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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.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined."
– Henry David Thoreau

Best wishes to all of the
Appalachian Community
for this holiday season,
and may we all aspire to go
confidently in the direction
of our dreams in 2017.
– Sheri N. Everts

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Chancellor Sheri N. Everts congratulates one of the 2016 graduates who participated in Appalachian's commencement ceremonies in Holmes Convocation Center, Dec. 10. Photos by Marie Freeman

From the desk of Chancellor Everts

Congratulations are in order...

On Dec. 10, I presided over two graduation ceremonies and watched 1,396 confident students take their first steps into a world they will impact in many ways. Our students come to this special place, continue to develop and grow into amazing individuals, then go on to touch hundreds and thousands of lives through their professions, civic engagement and service. To each of them, godspeed. We look forward to learning about their accomplishments.

Read more: appalachianmagazine.org/stories/id/698





Stephanie Billings
Photo by Marie Freeman



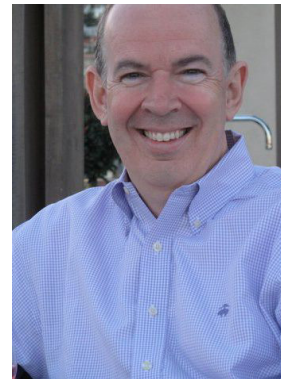
Dr. Kimberly Jones Green
Photo submitted



Bryan Haas
Photo submitted



Allen Lockwood Jr.
Photo submitted



Steven Price
Photo submitted

Advancement Corner

News from Randy Edwards, interim vice chancellor for advancement

In November, we were pleased to announce the election of five new members to the Appalachian State University Foundation Board of Directors: Stephanie Billings '92 of Greensboro, Dr. Kimberly Jones Green '98 '01 of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Bryan Haas '82 of Boone, Allen Lockwood Jr. '93 of Charlotte, and Steven Price of Blowing Rock. We appreciate their commitment to Appalachian and anticipate the difference they will make on behalf of the university.

Your support helps provide a transformational educational experience for our students through scholarships, the arts, academics, and athletics. I personally want to thank you for your continuing support; it is critical. I urge you to consider Appalachian in your end-of-year giving. A gift to The Appalachian Fund benefits many areas at Appalachian. Thank you for your support!

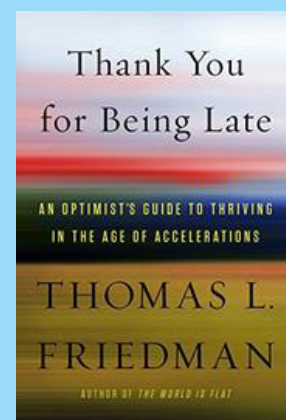
On behalf of the Appalachian advancement team, I wish you all the best during this holiday season, and I look forward to a rewarding 2017 for everyone in the Appalachian Community.

For all giving opportunities, visit: give.appstate.edu

Read more: news.appstate.edu/2016/11/02/foundation-board-5

University bookshelf: 'Thank You For Being Late: an optimist's guide to thriving in the age of accelerations'" (2016 Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

As 2016 draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the high and low points of the year. I am particularly thankful for your kind expressions of concern and consideration as I was battling some health issues. The upside of poor health is it offers the opportunity to recognize and embrace moments to reflect. I think New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman's "Thank You for Being Late" is a good reminder to do just that: slow down, step off the merry-go-round, reflect and reimagine. Friedman's aha! moment was when he realized his friend's tardiness to a shared breakfast had given him time to just sit and think. I hope you will take time over the holidays to relax with your family and friends and maybe heed Friedman's advice for a calmer, decelerated 2017. – Sheri N. Everts



Spotlight on: Faculty

For more than seven years, Dr. Michael Mayfield has served as vice provost for undergraduate education at Appalachian where he has shepherded two major General Education curriculum revisions. A seasoned and enthusiastic educator, he is returning to the classroom as an associate geography professor in January. His influence and guidance as vice provost will impact the university for many years, and students in and out of his classroom will benefit from his efforts on their behalf.

Read more: appalachianmagazine.org/stories/id/701



Mayfield in his office in the B.B. Dougherty Administration Building. Photo by Marie Freeman

Spotlight on: Food Services Staff

The accomplishments and contributions of our more than 1,700 staff members are, quite frankly, the backbone of this institution. Without them, budgets and timetables would go amok, there would be no parking, no cleared sidewalks, no amazing landscaping, no salad bars or mocha lattes – no websites, email or newsletters for that matter! Profiled here are two of our committed and talented Food Services staff. Goodness knows, we would be lost without them.



Pam Cline, Food Services director

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John C. Welborn, Food Services supervisor

Read more: appalachianmagazine.org/stories/id/700

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Welcome to Appalachian!

Our newest staff members (hired between Oct. 31 and Dec. 5) are listed below. We are thankful to have them and appreciate all the dedicated staff and faculty who make this university the wonderful place it is. Happy holidays to you all!

Liane Blyn, Director of Strength and Conditioning for Olympic Sports, Athletics Office

Wilma Bolick, Administrative Support Specialist, Financial Aid

Joe Brown, Horticultural Specialist, Landscape Services

James Cagle, Administrative Support Specialist, Financial Aid

Emily Carpenter, Administrative Support Specialist, Financial Aid

James Carter, Accounting Technician, University Treasury

Houston Clark, Horticultural Specialist, Landscape Services

Shaquera Clawson, Administrative Support Specialist, Financial Aid

Brittany Dorman, Administrative Assistant for Development, University Advancement

Tya Eachus, Administrative Specialist, Institute for Health and Human Services

Zachary Finch, Food Services Technician, Sanford Commons

Melinda Fudge, Director of Development for Hayes School of Music, Office of Arts and Cultural Programs, and Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, University Advancement

Daren Graham, Food Services Technician, Rivers Street Café

Paula Grant-Tutor, Administrative Support Supervisor, Financial Aid

Kristy Hall, Administrative Support Specialist, Academic Advising/Business

Jennifer Hamilton, Student Services Specialist, Admissions

Linda Hampton, Administrative Support Associate, Health Services

Colin Helms, Student Services Specialist, Registrar

Ben Kennedy, Administrative Support Specialist, Conferences and Camp Services

Sheri Lawrence, Administrative Support Specialist, Walker College of Business

Timothy Leonard, Laboratory Assistant, Chemistry

Marissa Pannell, Administrative Support Specialist, Conferences and Camp Services

Autumn Phillips, Administrative Support Specialist, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
Academic Affairs

Sheila Potter, Building and Environmental Services Technician, Environmental Services

Heather Roberts, Student Services Specialist, Admissions

William Rominger, Food Services Technician, Rivers Street Café

James Stewart, University Program Specialist, Small Business and Technology Development Center

Susan Tate, Administrative Support Specialist, Office of Transfer Services

Dana Terrell, Administrative Support Specialist, Summer Sessions and Professional Development

Santiago Villarreal, Food Services Technician, McAlister's Deli

Mitchell Ward, Food Services Supervisor, Cascades Café

William Ward, University Program Associate, Office of Research

Allison Winkler, Building and Environmental Services Technician, University Housing/Operations

Tammy Worth, Support Services Associate, Park Place Café

Lynda Yandle, Building and Environmental Services Technician, Environmental Services