



August newsletter, 2016

- Community engagement
- Author Jon Ronson, convocation speaker
- Sunergy – our solar energy vehicle team
- Leadership – welcome to three new deans



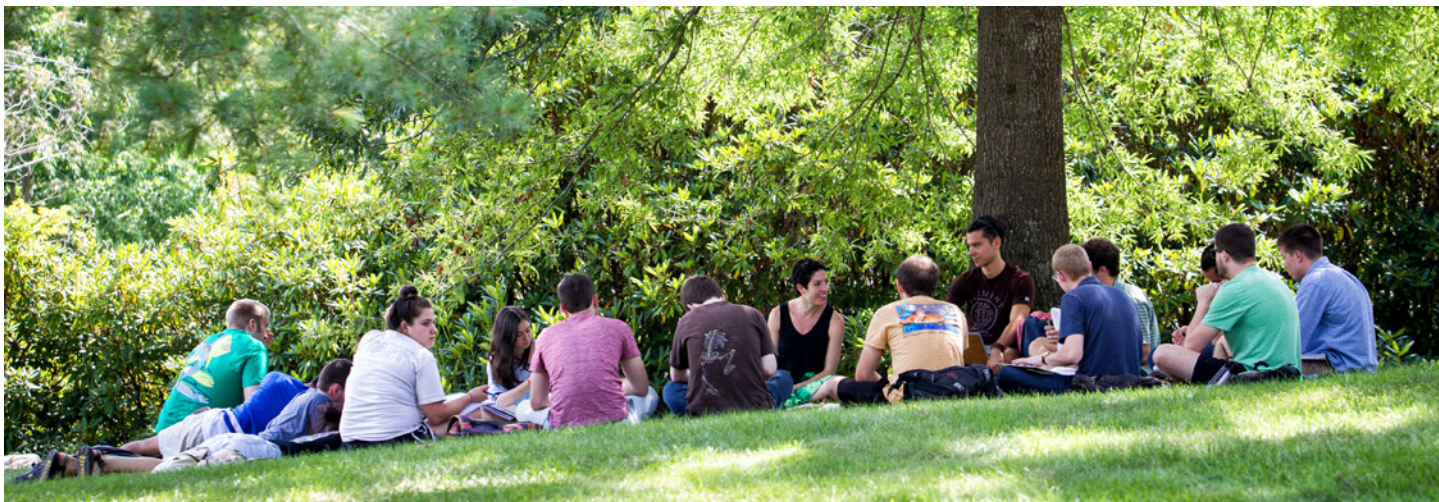
Sheri N. Everts, Chancellor

Inside Appalachian

news and notes from the university

At Appalachian, we put students first, always, and together we are building a bright future. Ultimately, the reason Appalachian's stellar faculty and staff come to work every day is to realize this vision.





Students take part in an outdoor classroom.

From the desk of Chancellor Everts

We are one of 357 universities and institutions with the respected community engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation, and community engagement is one of our nine top-tier initiatives.

Community engagement, as defined by the foundation, “describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.”

The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.

That’s a long way of saying, we care about our community – local and global – and are actively working toward mutually beneficial goals. Here’s a small sampling of ways we are making a difference in the Appalachian Community and beyond:

- As one of only two privately managed food services programs in the UNC system, Appalachian Food Services employs more than 900 people. Of those, between 500 and 700 are temporary positions filled by Appalachian students, work that subsidizes their education and reduces the financial strain on families, many from this community. We buy locally whenever possible, supporting local farmers while providing nutritious, sustainable and varied food selections.

Read more: foodservices.appstate.edu/

- Our ACCESS scholarship program, which provides debt-free education opportunities to first-generation college students from North Carolina, was recently honored with summer school tuition support from the Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, a valued partner in the High Country.

Read more: news.appstate.edu/2016/07/28/access-grant/

- The outdoor theatre Horn in the West and the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum are undergoing revitalizations beginning this year thanks in large part to Carson Sailor, a public history graduate student at Appalachian State University. His efforts should result in more local jobs, internships and other opportunities for learning.

Read more: news.appstate.edu/2016/07/13/carson-sailor/

- Long-standing and collaborative relationships with the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce and other creative relationships throughout the High Country provide opportunities



Students at AppLab, an interdisciplinary learning experience centered around finding sustainable and applicable solutions for challenges in the local community.

for our students, faculty and staff to engage in service, research and educational and economic development activities. Recently, we have scheduled two leadership breakfasts to encourage communication and partnerships and build relationships across the High Country. Guests will include representatives from the town councils of Boone and Blowing Rock, commissioners from Watauga, Ashe and Avery counties, local police departments, state and federal representatives and university leaders. And, in an effort to join the art communities of Blowing Rock and Boone, a shuttle service between BRAHM and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts is available for free during major openings.

- The College of Fine and Applied Arts has leased a building in downtown Boone to house collaborative student and faculty experiences, such as AppLab, an interdisciplinary learning experience centered around finding sustainable and applicable solutions for challenges in the local community. AppLab and other interdisciplinary initiatives will provide students with the opportunity to participate in a hands-on studio, much like a professional work environment, while engaging with local, national and international organizations to develop solutions. Student and faculty work will be on display to the public each month during the First Friday Art Crawl, and all are welcome to drop by, learn more about the college and see our innovative student and faculty endeavors. The facility is located at 182 Howard Street.
- In partnership with SkyBest Communications Inc., Appalachian's television station, AppTV, has expanded its programming to Ashe and Alleghany counties, as well as Johnson County, Tennessee, and has increased coverage in Avery and Watauga counties.

Read more: faa.appstate.edu/news/apptv-expands-presence-north-carolina-and-tennessee



Nursing students in the Beaver College of Health Sciences.

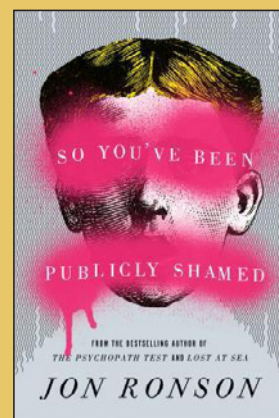
- The growing number of qualified health care professionals and educators who will graduate from the Beaver College of Health Sciences will help reduce the critical shortage of health care access, particularly for residents in the rural areas of our state.

Read more: healthsciences.appstate.edu/news/groundbreaking-ceremony-beaver-college-health-sciences-marks-more-10-years-planning

- From the very beginning of their contact with our university, students are offered an opportunity to find out about the local community and ways to get involved. More than 100 programs with a community outreach focus can be found on our university website: community.appstate.edu. Additionally, Appalachian and the Community Together (ACT), housed in the Department of Student Engagement and Leadership, is the clearinghouse for community service, service-learning and community-based research opportunities. **Read more:** engageandlead.appstate.edu

University bookshelf

On Monday, Aug. 15, approximately 3,600 members of the Appalachian Community — faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends — attended our first Black and Gold Convocation at the Holmes Convocation Center. More than 200 members of our faculty joined in the full-regalia procession and heard bestselling author Jon Ronson, author of Appalachian's Common Reading book, "So You've Been Publicly Shamed," speak. Ronson's book has much to teach us about the complexities of human interactions. While on campus, Ronson stopped by our podcast studio for an interview. Listen to it in the podcast section of appalachianmagazine.org or find it on iTunes.





Students and families participate in move-in day on Aug. 12 at Appalachian State University.

On the mountain

On Friday, Aug. 12, University Housing once again managed a seamless move-in day for more than 2,500 freshman and transfer students. Chancellor Everts said move-in day is “always one of the most exciting days on campus, and one of my favorites. It’s a beginning full of possibilities for our new students. Our housing staff and the hundreds of volunteers have made moving in all these students seamless. All of us in the Appalachian Community are dedicated to making the rest of the students’ experience at Appalachian a fulfilling and transformational one.”

According to Susan Davies, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, “The incoming freshman class is shaping up to be the largest, most diverse class so far, and the freshman class will exceed 3,100. We also have about 1,250 transfer students and more than 500 new graduate students on campus.”



Dr. Melba Spooner



Phyllis Kloda



Dr. Heather Hulbert Norris

Faculty spotlight

Three of the university’s academic colleges will begin the fall semester under new leadership. Dr. Melba Spooner serves as dean of the Reich College of Education. Phyllis Kloda serves as dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, and Dr. Heather Hulbert Norris serves as dean of the Walker College of Business. We welcome each of them and look forward to their stellar leadership. **Read more:** chancellor.appstate.edu/newsletter/id/21



Spotlight on - Best of Boone

Earlier this month, Watauga County posted a Best of Boone video about our region to YouTube. The content makes us all proud of our region and reinforces the critical role Appalachian State University plays in the economic, environmental and equitable use of our resources – both natural and human. Please take a moment to view it at this website and share it with a friend.

Watch here: youtube.com/watch?v=RJyz49BI5RQ

Spotlight on - Laura Parker, recent graduate

Shout out for Laura Parker, a 2011 graduate of Appalachian State University's Master of Arts program in romance languages and 2004 graduate of Appalachian's English and French undergraduate programs, who was recently named the North Carolina French Teacher of the Year by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (NC-AATF). Parker teaches French at Burns High School in Lawndale.

Appalachian was founded as a teachers college and continues to offer one of the largest undergraduate teacher preparation programs in North Carolina.



Laura Parker, French Teacher of the Year



Members of Team Sunergy take an exuberant, if slightly soggy, selfie with their faculty advisors and supporters who greeted them at the finish line. Pictured are (from top left): Dr. Lee Ball, Dan Blakeley, Pedro Franco, Jake Barnes, Dr. Jeremy Ferrell, Brad Johnson, Duvey Rudow (center), and in front row Bailey Winecoff, Lindsay Rudisill and Abby Hastings. Photo by Lee Ball.



Team Sunergy's Apperion crosses the finish line of the American Solar Challenge in sixth place overall, and in second for the final stage of the 1,975-mile road race. Photo by Lee Ball.

Advancement corner

From the desk of Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Randy Edwards

Twelve students recently completed a 17-day journey to Hot Springs, South Dakota, finishing a nearly 2,000-mile solar car race in sixth place overall and winning three international awards with their solar vehicle, Apperion.

Team Sunergy is the only team from North Carolina and one of only two teams in the South. As Chancellor Everts said at the send-off ceremony honoring the team, "This team's work on the solar vehicle Apperion represents the bold, confident and pioneering attitude that so perfectly represents our campus and its vision to build a brighter future."

One of the advancement priorities for this academic year is support for future competitions for Team Sunergy and helping them with their next challenge, which is to build a two-seater commuter car.

Also high on our list of priorities is funding to furnish the new Beaver College of Health Sciences building. The NC Connect bond will pay for the construction but will not pay for furnishing labs, classrooms and other areas in the building.

As always, our top priorities include additional funds for scholarships, professorships and unrestricted current funds. Without the active support of our generous donors, the excellent work that our faculty, staff and students are accomplishing would not be possible.

For giving opportunities visit: give.appstate.edu/



Welcome to Appalachian!

Change is expected and embraced on our campus. New staff, administration and faculty bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our community. Please help welcome our newest members to the Appalachian Community, and stop by Staff Connect and Faculty Club to say hello, invite them to join you in a meal, a conversation or professional development opportunity, or share one of your favorite local spots or traditions. Faculty Club meets Friday, Sept. 23 from 4 - 6 p.m., Staff Connect meets Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 4 - 6 p.m. Both groups meet in the Whitewater Lounge, Plemmons Student Union.

Please welcome the new faculty who begin teaching Fall Semester:

Abraham, Chelsea, Psychology
Abrams, Dr. Ira, Hayes School of Music
Abrams, Katherine, Biology
Acikgoz, Yalcin, Psychology
Akouala, Christer, Physics and Astronomy
Ames, Dr. Aaron, Cultural, Gender and Global Studies
Arend, Andrew, Art
Arnold, Ellen, English
Arrowood, John, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Asma, Virginia, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Atkins, Dr. Sally, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
Aycock, Edwin, English
Balk, Melissa, Government and Justice Studies
Bennett, Nancy, Nursing
Benoit, Dr. Ilgin, Marketing
Bindi, Dr. Federiga, Government and Justice Studies
Binegar, Thomas, English
Blankenship, Bobby, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Block, Molly, Government and Justice Studies
Bouldin, Dr. Erin, Health and Exercise Science
Brazille, Morgan, Psychology
Brooks-Livingston, Ethan, History
Brunet, Melisse, Hayes School of Music
Bulla, Dr. Brian, Government and Justice Studies
Bunch, Stephanie, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Burns, Melina, Nursing
Burrell, Byron, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Camacho, John, English
Chandler, Dr. Jennifer, Biology
Chaney, Anna, Theatre and Dance
Cheek, Aftynne, Reading Education and Special Education
Christian, Raymond, General Education
Cisneros Tirado, Dr. Jose, Government and Justice Studies
Clark, Jonelle, Curriculum and Instruction
Coan, Martha, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Coletti, Alyssa, Sustainable Technology and Built Environment
Crothers, Colin, Mathematical Sciences
Crowley, Patrick, English
Davies, Brian, Applied Design
Dishman, Meredith, Nursing
Dixon, Cynthia, Nursing
Edwards, Dr. Cole, Geology
Eggers, Michelle, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Fasczewski, Dr. Kimberly, Health and Exercise Science
Faw, Naomi, Accounting
Flood, Franklin, Art
Foreman, Jeffrey, Marketing
Fouad, Dr. Khadija, Biology
Giguere, Christopher, Economics
Glover, Deborah, Curriculum and Instruction
Good, Benjamin, English
Gray Woods, Dr. Brittany, Chemistry
Griffith, Rhonda, Curriculum and Instruction
Hall, Karen, Communication

Han, Dr. Jiangxue, Communication
Han, Yo-Jung, Hayes School of Music
Hart, Dr. Sharon, University College
Hassler, Dr. Edgar, CIS and SCM
Hawkins, Ashley, Biology
Hayes, Andrew, English
He, Dr. Xi, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Herman, Dr. Elizabeth, English
Hersh, Dr. Jacqueline, Psychology
Hildebran, Megan, Social Work
Holman, Philip Peter, Communication
Howard, Robert, Conference and Camp Services
Ingram, Daniel, Physics and Astronomy
Jackson, Dr. Victoria, History
Johnston, Dr. Jennifer, Leadership and Educational Studies
Kelso, Kerry, Psychology
Kirschner, Brittany, Psychology
Koricich, Dr. Michael, Leadership and Educational Studies
Leath, James, Applied Design
Leon, Dr. Steven, CIS and SCM
Levine Brown, Patricia, Leadership and Educational Studies
Lombardozi, Dr. Gennard, Hayes School of Music
Luetkemeyer, Jennifer, Leadership and Educational Studies
Lyall, Katherine, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
Lyons, Janna, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Maiden, Dr. Emory, English
Martell, Dr. Jessica, English
Marxen, Edward, Applied Design
McGalliard, Dr. William, Mathematical Sciences
McGinnis, Karla, English
McInnis, Dr. Daniel, Geology
McKethan, Dr. Robert, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Menagarishvili, Dr. Olga, English
Midgett, Valerie, General Education
Miller, Sarah, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Miners, Dr. Cathy, Economics
Moffitt, Desiree', Biology
Morris, Ryan, English
Moss, Trudy, General Education
Mullis-Brittain, Marion, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Myhalyk, Tracy, Sustainable Development
Nafees, Dr. Lubna, Marketing
Natale, Jennifer, Library
Newhouse, Steven, Management
Opat, Dr. Michael, Biology
Paglen, Peter, Sustainable Technology and Built Environment
Panwar, Dr. Rajat, Management
Park, Youngseok, Economics
Payne Jordan, Rebecca, Reading Education and Special Education
Pennell, Ashley, Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Studies
Poplin, Jimmy, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
Powell, Edwin, Finance, Banking and Insurance
Powell, John, English
Pruitt, Morgan, English
Quinn, Colin, Anthropology
Ramirez Canosa, Beatriz, Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Reeves, Spencer, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Relyea, Dr. Scott, History
Renwick, Kelly, University College
Rhoden, Lindsey, Sustainable Technology and Built Environment
Richards, Matthew, Communication
Rieger, Samantha, English
Roller, Andrea, English
Ross, Dr. Thomas, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Sabo, William, Curriculum and Instruction
Scott, Stuart, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Seagle, Misty, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Sell, Dr. LaShanda, Nursing
Shay, Dr. Thomas, Geography and Planning
Shepherd, Rachel, Curriculum and Instruction
Showalter, Julia, Biology
Shuster, Dr. Stef, Sociology
Simon, Harvey, Marketing
Sorlien, Nicholas, Art
Southard, Brad, General Education
Stevens, Dr. Curtis, English
Stradley, William, Communication
Sugg, Johnathan, Geography and Planning
Sumrall, Teresa, Family and Child Studies
Teague, Joshua, Government and Justice Studies
Terrell, Dr. Shawn, Sustainable Development
Thomas, Dr. Karen, Hayes School of Music
Thomas, Kevin, Sustainable Development
Thornton-Brooks, Jennifer, Health and Exercise Science
Towers, Elizabeth, Art
Turner, Bethany, Mathematical Sciences
Turpin, Dr. Rebecca, Nursing
Van Dyke, Cameron, Applied Design
VanDyke, Matthew, Communication
Vannoy, Michael, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
Waits, Dr. Mira, Art
Waldspurger, Dr. Theresa, English
Weigl, Dr. Bruce, English
Weiss, Dr. Joseph, Philosophy and Religion
Willis Jr, Ray, Theatre and Dance
Witter, Dr. Rebecca, Sustainable Development
Xiong, Dr. Jie, CIS and SCM
Young, Dr. Kevin, English
Young, Stephen, Philosophy and Religion

Please welcome the new permanent employees who joined our campus
 between July 16 and Aug. 15:

Alexander, Savana, Learning Specialist, Learning Assistance Program
Armstrong, Lindsay, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy
 Brock Child Development Lab
Beam, Ezekiel, Associate Athletics Director-Public Relations, Athletics
 Office
Berry, Blair, Business Services Coordinator, University Housing-
 Operations
Bishop, Grant, Vehicle/Equipment Repair Technician, Motor Pool
Blaylock, Andrew, Director of High School Football Relations, Athletics
 Office
Bridges, Spencer, Director of Marketing, Athletics Office
Broschinski, Beverly, Building and Environmental Services Technician,
 University Housing-Operations
Brown, Emily, Clinical Educator/Adjunct Instructor, Beaver College of
 Health Sciences
Butler, Jay, Support Services Associate, Park Place Café
Capps, Christopher, Research Technician, Health and Exercise Science
Carlisle, Jennie, Curatorial Specialist, Art
Dickey, Gabriela, Assistant Director for Fitness, University Recreation

Ferrara, Valentina, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy
 Brock Child Development Lab
Forte, Paul, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Fowler, Sean, Postdoctoral Resident, Counseling and Psychological
 Services
Gainey, William, Food Services Supervisor, Rivers Street Cafe
Greene, Coty, Athletics Office, Assistant Strength/Conditioning Coach
Hansen, Amy, Assistant Director, University Writing Center
Hudson, Megan, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock
 Child Development Lab
Huntsman, Warren, Facility Maintenance Technician-Building Trades,
 Carpentry Shop
Johnson, Donald, 1st Assistant Baseball Coach-Recruiting Coordinator,
 Athletics Office
Justiz, Joelle, Administrative Support Associate, Food Services
Klco, Sara, Staff Psychologist, Counseling and Psychological Services
Lazar, Emily, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Counseling and Psychological
 Services
Lewis, Brian, Broadcast and Emerging Media Technician, Athletics Office
Lipford, Rebecca, Building and Environmental Services Technician,
 University Housing-Operations
Lowenthal, Anna, University Library Specialist, Library-App Collection
Lucia Jr., Joseph, Environmental Health and Safety Professional,
 Environmental Health, Safety and Emergency Management
McDaniel, Eric, Football Defensive Quality Control, Athletics Office
Meinhardt, Sharon, Administrative Support Specialist, Marketing
Montgomery, Natasha, University Library Specialist, Library-Instruction
Mosley, Blake, Women's Tennis Coach, Athletics Office
Newman, Ashley, Administrative Support Associate, Administrative
 Support Associate
Nichols, Gary, Support Services Associate, University Bookstore
Robinson, Predair, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Counseling and
 Psychological Services
Ollis, Ruth, Administrative Support Specialist, University Bookstore
Ondercin, Gina, Assistant Director Residence Life, University Housing-
 Residence Life
Pasour, Dana, Support Services Associate, Cascades Café
Patillo, Ericka, Associate Dean of Libraries, Library
Rodriguez, Livelle, Accounting Technician, Appalachian State University
 Foundation Inc.
Rourke, Brady, Executive Director, Learning Assistance Program
Sanchez, Luis, Property Security Officer, Parking and Traffic
Saunders, Valerie, Food Services Supervisor, Chick-Fil-A
Shoemaker, Nicole, Administrative Support Specialist, Health Services
Smith, Darryl, University Program Associate, Athletics Office
Smith, Kermit, Head Baseball Coach, Athletics Office
South, Jessica, Building and Environmental Services Supervisor,
 Environmental Services
Spears, Whitney, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Counseling and
 Psychological Services
Stucke, Katherine, Gear Up Program Coordinator, College Awareness
 Program
Townsend, Ronnie, Food Services Technician, Bake Shop
Trivette, Rebecca, Support Services Associate, Athletics Holmes
 Convocation Center
Uhlmann, Stephen, Public Communications Specialist, Athletics Office
White Gould, Abby, Administrative Support Specialist, Recreation
 Management and Physical Education
White, Keri, Food Services Technician, Bake Shop
White, Roxie, University Program Specialist, Office of Research
Wilcox, Alicia, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock
 Child Development Lab
Yaich, Amy, Administrative Support Specialist, Office of Human
 Resources
Young, Daniel, Assistant Football Athletics Trainer, Athletics Office