Crough** shares that she is currently living in Los Angeles, Calif. She has been playing drums in the premier 90s party band called Saved By The 90s for five years now. The band plays in Southern California, Arizona, and Nevada and kicked off 2018 by playing the House of Blues in Las Vegas! The band played at the famous Roxy Theater on August 17th in Los Angeles. Toni also had the opportunity to record at Fave Grohl's famous studio 606, formerly known as Sound City. When she's not playing drums, Toni works at Kobalt Music as the music librarian within the Synch Department. "I'm basically the ears of our department; listening, organizing and ingesting ALL of the music that comes in from our writers/ clients," she writes. "Being able to play music and work within the music business has truly been the best of both worlds and a dream come true! Catawba's music education was invaluable in helping me pursue my musical dreams after graduation."

## 2013

**Emily Pearson** became Emily Pearson Johnson when she married Kristofer Johnson on October 13, 2018!

## 2014

**Jacquelyn Loy** of Fort Myers, Fla., was the costume designer for the world premiere of the play, "Refugee," adapted by Eric Coble and based on the best-selling novel by Alan Gratz. The debut performance was at Florida Repertory Theatre on September 15, where Jacquelyn is employed as Costume Designer and Interim Costume Shop Manager.

## 2015

**Emiziah Everwine '15** and **Ana K. Cooke (now Ana K. Everwine) '12** were married April 22, 2017 on Seabrook Island, S.C.



**Elizabeth Howard** is employed as Sustainability Outreach Coordinator at Catawba's Center for the Environment. She shares that one of the best memories she has as an undergrad at Catawba College is becoming SCUBA certified in Bonaire. While an undergrad, she spent the summer of her junior year interning at the Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education as a Wildlife Educator and the summer of her senior year, she interned at Biosphere 2 in Arizona as part of the National Science Foundation-funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates program.



2014 Close-Up

## Olivia Myers 2014

**Biology major with Chemistry and Environmental Science Minors  
Graduates from Vet School.**

Olivia Myers '14, who entered North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall of 2014, graduated from there in May 2018 with a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree. Her studies focused on food animal medicine.

Olivia has since joined a small animal hospital, Pamlico Animal Hospital in Washington, N.C., and is also working with Livestock Veterinary Services in Kinston, N.C. "In vet school I learned a lot about small animal medicine and small animal surgeries so I didn't want to lose those skills, and, I feel like there are good opportunities in the swine field." she explained about being employed in two different jobs.

A two-sport athlete at Catawba, Olivia says she felt prepared for veterinary school even though the work was on a completely different level and she had to study a lot more. "I had really good study habits, knew how to study, and where to find information from my time at Catawba College, and that was what I needed at [NC] State to move up in a different academic level.

“I graduated with honors from Vet School. I graduated Phi Zeta and there were quite a few people in my class who went to bigger institutions who didn't graduate with honors, and I think that speaks to the education I was able to receive at Catawba.”

– Olivia Myers

2015 Close-Up

## Sloan Kessler 2015

**Kessler Earns Law Degree**

Catawba Alumna Sloan Kessler '15 recently graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Law and passed the Minnesota Bar exam. She now lives in Minneapolis, Minn., and works for the State of Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs. Sloan was an Environmental Steward at Catawba and a four-year varsity athlete on the tennis team. She was also the female recipient of the Whitener Award in her graduating class.



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A sacred trust given  
by one who has  
journeyed on.



– Glenda Stansbury

## 1930s

Clara Bowers Lowder '38

## 1940s

E. Lee Cain '49

Virginia Kluttz English '40

C. Robert Benson, Jr. '42

Gilbert B. Benson '42

John E. (Jack) Aller '43

Eleanor Shouse Burge '43

Dwight W. Holshouser '43

Dr. D. Clyde Young '43

Collin Choate Grubb '44

Mamie Gemayel Williams '44

Nell Bruner '45

Lorraine Robertson Dobson '46

Juanita Fisher Lagg '46

Jean Fisher McCombs '46

Helen Clarine Ingold '47

Lois Safley Miller '47

Martha "Patty" Zimmerman Seay '47

M. Lamar Dorton '48

Albert H. "Tuck" Gudger '48

June Skeen Hunt '48

R. Paul Propst '48

Lois Elizabeth Shoe Sechriest '48

Charlotte Hawkins Adams '49

Rachel Kepley Edmiston '49

Grady Thomas "Tom" Rabe, Jr. '49

Mary Ross Sherrin Woosley '49

## 1950s

Fred Thurston Bowman '50



Thomas "Joe" Lyerly '50  
 R. Earl Sides '50  
 James Bernard Slate '50  
 Henry Cole Tomlinson '50  
 Larry Philip Graham '51  
 Edward F. Greene '51  
 Rev. Harry A. Kissinger '51  
 Peggy Kleckner Mills '51  
 Jack Stewart Ward '51  
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 Donald L. Sharpe '52  
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 James Wesley Ragan '54  
 Joy Barbee '55  
 David Baker Hood '55  
 Fred B. Duncan '56  
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 Millicent Parsons Sofley '56  
 Nancy Haithcock South '56  
 Venus Beck Wallace '56  
 John R. Braswell, Jr. '57  
 Robert "Bob" Lee '57  
 Patty June Ludwig Jung '57  
 Harold Dean Shelton '57  
 M. Harold Witherspoon '57  
 James "Jim" D. Cline '58  
 Reece R. Snyder '58  
 Martha Jean Benson Graham '59  
 Donald R. Hunt '59

## 1960s

Reba Fincher Edwards '60  
 Hilda Haithcock Miller '60  
 Charles H. Glover '61

Donald G. Goodnight '61  
 Alice D. Madden '61  
 Glenn E. Smith, Sr. '61  
 Douglas G. Rangeley, Jr. '62  
 J. Stewart Smith, Sr. '62  
 Danial M. Hogue '63  
 Karen Eide Rawling '63  
 John "Johnny" Franklin Smith '64  
 Carolyn June Garman '65  
 William S. Eubanks '66  
 Anne Skiles Humphrey '66  
 William J. Miller, Jr. '67  
 Mills Yoder Bridges '68  
 G. Darrell Parks '69

## 1970s

Mary Anne Laningham '70  
 Toni Coggins Hill '71  
 Helen Pendleton Leavy '71  
 Carlotta Rose Seagraves Medford '71  
 Ronald E. Funderburk '72  
 Susan Antrim Webb '72  
 Thomas H. Putnam, III '74  
 Mark W. Alexander '75  
 Janice Bradshaw '75  
 Randy Loeb '75  
 Norman C. Chadwick '78  
 Robin Heald Cox '78  
 Vance H. Jones '78

## 1980s

Deborah A. Hullender '83

## 1990s

Stephen F. Pring '92  
 Larry Scott Young '94

# CATAWBA MOURNS PASSING OF COACH SAM MOIR



9-13-24  
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**Legendary and beloved Catawba College Basketball Coach Sam Moir died October 20, 2018 at the V.A. Medical Center in Salisbury. He was 94. His funeral service was held in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus on October 27.**

Moir, a member of eight halls of fame, coached almost 1,000 games at Catawba during 34 seasons between 1960 and 1994 with a record of 546-399. Under his leadership, Catawba won seven championships, including NAIA District titles in 1982 and 1983. Both of those winning teams made it to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City where the 1983's team 29-4 record remains the best in Catawba's school history.

It was thanks in large measure to Moir's leadership and influence that the Abernethy Physical Education Center and its Goodman Gym were constructed and opened on campus in 1970.

In 1971, he started a three-day Christmas Classic, a high school holiday tournament for Rowan and Davie counties' boys and girls' teams. That crowd-drawing event was renamed in his honor in 1996, and remains an anticipated holiday staple in the local community.

The basketball court at Goodman Gym was named in Moir's honor after his retirement, as is the Catawba men's basketball most valuable player award, given annually to the team's top player.

Moir, who worked at Catawba for 34 years, received many accolades throughout his life. He is a member of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, as well as the halls of fame for

Catawba College, the NAIA, South Atlantic Conference, Salisbury-Rowan County, Oak Ridge Academy, Mt. Airy and Surry County, N.C. He was honored by Appalachian State University with a Distinguished Alumni Award. Catawba honored him with its Trustee Award in 1986, and a scholarship was established in his honor at Catawba in 1997.

But despite the tributes and honors that Moir received, he was proudest of his former players and the lives and careers they pursued after college.

A native of Francisco, near Mt. Airy, N.C., Moir was born Sept. 13, 1924. His college career was interrupted by 30 months of military service in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was awarded an Air Medal and a Purple Heart for his service in the Pacific campaign. When he returned from the war, he graduated from Appalachian State University with his bachelor's degree in 1949 and master's degree in 1950. He also played basketball and baseball for Appalachian during his time there.

Before coming to Catawba in 1960, Moir enjoyed a 10-year coaching career at Mt. Airy High School. His basketball coaching record there was 179-74, including a state championship and a perfect 25-0 record during his last season in 1960. Moir was predeceased by wife, Betty, who died in 2001. He is survived by sons Mike and Ron.



**Dr. Richard "Dick" Allen Reitz, a Professor Emeritus of Modern Foreign Languages, died on June 27, 2018 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.**

He was 80 years old. A memorial service was held for him on the Catawba campus on October 5th.

Reitz taught Spanish and English at Catawba College for almost 40 years. Shortly after joining the Catawba faculty, he met his future wife, Sandy, at a mixer hosted by several academic colleagues. The two lived most of their lives in Salisbury.

A native of Kansas, Reitz was born on September 14, 1937. He earned his bachelor's degree in Foreign Language from the University of Kansas before serving in the U.S. Army for several years. He later did his post-graduate work at the University of Kentucky and earned his Doctorate in Philosophy with a focus on Spanish. He taught at the University of North Carolina and at Virginia Military Institute before settling down at Catawba.

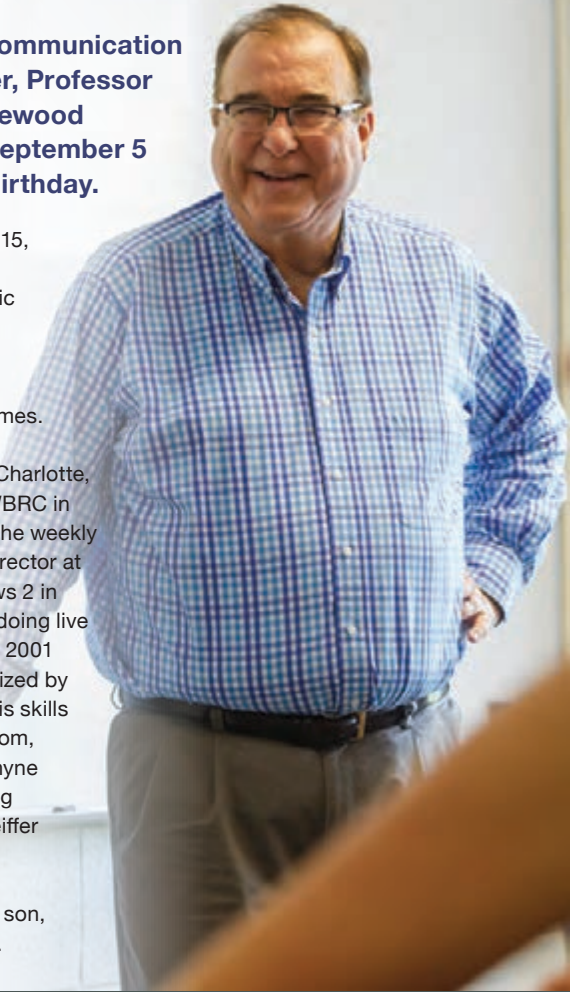
He was predeceased by his wife in November of 2017. Survivors include son Allen and two grandchildren.

**Former Catawba College Communication Department faculty member, Professor Michael "Mike" Ashley Hogewood of Greensboro, N.C., died September 5 a few days shy of his 64th birthday.**

He began teaching at Catawba in 2015, and although he was not teaching at Catawba during the current academic year, Hogewood, a long-time sports broadcaster, provided on-air talent for the TV broadcast of one of Catawba's 2018 opening football games.

Hogewood had worked at WBTV in Charlotte, at WBBH in Ft. Myers, Fla., and at WBRC in Birmingham, Ala., where he hosted the weekly Bear Bryant Show. He was sports director at WGHP in High Point and WFMY News 2 in Greensboro for 14 years. He began doing live events as a freelance broadcaster in 2001 and his distinctive voice was recognized by many fans of the ACC. He brought his skills and life experiences into the classroom, teaching at his alma mater Lenoir Rhyne University, Catawba, and was serving as an adjunct teaching faculty at Pfeiffer University at the time of his death.

Survivors include his mother, wife, a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren.



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