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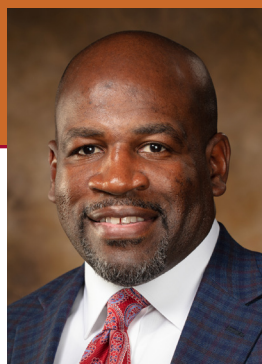
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MESSAGE FROM DEAN DEACUE FIELDS



As you know, 2020 has been a challenging year with the COVID-19 pandemic, and sending students home for the semester in the spring followed by ongoing adjustments for summer and fall. At the same time, we came face-to-face with social unrest and racial injustices in our country, and more specifically at the University of Arkansas and in Bumpers College.

I shared with our students, and want to share with you as well, it is frustrating to see the tremendous cultural and racial bias, ignorance and indifference that this movement has exposed. It is also disturbing to watch so many individuals attempt to diminish the severity of these injustices. On the other hand, it is encouraging to see the large number of people from all races who are willing to stand up and speak out in solidarity against racial inequality.

We must embrace and confront the challenges that exist head on and recognize that positive change does not happen without resistance and a struggle.

The #BlackatUARK Twitter posts were extremely disturbing, but enlightening. As a college, we cannot and will not ignore our role in perpetuating an environment that does not always make all students feel included and equitable. I know the importance of providing a comfortable space for students to openly express their concerns.

Following steps taken by U of A administration to gather information and meet with students, we held a virtual forum in July to discuss potential issues for students in our college. This forum was for students to share experiences and expectations for diversity, inclusion and change for Black and Indigenous people, and anyone of color.

Our summer forum was a follow up of a diversity and inclusion forum, co-hosted by U of A's Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences registered student organization, last fall. At that event, we invited discussion and had an alumni panel visit with students to discuss experiences in Bumpers College, the state of diversity in the college and the value of diversity in the workplace.

In addition to our forums, I want you to be aware of several initiatives, in place already or previously planned, expected to improve the college's climate for diversity, equity and inclusion.

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Fryar Family Gift

UA System Receives \$10 Million Gift to Create Center of Excellence, Endowed Professorship

By Nate Hinkel



Ed and Michelle Fryar are both graduates of our Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness.

Photos by Robby Edwards

A \$10 million donation to the University of Arkansas System from the Fryar Family Charitable Foundation will be used to create and support a center that will provide analysis and education on issues of price risk management in agriculture, finance and energy.

Risk management is the science of anticipating and analyzing the potential for adverse financial events and minimizing the impact of those events. It's essential for success in markets characterized by substantial price risks, such as agricultural commodities.

The donation was announced June 25 by Donald R. Bobbitt, president of the University of Arkansas System. The gift comes from a foundation established by Ed and Michelle Fryar of Rogers, both alumni of the University of Arkansas. Ed Fryar, Ph.D., appointed in March 2019 as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, has a bachelor's degree in economics and Michelle Fryar holds a bachelor's in psychology, both from the University of Arkansas. Ed, with a Master of Science in agricultural economics, and Michelle, with a Master of

Science in rural sociology, both received their master's degrees in what was formerly the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Arkansas. Ed returned to serve 13 years as an agricultural economics and agribusiness faculty member.

"Our family roots run deep in Arkansas and the University of Arkansas," Ed Fryar said. "This endowment is an opportunity to repay the university for all that it has given us. Price risk management plays an important role in the success or failure of many farms and companies. We hope that our support of research, teaching and extension programs in this area will have a national impact on academia, industry, farming and the career paths of students for many years."

"We are honored to contribute to Campaign Arkansas and to the department where Ed and I were graduate students," Michelle Fryar said. "The University of Arkansas has been a central part of our family from the beginning and we feel it is important to support the university and the state of Arkansas."

The funds will go to establish the Fryar Family Charitable Foundation Endowment in Price Risk Management. This endowment will create and support the Fryar Price Risk Management Center of Excellence, establish the Fryar Endowed Professorship in Applied Price Risk Management and support research, teaching and extension outreach.

"The uncertainties we face every day make this project so timely," Bobbitt said. "This gift lays the groundwork for the University of Arkansas System to become a global leader for risk management research, education and outreach. We envision building this center on our already successful model that draws on industry expertise to inspire teaching and research on timely applied risk management topics."

The primary research focus for the center will be behavioral and traditional economic theories in the context of commodity risk management. The center will also look toward improving application of risk management theory in agriculture, finance and energy and develop best practices for formal education degree programs and outreach to risk management professionals, producers, government officials and policymakers.



The Fryar's generosity and transformational gift creates the Fryar Price Risk Management Center of Excellence, which will be housed in AEAB.

"We are glad and grateful to the Fryars for giving back to their alma mater on top of the contributions they've already made," said Deacue Fields, dean of the Bumpers College. "This center will be a game-changer for Bumpers College and for agriculture nationally. We see the center's primary teaching focus will be to develop and offer a comprehensive program that educates students and industry about price risk management strategies in grain, financial, energy and livestock markets; areas that underpin our economy as a whole."

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— Deacue Fields, Bumpers College dean

"The generosity of Ed, Michelle and the Fryar family will transform the capacity of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness into national leadership in the scholarship of price risk management in the areas of research, teaching and extension," said Mark Cochran, vice president-agriculture, for the UA System. "In the research area, this gift will enable both the application and expansion of behavioral and traditional rational expectations theories to the field of price risk management. The teaching component will prepare the next generation of managers and analysts for productive careers in the agriculture and other industries. The extension emphasis will facilitate the delivery and education of this research-based information and decision tools to the practitioners in the field."

The money will be co-managed by the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

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Allen Shines on *Project Runway*

By Robby Edwards

Photos courtesy of Bravo TV/*Project Runway*

Brittany Allen, a 2011 graduate of Bumpers College's apparel merchandising and product development program (then apparel studies) made a 12-week run on Bravo TV's *Project Runway* earlier this year, advancing 11 times in the reality competition and finishing among the top six before being eliminated.

The Fort Smith native, who now lives in Austin, Texas, was eliminated once, but received the "Siriano save" from mentor Christian Siriano after week nine and was one of two contestants eliminated in

week 12. The recurring judges included supermodel Karlie Kloss, editor of *Elle* magazine Nina Garcia, fashion designer Brandon Maxwell and former editor of *Teen Vogue* magazine Elaine Welteroth.

"It was interesting," Allen said of the experience. "Doing something like *Project Runway* forces you to dive into who you are as a designer and a person. You have to go with your instinct, follow through on what you want to do and follow your heart. It taught me I'm clearly on the right path, and I'm staying true to me. I was tied in the competition

with the most wins, so there is a spot for me in this industry. I have to remember that.”

One of 16 contestants on the show, she won the first challenge of Season 18, the space-themed Blast Off competition, and she won the week seven challenge, the Ashley Longshore pop artist collaboration challenge.

“I love the apparel industry,” she said. “It’s very rewarding to be able to design collections, to have a vision and execute that vision, and create collections you see people wear. It’s amazing to see something from start to finish. There’s a lot of growth we can experience. Being a designer, it’s a great creative outlet.”

Prior to the show, she had launched her own brand, Brittany Allen, and was teaching fashion design at an institution in Austin. Even with that success, her strong showing on the show has been a huge confidence boost.

“Every single creative has second-guessed themselves and what they create, whether it is fashion, art, dance, music or something else,” Allen said. “You want to be not only the best, but you want to be recognized for your craft, and provide something that is different from everyone else. You can’t help but wonder if people are going to like it and buy it, or if people will think you’re stupid. It’s a long journey.”

Since the show ended, Allen has been extremely busy and sales are going well with up to 14 hours a day spent on sewing. Going in, she knew the competition would be tough.

“I knew I would be anxious,” she said. “I’m a little OCD, but I knew no matter what the first challenge was, it would be a very time-sensitive situation and very nerve-wracking. You go in thinking you

know what you’re doing and I’m good at what I do, but I know there are amazing people out there. I knew I would be up against the best of the best. They are all incredible at what they do. We do a little bit of everything and specialize in different parts of the industry. I knew they would all be skilled. I wanted to prove myself. I had to put those blinders on and really deliver, and show the judges what I’m all about.

“We literally arrived on day one ready for challenge one,” she said. “You’re excited, but it’s also a competition, so your mind is different. You’re really focused on that grand prize and what you came there to

do. It’s kind of blurry. You’re given a challenge and have an allotted time. You hope the judges are pleased with what you make while staying true to yourself. That’s important, that you don’t pretend to be somebody you’re not. I made a pledge to be true to myself and just be me. With the cameras around, you don’t really notice it after a couple minutes because you’re so focused on the project at hand. And you don’t see yourself on TV while filming.”

Allen says the apparel program, housed in the School of Human Environmental Sciences, prepares students for all aspects of fashion -

the design, merchandising and business aspects.

“I am a designer and think about fashion more from a creative perspective, and I really needed that backstory and background in fashion centered in business,” she said. “I was able to think about not only designing for my brand, but what my brand looked like, what the business looked like, how I was going to make money and bring in profits, and how I was going to approach manufacturing. We think of fashion as you’re either a merchandiser or a designer, but this program brings everything together.”

Prior to the show, Allen experienced major success when celebrities Lady GaGa and Bon Jovi wore two of her designs.

“Lady GaGa wearing the bomber jacket was one of my biggest, most recognized breakout moments,” she said. “I was contracting for Understated Leather, and they really wanted a line of bomber jackets. I was in charge of embroidery, picking out the fabric, patterning the jacket, creating the sample - I oversaw the whole line. One I designed said ‘Ain’t

Nothing Like the Real Thing’ with horseshoes. It was an ode to Texas and very Texan. It was crazy because Understated Leather did not have communication with her publicist. They pulled it on their own. A friend who owns the company opened Instagram one day and was like, ‘Oh my gosh, Lady GaGa is in our jacket!’ She was just hanging out living her life.

“Before that, I was working for Acumen Brands in Fayetteville as lead designer for all their cowboy boot brands,” Allen said. “We did a line for John Rich, for Redneck Riveria, and did all these Star Spangled

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— Brittany Allen, Project Runway contestant



Brittany Allen has created her own namesake brand, and her latest designs are available at www.shopbrittanyallen.com and on Instagram at @BrittanyAllen.atx.



WEEK 1

Allen won the Week One challenge with this space hotel jumpsuit design.



WEEK 2

Allen's Week Two design was this animal print



WEEK 3

The Week Three challenge was "Sleigh the Runway."



WEEK 4

In Week Four, contestants used second-hand clothes from Goodwill.



WEEK 7

Allen won Week Seven with this pop art-inspired butterfly dress.



WEEK 8

Designers had to use sheer fabrics in Week Eight.



WEEK 9

Week Nine was the "Suit Yourself" challenge.



WEEK 10

Tie dye was the theme for Week 10

Banner boots. Bon Jovi actually wore them, made a video and put it on Twitter, and it was amazing because I was raised listening to Bon Jovi, so that was very surreal."

In addition to creating her own brand, Allen is a pattern maker and computer-aided designer for Understated Leather, which sells to Free People, Urban Outfitters and Revolve, and is a fashion and CAD designer for a womenswear brand based in Los Angeles.

"As a designer, it's good to get experience working for different companies, but in the end, it made me step back and think I've been making all these people all kinds of money, but the celebrities who have worn my designs will never know who I am," she said. "It was time to

take the leap, start my own brand and get my name on the tag and be recognized for my work."

A typical day for Allen starts with coffee, lots of it, checking on current trends in the fashion industry and then getting to work.

"I'll get into the studio and get my mind right, finding some inspiration by reading *Business of Fashion* or *Women's Wear Daily* while I wake up," she said. "Then it depends on if I have a lot of orders or sold a lot in the previous week. If I have to be sewing or producing garments, or if I'm beginning a collection where I'm sketching, and it's a process of exploration. My days are mostly creative-driven."

And that inspiration can come from anywhere.



WEEK 5

The Week Five challenge was the 1980's inspired by Cyndi Lauper.



WEEK 6

Allen went with this cowgirl design for Week Six's "There is Only One You" challenge.



WEEK 11

Allen advanced to the Super Six with this dress in Week 11.



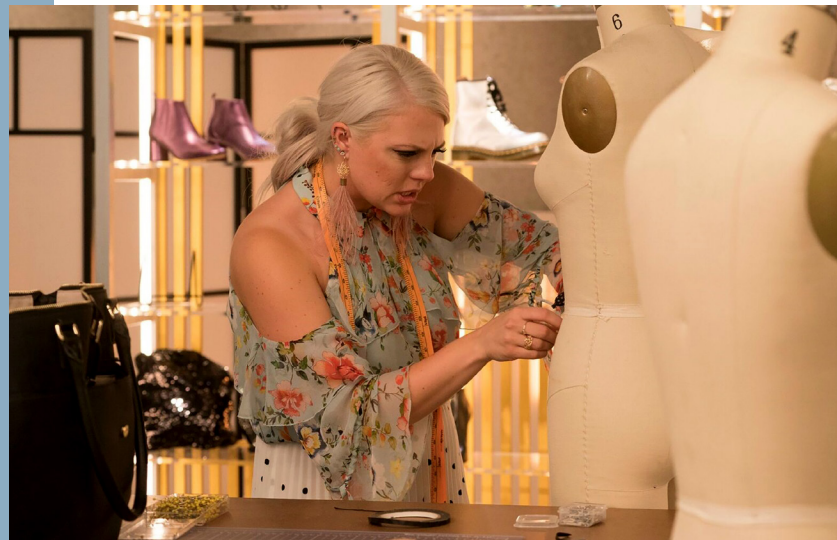
WEEK 12

In Week 12, Allen created this "Avant-garde" dress.

"I look at imagery of anything and everything – landscape, architecture, art, a color palette; it comes to a conclusion with an emotion I'm feeling," she said. "I may find a theme I want to run with. My last collection was based on me coming into my own. It showed process and progress within myself. No matter what, I always come back to what I'm going through and use that in my designs and channel it, and use it as an outlet for my creativity."

One of her most important skills came from a class early in her academic career which focused on pattern making.

"We learned how to pattern in half scale, which is good to know because you're not wasting paper," she said. "We manipulated patterns,



Brittany Allen won two challenges during her run on *Project Runway* and has created garments worn by celebrities Lady GaGa and Jon Bon Jovi.

and probably did hundreds, and that set the foundation for me as a designer because I do my own manufacturing right now. It paved the way for something I specialized in, which is pattern-making."

As for advice for others in the industry and students, it's something she had to learn herself and constantly practices.

"Put your blinders on, I compare it to a race horse," Allen said. "If you have a vision and want to execute it and you're listening to everybody around you, it's going to get watered down and not what you originally intended. I wish someone had told me that a long time ago. There are so many bumps in the road I would not have encountered. If I really want to do something or if I love a design and want to see it come to fruition, I put those blinders on and don't listen to negativity."

She had her blinders on throughout her *Project Runway* run. Allen is now known across the country. More importantly, she knows herself.

"I felt like *Project Runway* was perfect for me at this time because I feel like, not to be cocky, there's nothing I can't sew," Allen said. "I feel like it's taken me years to get here. I finally figured out exactly who I am as a designer and as a person, and how those two interlink. I know what my aesthetic is, what I want to design and who I'm designing for, and honing into all these specifics about my brand and who my customer is. It opened my eyes – this might be the perfect platform. Although I started my brand in 2013, it's been very slow and hard to create. This was a perfect outlet to show the world who I am, what I can do and hopefully I can get my brand off the ground."

Allen's run ended a little sooner than she hoped, but she says "don't feel sorry for me!"

Her latest designs and more are available at www.shopbrittanyallen.com and on Instagram at @BrittanyAllen.atx.

A young man with short brown hair and a light beard is smiling at the camera. He is wearing a black graduation gown with a white shirt and a white bow tie. A blue stole is draped over his shoulders. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with other graduates and a large building with a fountain.

Harris Dedicates *Senior Walk*

After graduating from Bumpers College and the U of A in 2018, Sam Harris earned a Master of Philosophy degree in development studies from the University of Cambridge in 2019.

Photos courtesy of Sam Harris & U of A Photo Services

As a 2018 Senior Honor Citation awardee, Sam Harris of Greenbrier, Arkansas, was the featured speaker at the Class of 2018 Senior Walk Dedication on Nov. 1, 2019.

A member of the Honors College, he graduated in three years with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and a minor in agricultural leadership. In 2014, he researched abroad in India and his study on how to improve agricultural practices in remote Indian villages won the World Food Prize Foundation's Elaine Szymoniak Top Research Award as well as the Presidential Community Service Award. In 2016, Harris traveled to Ho An, Vietnam, with fellow U of A students and led an innovative and environmentally friendly project. Under his leadership, the group installed bio-digester systems that converted animal waste to fuel for heating, cooking and similar purposes. In 2017, he went on a pilot research exchange project in Dangriga, Belize, where he worked toward giving rural farmers access to vital information to increase food security. He was also named a Truman Scholar in 2017.

Harris completed graduate school with a Master of Philosophy degree in development studies in 2019 at the University of Cambridge. He has worked as a field organizer for "Conner Eldridge for U.S. Senate" in 2016 and as a regional organizing director for "Amy for America," Amy Klobuchar's presidential campaign, first in New Hampshire during the First in the National Presidential Primary and also in Arkansas.

At the U of A, Harris interned in Washington, D.C., was president of the Student Organization Outreach Involvement Experience (SOOIE), chair of Bumpers College's Honors Student Board, member of the college's Dean Search Student Advisory Committee, assistant director of sponsorship for the Student Alumni Board and involved with the Associated Student Government.

Following is Harris' speech at the Senior Walk dedication ceremony:



Senior Honor Citation awardee Sam Harris spoke at the Class of 2018 Senior Walk Dedication ceremony on Nov. 1, 2019.

First, I just want to say how grateful I am to have the opportunity to return to my home on the Hill for such a special occasion. For students, we know how special this milestone is for us, seeing our names forever engraved on the sidewalk of a town we came love. For guests, they may only see the beauty of the freshly engraved sidewalks and the landscaping surrounding these names. Which is great, we love showing off our strong Senior Walk tradition here at the U of A, however, the steps leading up to this occasion encompass a much larger story and an even bigger moment.

Since leaving the University of Arkansas, I've mostly been living abroad for graduate school, where the places and faces are a lot different than those of where we are today. If you know much about me, you know that a lot of my time spent here was focused on campus involvement or maybe I am remembered as one who studied agriculture—where I spent a lot of my time engaged in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. Since graduating, I haven't had much of a chance to talk about rural issues, agriculture or farming, which I must admit, after several months working on a presidential campaign in New Hampshire, sometimes I just WISH that I could talk to somebody about farms. So, if you will, I am going to bring it back to the basics and talk farms. No worries, this probably isn't going exactly where you might expect.

A few years ago, I read a book by Howard Buffet entitled "40 Chances." It describes the opportunities and challenges that

philanthropist, academics, researchers and humanitarians face while working to make the world more equitable and food secure. He focused this message on comparing life to farming:

He said, "Each of us has about 40 chances to accomplish our goals in life. I learned this first through agriculture because all farmers can expect to have about 40 growing seasons, giving them just 40 chances to improve on every harvest."

In the same fashion, we, as private citizens, have 40 seasons of life to really expand our impact and to get it right. I found this comparison to be excellent, because when simply broken down, our career, despite the various paths we might take, really is a series of seasons where we either make it or we break it.

So where does this place, this lawn where we are standing today, all fit in? I think it's actually a part of the entire story.

To be a good farmer, a few basic things may be obvious:

1. You need good soil
2. Inputs such as seeds, water and fertilizer
3. And a network to market and/or to sell what you grow.

Since the day we all first stepped foot onto this campus, this place became our foundation—it has been our soil. We came from different states, different high schools and even different continents. What we brought to this place was far from the same. As any farmer might tell you, a rich soil made up of different profiles and nutrients is an ideal place to grow. Similarly, the diversity of our student body—the different lived experiences and histories we

brought to this place – made the University of Arkansas an ideal place for us to grow during such a formative era in our lives. Just as soil serves as a foundation for farming, this university became the foundation for the rest of our lives.

Personally, when I reflect back on my time at the U of A, the courses, the administration and the faculty that crossed my path, enriched my experiences in so many different ways. Many of which I didn't recognize until I had moved on. Moving across the world last fall, I found myself navigating a new city, a new country and a new academic institution at the University of Cambridge. While studying at one of the world's premier institutions was an experience of a lifetime and was intellectually stimulating in unimaginable ways, I always recognized that something was missing. Standing on the Hill this weekend with you all, at my first Homecoming weekend as an alum of this flagship institution, it's clear what that missing part was: and it's all of you. The hugs, the Razorback pride, and the sense of community and joy of this place is testament to what this campus and this tradition means to all of us celebrating here today.

To explain this loyalty and pride we have for this place, I would be amiss to not mention the inputs—the rain, the seeds, the harvesting it took to get us all to this place. To me, the pillars of my time at the U of A lead back to the opportunities, the people and the sometimes-uncomfortable growth that we all encountered during our time here. As a student, I was fortunate to have the support of the Honors College, Bumpers College and the Arkansas Alumni Association in funding my education and enriching my studies

through the chance to study abroad. In 2017, I spent a few months in Dangriga, Belize, working on a pilot service-learning program that promoted community development through agricultural growth and empowerment through education. Although my specific program was new, the U of A has been working in Belize for well over a decade. It was there I witnessed the impact our faculty, through research and collaboration, and our students, through inquiry and a call to serve others, have been able to change the lives of many communities around the globe. This experience, like many others, is just a brief example of the reach alumni have throughout the world. And fortunately, I found this reach in Cambridge, where I studied along other Arkansas graduates and even faculty members who were visiting professors there. I've been asked various times what my experience was like studying at such

a rigorous place, and I'm always proud to say that I was beyond prepared by my undergraduate education at the University of Arkansas because of the devotion of my mentors, the collaborations with my fellow graduates and the possibilities this place created for all of us.

One of my proudest moments as a student here was representing this University as a 2017 Truman Scholar at the national level. Like several graduates before me through the decades, I was selected to carry on the legacy of President Harry Truman through his living endowment: a graduate scholarship for public servants. I bring this up for a few reasons.

One, the selection process this required was rigorous and demanding. And I know, without a doubt, had it not been for the administrators here, and the faculty mentors in my own college, that I would have never been chosen for such an honor. With another scholar selected from our student body in 2019, it's a true

testament to the regard each student is given to do his or her best and the opportunities we can access as students, that make us just as competitive as any other students in the world.

Second, the ability of University of Arkansas students to compete with the top-ranked institutions in the world in terms of nationally competitive awards, groundbreaking research and international service-learning programs is representative of the important role education plays in this community and in Northwest Arkansas. From the businesses we have access to that provide first-class opportunities for our students and graduates, to the alumni serving in our state legislature, fighting

for the right of minority students to have a fair shot at accessing higher education, it's clear the University of Arkansas and its support network, alumni and surrounding communities really are the backbone of our home here on the Hill – and personally, I think they are shining examples of the brightest parts of what it means to be a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

And that leads me to the final part of my farm story: how we market and sell the product of our soil. What good is growing a crop or raising a farm animal, if you can't eventually sell it, right?

After our foundation was solidly formed, and we grew academically, personally and professionally, this really strange thing happened: they gave us a piece of paper, shook our hands and booted us right out the door of a fancy graduation ceremony, stripping us of our coveted parking passes, our student IDs that got



Sam Harris was recognized as an honors graduate at Bumpers College's 2018 Honors and Awards Reception.



Sam Harris has worked on the “Conner Eldridge for U.S. Senate” and “Amy for America” (Amy Klobuchar for president) political campaigns.

us free McDonald’s cheeseburgers and took away our meal plans! Apparently, probably to the delight of our families, it was clear it was time to be an adult and figure out what we would do with our “40 Chances.” For many of us, that meant taking a new job and moving to a new city, or hopping right back into the academic world for law school, med school or other graduate programs. As daunting as this next step may have been, I found so much comfort in the amazing network that was literally waiting for us in almost every part of the world. With U of A alumni groups in countries all across the world, I still have yet to be far enough from home where there isn’t a person who knows how to Call the Hogs. Weather it was networking in Washington, D.C., during my internship following graduation, or dressing up as “Arkansas” for Halloween in England with my friend and fellow alum Victoria (Maloch) or the voter I talk to in New Hampshire who moved to Arkansas to be an Arkansas Traveler for Bill Clinton’s presidential campaign, Razorbacks are worldwide.

To fellow alumni here, or students soon finding themselves booted off the stage, I would encourage you to take advantage of the possibilities this institutions brings to each of our lives, and the network awaiting you full of business professionals, mentors, best friends, spouses and future bosses who share something

in common with you: that same soil, that solid foundation, that beginning that set the tone for the rest of our personal and professional lives.

Sometimes, I’m unsure of how we got to this day, over a year since we were living here, working here and growing here. But as you can see in this momentous occasion today, the proof is in the concrete, I guess you could say! Coming back here, I am beyond

grateful to be on campus, to see some familiar faces and represent a class, whether I know them by name or not, that helped me grow and prepare for what comes next. As Warren Buffet said in his book, “To make the most of your 40 chances, from time to time you have to do things you don’t necessarily know how to do, make some mistakes, call an audible, and try again.” Rooted firmly in our shared experiences here, I trust that in decades to come, as we trickle in and out of this place recounting memories, footsteps and faces of our many days spent on this lawn, that

you will have all given it your best shot. Even though the trees may change, the buildings may grow and the leaves continue to fall, one thing will always remain the same – you and I will forever be etched into the foundation of this university, and this university etched into the foundation of us, the Class of 2018.

Thank you.

“I’ve been asked various times what my experience was like studying at such a rigorous place (Cambridge), and I’m always proud to say that I was beyond prepared by my undergraduate education at the University of Arkansas because of the devotion of my mentors, the collaborations with my fellow graduates and the possibilities this place created for all of us.”

— Sam Harris, Senior Walk dedication



Sara Spayd (center) was the American Society of Enology and Viticulture's Award of Merit winner for 2019. She's with Jack Loudermilk (left), retired Yadkin County (N.C.) County Extension Chair and far right Trevor Phister, formerly with NCSU Department of Food Science and now with Pepsico.

SARA SPAYD

Montague, N.C. (near Wilmington)

B.S. Horticulture, North Carolina State University; M.S. in Food Science, 1977; Ph.D. in Food Science, 1980, University of Arkansas

Professor Emerita, Department of Horticultural Science, N.C. State University

2019-20 BUMPERS COLLEGE Outstanding Alumnae Q&A

By Robby Edwards

After graduating with a degree in horticulture from North Carolina State University in 1977, what brought you to the University of Arkansas?

Dr. Justin Morris (former Distinguished Professor nationally known for his work in the grape and wine industry) and a farmer from eastern Arkansas who was interested in growing muscadine grapes visited my family's farm (we had 40 acres of muscadines). After my mother mentioned that I was graduating in December and was interested in graduate school, Justin told her to have me contact him if I was interested in working with him. I wanted to work with grapes and particularly fruit quality. So food science and working with him at the University of Arkansas were a match!

You are the first student to earn a doctorate from our Department of Food Science. What does that mean to you?

Prior to the food science Ph.D. program's establishment, several students received Ph.D.'s in agronomy, but their research and much of their

course work was in food science as well as agronomy. When it became a full-fledged program on its own, I and the other students who started, Don Cawthon and Roy Sharp, among a couple others, were plowing new ground.

I took the first prelims and defended first. I remember finishing my defense in about 30 minutes. However, the committee thought that I should stay a bit longer for the "benefit" of the other candidates. So we talked about strawberry production for a while. It was an honor to be the first to complete the new degree.

You spent several years at Washington State. What are two or three things you're most proud of in your time at WSU?

The relationships that I built with the Washington wine and grape industries, a research paper on the effects of light and temperature that has sort of gone viral, and the viticulture and enology certificate programs that I initiated.

You've been recognized numerous times for your work in enology and viticulture. What major developments or breakthroughs have you been a part of?

With my colleagues at WSU, in the industry and USDA, we reduced water and nitrogen fertilizer use by at least half. Work with my research technician and a USDA colleague and her technician, we sorted out light and temperature effects. Growers were over-exposing their fruit on the west side of the canopy and negatively impacting the quality of the fruit. Growers started leaving a bit of leaf cover on the west side of the canopy for shade.

How did you become interested in those two areas?

We had muscadine grapes on my family's farm and I was hooked.

For someone not familiar, how do you explain or describe enology and viticulture?

Enology is the science of wine and viticulture is the science of grapes.

How long has it been since you visited Fayetteville? Is there anything you miss about Fayetteville or the U of A?

I was back for the department's 50th Anniversary in 2018. The people are what I miss the most. We worked hard and played hard. I learned to like country music. I remain in touch with the Morris family.

You had a one-on-one conversation with then-Governor Bill Clinton while you were in graduate school. Why was he on campus and what did you talk about?

Then-Governor Clinton was on campus to give the luncheon address to the Ozark Food Processors Association. I met him as I collected tickets. He was running late, but did say hello. After the luncheon, Dr. Ahmed Kattan, who was department head at the time, had Dr. Justin Morris give Clinton a tour. The week prior, Clinton had come out opposed to agricultural mechanization research at land grants. That was Justin's primary research focus in relation to fruit quality. I got back ahead of most folks and Clinton and his trooper were walking past the graduate student office where I was by my desk. Next thing I knew, he made an immediate 90-degree turn into the office and started talking with me. He asked me what I was doing. I was working

on machine harvested strawberry quality. I explained the importance of alternatives to hand labor due to expense and availability. It lasted maybe five minutes. I've never spoken to someone who so intently listened to what I was saying. You just knew he was going places from a political perspective.

What professional advice would you give young college graduates?

Don't be afraid to challenge yourself.

What is something people would be surprised to know about your field?

The amount of hard science involved.

*"The people are what I miss the most.
We worked hard and played hard.
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— Sara Spayd, Outstanding Alumnae



Spayd, an enology (wine) and viticulture (grapes) expert, was originally interested in "pre-vet, but there were eight slots for 500 students. I realized that I was a lot more interested in doctoring plants than animals."

A lot of your career has centered around grapes and wine. What makes a really good grape and wine?

It is hard to make good wine from bad grapes, but a bad winemaker can screw up good grapes.

Good grapes are sound (free of disease or other defects) and have appropriate ripeness (flavor, acid, sugar, and, in the case of red, color and tannin/phenolic content). A good wine should represent the flavor components one would expect from the given variety. You also get into wine styles, which represent the artistry of the winemaker.

What are your favorite grapes and wines, and why?

I kind of fell in love with Sauvignon blanc wines for a white wine. I like the crisp acidity and the wines are usually very interesting from the various places in the world they are produced. Usually, little to no oak used. I don't like drinking toothpicks! For reds, I quite often find myself drinking Syrah wines

To eat a fresh grape, I love any Muscat variety – despite the seeds! They are not sold in the

U.S. as table grapes. I had nine vines planted as guard vines on the end of the row in a research block. After a number of years, I realized pretty much everyone on the research station in Prosser knew where those grapes were!

Thoughts on being named Bumpers College Outstanding Alumnae?

It is a tremendous honor and very humbling.

Brandon Mathews speaks from experience when he says “if you are struggling with food insecurity, depression, family abuse, homelessness or any form of discrimination, please know that you are loved, and you will be even stronger if you persevere through it.”



BRANDON MATHEWS

Fort Smith

M.S. in Agricultural Economics, 1999

B.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences, 2013

M.A. in Public Service, 2015 (Clinton School of Public Service)

Founder/owner of BLM Strategies & co-director of the College and University Food Bank Alliance

2019-20 BUMPERS COLLEGE Alumni Society Outstanding Young Alumnus Q&A

By Robby Edwards

Why human development and family sciences?

As a freshman, I didn't know what I wanted to study. Many of my friends were going into engineering or planning to go to medical school, so I enrolled as a biology major and realized very quickly that I did not want to continue that route. I knew I wanted to help people and I had an interest in public service, so after taking a hard look at all the majors and colleges the U of A had to offer, Bumpers College and HDFs made the most sense.

The HYPER Building is where you met your wife, you proposed at Spoofer's Stone and got married on the steps of Old Main. Explain why the U of A means so much to you.

I have an abundance of fond memories on campus, as you've listed just

a few. But the thing that makes the U of A so special to me is the time and dedication staff, faculty and administrators took to advise, console and mentor me through my education. At such a large institution, it's easy to be seen as the student “body” and not a student “individual.” For me, I always felt like the institution was investing in me.

You were very involved with the Jane B. Gearhart Full Circle Food Pantry, but at first as a client, not a volunteer. What was that like?

I never imagined I would be a client at a food pantry, and definitely not while enrolled full-time as a student. Thinking back on the situation, I remember feeling guilty for needing assistance and I didn't want to open

up about it to anyone. Being Black, there was even more social stigma I had to grapple with. The worst mindset I had was being perceived as just another deadbeat Black male looking for a handout. In light of recent events, protests and riots, I think more people can sympathize with how I felt and how easily one's character can be challenged by the perception of others. Fortunately, my experience as a client at the campus food pantry was very empowering and a huge relief both physically and emotionally.

How did that experience, as a client and then an intern, change your life?

My experience as a client and intern enriched my worldview and shaped me into a more compassionate, thoughtful leader and individual. At the pantry, this meant viewing the other clients with the same dignity, kindness and respect that I wanted shown to me. As a young professional, it meant viewing systemic problems at a granular level and seeing the individuals and families that needed help, not just another statistical data point. And as a husband, parent and community leader, it means never forgetting that I am where I am today by the grace of God and the individuals who were thoughtful enough to invest their time, talents and treasures in my future.

What does BLM Strategies do?

BLM Strategies is a boutique consulting firm offering solutions to small business and nonprofit challenges through group facilitation, marketing, fundraising and special projects. A background in conflict transformation, evaluation and project implementation delivers tangible results, not just theory. Adaptability is crucial to the work I do every day.

How does your degree relate to what you do with the College & University Food Bank Alliance and BLM Strategies?

I enjoy critical thinking and pursuing the reason behind the facts. At CUFBA, I'm providing guidance and consulting with campus food pantries on how to operate and sustain their programs. With over 800 members nationwide, I encounter the same questions often, but each campus food pantry needs a solution tailored to their needs. HDFS taught me how to individualize and analyze each situation so as to not make the mistake of accepting "one answer fits all." At BLM Strategies, I'm constantly navigating with cultural norms and historical challenges to meeting the needs of clients; HDFS taught me the importance of

recognizing nuances of individuals and adapting theories to make them practical in the real world.

What professional advice would you give young college graduates?

Find a mentor. I think it is critically important to find someone you trust with experience and knowledge you value. A good mentor gives advice, a great mentor moves mountains when you need them. Find someone who is willing to move mountains. Also, try to be sincere with people and take time to know them. If you don't already, you will soon find

yourself hating weekly meetings and huddles. But show up early and engage with your colleagues and superiors; it's worth the investment.

You're involved with your local chamber of commerce. Why is that important to you?

When my wife and I moved to Mammoth Spring, we fell in love with the community and nature. There is a certain quality of life that is hard to replicate in a city. As we raise our now two-year-old daughter, we think chamber work is so important in a setting like this because it isn't just advocating for an industry or a few large businesses, it's fighting for the livelihood of families you see at church, in the store and at the pharmacy. That's why I was eager to get involved and serve.

What do you do for fun?

I really enjoy being in nature, so my family and I try to travel and camp as much as possible. We recently purchased a pop-up camper and are in the process of remodeling and making new memories. I love to dance, but I'm not classically trained at all.

"The divide of our nation and recent events has weighed heavy on my heart and soul, but I am encouraged when I see kindhearted people standing up to evil and serving others who are in need."

***— Brandon Mathews,
Alumni Society Outstanding Young Alumnus***



As a student, Mathews (third from right) was a client of the Jane B. Gearhart Full Circle Food Pantry on campus. Now he's co-director of the College and University Food Bank Alliance as well as owner of BLM Strategies consulting firm.

Thoughts on being named Bumpers College Alumni Society Outstanding Young Alumnus?

It's an honor and privilege to receive this recognition, and I hope my story inspires and encourages individuals who are experiencing difficult times to know that the future can be brighter than today. I know I would not be where I am today without people who understood my worth, and I want to say thank you to all those individuals who helped me along the way and continue to encourage me to this day.

Horticulture Students Create *Art*

By Kenley Bramall

Photos by Micayla Blair



Have you ever been to a Bumpers College event, seen the beautiful centerpieces and wondered who made them? Chances are, it was the Advanced Floral Design Class taught by former instructor Shannon Mason.

In 2013, Mason taught the first floral design course in the Department of Horticulture. Twelve students signed up that year, but the class quickly grew to 100 students from across campus with a wait list. The required lab section of the class also grew from only one section to four.

"I knew the class had this growth potential because it gives students the opportunity for fun and stress relief," Mason said. "I definitely didn't think it would happen as quickly as it did, though."

After a few years of the introduction class, Mason recognized the opportunity for an advanced class. She said there were a few students who truly wanted to go more in-depth than they could in such a large class, therefore the Special Events Floral Design class was created.

This advanced course is for students who have taken the Intro to Floral Design class and want more experience with floral art. It has a maximum enrollment of 20 students with the purpose of letting students create large pieces and art.

Originally, this course was geared toward the design of pieces for special events, seeing a huge success.



Students have created centerpieces for many events, including this one for our annual Scholarship Luncheon.

"Last year (2018-19), we made pieces for 18 events," Mason said. "We did events like the Enclolthe fashion show, an event put on by the Chancellor and many cross-college events. We loved it, but we also wanted



Former instructor Shannon Mason created the first floral design class, which led to an advanced class and requests for her students to create centerpieces and other displays for campus events.

the students to have a more independent experience. Now, we have transitioned to a portfolio and art-based instruction.”

Mason and her students have provided centerpieces and other displays for Bumpers College’s annual scholarship luncheon, and the honors and awards reception, as well as events hosted by other units on campus.

Mason was approached a few years ago to not only create centerpieces for the Enclothe fashion show, but to also work with apparel and electrical engineering students to create “living” and lighted pieces of clothing, allowing for even more creativity in the course.

Mason said the class will likely still create pieces for events, but the course transitioned to be sure students have creative freedom.

“My favorite part of this class is to watch students grow in their confidence,” Mason said. “They have a lot of questions and are unsure at first of what to do, but by the end of the semester they are confident and know more. They focus on the little details and make beautiful pieces. They are so proud of what they make.”

“The class involved being a part of the floral design process all the way from meeting with clients and getting their stylistic ideas, to setting a budget with them to ordering from wholesalers while following the budget and then actually making the floral pieces and delivering them.”

— Josh Tebow, horticulture student

Students process flowers from wholesale to table, carefully completing every in-between step. Mason said this class requires multiple skills for success. They must prepare and research every flower and material needed for arrangements and manage a portfolio budget. For events, all they are given is a budget and color story, or palette, to follow so they may have creative freedom.

“The class involved being a part of the floral design process all the way from meeting with clients and getting their stylistic ideas, to setting a budget with them to ordering from wholesalers while following the budget and then actually making the floral pieces and delivering them,” Josh Tebow, a horticulture student, said.



The final project for this course is a creative portfolio piece displayed in the Agricultural, Food and Life Science Building atrium for other students and faculty to see. Students who complete this course are well prepared for a career in floral design, should they choose.

Kelsey Brazelton used her skills from this course to intern through the American Floral Endowment with Dr. Delphinium Designs and Events, a notable florist in Dallas, Texas. During her internship, she completed tasks ranging from grabbing flowers for various designers, making and delivering arrangements and refreshments, which means switching dead flowers out for new live flowers to create beautiful pieces for big corporations. She also helped create three giant Monet Walls – a notable floral wall used as a photo backdrop. These designs are a recreation of a Claude Monet painting but with flowers of all kinds. The largest wall she helped create was 10x17 and she completed everything from arranging dried flowers to spray painting the piece for visual effect.

She said that Mason’s class immensely helped her readiness for this internship. Without the knowledge she obtained in the course, she would have not made it through even day one.

“Shannon’s class absolutely prepared me,” Brazelton said. “My favorite part of it was making the art – seeing what else I could create. I was lucky enough to have that opportunity to create most days with all the university events Shannon was asked to make designs for.”

Tebow took this class the first year that it was offered. He said the class was challenging and rewarding.

“Advanced Floral design allowed us students to experience the business side of floriculture,” Tebow said. “Shannon pushed us to explore creatively and find our personal style.”

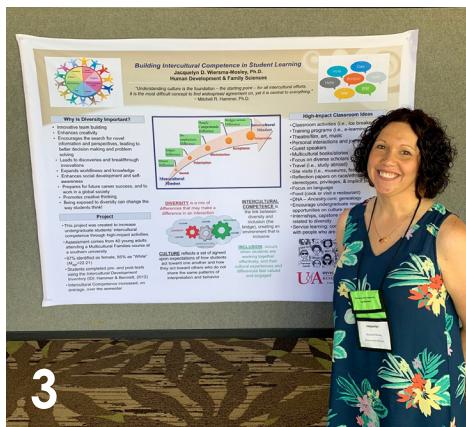
Bumpers College YEAR IN PICS

NOTE: due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our events were canceled last spring; as a result, we do not have as many photos as usual, but we still have many highlights to share with you.

1• Lisa Wood, clinical associate professor in the Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences, has been named assistant dean for International and Honors Programs. In addition to teaching responsibilities, Wood has served as director of international programs since January 2018 and as interim director of the honors program since July 2019. She has been a member of the college's faculty since 2012. She has oversight of the international and honors programs, and associated graduate assistants. She develops direction, policies and operations for both areas in coordination with Dean Deacue Fields, Associate Dean Lona Robertson and department heads. (photo by Tabitha Hudspeth)



2• Luke Howard in food science was elected Fellow of the Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry of the American Chemical Society at the 2019 Fall American Chemical Society meeting in San Diego. In 1997, Howard joined the U of A System Division of Agriculture as an Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher in the Department of Food Science where he is also a professor. He is known worldwide as a leading researcher on the health properties of small fruits and is regularly invited to present his findings in North America, Europe and Asia. Howard is recognized internationally for work on the extraction and biochemistry of biologically active compounds in berries. (photo by Russell Cothren)

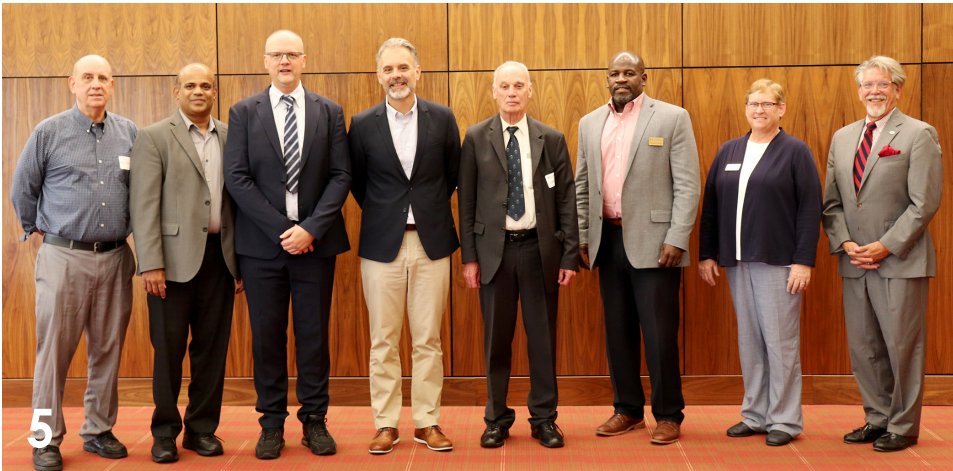


3• Jacquelyn Wiersma-Mosley is using a grant from the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center to raise diversity awareness and cultural appreciation. Intercultural competence is defined as awareness of cultural identity and the ability to interact effectively and appropriately with people from other cultures. Wiersma-Mosley, associate professor in human development and family sciences, is an Intercultural Development Inventory administrator. She has worked with honors and graduate students in human environmental sciences, and assessed students entering the U of A through the Razorgrad Institute for Success and Engagement Program and U of A faculty at the Teacher Education Summit.



4• In May, **Hilda**, in our Department of Animal Science, passed away. Hilda was a cannulated cow. She taught countless students and visitors for field days and other events about her digestive system. She had retired a few years ago, but was still part of research projects conducted by graduate students.

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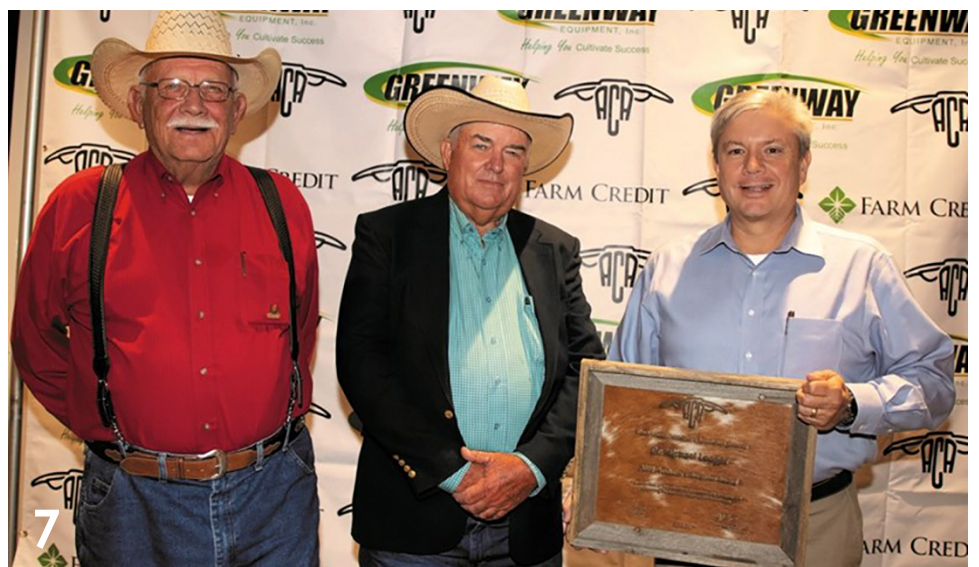


5• Bumpers College, the U of A System Division of Agriculture and Ghent University in Belgium held two-day meetings and information sessions for faculty, researchers and students to mark the 15-year anniversary of a student exchange, research, faculty collaboration and study abroad partnership. Students in the departments of agricultural economics and agribusiness; crop, soil and environmental sciences; food science; and horticulture, landscape and turf sciences have benefited from the relationship. (photos by Micayla Blair)



6• Donna L. Graham, University Professor of agricultural education, was named the 2019 Outstanding Agricultural Educator by The American Association for Agricultural Education. AAAE is dedicated to studying, applying and promoting the teaching and learning processes in agriculture. Graham was also named interim director of our School of Human Environmental Sciences, and created an endowed scholarship for students majoring in agricultural education, communication and technology.

7• Mike Looper (far right), head of the Department of Animal Science, was named recipient of the 2019 Arkansas Cattleman's Association Producer Education Award. The award recognizes the awardee's commitment to the education of producers in Arkansas and for support of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association. "It was a huge surprise to receive this award," said Looper. "I accepted it on behalf of the entire department, as it is a testament to the strong relationships we have with stakeholders—specifically the cattlemen and women of Arkansas." Also in 2019, Looper was named a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science.



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8• Our **Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology** was recognized as the U of A's Departmental Gold Medal winner for 2020. And from that department, associate professor of agricultural leadership and communications Jill Rucker (top) was named recipient of a Faculty Gold Medal. Only one department is recognized each year, and Rucker is one of just six faculty members on campus to be named a Gold Medal winner. George Wardlow (bottom) is professor and department head of AECT. A small cohort of faculty and staff receive these awards from the U of A Office of Nationally Competitive Awards each year. The Gold Medal is in recognition of significant support of students as they applied for national and international opportunities. Other members of AECT include Casandra Cox, Christopher Estep, Hanna Estes, Donna L. Graham, Don Johnson, Jeff Miller, Lanny Rice, Kate Shoulders, Isabel Whitehead, Dana Harris and Rhonda Harton. (photos by Tabitha Hudspeth)



9• With in-person commencement ceremonies cancelled for the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the college created the **Go Red for Grads 2020** day event to honor graduates, and the initiative was picked up and implemented across campus as a U of A effort. The campus community, family members and friends of graduates were encouraged to wear Razorback Red on May 8, in honor of graduates. The Dean's Office staff participated as well, shown during this Zoom meeting.



10• The **Southern Soybean Breeders Tour** was hosted by the U of A System Division of Agriculture and the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station last fall. The main purpose of the annual meeting is for breeders to exchange information and look for collaborative efforts, said Leandro Mozzoni, Division of Agriculture soybean breeder. But this year, attendees also discussed how soybeans are used by consumers and end-users, with an eye toward how breeding efforts might address their demands. (photo by Fred Miller)



11• Bumpers College, and our Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology, hosted the **Arkansas Youth Institute** last year at the Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Sciences. AYI allows high school students to engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities and explore ways to make a difference in the state and around the world. Students research global issues they care about, and write a paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor proposing ideas to solve the challenges. Youth Institutes are part of The World Food Prize, the foremost international honor recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. (photo by Tabitha Hudspeth)



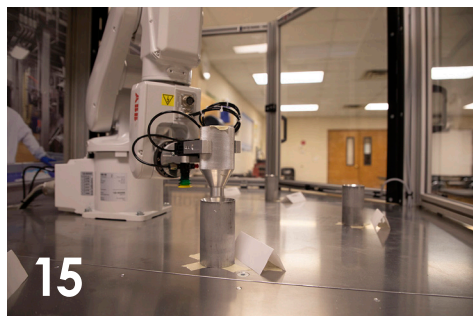
13• **Steven C. Ricke**, professor of food science for the U of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and Bumpers College, has been named a Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Wisconsin College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Ricke is the Donald "Buddy" Wray Endowed Chair in Food Safety and director of the Division of Agriculture's Center for Food Safety. Ricke's research program in the division's Arkansas Agriculture Experiment Station is primarily focused on Salmonella. He is pictured with Kate Vandenbosch, dean and director of UW's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Ricke was also named Fellow by the International Association of Food Protection and he received the Evonik Corporation Award for Achievement in Poultry Science at the Poultry Science Association meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

12• **Navam Hettiarachchy**, University Professor of protein chemistry in the Department of Food Science, was recognized by two professional organizations. Hettiarachchy was named Fellow of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology — the Global Focus of Food Science Excellence — by the International Union of Food Science and Technology. She was also named director of Phi Tau Sigma, the international honor society of the Institute of Food Technologists.



14• Department heads, faculty and staff from Bumpers College and the U of A System Division of Agriculture visited and toured **Simmons Foods Benton County production facility** last spring. The group was hosted by Simmons' Talent Acquisition and Operations teams, and learned more about how a modern poultry production facility operates, what the environment looks like and what career paths are available for graduates. "Having a facility like this so close to the University of Arkansas is a great benefit to our students," Dean Deacue Fields said. "There are many career opportunities for graduates here that extend beyond the poultry science major, including human resources, quality assurance, food science, business and communications." Fields, Associate Dean Lona Robertson, Senior Associate Vice President for Agriculture – Research and Director of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station Jean-Francois Meullenet, department heads John Anderson (agricultural economics and agribusiness), Dave Caldwell (poultry science), Jeyam Subbiah (food science) and George Wardlow (agricultural education, communications and technology); Director of Development and External Relations Mark Wilton, U of A Vice Chancellor for Advancement Mark Power, Associate Director – Agriculture and Natural Resources Chuck Culver and Director of Employer Relations Donna K. Graham were among the visitors.

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15• Our **agricultural systems and technology management program** in the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology received a robot through a grant from Tyson Foods. The programmable six-axis robot, which has been incorporated into several classes, can be programmed through a touchpad or software. In industry, similar robots are used for palletizing or welding. Industrial robotics technology continues to evolve and is being increasingly used in the food processing industry, according to ASTM professor Don Johnson. In addition to the robot, Tyson also provided software programming and coordinated a training workshop, which was conducted by Tyson technical education liaison Rodney Ellis, an AECT alumnus. (photos by Nick Kordsmeier)



16• **Blakely McEvoy**, a sophomore apparel merchandising and product development major from Fort Smith, won the USA National Miss Arkansas competition last January. She earned a spot in the USA National Miss Scholarship Pageant at Disney World in Orlando, which included competition in evening gown, interview and runway fashion show. As the Arkansas winner, she is promoting the USA National Miss platform Crown CARES, which is Creating a Respectful Environment in Schools, throughout the state. (photos by Amanda Ferguson)

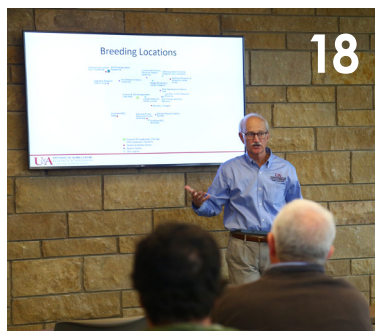
17• For the second year in a row, our **poultry judging team** won a national championship. The team, coached by Dennis Mason, won the 54th National Collegiate Poultry Judging Contest held at U of A in November. The team included Brant Pritchett, Jacob Russell, Elsbeth Hamilton and Katie Bugenhagen. Bugenhagen finished second overall individually, Pritchett was seventh and Russell ninth. Arkansas defeated Texas A&M, LSU, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Penn State, Ohio State and Kansas State, among others, for the title. In the spring of 2019, the team of Bugenhagen, Hamilton, Will Bryles, Dakota Walker, Kristen Martin and Stephanie Bennett won the 72nd USPOULTRY Foundation Ted Cameron National Poultry Judging Contest.

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18• The U of A System Division of Agriculture hosted more than 70 representatives of academic, legal, governmental and other institutions for the **2019 Fall Board of Meeting for CAST – the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology.**

The council brings scientists from various agricultural disciplines together in an effort to better communicate their science to the wider world. Mark Cochran, VP for Agriculture for the U of A System, is chairman of the CAST Board of Trustees. Participants toured the Tyson Research Farm in Hindsville, the Division's Poultry Research Farm in Fayetteville, Marley Farm in Elkins and other facilities as part of their focus on animal, plant and food specialty areas. As part of the meeting, 10 Bumpers College graduate students were presented CAST Science Communication Scholarships, which encourages students to research agriculture-related topics to engage with nonscientists through creative digital communication. Pictured: Robert Bacon (bottom right), head of the Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences; John Clark, Distinguished Professor, and Margaret Worthington (bottom left), assistant professor, Department of Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences; and Jason Norsworthy (top), Distinguished Professor, CSES. (photos by Fred Miller)



19• Katie Gardner (left) and Anna Mathis were winners of two of the 10 national Independent Professional Seed Association scholarships in 2019. They were officially recognized at the organization's 31st annual meeting in Kansas City in January. Gardner is a senior honors student from Fayetteville double-majoring in agricultural business and agricultural communications with a minor in agricultural leadership. Mathis is a sophomore from Harrison majoring in agricultural communications and agricultural leadership. They are pictured with Todd Martin, Bumpers College alum and member of our alumni society board of directors.



20• Based on a nomination by a student in his Sustainable Techniques in Urban Horticulture Production class, clinical assistant professor of horticulture **Garry McDonald** was named a Minority Access National Role Model by Minority Access.

CLASS NOTES

1970s

Sara Spayd, MS '77 PHD '80 in food science, was named Bumpers College Outstanding Alumna for 2019-20. The first student to earn a Ph.D. in food science from the U of A, she worked as a research and extension food scientist in enology at Washington State University. Spayd retired in 2006 and returned to North Carolina State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in horticulture, until retiring in 2016. In 2019, she earned the Merit Award from the American Society for Enology and Viticulture, and earned Best Viticulture Paper awards three times.

1980s



Walter Mayhew MS '88 PHD '91 was named outstanding alumnus by the Department of Crop, Soil and

Environmental Sciences. He is the global germplasm deployment lead for Bayer Crop Science. Mayhew earned both degrees in agronomy.



Sissy Osteen BSHE '80 MS '82 was named outstanding alumna by our School of Human Environmental

Sciences. She is head of Oklahoma State University's Department of Human Development and Family Sciences. Her research focuses on how individuals and families make decisions that impact their resources and how education can influence their choices.

Jerry M. Phillips MS '82 PHD '85, Auburn, Alabama, is employed at the College of Agriculture at Auburn University.

1990s

Kimberly Glenn BSA '95 in food science was named outstanding alumnae by the Department of Food Science. She is director of research and development at Tyson Foods.

Brandie Vanwinkle Martine BSA '96 MAT '97, Bentonville, recently had an article, "The Cliff Between My Son With a Disability and Community Inclusion," published by The Mighty.

2000s



Bailey Ann Brandon BSHE '09, Fayetteville, was named to the *Talk Business & Politics* Forty Under 40 list for

2019. She earned her degree in human environmental sciences and is a brokerage coordinator for Sage Partners in Rogers.

Steven Christopher Cullen BSA '02, Rogers, is vice president of retail poultry at Tyson Foods.

Matthew Fryar BSA '06 in agricultural communications was named to the *Northwest Arkansas Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 list for 2020. Fryar earned his Juris Doctor degree from the U of A School of Law in 2009, and is a partner with Crouch, Harwell, Fryar & Ferner in Springdale.

Donna K. Graham BSHE '08 MS '00, Bumpers College's director of employer relations, was named to the *Northwest Arkansas Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 list for 2020. Graham earned her bachelor's degree in apparel studies and her master's in human environmental sciences.

Russ W. Martin Jr. BSA '01 MS '04, Little Rock, is senior vice president and chief credit officer for Relyance Bank.

Amber L. Muehlbach MS '05, Springdale, received *Talk Business & Politics* Forty Under 40 honor.



Sarah Stribling, BSA '08 in food science, has been named director of research and development, and quality, for

Greyston Bakery in Yonkers, New York, where she will also lead efforts in consumer packaged goods innovation and commercialization. The bakery is tied to the Greyston Foundation, which specializes in hiring people with socio-economic boundaries who may otherwise not be offered jobs. Greyston supplies customers including Ben & Jerry's and Whole Foods with World Changing Brownies.

2010s



Tristin Bolton, MS '18 in human environmental sciences, was named to the NWA Business Journal's

Fast 15, which recognizes an exclusive group of 20-something professionals on the fast track to success from either Northwest Arkansas or the Fort Smith metro area. Bolton, who is from Alma, is a family consumer agent with the Crawford County office of the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Her position includes time in schools teaching yoga, nutrition and financial preparedness, among other topics. Bolton also volunteers as chair of the Junior League of Fort Smith's Real Education and Development for Youth committee. She has also worked at ArcBest and

Baptist Health-Fort Smith.

Utkarsh Shah PHD '13 in food science was named outstanding young alumnus by the Department of Food Science. He is manager of transformational research and development with the Hershey Company.



Ben Williamson, MS '12 in animal science, is an instructor and livestock judging coach in the Department of

Animal Science at Penn State University. He coached his team of students to first place in this year's National Academic Quadrathlon at the American Society of Animal Science meeting.

Kevin Michael Butzlaff BSA '11, Rogers, received *Talk Business & Politics* Forty Under 40 honor.

Morgan Marley BSA '16, is a producer communications specialist at Certified Angus Beef.

Brandon Mathews, BSA '13 in human development and family sciences was named outstanding young alumnus by the college and our School of Human Environmental Sciences. He created BLM Strategies in 2018, which assists small businesses and nonprofits with strategic planning and implementation. He has also held positions of community development coordinator, regional gifts coordinator and major gifts officer with Arkansas Foodbank, and as a development associate with the U of A for Medical Sciences.

Tyson Raper, CSES PhD '14 was named Cotton Researcher of the Year at the National Conservation Systems Cotton and Rice Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Raper is assistant professor in the Department of

Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee and UT Extension Cotton Specialist for the state. His research has made significant contributions to cotton profitability in Tennessee and across the Mid-South. His work has focused on high-residue cover crops, nutrient rate optimization and evaluating DD60s, the formula for calculation crop heat units, all for modern cotton varieties.

Aaron Michael Shew MA '16 MS '17 PHD '18, Jonesboro, is the recipient of the Young Scientists Award at the International Rice Congress conference.

Claire Catherine Strutzenberg BSHES '16 MA '18, State College, Pennsylvania, was named the winner of the National Communication Association's Master's Education Division's Top Thesis Award.

IN MEMORIAM

1930s

Vance E. Beasley BSA '39, Heth, Sept. 29, 2018.



Byron Thomas Waldrip BSA '39, Kingston, Tennessee, May 31, 2020. He was 103. Born in Independence

County, Arkansas, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and enjoyed a long career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He lived in Columbus, Mississippi; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Lexington, Kentucky; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and North Little Rock during his career. He retired in Arkansas in 1975 as assistant state conservationist. He moved to Tennessee in 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife Dena Pollard Waldrip.

1940s

Velma Crow Ashburn BSHE '49, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 29, 2020.

Lida Ray Beasley BSHE '40, Fort Smith, May 25, 2020.

Clemon W. Bedwell BSA '47, Cleveland, Tennessee, Aug. 23, 2019.

Elizabeth Bishop BSHE '42, Lowell, Arkansas, July 12, 2019.

Jane Puryear Blackmon BSHE '47, Springfield, Missouri, Feb. 2, 2018.

Paul H. Brinson BSA '49, Gainesville, Georgia, Jan 23, 2015.

Connell J. Brown BSA '48, Fayetteville, April 26, 2018.

Frances Burleson BSHE '43, Kerrville, Texas, Feb. 15, 2020.

Jane Choate BSHE '47, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 24, 2018.

Nancy Coleman Compton BSHE '45, Little Rock, Aug. 28, 2005.

Lois Cooper Dalak BSHE '43, Montgomery, Texas, Nov. 28, 2019.

Garland Simon Daniel BSA '42, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 7, 2005.

Peggy Frances Roberts Harrison BSHE '46, McAlester, Oklahoma, Nov. 29, 2018.

Winford A. Hoover BSA '49 MS '52, Batesville, Oct. 6, 2019.

John D. Hubbard BSA '43, Stockton, Missouri, Nov. 19, 2014.

Loyde H. Hudson BS '48 BSA '49, Fayetteville, Aug. 26, 2018.

Caroline Roberts Kinney BSHE '44, Port Aransas, Texas, Nov. 2, 2018.

Gretchen Meyer Knapp BSHE '45, Northfield, Ohio, Dec. 23, 2018.

Ed H. Knight BSA '48 MS '55 DAS '65, Little Rock, March 22, 2018.

Ruth Lynch BSHE '47, Hot Springs, March 25, 2018.

Ben D. McCollum Sr. BSA '43, Boise, Idaho, January 8, 2019.

Carolyn Harvel Peer BSHE '42, Fort Smith, April 29, 2018.

Frances Misenhimer Pettit BSHE '42, Corning, June 6, 2018.

Ralph Smith BSA '49, Jackson, Tennessee, Dec. 10, 2017.



Robert Spitze BSA '47, Urbana, Illinois, Jan. 22, 2020. He was 97. From near Berryville, Arkansas, he grew

up on a dairy farm. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves during World War II, and was engaged in the amphibious campaigns at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Following the war, he returned to the U of A and graduated from what was then the College of Agriculture. He and his wife Hazel pursued graduate studies together at the University of Wisconsin, and he joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee and later the University of Illinois. He received the Distinguished Teacher Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1972, the Funk College Faculty Award in 1973, the UIUC Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in 1977, and the Distinguished Policy Contribution Award of AAEE in 1981. His professional memberships included the AAEE, American Economic Association, the International Association of Agricultural Economists, the Agricultural Economics Society (United Kingdom), the American Association of University Professors and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He and Hazel received the 2004 Ruby C. McSwain National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) Outstanding Philanthropist Award and were named Bumpers College Co-Outstanding Alumni in 1994. They

endowed student scholarships and faculty awards at the four land grant universities they attended and where they taught. During one of many ceremonies where they traveled to present awards they funded, he said, "The land-grant notion has permeated so much of the history of our country. I don't think we'd be the democracy we've been if we had not incorporated that." In Bumpers College, their gifts established the Spitze Public Policy Legislative Internship Award and the Spitze Land Grant University Faculty Award for Excellence. They also created the Hazel Taylor Spitze Freshman Scholarship for students in human development and family sciences, and the Robert G. F. Spitze Freshman Scholarship in agricultural economics and agribusiness, and made a gift in support of the Jean Tyson Child Development Study Center.

Sarah Barrett Watkins BSHE '43 MS '60, Jonesboro, Jan. 9, 2019.

Cecil L. Warnock BSA '48 MED '54, Elliot, Dec. 25, 2018.

1950s

Donald Adams BSA '53 MS '54, Russellville, May 18, 2020.



Perry Adkisson BSA '50 MS '54, June 25, 2020. He was 91. He grew up on the family cotton/soybean farm in Blytheville,

Arkansas, and earned a degree in agriculture. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1951-53, returned to the U of A and earned his master's in agronomy. Adkisson earned a Ph.D. in entomology from Kansas State University and was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University. He joined the entomology faculty at Texas A&M University in 1958, and later served as department head, deputy chancellor and vice president for agriculture and renewable resources before being named chancellor of the Texas A&M University System (1986-

90). Adkisson was the first person honored with all three of the world's major prizes in agriculture – Alexander von Humboldt Award, Wolf Prize and World Food Prize. He served as president and was a Fellow of the Entomological Society of America, and was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Lillie Bray Alexander BSHE '57, Seven Lakes, North Carolina, Aug. 10, 2018.

Gordon Barnes BSA '50 MS '51, Hensley, July 30, 2019.

Thelma Allison Bayley BSHE '50, Fayetteville, Nov. 28, 2017.

Hilton L. Bell BSA '56, Vandervoort, Jan. 28, 2019.

Charles T. Berry BSA '58, Robinsonville, Mississippi, Feb. 29, 2020.

Kenneth Bierwirth BSA '57 MS '59, Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 8, 2018.

J. Hodge Black BSA '58 MS '61, Mount Ida, Aug. 10, 2019.

Anna Belle White Bracey BSHE '53, Blytheville, March 14, 2020.

Barbara Bradford BSE '52 MS '55, Ft. Worth, Texas, Jan. 23, 2020.

James E. Bradley BSA '51, Rose Bud, June 4, 2020.

Joe Bradley BSA '53 MS '64, Conway, July 17, 2019.

Walter L. Butler BSA '50, Portageville, Missouri, March 31, 2017.

Jack B. Carter BSA '51, Little Rock, Aug. 6, 2019.

Margaret Ann Dawson BSHE '52, Pine Bluff, May 9, 2020.

Calvin L. Drake MS '59, Manhattan, Kansas, April 2018.

Zachary M. Duclos BSA '57 MS '58, Athens, Georgia, July 2, 2019.

Jodie Halk Dugan BSHE '52, Wynne, Dec. 13, 2017.

Frank Ellis Jr. BSA '50, DeWitt, Aug. 2, 2019.

Nancy Neece Garrett BSHE '58, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, July 2, 2018.

Patricia Watson Gladfelter BSHE '51, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 10, 2018.

Harold D. Gooden BSA '56, Springdale, June 6, 2020.

Joellen Cunningham Hill BSHE '51, Odessa, Texas, Dec. 6, 2017.

Thomas D. Hobbs BSA '57 MS '62, Hot Springs, Dec. 27, 2018.

Judy Anne Howe BSHE '56, Skagit Valley, Washington, Dec. 21, 2018.

Charles F. Howell BSA '52, Russellville, March 30, 2020.

Olaf Dean Johnson BSA '51, Yellville, Jan. 17, 2015.

Maybeth Johnston BSHE '58, Conway, May 23, 2018.

Betty Rogers Kearns BSHE '53, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 29, 2020.

Russell H. Kehn BSA '51, Lindsay, California, April 13, 2018.

Emma L. Downs Loop BSHE '55, Columbus, Sept. 25, 2018.

Billy M. Long BSA '58, Tichnor, Feb. 12, 2019.

David H. Manson BSA '54 MS '58, Little Rock, Jan. 23, 2020.

Marion T. Mathis BSA '58 MED '61, Fort Smith, June 6, 2020.

William H. Martin BSA '51, Texarkana, Texas, June 5, 2020.

W. Trueman Moore BSA '51, Fort Smith, July 22, 2019.

George L. Morris BSA '57 MS '66, Sherwood, Feb. 20, 2020.

Mary Bess Mulhollan BSHE '56, Fayetteville, Sept. 30, 2019.

Barbara Jean Newtown MED '52 BSHE '52, Little Rock, Dec. 2, 2019.

Don D. Pettigrew Sr. BSA '54, Clarendon, Oct. 11, 2014.

Doyle O. Odom BSA '51, Greenbrier, June 16, 2018.

Arlee Pollard BSA '50, Little Rock, Feb. 12, 2020.

Leo Rainey BSA '54 MS '64, Batesville, June 16, 2004.

Clarence Rice BSA '50, Little Rock, April 24, 2020.

Roosevelt B. Robberson BSA '58, Decatur, Jan. 14, 2018.

Joy McKinney Rose BSHE '55, Hot Springs, Feb. 11, 2018.

Loretta Moon Scott BSHE '55 MS '58, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Jan. 4, 2018.

J. B. Shelton BSA '55, Osceola, Arkansas, June 5, 2020.

Frank D. Slavens BSA '50, Wichita Falls, Texas, Sept. 13, 2019.

Frank Owen Snyder BSA '50, Green Forest, October 12, 2019.

John R. Stipe BSA '53, Forest City, Feb. 7, 2018.

Robert Love Taylor BSA '52 MS '53, Tallahassee, Florida, July 8, 2016.

Carol Lynn Thomas BSHE '59, St. Joe, May 12, 2018.

W. L. Varner Sr. BSA '56, Texarkana, Nov. 21, 2018.

Mary Lewis Wesson BSHE '54, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jan. 25, 2020.

Paul F. Whittington BSA '56, Charleston, Jan. 29, 2018.

Joe M. Williams BSA '56, Morrilton, April 5, 2020.

Dick Wilson BSA '59, Joiner, Dec. 10, 2017.

Olen Clarence Wilson BSA '51, Timbo, June 9, 2018.

Sarah R. York BSHE '50 MS '56, Clermont, Georgia, June 29, 2017.

Howard S. Young BSA '54 MS '63, Atkins, Sept. 26, 2019.

1960s

Barbara White Abston BSHE '60, Monticello, Aug. 5, 2019.

G. W. Adkisson III BSA '68, Conway, Feb. 8, 2020.

Pete Attwood BSA '60 MS '63, Rison, March 15, 2020.

Willard David Beckenholdt BSA '62, Newport, Oregon, Feb. 28, 2018.

Nan Bequette BSHE '60, Little Rock, Sept. 24, 2018.

Donald G. Blankenship BSA '66, Moscow, May 6, 2018.

Elvin D. Brown BSA '63 MS '69, Clarksville, March 12, 2018.

Ethel L. Hays Bullington BSHE '64, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nov. 5, 2010.

Johnny C. Burke BSA '60, Hope, Aug. 17, 2018.

Gerald L. Dean BSA '63 MS '67, McGehee, March 16, 2018.

John H. Dillahunt BSA '67, Gentry, Oct. 17, 2018.

Travis O. Goodner BSA '69 MS '71, Nacogdoches, Texas, Feb. 15, 2018.

Brenda Jo Henderson Pratt BSHE '62 MED '82, Mt. Ida, Jan. 19, 2019.

Barbara Stutheit Herrington BSHE '65, North Little Rock, March 29, 2020.

Eddie L. Higgins MS '69,
Pine Bluff, April 3, 2020.

Marilyn Sue Jones BSHE '69,
Magazine, Feb. 27, 2019.

Bill Wayne Lewallen BSA '68,
Hot Springs, Oct. 6, 2019.

J. W. Looney BSA '66 MA '10,
Mena, Oct. 22, 2018.

**Ruth E. Trowbridge Martinez
BSHE '60,** Sierra Vista, Arizona,
June 11, 2019.

Danny Gene McCarter MS '69,
Norman, March 16.

**Shirley Canerday Pickle
BSHE '64 MED '74,** Atkins,
Dec. 7, 2017.

Leonard M. Pike BSA '62 MS '64,
Villa Rica, Georgia, Jan. 12, 2019.

Judy Richardson BSHE '64,
Carlisle, Massachusetts,
March 21, 2018.

**Richard D. Sorrells BSA '64
MS '72,** Royal, April 3, 2020.

**Donald Arthur Ward BSA '62
MS '63,** Fayetteville, Arkansas,
April 15.

**Rose Marie Willis BSHE '62
MED '69,** North Little Rock,
Jan. 30, 2019.

David W. White BSA '66,
Siloam Springs, Feb. 12, 2019.

1970s

James W. Boyd Jr. BSA '73,
Charlotte, Texas, Oct. 6, 2017.

Lolah M. Daniel BSHE '73,
Springdale, Dec. 13, 2018.

Jerry Fly BSA '73, DeWitt,
Jan. 25, 2020.

Eddie C. Gordon BSA '73 MS '77,
Clarendon, July 20, 2020.

Nathan Gregory BSA '75,
Little Rock, Oct. 2, 2018.

Walter D. Gubler MS '74,
Santa Clara, Utah, July 18, 2018.

**David E. Harwood BA '74 MS '87
PHD '90,** Wesley, Sept. 18, 2018.

Jim House BSA '71, Fayetteville,
Dec. 5, 2018.

Billy D. Jones BSA '70 MS '71,
Hot Springs Village, Sept. 30, 2018.

**Donn M. Lancaster BSA '72
PHD '84,** Richmond, Virginia,
Jan. 5, 2019.

**Marilyn Bonner Layton
BSHE '70,** Starkville, Mississippi,
Feb. 7, 2020.

Steve Lee BSA '78 MS '81,
Jonesboro, Nov. 27, 2018.

James G. McEntire BSA '72,
Beebe, Oct. 31, 2018.

Cynthia B. Murry BSHE '75,
Gilmer, Texas, March 20, 2020.

Steve Noland BSA '72,
Fayetteville, March 28, 2018, 2020.

**Cynthia Collins Pharr BSA '76
MS '79,** Lincoln, Jan. 23, 2020.

**Davis W. Pritchett Jr. MS '77
PHD '81,** Greenwood,
April 18, 2018.

Earnestine B. Russell MS '70,
Forrest City, March 13, 2018.

Terry K. Walker BSA '70 MS '71,
Benton, May 30, 2020.

**William Paul Welch BSA '77
MS '84,** Rogers, Dec. 17, 2018.

Suzan H. Woodhead MS '73,
Athens, Ohio, Oct. 29, 2017.

1980s

Ronald B. Ashcraft BSA '84,
Magnet Cove, Feb. 1, 2018.



**Kelly Bryant
BSA '85 MS
'86,** professor
and interim
head of the
Department of
Agricultural
Economics and
Agribusiness, July 10, 2019. Bryant,
who was born in 1963 in Portales,

New Mexico, earned his bachelor's (1985) and master's (1987) degrees in agricultural economics from the U of A, and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in 1991. He began his career as a professor and extension specialist at the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1992 and served as the dean of the School of Agriculture from 2004-18. He was also director of the Southeast Research and Extension Center. In 2018, he transferred to the U of A in Fayetteville to serve as interim department head in AEAB while living in Prairie Grove. He loved working with students, but really loved his five children, their spouses and three grandchildren. When complimented on his kids, Bryant always replied that he was truly blessed with five wonderful children who all found great Christian spouses. He served as a deacon and elder at the Monticello Church of Christ and was a member of the Mt. Comfort Church of Christ in Fayetteville. He was married to Christine Thompson Bryant for thirty-six years.

**George V. Burch MS '86 EDS '89
EDD '90,** Rogers, March 27.

Patricia Clark MS '88,
Willis, Texas, Jan. 2, 2019.

Frederick Cleary BSA '87,
Fayetteville, Sept. 14, 2018.

Jill Marie Cornish BSHE '86,
Hot Springs, Jan. 17.

Burton T. Elliott BSA '81,
Fayetteville, July 18, 2018.

Sarah L. Hamm BSA '86,
Elkins, July 28, 2018.

**Theresa Mansell Kappler
BSHE '87,** Anderson, South
Carolina, July 15, 2018.

Pauline Keegan BSA '86,
Fayetteville, April 26, 2018.

Stephen Marc Mullis BSA '82,
Pine Bluff, Feb. 14, 2019.

Virgil Douglas Roam BSHE '80,
Dallas, Texas, May 7, 2018.

Jeffery Lynn Schuman MS '84,
Bethesda, Nov. 19, 2015.

Greg K. Spencer MS '84,
Springdale, Dec. 27, 2018.

Don N. Wiley MS '88, Monticello,
April 9, 2018.

Julie Masterson Wilson MS '80,
Dallas, Texas, April 26.

1990s

Tracy Samuel Beville BSA '94,
Lonoke, Jan. 2, 2020.

Byron L. Candole PHD '96,
Flowery Branch, Georgia,
April 8, 2012.

2000s

Daniel Duncan BSA '06,
Lincoln, Jan. 14, 2020.

**Tamara Lynn Lane BSHE '00
MAT '01,** Jay, Oklahoma,
Aug. 13, 2019.

2010s

Brian Matthew Blasdel FS '15,
Fayetteville, Oct. 29, 2017.

Mike Crouse FS '14, Bella Vista,
March 30, 2020.

Walker A. Dunn FS '11,
Hot Springs, Dec. 9, 2017.

Arthur Leal BSA '11 MS '13,
Knoxville, Tennessee, April 4,
2020.

Holly Joann Pedersen PSTH '19,
Siloam Springs, Aug. 26, 2018.

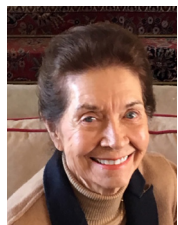
Tanner T. Shuck BSA '19,
Springdale, April 20, 2018.

Ruthie M. Smith FS '18,
Fayetteville, Oct. 24, 2018.

Tristan M. Thomas FS '14,
Bentonville, June 18, 2017.

Alison Jayne Welch BSA '16,
West Fork, Feb. 2, 2020.

FRIENDS



Marilyn Bogle, friend and donor to Bumpers College and the U of A, Bentonville, Jan. 23.

She was 88. Marilyn and her husband Bob have been longtime advocates of the U of A, Razorback athletics and the state. On campus, support is everywhere with the Bob and Marilyn Bogle Academic Center, the Bev Lewis Center, George Billingsley Tennis Center, Bogle Park, and expansion and renovations to Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium and Baum-Walker Stadium. Bogle was a member of the Bentonville Garden Club, and multiple outdoor parks have been created in her community, including the original Bogle Park across the street from their home. She also received the Arthur "Rabbit" Dickerson Pioneer Award by the Bentonville-Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Peel Museum Founders Day Award and induction into the U of A Sports Hall of Honors for her loyal support. She also supported Bumpers College, and was recognized as a "Friend" of the college in 2013. The Boggles support of the college includes two endowed scholarships for Bumpers College students

(one in horticulture and the other as an Access Arkansas Scholarship), financial support of the Jean Tyson Child Development Study Center and contributions to the Equine Operational Fund.



Joe Fulton, professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology, Nov. 26, 2019.

Fulton began his career in Arkansas in 1947 after receiving a Ph.D. in plant pathology from the University of Illinois. He served as department head from 1959-64. He retired in 1987. Fulton established the U of A System Division of Agriculture's investigations of vectors of virus transmission. He was dedicated to advancing plant pathology research and providing practical applications to farmers in the field. He was instrumental in the development of an Arkansas strawberry certification program jointly with the Arkansas State Plant Board. Fulton's efforts to bring an electron microscope to the agricultural research and extension center in Fayetteville benefited the entire university, as faculty from many disciplines conducted experiments at the facility. In 1962, the Arkansas Alumni Association Distinguished Achievement Award for Research was presented to Fulton in recognition of his

outstanding research efforts. Fulton was also an active member of the American Phytopathological Society, serving as secretary from 1967 to 1970 and as president in 1972. He was elected a Fellow of APS in 1976.



Howard Lester, a 41-year employee of the U of A System Division of Agriculture and the Department

of Poultry Science, Aug. 13. He was 63. Lester mentored many college students in life and their careers. He started in 1978 at the veterinary farm, and later also took over management of the feed mill and the poultry farm. He helped develop a vaccine program, open a poultry health laboratory, and assisted in many tests and trials. In 2009, Lester won the University of Arkansas System's Division of Agriculture's John W. White Non-Classified Support Personnel Award for outstanding contributions to the Division of Agriculture. In 2013, he won the Tyson Foods Support Personnel Award from the Poultry Science Association in recognition of outstanding support of research, extension or teaching. Lester was also involved in the equine and rodeo industries, competing, judging and mentoring. In keeping with family tradition, at a young age, he played guitar and joined his father on stage

as a member of the Boston Mountain Playboys. He was married to Cheryl for 42 years.



Edwin Lamar Love, retired agricultural education professor, March 28, 2020, in Matthews, North

Carolina. He was 90. Love, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, was a member of the U of A faculty from 1965-1992. Originally a faculty member in the College of Education, Love, James Scanlon and John Roloff were the first three professors who moved to the College of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1983 to establish the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education. That move paved the way for what is now the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology. "He was always in a good mood and called everyone 'good buddy,'" said Donna L. Graham, University Professor of agricultural and extension education in AECT. "He loved to fish, and was the first to pitch in and help with any project." Graham worked with him for seven years. Love taught undergraduate and graduate level classes, advised master's degree students and chaired committees for specialist and doctoral degree candidates.

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- We have added a Diversity and Inclusion Ambassador role to our College Ambassador team.
- We have started and will complete the hiring process for a Coordinator for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) as soon as the hiring pause (due to COVID-19) is lifted.
- Faculty, staff and graduate assistants will complete Cultural Competency and Facing Bias training to address the underlying issues
- Incorporate undergraduate and graduate student roles on the college DEI committee

I want to hear from students so we can take the necessary steps to provide a welcoming environment. And I want to hear from former students – you, our graduates – and friends, donors and supporters of our college.

If you have experiences from your days on campus and in our college that you would like to share, or if you have suggestions or other thoughts, I welcome and encourage your feedback. Please send any comments to Isabel Whitehead, our interim coordinator of diversity and inclusion, at iwhitehe@uark.edu.

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