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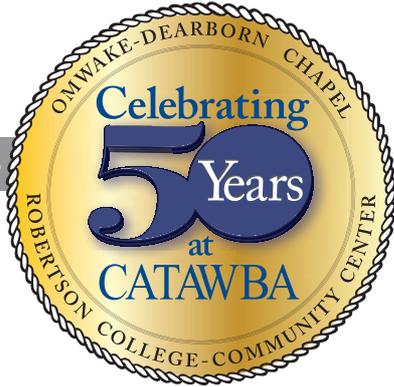
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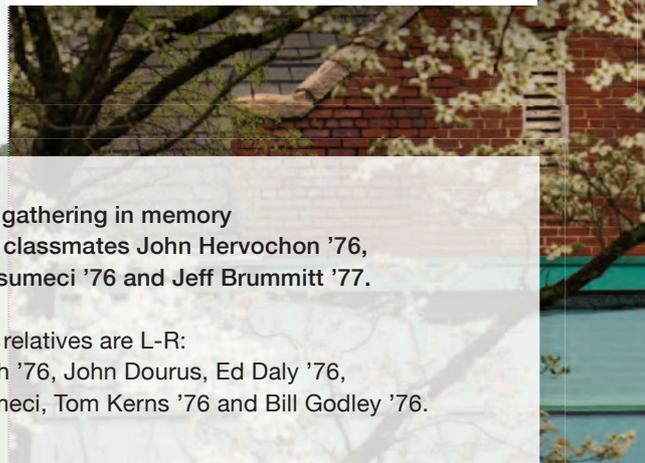
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## Greetings from the campus of Catawba!

I am often asked, “How are things at the College?” The short answer is: “Tremendous!” For those who prefer quantitative analysis, the quick summary is that all the numbers we want to go up are going up and the numbers we want to go down are going down. In the fall of 2013-14 we brought in the largest group of incoming students in a dozen years and, as of this writing, we are on track to surpass that in the fall of 2014. At the same time, the quality and diversity of entering students are also increasing – a rare trifecta of which we should be very proud. Other numbers indicate that the College’s financial position is improving significantly.

My second year here has been tremendously engaging and fulfilling as I have had the pleasure of working with dedicated and dynamic people who love this institution. This past year has been important for the future of Catawba as we have finalized a complete Strategic Plan and a Campus Master Plan. Together these documents give us the “road map” for seizing and creating opportunities to move Catawba forward and enhance experiences for our students. In response, we continue to be blessed by significant, generous gifts that will allow us to provide exceptional academic and co-curricular experiences for students in Business, the Sciences, Education, Theatre, Politics, and Environmental programs to name just a few.

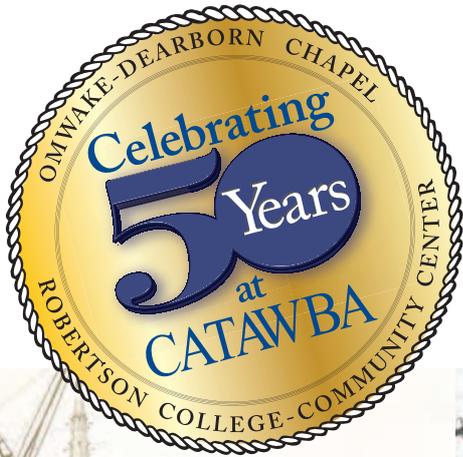
We continue to receive third party verifications from national publications such as U.S. News and World Report, The Princeton Review, and Forbes as being one of the best institutions of our kind. I especially like that for a second consecutive year, Forbes listed us as one of only four North Carolina institutions on their Top 100 “Grateful Grads Index”. The other three were Duke, Davidson, and Wake Forest – pretty good company!

There are exciting things on the horizon for next year as we begin to implement new programs in Sports Communication, Music, and Nursing. Each of these is fostered by new partnerships with noted regional and national organizations and industry leaders that will attract new students to our campus. I look forward to sharing more information with you in the near future.

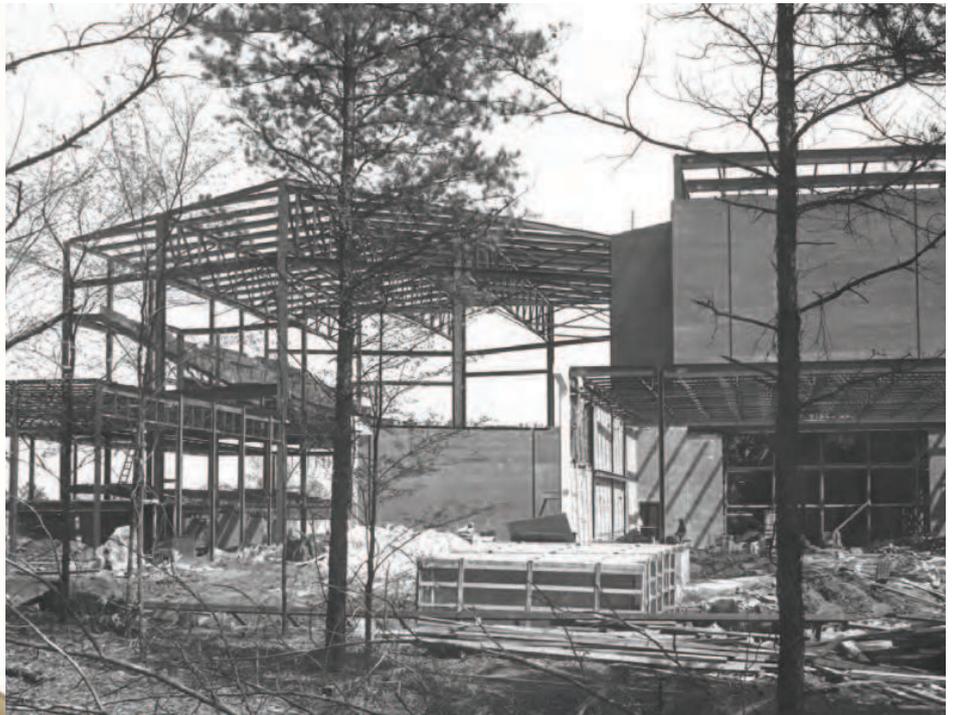
I trust as you read this edition of CAMPUS you will continue to find powerful examples of the Catawba Experience – and that you will be inspired to expand and enrich your own involvement with the College.

Yours at Catawba,

**BRIEN LEWIS**



## Chapel & College-Community Center celebrate 50th anniversaries



If the walls of two buildings on Catawba College's campus could talk, they'd tell of laughter, tears, weddings, funerals, christenings, music, praise, celebration, and the staged and real comedies and tragedies that have occurred over the past half century in both the campus community and the Rowan-Salisbury community.

The much-used Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and the Robertson College-Community Center mark their 50th anniversaries this year. The occasion is a reminder of how connected the college is to the broader community and just how a town-gown relationship is nurtured.

Catawba College President Brien Lewis said the two buildings are "part of the lifeblood of the college and larger community" and their anniversaries serve as a reminder of "how intertwined" these communities are.

The chapel is the locale for weddings and funerals, and for the past 26 years, the college's annual Service of Lessons and Carols. The Robertson College-Community Center has been the setting for Catawba's and local high schools' graduations, Salisbury and N.C. Symphony performances, theatrical offerings, concerts, candidate forums, symposia and inaugurations.

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Read more about how the dream of these two buildings became a reality online at [www.catawba.edu/50years](http://www.catawba.edu/50years).

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October 24-26

# '14 homecoming



Register online by October 8  
[www.catawba.edu/homecoming](http://www.catawba.edu/homecoming)

**Join us for a wonderful weekend of remembering the past, experiencing the present, and shaping the future!**

Homecoming Weekend will begin with exciting campaign kick-off activities, continue with traditional homecoming festivities, and close with a special service and marital vow renewal celebrating the 50 year anniversary of Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.

Come for all or come for part! We can't wait to see you.

*\*Brochures will be mailed closer to the date.*



## Local Educator, Martha West '59, donates collection of Children's Books to Catawba

"We were excited about all of the authors who visited. It was an exciting time for all of us and especially for the children," West, who now serves on Catawba's Board of Trustees, said. "I hope that those children who participated and who are now adults remember that they got to meet a real author."

There are Caldecott Award winners, Newbery Award winners and Coretta Scott King Award winners among the 70 autographed children's books that Martha West recently donated to Catawba. For West, a 1959 alumna of the college and a former faculty member who taught children's literature for 15 years in Catawba's Teacher Education Department, the donation completes a full circle in her life.

"When I was growing up on Catawba's campus, I would go over and check out books from Catawba's children's section and I had the library almost to myself," West explained. "Then I taught children's literature at Catawba. I bought these books for me, but I always intended to give them to Catawba. I don't know why it took me so long."

West, the daughter of Catawba's legendary football coach, Gordon Kirkland, spent the first 12 years of her life on the campus of Catawba. She also graduated from Catawba with an English major and history minor. She later went on to earn her master's of education degree and her Ph.D. in elementary education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During her long career in education, she held three different positions. Her first job was as an elementary school (fifth grade) teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system. Her second, which lasted 16 years, was as a member of Catawba's faculty. Her third, which lasted 18 years, was as director of elementary education for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools.

But back to West's children's books and how she came to acquire them....

She took a sabbatical from Catawba in 1977 and went to the University of Georgia to take classes. One of those classes was in children's literature. That class brought children's author Doris Buchanan Smith, who wrote "The Taste of Blackberries," to the Athens, Georgia campus and West heard her speak and observed Smith interact with children about her book.

"I thought we could do something like this in Salisbury," West remembered.

She wrote Doris Buchanan Smith directly and invited her to come to Catawba and make visits out into the Rowan-Salisbury Schools. Smith did in 1978.

"It was always a joint project among Catawba, the Rowan-Salisbury Schools and the Rowan Public Library," West explained of the effort that brought first Smith and then other children's authors to the community.

"At the beginning, we would go to one central school and groups from other schools were brought over by bus. After the fourth grade writing test began, we encouraged the children to write books. Then we would bring groups of children to the Catawba campus to hear the author talk about how they got their ideas for their books. Then, the kids got to read their books to each other and talk about them and how they got their own ideas for their books."

This annual children's author project began in 1978 and continued after West left

Catawba to join the Rowan-Salisbury School System in 1981 and for several years after she retired from the school system in 1999. West and her friend, Elda Buxton, even founded a local Children's Literature Guild as a grassroots way to support the annual author project.

"I think it is so important to make learning memorable and this was so different from anything else they [the students] were exposed to. It was a good example of creative teaching."

Some of the authors who visited and whose autographed books West donated to Catawba's Corriher-Linn-Black Library include Doris Buchanan Smith; Carole Marsh; Robert Burch (author of "Queenie Peavy" and "Christmas with Ida Early"); Peggy Parish (author of Amelia Bedelia books); Pat Cummings; Nancy Roberts; Kenn and Joanne Compton; Gloria Houston; M.C. Helldorfer; Jack Gantos; John Reynolds Gardiner; Andrea Davis Pinkney; Newbery Medal winners Betsy Byers (author of "The Summer of Swans") and Katherine Paterson; and Caldecott Medal winners Gail Haley and Brian Pinkney.

Dr. Steve McKinzie, director of Catawba's library, welcomed West's donation of children's books and said it added some new titles to the college's already robust collection. As soon as the books are cataloged, they will be available to patrons of the library. Then, only these books' telltale autographs from their authors to West will believe their history and the path that brought them into the library's permanent collection.



## Ramseurs continue to make their family mark on Catawba

Walt '49 and Hilda '50 Ramseur of Landis wanted to give their three adult daughters something they didn't have, but something that would be significant and meaningful to each of them. They decided to establish a scholarship in honor of their daughters at Catawba College, the alma mater of this family.

The Pamela, Sandra, and Julie Ramseur Endowed Scholarship honors the Ramseurs' daughters – Pamela McDaniel '76 of Durham, Sandra Hicks '80 of Rincon, Ga., and Julie Lewis '84 of Charlotte. Preference for the scholarship will be given to students majoring in math, education, or political science.

Walt says he used to tell his daughters that he knew where they were going to college. "You're going to the school where you get the best scholarship," he recalls saying. That college ended up being Catawba, with all three daughters receiving scholarship assistance to attend, and with Sandra and Julie selected as recipients of First Family Scholarships.

Catawba College has played a central generational role in the Ramseurs' lives. Hilda's parents, Lester G. and Cleo Lentz Troxell, were Catawba graduates from the Class of 1923, and Hilda and Walt met while they were students at the college.

Walt worked for Cannon Mills Company for over 40 years until he retired as manager of data processing in 1990. Hilda was a longtime teacher at Landis Elementary School until her retirement in 1991. Both have long been recognized as two of the College's strongest supporters, active in the Chiefs Club, the Alumni Association, the Parents Association and the Board of Visitors. The two supported the Shuford Stadium renovation in the early 2000s, with Walt being one of four volunteers who lead a grassroots fund-raising effort in the Rowan-Salisbury community for the project. The two also were significant contributors to the Campaign for Catawba in the early 2000s, an effort that raised almost \$60 million for the college. In the Hayes Field House on campus, the Walt Ramseur Athletic Office is named in honor of Walt for his support for that project.

In recognition of the importance of scholarships available to deserving students, Walt and Hilda had previously established the Walter R. and Hilda Troxell Ramseur Endowed Scholarship at the college and through their gifts grew that scholarship to the First Family level.

The couple was honored as recipients of the Catawba Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1981. Walt was honored by the college in 1995 as the recipient of the O.B. Michael Award for his many contributions to his alma mater and society.



## Catawba alumni make gift to establish a new scholarship

The Mark and Paula Domske Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship assistance to able and deserving students without stipulation to the recipient student's academic major or geographic location.

Mark and Paula are both Pennsylvania natives who met at Potomac State University, W.Va. Mark received a scholarship to play football at Catawba, so they both moved to N.C. to continue their education. Being scholarship recipients, they know firsthand how valuable that kind of financial support and determination and hard work can be to a student pursuing a college degree.

"Don't be upset with the results you didn't get with the work you didn't do," the two are quick to respond. The Domskes realize that in all things, including the completion of a college degree, one gets out of it what one puts into it.

Even in the years immediately following their graduations, the Domskes have given back to their alma mater, as Chiefs Club members, as serving on Catawba's Alumni Board of Directors, as members of The Grid Iron Club, and as supporters of the Shuford Stadium campaign effort. With the help of another fellow Catawba graduate, they started the Homecoming Golf Tournament held every year during Catawba's Homecoming. Many of Catawba's alumni know Mark as the "egg man" because every year Mark and Paula set up a well-visited tailgate station with the help of some great friends and fellow alumni. You can count on a double yolk egg served on a bun with whole hog barbecue.

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# CATAWBA FOUNDATION, INC.

**A new ally in developing resources  
to support the College and its students.**

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**T**he newly established "Catawba Foundation, Inc." was created to operate exclusively for the benefit and purposes of Catawba College.

The Foundation is a charitable organization under the definitions of section 55A-1-40(4) of the North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation Act.

The Foundation will receive and administer certain types of gifts (such as real estate and business interests) as well as to undertake initiatives that support academic and enrichment causes for the benefit of the College as defined by sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The first project of the Foundation has been procuring Salisbury radio station WSAT-AM to become the platform for Catawba College students majoring in Business or Communication Arts hoping to pursue careers in radio broadcasting. Profits from the operation of WSAT will be donated by the Foundation to Catawba College.

Bill Graham of Salisbury, a Catawba College trustee and 1983 alumnus, facilitated the establishment of the Catawba Foundation. Graham says that the Foundation will be able to receive gifts of property that may ultimately be sold with the proceeds going to the College. In this way, he explains, the College does not have any liability for properties gifted for its benefit until they are sold. The Foundation may also be in a position to purchase properties adjacent to the campus or other assets for the benefit of the College without them being liabilities on the College's books until their costs are fully paid.

Catawba College President Brien Lewis applauded the initiative, noting that such structures are increasingly common practices for higher education institutions, hospitals, and other non-profit entities. "The Catawba Foundation will be a very helpful vehicle for us and our supporters," Lewis said. "The Foundation will enable individuals and companies to provide gifts that can move the College forward without placing an unwanted or unintended burden on the College and its resources."

# CATU is

## **WSAT to become the teaching ground for Catawba students**

Salisbury radio station WSAT-AM is being sold by CAP Communications, Inc. to a newly established Catawba College Foundation. Although WSAT will continue its traditional broadcasts with longtime announcer and current owner, Buddy Poole, remaining in his role as president and general manager overseeing day-to-day operations, the station will have a new purpose. It will become the platform for Catawba College students majoring in Business or Communication Arts hoping to pursue careers in radio broadcasting.

Catawba trustee, Bill Graham '83 of Salisbury, has been the driving force behind the establishment of the Catawba Foundation and the new arrangement with Poole and Catawba. Profits from the operation of WSAT will be donated to Catawba.

"Buddy gives us 50 years of experience to go along with our professors and to be able to actually work at a real live station will be a drawing card for prospective Catawba students," Graham said. "We are not changing Memories 1280 WSAT, we're bringing students in to gain business and broadcasting experience and to learn at a successful radio station.

"Buddy insists that we serve Salisbury and the Rowan County community and we will continue with the Birthday Calendar, contests, Rowan American Legion Baseball, and of course, Catawba sports."

Graham noted that another growing part of broadcasting is the Internet. WSAT plans to expand its online

# making *New Memories* at WSAT-AM



offerings by assigning Catawba students to cover police, fire, crime, severe weather situations, and more. “This will give Rowan County even more up-to-date news,” Graham said.

With the start of the 2014-2015 academic year, Catawba will launch a Sports Communication concentration that it plans to grow into an academic major. This new concentration will be an option to students pursuing an undergraduate degree in Communication Arts, an academic program at the college chaired by Dr. Tim Moreland. Students pursuing this concentration will be learning to do play by play, interviews and features on student athletes. They will also be able to tap into resources offered by collaborations with the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association (NSSA), now located on Catawba’s campus, and WSAT.

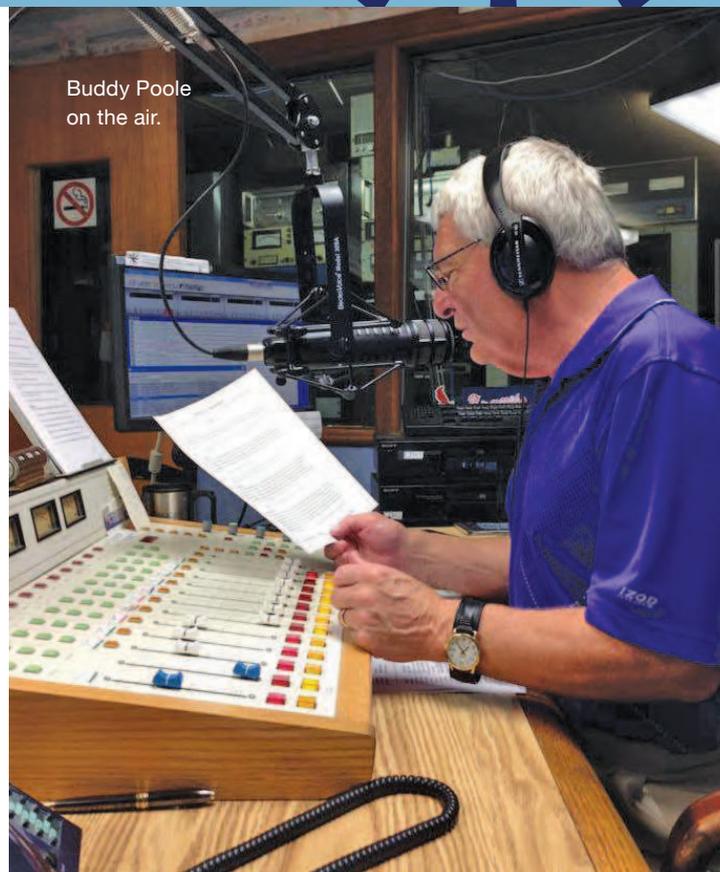
Moreland said the new arrangement between WSAT and Catawba is a win-win situation for the station and the college, especially for students in our Ketner School of Business that houses both Business and Communication Arts. “We will have a wonderful opportunity to prepare our students for the broadcasting workforce through experiences learned on campus and at Memories 1280. Students will also give WSAT more boots on the ground to sell advertising, and to develop and produce content for air and online.”

Poole started at WSAT 50 years ago and recalls how helpful his own hands-on experience at the station he now manages was to him.

“Harry Welch, Sr., gave me an opportunity when I was a junior at South Rowan High School. I started selling radio advertising on commission and slowly worked my way on air,” Poole remembered. “Local radio is still alive and I believe many students can learn while here and Catawba and perhaps go home and buy their own radio station. We want to help hometown radio have the talent it needs on the air and the talent it needs in the sales force to be successful.”

Poole worked in radio in Durham, Burlington, High Point and Thomasville before returning to Salisbury in 2002 and buying WSAT from Charles Welch.

“I came back home to where I started, and I believe we can train Catawba students to do what I was able to do,” he said.



Catawba College President Brien Lewis praised the innovative arrangement and Graham for shepherding the concept to fruition.

**“This arrangement gives Catawba and WSAT some new strengths to leverage in today’s very competitive marketplace for students and listeners. It also undergirds something I have been keen on since arriving in Salisbury two years ago – increasing and improving Catawba’s town-gown relationships.”**

“The college and the community share many opportunities to enhance our symbiosis. We are fortunate that our new relationship with WSAT has come to fruition, on the heels of our enhanced relationship with the NSSA that relocated to our campus this past year.”

## Bill & Shari Graham honored with Catawba's Adrian Shuford Award

"Their positive effects on the life of our college reverberate from Graham Residence Hall in Abernethy Village, named for them, through numerous unrestricted gifts, to funding of improvements in the students' living room, the Cannon Student Center, funding for improvements in several of our older residence halls and Ketner Hall. Both have also championed the College and the Rowan-Salisbury community through their active and productive lives that embody the precepts set forth on Catawba's academic seal – scholarship, character, culture and service."

- Brien Lewis



**A** Salisbury powerhouse couple, William "Bill" and Shari Marshall Graham, were honored by their alma mater on Sunday, April 27, as recipients of Catawba College's prestigious Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service.

College President Brien Lewis made the presentation during a special President's Circle Event held to recognize the institution's major donors in Peeler Crystal Lounge of the Robertson College-Community Center.

The Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award is presented annually to individuals whose actions and generosity to both the college and their communities emulate those of the late Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. of Conover, a businessman and a long-serving member of the College Board of Trustees. The President's Award for Distinguished Service was first presented in 1983, but in 1984, the award was named to honor Mr. Shuford and in recognition of all he had done for the college.

The Grahams, Catawba graduates from the Class of 1983, expressed gratitude for the award and acknowledged their mutual love and respect for each other and the college that brought them together.

Shari said the best thing that had ever happened in her life was her marriage to Bill almost 28 years ago and the birth of their two children, Perry and Caroline. Bill, too,

noted that Shari was a partner in all of his life's endeavors and that she truly shared half of the award given to them.

"We are honored to be included in this group of recipients," Bill said. "We are honored to be mentioned in the same company."

"We love our school and are honored and thrilled to be here today," Shari added.

The Grahams' faculty mentors were on hand for the occasion -- Dr. Sanford Silverburg, professor emeritus of Political Science, was Bill's guest, and Dr. Karl Hales, professor emeritus of Communication Arts, was Shari's guest.

"Thank you for all of the terrorism you inflicted on me," Bill joked to Dr. Silverburg, recalling his undergraduate years as one of Silverburg's students.

Shari too joked that even years after her graduation she still felt the pressure of having Dr. Hales present to hear her speak publically.

Lewis said the Grahams "have supported Catawba's many initiatives and programs through generous gifts of time, service and funds.

A native of Pennsylvania, Shari came south to attend Catawba and majored in Speech with a minor in Political Science. Bill, who grew up in Dunn, N.C., majored in Political Science with a Pre-Law emphasis.

Following their graduations, Bill went to law school for

two years at Antioch University School of Law in Washington, D.C., before completing his law degree at Wake Forest University School of Law. He worked several jobs at once to put himself through law school. Shari, meanwhile, worked at TV Guide magazine in Philadelphia for two years. While Bill was in his last year of law school, he proposed to Shari. The two were married August 16, 1986 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on Catawba's campus, between Bill's final semesters.

After their marriage, Shari worked for a time as a vice president with NationsBank. Bill first worked as an assistant district attorney with the 19-A Prosecutorial District before joining the law firm of Wallace and Whitley in 1993.

The birth of their son Perry, who today is a senior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, caused the couple to shift their focus, with Shari opting to devote more time to her family and work in the community.

Shari serves or has served on the J.F. Hurley YMCA Board, the WaterWorks Visual Arts Center, Salisbury Academy, Salisbury High School PTSA, Piedmont Players, the Foundation for the Carolinas, History Salisbury Foundation, Salisbury-Rowan Heart Ball and the Novant Hospital Ball. Some of the boards for these organizations she has chaired.

Shari is also an active member of the Ladies Tennis Team at the Country Club of Salisbury. She has been involved in the Pink Ribbons Crusade, an organization of ladies who raise monies for breast cancer awareness by touring dresses worn by Princess Diana that Shari and Bill own. Shari has directed numerous plays for the youth at Salisbury Academy and recently held a lead role in the Lee Street Theatre production of "Ornamental."

Bill, who has served on the Catawba College Board of Trustees since 2000, currently serves as this board's vice chair and as chair of its operations subcommittee. Lewis noted Bill's role as head of the Presidential Search Committee that brought him to Catawba.

Bill has also played an active role in North Carolina politics over the past decade. He made media headlines in 2005 and 2006 when he spoke out against North Carolina's gasoline tax and funded a series of commercials encouraging repeal of it.

He was a contender in the 2008 Republican primary to be that party's nominee for N.C. Governor, but lost to fellow Catawba alumnus Pat McCrory. In 2012, when Pat McCrory again vied for the governorship, Bill served on his political committee and saw McCrory elected. Bill currently serves as an at-large member on the State's Economic Development Board, appointed by the governor.

Bill was honored by Catawba in 2002 with its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Bill's dad, John Graham, graduated from Catawba in 1962. And, Bill and Shari's daughter, Caroline, is a rising sophomore at Catawba and a member of the tennis team. Caroline was recently elected by her classmates as treasurer of the sophomore class.



## **\$1 Million Gift** **will fund scholarships in three** **academic areas at Catawba**

Catawba students who want to major in Political Science, Teacher Education and Environmental Science or Studies will be eligible for new scholarships thanks to a million dollar gift recently received by the College. The gift, made by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, will both benefit students who will enter Catawba beginning in the fall of 2014 and will aid in Catawba's recruiting efforts for this upcoming and subsequent academic years, according to Catawba President Brien Lewis.

"Scholarships like those made possible through this gift allow us to provide Catawba experiences to the best and most promising students," explained College Provost, Dr. J. Michael Bitzer. "These scholarships will also allow the college to increase its ability to serve a greater number of students and provide them access to an education rich in personal attention that blends the knowledge and competencies of liberal studies with career preparation."

Catawba's Vice President of Enrollment Lois Williams welcomed the new scholarships as a way to aid worthy students concerned about their ability to pay for a college education. She cited a Princeton Review Inc. 2014 "College Hopes and Worries Survey" released March 18th wherein 89 percent of the respondents reported that financial aid would be "very necessary" to pay college expenses and 65 percent of those respondents said it would be "extremely necessary." Williams noted that 100 percent of the respondents to the survey said a college degree would be "worth it."

"Scholarships help level the playing field for students with ability who don't have the financial resources to pay for their education. Scholarships also help offset the loans that students often must incur to pursue their baccalaureate degrees," Williams said.

Almost 100% of students attending Catawba receive some sort of financial assistance.

## What is the Catawba Fund?

A giving umbrella under which the following categories of support for Catawba are grouped:

### General Unrestricted Giving

affects the entire College and every individual in it — every program, every activity, every aspect of the institution. These funds are applied directly to current operating expenses.

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## '67 Alumnus Phil Kirk Receives N.C.'s Highest Civilian Honor



**P**hil Kirk was one of six individuals honored with the North Carolina Award, the state's highest civilian honor, in a ceremony

held Nov. 21 in Durham. Kirk, a native of Rowan County who now makes his home in Raleigh, received the award for public service.

The awards, given annually since 1964, were presented by Governor Pat

McCrorry '78. Other 2013 honorees included novelist John M.H. Hart, Jr. of Keswick, Va., the award for literature; Dr. Myron S. Cohen of Chapel Hill, the award for science; John E. Cram of Asheville, the award for fine arts; Dr. John Harding Lucas of Durham, the award for public service; and Dr. Walt Wolfram of Cary, the award for public service.

The awards are administered by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, which is headed by Susan Kluttz, a former mayor of Salisbury. She noted that each of the award recipients "has enriched the lives of our citizens and propelled North Carolina onto the national and world stages."

Kirk, who currently serves as Director of Brady Energy Services,

has many noteworthy former positions to his credit. He is chair emeritus of the N.C. State Board of Education and the N.C. Chamber of Commerce. Early in his career, he was a newspaper reporter and a public school teacher of English and journalism in the Salisbury City Schools before joining state government. In 1970, the people of Rowan County elected him to the N.C. State Senate, and he became its youngest member in state history at that time. He later served as chief of staff for N.C. Governors Jim Holshouser and Jim Martin, and for U.S. Senator Jim Broyhill. He also served two governors as Secretary of the N.C. Department of Human Resources. He also served Catawba for several years between July 2006 and April 2009 as Vice President of External Relations.

# Pay it Forward, *Southern Style*



Barry Leonard & Herb Lohr

A new scholarship at Catawba College has been established to honor and to publically say “Thank You,” to the owners of Lexington’s 88-year-old Southern Lunch.

Employees and children of employees at Southern Lunch will be given preference for the Fred Lohr and Shirley Lohr Family Scholarship. Catawba alumnus Barry Leonard ’65 and wife Clara of Lexington established the scholarship to pay tribute to the family and the business that gave them both jobs and Barry a chance to attend college while working there.

Fred Lohr, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, hired Barry Leonard in 1956 while Barry was a freshman at Lexington High School. “Fred would let me have Friday nights off during football season, but he made me work on Saturdays because he wanted to hear about the game,” Barry recalled, citing the kindness and generosity of Fred Lohr and his late wife, Shirley.

“That’s one thing my daddy always did. Any athlete who wanted to work, he supported them,” explained Herb Lohr, Fred’s son and grandson and namesake of Southern Lunch founder, Herbert Lohr.

Barry’s wife, Clara, also worked as a waitress at Southern Lunch after the two were married and while Barry attended Catawba. She too recalls the kindness of the Lohr family and remembers receiving birthday cards from Shirley Lohr.

The \$35 a week salary that Barry made working at Southern Lunch put him through school at Catawba. Barry is now retired from the CPA firm he established and ran for 30 years in Greensboro, and he and Clara live on a farm in their hometown of Lexington. To them, the scholarship is a tangible way to pay it forward, like Fred Lohr did, and like his son, Herb, continues to do in the family restaurant business.

“We were always a family business – we’re not just three generations of owners, but three generations of employees and customers,” Herb Lohr said. “Dad was always a people person and the face of the business, and he taught us that you have to appreciate your help and your customers. He is a real good man and highly respected in this community. He has a heart of gold and was always kind and a giver.

“When my dad learned about the scholarship that the Leonards had established in his honor at Catawba, he joked and said of

Barry, ‘I taught him everything he knows.’ He was pleased and my mom would have been just as proud. I know we have some employees’ children who will be interested in this scholarship,” Herb explained.

Barry concurred that Fred Lohr, indeed, taught him some of the most important things that he knows. “He taught me a lot about ethics and he helped raise me. I had ethics instilled in me through my first job at Southern Lunch and at Catawba, and acting ethically has always served me well.”



While the textile mills have closed and the furniture manufacturing business and the Railway Express, both of which used to be down the street from Southern Lunch, have not survived, Southern Lunch still operates thanks to Herb Lohr’s efforts to change with the times and “to adapt to a different kind of clientele.”

The original Southern Lunch only seated 35 people with its 15 barstools and five booths. Herb and Barry share stories about how customers would line up two deep behind those seated on the barstools to wait for their turn at lunch. Now, since the restaurant is located across the street from its original location and has expanded over the years, it can accommodate 140 people.

While things have changed in the 88 years of Southern Lunch, the tradition of good food, good people and strong ethics is still intact and will be as long as a Lohr is running the place. Herb recalled a 2007 fire at the business that shut him down for 15 months, putting him and his 30 employees out of work.

“We almost didn’t come back,” he said, “but when we did reopen, every single employee came back to work except one who passed away while we were closed.

“I think you have to run things old school,” Herb said. The Lohr family, their employees and their customers tend to agree.

Several members of Fred Lohr’s family have Catawba connections. Fred’s son, Herb ’81, attended Catawba and played baseball for a year, and his daughter, Freddie Lohr Fulbright ’77, graduated from Catawba and enjoyed a long career teaching in the Davidson County Schools until her retirement.

*Editor’s note: Fred Lohr died January 30th after this article was published in his hometown paper.*



**Catawba first-year students and seniors interact more with their faculty members and other students than their peers at other Southeast Private institutions.**

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“We know where Catawba’s strengths lie – in faculty-student interactions, in collaborative learning, and experiential learning,” explained Catawba Provost Dr. J. Michael Bitzer. “The personal interaction that our low student-to-faculty ratio allows is something that we are very proud of, because that is who we are from our mission statement. We provide an education rich in personal attention, that on our campus our students aren’t just numbers, and what these responses tell us is that we are delivering on those promises and the college’s reason for being.”

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**T**his according to the responses these students submitted while participating in the 2013 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Each year since 2000, NSEE had collected information at hundreds of four-year colleges and universities about student participation in activities and programs that promote their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending their college or university.

Catawba first-year students reported that they discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class at a rate 17% higher than that of their peers at other Southeast Private institutions. They reported collaborative learning at a rate 15% higher than their peers, and that they worked with a faculty member on activities other than classwork at a rate 14% higher.

Catawba first-year students responded that their instructors provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments and that they had discussions with people with political views other than their own at a rate that was 11% higher than their peers at other Southeast Private institutions.

These aforementioned responses by first-year students were mirrored at an even higher percentage rate by Catawba College seniors who responded to the 2013 NSSE. Catawba seniors reported that they had participated in an internship, a co-op, field experience, student teaching or a clinical placement (all considered high impact practices in higher education) at a rate 29 percent higher than what was reported by their peers at other Southeast Private institutions.

Catawba seniors participating in the NSSE survey said they discussed their academic performance with a faculty member and prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students at a rate 28% greater than their

peers reported. These seniors reported they worked with a faculty member on activities other than coursework at a rate 24% higher than their peers. And, like their first-year counterparts at Catawba, these seniors reported that they had discussions with people with political views other than their own; these seniors reported this at a rate 22% higher than their peers at other Southeast Private institutions and at a rate 11% higher than their first-year counterparts at Catawba.

Catawba seniors also reported on how much their Catawba experience contributed to their perceived gains in knowledge, skills, and personal development. Ninety-one percent of these seniors reported that they gained critical and analytical thinking skills. Eighty-nine percent said they had become more adept at writing clearly and effectively, while 80 percent reported they had improved in their ability to work effectively with others.

“What employers want in today’s college graduates are excellent thinkers and communicators,” Bitzer said. “It is rewarding that Catawba students feel prepared to meet the demands and possess the traits that employers want in their employees.”

Ninety-two percent of the Catawba seniors reported that their overall experience at Catawba was “excellent” or “good.” This ninety-two percent satisfaction response mirrors what their peers at other Southeast Private institutions reported. Eighty-six percent of the Catawba seniors said they would “definitely” or “probably” attend Catawba again.

Catawba College and its students have participated in NSSE annually since 2009. Institutions, including Catawba, use their data to identify aspects of undergraduate experience that can be improved through changes in policy and practice. NSSE has been in operation since 2000 and has been used in more than 1,500 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada.



**M**iss Jackie, a 44-year fixture in the Catawba dining hall, retired May 6. Members of the college community gathered that day at a reception hosted by Chartwells, the college's food service provider, to celebrate her long tenure and share memories.

Miss Jackie, actually Annie Louise Freeman Cauthen (her aunt named her Jackie as a baby), was born in Salisbury and came to work at Catawba in 1970. She joined her sister-in-law, Miss Dot, actually Dorothy Cauthen who was already working in the dining hall in charge of the desserts and catering.

Miss Jackie says she loved her job from the beginning. Initially, she cooked for 26 years, priding herself on her fried chicken and stew beef. But her favorite part of the job was being involved with the catering. "It was something different than kitchen duty – the food cooked for catering had to be special."

In recent years, Miss Jackie has been responsible for keeping the dining hall clean, the counters wiped down, and replenishing the foods depleted from the various serving stations. This still allows her to interact with students, faculty and staff and to flash her characteristic and contagious smile.

She has seen many changes through the years. The dining hall, she notes, "has been done [redecorated and reconfigured] three different times," since she arrived. The food has changed too. It is healthier and not as heavy as it once was.

"The food choices today – the students are so blessed and they don't even realize it."

Students also have changed as well as their pranks. "The pranks aren't as bad today as they were years ago and when they did pull one of those things it was always close to graduation." She admonishes that her stories about those pranks are not to be shared.

"When students come back after they've graduated, they stick their head in and holler 'hello' at me," she recalls. "Loving people makes me happy."

Miss Jackie is a Salisbury native, the daughter of a tenant farmer "who farmed for a lot of people" so his large family would have a place to live.

She knows the value of hard work and the joys of small pleasures. She has three children, daughter Annette and sons Pal, Jr. and Terry. She had a fourth child, Paulette, who died when she was but six weeks old. Her husband, Pal, died in 1973, but she doesn't dwell on what she has lost, but rather on what she has.

What advice would Miss Jackie give those Catawba students past and present that might help them live richer and fuller lives? She answers quickly: "Make sure you take care of yourself. You can't work if you don't take care of yourself. And try to do good work."

When she's not working in Catawba's dining hall, Miss Jackie will likely be in church at Moore's Chapel AME Zion in Cleveland or at a basketball or football game. She's a big West Rowan High School supporter because that's where her children went to school, and of course, she supports Catawba -- she knows and has helped feed so many of its student athletes.

Catawba's Assistant Dean for Campus Activities and Programming Jan

Gillean calls Miss Jackie "the best sports fan ever" and recalls her sitting in the stands when Gillean was a student at West Rowan. "I was gone for 20 years from this area and when I came back to see a game at West Rowan, Miss Jackie was still there, sitting in the stands and she looked the same."

For Miss Jackie, leaving Catawba is bittersweet. "I'm gonna miss Catawba because this was my job for so long, but I'm going to clean up my house – do some spring cleaning, and then I'm gonna go fishing and go visiting."



## Professional women share workplace advice with Catawba's female students



Read more about the insights shared at this inaugural event at [www.catawba.edu/women](http://www.catawba.edu/women).

Panelists included Mona Wallace, Abby Hastings Kerr '72, Dr. Jolene Henning '96, Kyna Grubb '89, Rori Godsey '07, Karen Gaskill '92 and Karen Kirks Alexander.

“I didn't see it coming,” Salisbury attorney and Catawba College Trustee Mona Lisa Wallace told a gathering of Catawba female students. She was describing the gender inequity she encountered when fresh out of Wake Forest Law School she entered the workplace.

“No one would hire me to be a trial lawyer in 1979 in the South. They wanted to hire me to be a paralegal,” explained Wallace, who today is a partner in the Salisbury firm, Wallace & Graham, which she established.

Wallace was one of seven female professionals who shared advice and lessons learned during a panel discussion,

“Developing Emerging Professionals: What You Need to Know to Succeed,” in Tom Smith Auditorium on February 17th.

The inaugural event was sponsored by the Ketner School of Business and the Office of Career Services and moderated by Darlene Ball '62, a Catawba alumna and the first female chair of the college board of trustees.

The panelists offered their perspectives on different workplace topics including equality, doing the right thing, self-confidence, networking and mentoring, making your own future, and balancing work, home, family and self.

## N.C. Entrepreneur touts Pickles during CEO Lecture at Catawba

Jenny Fulton says her cell phone number and e-mail address are printed on every jar of Miss Jenny's Pickles and she wants you to call her – really – and let her know if you like the product or encounter a problem with it.

This entrepreneur, a former stockbroker and one of the co-founders of Miss Jenny's Pickles, shared her homegrown success story of turning her grandmother's pickle recipes into a booming North Carolina business with international reach! She spoke at Catawba College's 11th annual CEO Lecture on April 17 in Hedrick Little Theatre on campus, an event hosted by the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business.



Mr. Ketner & Jenny Fulton sharing a moment after the lecture.

Read more about Miss Jenny and her pickles at [www.catawba.edu/pickles](http://www.catawba.edu/pickles).

## Catawba is going DOWNTOWN!

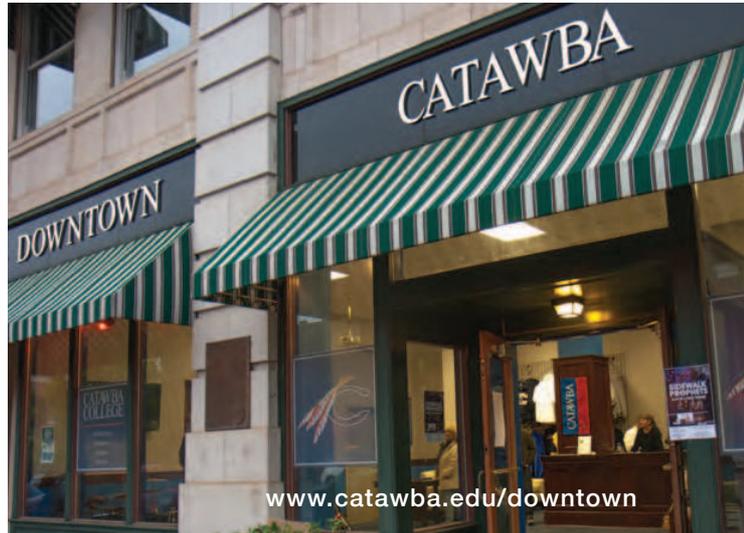
Catawba now has a presence in downtown Salisbury with the April 8 opening of Downtown Catawba. This innovative new “storefront” space in the Plaza Building, near the corner of Main and West Innes Streets, will help enhance Catawba’s ties with the Salisbury community.

Downtown Catawba hours are 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with the location also open for select special events, including some Friday Nights Out.

Downtown Catawba will feature Admissions information as well as the latest on athletic, theatre and music events (and the opportunity to buy tickets for these). Catawba clothing and related items will be available for purchase. Special programming will also be offered at the location, including musical performances, readings, and other presentations.

An enthusiastic Catawba College President Brien Lewis said the college has been looking for a more tangible way to connect the campus, located approximately two miles from the square, to Downtown Salisbury.

“This storefront gives us a presence in the downtown area that we have not had. The only indication along Innes Street that Catawba College is located in Salisbury has been thanks to two small state directional signs posted along the street,” Lewis explained. “We’ve been here since 1925, are one of our area’s largest employers, and offer myriad ways for visitors and community



members to connect with the college – everything from athletics events, to theatrical and musical performances and symposia and lectures.

**“Downtown Catawba gives us an opportunity to be much more than a well-kept secret.”**

Lewis said college officials had set the opening of the Downtown Catawba location as one of the institution’s goals in its 2013-2014 annual plan. The college’s lease on the property, located in The Plaza Building at 100 West Innes Street, Suite 103, began in December, however it took several months for refurbishment of the space, including new paint, carpet, IT infrastructure and signage.

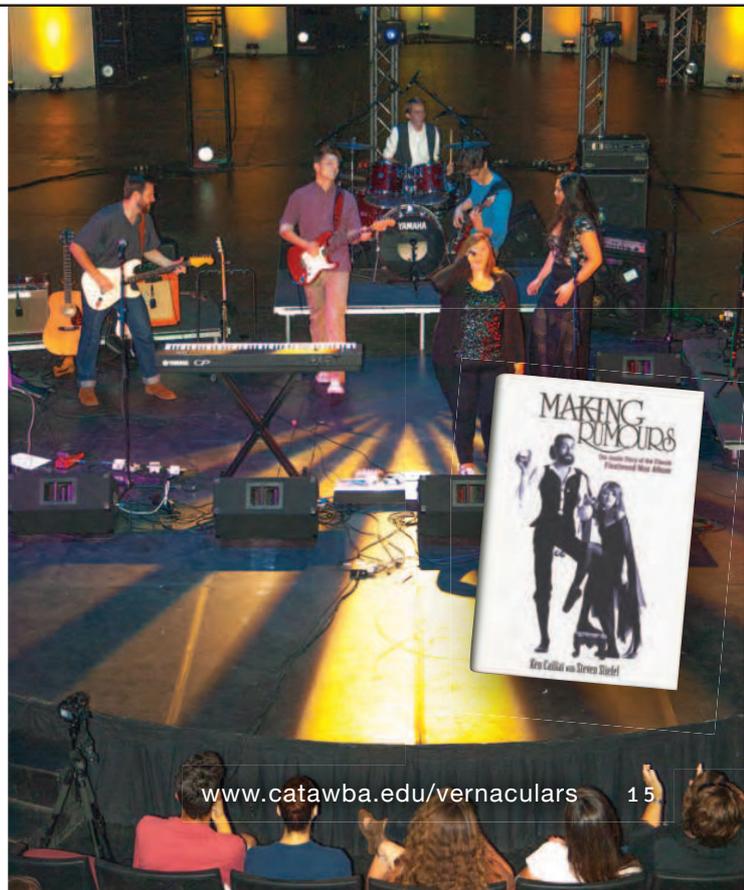
Visitors are invited to drop in to see Downtown Catawba and to stay tuned for future news about special program offerings there.

## Catawba Vernaculares performed Fleetwood Mac’s Rumours Live with book signing by album’s producer, Ken Caillat



Ken Caillat has enjoyed an exceptional career as a record producer and engineer working with the likes of Paul McCartney, Joni Mitchell, and Michael Jackson in addition to his albums with Fleetwood Mac. Most recently, he has produced several albums by his Grammy-winning daughter, Colbie Caillat. The elder Caillat’s *Making Rumours* memoir was published in 2012 by Wiley

“We were delighted to have Ken come all the way from Los Angeles to attend the concert,” says Dr. David Lee Fish, director of the popular music degree concentration at Catawba. “The thought of such a renowned producer being present for a concert of an album he himself produced was both inspiring and a little intimidating for the students.”



## Three Catawba faculty members retire

Three Catawba faculty members retired at the end of this academic year were recognized during May 17th commencement exercises on campus.

### Dr. Douglas Anderson

Dr. Anderson joined the Catawba faculty in 2001 after he and his wife relocated to Salisbury upon his retirement from Ashland University in Ohio. At Ashland, he had served as Professor of Business and Director of the MBA Program. Prior to that, he served as Dean of Business at an Ohio State University branch campus.



Dr. Anderson held appointments under the Clinton and Bush Administrations as National Quality Examiner, the nation's highest examiner level for organizational quality systems assessment.

At Catawba, Dr. Anderson was responsible for a number of the core courses in the Business Administration major and was widely respected by his students for the breadth of his knowledge, his extensive professional experience, and the superior quality of his courses.

Dr. Anderson earned his bachelor's degree and his doctorate from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in business from Ohio State University.

### Professor Julia Grimes Hayes '83

Professor Hayes is a Catawba alumna, who graduated magna cum laude in 1983 with a major in English and a minor in Psychology. She, and her two sisters, Dr. Katherine Grimes, a 1977 Catawba alumna, and Jane Grimes Brown, a 1981 Catawba alumna, followed in their late father's footsteps, the Rev. Van D. Grimes, a 1963 alumnus, to attend his alma mater.



Professor Hayes continued her education after her Catawba graduation by earning her M.A. in English at UNC Charlotte and completing additional graduate study at UNC Greensboro.

She joined the English faculty of Catawba in 1985 as an instructor, her first fulltime job after college. She was a Master Learner in the Educare program in the 1980s. Catawba College has a

Writing Center today in part because Professor Hayes knew that being able to write well is important. She and English Professor Emeritus Dr. Jesse McCartney researched and wrote the proposal for the Writing Center here back in the late 1990s and after it was established, she served as the Writing Center's director for a time.

She taught numerous sections of freshman and sophomore composition, in addition to Introduction to Poetry, Introduction to Fiction, African-American Literature and First-Year Seminar. She served as advisor to Alpha Chi, a national honor society, as well as advisor to the Diversity Club.

She was recognized in April at the College's Awards Convocation as the faculty/staff recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. A committee of students and faculty choose both a student and a faculty/staff member annually to receive this award. It is given in recognition of fine spiritual qualities practically applied to daily living and with the belief that these persons will uphold the spiritual standards of Catawba by their noble characteristics. The award was established by the New York Southern Society as a permanent reminder of the noblest human qualities expressed and followed in the life of its first president Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

Married to husband, Robert, the couple has three adult children, Lizzie White, who graduated with Catawba's Class of 2014 and will enter Duke University this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Their son, Chris, is also a Catawba alumnus, a 2013 graduate of the School of Evening and Graduate Studies.

### Dr. Lou Ann Kasias

Dr. Kasias joined the faculty in 1982 as an assistant professor of education. She had earned her bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University and the master's degree and Ph.D. from UNC Greensboro. Her prior experience before coming to Catawba included service as a middle-school grade teacher in the Burlington, Winston-Salem, and High Point schools. She had also taught as a part time instructor at High Point College and UNC Greensboro.



During her early years at Catawba, she was involved in constructing the outlines and materials for the Master Learner component of the freshman program. She was also a Middle School Specialist and Director of a Reading Diagnostic Clinic that specialized in diagnosis and remediation of reading.

Dr. Kasias was granted tenure at Catawba in 1988 with a recommendation from then college president, Dr. Stephen Wurster, who called her “a tireless worker who contributes much to the College’s programs in ways that often go unrecognized.” Dr. Kasias was tapped to serve as the director of Catawba’s Graduate program in Education in 1999, a position she held until her retirement.

Several times during her years at Catawba, she was named the Clifford A. and Lillian C. Peeler Endowed Professor of Education. Dr. Kasias was recognized in April at the annual Awards Convocation as the recipient of the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College. The award is given annually to the person or persons judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the institution. The recipient is selected by a vote of Catawba’s faculty senate.

A resident of High Point, Dr. Kasias is married to husband Sam and the two are parents of daughter Leigh.



### **Dr. Mark Sabo resigns**

Dr. Sabo resigned from Catawba’s faculty at the end of the ‘13-’14 academic year to accept a position

as professor of forensic science at Tiffin University in northwest Ohio. Mark joined Catawba as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1998 and was named a full professor in 2008. He served as director of the Catawba Analytical Research Laboratory since 2000 and chair of the chemistry department since 2005.

In his resignation letter to Catawba, Dr. Sabo wrote: “Students have and always will give my life purpose. They are a huge blessing to me for many reasons. My experience at Catawba has made it very clear to me that I am on this earth to teach. My students have taught me this and much more.”

### **Two Catawba College faculty members have been granted tenure and two are being promoted by a unanimous vote of the College Board of Trustees. These tenure and promotions became effective with the 2014-2015 academic year.**

Dr. Jim Hand, assistant professor and director of Athletic Training Education, and Dr. Margaret Stahr, assistant professor of English and director of Catawba’s Writing Center were granted tenure. Additionally, trustees approved a promotion for Dr. Stahr from assistant to associate professor, and for Dr. Michael Bitzer, provost of the college, from associate professor to professor.

Trustees voted to grant tenure and promotions for these aforementioned faculty members at their February 18 meeting.



**Dr. Jim Hand** joined the Catawba faculty in 2010. He 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. Prior to 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 Sport Sciences and coordinator of Clinical Education at California Lutheran University, and as an assistant professor of Sport Sciences and director of Athletic Training Education at Wingate University.



**Dr. Margaret Stahr** joined the Catawba faculty in 2008 after earning her master’s degree and her Ph.D. in English with an emphasis on Composition, Literacy, and Pedagogy from the University of Pittsburgh. She earned her bachelor’s degree with honors in English Literature with a minor in Biology from DePauw University. Prior to joining the faculty at Catawba, she served as acting director of the Writing Center, part-time instructor of English and part-time assistant dean for academic affairs at DePauw University.



**Dr. Michael Bitzer** joined the Catawba faculty in 2002 as a visiting instructor in the Political Science Department. He moved up through faculty ranks from assistant to associate professor and served as acting provost and chair of the Department of History and Politics before being named provost in January of 2014 by Catawba President Brien Lewis. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Erskine College, a Master of Arts degree in History from Clemson University, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Georgia’s School of Public and International Affairs.



## 2014 Awards Convocation

When members of the Catawba College community gathered for the annual Awards Convocation on April 24, it was a time to celebrate achievement and the exemplification of the four words on the Catawba College seal – scholarship, character, culture and service. The gathering was held in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel amidst much clapping and nods of approval and recognition.

Again this year, the awards distributed were eco-friendly, made of Catawba blue, 100% recycled glass to symbolize the college's commitment to sustainability.

For a full listing of all of the award recipients, visit [www.catawba.edu/awardsconvocation](http://www.catawba.edu/awardsconvocation).



### Dr. Peeler joins Catawba Board of Trustees

**B**enjamin B. Peeler, M.D., the Chief of Pediatric and Adult

Congenital Cardiothoracic Surgery at Levine Children's Hospital and Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute in Charlotte, is the newest member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees. Catawba Trustees approved Dr. Peeler's membership at their October 2013 meeting and welcomed him at their February 2014 meeting.

Catawba President Brien Lewis lauded Dr. Peeler's addition to the board, noting that Dr. Peeler's expertise and renown will certainly be tapped as the college seeks to expand its academic offerings in the health sciences. Lewis noted that Dr. Peeler also has family connections to Catawba College.

Dr. Peeler's grandparents, the late Dr. Banks J. Peeler and Agnes G. Andrew Peeler, were both Catawba graduates from the class of 1919. Dr. Banks J. Peeler was president of the Southern Synod of the

then Evangelical and Reformed Church, now the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Peeler's grandfather also authored "A Story of the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church," and he served on the Catawba College Board of Trustees from 1937-1974, holding the offices of vice president, president and secretary on that board. Dr. Peeler's father, the late Dr. Robert G. Peeler, was a 1951 Catawba alumnus and a cardiologist in Jacksonville, Fla. His uncle, Dr. Richard N. Peeler '47, and his late aunt, Jean Peeler Arnold '46, were also Catawba alumni.

Dr. Peeler was the third generation of his family to attend Catawba. He attended between 1982 and 1984 before transferring to Wake Forest University where he graduated. He attended medical school at Vanderbilt University. After medical school, he completed his general surgery residency at Vanderbilt University Affiliated Hospitals. Following Residency, Dr. Peeler continued his extensive surgical training at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center, as a fellow in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and Vascular Surgery. He concluded his comprehensive fellowship training at

Emory University with a third fellowship in Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery.

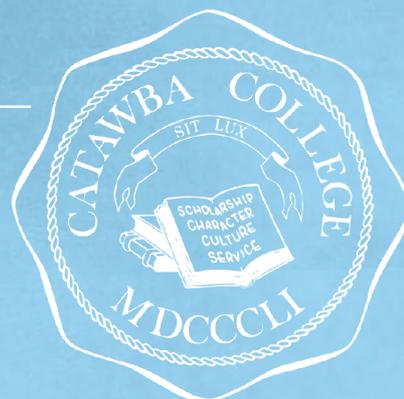
Prior to joining the Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute in November 2009, Dr. Peeler served as the Surgical Director of the Virginia Children's Heart Center at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He also directed the pediatric cardiac surgery program at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond and performed surgery at the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters in Norfolk.

Widely published, he has over 30 manuscripts to his credit, along with six book chapters and multiple abstracts, in addition to participating in numerous teaching activities and conference presentations. He won the University of Virginia School of Medicine Dean's Award for Clinical Excellence in 2007, awarded to a faculty member who demonstrates exemplary patient service and a high level of clinical skill.

Dr. Peeler was recognized by Charlotte Magazine as one of the 2012 Charlotte's Top Doctors and was also one of four physicians awarded "2012 Excellence in Health Care: Physicians of the Year" by the Charlotte Business Journal.

## Two Trustees awarded Emeritus Status

Catawba Trustees voted unanimously to award emeritus status to two of their long-serving members, Claude B. Hampton, Jr. '48 & Patricia Proctor Rendleman '47, both of Salisbury, at their October meeting. Hampton served as Catawba Trustee from 1985-2013, while Rendleman's service was from 1975- 2013.



### CLAUDE B. HAMPTON, JR. '48

Born in Newton, Hampton grew up in Statesville and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was decorated with the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. After his military service, he attended Catawba and earned a degree in Business in 1948. Later in his life, he earned his master's degree in marketing from the School of Business and International Marketing at Syracuse University and a degree from the advanced management program at Harvard University.

A year after his Catawba graduation, Hampton joined Nabisco and advanced through the Biscuit Division's field selling organization before being named vice president of sales in 1976. In 1978, he was elected vice president of Nabisco, Inc., and president of the Biscuit Division. In 1981, he was named to the additional position of senior vice president and group executive, Nabisco Brands, U.S.A.

He was named executive vice president at Nabisco in 1985, but that same year, he elected instead to take early retirement and accept an invitation to join the Catawba Board of Trustees. He and wife Edith moved back to Salisbury from New Jersey where they had made their home, and Hampton began serving Catawba as an adjunct professor of business education. Hampton served for many years as chair of the Trusteeship Committee of the Catawba Board of Trustees.

A former director for Chubb Life Insurance Company and a variety of other boards, Hampton has consistently supported his alma mater through his gifts of financial resources and time. Catawba honored him in 1979 with its Distinguished Alumnus Award, in 1986 with an honorary doctor of laws degree, in 1994 with the O.B. Michael Award, in 2007 with the Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service, and again in 2007 by inducting him into the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business Hall of Fame.

### PATRICIA PROCTOR RENDLEMAN '47

A native of Salisbury, Rendleman majored in mathematics at Catawba and minored in history. She married her husband Richard Rendleman, a 1941 alumnus, the same year she graduated from Catawba. Together, the couple raised three children.

An avid championship golfer, she was women's golf champion at Grandfather Mountain Golf and Country Club in Linville and Salisbury Country Club. She was a former member and president of the board of directors of the Women's Carolinas Golf Association. She was also active in a variety of business and civic areas. She held seats on the boards of directors of Proctor Chemical Co., Inc. (her family's business), Rowan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission. Active in the Piedmont Players, she served as director and a president of that organization, and also served on the board and as an officer of the Salisbury-RowanYMCA.

She is a longtime member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and was active in the church's Altar Guild. She chaired the board of the Salisbury-based Proctor Foundation which her mother founded. As a Catawba trustee, she chaired the Academic Affairs committee of the Board.

Rendleman has a longtime history of giving back to her alma mater through her time and resources. She has made financial gifts to the institution for the past 46 consecutive years.

Catawba honored Rendleman in 1984 with an honorary doctor of humanitarian service degree, in 1991 as the recipient of the Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service, and in 1997 with its Exemplary Life Service Award.

# Commencement 2014



## Saturday, May 17, 2014

It was a day of warm farewells and long goodbyes as the college awarded 287 degrees to its graduates. Two separate graduation ceremonies were held in Keppel Auditorium of the Robertson College-Community Center on campus – one at 10 a.m. for graduates of the traditional day program and one at 2 p.m. for graduates in the School of Evening and Graduate Studies.

### 10 a.m. commencement

Students in the traditional day program fell into three categories: those going on for more education; those going on to jobs they had already landed; and those with hopes of landing a job thanks to their newly acquired bachelor's degree.

Juliana Conte, who came south to Catawba from Hampton, Ontario as a soccer recruit, was headed even further south, going on for more education with her bachelor's degree in Chemistry and minor in Biology. The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa is in her sights. She attended an American Chemical Society meeting as an undergraduate and was recruited into the Ph.D. in Chemistry program there.

"They're waiving all of my tuition fees and giving me a generous stipend to serve as a teaching assistant there," Conte explained with a smile.

Conte's peer, Elizabeth J. "Lizzie" White of Salisbury, is headed in a similar direction. She will be entering the Ph.D. program in Chemistry at Duke University this fall. White walked across the stage to receive her diploma shortly after her mother, Catawba Professor Julia Grimes Hayes '83, was recognized for retiring from the college after 29 years of service in the English Department.

Brendan Kennedy of Charlotte, who created his own individualized major at Catawba, an Administration of Justice major with a minor in Sociology, is hoping to shortly join either the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department or the Charlotte Fire Department.

"I've passed the written and physical exams for both and I'm just waiting on an interview," Kennedy shared.

First-generation college student, Timberley Motsinger of Wallburg will enter Elon University School of Law in Greensboro this fall. She explained that her Catawba years were a time of growth for her as an individual. As a freshman enrolled in a special section of a first-year seminar designed for students like her who were the first in their families to go to college, Motsinger took her first plane ride thanks to Catawba. She flew to Washington, D.C. as part of that seminar class to tour the nation's capital and improve her own cultural and social capital.

"That trip to D.C. was very helpful to me. It was my first time ever on a plane and my first time in in the Capital," Motsinger explained. "It made me so confident that the next summer, I flew to Japan all on my own to visit my brother who was stationed there."

Motsinger is also confident that the internship she had with a Greensboro attorney while a student at Catawba will benefit her as she enters law school.

"I'm going in with an advantage," she said. "I know what the courthouse [in Greensboro] is like and I have a resource in the attorney I interned with. I hope he thinks I did a good job for him so I can tap him as that resource."

Matthew Blaker of Concord also came to Catawba as a first-generation college student and was in the same first-year seminar with Motsinger. He majored in Communication Arts and said his college experience has been "all about making a personal experience that suits yourself."

Although Blaker said he is "ready to get out and see bigger cities and do bigger things," he will be doing the play by play broadcasts of the American Legion games from Catawba's baseball stadium this summer.

That summer job is but one step on Blaker's long-term journey: "My next goal is to broadcast professional baseball and my destination is St. Louis. I want to broadcast the Cardinals."

As Catawba President Brien Lewis told the graduates in his charge to them during the May 17th ceremony, "Judging by your activities and accomplishments of your years at Catawba, you are indeed a generation in motion, a generation who will shape the future. You will not be shaped by it.

"William Butler Yeats wrote that, 'Education is not the filling of a pail. It is the lighting of a fire.' I believe and I trust that your experience at Catawba has kindled more than one flame that you will carry with you –

and that you will pass that fire on to others throughout your life. Catawba will watch and support you as you follow your hearts and your intuition – and we will celebrate proudly with you as you reach your highest potential."

### 2 p.m. commencement

Four of the graduating seniors in Catawba's School of Evening and Graduate Studies Class of 2014 had earned their associate's degrees from CPCC and went on to complete their bachelor's degree coursework in Catawba classes taught on CPCC campuses. Catawba President Brien Lewis noted that "the unique partnership" with North Carolina's largest community college that began in 2012 had produced this first cohort of graduates.

A representative from CPCC, Dr. Loretta Evvie, the division director for Business and Accounting on CPCC's central campus, was on hand at the commencement exercise to see the CPCC graduates receive their four-year baccalaureate degrees from Catawba.

Lewis also noted that although a representative from Davidson County Community College in Lexington was not on hand for the ceremony because DCCC's graduation was also held May 17. Despite that, Lewis said, "I would like to acknowledge that the partnership we enjoy with CPCC was modeled on the partnership we have with DCCC. We began collaborating with our colleagues in Lexington in January 2010 to offer their graduates the opportunity to earn bachelor's degrees from us."

Vonda Hill of Charlotte, one of the Catawba graduates was also a 2010 CPCC graduate who completed the courses required for her baccalaureate degree on a CPCC campus. She noted that "completing your degree requires hard work and dedication, but it is totally worth the journey."

Catawba awarded 10 students their Master of Education degrees and bid farewell to the director of the college's only graduate program, Dr. Lou Ann Kasias. Kasias, a professor of Teacher Education, has served as the director of Catawba's Graduate program in Education since 1999 and retired this year after 32 years of service at the college.

Dr. Edith Bolick '70, who has served as dean of Catawba's School of Evening and Graduate Studies since August of 2003, stepped down as Dean and returned to the faculty ranks as professor and chair of the Sociology Department at the College this fall. She was recognized during the commencement exercise for her contributions to the program.



What happens when you have a Popeye Moment?

When you say, "That's all I can stand and I can't stand no more?"

### Baccalaureate homilist encourages graduates to have Popeye moments



The Reverend Robert "Bob" M. Disher, Jr., a 1974 Catawba alumnus, says that's when you open up a can of "holy discontent" and use it to transform something unjust in the world.

He described a Popeye moment as "something you just can't not do." Disher, who earned his divinity degree from Duke University, has served as pastor at St. Mark's Reformed Church in Burlington for 36 years. He delivered the homily to Catawba's Class of 2014 on Friday, May 16, at the college's annual Baccalaureate Service. The occasion marked the 40th anniversary of Disher's own graduation from the college.

Recalling the question posed to him by his undergraduate advisor at Catawba, the late Dr. King West, a professor of religion and philosophy, Disher asked the graduating seniors: "What is it that you're going to do with your life that will last long after you're gone?"

"Is there something that makes your heart ache? Something that will rattle you to the point that you can't take it anymore? What is it that compels you to action?"

"Every now and again, I'm sure that God uses me," Disher said, to convey His message of hope.

He alluded to persons in history who had Popeye moments, including Moses, God's instrument to right the injustices inflicted on the Hebrews by the Egyptians, and David, the young shepherd who slayed Goliath when everyone else was fearful to confront that giant.

"There are dozens of Biblical stories of ordinary people like us who had their Popeye moment," Disher said.

He went on to cite more recent historical examples of individuals who used their anger, indignation, and frustration to transform something unjust in the world. His examples included Martin Luther, Mother Teresa, Bob Pierce, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Millard Fuller, the thousands of volunteers in the American Red Cross, and even people in his church congregation who through their own actions have brought about significant, life transformations for others.

"They lived for something that would go on long after them," Disher explained. "We are the caretakers and custodians of the only message on Earth that gives people comfort: Hope."

Disher concluded his remarks acknowledging that he has "spent the last 40 years trying to respond [to Dr. King West's question]."

His prayer for Catawba's Class of 2014 was for "God to give you a proverbial rock in your running shoe – something that makes your heart ache" enough to compel action.

"Hover over the Class of 2014," he prayed at the start of his homily, "and send them forward with enthusiasm to make a difference in this world."



# College presents special awards during

Three graduating seniors and one alumnus were recognized with special awards during Catawba's May 17th Graduation Exercises.

The graduating seniors, two from the traditional day program and one from the School of Evening and Graduate Studies, were recognized, through a vote of the faculty, for embodying the words on the college seal: scholarship, character culture and service. Olivia Jordan Myers of Lexington and Frank Villa Hernandez of Kannapolis, both graduates in the day program, were the recipients of the Whitener Awards. Christine Knapp Mowery of Salisbury, a graduate of the evening program, was the recipient of the Barbara Andrews Award.

**Tom Childress**, a 1964 alumnus of Catawba who retired last year as Senior Vice President at the College responsible for Development and Athletics, was the recipient of the annual O.B. Michael Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award has been presented annually since 1938 by the Catawba College Board of Directors of the Alumni Association to a graduate of the college who has made an outstanding contribution to the college and/or the larger society.

## 2014 Whitener Award Recipients

The Whitener Awards have been presented each year at Catawba's graduation ceremony since 1927 in memory of Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point, who served as a trustee of Catawba College from 1921 to 1966 and as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1925 to 1944. The

awards honor the man and woman in the graduating class who embody, to a high degree, the qualities of good character, leadership, and scholarship. Recipients are nominated, with final selections made by the faculty.

**Olivia Myers** was the female recipient for 2014. A member of the First Family Scholars program, she majored in Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Environmental Science. A student-athlete, she was a member of the tennis and cross country teams, serving as cross-country team captain this past year. She was active in Alpha Chi National honor society, serving as its treasurer, and she was one of only 20 of its members nationwide to be awarded a H.Y. Benedict Fellowship for graduate school in the 2014-2015 academic year. Myers has been accepted and intends to use that fellowship toward her graduation work at the School of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State University this fall.

Myers was also active in several other honor societies, including Beta Beta Beta, Phi Epsilon, and Gamma Sigma Epsilon. She has been involved with the Student Government Association, serving as freshman class senator, sophomore class president, junior class president and senior class senator. Her peers voted her Miss Catawba for 2013-2014. She was a Leadership Corps member and served as co-president of that corps. She has also been involved in the broader community, volunteering at Faithful Friends and the Rowan County Civitan Club. She also helped with Operation Christmas Child.

**Frank Villa Hernandez** was the male recipient for 2014. This Chemistry

major and Biology minor participated in the College Honors Program and is one of only three students to present a thesis in that program and graduate with College Honors in the Class of 2014. He is a member of Alpha Chi national honor society and several other honor society chapters on campus, including Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Tri Beta and Kappa Mu Epsilon. He served as co-president of the American Chemical Society and as senior class vice-president of the SGA. He was a member of the Order of the Blue and White, the Dead Athenian Society or DAS, and served as a Catawba Guide.

A First Family scholar and recipient of a full tuition scholarship at Catawba, Villa was the first Catawba College student to apply and be accepted into several National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates, or REUs, at universities across the country last summer. He chose to participate in the program offered at the University of South Alabama's Mitchell Cancer Institute. Although medical school is his ultimate goal, Villa will be getting some real world experience next year, working for a local physician who specializes in Hospice and Palliative Medicine while he applies to various medical schools.

## 2014 Barbara Andrews Award Recipient

**Christine Knapp Mowery** of Salisbury was the recipient of the award established and named in honor of Barbara Andrews, the first director of Adult Education Program at Catawba College. The selection is made by the Catawba faculty from the six graduating seniors in the program with the highest grade point



# Graduation Exercises



averages. Students eligible are those who have attended Catawba for at least two years and have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.5.

Mowery saw one of her dreams realized when she walked across the stage and received her diploma. Like many evening students, this soon-to-be graduate deferred her own educational goals to raise her children and secure their educational futures. Returning to college after a 30-year hiatus, she distinguished herself in her studies and had a 3.991 GPA to go along with her Business Administration major. At Catawba, she served as a Junior Marshal and was inducted into the Catawba chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for adult learners. She served as co-president of that Catawba chapter this year.

She is employed as Office Administrator of First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury where she is known for keeping things running smoothly in support of the staff and supporting the many outreach missions of the church with her organizational skills. Dr. Jim Dunkin, Senior Pastor at the church, said that her “behind the scenes work has been the characteristic most fitting of her time with the church, a true sign of her confident humility.”

A member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Salisbury, this proud mother of three sons was actively engaged with her church’s Boy Scout troop when her sons were scouts. Her son, Alex, holds a master’s degree. Her son, Will, graduated from NC State. And her son, Josh, is a student at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

## 2014 O.B. Michael Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient

**Tom Childress** of Salisbury came to Catawba, an athlete from Mt. Airy recruited by his former high school coach, Sam Moir, with a basketball scholarship to play for the Indians. He played starting point guard for Coach Moir during his junior and senior years before graduating with a degree in Physical Education and Biology. He met his wife Judy, a ’65 alumna, while both were students at Catawba. Today, they have four adult children and a dozen grandchildren.

After graduating from Catawba, Tom taught and served as Head Basketball Coach for three years at East Surry High School, and enjoyed it, although he “wanted to get to the college level.” He went to Appalachian and served as a Graduate Assistant while earning his master’s degree. He stayed there a second year, teaching physical education fulltime and serving as Assistant Basketball Coach.

Childress’ dream was to be a Head Coach, and at age 27, married with two children, he landed the head coaching job at Pfeiffer. He coached basketball there for 14 years before becoming Pfeiffer’s Athletic Director while continuing as its Basketball Coach. In 1982, Childress stepped down as Head Basketball Coach at Pfeiffer and remained Director of Athletics. He later served Pfeiffer as Dean of Admissions and Director of Athletics. In 1990, he returned to Catawba as Vice President of External Relations responsible for Admissions and Athletics.

He remained at Catawba only two years, before Pfeiffer wooed him back as Senior

Vice President directing Development, Admissions and Athletics. He made a final move to return to Catawba in 1995 as Senior Vice President responsible for Development and Athletics, a position he held until his retirement last year. Although he retired last year, he continued working for Catawba this year in a part-time capacity as Special Assistant to the President.

Childress is a member of the Sports Hall of Fame at both Pfeiffer and Catawba. He was also honored back home – inducted into the Mt. Airy Hall of Fame in 2006 and into the Surry County Hall of Fame in 2007.

During his 17 years of leading Development at Catawba, Childress oversaw three successful fund-raising campaigns which raised over \$100 million for the college. He has a record of 48 years of continuous annual giving to his alma mater.

Childress accepted the O.B. Michael Award on the 50th anniversary of his own graduation from Catawba. He acknowledged in his brief acceptance remarks the joy and relief of the parents and family members in the audience and joked that with their son’s or daughter’s graduations over, the parents were in for “a pay raise.”

Childress recalled the words that Catawba College President Dr. Robert Keppel shared with his graduating class in 1964, and repeating these words to members of the Class of 2014. “You are Catawba,” he said, reminding them that they were joining more than 12,000 Catawba alumni around the world.



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# CATAWBA

## wipes the site clean

After many months of planning, collaboration and development, Catawba College launched its newly redesigned website on March 14.

The redesign process, which included the migration of thousands of pages of content, began in early 2013. At that time, the Office of Public Relations conducted a website audit and surveyed all campus departments in order to document and carry forward the “best of” what Catawba’s former website offered.

“It was extremely important to have input and participation from all of our campus constituents from the get-go,” said Maegen Worley, the College’s staff web designer and developer. Worley said the survey also provided an opportunity for departments to document any outdated or unnecessary content, as well as to collect feedback and suggestions for improvements. “This crucial step early in the process ensured

that the design, development and architecture of the site content that followed would be based on both general and direct consensus.”

Due to the mammoth amount of manpower and time that the new website development and content migration would involve, Catawba enlisted the help of Synchronicity, a Charlotte-based web design company. The team at Synchronicity worked closely with Worley to ensure that all technical and functional requirements were met and to keep the branding and goals of the new site design in line with the College’s overall marketing efforts. A group of students, faculty, trustees, staff and alumni took a “test drive” of the new website prior to launch in order to add final touches to the project.

The release of the 2014 edition of the website marks yet another step forward for the institution.

Visit the newly redesigned website at [www.catawba.edu](http://www.catawba.edu).



The project involved the development of a fully-customized website and content management system, including the following key features:

- Responsive, mobile-friendly design for optimal viewing on all devices, in addition to standard browsing
- Clean and simple visual design that would aid the usability, navigation, & ease of finding content
- Custom functionality, including a news and event manager allowing seamless, automated display of news and events from various departments throughout the site
- Unified media gallery tool for posting and sharing photos, videos, & blogs
- Continuation and improvement of pre-existing website functionality, including print/e-mail/social sharing tools, and an emergency alert notification banner, visible on all site pages

## The launch of our new campus map “Experience”

Catawba launched a new online interactive map in early 2014 -- part of a new mobile-friendly, rich map-based experience for students and visitors wanting to explore the Catawba campus virtually.

Thanks to a generous gift from a longtime friend of the college, Catawba was able to upgrade the online and print versions of its campus map. The work, completed with the assistance of Boulder, Colorado-based concept3D and its CampusBird platform, provides new, up-to-date details about Catawba’s 41-building, 276-acre campus.

Catawba’s new interactive campus map, available at [www.catawba.edu/explore](http://www.catawba.edu/explore) includes 3D models, 2D graphic overlays, custom streetview photos, videos, tours and much more. Thanks to concept3D’s CampusBird interactive map manager, the college now has an easy-to-use and intuitive editing platform that allows upgrades to be made to the map as they are made to grounds and facilities on campus.

“For Catawba, this new interactive map allows us to deliver a compelling campus experience to prospective students and their families, as well as to alumni and friends of the college, who may not be able to visit our campus in person,” explained Catawba web designer Maegen Worley. “Updated Google streetview images that showcase many campus buildings are also a new feature that we are anxious to share with virtual visitors.”

# Green Revolving Fund

## helps students & staff launch sustainable projects

Establishing a sustainable garden. Installing motion sensing light switches. Creating a gutter system on the campus greenhouse to collect rainwater for watering greenhouse plants. Composting the food waste from the dining hall.

These projects, submitted by Catawba College students and staff members, have all received funds from the college's Green Revolving Fund (GRF), a method of funding sustainable projects that takes the savings from lower utility bills and other resource reduction programs and uses it to reinvest in more projects that reduce the college's ecological footprint.

Catawba is one of 42 institutions, mainly colleges and universities, in the United States and Canada that are employing this method of funding. The college created the GRF in the fall of 2012 and has committed to raising \$400,000 over four years to provide the principal for the fund. A total of \$100,000 has already been raised.



**Chris Bolick and Danielle Bunten are collecting rainwater to irrigate the plant beds in the greenhouse.**

### Motion-Sensor lights save energy

Catawba senior David Crescenzo, a sustainable business and community development major from Jamestown, proposed that motion sensor activated lights be installed in Ketner Hall, specifically the academic library and conference room on the first floor, all classrooms on the second floor and the main business office, two computer labs and the side classroom on the third floor.

"Even though the day-to-day losses are not massive," Crescenzo said, "if we want our lighting to be as close to 100 percent efficient as possible, lights need to be turned off when not used."

Even if only one hour of electricity is saved each day, the project would pay for itself in less than three years, he said. "I believe that this is a very simple and cost-effective way for the college to approach greater levels of efficiency, and it can be employed in many of the other academic buildings on campus if it proves effective."

### Greenhouse gutter system collects rainwater

Students Danielle Bunten of Southport and Chris Bolick of Asheville used their GRF grant to create a sustainable watering system in the greenhouse beside the Shuford Science Building. Bolick installed gutters on the greenhouse to collect rainwater that they can use to water the plants.

Bolick, a junior biology major, donated one 220-liter barrel to catch the rainwater. A second one will bring the capacity to 115 gallons.

The students plan to feed the water inside the greenhouse and, with Dr. Jay Bolin's help, restore an irrigation system to water the plants. "It's so exciting," says Bunten, a senior majoring in political science. "We're trying to be more green, and we hope it will attract future students who will want to work in the greenhouse."

"I think projects like this are important because they keep on giving," Bolick says. "If properly maintained, this system will be a renewable source of water for the greenhouse long after Danielle and I have graduated. The amount of water saved over the life of the system will be massive."

## Composting food waste saves money, reduces greenhouse gases

Chartwells, the college dining service, began composting all its food waste in the summer of 2013, thanks to an initial grant from the GRF. Gallins Family Farm of Mocksville provides the bins and picks up the food waste every week. Gallins and Chartwells work with the Catawba Facilities Department on the composting project, which helps the college save money from landfill costs and waste hauling fees. Part of the compost is used for the plants in the greenhouse and the sustainable garden.

Food waste makes up the largest part of all solid waste in landfills. In addition, when food in a landfill rots, it becomes a significant source of methane, a greenhouse gas with 21 times the climate change potential of carbon dioxide. More than 20 percent of all human-related methane in the United States comes from landfills, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Composting food waste helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, a goal of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, which Catawba trustees adopted in 2007.

In the first eight months of the project, Gallins collected 62,680 pounds of food waste from Catawba. That reduction in landfill food waste is the equivalent of preventing carbon dioxide emissions from the consumption of 5,667 gallons of gasoline or 117.5 barrels of oil, says David Najarian, supervisor of environmental services. He submitted the proposal to the GRF and works closely with Chartwells and Gallins on the project.



David Najarian works with Chartwells and Gallins Family Farm on composting the food waste at Catawba.

## Sustainable garden promotes healthy diet

Student leaders Jonathan Buffkin and Sloan Kessler wanted to promote sustainability and a healthy diet as well as “address hunger and food injustices in our community” through the sustainable garden they established with GRF funds.

Buffkin is an exercise science major from Chadbourne, and Kessler is a sustainable business and community development major from Onalaska, Wis.

The students planted lettuce, beets, radishes, spinach, onions, sugar snap peas and potatoes in 10 4'8" raised beds on college property across Innes Street from the Robertson College-Community Center. They have also created five additional beds that faculty and staff can adopt.

Cathy Holladay, director of operations for the Center for the Environment, is excited about her plot. “I haven't been able to have my own garden in the past few years, and I have missed it terribly,” she says. “Maybe it will even get me out from behind the desk at lunchtime.”

Bill Godley, a Catawba alumnus and owner of Godley's Garden Center, donated the soil for the beds. In addition, Chartwells dining service provided compost from the cafeteria's food waste.

Quick Copy, owned and operated by John Grubb, donated a large sign for the project, which reads: “Sustainable Garden at Catawba, sponsored by the Green Revolving Fund, Catawba Class of 2013 and Catawba Class of 2014.”

“We plan to send the produce to one of the ministries in town,” Buffkin says.



Jonathan Buffkin and Sloan Kessler prepares beds for the college's sustainable garden.



## snakes & salamanders & a blue-tailed skink

Teaching others about reptiles and amphibians is Erica Pippen's passion and her Environmental Steward project.

A sophomore from Durham, N.C., she is setting up cover boards in the Stanback Ecological Preserve now so that snakes and salamanders and other creatures will take up residence under the boards before the spring when she will lead children on a Herpetology Walk.

"We're trying to get to kids at a young age so they can get the idea early on that protecting the environment is a good thing," she says.

Erica plans to pursue further education in herpetology. "I'd like to study snakes," she says. "Eventually, I'd like to be a professor."



The Environmental Stewards Program is beneficial to those in the program, Erica says. "It's encouraging us to do more work in our chosen field, and it's good leadership training."

**Erica Pippen's passion is reptiles and amphibians. A Rankin's dragon sits on her shoulder and she holds a leopard gecko.**

Students who are eager to get involved in campus sustainability projects or the Center for the Environment's outreach efforts have the opportunity to apply for an additional scholarship through our new Environmental Stewards Program.

Scholarship recipients engage in environmental stewardship service projects both on and off campus. Students may get approval to work on a variety of projects that interest them.

Environmental Steward scholarship recipients also attend a fall retreat and other enrichment programs which are offered throughout the year.

**For more information on the Environmental Stewards Program visit the Center's website at [www.CenterForTheEnvironment.org](http://www.CenterForTheEnvironment.org).**

**Dan Couchenhour spearheaded a water conservation program in the residence halls. "A little water every day can really add up," he says.**



## What it means to be an Environmental Steward

Kerstin Brown knows she has a double opportunity as an Environmental Steward at Catawba. She receives a scholarship through the program, and she gets involved in projects that promote environmental stewardship on campus.

"The vision that drives this program is that service and commitment to environmental stewardship are vital to the complete education of our future leaders," says Dr. John Wear, executive director of the Center for the Environment. "The program fosters the skills our students will need to create positive change in their present and future communities."

Kerstin's project involves helping Catawba students understand what it means to be sustainable and getting them involved in environmental matters.

As president of ECO (Environmental Catawba Outreach), Kerstin is leading an effort to create a sense of community among the students on campus who want to promote sustainability. The club regularly schedules Star Nights, opening up the college's observatory so students can view the stars and planets through telescopes while they sip hot chocolate and eat S'mores.

She is also involved in events in the Stanback Ecological Preserve on campus.

"We want Catawba students and children to appreciate what the earth has to offer," she says.



**Kerstin Brown shows a female painted turtle to children on the Stanback Ecological Preserve.**

## October 24-26 '14 homecoming

Be on the lookout for a complete list of events in your official 2014 Homecoming brochure!

BUT, we couldn't wait to tell you about just a few of the exciting upcoming events!

### Mark your calendar now!

Friday, October 24, 2014:

#### 12:30 pm Alumni Golf Tournament

McCanless Golf Club of Salisbury

#### Start Homecoming Weekend off right! Reserve early!

Advance payment is required to reserve your spot. Tee sponsorships are available. Players must be 21 years of age. No current students. Contact Margaret Faust at 704.637.4201 or [mfaust@catawba.edu](mailto:mfaust@catawba.edu).

#### 7:00 pm Vernaculars Concert

Hedrick Little Theatre, Robertson College-Community Center

**"Madonna Tribute,"** Songs made famous by the consummate pop Diva performed by Catawba popular music majors! Sing along to all of your favorites, including "Material Girl" and "Like a Virgin."

#### 8:00 pm Blue Masque Hall of Fame

Hedrick Little Theatre, Robertson College-Community Center

#### Celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of some theatre greats!

Tapped for induction into the Hall of Fame are: Donna White Cory '82, Fred Inkley '88, David Newell '61, and Tim Ross '86.

Sunday, October 26, 2014:

#### 10:00 am Worship, Chapel Anniversary, and Marriage Vow Renewal!

Omwake-Dearborn Chapel

#### Did your wedding occur in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel?

Or, have you always dreamed what it would have been like to get married in the Chapel? Come relive the memories or create new ones on Homecoming Sunday! Join us for a special worship service commemorating the 50th anniversary of the construction of Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. At the conclusion of worship there will be a renewal of marriage vows service led by Catawba's chaplain and senior vice-president, the Rev. Dr. Ken Clapp '70. Be sure to pre-register so we know to include you in this ceremony! Names of the couples wishing to reaffirm their vows will be called and you may process down the chapel aisle for a brief renewal ceremony.



## The transformation of Catawba's Frock Fields

The Catawba Soccer teams worked tirelessly last summer and into the fall on a reconstruction project that transformed their playing facilities on Frock Fields. The project took a giant step toward completion last September with the installation of new bleachers.

Sturdisteel of Waco, Texas, installed the bleachers that have a 524-seat capacity. The bleachers are raised from three and a half feet off the ground at the first row to 13 feet off the ground at the eighth row to allow easy viewing for fans. Fans with special needs can also access these bleachers, as construction included a wheelchair ramp and six spaces set aside to accommodate wheelchair and companion seating.

Construction continued at Frock Fields with a new scoreboard, a team bench area and a two-story press box, as well as installation of a sidewalk to the new bleachers.

Some of the funding for the project was provided by an automobile raffle. The soccer teams sold tickets to raffle a 2010 Honda Civic donated by Auto House of Salisbury and raised \$15,000 for the Frock Fields reconstruction. The owners of Auto House, Nate Brown and Sam Ketter, are both 2008 Catawba alumni and former soccer players at the college. Catawba Women's Soccer Coach Michael Swan praised their support.

"We couldn't have gotten as far with this project as we have to date without support of folks like Nate and Sam," Swan said. "What a great way for them to pay it forward and benefit our current and future players."

Frock Fields is named in honor of the late E.B. Frock of Hanover, Pa., a 1933 alumnus who was a longtime trustee and a generous supporter of Catawba. Frock's three grandchildren, all Catawba alumni, were on hand when the fields were dedicated. They include Carole Baublitz-Frederick '82 of Hanover, Pa., Julie F. Crapster '82 of Charlotte, and John D. Frock '91 of Littlestown, Pa. Their father, E.B. Frock's son Dan of Hanover, Pa., has established an endowment fund to maintain Frock Fields. A posthumous gift from the estate of the late E.B. Frock and wife Rebecca was used to establish the E.B. and Rebecca B. Frock First Family Scholarship fund at Catawba.



## Catawba honors three with Distinguished Alumnus Awards

Three Catawba College alumni were honored during the college's Homecoming Weekend activities as recipients of a Distinguished Alumnus Award on Saturday, Oct. 19. The honorees include 1995 alumna Alison Horner Klopp of Mooresville; 1969 alumnus Edwin Stuart Powell, Jr. of Holly Springs; & 1950 alumnus the Rev. Banks D. Shepherd of Thomasville.

These awards are given annually by Catawba's Alumni Association to individuals who have served their community, distinguished themselves in their profession, and have served the Catawba College community.

Catawba President Brien Lewis made the presentations, assisted by the president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Clarke Leichte '91 of Black Mountain, and vice president of the alumni records and recognition committee, Julie Ramseur Lewis '84 of Charlotte.

Lewis also recognized Tom Childress '64, who retired in May as senior vice president responsible for development & athletics.

**Alison Horner Klopp '95** of Mooresville, is employed as a senior sales representative by Jostens Yearbooks.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Alison came to Catawba after graduating from Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and majored in sports medicine. She was a member of the student athletic training staff and involved in Wigwam Productions. In 1994, she was elected Homecoming Queen. She was recognized as a student with the Most Outstanding Lil' Chief award during the '93 and '94 academic years, and received the David Hoyle Award for Outstanding Service in the area of Student Activities her senior year.

After graduating, she worked for two years as an Admissions Counselor for Catawba.

Alison has consistently served her alma mater as a Catawba Alumni Ambassador, a president of the Catawba Alumni Board, as director of the Catawba Chiefs Club and as a Chiefs Club Sponsor of the Catawba Men's and Women's Swim Team. She and husband Breon have also established the Horner Madra Athletic Training Scholarship at Catawba, named in honor of her parents who encouraged her to pursue her education.

Alison and Breon are parents of sons, Garrett, 5, and Alex, 3.

**Edwin Stuart Powell, Jr. '69** makes his home in Holly Springs, North Carolina.

After graduating from Catawba, he earned his master of arts degree from Wake Forest University thanks to a graduate scholarship and fellowship. Later in his life, he completed additional coursework at The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, at The American Institute of Property and Liability Underwriters and the Insurance Institute of America, both in Malvern, Pa., at the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors in Austin, Texas, and at the International Risk Management Institute in Dallas, Texas, all in support of his work and certifications in insurance. His is licensed in North Carolina as a property and liability agent, as a life and health agent, as a Medicare Supplement and long term care agent, and also has his broker's license.

He served as president of an agency he founded, The Powell Agency in Reidsville, from 1973 until 1995. He has worked since that time for Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina in Cary, first as Director of Education there, then as Director of Technology and Technical Affairs, and since 2004, as Vice President of Insurance Operations and Technical Affairs.

His professional awards and activities are numerous, as are his publications regarding his profession. He has written about everything from Cyber Exposures and Insurance to Flood Insurance & even Dog Bites Insurance.

Married for 46 years to Martha Koontz Powell, the couple has two children, Edwin Stuart Powell, III and Amanda Powell Hite, and four grandsons.

**The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd '50**

of Thomasville came to the college from his hometown of Whitsett and while a student was a member of the Adelphians, an organization for pre-ministerial students and editor of the college magazine.

From Catawba, he went on to Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he earned his bachelor of divinity degree. Twenty years later, he earned his master of divinity degree from this same seminary. He completed post-graduate work at the Human Relations Institute of Fisk University.

He was ordained in June 1953 by the Southern Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Since that time, he has served pastorates in the Piedmont area of North Carolina, including Brookford E & R Charge in Hickory; Boger/St. James charge in Mt. Pleasant, New Gilead UCC in Concord, Smyrna/Bethany Charge UCC in Claremont, Bethany UCC in Winston-Salem, and Beck's UCC in Lexington.

Rev. Shepherd's has been active over many decades in social action causes of the Southern Synod E&R and the UCC. He has served as past president of the Southern chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, a past secretary and president of the board of trustees for Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, and as director of various camps held at the UCC's Johns River Valley Camp in Collettesville. He authored *New Gilead Church: A History of the German Reformed People on Coldwater* in 1966 during his pastorate at New Gilead UCC in Concord.

To commemorate his 1946 graduation from Nathanael Greene High School, he established a Class of '46 Scholarship Fund to encourage future graduates of that school to pursue their college education.

Married to wife Eulene, the two are members of First Reformed UCC in Lexington and parents of children David, Howard, Elizabeth and Robert, and grandparents to three.

## Edwin Stuart Powell, Jr. remarks upon acceptance of the Distinguished Alumni Luncheon



Offering a microphone to a person who has spent the last 25 years on his feet talking to groups of people is inherently dangerous. However, this is the first public opportunity I have had to thank the College and the College community for what it has meant to me over the years. So, I hope that you will indulge me for a few moments.

When President Lewis called me to inform me that I was being considered for

this honor, and it is a great honor and I am sincerely humbled by it, I went to my wife and asked if in her wildest dreams she ever imagined that I would receive such an honor. She looked at me and said, “Stuart, you are not even in my wildest dreams.”

On a more serious note, Owen Barfield, a 20th Century English thinker, writer, and close personal friend of C. S. Lewis, once wrote “Half of our standards come from our first masters and the other half from our first loves.” It was here on this campus that I encountered my first masters: Donald Selby, James King West, Richard Scheimann, and especially Dan Brown. While the voices of these great men have now faded to faint whispers in the classrooms of Hedrick Hall, they remain huge, booming echoes in my head, prodding and driving me daily to pursue standards of professional, intellectual and pedagogical excellence and integrity. About 6 or 7 years ago, Dan Brown asked me to write an article on C. S. Lewis for a periodical that he was publishing here in Salisbury for the Center for Faith and the Arts. I sent Dan a draft of the article and he quickly returned it to me with many red marks and editorial comments. I called Dan and

said that I was almost 60 years old and somewhat accomplished in the ways of the world; was it possible that I would ever write anything that did not get a lot of red marks from Dan Brown and he responded without hesitation, No!

It was also here on this campus that I first encountered what would become one of the great loves of my life, other than my family most of who are here with me today. It is the love of learning, not for any purpose or personal gain, although I have done a great deal of that, but learning for the pure enjoyment of knowing and trying to understand the world around us and some of the worlds that preceded our own. This love of learning has enriched my life and, hopefully, has allowed me to contribute to the enrichment of the lives of others.

So here on this Catawba College campus more than 40 years ago, I acquired the standards and values that have been the guiding principles informing my life and leading me to the place where I stand here today, and for that I shall be eternally grateful.

**Thank you very much.**



For a list of their achievements & past inductees go to [www.catawba.edu/athof14](http://www.catawba.edu/athof14).

### Fourth Class of members Inducted into Catawba’s Athletic Training Hall of Fame

Two new members were inducted into the Catawba College Athletic Training Hall of Fame on Feb. 22. The induction ceremony was held in Peeler Crystal Lounge of the Robertson College-Community Center on campus.

The 2014 inductees are **Ronald J. Ogradowicz**, MPT, OCS, ATC, LAT, CSCS '96 of Stratford, Conn., and **Richard Sharpnack**, ATC '95 of Pitman, N.J.



## Catawba appoints new Athletic Director

**L**arry W. Leckonby, who has served as the Director of Athletics at The Citadel since July of 2008, began work at Catawba on June 23.

Leckonby has an extensive background in college athletics. His prior experience includes service in senior athletics administration roles at the University of Maryland, the University of Houston, Boston College, Old Dominion University and Boston University.

"Larry's breadth of experience is impressive, but it is his passion for athletes as students that made him such a desirable candidate for us," said Catawba College President Brien Lewis when he announced Leckonby's hiring. "He believes in Catawba's mission of preparing the whole student as a formidable competitor on the court or field and as an engaged mind in the classroom. We certainly look forward to putting his many and varied talents and perspectives to work for Catawba."

Leckonby said he felt privileged at this point in his career to make a move to a Division II school like Catawba where he would have a chance to get to know the student-athletes as individuals. "So much of my career has been spent in an administrative role at Division I schools, where the athletics budgets are large, but where the opportunity to engage on an individual level with students is small. I look forward to one-on-one engagement with Catawba's coaching staff, its student-athletes and with all of those who support the athletics program."

Prior to joining The Citadel, Leckonby served as Executive Senior Associate Director of Athletics and CFO at the University of Maryland, College Park, from September 2002 through July 2008. There, he reported to the Director of Athletics Debbie

Yow and oversaw the Athletic Department's annual \$54 million operating budget. He also supervised capital projects, including final planning for a \$50.8 million expansion of the football stadium, expansions to the Gossett Football Team House, six new grass and field turf practice fields, renovation of the track, and construction of the Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex. His tenure at the University of Houston began in January of 1998 with his service as Senior Associate Director of Athletics and CFO. He reported to two different Directors of Athletics during his four years there and had responsibility for the daily administration of the Athletic Department. He briefly served as Interim Director of Athletics at the University of Houston between September 2001 and February 2002.

Other positions he has held include Associate Director of Athletics for Business Affairs at Boston College from July 1993 to January 1998, Assistant Director of Athletics/Finance and Operations at Old Dominion University between September 1988 and July 1993, and Athletic Ticket Manager and Assistant Athletic Business Manager at Boston University between May 1982 and August of 1988.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Duke University, and his Master of Science degree in Athletic Administration from the University of Massachusetts. He has been an active member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics/College Athletic Business Management Association (NACDA/CABMA) since 1985.

In the recent past, he has served on several committees of the Southern Conference, including the Baseball Committee from 2013 to present, the Audit Committee from 2008 to present, the Finance Committee from 2012 to present, and has chaired the Women's Soccer Committee from 2013 to present, the Men's & Women's Officials Committee from 2010 to 2013, and the Cross Country / Track & Field Committee from 2009 to 2012. Since 2010, he has also served on the board of the Gavalas-Kolanko Foundation in Charleston, S.C.

Leckonby's wife, the former Cris Snarsky, is a Special Needs teacher in Charleston, S.C. The couple has three children, daughters Hunter and Katie and son William.

## Former Catawba baseball standout Jerry Sands '08 is back in the Major Leagues.

**T**he Tampa Bay Rays have called up Sands from Triple-A Durham. He made his Tampa Bay debut on June 1, providing the Rays with versatility due to his ability to play left field, right field, first base and DH.

The 26-year-old Sands played part of two seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2011 and 2012. He batted .244 with four homers and 27 RBI in 70 games with the Dodgers. Sands was traded to the Red Sox following the 2012 season, but was then dealt a few months later to the Pittsburgh Pirates. He played with the Pirates AAA club in Indianapolis last year before going to Tampa Bay.

At Durham, Sands was hitting .268 with nine home runs in 54 games. He had added 12 doubles and collected 36 RBI.





## Five added to Catawba's Sports Hall of Fame

Catawba College inducted five new members into its Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony held April 26th. Members of the Class for 2014, inducted during the festivities of the Hall of Fame's 37th anniversary, include (with graduation year): Joey Boley '95; Catey Conner '01; Robert Hampton '38 (deceased); Nick Means '03; and Allen Simmons '77.

The Catawba Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1977 and this year's inductees brought the total number of members to 175. Following are the achievements of this year's inductees:

### Joey Boley

Boley was a standout golfer at Catawba from 1992-1995, earning NAIA All-America honors in 1993.

During that 1993 season when he was team MVP, Boley was the NAIA District 26 medalist and finished sixth at the NAIA Nationals held at TPC Sawgrass. His three-over-par total of 291 is the second best four-round score in school history.

In 1995, he had the best finish for Catawba at the NCAA Nationals where he placed 18th. Also that season, Boley helped Catawba to its first South Atlantic Conference Championship. He was part of a then-SAC record 278 by a team for a single round.

After Catawba, Joey embarked on a journey where he has spent 20 years in the retail industry. He is currently the VP of Quality Assurance for Lowe's Home Improvement Inc.

### Catey Conner

Conner, who played soccer from 1997-00, is the most prolific scorer in school history with 59 career goals in 79 matches. As a junior she was a third-team All-American.

A two-time South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year (1998, 1999), Conner was the league Freshman of the Year in 1997. She was named First Team All-SAC and NCAA II First Team All-Region all four years.

During her career, Conner helped Catawba to 50 wins and three SAC Tournament Championships. In 1997, Catawba advanced to NCAA II regional play.

In 2013, Conner was inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame.

### Robert Hampton

Hampton played both baseball and football at Catawba from 1934-38, but made his biggest impact on the diamond.

As a pitcher, Hampton finished a stellar career with a 26-9 record and a 2.98 ERA. His 17 consecutive winning decisions is still a school record.

In 1938, Hampton won a then-school record 10 games. That 10 win total was not matched for 50 years and still stands as the



third best single-season total in school history. His 26 career wins rank ninth all-time with his 263 strikeouts standing fifth for a career.

Hampton was a switch-hitter and played several positions when not on the mound. He went on to continue his baseball career with the U.S. Army and played in the semi-pro leagues.

### Nick Means

Means was a top wide receiver for some of the best Catawba football teams from 1999-02. He also excelled in the classroom where he graduated cum laude and was the 2001 South Atlantic Conference Scholar Athlete for football.

Means twice earned All-SAC first team honors and was a two-time All-Region selection. He holds the school mark with 2,796 career receiving yards and ranks second with 185 career catches. His 25 touchdowns also ranks second all-time.

In 2001, Means helped Catawba to a #3 national ranking and to the NCAA II semifinals. He played on two SAC Championship teams and four NCAA II playoff teams.

Means enjoyed a stellar prep career at Thomasville High School. He was named all-conference and all-county in both basketball and football, while earning All-State honors in basketball.

Means has been with F&M Bank since May of 2002. Currently, Means serves as a Branch Manager and Banking Officer. He and wife, Shayla, reside in Salisbury with children William and Kristina.

### Allen Simmons

Simmons was a standout for the Catawba football teams from 1973-76. He still ranks as one of the top return men in school history.

Simmons ranks among the top five all-time in both kickoff and punt return average. He averaged 23.9 over 66 kickoff returns and 9.6 on 59 punt returns.

As a wide out, Simmons caught 44 passes in his career and set a school record by averaging 27 yards per catch in 1976. He stands third in a career with 3,890 all-purpose yards.

After Catawba, Simmons enrolled in seminary school and has served as a minister since 1984 in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. He has also been a mathematics teacher since 1989.

Simmons and his wife, Ann, have two daughters, Ashley and Allison.



## Catawba is very fortunate to have several members of their coaching staff to win over 100 games!

From left to right:

Nan Whitley (Softball) 646, Jim Gantt (Baseball) 601, Ginger Hamric (Volleyball) 482, Jeff Childress (Tennis) 359, Jim Baker (Former Men's Basketball) 342, Angie Morton (Women's Basketball) 170, Craig Turnbull (Men's Soccer) 114, & Peter Bourque (Men's Lacrosse) 120.

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## New coach joins the Catawba family



**Catawba filled a coach vacancy this spring. Rob Perron has taken over as the new men's basketball coach.**

Rob Perron has most recently served as associate head coach at Newberry so is no stranger to Catawba, playing against the Indians twice a year. He also spent time at St. Andrews and Pfeiffer as well.

"I'm extremely thankful to Jeff Childress and Brien Lewis for bringing me into the Catawba Family," stated Perron. "This is the best basketball job in the South Atlantic Conference and it will be an easy sell to prospects and fans."

Perron served as recruiting coordinator at Newberry and helped implement an offensive system that ranked second in the nation in scoring this past season. Newberry just missed getting an invitation to the NCAA II Regional.

Prior to his stint at Newberry, Perron was the Director of Basketball Operations for the Charlotte 49ers from 2006 to 2012. While there, he worked with all aspects of the program, including managing the budget, recruiting, scheduling and community engagement.

A 1996 graduate of St. Andrews, Perron earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. While at St. Andrews, he was team MVP and was captain of the basketball, cross country and track teams. He scored over 1,100 points with over 700 rebounds in a four-year playing career which also included two seasons at Normandale (Minn.) Community College.

Although he becomes Catawba's 12th head coach, Perron will be just the third man to guide the Catawba Indians since 1960. He replaces Jim Baker, who was head coach for the past 20 seasons. Sam Moir had guided Catawba for the previous 34 years.

Jamie Williams comes to Catawba after serving as cross country and track coach at Salem College for the past three years. He

# Sports Round-Up

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helped lead Salem to a second place finish in the Great South Athletic Conference in 2012. While at Salem, Williams assisted in starting the track and field program.

"I've admired and supported Catawba College Athletics for many years," said Williams. "I am grateful for the opportunity to join such a strong athletics department and look forward to working with Catawba's very talented runners."

A 1993 graduate of Emory & Henry, Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography and education. He started and lettered two years as a wide receiver for the nationally-ranked Wasps' football team.

Williams began his coaching career at Northwood High School in Saltville, Va. At Northwood, he worked with track and field, volleyball and football. In 1999, he returned to his alma mater to serve as cross country coach as well as an assistant with both the volleyball and women's basketball teams.

Williams has also served as track and field coach at South Stanly (NC) High School and Eustis (FL) High School. He helped South Stanly to a third place finish at the 2003 State Championships, coaching champions in the 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, the pole vault and the 4x100 relay.

## Toole & Zubillaga named top senior athletes



L-R: Mario Parisi, Mallery Clay, Anna Toole, Julio Zubillaga

**Catawba announced its 2013-14 athletic award winners for its student-athletes. The awards were presented at the annual athletic ceremony held at the Keppel Auditorium on Tuesday, May 6. Heading the list of award winners were Anna Toole and Julio Zubillaga, who were awarded the Lomax and Kirkland Awards for the top male and**

**female senior athletes, and Mallery Clay and Mario Parisi, who were given the Wurster Awards for team leadership.**

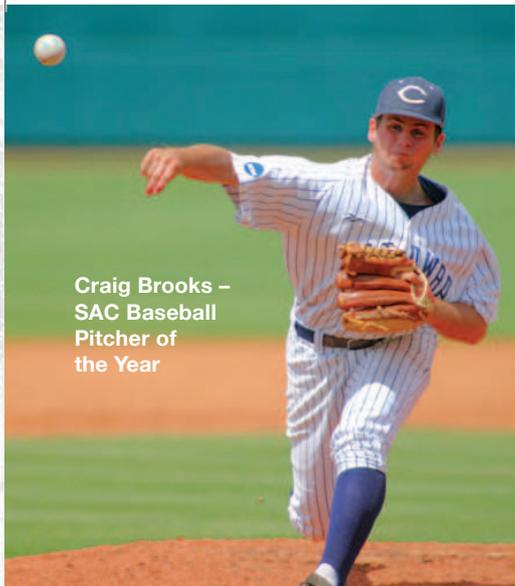
Toole, a soccer player from Greenville, SC, was named the Lomax Award winner. She was a three-time All-South Atlantic Conference selection and made All-Region honors in 2012. As a defender, Toole helped the defense to 25 shutouts over her 73 matches.

Zubillaga, of China Grove, NC, is a four-year starter in baseball, helping Catawba to three SAC Championships. He has been named All-SAC and All-Region and in 2012 was the Southeast Region MVP as he helped Catawba to the World Series. He collected 217 career hits and was a four-time Gold Glove winner at second base.

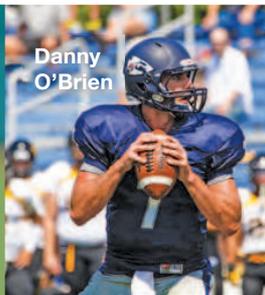
Clay, a basketball player from Lansing, NC, and Parisi, a baseball player from Shirley, NY, were the recipients of the Wurster Awards for leadership and a team-before-self attitude. Volleyball's Anna Logan, of Yadkinville, NC, was given the Darris Morris Iron Horse Award for overcoming two serious knee injuries.

Kyle Griewisch, of Banner Elk, NC, Olivia Myers, of Lexington, NC, and Toole, were the recipients of the SAAC Award for the highest cumulative GPA's for seniors. Griewisch, an environmental education major that played men's soccer, posted a 3.81 grade point average. Myers, who played tennis and ran cross country, had a 3.98 GPA while majoring in biology. Toole, an elementary education major, also had a 3.98 GPA. The women's tennis team took the team award with a 3.38 GPA.

The awards for team MVPs went to: Craig Brooks (Baseball), Tyrece Little (Men's Basketball), Chloe Bully (Women's Basketball), Erica Boles and Matt Jordan-Steele (Cross Country), Nate Charest (Football), Matt Hardman (Men's Golf), Madison Kennedy (Women's Golf), Tyler Ulrich (Men's Lacrosse), Ebony Mills (Women's Lacrosse), Domhnall Minogue (Men's Soccer), Anna Toole (Women's Soccer), Carley Tysinger (Softball), Anna Barnes (Women's Swimming), Finn Furstenwerth and Jevgenij Gamper (Men's Swimming), Pierce Hoover (Men's Tennis), Liz Renteria (Women's Tennis), Kaytee Frabota (Volleyball), Spencer Ann Bowden (Cheerleading), Luke McCarthy (Athletic Training) and Duane Beckley (Sports Information).



**Craig Brooks –  
SAC Baseball  
Pitcher of  
the Year**



**Danny  
O'Brien**



**Olivia  
Myers**



**LJ McCray**



**Carley Tysinger**

## Baseball wins SAC Championship to headline athletic year

It took until the final day of the season, but the Catawba Baseball Team kept a 30-year streak alive by claiming the South Atlantic Conference Championship. The championship kept a streak of Catawba winning at least one conference championship each year since 1984-85.

The Catawba Indians had to share the regular season title with Wingate, but whipped the Bulldogs 10-0 in the SAC Tournament Championship game to earn another NCAA II regional berth. Catawba missed out on the regional last year despite winning the league title, but returned for the eighth time in the past 11 seasons.

Junior Craig Brooks (Monroe, NC) was named the SAC Pitcher of the Year after completing a 12-2 season, which led the nation in wins. He entered the regional having won 12 straight decisions since losing his first two starts of the season.

It marked the fifth straight year that Catawba has produced the SAC Pitcher of the Year.

Jim Gantt was named SAC Coach of the Year for the third time in four years and the seventh time in his 18 years at the helm of the program. Pitcher Shaefer Shepard (Boca Raton, FL), who posted a 7-2 record and a league-best 1.46 ERA, became the third Catawba player in the past five years to claim Freshman of the Year honors in the SAC.

## Other Highlights

Catawba showed its excellence in the classroom by claiming four of the SAC Scholar-Athlete Awards. That equaled the most in one year since the awards began during the 1991-92 seasons. The award is presented to a student-athlete in each SAC sport and is a combination of athletics, academics, community service and leadership.

The Catawba winners were Olivia Myers (Lexington, NC) in both cross country and tennis, Madison Kennedy (Salisbury, NC) for women's golf and Julio Zubillaga (China Grove, NC) in baseball. Myers has a 3.98 GPA while majoring in biology. Kennedy is a business major with a 3.89 GPA and Zubillaga has a 3.81 GPA in business.

Sophomore softball pitcher Carley Tysinger (Lexington, NC) had a game to remember in the first round of the SAC Tournament. In an eventual 16-inning win against Lenoir-Rhyne, she set not only the Catawba and conference record, but the NCAA II record with 27 strikeouts.

Two more Catawba football players will be getting a shot in the NFL. LJ McCray (Charlotte, NC) and Danny O'Brien (Kernersville, NC) both signed free agent contracts after the draft. Jumal Rolle, a third Catawba player on a NFL roster, finished up the 2013 season with the Green Bay Packers.

McCray, a returner specialist and defensive back, signed with the San Francisco 49ers. He will join up with Catawba alum Jim Tomsula, who coaches the defensive line for San Francisco. O'Brien signed with the Atlanta Falcons and will look to become one of the backups at quarterback.



**Dr. William  
L. Russell '57**  
of Lexington

April 13, 1935 –  
August 10, 2013

Dr. Russell, professor of physical education and chair of the department of physical education and athletics and member of the college faculty since 1991, died Saturday, August 10.

He is survived by wife Suzanne and two adult children, Ashley and Scott, and grandson, Tyler.

Dr. Russell earned his undergraduate degree from Catawba, his master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill, and his doctorate from UNC Greensboro. Prior to joining the Catawba faculty, he served for 17 years as coordinator of health, physical education and athletics in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. He had also served as a physical education teacher and coach at Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen; as principal of Hoffman Union School in Hoffman and Vass-Lakeview Elementary School in Vass; and as a teacher, university supervisor for student teachers, coordinator of the men's intramural program, and academic advisor at UNC Greensboro. He had also served as an adjunct professor at Gardner-Webb College.

Dr. Russell was honored by Catawba in April of 2013, as the recipient of the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College. The award is given annually to the person or persons judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the institution with the recipient selected by a vote of the faculty senate.



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80s close-up



Jun Tsuruta '87

has moved quite a ways west since his graduation from Catawba. Today he's enjoying life in Hawaii with wife Kim and daughter Kinsey, who is his surfing partner in this photo.

Friends may contact Jun at [jtsuruta@att.net](mailto:jtsuruta@att.net).

Originally from Winston-Salem, Tsuruta transferred to Catawba from Lees McRae and played football for the Indians while completing his degree in Communications. He went on to earn his MBA from Texas A&M and moved to Hawaii from Texas. Today, he is employed as Sr. Director Maintenance Procurement with Hawaiian Airlines and makes time to surf.

Josh, as Captain. It sails out of Virginia Beach, Va. and Hatteras, N.C. Active in the Wounded Warrior Project, Wentling welcomes contact from alumni seeking to put together a trip for veterans. You may contact Capt. Dave at 804.370.6479!

1968

**Dr. Charles T. Muse, Sr.** recently made a presentation at the 33rd Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience (FYE) in San Diego, California. His session entitled, "Conducting the First-Year Experience in a One Semester Format", presented the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of Florence-Darlington Technical College's (FDTC) first-year experience one-semester program designed to address the needs of new, entering students their first semester. Dr. Muse is currently working for Brandman University (BU) a Division of Chapman University Systems teaching in both the Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Organizational Development and Leadership programs. He serves as the Chairman of the Ketner School of Business Advisory Board, as a member of the Board of Visitors and as a member of the Board of Trustee's Academic Quality Committee.

1969

**Harold S. and Deborah Wiley Wales.** Deborah has retired while Harold continues his Tax & Financial Consulting business. They moved from their home in Exton to their farm in Fawn Grove, PA. They had fourteen weddings and receptions at the farm this past year, check them out: [www.TheDukeFarm.com](http://www.TheDukeFarm.com).

1970

**John D. Balls** recently completed his Doctorate in Educational Leadership. He is now on the faculty at Gardner-Webb University.

1971

**Elliott Bayer** is retired and loving it. Find him on Facebook or email him at: [Elliott325@cox.net](mailto:Elliott325@cox.net).

1972

**Constance Carrick** is sad to report she lost her husband, Howard, in January 2013 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. They had been married 54 years.

**Carol Saclarides Enterkin** along with the other "fabulous babes" again reunited this summer at Carol's house in Asheville, NC, Marsha Kessler, Karen Bean Costie, Carlisle Holean, Sissy Jarrell, Barbara Smith Tedford, Annie Gabriel Ailsworth, Joanne Reger and Lee Keener Weist. This past July they were joined by Dail Grimm, Allison Wheeler, Sue Stewart, and Donna Wiseman. Many laughs and many wonderful memories!

1948

**Robert L. VanHoy, Sr.** enjoyed celebrating his 89th birthday this past October.

1950

**Rev. Dr. William Foose** was honored and recognized recently at Good Samaritan Home, Quincy, PA on the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a minister in the United Church of Christ.

1953

**Jean Hoffner Smith** and her husband recently spent five days in Paris and three days in Southern France and loved it all!!

1958

**Bette Holshouser Campagna** would like alumni to learn of the children's charity that has been established in memory of her late husband, **Will Campagna '58**. Please go to [www.willscharity.org](http://www.willscharity.org) to find out more!

1960

**Dixie Draughn England** writes, "We are enjoying our retirement. Our recent class reunion was a real pleasure. It is so amazing to return to campus and see all the new facilities."

1964

**John Hartpence** and wife Sarah, of Salisbury, are pleased to have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 3, 2013!

1965

**Betty Burner Diehl** sends sad news that she lost her husband, Carlos Victor Diehl, to brain cancer in April of this year. Betty and Vic were married at William & Mary in June of 2012.

1966

**Capt. Dave Wentling** announces he has retired! He sold his charter boat, The Instigator, to a loyal customer who has retained Wentling's son,

**G. Edward Hughes** received the Dan Beard Council of the Boy Scouts 2014 Trailblazer Award for leadership in the region of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. As President of Gateway Community Technical College he was proud to accept the prestigious national Bellwether Award from the Futures Assembly (University of Florida) for Economic Development on behalf of the school.

**Carlisle Scott** announces she has been living with her 88 year old father in Plymouth, in remote eastern North Carolina, since July 2014. She welcomes correspondence from her Catawba friends, contact Carlisle at carlislehscott@gmail.com.

1973

**Kathy Brumbaugh "Broombutt" Flo-rack** sends greetings – "Hello all friends from college days! Hope you're all well! Love to hear from you!" Contact her at: Katyflo1@gmail.com.

**Sharon Solt Harfman** announces that after six years as a widow, she remarried in November 2013. The bonus was some grandchildren and two lively and friendly pit bulls.

**Rev. Sharon Solt Joseph** had a great reason to have missed seeing classmates at Homecoming in the fall. She was preparing for her wedding, which took place on November 6th!

1974

**Nancy Teel** would love to hear from her friends, contact her at T3Nan@aol.com.

1976

**Robert H. Keck, Jr.** is now in his 35th year as Choral Director at New Milford High School in CT. He has also directed his 33rd musical this year.

1977

**Beth Straight Jackson** is now working for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida as their Accounting and HR Manager.

**Stephen R. Kepley** was elected as President of the Florida Optometric Association at its annual convention in Daytona Beach, FL this past July. Dr. Kepley has maintained a private practice in Vero Beach, FL since 1985.

**Charles E. Kiser, Jr.** retired in the fall of 2013, but unfortunately had to undergo a hip replacement this past January. He is much improved and can now enjoy his retirement. He would love to hear from his Catawba friends.

1978

**Carl Bryant** and wife, Joy, proudly announce that on February 22, 2014, their son, Andrew, and his wife, Jessica, gave them a 2nd grandchild. His name is Parker Bryant, 7 lbs and 2 oz and both Mom and child are doing great. Porter, 4 years old, is enjoying his brother. Andrew and family left Tennessee in June to seek further opportunities at UF in Gainesville, FL.

1991

**Nancy Pipkin-Hutchinson** is excited to announce that she has accepted the tenure track position of Assistant Professor of Costume Design & Technology in the Department of Theater & Dance at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

1993

**Mark Marashlian** has co-founded a new startup mortgage company business, Irongate Home Finance. The business will be a new venture for Mark and he is working on a media campaign to make Irongate a well-known brand in North Carolina. Mark brought the firm's headquarters to Charlotte not only to take advantage of its stable real estate market and talent pool but to bring himself back to North Carolina. His goal is to have Irongate become one of the top mortgage lenders by volume in NC within eighteen months. Contact Mark at mmarashlian@irongatefinance.com.

1995

**Michelle Rinehardt-Cline** announces she is the Principal at Hickory Ridge High School in Harrisburg, NC.

1996

**Mile Wiley** is to be congratulated. His play, The Parchman Hour, was performed by Central Academy of Technology and Arts when they won best play at the 2014 Southeastern Theatre Conference & the N.C. Theatre Conference.

1997

**Elise Houck Casale** and husband, Domenick, welcomed their son, John Vincent, on May 30, 2013.

1998

**Matthew Ferrell** writes, "I was recently promoted to Lieutenant in the Willingboro Fire Dept. My wife Amber is a detective and we have an 8 year old son named Elliot. Always thankful to Dr. Bolick, who allowed me to do my internship with the Salisbury Fire Dept."

**James Joshua Whitaker** announces it has been at least five years since his last update in CAMPUS. Since then he has been to Kenya and South Sudan for mission work twice; married an amazing opera singer, Joanne Stephanie; had a little boy, Jonah James, who thinks he's indestructible; bought a house exactly one mile from the beach and became a career firefighter / medic for James City County in VA. OK, anything else hit him up on Facebook. He would love to hear from some of you folks. E-mail James at lyghtenup@gmail.com.

2000

**Scott Boyles** and wife, Leslie, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Jase Hamilton, on March 6, 2013. He and big sister, Annabelle, are doing great.

**Tonya Kepley** of Mount Ulla, a teacher at Enochville Elementary School, has been awarded the highest honor for math and science teachers in the nation. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Kepley won \$10,000 and a March 2-5 trip to Washington, D.C., to accept the award. Kepley has taught at Enochville Elementary for five years and at China Grove Elementary for eight years before that.



2010s close-up

## The Reading Twins

It's been four years since twins, Tim and Tom Reading, graduated from Catawba as members of the Class of 2010. Most remember the Reading twins as being active in the Athletics Department while students updating student-athletes' bios on the website, and acting as an extension of the Sports Information Office. They even established a website to track Catawba football while in high school.

## WHERE ARE THEY TODAY?

Tim is a rising 2L at Wake Forest University School of Law on a full-tuition scholarship. He was selected as a Federal Judicial Intern for the Honorable Richard L. Voorhees in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. He has also accepted a Research Assistant position this summer at the law school. Prior to law school, Tim served as a LSAT instructor and was honored with the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Book Scholarship. While at Catawba, he consistently earned President's and Dean's list honors and was a finalist for the Whitener Medal in 2010.

Tom is enjoying his fourth year of employment at the Cabarrus County Tax Assessor's office as an appraiser. He has garnered certifications from the UNC School of Government at Chapel Hill and the North Carolina Department of Revenue as a personal property appraiser. Tom recently completed a real estate appraisal course under the IAAO organization in Chapel Hill this spring. During his time at Catawba, he was also a consistent President's and Dean's List student.

Both Tim and Tom graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. They remain avid Catawba football followers and still attend all home games and most sporting events in general. They continue to recall the Catawba Indians starting quarterbacks, running backs, or any position dating back to 2000. They joined the Chief's Club last fall and Tom was recently tapped to serve on the Chiefs Club Board of Directors.

## 2000 (continued)

**Jonathan Slaughter** announces the birth of his second daughter, Ruby Annika Slaughter, born July 10, 2013. Other good news is that he was recently awarded a 4-year K08 Career Development Grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to study "The Comparative Effectiveness of NSAID Medications versus No Treatment for Patent Ductus Arteriosus in Preterm Infants."

## 2002

**Kevin David Head** is currently working on intensive in-home-team serving children with severe mental disorders. He also started Statesvegas Clothing Company in May of 2013 and hopes to expand to other business ventures!

**Jerry Hancock** has earned the CMA (Certified Management Accountant) certification from the Institute of Management Accountants.

**James McDowell** and **Elizabeth Walsh '05** were engaged October 24, 2011 in Paris, France at the Eiffel Tower. The wedding was set for October 26, 2013. James has been named to the Carolina's Finest top 21 managers list for all Wal-Mart stores in the state of North Carolina. The couple also has started an entertainment business, (L.O.C. Ent) "Legends Of The City Entertainment" LLC, and are co-founders to the non-profit organization "H&L Foundation", which targets all at risk kids of incarcerated parents.

## 2004

**Antonia Bowden Taylor** was recently promoted from Instructor of English to Visiting Assistant Professor of English and Communication at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

## 2005

**Meg Jordan Anderson** & husband **Chris Anderson '03** are pleased to announce the arrival of their son James Frederick Anderson on August 30, 2013! Chris has been named head baseball coach at Belmont Abbey College.

**Carolyn Kramkowski** announces that her students at Shaw VPA were invited to perform at the WWE's Monday Night Raw in St. Louis, MO. They brought fifteen 5th grade students and one of their 5th graders was the featured soloist. They opened up the show which people are saying was the most epic opening in the history of Monday Night Raw. The video can be seen on YouTube at: <http://youtube/CR6yVUxNyA>.

**Katie Phelps Walsh** is pleased to announce her marriage to Matthew Walsh. The couple wed on May 17, 2013 in Morristown, NJ. They now live in Dayton OH. Katie will defend her dissertation this fall and earn her Ph.D. in History from the University of Pittsburgh. She is currently an adjunct professor at Wright State University.

## 2006

**Kristan Higgins Hernandez** is pleased to announce her marriage to Maj. Ron Hernandez in a small beach-side ceremony in Key West on Dec. 12, 2013. The couple live in Fort Leavenworth, KS.

**Ryan Jacob Musil** is currently the production stage manager for the Dell'Arte Company in Blue Lake, CA. An MFA graduate of Dell'Arte

International School of Physical Theatre in Devised Ensemble Physical Theatre, Ryan has also trained at the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo Italy. He was a creative partner and ensemble member to Piccolo Theatre and Chicago dell'Arte in Chicago, IL. Working with Antonio Fava was a highlight for him during his time in the city. Ryan has worked with the Dell'Arte Company on several productions and is a founding member of Mothership Ensemble: Original Physical Theatre Company in Northern California. Ryan has most recently finished Co-Producing The Creamery Festival, an arts experience in Arcata, CA. He believes it is the job of the artist to provide his work to the community to help enrich lives and physical aesthetic of the neighborhoods he or she lives in.

named Assistant Director at Manor on the Square Senior Living Community in Roswell, GA. Then he is to become Executive Director as of the first of the year.

## 2009

**Molly Harris Bronson** and her husband, Lee, were married in November 2011. They welcomed their daughter, Aymen, in December 2012. They currently live in Salisbury. Lee works as an IT Systems Analyst and Molly works for Premier Designs, Inc. as an Independent Distributor.

**Brittany Higgins** is pursuing her education after attending Catawba from 2005 to 2009 where she received her bachelor's degree in Exercise

## 70s close-up

**Catawba has hired a Senior Development Associate. 1974 Catawba alumnus Randy Southard of Stokesdale assumed his new role effective February 1st.**

Southard will assist the Development Office at the college in sharing the Catawba story with alumni and in helping to build the college's endowment.

Southard was employed by Wells Fargo Insurance Services in Greensboro in the group insurance division from 2008 through January 31, 2014. His prior work experience included 14 years at Pilot Life Insurance Company in Greensboro, beginning in 1974, first as a service representative and then for the majority of his tenure there in the group underwriting department. He worked for W.E. Stanley and Company of Greensboro, an insurance consulting firm, from 1989 through 2003 as a vice president and senior underwriter. He and two colleagues from W.E. Stanley started their own group consulting firm, Professional Benefits Associates in Greensboro, in 2003 and sold that company to Wells Fargo Insurance Services in 2008.

A business major at Catawba, Southard has long supported his alma mater. He served from 2002 through 2008 on the Catawba College Alumni Board and chaired that board. In 2008, he began serving on the College's Board of Visitors and served two years as chair. Southard and his wife, LaBreeska, have also created the Southard Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at the college to assure that students from their home county of Guilford, North Carolina, have an opportunity to enjoy a Catawba College experience of their own.



## 2008

**Meagan Kittle Autry** earned her Ph.D. in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media in August from N.C. State University. Meagan recently accepted an administrative position at N.C. State, where she serves as the inaugural Director of Thesis and Dissertation Support Services in the Graduate School, helping graduate students successfully complete the process she has just engaged in. Her husband, **Allan '08**, was recently promoted to Tax Manager at his CPA firm, Johnson Lambert, LLC.

**Scott Moyer** is pleased to announce that he and Kelley Jeffers were married on June 15, 2013. Scott works as the Director of Video Operations of Olympic Sports for the University of Alabama.

**Jeffery Smith** received a promotion and was

Science, with a minor in Spanish. She is currently working on a Master's Degree in Education. While at Catawba she played on the women's basketball team as a 4 year starter. She currently resides in Castleton, Vermont where she is employed at Castleton State College as the Assistant Director of NCAA Compliance/ Senior Women's Administrator/ Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach.

**Mary Helen Black Lomberk** & **Timothy Lomberk '08** married on June 15, 2013 in Thomasville, NC. Mary is a student pharmacist at Wingate University School of Pharmacy in Monroe, NC and will graduate in 2015. Timothy plans on going back to school to study at UNCG after Mary's graduation.

**Jennifer Short** starred in "Playboy of the Western World" at the Raven Theatre in Chicago in April 2014. She is a member of the Raven Theatre



## Shea Elizabeth Flood '12

Over just the past year, Shea has performed the National Anthem at the Prudential Center before the Seton Hall (Big East) Basketball games. She and her band also performed at the renowned Bitter End in Manhattan. She noted that she had the good fortune to record her first album with "some of the best, well know professional musicians on the planet" and filmed her first music video of her single "Surprise".

Shea has recently established a co-branding deal with Hydraulic Jeans, a national clothing company, for her to be the face, look and sound of this jean brand. Beginning in late summer and through the holiday selling seasons, Shea's face will be on these jeans' labels as well as displayed on in-store billboards to promote the products in some of the country's biggest retailers. Anyone purchasing a pair of this brand will have the opportunity also to get a free download of one of her songs.

Shea is the daughter of Catawba alumni – Steve '85 and Robin '84 Flood of Manasquan, N.J.

Company and has been featured in Bus Stop, the Big Knife, Bang the Drum Slowly, and other Raven Productions.

### 2010

**Jacqueline Allen** says 2013 was a big year for her! She is excited to share that she has been named Associate Marketing Manager - Professional Practices and Community Development at Allscripts, LLC. In this new role, Jacqueline calls upon the skills and experiences she learned at Catawba as an International Relations Major/Theatre Minor every day - whether she's keeping up with government regulations surrounding health-care or putting a creative spin on go-to-market strategies. She is also thrilled to announce her engagement to longtime boyfriend, Bob Stillerman. The couple will marry in August of 2014 in Winston-Salem, NC.

**Lindsey Jackson Beam** was married to Zeb Beam IV (a 2009 WCU grad and Shelby, NC native) June 15, 2013. She has changed careers and has found her passion for student learning. She will start her second year teaching as a biology and chemistry teacher at Riverside High School in Greer, SC, part of Greenville County Schools. Zeb and Lindsey reside in Simpsonville in the home they purchased in February 2013.

**Alyssa (Aly) Halter** has coupled together her passion for fitness and her love for communications to pursue the job of her dreams. Aly landed the position of Regional Manager at TidalWheel, an Indoor Cycling Studio based out of Virginia Beach and Richmond, VA which boasts a unique total body workout on a stationary bike. In just over a year, the company already has three studios. Aly now oversees all TidalWheel locations.

**Emily Lewis** announced in December 2012 she graduated with her Masters in Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University. In September of 2013 she was hired as the Operations Coordinator for the Mathile Family Foundation in Dayton, OH.

### 2011

**Benjamin Miller** and Mindy Mahrer were engaged on December 28, 2013 in Ormond Beach, FL. The couple will be married on November 1, 2014.

**Rebecca L. Scott** completed a Master's degree in Elementary Education at Gardner-Webb University, and was voted Rookie of the Year at her elementary school for outstanding service as a beginning teacher. Lucy is looking into applying to doctoral school in the fall.

**Andrew Tamer** served as law clerk during the summer of 2013 to federal judge Thomas Schroeder in the middle district of North Carolina.

### 2012

**Julie Roseann Gilley** is currently pursuing a M.Ed. in School Counseling at the College of William and Mary.

**Matt Tamer** is teaching American History, World History, and Civics at Walkertown High School in Forsyth County North Carolina. He also has been named Head Coach of the Men's basketball team. Matt and Victoria Selvey were married in July, 2013 with Rev. Dr. Ken Clapp officiating at the ceremony.

### 2013

**Jodye Carroll** shares that she is excited to announce she will be heading to Fort Collins, CO for a year-long contract of performing and teaching with Midtown Arts Center's Resident Acting Company. She is thrilled to add that her audition request submission was responded to by Catawba alumnus

**Michael Lasris '08**. Jodye sends her thanks to the Theatre Arts faculty saying she "just wanted to send a small thank you for now, for teaching me so much, and for always being encouraging and supportive. This is showing me that not only does the work at Catawba make us desirable in the real world, but it also creates a family that will always be there. I am so excited to have this chance to work with Michael...and heck, to have a year of work ahead of me!"

**Jubilee A. Meehan** is the copy editor/office administrator for a large missionary-sending organization that provides personal attention and aid for missionaries on almost every continent. This past October she coordinated FIRE International's 14th annual Missions conference, which raised over \$200,000 toward mission work. Check them out on Facebook or [www.fire-international.org](http://www.fire-international.org). Recently returning from a trip to Israel, she is still writing with hopes of publication in this year.

**Kyra Thurow** is excited to announce that she has joined the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores as the Outreach Assistant! She previously was involved with the Audubon Center of the North Woods in Minnesota. She also taught outdoor skills and environmental education to resident school and college students.

## TRUSTEE EMERITUS PASSING

### Richard G. McGimsey, Sr. '51



**R**ichard G. McGimsey, Sr., of Roanoke, Va. a 1951 alumnus of Catawba and a member of the College Board of Trustees from 1983

to 2005, died on August 21, 2013.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served several years at Fort Kobe in the Canal Zone of the Republic of Panama. He helped establish Moore's Building Supply and worked for that company as Executive Vice President of Marketing. When he retired in 1988, the company had grown from one store to 98 stores in 11 states. He also founded and operated RGM Properties in 1978.

He is survived by wife Rachel Grant McGimsey '52, son Richard Gibbs McGimsey, Jr. and his wife, Ellen, and two granddaughters.

## CATAWBA STAFF MEMBERS PASSING

**Margaret Shaver Armstrong**, a 1941 alumna of Catawba and a former employee of the College, died April 29th at age 94. A resident of Salisbury, she was employed from 1963 to 1981 at Catawba as Secretary to the Director of Publicity.

**Harry Bridges, Jr.** of Salisbury, a former Public Safety Officer at Catawba, died April 13th at age 61. He was last employed at Freightliner in Cleveland. He is survived by two sons and four daughters.

## tributes

**Everyday**  
in some small way,  
Memories of you  
come our way,  
Though absent,  
you are always near,  
Still missed, loved,  
always dear.

**Josephine Surratt Carpenter '39**  
June 27, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Charlotte Louise Fisher Eller '40**  
April 3, 2014; Salisbury, NC

**Margaret Shaver Armstrong '41**  
April 29, 2014; Salisbury, NC

**Hoyt O. Sloop '41**  
December 11, 2013; Kannapolis, NC

**Lucy Thurston McNeely Crouse '42**  
March 27, 2014; High Point, NC

**LCDR Ray E. Smith '42**  
March 27, 2014; High Point, NC

**Eleanor Thompson Wortz '42**  
August 18, 2013; Los Altos, CA

**Bryte Little Efid '44**  
July 22, 2013; Stanfield, NC

**Catherine Miller Hedrick '44**  
November 11, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Vernon A. Benson '45**  
January 20, 2014; Granite Quarry, NC

**Martha McCall Boring '45**  
October 16, 2013; Mount Holly, NC

**Betty Barrier Fries '46**  
February 18, 2014; Concord, NC

**Junia Keppel Moss Jones '45**  
January 15, 2013; Cheyenne, WY

**Melvin W. Morris '46**  
September 20, 2013; Sheffield, AL

**Mary Bernice Raker Little '47**  
September 22, 2013; Lexington, NC

**Roy Daniel Boone '48**  
February 8, 2014; Kannapolis, NC

**David Marvin Hackney '48**  
April 20, 2014; Charlotte, NC

**William Leo Kincaid '48**  
May 8, 2014; Clemson, NC

**William Gordon Robinson '48**  
September 30, 2013; Winston-Salem, NC

**Dr. Elton C. "George" Garlick '49**  
January 22, 2014; Burlington, NC

**Henry Clay Lentz, III '49**  
March 23, 2014; Florence, SC

**John Albert Shelton '49**  
December 5, 2013; Winston-Salem, NC

**Charles J. Earnhardt '50**  
December 2, 2013; Greensboro, NC

**Doris Eloise Sowers Porter '50**  
December 29, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Frank Paddison Fields '51**  
February 3, 2014; Mooresville, NC

**Rev. Charles Donald "Don" Lyerly '51**  
January 3, 2014; Winston-Salem, NC

**Richard Gibbs McGimsey, Sr. '51**  
August 21, 2013; Roanoke, VA

**Marion Lefler Whitener '51**  
October 16, 2013; Greensboro, NC

**Helen Hoyle Bridges '52**  
December 15, 2013; Oldsmar, FL

**Katheryne "Kitty" Chappell Drennon '52**  
September 14, 2013; Jacksonville, FL

**Joan Alward Ball '53**  
March 2, 2014; Mount Pleasant, SC

**William Thomas Barrow '53**  
February 1, 2014; Mooresville, NC

**Nancy Widenhouse Barrow '54**  
September 13, 2011; Mooresville, NC

**Rev. Paul H. Curvey '54**  
January 31, 2014; Limerick, PA

**Bill W. England '54**  
October 5, 2013; Raleigh, NC

**Suzanne Lumpkin May Sewell '55**  
January 28, 2014; Charlotte, NC

**William Eugene Crosswhite '56**  
February 11, 2014; Statesville, NC

**The Rev. Rex Oren Dobey '58**  
May 17, 2014; Houston, TX

**Worth G. Seats '58**  
June 19, 2013; Lewisville, NC

**Leo Daniel Corder, Sr. '59**  
November 28, 2013; Grays Chapel, NC

**Michael Pelech '59**  
July 22, 2013; Winston-Salem, NC

**Joe Banks Allman '60**  
May 4, 2013; Landis, NC

**Eugene Edward Godfrey '60**  
April 7, 2014; Rehoboth Beach, DE

**Cicero Luther Lyerly '60**  
December 24, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Ruby Joyce Knox McLaughlin '60**  
August 1, 2013; Mooresville, NC

**M. Lawrence Niblock '60**  
October 27, 2013; Hamptonville, NC

**Robert "Lee" Buecker '62**  
November 27, 2013; Mickleton, NJ

**Laura Ann Mesimer Kennington '62**  
December 27, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Sylvia D. Dover '64**  
October 14, 2013; Concord, NC

**Patricia Breitenstein '65**  
August 4, 2013; St. Petersburg, FL

**Joe F. Robinson, Jr. '66**  
May 8, 2014; Newton, CT.

**Frank Marion Roebuck, Jr. '66**  
December 30, 2013; Venice, FL

**Clyde K. Warren, Sr. '66**  
September 7, 2013; Walterboro, SC

**Gail Bolick Sigmon '68**  
June 25, 2013; Maiden, NC

**James Claude Anderson '69**  
September 27, 2013; Marietta, GA

**Lowell Edwin Alcorn '73**  
November 6, 2013; Concord, NC

**Kent Wilson Cooper '74**  
October 9, 2013; Pittsboro, NC

**Tamara "Tami" Dyson Duke '80**  
December 12, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**John Gorman Misenheimer, Sr. '80**  
November 15, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**John Hubert Seaford, Jr. '88**  
December 9, 2012; Salisbury, NC

**Christopher Lee Poplin '90**  
August 24, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Jan Caroline Herring Terry '00**  
October 9, 2013; Salisbury, NC

**Joshua George Hammill '06**  
November 16, 2013; Rockwell, NC

**Brandy Nicole Smith '12**  
January 14, 2014; Salisbury, NC

**Albert Alan Parker '13**  
February 22, 2014; Mooresville, NC

**DR. CECIL ROBERT "BOB" CARLTON** of Salisbury, a longtime mathematics professor at Catawba, died Friday, January 31.

Dr. Carlton joined the mathematics faculty at Catawba in 1981 and served for more than 20 years until his retirement. He also chaired the Mathematics and Computer Science Department

at the college.

Prior to joining the faculty of Catawba, Dr. Carlton had worked at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., in a similar capacity. A graduate of Georgetown College, he received his master's degree from Northwestern University and his doctorate from George Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Carlton is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth Bradshaw "Libby" Carlton, who also retired from Catawba as a member of the music faculty. Other survivors include son Kevin Carlton '85, who serves on Catawba's Board of Visitors, and wife Wendy of Salisbury; daughter Dr. Karen Carlton and husband David Wong of Norwood, Mass.; two brothers; & seven grandsons.



## Wales: More than Just Dylan Thomas

The global literary community is abuzz this year over the birthday of Dylan Thomas. Wales's most renowned writer would have turned 100 this year. Thomas is famous for his poems, his BBC radio plays, and his sonorous voice that captivated American audiences before his early death in 1953.

Thomas's centenary prompted Dr. Janice Fuller, Catawba Professor of English and Writer-in-Residence, to plan an honors course on Welsh culture and to take the course's 12 students on a nine-day trip to Wales in March.

The course focused on a full range of Welsh culture with a special concentration on the Welsh-language tradition that still flourishes.

Clockwise from the top are photos from all international trips taken in Spring 2014:

**WALES** - Christine Evans reading R.S. Thomas poems by the sea in Wales

**FRANCE** - Marie Langhorne, professor of French, pictured here at Versailles, led a nine-day trip to the south of France to study the architecture & culture

**ROME** - Athletic Training Spring '14 trip, led by professors, Bob Casmus & Jim Hand, outside the Colosseum, Rome, Italy

**JAPAN** - School of Business Spring '14 Japan trip led by professors, Eric Hake and David Fish



study abroad

Find out more about this Welsh adventure at [www.catawba.edu/dylanthomas](http://www.catawba.edu/dylanthomas) and our other study abroad opportunities at [www.catawba.edu/studyabroad](http://www.catawba.edu/studyabroad).

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## Gone fishin'

Miss Jackie retires after 44 years

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