

February newsletter, 2017

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- Update on health care facility, Davis professorship
- Remarks from the Spring Faculty/Staff meeting
- Research holds promise for autistic/special needs youth



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.



Volunteers paint the gymnasium at a Watauga County school.
Photo by Marie Freeman



Volunteers freshen up a room at the Boone Veterans of Foreign War center. Photo by Marie Freeman

From the desk of Chancellor Everts

Let's do More with More

On Saturday, Jan. 21, hundreds of Appalachian State University students chose to step up rather than sleep in, donating more than 1,200 combined hours of service during the 18th annual Martin Luther King Day of Service. Appalachian students worked in 23 different not-for-profit organizations across the high country on MLK Day. **Read more:** appalachianmagazine.org/stories/id/714

Our students routinely give more than most. It is the university's mission to do more as well – for them and for our faculty and staff. North Carolina is one of the few states that mandates an affordable education for all in its constitution. Over the course of the past six months, it has been my pleasure developing, along with Chancellor Dubois at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and Chancellor Woodson at N.C. State University, system-wide strategies around affordability and efficiency. Throughout the year, I will continue to share more about the strategic plan for the University of North Carolina system and how our sustainability, diversity, community engagement and research initiatives – so rooted in our campus values – mirror the system's.

For too long, efficiency has meant doing more with less. My mantra for 2017 is let's do more with more, specifically in these areas: increased support for faculty, staff and the academic experience; dedication to wellness, health and safety; redoubled funding efforts to support professorships, scholarships, facilities and professional development; and resolve for sustainable and affordable enrollment.

Advancement Corner

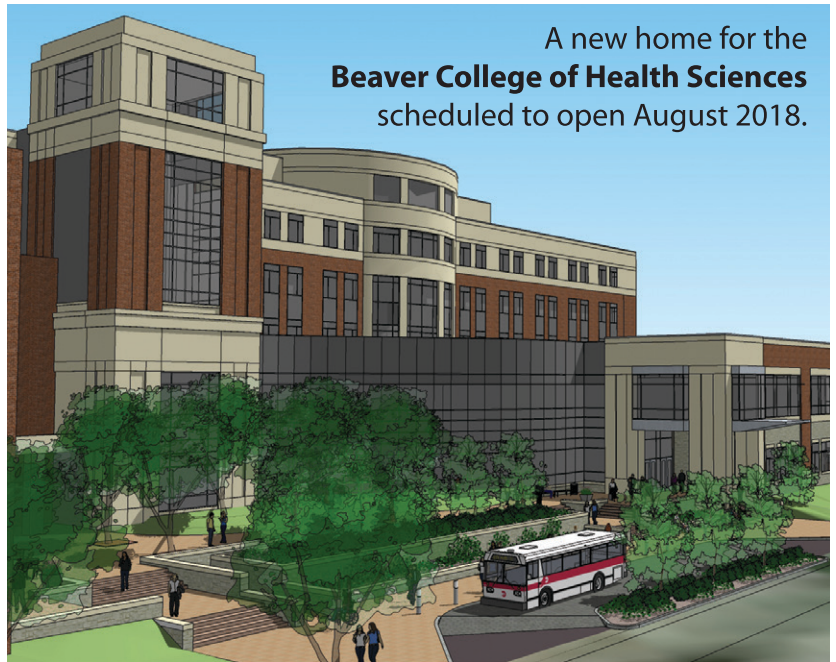
News from Randy Edwards, interim vice chancellor for advancement

Construction of the Beaver College of Health Sciences facility is moving along nicely. Recently, we installed a webcam so you may view the progress firsthand. Support for the college is crucial to accessible and excellent health care in our state. **Read more:** give.appstate.edu/healthsciences

We are pleased to report that the goal of \$666,000 in gifts and pledges for the Harry M. Davis Distinguished Professorship in Banking has been surpassed. Now, the Walker College of Business will work toward applying for \$334,000 in matching funds from the state of North Carolina. The professorship will allow the college to attract and retain talent to teach, conduct research and perform service in the field of banking and finance, preserving and building upon Davis' lifetime of work and achievement. For details on how you can support this professorship, email Will Sears at searswill@appstate.edu or call 828-262-6231.

Sadly, in late 2016 we marked the passing of alumnus Gerald Adams '54 '62, known to many as Mr. Yosef, and Professor Emerita Beulah Campbell. Both made significant contributions to Appalachian in their lifetimes, and their legacies will have an impact for generations to come.

Planned gifts are critical to the university's future and also can be a financial benefit for you and your family. Our development officers are always available to help you learn how a planned gift might provide unrealized income opportunities. **Read more:** 1899legacy.appstate.edu/



A new home for the
Beaver College of Health Sciences
scheduled to open August 2018.

On the Bookshelf:

Our University Bookstore has a featured section for published works by Appalachian faculty. Next time you're in the building, take a moment to look through the wide selection – you'll find volumes of poetry by former N.C. Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti and others, as well as a range of reading choices from sports to religious studies, travel and fiction. These and the many textbooks, journal articles and reviews published regularly comprise a rich collection of diverse and inspired Appalachian voices. For others with aspirations of writing, are you aware of the University Writing Center? The center's services are free and open to anyone in the Appalachian Community. Stop in. You'll find a dedicated space for writing and access to a variety of helpful resources.

Read more: library.appstate.edu/news-archive/201611





On the mountain

On Jan. 27, the provost, faculty senate chair, several vice chancellors and I shared our state-of-the-university remarks at the Spring Faculty/Staff meeting. Our thoughts and priorities were clearly in sync – predictably so, as they reflect the metrics for success set forth in the university’s Strategic Plan 2014-19.

A brief recap:

- We are fully committed to preserving faculty and staff excellence and to recruiting, retaining and developing faculty and staff by providing them with the resources they require and deserve.
- We are in a positive position fiscally due to an improving economy, conservative budgetary practices and long-standing financial prudence, but we must prepare for some budget realities due in part to a cap on fees and the guarantee of a flat tuition beginning with the 2017-18 freshman class.
- Our fundraising goals remain focused on scholarships, new professorships, faculty support and outfitting the new Beaver College of Health Sciences facility.
- We will remain proactive on issues affecting student health, wellness and safety; we will strive to nurture diversity of thought, belief and community; and we will promote a healthy work/life balance for our faculty, staff and students.

A copy of my remarks and a summary of other speakers’ comments can be found here:

chancellor.appstate.edu/newsletter/id/53

Spotlight on: Faculty

I am proud to recognize two of our faculty for the Appalachian Theatre and Therapy Project. Dr. Angela Losardo, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Dr. Derek Davidson, Department of Theatre and Dance, combined their expertise to develop a therapeutic intervention for adolescents and young adults with autism and intellectual disabilities. This pilot study shows promise in improving speech and language skills.

Read more: appalachianmagazine.org/stories/id/693



Appalachian faculty Dr. Angela Losardo, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Dr. Derek Davidson, Department of Theatre and Dance. Photo by Troy Tuttle

Welcome to Appalachian!

New hires/faculty and staff (Dec. 6–Jan. 25)

Please help welcome our newest members to the Appalachian Community, and join us for Staff Connect and Faculty Club in February. These two monthly events were held jointly Jan. 25. It was a great crowd and I enjoyed catching up with many of you.

The next Faculty Club meets Friday, Feb. 17, from 4 - 6 p.m. Staff Connect meets Thursday, Feb. 16, from 4 - 6 p.m. Both groups meet in the Whitewater Lounge, Plemmons Student Union.

Please welcome the new faculty who began teaching in the Spring 2017 semester:

John August, Philosophy and Religion

Jeffery Bartlett, Nursing

Christopher Bartram, Recreation Management and Physical Education

Erin Cashwell, Nutrition and Health Care Management

Donna Cotton, Curriculum and Instruction

John Russell Cox, Finance, Banking and Insurance

Billy Cuthrell, Hayes School of Music

Gail Donaldson, BCBSNC Institute for Health and Human Services

Kelley D. Ponder, Human Development and Psychological Counseling

Erin Ethridge, Art

Claudia Farnandez, Distance Education

Ingrid Forsyth, Hayes School of Music

Cynthia Fuller, Nutrition and Health Care Management

Taylor Garrido, Biology

Barbara Geer, Hayes School of Music

Michael Gilliam, Hayes School of Music

Jodi L. Grubb, Family and Child Studies

Taylor Hartley, Recreation Management and Physical Education

Rebecca Hazelwood, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Susannah Hogue, Mathematical Sciences

Emily Holmes, Management

Kevin D. Huff, Finance, Banking and Insurance

Paula A. Johnson, Human Development and Psychological Counseling

Dong Won Jung, Mathematical Sciences

Xueyan Li, Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Jesse Lile, Human Development and Psychological Counseling

Tianxian Luo, Languages Literatures and Cultures

Jennifer McBride, Health and Exercise Science

Claud McCary, Leadership and Educational Studies

Amber Moodie-Dyer, Social Work

Kellie Pope, Psychology

Welcome to Appalachian!

Gypsy Price, Anthropology
Thomas Randolph, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Adrian Rieder, Theatre and Dance
Madeline Rizzo, Learning Assistance Program
Jennifer Runkle, Geography and Planning
Hashtika Rupasinghe, Mathematical Sciences
Benjamin Russell, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Christopher Santiago, Anthropology
Adam Sheffield, Cultural, Gender and Global Studies
Dionne Sills Busio, Family and Child Studies
Jamison Slate, Biology
Jessica Smith, Management
Crystal Spencer, Communication
Elizabeth Summerfield, Art
Amber Thompson, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Wright Tilley, Management
Chole Tipton, Recreation Management and Physical Education
Martin Tobey, Curriculum and Instruction
David Uher, Health and Exercise Science
Mariela Villicana, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Sarah Visocky, Nutrition and Health Care Management
Virginia Wallace-Falck, History
Henry Wansker, Government and Justice Studies
Lasanthi Watagoda, Mathematical Sciences
Jessica Whitaker, Management

Please welcome the most recent additions to our staff.

Natalie Abernethy, University Program Specialist, Appalachian Fund
John Anderson, Post Doctoral Associate, Sustainable Development
Anthony Bates, Food Services Technician, Rivers Street Café
Zachary Birtsch, Coordinator, University Housing-Residence Life
Jerry Cherry, Coordinator for Student Leadership, University Housing-Residence Life
Ellen Burnette, Public Communication Specialist, College of Arts and Sciences
Elias Dampman, Food Services Technician, Sanford Commons
Claudia Farnandez, Associate Director of Distance Education, Division of Education Outreach and Summer Programs
Christopher Faw, Food Services Technician, Rivers Street Café

Welcome to Appalachian!

Carey Fissel, Director of Development, College of Arts and Sciences
Sarah Garrow, Associate Director of Admissions for Campus Visit Experiences, Admissions
Elyssee Gibson, Administrative Support Specialist, College Awareness Program
Jonathan Greene, University Library Technician, Library-Reference
Skyler Greer, Food Services Technician, Sanford Commons
Eric Hartway, Technology Support Analyst, Financial Aid
Jennifer Hayward, University Program Specialist, College of Business
Matthew Huntanar, Coordinator Jump Start Appalachian, Office of Transfer Services
Dustin LaChance, Support Services Associate, The Market at Trivette
Anna Lyons, Food Services Technician, Rivers Street Café
Jessica Madrid, Assistant Softball Coach, Athletics
Amanda Main, Building and Environmental Services Technician, Environmental Services
Elizabeth Mason, Interim Interpersonal Violence and Prevention Coordinator, Student Development
Jennifer McBride, Research Scientist, Health and Exercise Science
Joshua Moll, Coordinator, University Housing-Residence Life
Adam Moody, Food Services Technician, McAlister's Deli
Rebecca Moretz, Staff Psychiatrist, Health Services
Michelle Pontiff, Public Communications Specialist, Athletics Office
Madeline Rizzo, Student Support Services English Instructor/Advisor, Learning Assistance Program
Stephanie Sansoucy, Public Communications Specialist, Food Services
Cassandra Steffen, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock Child Development Lab Program
Heather Stewart, Executive Assistant, Student Development Vice Chancellor
Alysha Stines, Support Services Associate, Park Place Café
Jackson Turner, Food Services Technician, Chick-Fil-A
Laura Welborn, Food Services Supervisor, Park Place Café
Ryan Whittington, Public Safety Officer, University Police