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*(Image note: Caroline Lester '21 modeling a Madeline Buasri '20 garment at this year's student fashion show.)*

# From Dianne

Each spring, we hold Honors Convocation here on campus and a part of that event is an emphasis on the *Ten Ideals*. Our *Ten Ideals* have shaped us for more than a century and continue to shape us today. They are not just part of Honors Convocation, not just something we put on our website, not just a student group or a depiction on Journey Plaza — our *Ideals* are who we are and who we aspire to be.

Those *Ideals* shape how we approach challenges and opportunities. This year, we heard feedback from students that we still have work to do to ensure this is a campus that embraces, encourages and celebrates diversity. I'd like to share with you now how we are working together toward the goal of respect and inclusion for all:

- We held a variety of campus events to encourage a range of perspectives ... a town hall for all on-campus students, faculty and staff; freeform "Diversity with Dianne" events for undergraduate students; and a Student Forum sponsored by the Student Government Association.
- We created the position of Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion charged with advancing a campus culture that seeks and supports diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice. A national search began for this position in April.
- We expanded and escalated our schedule of diversity training for employees and students to more rapidly bring our community up to speed on this important issue.
- We launched a nationally vetted survey instrument to solicit anonymous feedback about our campus climate in regard to diversity, equity and inclusion, which will benchmark Stephens against other colleges and provide critical data to shape future programming and strategic initiatives.

It has been a privilege to hear from students and to talk to members of our community about how we can get better. I have had conversations with some of you about your own experiences and your love of Stephens. From these conversations, I have no doubt that together we will learn to be a stronger and more inclusive Stephens.

I invite you now to enjoy your magazine, which includes many stories of amazing Stephens women who honor our *Ten Ideals* every day.

Yours,



Dr. Dianne Lynch,  
Stephens College President



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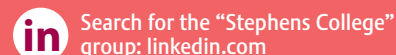
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of the inaugural PA class.



# A Closer Look

A quick dose of Stephens fun facts and interesting stats.

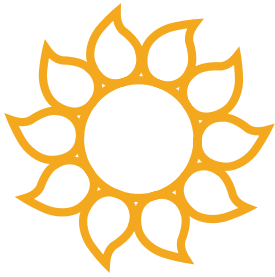
## 100%

First-time board pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) by the inaugural class of Stephens' Master in Physician Assistant Studies program. *Read more about the class on page 6.*



## 1944

The year of Stephens College's first student designer fashion show, now called The Collections. In April, the show celebrated its 75th anniversary. Find out more and view the student-designed garments at [thecollectionsfashionshow.com](http://thecollectionsfashionshow.com).



## 4,546

The square footage of the Weaver Commons, the latest renovation to the Okoboji Summer Theatre campus in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Weaver Commons, which opens this summer in 'Boji's artists' village, features a new building with a kitchen and dining facility and a beautiful rehearsal hall, along with a volleyball court and green space. *Join us at 'Boji this summer! Get show and ticket information: [okobojisummertheatre.org](http://okobojisummertheatre.org).*



## 28



Number of years that Dr. Tina Parke-Sutherland has dedicated to Stephens College. She has taught as a professor of literature, creative writing and women's studies since joining the Stephens faculty in 1991. A retirement celebration was held in her honor on April 4 (*pictured*). A former Fulbright professor, she earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Northern Michigan University, an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Alaska, and a Ph.D. in Languages and Literature from the University of Michigan.

## 200+

Participants in International Women's Day on the Stephens College campus. Stephens students, faculty and staff, and friends celebrated the international theme of #balanceforbetter, helping to promote equality for all by posing for photos by the campus Sursum! statue. With her arms raised in hope, Sursum! provided the perfect setting for the #IWD celebration on March 8. **Nancy Fyfe Cardozier '45** created the life-sized bronze sculpture in 2006.



## Moments That Matter

### *Jinny Kim Gardino Memorial Scholarship*

"Jinny had an extraordinary love for Stephens," says Vincent Gardino of his wife, **Jinny Kim Gardino '82**, who passed away in 2014. "She was the most incredible, giving human being; that's why it was important for me to honor her life and legacy by creating a scholarship fund for Stephens."

The Jinny Kim Gardino Memorial Scholarship Fund began with a suggestion from a friend. Vincent and his brother, Robert, started with a goal of \$30,000. Once they achieved that goal, they worked with the Office of Institutional Advancement on how to structure and fund a scholarship that could be cumulative and ongoing. An annual dinner attended by friends and family is a key part of their fundraising plan. Now in its fourth year, the fund has grown to more than \$150,000.

"It's hard work and my brother and I take it very seriously," Gardino says. "Jinny was brought up to be exceptionally generous. We honor that legacy."

Born in Korea, Jinny spent her childhood in Okinawa, coming with her family to America at age 12. She grew up making pies in her family's Portland, Ore., restaurant.

"Stephens gave her the confidence to make her way in the world, and she always appreciated that," Gardino says.

Jinny spent a long and successful career in finance, becoming vice president and managing director at Morgan Stanley. He says his wife also remained a patron of the arts throughout her life.

"That is why her scholarship is designed to support students pursuing careers in the arts," Gardino says.

**Hope Peña '19**, now a third-year acting major, has been the recipient of the Jinny Kim Gardino Memorial Scholarship for the last two years.

"I am so honored to have received the Jinny Kim Gardino Memorial Scholarship," Peña says. "This scholarship has been such a blessing. We all know college is expensive. On top of all the expenses that cover classes, tuition, books, etc., there are the other expenses that aren't covered in that big bill. For a theatre major like me, some of those items could be character shoes, jazz shoes, ballet shoes, dance clothes, rehearsal skirts, sheet music, plays, makeup, hair supplies, and the list goes on. These necessities can get very costly when you put them all together. But to one stressed student, the helpful donation can make all the difference.

"I hope someday I can be that person for a future Stephens woman who is in my position."

Peña enjoys the feeling of community that comes with being involved in the arts. It is a community that houses so many kinds of people who are all spectacular at what they do, she says.

"We are thankful for the hard work and generous spirit of Mr. Gardino and his family and honored to recognize the legacy of Jinny Kim Gardino," says Dean Gail Humphries Mardirosian. "Hope is an outstanding student who heralds a standard of excellence with all that she does. Her commitment to her craft and her study of the arts is inspiring for our performing arts students. She is a sincere and astute advocate for the arts. She is truly exemplary."

This semester, Peña continues to perform with Stephens' a cappella group, The Velvetones; performed in *Julius Caesar*; served as lighting designer for the Annual Dance Concert; and performed in the dance concert, just to name a few of her commitments.

She also chairs the student-run Warehouse Theatre Company and is a member of the Starbursts student advocacy group. This spring, Peña received the Sara Ann Fay Award for Outstanding Theatre Student, the highest honor awarded to a performing arts student.



"We have really put Jinny's memory to work through this scholarship," says **Shannon Blankenship Walls '93**, special assistant to the president. "I worked with Jinny as an active alumna of Stephens for many years. She was so generous to Stephens and she had enormous appreciation for the arts; this scholarship fund honors and continues that work. We thank Vince and Robert and their incredibly supportive friends for sharing their love for Jinny with Stephens in this beautiful way."

Anyone interested in giving in Jinny's honor should contact [giving@stephens.edu](mailto:giving@stephens.edu) or (573) 876-7110.

## Modern Science Spaces

With the rising demand for professionals in all healthcare disciplines, more and more students are pursuing the many health sciences programs and tracks offered at Stephens College. Thanks to the generous support of the Sunny Sunshine Fund, which is backed by an anonymous alumna donor, the College recently completed significant and holistic upgrades to the Pillsbury Science Center.

Stephens offers a long and pioneering history in science education, but modern facilities and workspaces are also critical. Investment included new laboratories, renovated classrooms, a computer lab (pictured right), a student lounge with flexible group meeting and study space, as well as a HVAC system and appropriate flooring.

The Sunny Sunshine Fund also sponsors an examination room in the Center for Health Sciences at Sampson Hall. This high-tech exam room allows Physician Assistant students to interact with patient actors in a learning space that accurately mimics the clinics they will work in as professionals. The fund also provides for a video system that allows faculty to observe students' interactions with patients and to provide direct and immediate feedback. It's that kind of educational commitment that draws students to the program from around the country.

## Modernized Dorm Rooms

When Suite Dreams, the campaign for modernizing Stephens' dorm furniture, was first introduced at the Stephens College 2017 alumnae reunion, **Anita K. Parran '73** told her fellow Kansas City Luncheon Club members she'd match their donations to the program.

"As usual, our group came through and in no time, we had the necessary monetary commitments," says Parran, who also serves as a Stephens trustee.

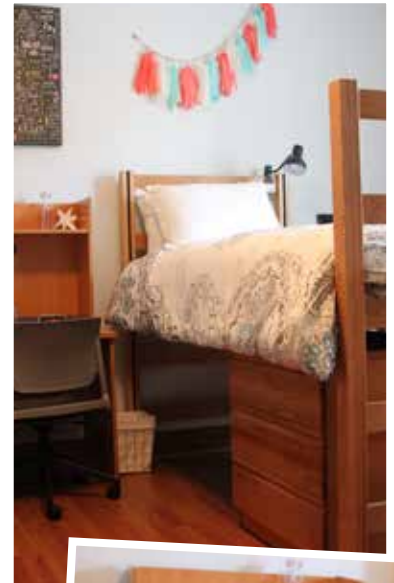
As the first club to sponsor a room, the KC Luncheon Club was asked to sponsor the room prospective students view on their campus tour.

"The best gift, to our surprise and delight, is that the suite will be on display featuring our luncheon club," Parran says. "We are now in the process of collecting decorations for the display with memorabilia that is Kansas City-related and that befits a dorm room."

**Alissa Pei Gorham '08**, director of residential life and education at Stephens, coordinated this winter's new furniture delivery.

"It's been so exciting to see the new furniture on campus thanks to the generosity of our alumnae," she says. "Many thanks to every one of our alumnae who donated to the Suite Dreams campaign to update the furniture in their rooms of choice."

To learn more about Suite Dreams, contact [giving@stephens.edu](mailto:giving@stephens.edu) or visit [stephens.edu/suite-dreams](http://stephens.edu/suite-dreams).



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# Inspired by Stephens

**Dana Heggemann '16 B.S., '18 M.P.A.S.**  
reflects on educational experiences.

Stephens College witnessed a history-making moment in December 2018: The graduation of its inaugural Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) class. Stephens created the program three years ago with the support of a \$1 million gift from **Phyllis Southall Henigson '54**. Sampson Hall received a complete renovation into a state-of-the-art Center for Health Sciences to house the new program, which supports the College's commitment to the health sciences.

One of the first students to graduate from that program was **Dana Heggemann '16 B.S., '18 M.P.A.S.** Heggemann, who has been accepted into the University of Missouri post-graduate Hospital Medicine PA Fellowship Program, considers it an honor to be a part of the inaugural graduating class.

We recently invited the two-time Stephens graduate to share her experiences in the PA program as well as her time as an undergraduate biology student.

**How did the Stephens College M.P.A.S. program prepare you for your future career?** As I look toward my PA future, I feel the Stephens College M.P.A.S. program has prepared me well. The extensive didactic year required me to dive deep into all the medical material and pushed me further in my education than any other program I have completed. The well-developed curriculum laid a solid foundation for my medical knowledge, and the support and encouragement of the faculty made the transition to clinical rotations as smooth as possible. The diverse number of clinical rotations provided every opportunity to experience the whole spectrum of medical fields.

**Did you consider other PA schools before selecting Stephens? How did you come to your decision?** I did explore other PA schools on my journey, but I knew from the beginning that Stephens was where I wanted to stay. Through my undergraduate studies, I built relationships with the faculty and staff of the PA program and saw their passion and the heart that they had put into developing the program. I knew everyone involved was committed to the education of PAs. Plus, having been a part of the Stephens community and culture, there is no place I would rather be. My time at Stephens has played such a large role in helping me become the person I am that I cannot imagine having attended anywhere else. Stephens is home.



PA students complete 13 months of didactic education on campus before completing 14 months of clinical training with rotations in areas including family medicine, women's health, pediatrics, general surgery, behavioral medicine and emergency medicine.

The program helps 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.

**How did your undergraduate education at Stephens prepare you for success in graduate school?** Small class sizes and close relationships with professors allowed me to flourish as a student. I was able to explore topics that sparked my interest and have extra attention in ones in which I had difficulties. While the PA program was beyond challenging, I was able to keep up with the work and my classmates. During my undergraduate time, it was most helpful to work with other students through group projects, involvement on campus, and campus activities, which helped me develop communication skills. PA school is a battle one cannot fight alone. Working with my classmates and helping each other with different subjects was very beneficial to me as an undergraduate.

**What drew you to pursue a career as a PA?** I first learned what a PA was on my first visit to Stephens College from an adviser in the biology program. I was immediately interested in how much PAs aid in filling the gaps in healthcare. I also was drawn to the flexibility of the PA career and the time a PA is able to spend with patients. The forefront of the PA profession is patient care, which is the main reason I fell in love with the PA career. Spending extra time with patients and understanding their journey is the reason the PA profession was the one for me.

**You speak of the amazing community that is Stephens College. How would you describe it to someone who is considering attending?** From my first day at Stephens, I felt supported, as a student, a woman and a young adult who was trying to find her way in the world. The Stephens community allows you to be yourself and to grow as a person. Your Stephens sisters will always be there to help you through anything. You may be having trouble finding motivation to finish your semester or even just your assignment, but you will always have the support and resources at Stephens to help you through it.

When I am off campus in Columbia, visiting other places in Missouri, or around the world, I always run into Stephens alumnae. If I have a Stephens shirt on, I know someone will come up to me saying she went to Stephens or she/he had a woman in her/his life who did. I could normally talk to this person for quite some time about her experience at Stephens, and the conversation normally ends with: "Well, if you ever need anything, you just let me know." The Stephens community will always be there to support its fellow sisters.

**How do you define a Stephens woman?** A Stephens woman is 100% her own person. She always works hard to accomplish her task or help someone else with hers. She has a little sprinkle of all the *Ten Ideals* in her and uses them in the best ways. She is calm in stressful situations, but she is still able to energize a group when necessary. She has a grit and toughness about her that allows her to accomplish any goal put in front of her and to never stop until the job is done.

**What would you say to a young woman in high school considering a career in the sciences/health sciences?** I have to say "go for it!" If you have any interest in science/health sciences, you definitely need to explore it more. I never knew how many options there are out there. I am still learning every day of different professions in the sciences fields. The possibilities are endless and there are jobs to fit every lifestyle.

While growing up, I had always been strong in math and the sciences, so I knew they were the path for me. In attending an all-women's college, I was able to grow my love for science even more. In high school, I would hold back sometimes or not speak up when I knew the right answer. At Stephens, every class was an open door. I never felt worried about asking questions or afraid of not understanding the first time. The support from my fellow Stephens sisters and my professors allowed for a wonderful educational experience.



**Hometown:** Warrenton, Mo.

**Involvement:** Dana played for the Stephens Stars basketball team all four years, serving as team captain and earning All-Academic honors, while setting several school records. She also was/is a member of Tri Beta, biology honors society; Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary for first-year students; Mortar Board, national honor society for seniors; Pre-PA Club; Missouri Academy of Physician Assistants; American Academy of Physician Assistants

**Honors:** Dean's List, *Ten Ideals* (Leadership), Missouri Achievement Award from the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, Emil S. Liston Award from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics



### Bound for PA School: Taylor Edwards '17

**Taylor Edwards '17** has become the second Stephens woman to be accepted into the highly competitive Stephens PA program.

"I am so excited to be back at Stephens as a graduate student," says Edwards, who will begin her course of study in August. "It took me awhile to realize what I wanted to do with my life, but I was surrounded by faculty and classmates who were willing to push me in all the right directions. That support system is the primary reason why I feel that I've been so successful thus far."

Since her undergraduate graduation, Edwards has been building up her patient care experience in preparation for applying for graduate school. After first working as a certified nursing assistant, she received her EMT-B license and now works in the University of Missouri Hospital's emergency department, a Level I Trauma Center. She credits this experience with exposing her to

a wide range of specialties, which will be helpful as she thinks about where her PA degree can eventually lead her.

Edwards recently spoke to undergraduate health science students about the application process for graduate school. She wants to serve as a resource for Stephens students looking for guidance.

"I had so many questions and I want to help alleviate all those troubles for the next group of graduates," Edwards says. "I am so happy that I chose Stephens College as my home for my undergraduate career."

"The faculty and staff have always pushed me to be my best, whether that meant dedicating their office hours to teaching me about organic compounds or writing a recommendation letter for an application. I always felt supported, even after I graduated."



# Difference Makers

Three Stephens graduates follow passions for research.



**Gigi Kreibich '17** A rare-disease researcher, Kreibich is part of an innovative artificial intelligence project designed to help others.

**What have you been doing since graduation?** I'm a researcher at the University of Minnesota in the organic chemistry department. I'm also on the research team for Silicon Valley Artificial Intelligence (SVAI), a nonprofit that bridges the gap between genetics research, networking and computer-based genetic diagnostics. I was looking for more research involvement, and they found me through a mutual friend when they were seeking someone with ultra-rare genomic abnormalities. I now help with communications, networking, some grant writing, and of course, my genetic data.

**What's next for you?** I'm thrilled to announce that I will be speaking as a mainstage presenter on behalf of SVAI this fall at Mayo Clinic's annual research conference, Transform. I'll speak about my experiences as a rare-disease patient (I have hypophosphatasia, a metabolic bone disease) and as a researcher, as well as SVAI's efforts to improve diagnostic protocol and to increase the use of open source data. The presentations will be streamed live online and on NPR during the conference, which is Sept. 25-26.

**How did Stephens prepare you to make a difference?** The biggest thing Stephens did to prepare me was surprisingly not academic but rather through its public speaking and networking training. Thanks to Stephens' close-knit faculty and staff and exemplary networking and communications coaching, I was much better prepared for the social aspect of job hunting and collaborative research.

**What would you say to high school women today considering Stephens College?** You can get a degree anywhere. However, only certain places can educate you more deeply on the topics of social justice, the history of women and women in academia, and show through example the kind of mentor-student relationships that will serve you well after graduation.

“Thanks to Stephens College, I was much better prepared for the social aspect of job hunting and collaborative research.”

—Gigi Kreibich '17

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**Shelley Turner '07** After eight years in the animal feed production industry, Turner is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky.



**Tell us about your research.** At the world-renowned Gluck Equine Research Center in the Department of Veterinary Sciences, I work with industrial hempseed to determine what effects these products have on equine health. Research is always changing and always evolving. It can be very rewarding to figure out a concept or develop new and innovating items.

**You work under the direction of Dr. Amanda Adams '03, a fellow Stephens biology program graduate. How did the two of you start working together?** We reconnected at a conference in Lexington, Ky., in 2010. I had stayed in contact with Amanda because I wanted to get some research in equine with a product I was working on when I was in the poultry industry. From there, it evolved into me coming to work with her on my current projects and working toward my Ph.D.

“Teamwork has been the biggest thing that I learned from Stephens.”  
—Shelley Turner '07

**What did you learn from your time at Stephens that you have applied to your success today?** Teamwork has been the biggest thing that I learned from Stephens. We were always working together in the science program and always trying to help each other understand concepts. We would spend hours together in one of the classrooms studying for exams on zoology or anatomy and physiology. Our program was very close-knit, and I enjoyed that part very much.

**Amanda Adams '03, Ph.D.** An associate professor, Dr. Adams has 10 years of extensive experience in the equine health industry.

**What are your research interests?** I focus on characterizing the immune system of the geriatric horse, by identifying mechanisms responsible for immunosenescence, inflammaging and altered immune responses to vaccination. I'm also interested in further understanding how some endocrine disorders, in particular Equine Cushing's disease, affect the immune response of aged horses. The goal is to improve the health and well-being of the aged horse by identifying interventions that have the potential to improve the function and redox state of the immune system. In addition, I have established research funding to further understand the effect of nutritional intervention on the inflammatory and endocrine response of the equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) horse. There is a growing need to understand mechanisms responsible and pathways involved in EMS. Thus, my goal is to identify potential treatments that target both the inflammatory and metabolic component of EMS to prevent the development of laminitis in these horses.

**Share your thoughts on working with Shelley.** It's great that Shelley's qualifications, as well as her persistence, paid off and now she is part of my research program. I am more than thrilled to be training her as part of the next generation of women in science.

**How did Stephens help prepare you for success today?** As part of the biological sciences program at Stephens, my internship requirement opened the doors to my career path in research. I spent two summers working with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica with its Equine R&D group learning how to make vaccines for horses. That experience led me to pursue my Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky and then continue on as a postdoctoral scholar. I was then offered a position as a research assistant professor and I am now a tenure-track, associate professor at the Gluck Center. It has been quite an exciting journey and thanks to Stephens, I am always trying to pave the way for women in our department to be leaders. Stephens instilled in me that I can be a strong, confident woman, even in the world of veterinary science.

“Stephens instilled in me that I can be a strong, confident woman, even in the world of veterinary science.”  
—Amanda Adams '03, Ph.D.



# 75 Years Strong

## The Stephens Fashion Program: A Look Back

This year, the Stephens College Fashion program celebrated its 75th anniversary. Here we take a look back at some of the major events and accomplishments of this long-standing program.

**1944:** The Stephens Fashion program begins and the first fashion show is held. Muriel King, one of America's first successful fashion designers — known for dressing the likes of Katharine Hepburn as well as for her *Vogue* illustrations — is recruited by President James Madison Wood to lead the new fashion program. According to the 1945 yearbook, she is expected to encourage “personal assurance and poise” and promote “The Stephens Look.”

**1950:** The Butterick Pattern Company releases “Susie Stephens Originals,” a line of patterns by Stephens student designers. The patterns are described as “the kind of clothes that you want and need for your college-career life.”

**1958:** The Costume Museum and Research Library (now with over 13,000 pieces donated by alumnae, friends and designers) is established. Each year, the collection's garments are displayed in two free, public gallery shows.

**1961:** A B.F.A. in Fashion is added as the College transitions to a four-year institution.

**1981:** Fashion merchandising becomes the first interdisciplinary degree at the College.

**2004:** A B.F.A. in Fashion Communication is added.

**2015:** The Fashion program ranks No. 13 in the world (The Business of Fashion, London). The program has ranked to date with high scores for long-term value and learning experience. Stephens becomes a participating school in the Council of Fashion Designers of America Educational Initiatives Program.

**2016:** Jeannene Thompson Booher '56 donates \$1 million to Stephens, which establishes the Jeannene Booher Fashion Lecture Series to bring fashion industry leaders to campus to inspire students. The Fashion program joins the YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund, an invitation-only student scholarship competition.

**2019:** Stephens celebrates the 75th anniversary of The Collections, the annual student-run fashion show.

## Historic Year Inspires Collaborations Across School of Design

This year, the Stephens College Fashion program's 75th anniversary, as well as The Collections annual student designer fashion show, brought together School of Design students in unique collaborations of their creative talents. Their efforts yielded an experience worthy of the historic milestone.

Interim Dean **Monica Phillippe McMurry '82** says that the entire school was excited about this year's show, which supports Stephens' commitment to providing hands-on experiential learning.

The print-to-production class created commemorative tote bags. Event and convention management majors executed the VIP reception during the show weekend. And, of course, students in the fashion show production class put together the entire production, managing every facet of the show, from hair and makeup to staging and promotions, while the designers created their very best works. In addition, a retrospective of works by students through the years was featured in the Historic Costume Gallery.

"I love that it is truly a student-run fashion show," says Assistant Professor Maggie Holper, who leads the fashion show production class. "I am thankful to stand, unneeded, backstage because our students run this event so smoothly. They pour their hearts and souls into the show."

"The students learn a lot from the experience. They learn to think about the little things, to be detail-oriented and to problem-solve. Those are professional lessons they will take with them no matter what career path they choose."

According to Holper, the students were also instrumental in shaping a 75th anniversary show that also included the works of three Stephens alumnae: **Andrea Seemayer '09** (A.Lynn), **Kristyl Frazier '91** (Kristyl Frazier Designs) and **Susan Erickson-Ingram '80** (Helena & Harry IV Co.). Local high school students also were invited to submit their designs, and the work of three young designers made it past the jury and into the show.

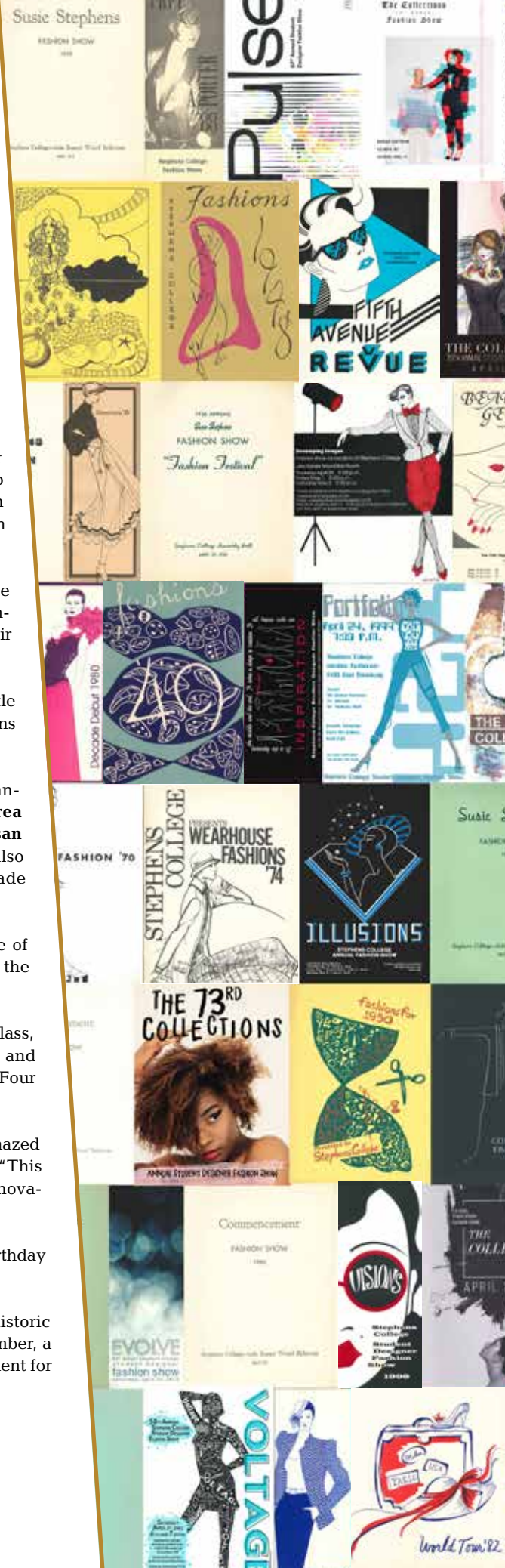
"The students really understand the continuum — that we are here because of the strong Stephens women who came before us and that we must also look to the future," Holper says.

Associate Professor **Kirsteen Buchanan '83** had students in her pattern-to-print class, which explores techniques for adding print and surface design to accessories and apparel, create tote bag designs inspired by the posters of past fashion shows. Four student designs were then selected by faculty for the commemorative pieces.

"As an alumna, I am so proud of our fashion students' work and am constantly amazed by the steady progression of creativity and work quality each year," she says. "This project gave my class a chance to be a part of the Fashion program's legacy of innovation and to make its mark on the program's overall body of work."

McMurry says the special show, which fell during the College's yearlong 185th birthday celebration, will not soon be forgotten.

"Stephens is all about legacy and each of us was honored to be a part of this historic year," she says. "Having been a graduate of the Fashion program, a faculty member, a chair and a dean of fashion over these last 28 years makes this a bittersweet moment for me. It is humbling to be a part of such a wonderful legacy."



## CLASS NOTES

## '50s

**Patricia Herrick Treachler '57** has moved from San Angelo, Texas, back home to Michigan where her youngest daughter and her family live. She writes: "I got to spend my first Thanksgiving with two of my 22 great-grandkids; how neat is that?"

## '60s

**Marilyn Patrice Fleming '64** is a certified Safe Conversations Leader for Relationships First, a nonprofit cause that aims to improve lives by making relationships better. She also has earned Certified Green Professional (CGP) and Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) titles from the National Association of Home Builders.

**Carole "Camy" Maas Jensen '65** lived in Sarasota, Fla., for 49 years after graduating from Stephens and the University of Louisville. She recently moved to Orlando, Fla., to be close to her family, which includes two grandchildren, Braxton and Payton. Camy writes: "My house is close enough that I can visit daily." She hopes to hear from fellow alumnae in Roblee Hall. Reach her at [littlecamy@aol.com](mailto:littlecamy@aol.com).

**Dona McLaughlin Drummond '67**, a kindergarten teacher, is still teaching and loves it. She writes: "I have two wonderful grown sons with sweet families, including three beautiful and precious grandchildren. I loved my years at Stephens!"

**Jayne King Day '68** is retiring from Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee in Nashville, Tenn., on June 30, 2019. She has served as president/CEO for 31 years.

## '70s

**Helen Obermeyer Simmons '77** retired in 2016 from her position as professor of communications media at Fitchburg State University, where she taught courses in graphic design, photography and illustration during her 35-year career. She continues her work as an artist creating prints in alternative photographic processes, collage and mixed



## REMEMBRANCES

*Correction: The year in which Maureen Jones Harris '49 of Staunton, Va., passed away was incorrectly stated in the last magazine. She passed away on March 2, 2018.*

## '30s &amp; '40s

**Mary-Oliver Black Damitz '32** of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Dec. 6, 2018. **Virginia Votruba Fletcher '36** of Des Moines, Iowa; Dec. 2, 2018. **Eleanor Kjelstrup '37** of Bismarck, N.D.; March 3, 2004. **Charlene Bock Ayers '38** of Greenbrae, Calif.; Aug. 14, 2015. **Kathleen Fitzgerald Beck '38** of Encino, Calif.; March 2, 2014. **Stella Ingle Hecht '39** of Portland, Ore.; Jan. 23, 2015. **Barbara Symmes Jones '39** of Bakersfield, Calif.; Aug. 7, 2005. **Barbara Johnston Sonneborn '39** of Duarte, Calif.; Feb. 15, 2018. **Martha Pitts Starn '39** of Sun City, Calif.; June 16, 2000. **Mary Watson Gordon '40** of Cupertino, Calif.; March 18, 2012. **Ann Barker Shane '40** of San Ramon, Calif.; Nov. 18, 2006. **Betty Miller Strem '40** of San Rafael, Calif.; March 27, 2018. **Marguerite Palmquist Wahle '40** of Burlingame, Calif.; July 5, 2016. **Fay Habberstad Arntsen '41** of Gilbert, Ariz.; Feb. 2, 2013. **Betty West Fogelberg '41** of Phoenix; Nov. 25, 2018. **Jane Isbell Haynes '41** of Irvine, Calif.; Dec. 1, 2016. **Louanne Templeton Mills '41** of Mountain View, Calif.; May 24, 2009. **Velma Asbury Porter '41** of San Diego; Dec. 12, 2016. **Susan Norris Rusti '41** of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; Aug. 28, 2011. **Mary Stanley Turner '41** of Newport Beach, Calif.;

Aug. 8, 2007. **Helen Moore Wittels '41** of Santa Clara, Calif.; Feb. 28, 2017. **Alverna Balfour '42** of Concord, Calif.; April 10, 2009. **Dorothy Waggoner Berdan '42** of Coronado, Calif.; Oct. 24, 2012. **Barbara Blick Bush '42** of Elkins Park, Pa.; Sept. 23, 2018. **Marjorie Meyer Cosel '42** of Los Angeles; May 1, 2016. **Billye Jones Gray '42** of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Dec. 5, 2018. **Ardagh Veitch Kistler '42** of Piedmont, Calif.; Feb. 3, 2018. **Norma Heise Laney '42** of San Rafael, Calif.; Dec. 6, 2014. **Connie Beeland Nielsen '42** of Evergreen, Ala.; Dec. 16, 2018. **Elynn Witbeck Preas '42** of Porterville, Calif.; June 21, 2017. **Clara Ballinger Pyle '42** of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Oct. 13, 2010. **Eleanor Moody Clark '43** of Bakersfield, Calif.; Sept. 7, 2013. **Jane Leigh Edwards '43** of San Diego; May 6, 2009. **Floran Friedman Frank '43** of Vista, Calif.; Feb. 17, 2014. **Nancy Bloedorn Lenahan '43** of Tustin, Calif.; June 20, 2012. **Mary Davis Penberthy '43** of Newport Beach, Calif.; Nov. 3, 2010. **Joan Smith Slingerland '43** of Boynton Beach, Fla.; Nov. 5, 2018. **Betty Morgan Waite '43** of Pittsburg, Calif.; June 22, 2002. **Bettie Harbidge Andrew '44** of Upland, Calif.; Aug. 19, 2006. **Dorothy Thomas Chapman '44** of Richmond, Calif.; Jan. 31, 2004. **Jean Russell Duncan '44** of Williamstown, Mass.; Dec. 16, 2018. **Lois Schalz Eggabroad '44** of Aurora, Ill.; Oct. 20, 2018. **Joan Doebbler Johnston '44** of La Jolla, Calif.; Jan. 25, 2016. **Betty Lang Kuhn '44** of Orchard Park, N.Y.; Oct. 19, 2018. **Fredrica Lanford Lake '44** of Houston; Aug. 20, 2018. **Patricia Carpenter Ostlund '44** of Everett, Wash.; Aug. 25, 2018.

**Harriet Knapp Payne '44** of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Jan. 11, 2011. **Jacqueline Kelley Schneider '44** of Riverside, Calif.; April 21, 2004. **Joanne Honey Stimson '44** of Lexington, Ky.; Oct. 3, 2018. **Virginia Brimhall Theurer '44** of Fergus Falls, Minn.; Sept. 10, 2018. **Helen Ragsdale Worack '44** of El Cajon, Calif.; Oct. 21, 2016. **Shirley Johnson Anderson '45** of Northridge, Calif.; Feb. 1, 2018. **Fredricka Baker Bartlett '45** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; April 3, 2016. **Jeri Walker Brandt '45** of Vacaville, Calif.; Aug. 8, 2008. **Constance Pool Dodge '45** of Reseda, Calif.; Jan. 10, 2012. **Helen Sheldon Gray '45** of Dallas; Oct. 28, 2018. **Jane Jones Hatheway '45** of Coronado, Calif.; Aug. 24, 2013. **Margaret Swett Hitchcock '45** of Belmont, Calif.; June 9, 2004. **Rosanne Singleton Kopf '45** of Laguna Hills, Calif.; Feb. 26, 2015. **Nancy Perkins Pitts '45** of Nashville, Tenn.; Sept. 28, 2018. **Jane Watson Robbins '45** of Novato, Calif.; Sept. 25, 2014. **Lee Trobaugh Steelman '45** of San Clemente, Calif.; June 10, 2017. **Francine Karklin Tushak '45** of Vista, Calif.; Dec. 18, 2013. **Martha Brumbly Vanderlinden '45** of Oakley, Calif.; July 31, 2015. **Sally Bevan Boetger '46** of Cameron Park, Calif.; Oct. 10, 2016. **Barbara Hebert Cavers '46** of Cupertino, Calif.; May 31, 2018. **Eleanor Rung Connolly '46** of Edmonds, Wash.; Sept. 26, 2018. **JoAnne Morgan Hunt '46** of Olney, Texas; Dec. 19, 2018. **Sally Shuttleworth-Jackson '46** of Covina, Calif.; Dec. 11, 2010. **Babette Taylor McCusker '46** of Prattsburgh, N.Y.; Aug. 30, 2018. **Beverly Busskohl Perkins-Bobb '46** of Norfolk, Neb.; Oct. 31, 2018. **Mary**

media. Helen also exhibits her prints in galleries throughout New England. She serves as president of the Central MA Women's Caucus for Art and was among the founding artists of Rollstone Studios, a collaborative gallery and studio space. Helen is working on a documentary film titled *Nokota Blues* in collaboration with the Nokota Horse Conservancy of North Dakota. She lives in a converted horse barn in Lunenburg, Mass., with her two sons, John and Matthew.



**Mindy Tatz Chernoff '78**, the founder and CEO of The Resonant Horse, and her horse made TEDx talk history in September 2018. She writes: "My horse is possibly the only one in the world to be featured in not one but two TEDx talks." Mindy offered her second TEDx talk on Sept. 27, 2018, at TEDx Wilmington in Delaware. At the conclusion of her talk, Mindy brought out her horse who actually sat on a beanbag chair.

**Paula Zahn '78**, a veteran broadcast journalist, recently was honored as a Giant of Broadcasting by the Library of American Broadcasting Foundation, produced by the International Radio and Television Society (IRTS) Foundation. A luncheon was held for the honorees on Nov. 14, 2018, at Gotham Hall in New York City. Paula is the producer and host of *On the Case with Paula Zahn* on Investigation Discovery.

Stephens luncheon attendees (pictured, top row L-to-R): Stephens College President Dianne Lynch, former Stephens Trustee **Donna Ensign Marshall '58**, **Doris Painter Littrell '58**, **Rajah Maples '97**, **Paula Zahn '78**, **Anne Louise Wallace '82**. Bottom row (L-to-R): **Shannon Blankenship Walls '93**, special assistant to the president; **Carol Anderson '66 A.A., '68 B.A.**; **Heather Hay '93**. Photo courtesy: Library of American Broadcasting Foundation and the International Radio and Television Society.

**Donaldson Sharon '46** of Tucson, Ariz.; Feb. 22, 2018. **Jane Jeffrey Vorhees '46** of Madison, Wis.; July 27, 2017. **Harmolyn Hart Walker '46** of Montgomery Village, Md.; Nov. 14, 2016. **Nance Sutton White '46** of Spring Valley, Calif.; July 20, 2013. **June Lane Wiberg '46** of San Diego; Jan. 11, 2007. **Sybil Levinson Atherton '47** of San Francisco; Aug. 13, 2017. **Betty Witten Broadwell '47** of Santa Cruz, Calif.; June 9, 2011. **Nancy Mills Broyles '47** of Corona, Calif.; Aug. 17, 2010. **Gloria Pollock Fries '47** of Fresno, Calif.; July 23, 2014. **Shirley Thompson Hoppes '47** of Long Beach, Calif.; Jan. 19, 2017. **Virginia Osborne Nelson '47** of Rocklin, Calif.; Oct. 6, 2013. **Margaret Leckner Rawson '47** of Orinda, Calif.; July 7, 2008. **Jo Mabry Ritter '47** of Woodside, Calif.; March 23, 2017. **Mary Waymire Tinberg '47** of Prairie Village, Kan.; Dec. 20, 2018. **Jean Bissonnette Brewster '48** of Scotts Valley, Calif.; Nov. 22, 2017. **Natalie Bolton Chapman '48** of Monroe, La.; Oct. 23, 2018. **Marilyn Pitcher Cleveland '48** of Melbourne Beach, Fla.; May 20, 2018. **Phyllis Streit Drumm '48** of Carmel, Calif.; Dec. 28, 2016. **Marilyn Bruce Hastings '48** of Seal Beach, Calif.; Nov. 21, 2002. **Lee Norris Hofman-Shaw '48** of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.; Sept. 17, 2014. **Roberta Baily Huntley '48** of Pasadena, Calif.; Oct. 8, 2016. **Marilyn Miller Kameese '48** of Brockton, Mass.; Nov. 10, 2018. **Sherry Carver Landes '48** of Belleville, Ill.; Dec. 23, 2017. **Lois Cooper Mayer '48** of Los Angeles; June 10, 2018. **Dorothy Dutt McKay '48** of Great Falls, Mont.; Dec. 9, 2018. **Jane Westerbeck**

**Rowe '48** of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Aug. 11, 2013. **Lenore Joos Weiser '48** of Carpinteria, Calif.; March 15, 2018. **Marylou Mason Wren '48** of Virginia Beach, Va.; Nov. 10, 2018. **Cherie Sankey Gillum '49** of Temecula, Calif.; April 7, 1996. **Dolores Golightly '49** of Fresno, Calif.; June 5, 2005. **Ruth Bartle Hoffman '49** of Sunnyvale, Calif.; Feb. 6, 2018. **Joan Fuller Jackson '49** of Gainesville, Ga.; Nov. 27, 2009. **Sarah Miller Kull '49** of Corona Del Mar, Calif.; Oct. 27, 2018. **Sally Steward Laufketter '49** of Ocean Springs, Miss.; April 27, 2008. **Dorothy Austin Lindeman '49** of Fairfield, Calif.; Jan. 24, 2016. **Virginia Hellis Luckey '49** of Brawley, Calif.; Sept. 24, 2018. **Ruth Cook McLemore '49** of Montgomery, Ala.; Nov. 5, 2018. **Doris Gormley Millar '49** of Sunnyvale, Calif.; July 25, 2005. **Anne Browder Patterson '49** of Bogart, Ga.; Jan. 28, 2019. **Elaine Swan Pettijohn '49** of San Marcos, Calif.; Oct. 20, 2017. **Patsy Harp Pridgen '49** of Enterprise, Ala.; Sept. 12, 2015. **Dolores Rimmelin Reis '49** of Trinity, Fla.; Nov. 7, 2018. **Lucretia Barnes Sanders '49** of Auburn, Ala.; July 17, 2017. **Roslyn Miller Seltzer '49** of Houston; May 30, 2018. **Jo Cutter Van Stone '49** of Avon, Conn.; Jan. 20, 2019. **Helen Starr Young '49** of Aptos, Calif.; Oct. 14, 2016. **Sally Dryer Young '49** of San Diego; Jan. 13, 2018.

## '50s

**Nancy Theno Alcorn '50** of Murphys, Calif.; Dec. 20, 2009. **Marilu Hollingbery**

**Andrews '50** of Anacortes, Wash.; June 17, 2016. **Barbara Moats Baily '50** of Ann Arbor, Mich.; July 19, 2018. **Mary Stribling Bouldin '50** of Clarksdale, Miss.; July 22, 2016. **Jayne Winslow Brandon '50** of Austin, Texas; Sept. 18, 2018. **Elisabeth Clark Brower '50** of Birmingham, Ala.; July 31, 2013. **Arliss Trospen Coe '50** of East Wenatchee, Wash.; May 31, 2013. **Gloria Geppert Cole '50** of Des Moines, Iowa; June 16, 2018. **Diane Barker Conner '50** of San Rafael, Calif.; Aug. 29, 2018. **Grace Arledge DuBose '50** of Temple, Texas; March 19, 2004. **Mary Stollberg Findlay '50** of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Nov. 30, 2013. **Joanne Bruestle Hatcher '50** of Jacksonville, Fla.; Dec. 17, 2018. **Jean Robinson Hook '50** of Orlando, Fla.; March 7, 2018. **Charlotte Moser Kennedy '50** of Riverside, Calif.; July 22, 2018. **Ilene Hissong Koehler '50** of Savoy, Ill.; Nov. 15, 2014. **Sue Bruer Larson '50** of Healdsburg, Calif.; Jan. 27, 2011. **Mary Moore Scholl '50** of Washington, D.C.; Aug. 13, 2018. **Rena White Seeger '50** of Lincoln City, Ore.; May 4, 2005. **Carol Goff Smith '50** of Oshkosh, Wis.; June 4, 2018. **Anne Gowen Spalding '50** of Atlanta; Aug. 29, 2017. **Natalie Taylor Stuckey '50** of Little Rock, Ark.; Nov. 30, 2014. **Mary Holder Tew '50** of Ridgeland, Miss.; Feb. 4, 2017. **Lucia Lewis Tirmenstein '50** of Monroe, La.; Dec. 25, 2006. **Jacqueline Judd Voss '50** of Concord, Mass.; Sept. 17, 2018. **Ann Eaton Weaver '50** of Lodi, Calif.; Nov. 2, 2008. **Martha Aldridge Whitley '50** of Kerrville, Texas; Feb. 21, 2007. **Bonnie Albert Wilson '50** of Tacoma, Wash.; Jan. 15, 2019. **Mary Shea Wood '50** of Grady,

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## In Good Company

A mutual friend first introduced **Cathleen Chrystal DeCoster '77** and **Shauna Lee Strecker '85** during a party in Lyons, Colo., a tiny franchise-free Colorado mountain town of 2,000 residents.

The pair soon realized that they not only lived merely 48 steps away on the same alley, but they also shared a common past: Stephens College.

"Who knew such a small place could find alums of a small college in Columbia Mo., and put them together?" Shauna says.

Cathleen owns Western Stars Gallery and Studio (westernstars-gallery.com), which features Colorado creations, including art by Ezra Tucker, among other artisan products. She opened the business following the 2013 epic flood as a way to help put money into the pockets of local artists.

Shauna moved to Lyons this past summer and soon opened Bella La Crema (bellalacrema.com), a unique butter boutique, down the street from Cathleen's establishment. Shauna started the business in Nashville, Tenn.

"We make, sell and integrate up to 20 different organic, cultured, grass-fed butters in our dishes, along with pairing them with beer, wine or hot-buttered coffees," she says.

The town also is home to **Amy Gabbert Donnell '85**, who has lived in Lyons since 1998 with her husband, Brian Donnell, and their two children.

The three all have pursued a variety of interests and career paths. Amy previously worked in the hospitality/food and beverage industry for over 20 years. Today, she enjoys traveling, volunteering and fostering Newfoundland dogs.

Cathleen is also an award-winning photographer, artist, educator and singer-songwriter. She previously trained horses and worked as an equitation instructor.

Shauna, who began playing guitar and started playing in bands shortly after arriving at Stephens, is a singer-songwriter who has recorded 10 albums and toured extensively. She also consults, designs and builds homes.



Shauna Lee Strecker '85 and Cathleen Chrystal DeCoster '77



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## Excelling in Vet Medicine

**Dr. Jacqueline Shellow '81** is among the talented equine veterinarians who comprise TFB Equine, a practice specializing in race horses.

"Stephens helped me achieve my career success by taking an interest in me and allowing me to excel and achieve my goals," she says. "My adviser and teachers at Stephens were very supportive and encouraging."

After Stephens, Jacqueline earned a Master of Science in Equine Nutrition from the University of Kentucky and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. She also holds certifications in veterinary acupuncture from the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society and in animal chiropractic from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

Last summer, Jacqueline assisted the Stephens College Center for Career and Professional Development by matching current students with her veterinary practice at Gulfstream Park, which includes a racetrack in Hallandale Beach, Fla.

For two weeks, TFB Equine hosted Stephens pre-vet students **Jessica Ferguson '20** and **Alyssa Hency '21**. Alyssa tragically passed away in January from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Jacqueline says she hopes other Stephens alumnae will offer to assist students during their educational journeys.

"I believe mentorships, internships and externships are invaluable ways for students to learn and experience real-life work situations and careers," she says. "I encourage other Stephens alumnae to help students along in their studies."



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—Dr. Jacqueline Shellow '81

## REMEMBRANCES

Ark.; Nov. 20, 2018. **Irene Charters Yeakel '50** of La Quinta, Calif.; March 30, 2009. **Suzanne Yeiser '50** of Brick, N.J.; April 22, 2018. **Marilyn Burns Yost '50** of Phoenix; Dec. 13, 2017. **Betty Stephens Bonds '51** of Westlake, Ohio; Nov. 10, 2018. **Jo Holmes Caldwell '51** of Tipton, Ind.; May 4, 2018. **Dorothea Murzicos Fry '51** of San Marcos, Texas; Dec. 28, 2010. **Gail Glass '51** of Indian Wells, Calif.; March 23, 2018. **Marian Goeltz Hale '51** of Cedar City, Utah; July 30, 2018. **Jacqueline Woodbury LeBeck '51** of Woodinville, Wash.; Feb. 2, 2005. **Margaret Thompson Lehnen '51** of St. Johns, Mich.; Nov. 8, 2018. **Nita Harper McElreath '51** of Dallas; Oct. 25, 2018. **Jacqueline Verbrugge Nugent '51** of Hurst, Texas; May 9, 2018. **Jalaine Jordan Sampias '51** of Chatham, Ill.; April 12, 2018. **Sarah Dickinson Stephenson '51** of Columbia, Mo.; Jan. 1, 2019. **Tilley Derges Allen '52** of Peoria, Ill.; Oct. 20, 2018. **Virginia "Diane" Hoey Drake '52** of San Antonio; Aug. 31, 2014. **Nancy Hill**

**Flaherty '52** of Granada Hills, Calif.; Jan. 24, 2018. **Cora "Lou" Prewett Harding '52** of Centennial, Colo.; Nov. 21, 2018. **Dorian Hunter '52** of Albany, Calif.; Jan. 15, 2018. **Gloria Rake Karstaedt '52** of Sheboygan, Wis.; Feb. 24, 2018. **Nancy Wegner Linnerson '52** of Wales, Wis.; Oct. 16, 2018. **Elizabeth Huette Martin '52** of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Jan. 12, 2018. **Barbara Wilcox Thuesen '52** of Ithaca, N.Y.; Jan. 24, 2019. **Phyllis Ballow DeFeo '53** of Placitas, N.M.; June 20, 2018. **Carma Wilson Habig '53** of Jasper, Ind.; Feb. 27, 2018. **Diana Hardy '53** of Carmel Valley, Calif.; March 4, 2017. **Jane McLeod Maraia '53** of Venice, Fla.; Feb. 24, 2018. **Jean Massey Wakefield '53** of Franklin, Ky.; March 8, 2018. **Demova Frost Peters '53** of Ashburn, Va.; Aug. 26, 2016. **Susan House Plantz '53** of Oneonta, N.Y.; July 22, 2018. **Carolyn Christian Wofford '53** of Edina, Mo.; Aug. 16, 2018. **Lillian Caporal Gambulos '54** of Oklahoma City; Dec. 9, 2018. **Eran Grant Hall '54** of Anderson,

Ind.; Dec. 3, 2018. **Donna Price Keeney '54** of Waitsburg, Wash.; Sept. 24, 2011. **Grayce Eckhardt Loble '54** of Bozeman, Mont.; March 10, 2018. **Georganna Musson Long '54** of Gibson Island, Md.; Feb. 28, 2018. **Della Chapman Moffitt '54** of San Anselmo, Calif.; Aug. 11, 2018. **Sara-Lee Merlin Sterling '54** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; July 19, 2018. **Grieta VanCoeving '54** of Albuquerque, N.M.; May 14, 2018. **Alice Ades Aronson '55** of Renfrew, Pa.; March 16, 2018. **Mary Sears Atols '55** of Ontonagon, Mich.; Nov. 15, 2017. **Jane Smisor Bastien '55** of La Jolla, Calif.; March 27, 2018. **Susan Helen Campbell '55** of Madison, Wis.; June 19, 2018. **Mary Anderson Carpenter '55** of Danville, Ky.; Nov. 15, 2018. **Joan Graby Carter '55** of Merritt Island, Fla.; Nov. 30, 2018. **Douglas Sibbald Dolfie '55** of Duarte, Calif.; Dec. 5, 2018. **Susan Werle Goddard '55** of La Quinta, Calif.; Sept. 18, 2018. **Mary KaDell Hartwell '55** of Carmichael, Calif.; July 4, 2017. **Ann Cardiff Krekling '55** of

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## Shining on Broadway

**Becca Ayers '96** is playing "Mrs. Hopkins" in the Broadway revival of *My Fair Lady* at Lincoln Center Theater in New York City.

The popular musical — named the best Broadway musical of 2018 by *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *Time* magazine — is not Becca's first stint on Broadway. She previously acted in *Addams Family*, *South Pacific*, *Les Miserables* and *Avenue Q*.

Becca credits much of her theatrical success to Stephens: "Because of Stephens, I learned about all aspects of theater so I could understand and respect every position of my co-workers surrounding me. I learned many different 'styles,' as each show and theater calls for not only a new character but certain shifts in the way that character is communicated. For example, Lincoln Center is a huge house that swallowed up more of what I thought I was expressing and, given the style of *My Fair Lady*, I had to be much 'bigger' and louder than I realized.

"Stephens was also integral in helping me learn how to *create* a character and to encapsulate it fully in my body. I learned too many things to list here — the last and most important being that I have the coolest, strongest, smartest support system of a chosen family thanks to my magical time at Stephens!"

“ I have the coolest, strongest, smartest support system ... at Stephens. ”

—Becca Ayers '96



Backstage of *My Fair Lady*:  
**Becca Ayers '96** with Danny  
Burstein, who plays "Doolittle."



## REMEMBRANCES

Waterford, Wis.; April 28, 2018. **Kay Frick Logan '55** of Chesterfield, Mo.; June 19, 2018. **Janet Barry Mason '55** of Leawood, Kan.; April 27, 2018. **Ruth Biglane Schaeffer '55** of Littleton, Colo.; Dec. 9, 2016. **Freda Theopold Swan '55** of Boston; July 4, 2017. **Jean Clifford Chisholm '56** of Little Rock, Ark.; Sept. 4, 2018. **Freda Levy Gubin '56** of Memphis, Tenn.; May 15, 2018. **Marjorie Amick Jerome '56** of Clive, Iowa; April 15, 2018. **Patricia Edwards Liberto '56** of San Antonio; Feb. 24, 2018. **Sue Strickland Mitchell '56** of Bronxville, N.Y.; June 23, 2018. **Carol Sebree Pattillo '56** of Fort Davis, Texas; May 25, 2018. **Carleena Wells Powell '56** of Sarasota, Fla.; Nov. 29, 2012. **Joanne Krypel Rusch '56** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Aug. 17, 2018. **Carolyn Roth Boucher '57** of Chesterfield, Mo.; May 27, 2018. **Carolyn Glenn Cote '57** of San Antonio; March 20, 2018. **Nancy Ladd Hoegh-Guldberg '57** of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Jan. 1, 2016. **Marilyn Norman Ott '57** of Morrison, Colo.; Oct. 23, 2018. **Julia Strother '58** of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Jan. 5, 2019. **Martha Dawson Hall '59** of Racine, Wis.; Oct. 20, 2018. **Carolyn Grebe Leovy '59** of Seattle; Sept. 8, 2018.

**Margot Loveland Perry '59** of Columbia, Mo.; Oct. 5, 2018.

### '60s, '70s, '80s & '90s

**Jane McPherson Elliott '60** of Birmingham, Ala.; Oct. 8, 2018. **Judith Wilson Perham '60** of Tullahoma, Tenn.; Jan. 27, 2018. **Roberta Greenlee Wagener '60** of Piedmont, Calif.; Nov. 3, 2018. **Barbara Hoffman Johnson '61** of Houston; Nov. 16, 2018. **Suzanne Spatzier Poulsen '62** of Long Beach, Calif.; Dec. 18, 2018. **Diane Starr Brown '63** of Dallas; Aug. 25, 2018. **Sally Hutchinson '63** of Alma, Mich.; April 16, 2013. **Patricia Todd Petrie '63** of Cutler, Ind.; Sept. 14, 2018. **Susan Myers Wagner '63** of St. Louis; July 24, 2018. **Phyllis Jones Williams '63** of Tampa, Fla.; Aug. 11, 2018. **Judi Miracle Richards '64** of North Palm Beach, Fla.; Jan. 7, 2019. **Barbara Anne Grimes Moeckel '65** of Stockton, Calif.; Sept. 19, 2018. **Jane Orr Thomas '66** of Wellington, Texas; Aug. 28, 2018. **Jo Plotkin Sklar '67** of Phoenix; Dec. 24, 2018. **Virginia Meyer Curry '72** of New Holstein, Wis.; Dec. 1, 2018. **Carol Swain Lewis '72** of Poplar

Bluff, Mo.; Dec. 10, 2018. **Marian McGrath Cusick '72** of St. Louis; Dec. 30, 2018. **La Verne Hughes '74** of Birmingham, Ala.; Aug. 30, 2018. **Sue Hoffman-Westphal '78** of Citrus Heights, Calif.; Oct. 27, 2018. **Julie Dall '79** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Jan. 14, 2018. **Mary Etzold Benning '79** of El Paso, Texas; Sept. 2, 2018. **Harriet Chamberlen '81** of Bellevue, Neb.; Sept. 29, 2018. **Ann Rosche Trombley '81** of Trenton, Mo.; Sept. 30, 2018. **Barbara Lowmaster '84** of Richmond, Ind.; Jan. 9, 2019. **Glennann Young Brown '91** of Mesa, Ariz.; March 7, 2018. **Meghan Stephens '91** of Columbia, Mo.; Sept. 30, 2018. **Elizabeth Hazler '94** of Bethlehem, Pa.; Jan. 28, 2019.

### Former Employees of the College

**Dorothy Porter** of Columbia, Mo., secretary; Aug. 26, 2018. **Hardin E. "Wilkie" Wilkerson** of Columbia, Mo., director of admissions; Feb. 14, 2019. **Edward Williams** of Columbia, Mo., chef; Aug. 11, 2018.

**'90s**

**Nancy Merten Steele '92** has been promoted to accounting compliance clerk at Mountain Rose Herbs, an environmentally forward-thinking company in Eugene, Ore. She also plays an essential role as activities director of Infinity Dog Sports.

**'00s**

**Kathryn Grimm Dlabal '03** and her husband, Dr. Paul Dlabal, welcomed twin girls, Elise Noelle and Colette Hélene, on Oct. 26, 2018. The family lives in Austin, Texas, where Kathryn works as the marketing director for Wellness Westlake. Paul practices as a cardiologist in Austin.

**Sarah Burris '04** married Michael Meyer of Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 19, 2018, in a small ceremony in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico.

**Lacey Blue '05** gave birth to twin boys, Joseph Christopher Fernandez and Sergio Daniel Fernandez, on May 24, 2018. Her husband, John Fernandez, is senior vice president of marketing at Glia. Lacey works at Littler Mendelson P.C. as a business development manager.

**Aisha Hossin Yu '05** and husband Dominique welcomed their second daughter, Soraya Josephine Yu, on Sept. 20, 2018. Aisha, who previously worked as an ESL teacher for a company called American Teachers, is a stay-at-home mom to Soraya and first daughter Sabrina. The family lives in Tassin-la-Demi-Lune, France, where her husband is an osteopath.

**Katie Lipps '08** earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Graceland University in December 2018. She teaches special education in the Lee's Summit School District in Missouri. Katie, who earned a fashion degree from Stephens, writes: "I worked in fashion for several years but wanted something rewarding where I can serve others."

**Jamecia Stoudermire '09** writes that she is leading a double life "working a job and building my career. I work for Crystal Cruise Lines in the day and as soon as I clock out, I start working for Glu Entertainment Consultants." Jamecia represents clients in Missouri; Kansas; Orlando, Fla.; Atlanta; and Las Vegas.

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'10s

**Kolina Pihana Baucom '10** and husband Zach are pleased to announce the birth of their first son. Kona Pihana Baucom was born on Jan. 16, 2019.



**Katie DeShazo Wood '10** teaches secondary English at Karen Wagner High School in Texas. Last summer, she took a group of 19 Texas high school students to Austria and Switzerland for a leadership summit. She writes: "Over 60 percent of the students were women of color, which is usually the smallest demographic at this summit. Students were given a global issue to solve and those with the top solutions not only presented their ideas to global leaders but their ideas became part of the Nobel Museum."

**Laura Ward Vitale '12** recently landed a school counseling job in the Pattonville School District in St. Louis County. She married Dominic Vitale in September 2018. **Emily Ricketts '12** and **Kelsie Byrd '12** were bridesmaids.

**Danielle Wilson Schlesinger '16** married Kaleb Schlesinger (also pictured in the Table of Contents) on Sept. 8, 2018. She works as a designer and product developer for the wholesale accessories company Quagga Accessories, LLC. Kaleb is a diesel mechanic/shop foreman. Danielle writes: "We met when I was working weddings at a venue in his hometown (in the middle of nowhere). My co-worker offered to ride with me to fill my gas tank on my way home at one of the two gas stations in town. Little did I know, it was a set-up, and the rest is history! Thank goodness for gas-guzzling cars, gas stations and good friends — may they last forever!"



**Courtney Scott '16** graduated with a Master of Professional Studies in Sports Industry Management from Georgetown University in May 2018. She works as a business development coordinator for Learfield.

**Savannah Natal Ordonez '18** is pursuing a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies. She writes: "I am so excited and happy to be following my dreams. I want to thank Stephens College for my undergraduate education and for the inspiration and motivation they have helped me gain. Thank you, Stephens!" Savannah earned a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Equestrian Science from Stephens in December 2018. Her ultimate career goal is to open her own small animal clinic.



## In Memory

### Hardin E. "Wilkie" Wilkerson

Longtime Stephens College Director of Admissions Hardin E. "Wilkie" Wilkerson of Columbia, Mo., passed away on Feb. 14, 2019, at the age of 100. Wilkerson dedicated nearly four decades to Stephens, which he loved dearly. He enjoyed working directly with prospective Stephens students and their families, as well as alumnae.

You might have Wilkerson to thank if you were a student during the years 1953-92. He helped recruit generations of Stephens women through his work in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, where he served as associate director of admissions, director of financial aid and director of admissions. During his tenure, he also worked as a field recruiter in Texas, a position he favored because of his great strength in relating to people face-to-face.

**Heather Watt '90**, who attended high school in Houston, is among the countless young women whom he helped lead to Stephens.

"Mr. Wilkerson came to my high school every year," she says. "I didn't know it at the time, but my parents and Mr. Wilkerson had already decided I'd be a Stephens girl. He was always kind and never pushy. A true gentleman and professional."

Wilkerson served as a member of the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was deployed to Korea and Japan as a member of the National Guard during the Korean War. After serving his country, Wilkerson attended Phillips University in Enid, Okla., where he earned a B.S. in Education and an M.Ed. in Educational Administration.

Each spring, Wilkerson is remembered at Stephens during Honors Convocation with the presentation of the H.E. Wilkerson Award for Outstanding Service to Admissions. Recipients are those who have gone above and beyond to support the admissions effort at Stephens.

Since the H.E. Wilkerson Award's inception in 1988, recipients have included dedicated faculty and staff, as well as the following Stephens alumnae (*listed in alphabetical order*):

**Alumnae Association Board**  
**Kirsteen Buchanan '83**  
**Shaashawn Dial '98**  
**Anne Bass Diskin '84**  
**Robert Doyen '69**  
**Enjoli Gavin '07**  
**Patricia Starnes Gross '72**  
**Allen Hull Hermann '63**  
**Ann Willet Kingery '58**  
**Carolyn Skoglund Kuttenkuler '65**  
**Susan Lazarus '82**  
**Dr. Monica Phillippe McMurry '82**  
**Mary Rotella '80**  
**Mary Rose Silverthorne '55**  
**Joy Underdown '54**  
**Dr. Leslie Swanda Willey '83**  
**Stephanie Rice Zimmermann '76**



#### Tributes

Memorials may be made to Stephens College in the name of Hardin E. "Wilkie" Wilkerson.

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

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

Dr. James Terry, who is an associate professor in the School of Design, has taught art history at Stephens since 1998. He also coordinates the Stephens Scholars honors program and the Study Abroad office.



“Our students love Stephens once they get here, but we all have to work together to make sure the word gets out to prospective students.”

—Dr. James Terry, 2019 award recipient

# Club Notes



## Alumnae Club of Greater Washington

In early December, **Sheila Graham '73** and her husband, Steve, hosted members of the Alumnae Club of Greater Washington and their guests in their festively decorated home in Arlington, Va., for an evening of conversation and catching up on Stephens.

*Pictured (back row, L-to-R): Chartley Ward '59, Karen Dreier Pettigrew '58, Flo Meyer Cartier '66, Melanie May '77, Suzanne Harness '64, Stephens Trustee Ellen Vollrath '86, Marti Estell '85, Sheila Graham '73. Middle row (L-to-R): Eileen McCormick Place '80, Karen Smith '00. Seated (L-to-R): Meghan Stone Thomas '92, Lauri Kempson '77, Ron Brooks '78.*



In addition, the January lunch bunch gathered at the National Museum of Women in the Arts to view the elegant and unusual fashions of Rodarte as well as gain more insight about and view works by Ambreen Butt, a Pakistani-American artist.

## St. Louis Alumnae Club

Members of the St. Louis Alumnae Club gathered for their annual holiday luncheon, hosted by **Pam Kornik Brown '64**, at Westwood Country Club in December 2018. Those in attendance included club president **Beth Ann Riechman '85** and Dr. Brian Sajko, vice president of enrollment management at Stephens. The festive event was a blast, Beth Ann says.



“Getting together every year creates a bond of love and togetherness. We care about each other and enjoy engaging in each other’s lives.”

—Beth Ann Riechman '85  
St. Louis Alumnae Club president

## Get connected!

Interested in joining (or starting) a Stephens alumnae group in your area? Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (573) 876-7110 or [alumnae@stephens.edu](mailto:alumnae@stephens.edu).



## LA Women for Stephens

In January, LA Women for Stephens joined the faculty, students and alumni of the Stephens College M.F.A. in TV and Screenwriting at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood for a private screening of the female-written classic movie *Adam's Rib* (featured in the book "When Women Wrote Hollywood"), starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. The collection of essays, written by the M.F.A. inaugural graduating class, was published in June 2018. Several of the book's authors were also in attendance to autograph copies.

*Pictured (L-to-R):* Ken LaZebnik, director, Stephens M.F.A. in TV and Screenwriting program; Cari Beauchamp, author and M.F.A. adviser; **Lauren Smith '17 M.F.A.**; **Julie Berkobien '17 M.F.A.**; **Toni Anita Hull '04 B.F.A., '17 M.F.A.**; Dr. Rosanne Welch, a Stephens M.F.A. assistant professor and the book's editor. The three M.F.A. alumnae have chapters featured in the book.



## Phoenix Alumnae Group

The Phoenix Alumnae Group met on Feb. 23 for a luncheon at Mimi's Cafe in Scottsdale, Ariz., with a total of 20 in attendance, including 17 alumnae and three guests.

*Pictured (back row, L-to-R):* Wendy Lindrud Bissonett '80, Jesse Roan '18, Vera Lynn Ferris '49, Millie Hunt Wesley '50, Mary Jo Morton Bobbe '50, Laurie Kahn '76, Dr. Kay Derra Halverson '63, Candice Feldt '69, Mary Clare Mooney Wolf '57, Clara Bentz '17. *Front row (L-to-R):* Frances Hoag Weisz '63, Lucy Logsdon Lorenzen '48, Marcia Johnson '53, Patricia Beck Baltins '54, Thresa Kerr Hickernell '51, Constance W. McMillin '59, Georgann Vandenberg Byrd-Tompkins '52.



## Alumnae Club of Northern California

The Alumnae Club of Northern California celebrated the holidays with a holiday tea on Dec. 15, 2018, at Neiman Marcus, San Francisco.

*Pictured (top row, L-to-R):* Katherine Kirkpatrick Conklin '59, Marjorie Dill Hennessy '64, Janan Perkins Huntsberry '66, Candy Wiggins Capogrossi '65, Karen Daydif Shuler '63, Sue Cummins Alvarez '64, Dr. Sheila Bliss Duffy '82, Margaret Stidham Nolte '55, Carol Northern '81, Pamela Dekema '68, Jane Reid '80, Diane Jones Weissmuller '60. *Front row (L-to-R):* Natalie Van Prooyen Rigg '05, Stacy Holland '65, Karen Fong Cotton '72, Gloria Sara Cohan Duffy '44, Gay Wittenberg '62, Jessa TeWalt '67, Diane Rearwin Root '62, Marsha Raulston '70, Lori Heard Paxton '58.



**Gloria Sara Cohan Duffy '44** interestingly modeled fashion lines for 13 years in the rotunda of that same building back when it was City of Paris. (Read more about her fascinating multi-faceted career on page 24.) *Pictured (L-to-R):* Dr. Sheila Bliss Duffy '82, Janan Perkins Huntsberry '66 and Sheila's mother, Gloria Sara Cohan Duffy '44.



# A Stephens Tribute

**Dr. Sheila Bliss Duffy '82** writes of mother's success, inspiration.

**Dr. Sheila Bliss Duffy '82** learned the vital importance of education at a young age from her mother, **Gloria Sara Cohan Duffy '44**. She encouraged Sheila to attend Stephens College and then to earn her M.S. and Ph.D. Sheila penned the article below as a tribute to her mother (who recently turned 95!).

Not unlike other Stephens women, the life of **Gloria Sara Cohan Duffy '44** has been marked by many impressive achievements, including a career that spanned broadcasting, journalism, fashion modeling, fashion merchandising/clothing retail, and managing her own residential rental real estate business. Encouraged by her hard-working mother to be industrious and to get a college education, Gloria set off from her hometown of Denver, at the age of 18, for Stephens College in 1942.

The wartime circumstance of most men being deployed gave Gloria the chance to work in radio that she so wanted. Always boldly seeking opportunities, Gloria went to KFRU, the local radio station in Columbia, Mo., and asked if she could have a job. She was told by the station manager, "You can work here as long as you do everything to get your programs on the air by yourself." Determined to pursue a career in broadcasting, that is precisely what Gloria did. She wrote, produced, procured guests and interviewed them on the air herself.

After Stephens, Gloria took that valuable hands-on experience and parlayed it into work at radio stations at all three major networks (ABC, CBS and NBC), in Denver (KLZ), then later for KNBC (now KNBR) in San Francisco, where she settled. Gloria's radio shows were very popular; she even had a fan club. She interviewed famous people, including Danny Kaye, Cary Grant and Bette Davis, who came through Denver and San Francisco, and featured household and cooking tips for women. Had Gloria not given up her broadcasting career to dedicate her life to her family and work with her husband in their real estate business, she surely would have been the next Barbara Walters!

Beyond the radio booth, Gloria enjoyed a long fashion-modeling career, including 13 years at the City of Paris in San Francisco. She modeled for independent lines like Ingabritt and at such venues as the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, as well as demonstrated products of health food companies at health fairs in L.A. and Chicago.

Gloria's passion for learning, culture and people took her to interesting places all around the world, including Rhodosia (now Zimbabwe), Ethiopia, Easter Island, Tahiti and Tasmania. Carving out time in the early morning hours, Gloria managed to write about her extensive travels, and her work was frequently published in the *Oakland Tribune*.



*Sheila's graduation day from Stephens with her mom, Gloria.*



*Gloria pursuing her broadcasting career.*



This year's alumnae award recipients: Jean Clinton Roeschlaub Alumnae Service Award: **Diane Hunter Robertson '86** (pictured left), who is a member of the Alumnae Association Board and serves on the reunion committee; and Alumnae Achievement Award: **Vice Admiral Nancy Brown '73** (pictured right), who was the first female to achieve the rank of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy. She retired in 2009 after a 35-year military career.



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Celebrate the Legacy



During the traditional Crossing the Bridge ceremony, Stephens alumnae welcomed the graduating Class of 2019 into the Stephens College Alumnae Association. Stephens alumnae and alumni also enjoyed activities such as the traditional Susies' Tea, a happy hour at the President's Home and the ever-popular photo booth. *Celebrate Stephens* was held April 11-13.

Save the Date

Help us *Celebrate Stephens* next year! **April 17-18, 2020**

Until then, check out more photos: [stephens.edu/celebratestephens](http://stephens.edu/celebratestephens)



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## The world needs more WOMEN in the health sciences

The world needs more students like **Katie Sharp '15**. She found her way to an internship at Cancer Research Center with the help of one-on-one attention. That inspired her to pursue her M.S. in Chemistry and Biochemistry. Now, she's pursuing her Ph.D. in Education Sciences with a STEM emphasis. She plans to take that knowledge and help the next generation of young women find its way in the sciences, too.

Help continue the support Katie received and open doors for the next generation of passionate teachers, scholars and Stephens leaders.

“I've been incredibly inspired by many female scientists at Stephens.”

—Katie Sharp '15

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