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Pictured (L-to-R): Stephens President Dianne Lynch, **Phyllis Southall Henigson '54** and her son, Jeff. Henigson recently donated \$1 million to support Stephens' new Master of Physician Assistant Studies program. Read more about her gift on page 4.

Dear Stephens,

This is truly my favorite time of year at Stephens College: Our students are absorbed in the high-energy frenzy of the semester's end (remember what that felt like?); the campus calendar is packed full of performances, presentations, demonstrations and thesis defenses; and Midnight Breakfast—one of the very best Stephens traditions!—is upon us. This is one of those times when students who never thought they could work so hard come to understand that all of their efforts and commitment—those late-night study sessions and exhausting rehearsals—are so worth it.

This issue of *Beyond Stephens* speaks to that combination of great talent, deep commitment and an unwavering work ethic; it captures what occurs when those strengths and talents join to produce a life's work. We remember two of the most exceptional Stephens women in our 183-year history: **Patricia White Barry**, a model of generosity and grace who brought to the stage and screen an independence, strength and clarity of purpose that distinguished and defined her in everything she did; and two-time Tony Award-winning actress **Tammy Grimes**.

We also present to you the next generation of Stephens' success stories: Young women who have found rapid success in the careers they have always aspired to thanks to their experiences in our Creative Ink marketing incubator. Here again, that uniquely Stephens combination of talent, skill, critical thinking and work ethic has made it possible for these amazing alumnae to excel in an incredibly competitive profession.

And finally, I ask you to join me in recognizing two alumnae whose commitment to Stephens will allow future generations of students to benefit from the same kind of exceptional education you enjoyed here. **Phyllis Southall Henigson '54** and **Jeannene Thompson Booher '56** have given so generously to the alma mater that shaped and inspired them and, in doing so, have made it possible for Stephens to continue to thrive and grow.

As you make your own final philanthropic decisions for 2016, I ask that you consider increasing your support for Stephens this year. If 2016 has taught us anything, it is that women's education remains both relevant and necessary. And we are committed, energized and inspired to continue to transform the lives of the women we serve: our students.

Happy holidays!

Dr. Dianne Lynch, Stephens College President

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Musical theatre major **Morgan Walker '17**, a member of Stephens' jazz ensemble, The Velvetones.



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A Closer Look

A quick dose of Stephens fun facts and interesting stats.



381

Number of colleges and universities (including Stephens College!) that are included in The Princeton Review's "Best 381 Colleges" annual guide. Stephens is notably the only private college in mid-Missouri named to the list. In addition to being selected as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, Stephens also received the national ranking of No. 6 for its theatre program. That's up from last year's No. 11 spot.

\$2,000,000

Combined donations from two Stephens alumnae who gave \$1 million gifts. The donation from **Phyllis Southall Henigson '54** supports Stephens College's new Physician Assistant Studies program, while a fashion lecture series has been established with the gift from **Jeannene Thompson Booher '56**.



14th

World ranking received by the Stephens fashion program, according to The Business of Fashion, London, a respected leader in the fashion industry. The fashion program also tied for second in the world for both learning experience and long-term value across B.A. programs. Stephens is in the company of other prestigious schools, including Central Saint Martins in London, which topped the list; Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology; and Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), which ranked 18th in the world behind Stephens. This past spring, the fashion program also was recognized as the No. 15 Private Fashion Design School or College in the nation, according to Fashion-Schools.org. Our fashion design program also is ranked No. 31 nationally and is recognized as No. 8 in the Midwest by the national website.



1st

Place that the student magazine *Stephens Life* finished in the College Media Association's Pinnacle Awards for its "I Like Fashion and Naps" story. The spread, which appeared in the Spring 2016 issue, won Best Magazine Entertainment Page/Spread in the design category. The cover story from the same issue also received an honorable mention for design. In addition, the newly redesigned magazine received fifth place for Design of the Year by the Associated College Press for its "Superfoods" spring story.

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Welcome!

Number of "Welcome" tables sponsored by Stephens Alumnae clubs and networks from around the country for Move-in Day. Table sponsors included: Stephens College Alumnae Club of Northern California, Stephens College Alumnae Club of Dallas, Stephens College Alumnae Group of Mid-Missouri, Stephens College Alumnae Club of Greater Washington, D.C., Stephens College KC 1833 Network, and Stephens College Alumnae Club of St. Louis. Read more about what our clubs and networks have been up to on page 20.

\$1 Million Donation Supports New PA Program

President Dianne Lynch approached **Phyllis Southall Henigson '54** for “seed” money three years ago to help launch a new physician assistant program. Henigson responded with a \$1 million donation that was announced on Aug. 24—on Stephens' 183rd birthday—during the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Stephens College Center for Health Sciences, located in the completely renovated Sampson Hall. The state-of-the-art teaching facility is home to the College's new Master of Physician Assistant Studies program.

“This generous donation by Phyllis has helped launch the vision for one of the most ambitious initiatives in the history of Stephens,” Lynch says. “The Center for Health Sciences stands as a modern and stately gateway into the Stephens campus and serves as a reminder that Stephens is a college dedicated to excellence in the creative arts and health sciences.”

In Henigson's honor, the center's first floor has been named the Phyllis Southall Henigson Foyer and Symposia Center. The center features an advanced anatomy lab; high-tech classrooms; and exam rooms and observation rooms with the latest in virtual classroom technology to provide real-world learning experiences. Lab and classroom

spaces support cutting-edge curriculum and allow for collaboration among students and faculty.

“I'm very happy to see Stephens today as a powerful academic institution that is powerfully transforming people's lives,” Henigson says. “I wanted to contribute to this growth, helping to build the College's capacity and expand its academic offerings. It's truly an honor to be a part of it.”

Henigson's visit to Columbia, with son, Jeff, for the center's grand opening was her first trip back since graduating from Stephens with her A.A. degree; she went on to earn a business degree from the University of Southern California. Henigson says that Stephens opened the world to her by allowing her to become immersed in a broad range of courses.

“I joined clubs that allowed me to explore areas that were never before in my reach,” Henigson says. “And Stephens opened doors—to rewarding friendships, to my business degree at USC and to a larger world. Attending Stephens has enriched my life.”

This fall, the inaugural class of 20 PA students began classes in the center. Stephens

officially became the first higher education institution in mid-Missouri to offer such a program with the granting of accreditation-provisional status from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

The program will help serve the community by providing much-needed physician assistants to care for a growing population. Physician assistant is among the fastest-growing professions in the country, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In the 27-month co-educational program, students spend 13 months on campus full time, before 14 months of clinical studies. Stephens has established partnerships for students' clinical rotations at facilities such as Boone Hospital Center; Capital Region Medical Center, Jefferson City; Moberly Regional Medical Center; and University of Missouri Health Care.

“Our students will become very skilled, well-rounded PAs with strong relationships in the community,” says Eric Johnson, director of the PA program. “We are so proud of our first class of bright, ambitious students.”

See more photos at stephens.edu/progress.



Fashion Lecture Series Established with \$1 Million Gift

When **Jeannene Thompson Booher '56** wanted to give back and make a difference in the lives of young designers, she turned to the place that prepared her for a successful fashion career: Stephens College.

Booher, who has worked with some of the best designers in the country, donated \$1 million to establish The Jeannene Booher Fashion Lecture Series to benefit the School of Design. The gift announcement was made during a campus-wide event on Nov. 15. The series will finance visits by industry leaders to campus to share their experiences with students who are preparing for or interested in a career in fashion and design.

"I had a wonderful experience at Stephens College," says Booher, who has served in the past as a member of the Stephens Board of Trustees and a member of the Executive Committee. "I am very happy to be able to do this."

Stephens President Dianne Lynch says the lecture series will continue to elevate an already prestigious fashion program.

"As Stephens claims its place among the premier fashion programs in the world," she says, "it is this kind of professional

access and creative inspiration that will distinguish it, raise its international profile and ensure that it is building upon the reputation of the program that educated and motivated Jeannene Booher."

After graduating from Stephens, Booher went on to study at the Parsons School of Design in New York City and worked with a number of design greats, including Pauline Trigère, Adele Simpson and Arnold Scaasi. She was a partner in and designer for the Maggy London dress company for 10 years. Eventually, she started Jeannene Booher Ltd., where she created her own line of dresses and two-piece outfits that were sold at Neiman Marcus, Barneys, Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom.

Dr. Monica Phillippe McMurry '82, Dean of the School of Design, says it is support from alumnae such as Booher that continues to elevate the caliber of the fashion program, which is ranked among the best in the world.

"The establishment of this lecture series will add to the recognition and prestige of an already-impressive program," she says.

McMurry said Booher is one of the most successful designers to come out of the

Stephens fashion program. She not only created stunning clothing but owned companies at a time when women in the fashion world rarely wielded such power.

"Jeannene Booher is a talented and ambitious woman," McMurry says.

The first guest lecturer sponsored by the new series was Marylou Luther, a longtime friend of Booher's and editor of the International Fashion Syndicate and writer of the award-winning Clothesline column, a question-and-answer fashion advice feature that is read weekly by more than 5 million people. Her coverage of the European collections appears in newspapers throughout the U.S.

Booher believes industry leaders such as Luther can change the trajectory of a student's career when they make a campus visit.

"One of the things I am most interested in is making sure our students have contacts in the fashion industry," Booher says.

Pictured bottom left: Jeannene Thompson Booher '56. Pictured bottom right: Marylou Luther. All dresses and outfits shown were designed by Jeannene Booher during her career.



Going Pink to Go Green



One Earth-friendly gift
helps students go the distance.

You can't help but notice the new pink bicycles on Stephens' campus. These cheerful beach cruiser bikes can be found parked on the residential quad outside of Tower Hall—when they aren't being sported around town by Stephens students.

This striking regiment of pink bikes is part of a bikeshare program that was funded by an anonymous donor this summer.

The concept is simple. Students check out a bicycle, helmet and bike lock free of charge. The bikes are housed outside of the Office of Campus Security and that office administers the program, which has seen a lot of interest in its first semester.

"The bike program is really convenient," says **Emma Waters '18**, a frequent bike-share user. "I check out the bikes all the time to go to and from work. It's really nice to have something so readily available as a means of transportation."

Students have been asking for a bikeshare for a while. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, Stephens was able to launch the program this academic year.

"There are many reasons students and parents like the bikeshare concept," says Director of Campus Security Ken Hammond, who was involved in the program setup. "Our location bordering downtown Columbia provides our students many opportunities for work and play that are just a bike ride away. It also helps that Columbia is a bike-friendly town. This program is a practical and affordable way to get around.

"It's also incredibly convenient. We have everything a student needs; no one has to invest in a new bike or transport her own from home. Our students and their families are also drawn to the Earth-friendly aspect of the bikeshare program. It's great that we can 'go green' and also serve our students' needs."

Hammond says the bikeshare program is the next logical extension of Stephens' other Earth-friendly transportation initiatives. The College already offers regularly



scheduled group shuttles to popular retail stores around town, which puts fewer cars on the road. And last spring, Campus Security also introduced a carshare program.

"Most of our students don't need a car on campus, but there are times when job interviews, doctor's appointments and other commitments do pop up," he says.

Stephens has an arrangement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, which runs similar carshare programs on other campuses, including the University of Missouri-Columbia. Students who are members of the carshare program can check out the official Enterprise car for a reliable, affordable ride. The current membership cost is \$1, and students pay a low hourly fee for the car, which can be reserved in advance online and has a designated parking space on campus. This program can help reduce the need for cars on campus.

"Bikeshares and carshares are becoming more and more common on campuses around the country," Stephens President Dianne Lynch says. "We have had tremendous positive feedback on the carshare and bikeshare from both students and parents. Even out in the community, people are talking about the pink bikes and what Stephens is doing to help students and the environment. It's exciting to see a project come to fruition that has such an immediate, positive impact."

The bikeshare program's overwhelming success shows how one gift can have a big impact, says Meichele Foster, vice president for institutional advancement and initiatives.

"Every gift matters and has the potential to have a significant impact on the lives of our students," she says. "The gift can be to a specific program or school, student project, athletics team, or scholarship fund, or to the Stephens Fund—which is allocated to the College's areas of greatest need. It all makes a difference, and we appreciate everyone's generosity."

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— Stephens President Dianne Lynch

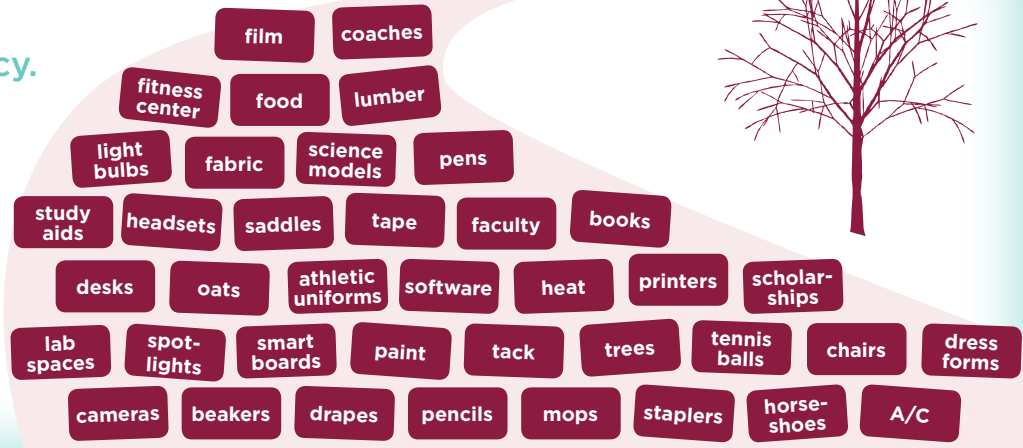
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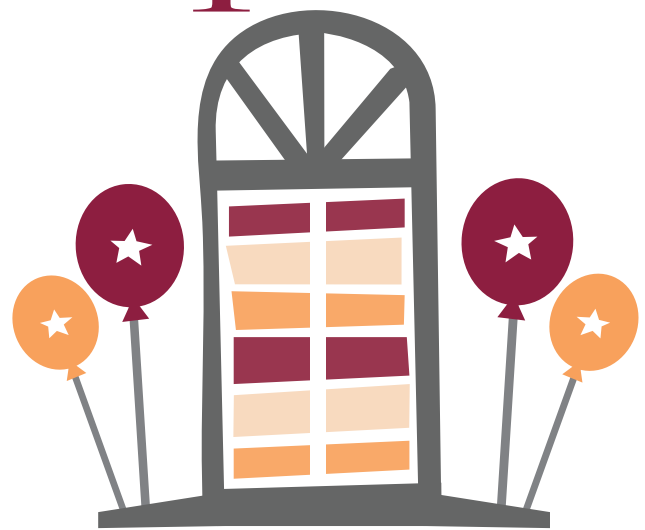


Celebrate Stephens

Whether you live 100 or 1,000 miles from CoMo, we invite you to come home. All are welcome, with special recognition planned for those with class years ending in “2” and “7.”

For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement and Initiatives: (573) 876-7110, alumnae@stephens.edu

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Lasting Legacies

Honoring a decade of success for Creative Ink student firm.

Ten years ago, Dr. Susan Bartel, former dean of the School of Organizational Leadership and Strategic Communication, hatched an idea that Stephens needed to have its own student-run marketing and design firm to strengthen the hands-on experience for students studying PR, marketing, graphic design and communications.

Today, former members of that firm, named Creative Ink, are making their mark in all areas of marketing, design and communications, for companies large, small and their very own. Creative Ink helped shape careers like those of **Charell Strong '12**, who founded the digital lifestyle platform StrongandElite.com, while working in the N.Y.C. fashion industry; **Brittany Goran '13**, who handles advertising, media relations and event planning for the Missouri State Fair; **Bree Martino '14**, who is a graphic designer for Accent Technologies; and many other firm alumnae nationwide.

But it all began, like most great ideas, with a little bit of inspiration and a lot of hard work and commitment. Dean Bartel and several students were headed home from an American Marketing Association workshop when they began dreaming up the idea for

a firm run by students—where they could recreate a professional agency environment.

"The students took on the job of developing the idea further, organizing students, writing a handbook and guidelines and promoting the first Creative Ink team," Bartel says.

That first year, the students (dubbed Creative Inkers) started with internal clients but soon advanced to taking on external clients as well. Under the guidance of Stephens Associate Professor Kate Gray, who serves as the current adviser of Creative Ink, external clients have grown to include the Columbia Regional Airport and the City of Columbia's bus transit system.

"The goal of the program is simple, and closely aligned with Stephens' mission and philosophy: Give students real-world work experience, so they are better prepared for their futures," Gray says. "For Creative Inkers, that means meeting with clients out in the community, helping them solve their business challenges, and producing quality work that meets the clients' budget, project and creative goals on time and with the utmost of professionalism."

Founding Members: Where Are They Now?



Jennifer Anderson '08 B.S., '09 M.B.A.

Former account executive and firm director

Brand manager for Pacific Foods, a nationally distributed organic food company
Portland, Oregon

"I learned incredibly valuable lessons of how hard work can pay off and how the most rewarding experiences don't come easily. My first client ... helped me secure my first real job post-college at an advertising agency."



Rachael Heffner '07

Former lead designer

Television news producer with KMIZ-TV
Columbia, Missouri

"Being part of Creative Ink gave me a sense of confidence. I felt like I was part of something important—it was something official that was working out in the real world."

"The agency follows the same model as working professional advertising and PR agencies. Creative Ink provides students with their first job in their chosen field—while they are still in college."

Moki Lee Blanding '14, a former Creative Ink creative executive, sees that kind of real-world experience as invaluable.

"After graduation, most of the pieces in my portfolio were Creative Ink assignments that had great background stories to talk about to prospective employers," she says. "Creative Ink also taught me how to be professional in a way that is welcoming and powerful. I truly believe that it was the perfect introduction to the real world."

Sarah Coyan '15 credits Creative Ink with helping her land a job straight out of college with Boeing Classic, where she serves as the tournament director.

"Creative Ink taught me to never to do anything half way," she says. "It showed me how to work hard and to push myself. You are the only one in control of your own destiny."

Jori Robinson '12, a senior project manager for Samsung, agreed, saying that working for Creative Ink taught her what real-life deadlines felt like.

"I use that daily in my career as a project manager," she says. "Without that experience to speak to in job interviews, I wouldn't be where I am today. Employers seeing the work you've done prior to graduating is huge."

Creative Ink is sure to impact Stephens women in countless ways in the years to come—thanks to a lot of hard work, creativity and commitment.

News to Know: The stories and artwork featured in this article are included in "Lasting Legacies: Marks Made by Creative Ink Alumnae," a publication produced by current Creative Ink members **Shelly Romero '17** and **Brittany Stanfield '18**. We thank them for their research and hope you'll take a look at the full publication, which spotlights many more Creative Ink alumnae, at issuu.com/stephenscollege. Learn more about the current Creative Ink team: blog.stephens.edu/creativeink.



Elizabeth Harrington Power '08

Former account executive

Director of marketing and public relations for the Women's Center for Advancement, a nonprofit serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault
Omaha, Nebraska

"Creative ink gave me managerial experience, something traditional internships are unable to provide. Learning to motivate and communicate to a team of diverse members has been critical to my continued career."

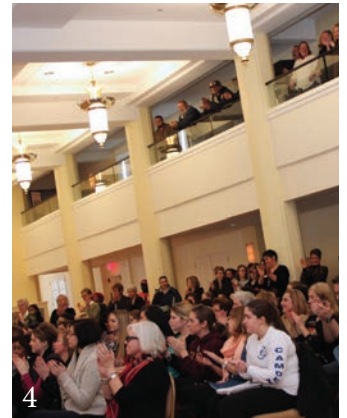


Rikki Takeyama '09 B.S., '10 M.S.L.

Former account representative and firm director

Director of strategic engagement for the St. Louis Regional Health Commission, where she leads a \$1 million community-wide health initiative
St. Louis, Missouri

"It has been humbling to see Creative Ink grow. What started as a few Stephens women has turned into a full-blown firm. ... We are taught that we are strong Stephens women and we can do anything we set our minds to."



Stephens in Review

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Learning

To support our commitment to the creative arts and health sciences, we restructured our programs into four schools: Design, Health Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies and Performing Arts. New programs of study, aligned with high-growth career fields, were introduced in each of the schools during the last five years. Two new graduate programs quickly proved in high demand.

Building

The "Room to Grow Campaign for Classrooms" renovated classrooms and lab spaces in Pillsbury Science Center, Dudley Hall and the Learning Center. The Davis Art Gallery was remodeled into a flexible innovation space and the Center for Career and Professional Development expanded to provide a wider breadth of services. Most recently, Sampson Hall was transformed into the new Center for Health Sciences (see page 4).

Welcoming

Our "Home Again" campaign enabled the reopening of the President's Home, signaling our commitment to Columbia and our legacy as a residential college. The president's family resided on campus for the first time since 2003. Today, the President's Home welcomes students, parents, alumnae and friends, and hosts a wide range of events like the popular Movie Night on the President's Lawn.

Giving

In 2014, Stephens received an unrestricted \$15 million gift, the largest gift in her history. Today, that gift is being used to support programs across all schools. The donation is strengthened by the many contributions we receive from donors and friends to our Stephens Fund and other campaigns and initiatives each year. (We sincerely thank every donor who has helped Stephens continue her mission.)



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Celebrating

Last year, we celebrated the 90th anniversary of The Children's School at Stephens College. The elementary classrooms moved to a remodeled Penthouse in the Hugh Stephens Library, allowing students to work more closely with College faculty on collaborative projects. Today, the school is focused on integrating the arts into all areas of the curriculum, which will also benefit our undergraduate education students.

Sharing

In 2014, we shared our "dream up" philosophy, introducing a new brand built around Stephens' never-say-quit attitude. Later that year, we recommitted to our Stars Athletics brand with a student-developed design that celebrates our past, present and future—and the shining star in each of us. The Children's School brand was aligned with the College brand in early 2016.

Innovating

We launched the "There's No Place Like Home" campaign, which is now in its second phase of creating an artist's village at Okoboji. "Tiny homes" sponsored by alumnae, patrons and supporters are replacing the nearly 60-year-old "temporary" housing, and creating a community that welcomes guest artists and celebrates OST's collaborative learning process.

Strengthening

We added soccer (in 2012) and competitive dance (in 2014), to our list of NAIA sports. Our competitive dance team made Stephens history by becoming the first athletic team to qualify for nationals in 2016. Our Athletics program has earned the NAIA Champions of Character Five-Star distinction for seven straight years, receiving its first gold level status this past academic year.

CLASS NOTES

'60s

Barbara Brandon Kaiser '60 says that she would love to hear from any of her Wales Hall friends from 1958-60. She writes: "I think about those days often and how close we all were. We are in our mid-seventies now. How did we all fare?" Barbara is an artist who enjoys photography, painting and pottery. She is a wife, mother and grandmother.

Tari Viney Pasquale '69, who earned her A.A. from Stephens, was hired by American Airlines while in college. She writes: "I became an American Airlines flight attendant (stewardess back then) on Sept. 11, 1969, and am still flying and loving it. I am based out of Chicago and only fly internationally. As of today, I am #17 in seniority in Chicago and #70 over all the bases. It has been a very satisfying career, and I have seen most of the world (there is *always* somewhere new to go), and I plan to continue working as long as my body lets me!"



Stephens alumnae gather for lunch at Stephanie's (famous for their bloody marys!) after a duck boat tour in September. Pictured (L-to-R, clockwise): **Sharon Anderson Weitz '73**, **Nancy Draper Brock '74**, **Debbie Demaray Ezzell '74**, **Marilyn Summer Firestone '74**, **Denise Brada '74**, **Catherine "Cathe" Lane Gray '73**, **Leslie Goldsmith Katz '74**, **Michelle Elchert Battin '74**, **Sandra "Sissy" Gorden Boyd '74**, **Jill Sater '74**, **Susan Hull Honeycutt '74**, **Suzie Strong Burgess '73**. Missing from photo: **Marsha Cohan Alpert '74**.

'70s

Michelle Elchert Battin '74 reports that Class of 1973-74 alumnae held a reunion in Boston. She writes: "We've all stayed friends for 46 years and met as complete strangers that fall, all of us, our first venture away from home. We hail from coast to coast, and north and south. A Stephens bond transcends time and distance. We all had an incredible time in Boston." The alumnae all met in Roblee Hall on the second floor in August 1970.

Carla Lindquist Jacobs '75 and a group of her 1975 classmates met as a group for the first time in 40 years. In July, they gathered in Chicago, a good central location since alumnae were coming from Arizona to Virginia. Carla writes: "We laughed until we cried, and it was just like old times! Amazing how, after 40 years, it just takes a few minutes, and we were all back to those days of Stephens." The alumnae reminisced with

REMEMBRANCES

'20s & '30s

Marjorie Buntz Johnson '28 of Winterset, Iowa; April 26, 1991. **Mary David Sass '28** of Bettendorf, Iowa; Sept. 2, 2002. **Marjorie Rainey Karr '29** of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Nov. 28, 2012. **Alyce Shawver Lee '29** of Lake View, Iowa; Jan. 1, 1982. **Glenn Boynton Mitchell '29** of Tulsa, Okla.; Feb. 6, 2008. **Erma Mawdsley Crouch '30** of Algona, Iowa; July 3, 2004. **Eleandor Colley Harmon '31** of Springfield, Ill.; June 5, 1989. **Madelyn Bridges Swaney '31** of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Feb. 15, 2001. **Janet McNeill Bywater '32** of Iowa City, Iowa; Jan. 23, 2006. **Victoria Turner Ruhl '32** of Anamosa, Iowa; April 19, 2005. **Christine Burkland Anderson '33** of Naples, Fla.; March 1, 2011. **Virgil Crook Barritt '33** of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Aug. 2, 2000. **Helen Verstegen Bollman '33** of Sioux City, Iowa; April 28, 2006. **Dorothy Manhard Erb '33** of Rock Island, Ill.; July 13, 1988.

Elizabeth Lapham Robbins '33 of Battle Creek, Mich.; July 2, 2007. **Edith Sloan Allen '34** of Winnetka, Ill.; Dec. 22, 2007. **Vera Roten Goodman '34** of Edmond, Okla.; March 30, 2005. **Helen "Lee" Heinen-Seidel '34** of Houston; Aug. 29, 2014. **Gayle Gildner Boyd '35** of Marshalltown, Iowa; Dec. 9, 2013. **Wilhelmina Wolf Carey '35** of West Bloomfield, Mich.; Oct. 19, 2011. **Phyllis McDannell Gibson '35** of Moline, Ill.; July 25, 2008. **Dorothy Paynter Shine '35** of Anderson, Ind.; Jan. 31, 2012. **Ruth Vlcek Dunn '36** of Eugene, Ore.; April 7, 2011. **Elisabeth Miller Hanson '36** of Urbana, Ill.; May 14, 2016. **Betty Carver Lumbattis '36** of Sylvania, Ohio; Sept. 21, 2013. **Janet Mauzy '36** of Greensburg, Ind.; Sept. 26, 2011. **Ruth Walker Rutenbeck '36** of Eldridge, Iowa; March 1, 2013. **Enid Evans Shirley '36** of Stuart, Iowa; Jan. 9, 2015. **Mary DeMoss Sjostrom '36** of Palo Alto, Calif.; Oct. 9, 2011. **Mary Congdon Alderton '37** of Chicago;

Dec. 30, 2014. **Lucille Schoen Irwin '37** of Des Moines, Iowa; Feb. 12, 2010. **Virginia Shipman '37** of Oklahoma City; Dec. 12, 2004. **Marijean Wagner Ackerson '38** of Cicero, N.Y.; Jan. 26, 2016. **Mary Ann Rice Faust '38** of Houston; Oct. 15, 2015. **Elaine Newby Shepherd '38** of Edmond, Okla.; Dec. 24, 2013. **Joan Olds Bruckner '39** of Pasadena, Calif.; July 25, 2016. **Gloria Hanson Flammang '39** of Encino, Calif.; Aug. 26, 2016. **Frances Crockett Frear '39** of Pittsburgh; May 11, 2014. **Dr. Elizabeth Kennedy Knuth '39** of Princeton, Mass.; Sept. 17, 2016. **Jean Godfrey Tyner '39** of Sugar Land, Texas; Feb. 13, 2016. **Jean McLachlan Whittier '39** of Grand Rapids, Mich.; July 21, 2016.

'40s

Christine Shults Blue '40 of McKinney, Texas; April 19, 2004. **Irene Cole Jones '40**

photos they had brought, went out to eat, shopped and toured the Windy City. Stephens alumnae in attendance were: **Lisa Kaseman Anderson '74**, **Joan Scott Dixon '75**, **Dana Frederickson Hess '75**, **Carla Lindquist Jacobs '75**, **Deborah Snowwhite Kutner '74**, **Nancy Glyman Scott '75** and **Diann White Woodard '75**. During their Stephens days, they were good friends through their sorority, Kappa Alpha Phi, and by living in Hillcrest and Tower halls. The Stephens women hope to make their mini-reunion an annual event. As Carla says, "We are sorry we waited so long, but it is never too late to do it."

Lisa C. Hickman '77 recently edited a new book, "Remembering: Joan Williams' Uncollected Pieces." Lisa visited Stephens as part of the English department's visiting writers series in 2007, and discussed her first book, "William Faulkner and Joan Williams: The Romance of Two Writers," with students, faculty and guests.

Margie-Nan Elias Eisenberg '78 has added another career to her list: Independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay. She writes: "Loving it! It allows me to continue acting in local theatre, commercials and the opera—(my fave!), and teach SilverSneakers [a fitness program

for seniors], sew and travel! Reminds me of the sisterhood of Stephens. I miss that so much!" She would love to hear from fellow alumnae; contact her at meisenberg2@marykay.com.

A group of Stephens alumnae (who attended the College in the late 1970s to early 1980s) has been meeting biennially since 2012. "We started getting together to celebrate our shared past, explore local culture, have amazing meals, and, most importantly, reconnect and laugh a lot," **Dr. Kendra Moore '81** says. For

their first reunion, the alumnae met in Boston and then in 2014, they gathered in Chicago. This past summer, the group set their sights further and traveled abroad to Céret, France, and Barcelona, Spain, where they visited museums and markets; the Dalí Museum in Figueres, Spain; Gaudi's Casa Batlló in Barcelona; and an artisanal vinegar distillery. A smaller group also spent time in Normandy and Mont Saint-Michel before meeting in Céret. Kendra writes: "Some of us met each other for the first time; some reconnected after more than three decades! Though we've gone down different paths and are



This past summer, Stephens alumnae gather in Céret, France. *Pictured (L-to-R):* Sara Jacobson '82, Valerie Adler '81, Susan Sondergaard Ankrom '81, Carrie Barnett '82, Diane Amelia Reed '80, Linda Wright '79, Jeanette Poillon '79, Anne Pedersen '80, Dr. Kendra Moore '81, Lori Pinkerton-Rolet '81. (Note: Betsy Metzger '79 and Vicki McCash Brennan '81 attended the group's prior get-togethers.)

of Naples, Fla.; Sept. 6, 2016. **Carolyn Gouwens Jones '40** of Indianapolis; July 22, 2016. **Barbara Burrington Mehrens '40** of Sioux Falls, S.D.; May 31, 2016. **Marjorie Suddarth Mims '40** of Overland Park, Kan.; Sept. 22, 2015. **Mary Alice Thebo Finlayson '41** of Idaho Falls, Idaho; June 8, 2016. **Virginia Slavik Koch '41** of Pasadena, Calif.; March 22, 2016. **Sherry Prugh Reynolds '41** of Arlington, Va.; March 18, 2016. **Belle Morris Boles '42** of Columbus, Ohio; May 5, 2016. **Barbara Foley Dwyer '42** of Ellsworth, Maine; Oct. 15, 2015. **Phyllis Van Slyke Harris '42** of Merritt Island, Fla.; May 29, 2016. **Betty Hartman Himmelblau '42** of Austin, Texas; Sept. 3, 2015. **Mary Walter Johnson '42** of Brainerd, Minn.; Jan. 22, 2016. **Jacqueline Spalding Salb '42** of Frankfort, Ill.; Jan. 24, 2016. **Margaret Griot Samuels '42** of Hill City, S.D.; Oct. 18, 2014. **Mary Loraine Shimp '42** of Braman, Okla.; June 11, 2015. **Maridelle Wolf Wallace '42** of

Monmouth, Ill.; July 18, 2016. **Margaret Work Dilley '43** of Whitehall, Mich.; April 12, 2016. **Jean MacArthur Ennis '43** of Hendersonville, N.C.; Aug. 5, 2016. **Betty Jean Meyer Goelzer '43** of Plymouth, Wis.; March 4, 2016. **Beverly Garner Moore Graves '43** of Miami Beach, Fla.; May 11, 2016. **Katherine Tye Williams '43** of Quincy, Ill.; July 1, 2016. **Betsy Rogers Martin '45** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Sept. 16, 2015. **Myra Jean Mohler Morrow '43** of Chambersburg, Pa.; Sept. 4, 2015. **Marjorie Burton Mott '43** of Bethlehem, Pa.; Sept. 4, 2015. **Johnette Walden McCullough '43** of Shreveport, La.; Nov. 8, 2015. **Rosemary Wilmeth Reeves '43** of Sequim, Wash.; Jan. 4, 2016. **Jean Oslage Shrode '43** of Evansville, Ind.; Sept. 7, 2016. **Katherine Hamby Williams '43** of Quincy, Ill.; July 1, 2016. **Anne Guest Ameden '44** of Fairlee, Vt.; May 3, 2016. **Jean De Graff Campbell '44** of San Diego; May 9, 2016. **Bonnie Ploner Clark '44** of Atlantic Beach,

Fla.; April 12, 2016. **Mary Lycan Crotts '44** of Wichita, Kan.; Dec. 25, 2012. **Jane Brickbauer Ewbank '44** of Cleveland; March 5, 2013. **Gloria Sagner Harris '44** of Baltimore; Feb. 22, 2016. **Mary Kosovnic Hauser '44** of Rochester, Minn.; July 14, 2016. **Kay Seymour House '44** of Payson, Ill.; Aug. 5, 2016. **Jeanne Gastel Jung '44** of Buffalo, N.Y.; Oct. 1, 2015. **Dickey DuVall Netherland '44** of Atlanta; Sept. 19, 2015. **Elizabeth Corbridge Saddler '44** of Midland, Mich.; July 6, 2016. **Jean Reule Wild '44** of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Sept. 23, 2015. **Joyce Burrington Barsaleau '45** of Oceanside, Calif.; May 23, 2016. **Gwendolyn Smith Bartlett '45** of St. Joseph, Mo.; July 18, 2016. **Phyllis Nitardy Behrens '45** of Waukesha, Wis.; Aug. 6, 2016. **Bettie Lou Carpenter Conyngham '45** of Shavertown, Pa.; Feb. 8, 2016. **Joy Kleck Crews '45** of Austin, Texas; March 15, 2016. **June Darnall Hadley '45** of Coatesville, Ind.; Oct. 15, 2015. **June**

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spread around the globe, we found much in common and much to appreciate in each other and the world."

'80s

Wendy Hammitt Wright '81 is a learning specialist at Reynolds Learning Academy, an alternative public high school in the Portland area. She teaches high school students with learning disabilities. Wendy found and married "Mr. Wright" three years ago. They enjoy their home in rural Oregon, which they share with ducks, chickens, cats and two Boston terriers.

Margaux "Margo" Gray-Afanasyev '88 works as a fashion stylist for New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing. In May, she helped run a fashion show that benefited a planned multi-million dollar housing project for deaf seniors. She also teaches at Middlesex County College.

In June, four Stephens women enjoyed dinner in New York City and reminiscing about their college days. "We had such a wonderful evening catching up," **Jeanne Acker Williams '84** says. "I love these special Stephens ladies!"

'90s

Tricia Brouk '91 recently directed *Sublets*, an eight-episode online series about 20-somethings figuring out life in the Big Apple. She is directing a one-woman show called *Bette Davis Ain't For Sis-sies* at The Players in N.Y.C. In addition, Tricia recently launched a podcast series called *The Big Talk* (thebigtalknyc.com). She writes: "I talk about how I apply my experience working with actors and playwrights to public speakers and help bring their life-changing speeches into focus."



'00s

Yvonne Chamberlain '01 completed her Master of Science in Higher Education with specialization in College Teaching and Learning from Walden University in February. This spring, she was inducted into the newly chartered Central Missouri (MO) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, which is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer-service organizations, created primarily to serve the African-American community. Yvonne is working toward an Ed.D. in Higher Education and Adult Learning at Walden University. She owns her own company called Social Butterfly Originals, a design firm that specializes in original, custom and redesigned apparel, jewelry and home furnishings.

Tandy Latham Gutierrez '01 and **Erin Keating '82** originally met on the Stephens College Alumnae Facebook group in 2015, when Tandy posted a promotional deal for her online business, Mat & Kitchen. The pair met in person when Tandy, who is recognized as one of the nation's foremost Pilates and fitness

Pictured front row (L-to-R): Jeanne Acker Williams '84, Anne Bass Diskin '84. Back row (L-to-R): Denise Guitteau Keane '84, Mary Nance-Tager '84.

REMEMBRANCES

Leftwich Head '45 of Austin, Texas; Feb. 7, 2016. **Ruth Bixler Hoffmann '45** of Indianapolis; April 20, 2016. **Dr. Harriette Lutz Livingston '45** of Dallas; Aug. 12, 2014. **Hildegard Knauth Manley '45** of Tiburon, Calif.; May 10, 2016. **Blanche Shore Oswald '45** of Plant City, Fla.; Nov. 13, 2015. **Marion Gauldin Shaw '45** of Dallas; Oct. 12, 2016. **Carol Haynes Sparrenberger '45** of Newburgh, Ind.; Feb. 6, 2016. **Rosalie Skidmore Wilcox '45** of Houston; Jan. 26, 2016. **Virginia Spencer Bath '46** of Washington Court House, Ohio; Sept. 14, 2016. **Jean Michaelson Carstensen '46** of Fremont, Calif.; July 1, 2016. **Benny Reno Dawson '46** of Denver; Aug. 20, 2016. **Alice Gist Federer '46** of Amarillo, Texas; June 15, 2016. **Marilyn Martin Ferguson '46** of Overland Park, Kan.; May 29, 2013. **Mary Sprott Foster '46** of Boise, Idaho; Oct. 17, 2015. **Anne Gurney Jensen '46** of San Diego; July 23, 2015. **Patricia Burnett Johnson '46**

of Lady Lake, Fla.; Aug. 20, 2016. **Nancy Garrett Logan '46** of Sarasota, Fla.; Feb. 20, 2016. **Letha "Lee" Hughes Loving '46** of San Antonio; July 31, 2016. **Virginia Conner Baugh '47** of Shawnee, Kan.; Nov. 4, 2015. **Barbara Hodges Brandt '47** of Pawleys Island, S.C.; July 16, 2016. **Sarah Laschinger Greene '47** of Gilmer, Texas; Aug. 2, 2016. **Nancy Hale Grove '47** of Louisville, Ky.; June 24, 2016. **Patricia Bassham Gulley '47** of Lexington, Ky.; March 15, 2016. **Shirley Hummel '47** of Houston; March 27, 2016. **Marian Westly Moynihan '47** of San Rafael, Calif.; Jan. 16, 2016. **Paula Maclachlan Palmer '47** of Vancouver, Wash.; Jan. 16, 2016. **Janet Grant Pfeiffenberger '47** of Alpena, Mich.; March 17, 2016. **Alicia Gutierrez Raymond '47** of Auburn, Mass.; Aug. 25, 2015. **Margaret Martyn Thomasson '47** of Fort Worth, Texas; Aug. 27, 2016. **Jerry Jarbeaux Weidenbach '47** of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Oct. 11, 2016. **Joanne**

Carpenter Baxter '48 of Old Saybrook, Conn.; July 15, 2016. **Marianne Schuppener Becker '48** of Dayton, Ohio; Nov. 9, 2006. **Mary Parker Boren '48** of Brookshire, Texas; July 11, 2016. **Barbara Snyder Campbell '48** of Santa Maria, Calif.; Dec. 5, 2014. **Bonnie Ytell Cassidy '48** of Universal City, Texas; Sept. 19, 2005. **Carol Sharpe Clark '48** of Columbia, S.C.; Feb. 2, 2016. **Kathleen Sweeney Hughes '48** of West Grove, Pa.; Aug. 27, 2015. **Beverley Bell Kinnear '48** of Del Mar, Calif.; July 21, 2016. **Ora Pauline Keele Klipfel '48** of Norristown, Pa.; May 18, 2016. **Jacqueline Cooke Mainous '48** of Lexington, Ky.; March 30, 2016. **Joan Metzger Muraro '48** of Springfield, Ill.; Aug. 9, 2016. **Carolyn Davis Newport '48** of Springfield, Mo.; Oct. 10, 2015. **Alice Wilson Ryan '48** of Fort Wayne, Ind.; July 21, 2016. **Lois Olmem Strom '48** of Indian Wells, Calif.; July 13, 2016. **Patricia Horton Stubblefield '48** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Aug.

experts, gave a presentation at the IDEA Health & Fitness Association convention in L.A. this past summer. Tandy writes: "Meeting each other was a true gift. The growth of my company has been directly, positively impacted because of Stephens alumnae, and I am beyond grateful. Each and every Susie who joins is like getting a virtual, energetic hug. Feeling that true, feminine support is like nothing else. Every year I understand better the incredible opportunity and great gift it is to be a Stephens alumna. Our love and support of each other is fierce and knows no age, geographical or platform boundary. It's magical." Tandy and husband Mateo have



Tandy Latham Gutierrez '01 and Erin Keating '82 in L.A. this summer.

two sons, Milo, 9 and Sam, 5. Erin writes: "I am delighted to say that Tandy and I are friends, and Stephens made that possible. I am ever grateful for the amazing opportunity to know Tandy and to learn so much more about physical health and wellness from the inside out. It has improved my life and outlook immeasurably. Stephens just keeps on giving back to me!" Erin, who took her first trip overseas as an Oxford scholar while at Stephens, has traveled to Argentina, Ireland, France, Mexico, England, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Switzerland and the Netherlands, as well as every U.S. state. She has two sons, ages 15 and 19. Erin works as the office manager at the corporate office of Trader Joe's. She earned an M.B.A. from California State University, Northridge and previously worked in the financial services industry until about 2009.

Dr. Bronwyn MacFarlane '03 M.Ed. has been promoted to full professor of gifted and talented education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She writes: "The standard university promotion clock to full professor is 12 years among the junior faculty ranks, and I've been

at UALR for just eight highly productive years. Moreover, only 10% of women on the university tenure track are ever promoted to the senior rank of full professor." Bronwyn is the first graduate of the College of William and Mary doctoral program in gifted education program administration and leadership to reach the senior rank of full professor. Her 2016 book, "STEM Education for High-Ability Learners: Designing and Implementing Programming," received the 2016 Challenger Award from the Arkansas for Gifted and Talented Education Association.



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25, 2016. **Marilyn Moore Von Ehrenkrook '48** of Oakland, Calif.; May 16, 2016. **Anne Hines Weir '48** of Rutledge, Tenn.; March 28, 2016. **Edith Wegman Williams '48** of Vancouver, Wash.; July 10, 2016. **Barbara Vernon Child '49** of Boise, Idaho; Sept. 26, 2015. **Mary Nistendirk Dysart '49** of Overland Park, Kan.; Nov. 10, 2015. **Sarah Allen Ferris '49** of Harlingen, Texas; May 12, 2016. **Betty Moore Green '49** of Houston; Aug. 22, 2016. **Elizabeth Carl Bell Levinson '49** of Rockland, Del.; Aug. 15, 2016. **Edith Perkins Lustig '49** of Lincoln, Neb.; Aug. 5, 2016. **Betty Violet Murdick '49** of Columbus, Ohio; April 4, 2016. **Jo Ann Grogan Palmer '49** of Bellevue, Wash.; Nov. 24, 2014. **Barbara Reel Philip '49** of Sacramento, Calif.; Oct. 22, 2015. **Betty Sullivan Potter '49** of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Nov. 5, 2015. **Joan Fleming Tanner-Winter '49** of Fullerton, Calif.; May 27, 2016. **Verna Cogan Toms '49** of

Woodstock, Ga.; May 17, 2016. **Joan Edwards Walker '49** of Jackson, Mich.; Jan. 21, 2016.

'50s

Joan Besse '50 of Swampscott, Mass.; April 26, 2016. **Elizabeth Smith Campbell '50** of State College, Pa.; May 9, 2016. **Cherie Detherage '50** of Burbank, Calif.; July 16, 2008. **Barbara Sheehe Hanson '50** of Eden, Utah; Dec. 3, 2014. **Elmira Ann Harrison Parnell Gregorie '50** of Baton Rouge, La.; Oct. 9, 2015. **Mary Louise "Lou" Leaf Rice '50** of Indianapolis; May 8, 2016. **Carol Yager Wehmuller '50** of Severna Park, Md.; Sept. 2, 2016. **Patricia Wright Adams '51** of Tucson, Ariz.; June 16, 2016. **Kathryn McLaughlin Albers '51** of Largo, Fla.; July 30, 2015. **Margaret Wilson Beckman '51** of Jasper, Ind.; June 6, 2016. **Suzanne Coonan Conyers '51** of Des Moines, Iowa; May 25,

2016. **Mary Hall Cross '51** of Palm Desert, Calif.; Sept. 8, 2015. **Joyce Husselman Markey '51** of Bryan, Ohio; May 8, 2016. **Agnes Hamblen McDonald '51** of Wilmington, N.C.; June 8, 2016. **Helen Robbins Mulvihill '51** of Denver; March 1, 2016. **Julia Vinyard Weathers '51** of Benton, Ill.; Aug. 7, 2016. **Barbara Whiting Allison '52** of La Quinta, Calif.; March 13, 2016. **Mary Retterbush Green '52** of Columbus, Ohio; Feb. 9, 2016. **Laura Van Dyck Mathews '52** of Wallingford, Conn.; March 5, 2016. **Suzanne McCormick Rickards '52** of Richfield, Ohio; July 2, 2016. **Shirley Whorff Fendon '53** of Bishop, Calif.; April 28, 2016. **Sally Shafer Gerlich '53** of Elk Grove, Calif.; Nov. 4, 2008. **Kay Haskell Seraphine '53** of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Dec. 31, 2015. **Bessie Hagaman Doebbler '54** of Huntsville, Texas; July 14, 2016. **Pattie Pittman Gilbert '54** of Dallas; Feb. 9, 2016. **Joan Davis Guylas '54** of Tucson,

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Bailey Renee Stewart '06 married Michelle Stewart on March 5, 2016, in Folsom, Calif. **Stacy Billman '07** served as her bridesmaid. Other Stephens Susies in attendance were: **Whitney Bailey '08**, **Maggie Laskowitz '09** and **Etosha Moh '08**. Bailey teaches at Shalom School, a private community day school, and Michelle is a supervisor at Starbucks.

Sarah Carnes '07 works as the director of marketing for Fresh Ideas, a food service management company, in Columbia, Mo. She and her company, in partnership with Lucova, recently won a Graphic Design USA award in the corporate identity category for their FreshX food app.

Laura Dehner Gibbons '07 has opened an independent bookstore called The Red Hen Bookshop (redhenbookshop.com). Laura recently added a platform for e-books and audio books, and she plans to open a brick-and-mortar store in Hannibal, Mo.

Alex Geisler '07 helped start Stephens' pilot pet floor program in Fall 2004 with Abbey Road, her beloved Jack Russell terrier. She graduated from Stephens with degrees in business, digital filmmaking and theatre arts, as well as an A.A. Alex



writes: "My degree goals and passion while attending Stephens were to train animals for film and TV; that major was not offered, but I made it my own. You would see me with other fellow pet owners around campus or down at the Stephens stables learning to ride and train Blondie—a miniature horse owned by **Ellen Beard '84**, a former [Stephens Equestrian] faculty member—how to take a bow. I guess you could say I made my own major in the film and theatre classes." She owns a pet care business, Geisler's Pet Services (GPS), in Columbia, Mo., and

shows AKC standard smooth dachshunds and Russell terriers. Alex also breeds and takes her Russell terrier, London, to St. Louis and Kansas City to attend modeling gigs on the side for pet companies. She aspires to take London's girls, Brighton and Britain, to The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

'10s

Katherine Johnson Powell '10 married Nicholas Powell on Oct. 10, 2015. **Kirstie McDermott '10** and **Abigail Herzog '11** were bridesmaids, and **Nicolette Boese Spears '10**, **Michaela Sherman '09** and **Halley Taylor '08** also were in attendance. The couple lives in Papillion, Neb., where Katherine is a dance instructor and a special education paraprofessional. Nicholas works in aircraft maintenance in the United States Air Force.

Shannon McBride Schoeck '12 married Mark Adam Schoeck on Jan. 23, 2016, at Concordia Lutheran Church in St. Louis. **Victoria Gregerson '12** was a member of her bridal party, and **Heather Korman '10**, **Shannon Forcade '12**, **Hannah Hessler '12**, **Jacqueline Madey '13** and **Cara Stubenrauch '12 B.F.A., '13 M.S.L.** were also in attendance.

REMEMBRANCES

Ariz.; March 15, 2016. **Janet Leahey Jones '54** of Metairie, La.; Feb. 24, 2016. **Llewellyn Douglas Krech '54** of Woodinville, Wash.; March 13, 2013. **Diane Leslie Russell '54** of Asheville, N.C.; June 29, 2016. **Ann Forrester Sumner '54** of Novato, Calif.; July 31, 2014. **Patricia Bailey Waterfield '54** of Springfield, Mo.; Sept. 1, 2016. **Carole Vollmer Bemke '55** of Caledonia, Mich.; Oct. 9, 2016. **Joan Wickersham Bond '55** of Monticello, Ind.; May 20, 2016. **Mary Helen Goodwin Flanagan '55** of Gilbert, Ariz.; Feb. 11, 2016. **Margery Klain '55** of Philadelphia; Sept. 11, 2015. **Constance Bradshaw Morrill '55** of St. Louis; June 5, 2015. **Susan Williams Ritchie '55** of Stow, Ohio; Aug. 28, 2016. **Janet Eickhof Rydstrom '55** of Pittsburgh; Feb. 12, 2016. **Beverly Hussman Brodbeck Hill '56** of Springboro, Ohio; April 11, 2016. **Sheila Haring '56** of Auburn, Ind.; Dec. 24, 2011. **Jo Craig Jackson '56** of Simpsonville, Ky.; April 5, 2016. **Marian Gano Riley '56** of Harvard, Ill.;

Dec. 18, 2000. **Gretchen MaHanna Roach '56** of Monticello, Ind.; Feb. 25, 2016. **Lucia Ready Waters '56** of Danville, Va.; Dec. 17, 2014. **Grace Gage Butler '57** of Canandaigua, N.Y.; July 5, 2016. **Mautrecia Roberts Greene '57** of Vancouver, Wash.; March 12, 2016. **Mary Ann Jarmon King '57** of Natchitoches, La.; April 28, 2016. **Chloe Edwards Owen '57** of Lexington, Texas; Aug. 20, 2016. **Patricia Fletcher Wheeler '57** of Ely, Minn.; Feb. 13, 2016. **Georganne Llwyd Alread '58** of Fort Worth, Texas; March 12, 2016. **Caroline Marbury Bright '58** of Muscle Shoals, Ala.; Sept. 3, 2016. **Lou Wight Lester '58** of Blythe, Calif.; Aug. 25, 2016. **Carol Parsons Linn '58** of Warsaw, Mo.; July 22, 2016. **Linda Baisinger McCarthy '58** of Bakersfield, Calif.; May 29, 2016. **Margery Lowe McInnes '58** of Canton, Ohio; Oct. 20, 2015. **Bette Weatherford White '58** of San Antonio; April 9, 2016. **Rebecca Herrmann Chudik '59** of Midvale,

Utah; Sept. 10, 2015. **Karen Gosch Hougard '59** of Green Bay, Wis.; Oct. 22, 2015. **Lillian French Poole '59** of Midland, Mich.; May 17, 2016.

'60s

Elisabeth Bray Blohm '60 of Memphis, Tenn.; Nov. 9, 2015. **Jean Lewis Hunt '60** of St. Louis; July 6, 2016. **Susan Wasdin Parrish '61** of Bremen, Ga.; Oct. 4, 2016. **Virginia Vockel '61** of Boxborough, Mass.; Feb. 25, 2016. **Nancy Farlow Kvittum '62** of Fargo, N.D.; Jan. 26, 2016. **Laura Campbell Justis '63** of Forest, Va.; Sept. 15, 2006. **Carol Culleton Sweet '63** of Savannah, Ga.; Nov. 4, 2015. **Phyllis Swanson Barnard '64** of Parker, Colo.; May 20, 2016. **Anna Abercrombie Schepker '64** of Hoover, Ala.; March 30, 2016. **Diane Schuster '64** of Pompano Beach, Fla.; Oct. 20, 2015. **Marlys Thurber**

Lily Brodzinski Hitchcock '13 married Wade Hitchcock on June 4, 2016, in St. Louis. The ceremony and reception were held downtown at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in the historic Statler Ballroom. Lily writes that the wedding felt like a Stephens Susies reunion event, as 14 alumnae were in attendance. (Note: View a group photo from the reception in the Table of Contents.) Stephens Susies in attendance (pictured top row, L-to-R): **Stephens alumna Lauren de Leon; Nichole Twenter Wilmsmeyer '13**, bridesmaid; **Samantha Thompson Twenter '13**, bridesmaid; **Lily Brodzinski Hitchcock '13**;

Ashley Kelly '12; Katie Hembree Martin '12; Myranda Hausheer '12; Stacey Silman '13. Bottom row (L-to-R): **Dorothy Fischel '13; Elsie Vieira '13**, bridesmaid; **Stephanie Miller '15; Jamie Warren '15; Anne Robertson '14; Katlin Smith Trefney '13.** **Samantha Wielansky '12** also attended but is not pictured. Lily and Wade, who tied the knot after eight years together, live in Chicago, where Lily works as a graphic designer with CBRE, a corporate real estate firm, and Wade is an account manager with CDW-G, a technology solutions company.



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'64 of Ponca City, Okla.; Aug. 6, 2015. **Linda Kassak Stabenow '65** of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; April 22, 2015. **Jo-Carole Trenfel Whitlock '65** of Tyrone, Ga.; Aug. 28, 2015. **Cynthia Streeter Halterman '66** of Spokane, Wash.; April 25, 2016. **Frances Prevatt McLean '66** of Fairmont, N.C.; Aug. 24, 2016. **Nedra Dome Merker '66** of Acworth, Ga.; March 14, 2016. **Nancy Brooks Robinson '66** of Beaufort, S.C.; Feb. 2, 2016. **Carole Gordon Lutnick '67** of Louisville, Ky.; May 4, 2013. **Judith Atkinson Prychodnik '67** of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; March 27, 2016. **Elisabeth Hixon Stuart '67** of Orlando, Fla.; Jan. 6, 2016.

'70s, '80s & '90s

Susan Gillett Basalay '70 of Farmington, Ill.; Oct. 22, 2015. **Judith Repp Eiffert '70** of Nixa, Mo.; April 18, 2016. **Bonne Eckert**

Conroy '71 of Bay Village, Ohio; July 31, 2016. **Nanci Corder Lewis '71** of Nashville, Tenn.; May 29, 2016. **Carol Connell Bressler '72** of San Antonio; Aug. 5, 2016. **Barbara Letheren '73** of Rockaway Park, N.Y.; March 31, 2015. **Sue Bolton '74** of Kansas City, Kan.; Jan. 29, 2016. **Patrice Fisher Crocker '75** of Mayflower, Ark.; Jan. 16, 2014. **Kathleen Frank '75** of Lombard, Ill.; May 22, 2016. **Viola Kassel Kuecker '75** of St. Louis; April 22, 2016. **Lisa Lewis LePage '76** of Whittier, Calif.; Feb. 26, 2016. **Lucy Dolk '77** of Lake Forest, Calif.; Sept. 4, 2016. **Debra Upp Gagliano '77** of Phoenix; Nov. 16, 2015. **Kay Nichols Nichols '78** of Mount Airy, N.C.; Dec. 22, 2015. **Cynthia Fuchs-Morrissey '80** of Macon, Mo.; May 1, 2016. **Christi Hammond '81** of Independence, Mo.; Nov. 12, 2015. **Delores Pollare '83** of Cheyenne, Wyo.; June 20, 2016. **Patricia Fite Haynes Dye '85** of Rock Hill, S.C.;

Sept. 28, 2016. **Thomas Shlala '91** of Duluth, Ga.; Sept. 23, 2016.

Former Employees of the College

Everett Earl Gourley, Jr., administrator; July 13, 2016. **Gary Lee Harmon, Ph.D.**, chair of the Division of Language and Literature and English faculty; April 5, 2016. **Mary "Molly" O'Meara Melious**, fashion design instructor; July 6, 2016. **Ralph S. Merick**, librarian; April 16, 2016. **Geraldine "Jerry" Coleman Naumann**, executive secretary; Feb. 15, 2016. **Elizabeth Crockett "Betsey" Shay**, director of corporate and foundation relations; July 22, 2016. **Grace Catherine Suft**, instructor; Feb. 7, 2016. **Andrew "Andy" Walker, Ph.D.**, longtime sociology professor; May 27, 2016. **Phyllis J. Wren**, administrative assistant; Feb. 29, 2016.

Club Notes

Alumnae Club of Seattle

The Alumnae Club of Seattle, which has over 100 local Stephens alumnae on its membership roster, hosts an annual lunch, typically in May. This year, alumnae gathered on the upper floor of the Seattle Yacht Club for a program, including lots of nostalgia, reminiscence and a delightful salad lunch. Chris Rigby, director of philanthropy at Stephens, gave an update and answered questions about the College. **Marcia Bishop Zervis '61** and **Susan Bayley Young '62** organized the event. *Other attendees (listed in order of class year) were:* **Norma Demick Baker '48; Phyllis Lahm Foss '48; LaVon Deupree Read '48; Joyce Ketelsen Wampler '49; Nona Shaw Barker '53; Bev Ward Fogle '55; Sara Jane Johnson '56**, Board of Trustees member; **Lynne Wilhau Geer '60; Susan Bayley Young '62; Linda Frye Avery '68; Betsy Appel Maier '76; Jacque Wissel Coyan '89; Katie Marble Cootsona '96; Kaitlin Huffman '11; Ciara McCormack '11; Sarah Coyan '15.**

Pictured (L-to-R): Marcia Bishop Zervis '61, Nona Shaw Barker '53, Susan Bayley Young '62, Linda Frye Avery '68.



Minneapolis Alumnae Group

Earlier this year, **Nancy Hayer '82, Patrice Glendenning '79** and **Karla Reidenbach Barrett '75** reached out to alumnae to form a renewed group in the Twin Cities area. **Anne Ruttger-Neafie '78** helped organize the first get-together during the summer, and in September, the newly reformed Minneapolis Alumnae Group held a get-together at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis. Chris Rigby, director of philanthropy at Stephens, visited from the College to give an update on all things Stephens. *Other alumnae in attendance were:* **Jackie Jacobson Steele '66 A.A., '68 B.F.A.; Cynthia Crawford '76; Dinah Urban '79; Marcia Urban '79; Jennifer Roos '90; Lisa Kipp Moncrief '83.**

“ I met many new members and reconnected with others. We are a diverse group of women, and I enjoy the chance to engage and hear updates about the College. I hope the current students understand the network of women who care about their education and success. ”

—Katie Marble Cootsona '96

Calling all Susies!

Stephens clubs and networks are a great way for you to build new friendships and network with fellow alumnae in your area. Find the group nearest you, or consider starting your own. Learn more at stephens.edu/alumnae (Click on “Alumnae Groups”).

Share your news with us:

We look forward to hearing about your upcoming events. Please submit your club/network news:

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Those in attendance (pictured front row, L-to-R): Stephens alumnus Mark Taylor. Row two (L-to-R): Jennifer Nitzband Flaks '03, Judy Doyen Taylor '73, Silissa Uriarte-Smith '98, Christine Gunnell '95, Toni Anita Hull '04, Andrea Rutherford '04, Jane Cunningham Bensussen '65, Mary Anna Bobbe Noveck '66. Row three (L-to-R): Cindy Young, a guest; Leslie Levin '72; Toni Leach Reinis '67; Kelly McGowen '79; Elyse Bertani '14; Tennessee Martin '11; Shelley Blessing Bay '80. Back row (L-to-R): Etosha Moh '08, Aud Robles '16, Laurie Cooney '83, Julie Berkobien '17 M.F.A., Megan Blanchard, a guest.

LA Women for Stephens

In celebration of Stephens College's 183rd birthday, LA Women for Stephens hosted an afternoon party at the home of **Mary Anna Noveck '86** on Aug. 21. The festivities included a welcome to the newest members **Aud Robles '16** and **Elyse Bertani '14** and a salute to Stephens Board of Trustees members **Stephens alumnus Mark Taylor** and **Silissa Uriarte-Smith '98**. Members enjoyed appetizers with drinks, conversation and updates on the College, including firsthand reports on the successful M.F.A. in TV and Screenwriting, now in its second year in L.A.

“We had a fabulous day with our Stephens friends! Happy birthday to our beloved college!”

— Jane Cunningham Bensussen '65



Pictured (front row, L-to-R): **Mia Rosenberg Spolan '88**, **Ardith Hamilton Kirchhoff '78**, **Cheryl Walker Coleman '66**. Back row (L-to-R): **Frances Mayher Buckland '60**, **Kitsy Battle '77**, **Karen Wilcox Barker '60**.

Atlanta Alumnae Club

In May, members of the Atlanta Alumnae Club attended a luncheon at Under the Cork Tree in Sandy Springs, Ga. The Stephens alumnae networked and shared stories while enjoying lunch. **Cheryl Walker Coleman '66** spoke about Stephens Reunion Weekend 2016—where she celebrated her 50th class reunion—and encouraged others to attend when they can. Gwen Robbins, director of philanthropy at Stephens, spoke about new initiatives and exciting developments at the College. **Ardith Hamilton Kirchhoff '78** and **Kitsy Battle '77**, who recently reinitiated the club, encourage Atlanta-area Stephens alumnae to get involved and join their group. Contact Ardith at ardithkirchhoff@me.com or Kitsy at kitsyb@bellsouth.net.



Stephens alumnae gather at the retirement residence of **Carla Hampton Macartney '52**: Pictured (L-to-R, clockwise): **Chloe Willett '14**; **Joyce Patterson Tinkham '52**; **Carla Hampton Macartney '52**; **Judy Simmons '66**; Gwen Robbins, director of philanthropy at Stephens; **Margene Losee De Young '66**; **Eleanor Blake Selle '53**; **Denise Girtin Daniell '72**; **Nancy Glaze Kneipple '65**; **Ann Willett Kingery '58**.

Denver Area Alumnae

In mid-June, Stephens alumnae in the Denver area enjoyed three gatherings: An afternoon luncheon at the retirement residence of **Carla Hampton Macartney '52** in Denver, an early evening cocktail hour at Guard and Grace in downtown Denver and an afternoon get-together at Boulder Cork in Boulder. "Each gathering brought together old friends, new acquaintances, and lots of networking conversation," said **Ann Willett Kingery '58**, Denver club president. Gwen Robbins, director of philanthropy at Stephens, attended each of the gatherings.

Denver happy hour attendees were: **Grace Baker '11**; **Courtney Hanfland '04 B.S., '06 M.B.A.**; **Betsey Metzger '79**; **Chloe Willett '14**.

Boulder lunch attendees were: **Myhra Diedrick Hill '53**, **Vici Block Davis '80**, **Nancy Bailey Andrews '47**.

“Joining a club is such a rewarding experience ... You meet a variety of women of all ages and all walks of life who have Stephens as an amazing common bond.”

—**Ellen Vollrath '86**, club president and Board of Trustees member



Stephens alumnae and guests gather around the famous Mr. Darcy shirt worn by Colin Firth in the 1995 BBC mini-series of *Pride and Prejudice*. Pictured (L-to-R): Stephens alumnus **Ron Brooks**; **Barbara Coons '70**; **Ellen Vollrath '86**, Board of Trustees member; **Lauri Kempson '77**; **Jean Hoadley**, a guest; **Melissa Hoadley '78**; **Taressa Snelling Fisher '82**.

Alumnae Club of Greater Washington

In October, the Alumnae Club of Greater Washington enjoyed a private tour of the Folger Shakespeare Library's exhibit "Will & Jane: Shakespeare, Austen, and the Cult of Celebrity." The tour also included a discussion of the collection, a history of the library, and a special tour of the Folger's Reading Room. In May, club members gathered at the home of **Betsey Dibert Mulloy '65** for dinner. Shawn Poore, director of philanthropy at Stephens, spoke about recent Stephens happenings, including the start of the new Master of Physician Assistant Studies program.

In Memory

Tammy Grimes

Stephens College alumna Tammy Grimes, who led a distinguished stage career as an actress and singer, passed away on Oct. 30, 2016, in Englewood, N.J., at the age of 82.

In 1970, Grimes received a Stephens College Alumnae Achievement Citation from the College faculty in recognition of her achievements as an award-winning actress, her talent and her "warmth and genuine kindness." Grimes won Tony Awards for her roles in the 1960 musical *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* and in the 1969 revival of Noël Coward's *Private Lives*.

Grimes earned her Associate of Arts from Stephens, where she acted as the leading lady in numerous Playhouse Theatre Company productions. She is most remembered for her performance in *Born Yesterday* in which she played "Billie Dawn," the role portrayed by Judy Holliday in the 1950 film. After Stephens, Grimes studied acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City.

Her Broadway debut came as an understudy to Kim Stanley in the 1955 production of *Bus Stop* in which she played the role of "Cherie." Grimes later was "discovered" by playwright Anita Loos and cast in the lead role in *The Amazing Adele*, appeared off-Broadway in *The Littlest Revue*, and appeared on Broadway in *High Spirits*, a musical version of Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. Grimes also appeared in films, including *Play It as It Lays* and *Slaves of New York*, and television movies and series.

In 1956, Grimes married Canadian actor Christopher Plummer, and their daughter, actress Amanda Plummer, was born in 1957. Grimes divorced Plummer in 1960, and later married and divorced actor Jeremy Slate. In 1971, Grimes married composer Richard Bell, who preceded her in death in 2005.

Dr. Andrew "Andy" Walker

Longtime Stephens College professor **Dr. Andrew "Andy" Walker** of Columbia, Mo., passed away on May 27, 2016, at the age of 71. From 1974-2007, he taught courses in deviance, race relations, drugs, stratification, introductory sociology, statistics and European and Chinese history.

"Andy taught me to be a student of sociology, teaching me how to spot trends ... and about the game of life," **Anne Appleby '81** said. "Andy was the best professor ever."

While at Stephens, Walker was a visiting professor at Xi'an Foreign Languages University in China. He worked as a consultant to the Committee on Substance Abuse, National Research Council. Walker also was a research associate at the Yale School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry, where he assisted in an illegal drug use research project, which resulted in the Yale University Press books "Connections: Notes from the Heroin World" and "Heroin, Deviance and Morality." He worked with former Stephens instructor Rosalind Kimball Moulton on "Photo Albums: Images of Time and Reflections of Self," published in *Qualitative Sociology*.

"Andy was absolutely brilliant and a brilliant teacher," **Janeen Bjork '78** said. "No matter what we were discussing or arguing about, he never made me feel small. He gave me time and space to appreciate the well-researched and well-thought out points he was trying to make."

Walker earned a B.A. in Sociology (with distinction) from Yale University, and an M.A. in Social Relations and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University. He was a member of professional organizations such as the American Sociological Association (ASA) and the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

He is survived by his wife, **Kate Walker '79**, and his brothers, Peter Walker, and his wife, Carole; and John Walker, and his wife, Kathy Babiak.



Tammy Grimes' favorite photo, according to Getty Images. She submitted the photo for use on posters announcing her upcoming appearance at the Plaza Hotel, but hotel management turned it down as too provocative.

Tributes

Memorials may be made to the Stephens Fund in the name of Tammy Grimes or Dr. Andrew "Andy" Walker.

Please send your memorial gifts to: Stephens College Office of Institutional Advancement and Initiatives, 1200 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65215.

To make a donation, you also may contact (573) 876-7110, giving@stephens.edu or stephens.edu/giving.

In Memory

Patricia White Barry



The Undercover Man (1949)
Shown from left: Patricia Barry (as Patricia White),
Glenn Ford, Leo Penn, James Whitmore

Stephens College alumna Patricia White Barry, a Stephens Board of Trustees emerita and accomplished Emmy-nominated actress, passed away on Oct. 11, 2016, at her home in Los Angeles. She was 93. Barry leaves behind her two daughters, Miranda Barry and Stephanie Barry Agnew; and her two grandchildren. She also left a significant impact on Stephens and on the many students she helped.

Barry was known for her many years as an actress in such soap operas as *Days of Our Lives*, *All My Children*, *Guiding Light* and *Loving*. Her television credits number in the hundreds. Extensive film credits include *The Beast with Five Fingers* (1946), her first named role; and *Riders of the Whistling Pines* (1949). She was also an accomplished Broadway actress known for *The Pink Elephant* (1953) and a charter member of Women in Film.

To Stephens, she was an active supporter of the College and served on the Board of

Trustees from 1999-2007. She also served on the Alumnae Association Board from 1984-87, played leadership roles in numerous fundraising campaigns, and established the Patricia Barry Performing Arts Scholarship. She returned many times to perform at Okoboji Summer Theatre (OST).

Barry was honored to return to Stephens in 2005 to accept the Maude Adams Award, which recognizes women who have made major contributions to the American theatre.

"Receiving the Maude Adams Award at Stephens was one of the greatest honors of her life," Miranda Barry said. "Maude Adams was a big part of why Mother came to Stephens. It mattered to her that she had a professional, highly accomplished acting teacher. She always felt that the training she received at Stephens was a huge part of her success."

Agnew said that Stephens played a large role in launching her mother's career.

"Stephens gave her the self-confidence she needed to go off into the big wide world of entertainment," she said. "She always spoke so endearingly of Stephens and talked about how happy she had been there, the many friends she had made, and how much Maude Adams and her other teachers had inspired her."

Barry enjoyed giving back to the College in both formal and informal ways, said daughter Miranda Barry.

"In addition to her more formal work for Stephens, she often recruited students and mentored students as well, especially those she met on her many visits back to Okoboji," Miranda Barry said. "She was always ready to help and was the first stop for many hoping to make it in L.A."

Among those students was **Stephens alumnus Mark Taylor**, now a member of the Stephens Board of Trustees and an accomplished TV and film actor.



The Pink Elephant (1953)
Shown from left: Patricia Barry, Steve Allen



All photos courtesy of Photofest.

"I first met Patricia during my first summer at 'Boji," he said. "We did a play together called *40 Carats*. She was very big in the soaps then with a huge following, so I was nervous about meeting her, but she stood right up and hugged me like she knew me forever.

"She was so good at putting people at ease and so warm and supportive. When I told her goodbye, she looked me right in the eye and said 'You are very, very good. You will do just fine.' That was the first time someone in the business said something like that to me. To a young kid, that was big. Later, she helped me get on *Days of Our Lives* and get my union card. I try now to remember to be as warm and welcoming as she was."

Judy Doyen Taylor '73, who also worked with Barry at OST as a student, was invited to stay with her after graduation.

"Patricia personified the true definition of mentorship," Taylor said. "There is no

question that it was her thoughtfulness and generosity that made it possible and 'safe' for me to take that leap of faith and head west to Los Angeles when I graduated from Stephens. She was the ultimate mentor, always at the ready with sound advice, a fresh perspective and a reminder to never lose your sense of humor.

"I will *always* credit her with being 'The One' who provided me the opportunity to actively pursue my dream of having a career in entertainment. And as if that wasn't enough, she was my most ardent and loyal cheerleader. I will be forever in her debt."

Today, Taylor casts many of the Disney Channel's biggest hits as senior vice president for casting and talent relations.

"Mother believed strongly in the importance of community service, which she credits Stephens for instilling in her," Miranda Barry said. "It was her position that wom-

en should be educated, professional and successful but also actively involved in supporting others. She believed that everyone should get involved to make the world a better place."

In addition to the Maude Adams Award, the College presented Barry with the Alumnae Achievement Award in 1963, and an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts in 2008. The Patricia Barry Studio was named in her honor.

"Stephens was the place closest to home to her," Agnew said. "Stephens was where she really felt like she belonged. There she found herself supported and encouraged to be who she wanted to be and to pursue her dreams and creativity."

After earning her Associate of Arts from Stephens College, Barry received a Bachelor of Science from Barnard College. She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Barry Jr. and her sister, **Stephens alumna Priscilla White Dunn**.

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