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# From Dianne

*Pictured (L-to-R)*: **Doris Painter Littrell '58**, 2016 Jean Clinton Roeschlaub Alumnae Service Award winner; Stephens President Dianne Lynch; and **M. Anne Murphy '78**, 2016 Alumnae Achievement Award winner. Littrell and Murphy were recognized for their service and achievements during *Celebrate Stephens*. View more Reunion 2016 photos at flickr.com/photos/stephenscollegeflickr.

When I asked Margaret Campbell to allow us to put her photograph on the cover of this issue of *Beyond Stephens*, she responded exactly as you would have expected her to respond: "Me?!?," she said, startled. "You want ME on the cover of the magazine? Why in the world would you want to do that?" It took us a few weeks to convince her that her transition this summer to a new role at the College was the right time for us to pause and celebrate—not only her achievements as an educator and mentor, but the extraordinary place she has earned in the community to which she has dedicated her life. As the story on page 12 attests, Margaret represents the very essence of our mission and our *Ten Ideals*: from the Searcy House Plan to the Student Success Center, her devotion to students and their learning continues to inspire us all. And we can't imagine a Stephens College without her.

The good news is, we don't have to. In agreeing to the story, Margaret wanted to be sure that we weren't going to be using the "R word"; she is (emphatically) not retiring. I told her that she could play any role at the College she wants to play, and—not surprisingly—she has decided that she will continue to work as a mentor and adviser with our first-year students and our new faculty. (What better first impression could we make than to have Margaret welcoming them to our community?)

Our profile of Margaret is just one of the many entertaining stories in this issue of *Beyond Stephens*. You'll find an update on the renovation of Sampson Hall into our new Center for Health Sciences, home to our new Physician Assistant Studies program (which was accredited in March and will enroll its first class of students in August!). You'll read about the exceptional and inspiring accomplishments of our students, and you'll find pages (and pages!) of news about your fellow alumnae and our 2016 Reunion celebration.

As you page through the magazine, I hope you feel great pride in your alma mater, and in your membership in the community of extraordinary women that is Stephens College. She celebrates her 183rd birthday on Aug. 24, and—like all great women—she just keeps getting better.

Enjoy!

Dianne

Dr. Dianne Lynch, Stephens College President


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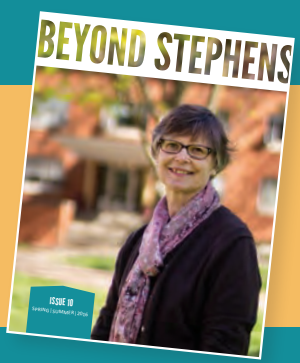
Longtime Stephens College faculty member Margaret Campbell stands outside Searcy Hall on campus.



# A Closer Look

A quick dose of Stephens fun facts and interesting stats.

## 1,500+

Number of submissions that Stephens M.F.A. student and Columbia native Sarah Phillips beat out to win her Nashville Film Festival Screenwriting Competition Award in the drama short category. Her winning script is titled "Smile."

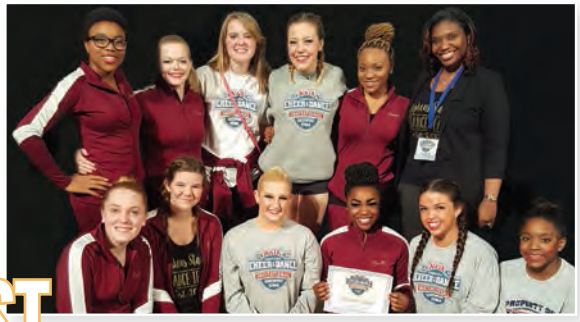
Courtesy Notley Hawkins

## #3

Columbia's ranking from Livability.com. Columbia, Mo., known as College Town, U.S.A., is ranked as one of the best college towns in America and is also considered one of the top 50 places to live.

## 1947

Year in which Sampson Hall was built; Stephens College purchased the property from the Sampson family four years prior to the building's construction. Three of the Sampson daughters, Margaret, Carolyn and Julia, attended Stephens. The property was originally deeded to Henry Cave by James Monroe in 1824 and at one time was owned by E.W. Stephens, son of James Stephens, the College's namesake. This fall, Sampson will reopen and house the Stephens College Center for Health Sciences. The state-of-the-art center will feature modern laboratory and learning spaces. *See progress photos on page 7.*



## 1ST

Time in history that a Stephens athletic program has qualified for nationals. The Starlets, Stephens' competitive dance team, achieved the milestone in just its second year of existence as a varsity sport. The team finished in the Top 10 at the NAIA Competitive Cheer & Dance National Invitational in Davenport, Iowa.

## 90

Number of years since Stephens College opened its first on-campus nursery school (in 1925). This spring, The Children's School at Stephens College relocated to the heart of campus in the Library Penthouse (*pictured*). The school, which serves preschool children through fifth grade, also unveiled fresh branding that emphasizes its focus on integration of the arts and sciences throughout the curriculum.

# Celebrate Stephens

## 10th Anniversary Class

### Class of 2006

*Pictured (L-to-R)*: **Colin Kramer '06, Andrew Nunemacher '06, Nathanael Card Schiffbauer '06, Theresa Hermann '06, Kendra Kastendieck Kay '06, Danielle Gibbs '06.**

## 15th Anniversary Class

### Class of 2001

*Pictured (L-to-R)*: **Yvonne Chamberlain '01, Mindy Schler Becker '01, Cindy Lou Schler Vogel '01, Bonnie Hahin Olszewski '01.**

## 25th Anniversary Class

### Class of 1991

*Pictured back row (L-to-R)*: **Amy Farha '91, Erleen Anderson '91, Elizabeth Pendergrass-Rainey Glasscox '91, Teresa Smith '91, Kimberly Elizabeth Saunders '91, Sheila Wold McKinnis '91, Laura Horn Dale '91, Carolyn McHale '91.** *Pictured front row (L-to-R)*: **Alicia Moser Skroska '91, Samantha VonHatten Siedhoff '91, Tiffany Leek '91, Myra Poe '91, Andrea "Dree" Garrison '91.**

"Coming back to Stephens for our 25th reunion was amazing! We visited all our favorite spots, shopped at the campus store, saw former teachers and laughed for hours. Two highlights were the fashion show (our current students have amazing skills) and hearing President Lynch's report on the exciting happenings at Stephens! If you haven't been back in a while, it is time to plan a trip!"

— Tiffany Leek '91

"It was wonderful seeing so many great friends from 25 years ago. Stephens did a knock-out job entertaining us and showing off the beautiful campus. I was thrilled to be a part of the event and look forward to the next reunion!"

— Sheila Wold McKinnis '91

# 30th Anniversary Class

## Class of 1986

*Pictured (L-to-R)*: **Mike Burke '86**, director of production for the Stephens School of Performing Arts; **Ruth Ann Schulze Burke '86**, business manager for the Stephens School of Performing Arts; **Ellen Vollrath '86**, Board of Trustees member; **Anne Miller Keely '86**; **Diane Hunter Robertson '86**; **Mary Anna Bobbe Noveck '86**; **Allison Wheeler O'Shea '86**; **Jacque Wissel Coyan '86**; **Mary Elbert Robbins '86**.

# 50th Anniversary Class

## Class of 1966

*Pictured back row (L-to-R)*: **Annette Anderson Gleason '66**, **Allison Embrey Zimmerman '66**, **Janan Perkins Huntsberry '66**, **Doreen Oliver Maxcy '66**, **Mary "Susie" Snodgrass Kuehner '66**, **Mary Morgan Graves '66**, **Julie Stayton Long '66**, **Nancy Nason Franke '66**. *Pictured front row (L-to-R)*: **Nan Spitzer Applegate '66**, **Jacqueline Jacobson Steele '66**, **Cheryl Walker Coleman '66**, **Susan Beachem Herd '66**, **Marti Mathews Rolofson '66**, **Linda Liles Rollyson '66**.

"Stephens Reunion 2016 was one of the most enjoyable experiences I've had and I have been to many reunions over the years. The majority of women from the Class of '66 had never been back to campus in 50 years, and sharing the experience all together was truly a gift. . . . Stephens women rock!"

— Jacqueline Jacobson Steele '66

# Save the Date!

# Why Choose Health Science? Why Now? Why Stephens?

*Dr. Susan M. Muller serves as dean of the School of Health Sciences. She is an experienced higher education leader with a strong background in health and exercise science. Before Stephens, Muller served as director of the School of Health Sciences at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where she developed a new vision, mission statement and values for the school. Prior to that, she was on faculty at Murray State University, where she served as dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services, and at Salisbury University, where she served as chair of the Department of Health and Sport Sciences and director of the Health Education Program. Muller earned a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Health Education from the University of Maryland, a B.S. in Biological Science from Salisbury University and a B.S. in Health and Physical Education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), a Certified Sports Nutrition Consultant and a Master Certified Health Education Specialist.*

A degree in any area of health science is a good choice for two reasons at this point in time. The first reason has to do with serving society: The U.S. population is aging. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging, the number of older persons in America will more than double between 2013 and 2060. One of the implications of living in an aging society includes a growing need for all areas of healthcare and health-related services. Consequently, healthcare and health science related degrees in particular are becoming the smart choice for students looking for a positive return on investment for their college tuition dollars.

Since her founding in 1833, Stephens College has been a leader in science education for women, incorporating science into the curriculum. Our faculty and staff create a nurturing environment where questions are explored and leadership is encouraged. Stephens' commitment to one-on-one advising means that students are provided individualized attention and guidance to find the right path in health sciences to pursue their career opportunities.

In the School of Health Sciences, students work toward a Bachelor of Science in Health Science to become prepared for graduate work or an entry-level position in the health sciences. Students may select a generalist track or pursue a clinical path (tracks are offered in Pre-Physician Assistant, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Chiropractic). These professions are expecting much faster than average job growth (Bureau of Labor Statistics); Physician Assistant was named the #4 Best Health Care Job (*U.S. News & World Report*).

In addition, tracks have been added for those interested in non-clinical careers, including Healthcare Management and Fitness and Wellness. With a bachelor's degree, these students can expect to pursue positions from personal trainer to healthcare information management or wellness coordinator. They'll work in environments as diverse as hospitals, nonprofits, community services, government agencies and specialties such as pharmaceutical sales, training and insurance, where industry professionals are looking for those with an expertise in health.

Health Science students work alongside Biology students in the School of Health Sciences. The Biology program continues to offer a solid path for those interested in Pre-Med and Pre-Vet studies, or those interested in a research career.

It is an exciting time to be part of the School of Health Sciences at Stephens College. The 2016-17 academic year will be highlighted with the admission of the inaugural class of the Master in Physician Assistant Studies program, which will be housed in the completely renovated Sampson Hall. It is an empowering time for young women to take advantage of the new opportunities at Stephens College in the profitable field of health science.

**—Dr. Susan M. Muller**
**Dean, School of Health Sciences**

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# Progress Toward Excellence

## Sampson Hall gets ready to impress.

Renovation of Sampson Hall continues as we look forward to welcoming the first class into the state-of-the-art Center for Health Sciences. Bordering downtown, the revitalized Sampson Hall is expected to impress students, community residents and guests. Enjoy a look at the progress to date below or visit stephens.edu/progress for more photos and a time-lapse video.

## Imagine **Your Name** on the New Center for Health Sciences

Fund a state-of-the art anatomy lab, a slate of high-tech classrooms, a lounge for inspired (and exhausted) students, a suite of faculty offices, an auditorium. Help us educate tomorrow's students to become the healthcare professionals our communities are going to need. To learn more about opportunities to be part of our future, contact Meichele Foster, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Initiatives, at (573) 876-7110 or mfoster@stephens.edu.

# Sixth Sense

## **Joan Ranquet '82** is a highly-touted animal communicator.

**Joan Ranquet '82** used to talk to animals just for fun. Then, the *Los Angeles Times* got wind of her hobby and published a story about her in 1998. That's when her phone started ringing, and it hasn't stopped ever since.

"Then I started charging," she says.

For nearly 20 years, Ranquet has built a career and reputation as one of the country's most sought-after animal communicators. She's helped celebrities and their pets; has been instrumental in high-profile animal search-and-rescue missions; and has penned two books on the subject. Her latest offering, "Energy Healing for Animals," was released last fall. It is a hands-on guide to help animal owners enhance the health and happiness of their pets.

Ranquet mostly talks to horses, dogs and cats but she's also led dolphin tours, worked with zoos and plans to take a trip to Africa this fall to communicate with wildlife there.

She's worked with Stephens, too. Five years ago, Ranquet returned to campus where she helped Equestrian Studies faculty better understand one of the program's horses—a former racehorse named Hank who just wanted to feel like a winner again.

Ranquet is a lifelong horse lover. She won her first horse in a school raffle at the age of 7 and has continued to own horses, even while working in the film industry in Los Angeles.

It was a desire to better understand her own horses that introduced Ranquet to animal communication. After working with professional communicators, she began taking classes.

> "My degree has served me well. I have the confidence to get up in front of people and tell them about this work."
>
> —Joan Ranquet '82

"I loved doing it, and it came relatively easy to me," Ranquet says.

She continued studying and practicing talking to animals on a daily basis. Her work and dedication paid off as she now works with clients from around the world and teaches others the art of animal communication. Ranquet is also a speaker and freelance writer, penning articles for various publications in addition to her books.

Three years ago, Ranquet was in the news again after helping find a pony who was stuck on a small ledge after having fallen down a cliff on a farm in Redmond, Wash.

"I got a sense of where I thought the pony was, but it didn't seem to be enough of a clue," she recalls. "One thing I didn't almost say was that I heard water splashing. Logically, there was no place for runoff on this property, but I discovered they had an extended piece of land. The husband, who never believed in animal communication, followed a stream and saw where the water was going off the edge. That's where he found the pony on the ledge."

It took 68 people and several pulley systems to rescue the animal, who survived with barely a scratch.

Although she's no longer in the film industry, Ranquet says she continues to use her theatre degree from Stephens to navigate her unique career path.

"My degree has served me well," she says. "I have the confidence to get up in front of people and tell them about this work. I'm able to work with unique circumstances."

Studying at Okoboji Summer Theatre, the College's summer stock theatre program in Iowa, especially taught her how to multi-task and collaborate.

"It helped me learn how to roll up my sleeves and help in any way I can," she says. "I think outside of the box and can help come up with creative solutions."

## Keys to Successful Animal Communication

Animal communicator **Joan Ranquet '82** insists that anyone can talk to animals—it just takes a little faith.

"The biggest thing that gets in your way is doubt," she says.

The most important thing pet owners should realize is that their animals can feel the energy and vibes that they're projecting, Ranquet says.

This can have a big impact on them because, unlike animals in the wild, they can't naturally flee from a stressful environment.

For example, think of a duck peacefully resting on a pond, she says. If the duck senses there is a fox nearby, the duck flies away, releasing adrenaline and finding safety.

"What happens in a household is that our animals see us come home with stress," she says. "They're in 'uh-oh' mode if we're not aware of that."

So what does she advise you to do? She says to tell your pet, "This is my stuff, and I'm so grateful that you're the dog."

When her father died, Ranquet said she used that technique to relieve her own dog's stress.

"I put an energy bubble around her and said, 'You get to be the dog; you don't have to take this on.'"

*Ranquet shares more tips for communicating with your animals in her latest book, "Energy Healing for Animals."*

New Major Helps Stephens Star

# Get in the Game

In 2013, Stephens College announced a new three-year, six-semester B.S. degree program in Event and Convention Management. Fast forward to the first graduating class—an impressive group of young women. We talked with **Courtney Scott '16**, a May graduate and the recipient of the Outstanding Student in Event and Convention Management Award at this spring's Honors Convocation, about her experiences with the program.

### What appeals to you about the Event and Convention Management program?

Event and convention management (also sometimes called event, meeting or conference planning) is an exciting field because it challenges you to draw on many different skills, and it offers so much variety. You have to understand contracts and budgeting and handle details like exhibit space, lodging, transportation, telecommunications, and food and beverage. You are involved in promotions from traditional print to social media. It takes both intense time management and detail orientation but also outstanding people and communication skills. It's a growing field and you can start your own business or work for a corporate or nonprofit setting. There are a lot of options.

### How is Stephens helping you reach your goals?

The Event and Convention Management program is amazing because you get career-building experience working on real events and planning them for the Columbia community. One example is the big Ronald McDonald House fundraiser we work on each year. We also have site visits to learn from businesses in the industry; these visits also provide insight into career paths you can take.

At Stephens, you get to network and to build your brand at the same time and nothing prepares you for the real world better than that.

### Tell us the about the internships you've pursued.

As an athlete myself (and a member of the Stephens Stars golf team), I am interested in a career in the sports industry. I've been fortunate to pursue several internships in my field. I was a marketing and promotions intern with the Kansas City T-Bones minor league baseball team, an event management intern with the athletics department at the University of Missouri, and finally, a marketing and promotions intern with the Washington Nationals major league baseball team in D.C.

My most recent internship with the Nationals was absolutely amazing. I spent my time around the best sport there is. I helped create marketing pieces for the team, for the Jr. Nationals Kids Club, and for outside events hosted by the Nationals. I also worked in the promotions department, which entailed a ton of event management duties. I would perform and create promotions for game days, too.

For the past three years, I have also worked as an event management intern with Museao, a special event venue and firm here in town.

### How did Stephens help prepare you for those internships?

Stephens College has been preparing me to be this driven and successful since I opened my acceptance letter four years ago. The professors and faculty challenge you and push you to go after what seem like impossible goals for yourself and your career. The faculty are experienced industry professionals and active in the industry.

We also have amazing opportunities to collaborate in meaningful ways across campus. We can gain experience with the Citizen Jane Film Festival, the annual The Collections fashion show, and lots of other campus events. We can join Creative Ink, the student-run advertising agency, and collaborate with students from many different majors on projects for real clients.

### What are your post-graduation plans?

I am thrilled to say I will be applying what I've learned to my new role as the seasonal community relations and marketing coordinator for the Washington Kastles tennis organization in D.C. this summer. After that, I will attend the Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies to attain my master's degree in sports industry management.

### What does it mean to you to be a Stephens woman?

Stephens College has made me the woman I am today. Stephens has helped cultivate my leadership skills, provided me with a diversity of enriching experiences, and instilled in me a drive to chase down my dreams. Event Convention and Management is a great program, and I appreciate all of the opportunities it has provided me.

**Quick fact:** *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Meeting, Convention and Event Planner as a Top 21 Business Job with better than average upward mobility.

**Did you know?:** The Stephens College Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD) provides students with information about careers, job opportunities, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing and more!

# A PILLAR OF SUCCESS

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Stephens first-year students have benefitted from Margaret Campbell's wisdom for four decades.

First-year students. They led her to Stephens College, and when she was visualizing the next stage in her career, it was first-year students whom she felt inspired to serve once again.

Of course, we're talking about Margaret Campbell. Since 1974, she's been helping students (first-year to senior) find their way as they transition from recent high school students to confident professional women ready to take on the world.

**Margaret's Arrival**

We have Campbell's brother to thank for bringing her to Stephens.

As a graduate of the University of Arkansas (Master of Education with an emphasis in College Student Personnel) and Missouri Southern State University (Bachelor of Science in Education, English), she was on her way to a job interview at an Illinois university for a resident director position in a high-rise residence hall. She stopped in Columbia on the way to visit with her brother, who was a freshman at the University of Missouri. He told her to look at Stephens College.

With encouragement from her graduate school adviser—who knew the chaplain at Stephens and that the College had a reputation for being "cutting edge in women's education"—she was here two weeks later. Of course, Stephens, herself, had a lot to do with it.

"The campus was picturesque, vibrant and classy but also progressive," Campbell says, adding "that's still true today."

### Progressive Culture

"Stephens was on-the-move when I arrived," she says. "The College was allowing women more freedom; it was refreshing." (At that point, Stephens had eliminated bed checks.)

"Moreover, the structure was in place to support and foster women's leadership," Campbell says. "The sense of community set high expectations for what these young women could accomplish.

"Stephens was reviewing curriculum and putting the theories that I had studied into practice. For someone pursuing this kind of career, the College was a wonderful match."

### Margaret and the Searcyites

After a rewarding first year as residence counselor in Dearing Hall, Campbell was encouraged to join the House Plan, a living and learning program for highly motivated freshmen who were housed in Searcy Hall. It took a lot of coaxing from the House Plan faculty and administrators, but as soon as she met with the students, she knew she belonged with the group. Campbell was the residence counselor for the program for the next two decades, and then served as coordinator until 2016.

The program was designed for first-year students who lived together and took courses together in the humanities, contemporary social issues and communication.

"That's what I loved about it—the opportunity to work directly with freshmen," Campbell says. "They are always such an energizing group. It's exciting to watch them grow through that first academic year. The professors in the program were (and are) stellar, too."

Those Searcyites (as she called them then) are today's movers and shakers.

"Some are grandmothers, some are recent graduates, but they are all fabulous Stephens women taking on the world," she says. (She is still in touch with many of them via Facebook.)

Campbell has also shaped the lives and careers of more than 75 resident advisers involved in the program.

"Working with first-year students has been the cord tying together all of my years at Stephens," she says. "It's been a privilege to observe them emerge into young adults and even older adults! I've tried to maintain a positive tone, to motivate them to set high goals for themselves. No two students are ever alike; they each have their own template. Helping them engage with campus life and move along their career paths is fulfilling."

### A New Initiative: Success for All

Campbell tutored informally through the House Plan and supported the efforts of student services and then-leader of that area, the now retired Deb Duren, to provide tutoring to students on an ad-hoc basis. In 2004, the Vice President for Academic Affairs formalized the Academic Resource Center (ARC), which was housed in the Hugh Stephens Library; Campbell tutored for the ARC and later became the center's director. After several years of growth and a detour to Hickman Hall, the center was renamed the Student Success Center (SSC) and moved to Stamper Commons with the influence of President Dianne Lynch's grant initiative for expansion. It opened one week before students arrived in Fall 2012. Since then, the Success Center has helped hundreds of students and provides services from tutoring to test-taking techniques. (It also now houses ADA compliance.)

While the ARC and SSC have made a big impact on students' ability to achieve academically, Campbell has never stepped away from her love of first-year advising. She has served as an academic adviser for 42 academic years at Stephens.

### Always Learning and Growing

Campbell also taught in both undergraduate and non-traditional classrooms, serving as a classroom teacher throughout the '80s, '90s and well into the 21st century. She led the women's studies program, advised Mortar Board and the Student Government Association, directed campus programming, and even supervised the male theatre/dance students' housing in the mid '80s. Throughout it all, she advised mostly freshman students.

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## The House Plan Today

While no longer housed in Searcy Hall, the House Plan continues to connect, empower and inspire young women on the Stephens campus today. As students' housing needs have evolved, so too has the program while remaining focused on academic rigor, engagement and community.

The program now encompasses all four years of the student experience and is called Stephens Scholars. Students take honors-level courses together every year and benefit from social and team-building events as well as field trips to places ranging from the neonatal hospital unit to the local sustainability-focused grocery store.

The intellectual conversations are still happening and lifelong friendships are still being forged as the program continues to have deep meaning for its members.

*A timeline of the program can be found at* **stephens.edu/history-of-the-honors-program**.

Margaret Campbell has collected many Searcyite shirts through the years.

# Margaret Campbell

A look at a stellar career that has spanned 42 academic years.

## 1974

Dearing Hall Residence Counselor

## 1975–1997

Searcy House Plan Residence Counselor

## 1980–1987

Counselor/Adviser in Without Walls program for adult learners

## 1980–2011

Classroom Teacher (Freshman Studies, Composition, Women's Studies)

## 1983–1986

Residence Counselor for male theatre/dance students' housing

## 1988

Spring sabbatical, Semester at Sea

## 1990s

Adviser to *The Ten Ideals*

## 1994–2003

Adviser to Mortar Board

## 1995

Interim Director for Residence Life

1997–2006
Director in student leadership and campus programming and SGA adviser

1998–2002
Coordinator for Prunty Science House Plan

2004–2011
Director of Academic Resource Center (ARC), located in library

2011–2016
Director of Student Success Center (formerly the ARC), now in Stamper Commons

2016
Inaugural recipient of the Alan R. Havig Award for Distinguished Service

Searcy House Plan Coordinator (later renamed Stephens Scholars)
1997–2016

ARC moves to Hickman Hall
2009

Advising
1974–2016+ Adviser

"My career has been one of horizontal growth, and I'm happy about that," she says. "Anytime I even briefly considered looking elsewhere, someone would say 'here, try this.' It's been a gift to be here, to always have a new challenge, every year, and I want Stephens to know how much I appreciate that.

"No year, no student, has been a repeat. Every three or four years, I learn enough to think I've earned another degree in human development."

### The Next Chapter

"Stephens has all of her pillars," she says. "Times change, but we have stayed true to an updated mission and values. We look forward. We are flexible. Our *Ten Ideals* are our *Ten Ideals*. The ground will have to shake to move them from the plaza in front of LRW.

"Stephens has crept into my DNA. I can't fathom not being involved with her in some way; it's a loving addiction. When I talked to President Lynch about wanting to step away from a full-time commitment, she told me I could do whatever I wanted to do. She was irrepressibly supportive. As I thought about it, I knew: I wanted to be an adviser to first-year students."

And so that's what Campbell will do. With the 2016-17 school year, she will focus her energies on first-year advising along with six other faculty who will specialize in advising students through this critical time.

"Stephens is a transformative place, not just for students but for all of us who are called to be here," Campbell says. "I remain grateful to the influential faculty, staff and administrators, past and present, who have guided my journey here, whether they know it or not."

And we are all proud to have known her—and are all better for the experience.

### The Impact of Margaret Campbell

We reached out to Stephens alumnae, faculty and staff about the impact Margaret Campbell has had on their lives. Here are some snippets of their comments:

"I was one of the faculty who interviewed Margaret in the early '70s for the position of residence counselor of the Searcy Hall House Plan and I knew immediately that we'd hit pay dirt. It was my special pleasure to work alongside Margaret for many years."—*James M. Shirky, Ph.D., Former Humanities Professor*

"Margaret had the very best advice, which amounted to being kind and maintaining my boundaries. It's a lesson I've used literally thousands of times, and in many ways, has been a foundation of my career in human services."—*Leslie Foster '79*

"Margaret was there our first week in the dorm guiding us through the early stages of college life … she hugged us as we marched to graduation, and she still manages to support us as alumnae."—*Catherine Withrow Rochon '05*

"Margaret is unfailingly kind, cheerful and generous. She is totally focused on the success and welfare of our students. Ask anyone on the faculty—they'll tell you that Margaret Campbell is their favorite colleague."—*James Terry, Ph.D., Associate Professor*

"In any situation, Margaret could keep her wits about her and provide others with the direction, support and encouragement needed. The energy and gifts she brings to the school are priceless."—*Ann Current Moreton '80*

"We all missed home to some degree or another our freshman year, and Margaret often filled in a bit of the unconditional love that we needed from time to time. We who know her are all a bit better off for her tireless work for so many years."—*Roxanne Rzewnicki Booth '84*

"Margaret always had a listening ear for those who needed advice or support. Her role at Stephens grew and changed over the years, but she continues to be the living heart and soul of Stephens for thousands of young women."—*Susan Keaton '81*

"As a freshman, I was homesick and overwhelmed. I went to Margaret for advice on what to do, and she talked me into staying until semester end at least and to take it from there. I now serve on the Board of Trustees. What a wonderful trip it turned out to be—and I owe much, if not all, to Margaret Campbell."—*Ellen Vollrath '86*

"Margaret is the heart of Stephens. Her heart is the kind we all strive for in our daily work at the College. It's the kind of heart it takes to spend countless hours crafting lesson plans that inspire aha moments, the heart it takes to comfort distressed students long after the Student Success Center's doors have closed, and the heart it takes to offer wise mentorship to new faculty colleagues."—*Sady Mayer Strand, Student Success Center Colleague*

"When I think of Margaret and Stephens, they are so intertwined as to feel like one energy."—*Joy Katzen-Guthrie '80*

# Stephens Alumnae Duo Racks Up Awards

Fellow Stephens College alumnae and Board of Trustees members **Daryll Harris Griffin '72** *(pictured top)* and **Anita K. Parran '73** *(pictured bottom)* recently have been recognized for excellence in their respective fields.

Most recently, Griffin's promotional branding solutions company, Accolades, Inc., received the 10th Annual Jackie Robinson MVDBP (Most Valuable Diverse Business Partner) Award from the Atlanta Braves and Major League Baseball on Jackie Robinson Day at Turner Field on April 20.

Griffin, who is the CEO and founder of the company, says she was thrilled to accept the award, which was presented because of the company's exemplary service, similar to the qualities exemplified by the late Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson.

"To think our team was selected as one of the firms who most provides a level of service and character comparable to one of my heroes—Jackie Robinson? It blows me away," Griffin says. "We are humbled and thrilled to have the Atlanta Braves and Major League Baseball as our partner, and to help them succeed in their branding projects."

Accolades, Inc., which has served many Fortune 500 companies in the Atlanta market, is the only promotional products marketing firm to ever have received the MVDBP award. The annual award recognizes diversity partners for the Atlanta Braves and MLB organizations who provide service that reflects the character and commitment to excellence lived by Jackie Robinson.

Griffin founded Accolades, Inc.—the top woman-owned promotional branding agency in the Atlanta area—in 1990 after a successful career at Xerox Corporation as a regional manager of personnel operations and as a public school teacher.

The award comes less than six months after her firm's induction into the Atlanta Business League Hall of Fame. In November, Accolades, Inc. became the first promotional products marketing firm to be inducted into the hall of fame, which recognizes African American-owned businesses that have conducted continuous business for over 25 years.

Griffin also has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Black Women of Influence by the Atlanta Business League and with the League Leadership Award. She earned a B.A. in Elementary Education from Stephens, and an M.S. in Education (Administration and Supervision) and Reading Specialists Certification from Washington University. At Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, she earned certificates from the Minority Business Executive Program and Women's Executive Leadership Program. Griffin also attended the Minority Business Management Program at the Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University.

**Anita K. Parran '73** received the 2015 Velma E. Woodson Outstanding Leadership Award from the NAACP Kansas City, Missouri Branch on Oct. 31. She was honored during an awards luncheon at the Westin Crown Center Hotel.

Parran was heralded for being a committed volunteer for government, civic and community entities. The award recognized Parran for "spreading her activism and making Kansas City a better place to live."

"This honor was most humbling because it came out of the blue," Parran says. "Being selected for this award demonstrated to me that my community continuously makes observations and assessments that I am acutely unaware of because what I do is just a part of my DNA. I am always in awe when I am recognized for my contributions to society."

In 2014, Parran was selected as one of Kansas City's Most Influential Women by the *KC Business Magazine*, an honor she also received in 2007 as a member of the charter class. In 2015, she was honored to join *The Kansas City Globe*'s Society of Influentials.

Parran works as associate state director for public affairs for AARP Missouri. She is responsible for communications efforts that support AARP's social mission, including legislative advocacy, financial security, caregiving and healthcare issues and fraud prevention. She is also principal for KK Charles Communications, LLC, an international award-winning firm she founded in 1998 that specializes in public and media relations, professional writing and special events management. The company provides communications consultation services for a select clientele of small-to-medium size nonprofits and for-profit entities.

Parran, who serves as secretary on the Stephens Board of Trustees, earned a B.A. in Journalism from Stephens College and an M.A. in Business Management from Webster University. She also earned the Certified Communications Professional (CCP) designation from the Matrix Foundation-University of Washington School of Communications.

# CLASS NOTES

## '40s

**Madolyn Youse Babcock '44**, who turned 91 years old in December, earned her master's degree in analytical chemistry in 1952 from the University of Minnesota. After graduation, Madolyn worked as a chemist for General Mills until the arrival of the first of her six children in 1954. She remained involved in academic pursuits by serving on the Stephens College Board of Trustees. Throughout her life, Madolyn has supported and inspired women to pursue careers in the sciences through scholarships and mentoring. Two of her daughters currently work for the National Marine Fisheries Service in the fields of fisheries and environmental policy. So far, four of her 13 grandchildren are pursuing careers in the sciences, and the artist in the family is following a career in scientific illustration. One of her granddaughters, a third-year medical student at Rush Medical School in Chicago, wrote, "I am so proud to have grandmother as my role model in every aspect of my life, not just in science, but in family, faith and fun!"

## '50s

**Sharon Hill Vance '50** writes that she may have set a Stephens record for her diversity of occupations, including as a telemarketing manager for Davenport University in her native city of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a branch manager for a Manpower franchise in Hudsonville, Mich.; a fashion promoter for Wurzburg's Department Store in Grand Rapids; and the co-owner and breeder of World Champion pacing mare Clearly Clout and her stakes-winning dam, Gotta Have Clout. In her spare time, Sharon was president of the Child Guidance Clinic of Grand Rapids and served on the board of the Kent County (MI) American Red Cross. She raised a family of two daughters as a single, divorced woman. Sharon is an active member and former board member of the 91-year-old Women's City Club in Grand Rapids. As her husband, Norm, says, "If she didn't do it, it's only because she didn't think of it."

The 1951 Stephens College White Hall reunion was held for a second time at Camp Mac in the Talladega National Forest near Munford, Ala., from Oct. 27-30. The group members celebrated their 20th reunion since leaving White Hall and Stephens 64 years ago. Hostess **Margie**

*Pictured (L-to-R):* **Marilyn Myers Dearmin '51** of Noblesville, Ind.; **Polly Webb White '51** of Dyersburg, Tenn.; **Frances "Sister" Webb Strong '51** of Mobile, Ala.; **Pat Kelso Knott '51** of Kansas City, Mo.; and **Margie Bryan McBride '51** of Munford, Ala.

# REMEMBRANCES

## '20s & '30s

**Theone Grove Walkingstick '28** of Tulsa, Okla.; Sept. 13, 2000. **Elda Wonsetler Boster '29** of Burrton, Kan.; May 10, 1989. **Christine Burkland Anderson '33** of Naples, Fla.; March 1, 2011. **Virginia Dees Blades '34** of Springfield, Mo.; March 4, 2008. **Phydele Gourley Ehrlich '34** of Charlottesville, Va.; Dec. 13, 2015. **Margaret Kyd Olwine '34** of Independence, Mo.; April 2, 2010. **Betty Didcoct Burrill '35** of Bethesda, Md.; Sept. 19, 2015. **Natalie Murdoch Darwin '36** of Garland, Texas; April 11, 2015. **Velasca "Val" Lortscher Bauer '37** of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Sept. 18, 2015. **Marijean Wagner Ackerson '38** of Cicero, N.Y.; Jan. 26, 2016. **Maude Arthur Brown '38** of Clearwater, Fla.; Sept. 10, 2014. **Helen Towne Alrich '39** of Carson City, Nev.; June 16, 1997. **Julia Patrick Fiske '39** of Clover, S.C.; Dec. 19, 2010. **Ann Stein Parks '39** of Muscatine, Iowa; Oct. 15, 2012. **Dorothea Elliott Schutte '39** of Tucson, Ariz.; Aug. 31, 2015. **Constance Firestone Shelton '39** of Germantown, Tenn.; Sept. 24, 2015.

## '40s

**MaryJane Lewis Duga '40** of Sun City Center, Fla.; Aug. 6, 2015. **Betty Huston Simmermon '40** of Lapel, Ind.; Dec. 21, 2013. **Elizabeth Flora Weeks '40** of San Mateo, Calif.; Dec. 6, 2014. **Alice Logan '41** of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Sept. 15, 2015. **Jane Parker Anthony '42** of East Longmeadow, Mass.; Nov. 26, 2015. **Marion Ekleberry '42** of Baltimore; July 30, 2014. **Eleanor Andreoff Evans '42** of St. Louis; Nov. 5, 2015. **Maude Peters Kozlowski '42** of Carlsbad, Calif.; March 10, 2015. **Annette Morrison Luckow '42** of New Berlin, Wis.; Nov. 12, 2015. **Marjorie Monroe Presley '42** of Bethesda, Md.; Oct. 29, 2015. **Jacqueline Spalding Salb '42** of Frankfort, Ill.; Jan. 24, 2016. **Elizabeth Sames Brown '43** of Tyler, Texas; Jan. 9, 2016. **Elizabeth M. Landon '43** of Farmington, Conn.; Dec. 10, 2014. **Margaret Doelker Bonning '44** of Waldoboro, Maine; Aug. 18, 2013. **Hermanetta Moorhead Christian '44** of Douglas, Wyo.; April 9, 2015. **Nancy Taylor**

**Bryan McBride '51**, whose family has owned the camp for three generations, presented each of them with a Stephens College Class of 1951 coffee mug as well as a Camp Mac medallion as mementos of their time together. "The autumn beauty of the countryside encouraged us to hike the trails and spend quality time with our long-time friends," **Pat Kelso Knott '51** says. "Unfortunately, we arrived too late to ride the zip lines as they were dismantled for the winter."

**Carol Goshaw Blanchard '52** taught English for 10 years in China and volunteered for the Total Immersion Program in Beijing. The three-week program, sponsored by ESEC and Peking University, inspires and trains Chinese teachers to speak English fluently. She enjoys her three great-grandchildren who live near her in Laguna Woods, Calif. Carol writes that she loved her two years at Stephens.

Fellow Stephens alumnae and church members (*pictured L-to-R*): **Susan Jack Fuhrer '64**, **Ann Hanson Scarborough '78**, **Susan Brown Evans '66**, **Patsy Brock '50**, **Linda Podas Chapman '65** and **Victoria Kirk Mouradian '71**. Stephens alumnae not pictured: **Judy Whitesell Cresap '62**, **Diane Volentine Hayes '62**, **Loraine Warner McIntosh '43** and **Jane Zonka '42**.

**Sue Wilkowske Kaestner '57** reports that she and her dear husband, Arnie, who turned 80 years old in November, have decided to move to a "lovely new senior apartment" about eight miles from their home that they have lived in for 48 years. The last of their eight grandchildren will head to college next fall and several are getting married or have already married. Sue writes: "It is time to downsize and see what they may wish to have that we no longer need. I miss our Class of '57 newsletter and am thankful for email, which is a great way to stay in touch with classmates. I hope to make our 60th reunion. We sure enjoyed the 50th!"

## '60s

**Linda Podas Chapman '65**, a 50-year resident of Santa Barbara, Calif., has hosted several Stephens gatherings over the years. She has surprisingly discovered a total of 10 Stephens alumnae who attend her church, All-Saints-by-the-Sea

**Evans '44** of Falconer, N.Y.; July 26, 2015. **Lucille St. Clair French '44** of Fremont, Calif.; April 15, 2015. **Alberta Barnstorff Logue '44** of Columbia, Mo.; Feb. 8, 2015. **Marian Miller Pappas '44** of Southington, Conn.; June 4, 2015. **Clara Parmelee Peterson '44** of New York; Dec. 3, 2015. **Maxyne Smith Sheffield '44** of Wilmington, N.C.; Oct. 24, 2015. **Jessie Etheridge Summers '44** of Auburn, Ala.; May 19, 2015. **Iann Hastings Oswalt '45** of Garden City, Kan.; July 2, 2013. **Jean McCulloch Boyle Smithdeal '45** of Richmond, Va.; Dec. 14, 2015. **Jane McKay McCormick '46** of La Conner, Wash.; March 22, 2014. **Merrily Brooks McNamara '46** of Richmond, Va.; Dec. 19, 2015. **Marian Westly Moynihan '47** of San Rafael, Calif.; Jan. 16, 2016. **Barbara Bloedorn Phillips '46** of Fort Collins, Colo.; Aug. 10, 2015. **Elizabeth Randolph Woods '46** of Exeter, Calif.; Dec. 10, 2004. **Josephine Stickley Hiller '47** of Johnson City, N.Y.; Nov. 2, 2015. **Mary Johnston Lettow '47** of Orlando, Fla.; Jan. 2, 2016. **Jean Shepardson Norgeot '47** of Orleans, Mass.; July 17, 2014. **Jean Robinson Ottilie '47** of Marshalltown, Iowa; Dec. 20, 2014. **Shirley Goodman Shear '47** of St. Louis; Nov. 25, 2011. **Phyllis Brinkman Widerman '47** of Cherry Hill, N.J.; Sept. 27, 2015. **Nancy Chase '48** of Eugene, Ore.; Sept. 11, 2015. **Katharine Nicholson Medlock '48** of Wilmington, N.C.; Oct. 8, 2015. **Patsy Wagner Metzger '48** of Sunrise, Fla.; Sept. 13, 2015. **Joanne Zimmerman Smith '48** of Gainesville, Va.; May 7, 2014. **Nancy Riach Barnard '49** of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; Dec. 19, 2015. **Patricia Dalton Barnes '49** of Hampton Cove, Ala.; Jan. 3, 2016. **Nancy Lathe Bauer '49** of Ely, Minn.; June 17, 2015. **Barbara Mills Daniel '49** of Arlington, Texas; March 3, 2014. **Jeaneane Booth Duncan '49** of Houston; Dec. 21, 2015. **Dolores Davis Griffin '49** of Borger, Texas; Dec. 3, 2015. **Dorothy Simonet Kilty '49** of Okatie, S.C.; Jan. 2, 2016. **Mary Frankel Pepper '49** of Asheville, N.C.; Jan. 18, 2016. **Janet Hughes Teel '49** of Alden, Mich.; Nov. 26, 2012. **Joan Edwards Walker '49** of Jackson, Mich.; Jan. 21, 2016. **Martha Beaver Wilcoxson '49** of Templeton, Calif.; Dec. 29, 2015.

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Episcopal Church. She writes: "We recently got together for a luncheon and had the best time. The most senior member is in her early 90s and the youngest is in her 50s. Our bond is palpable no matter what the age. The moral of this story is Stephens women are everywhere. All you have to do is tell people you went to Stephens! Try it, and you will be surprised and fulfilled by adding these women to your treasures in life."

Sisters **Susan Lundberg '69** and **Stephanie Lundberg Delmore '72** established Sleepy Hollow Theatre & Arts Park in 1990, and have guided its development for 27 years in Bismarck, N.D. They produce Broadway musicals on an outdoor, million-dollar stage in the 32-acre park. Susan writes: "Developing the artistic talent of young people has always been the vision. … Through the years, hundreds of thousands of students and people of all ages have been attracted and changed at Sleepy Hollow." A fashion design major at Stephens, Stephanie has applied her education through costuming countless productions throughout the state. Susan was a music and political science major at Stephens and went on to earn master's degrees in public administration and library science.

## '70s

**Donna M. Wilson '72** has retired from teaching at Southern Illinois University, where she taught dance for 30 years. She writes: "I studied dance at Stephens under Harriette Ann Gray and went to summer school at Stephens/Perry-Mansfield. They were wonderful years."

## '90s

**Holly Cooper Olson '93** is honored to serve as the Class of 1993 president. After earning her degree in Elementary Education from Stephens, she became a teacher in her family's business, El Rancho School in Carmichael, Calif. Her grandparents opened the school in 1961. Holly, who is currently in her third year as the K-8th grade school principal, also serves as the preschool acting director. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Erik, and they have two children, Allie and Chase. She writes: "I love and appreciate where I am in my life. I love returning to Stephens' campus every few years. I attribute much of my success to my experiences at Stephens College. My teachers Kittye Copeland, Dr. Terry Teague and Dr. Sharon Schneeberger

**Lisa Korte-Wilson '93** and **Holly Cooper Olson '93** at their 20-year Stephens College reunion in 2013. They both lived in Roblee Hall and "basically grew up while living in the halls between 1989-1993." Holly writes that the pair visited their old rooms and found where they had inscribed their names in the closet and on the cork board on their doors.

# REMEMBRANCES

## '50s

**Nanci Claypool Bergmann '50** of Westfield, Mass.; April 1, 2015. **Patsy Schultz Galstad '50** of Osseo, Wis.; Oct. 14, 2015. **Verna Dean Lawrence Godwin '50** of Dexter, Mo.; May 22, 2015. **Barbara Thomas Kunke '50** of La Mirada, Calif.; Dec. 15, 2012. **Shirley Robinson Latare '50** of Lee's Summit, Mo.; July 10, 2015. **Annie Massey Peterson '50** of Memphis, Tenn.; Dec. 2, 2015. **Donna Scott Wasem '50** of Lakewood, Calif.; Aug. 30, 2015. **Leila Ogden Wilder '50** of Jackson, Miss.; Oct. 30, 2015. **Sarah-Marie Golding Anderson '51** of Highlands, N.C.; Sept. 18, 2015. **Barbara Lee '51** of Perris, Calif.; April 1, 2013. **Lucy Uhl Mullens '51** of Phoenix; Jan. 14, 2016. **Priscilla Antrim '52** of Stevensville, Mont.; Aug. 12, 2015. **Bette Martin McWilliams '52** of Greeley, Colo.; Sept. 29, 2015. **Joanne Sayre Morschauser '52** of Scarsdale, N.Y.; Jan. 22, 2016. **Joan Angus Sweeney '52** of University Park, Fla.; Dec. 25, 2015. **Barbara Clark O'Neal '53** of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Nov. 27, 2015. **Nancy Bates Rainier '53** of Fowler, Ind.; Sept. 15, 2015. **Suzanne Beasley Zenner '53** of Atlanta; May 7, 2013. **Margaret Christiansen Wade '55** of Dublin, Ohio; Sept. 8, 2015. **Lou Alice Moulder Wheeler '55** of Lebanon, Mo.; Dec. 21, 2015. **Marycille Duke McLauchlin '57** of Montverde, Fla.; May 28, 2014. **Barbara Stein Mockler '57** of Dublin, Ohio; Dec. 25, 2015. **Sheila Varian '57** of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; March 6, 2016. **Linda Miller Jueschke '58** of Arvada, Colo.; May 25, 2014. **Jane Rauen Cummins '59** of Greenbrae, Calif.; Aug. 30, 2015. **Leigh Barker Johnson '59** of Flagstaff, Ariz.; April 29, 2014.

## '60s & '70s

**Jolynn McBride Watling '60** of Mooresville, N.C.; Sept. 6, 2015. **Ann Schenck Bonham '61** of Omaha, Neb.; Nov. 3, 2015. **Carol Cook Hammon '62** of Fern Park, Fla.; Feb. 19, 2015. **Julie Hill Nehr '62** of Seabeck, Wash.; Aug. 25, 2015. **Sara Brewster Olson '62** of Holdrege, Neb.; Nov. 27, 2008. **Janice Vollman Fox '63** of Harlingen, Texas; Dec. 14, 2005. **Vicki Purpura Griffin '63** of Winter Park, Fla.; April 26, 2008. **Elaine Brinson Evans '64** of Bartow, Ga.; Jan. 2,

(just to name my favorites) really knew me well and encouraged greatness. I did a lot of maturing while teaching my first students in the Audrey Webb Child Study Center, a special place I considered my home-away-from-home. … I feel like I am going places and dreaming up!" Holly's sister, **Wendy Cooper Carlson '97**, also received an Elementary Education degree from Stephens, and her great aunt, **Anne Heckler '29**, also attended.

**Tara Liaschenko '95** won the coveted Meeting Professionals International's RISE (Recognizing Industry Success and Excellence) Award and was featured on the cover of the September issue of *The Meeting Professional* magazine. She is the founder and creative executive officer of The Link Event Professionals, a full-service planning and management company in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Karith Foster '96** and **Kayla McCormick '96**, best friends and fellow Searcyites, had their films shown the same weekend this fall in New York City. Karith appeared in the world premiere of *Can We Take a Joke?* at the Doc NYC Comedy Festival. She was among a host of comics, including Adam Carolla, Gilbert Gottfried and Lisa Lampanelli, who gave their takes on the censorship of comedy on college campuses. Kayla's first film, *SelectED*, which she shot and directed, premiered at the New York No Limits Film Festival. The feature-length film examines the truths and challenges of public urban education as seen through the eyes of students at Chicago's Whitney Young High School.

**Kim Woirhaye-Reid '98** has joined MarksNelson LLC, an accounting and business advisory firm, as a marketing PR specialist. She has more than a decade of experience in news media, social media and marketing. Kim previously worked as a producer/talent at KSHB-TV in Kansas City, Mo.

**Kimberly Conaway Woodmansee '99** works as a case manager/family support provider at Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Okla. After earning her degree from Stephens in psychology, Kimberly worked several jobs before finding her "dream-come-true job." She enjoys working with and helping other people.

*Pictured (L-to-R)*: **Karith Foster '96** and **Kayla McCormick '96** at the premiere of Kayla's first film, *SelectED*, at the New York No Limits Film Festival.

2016. **Judith Holdridge Gausnell '64** of Kerrville, Texas; Jan. 12, 2016. **Hollis Bower McDonald '64** of Fairhope, Ala.; Aug. 29, 2015. **Barbara Buffmire Kaiser '67** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Sept. 1, 2015. **Jeannette Massee Patterson '67** of Orange Park, Fla.; Sept. 11, 2007. **Elisabeth Hixon Stuart '67** of Orlando, Fla.; Jan. 6, 2016. **Janice Driskill Lischer '71** of San Antonio; Nov. 7, 2015. **Deborah Harvis Pursley '71** of Duncanville, Texas; March 3, 2014. **Cathy Warner Weatherford '73** of Odessa, Fla.; Nov. 15, 2015. **Sidney Dodge '74** of Bellingham, Wash.; Feb. 8, 2015. **Jean Flood Flamank '76** of Lee's Summit, Mo.; April 13, 2007. **Sunshine James '78** of Pine Bluff, Ark.; July 4, 2015. **Lisa Greiner Scheaf '79** of Powell, Ohio; Dec. 3, 2015.

## '80s

**Alice Anderson '80** of Columbia, Mo.; July 19, 2011. **Laura Breyfogle Lowrey '81** of Lakewood, Co.; Jan. 6, 2016. **Jeanne Brooks Hanneman '86** of Longview, Texas; Sept. 3, 2014. **Kimberly Smith '86** of Odessa, Mo.; Jan. 10, 2016. **Kathryn Becker '87** of Miami; Nov. 23, 2015. **Katherine James '87** of Clio, Calif.; May 10, 2014.

## '90s & '00s

**Jana Ireland Shortt '97** of St. Charles, Mo.; June 11, 2015. **Tina Soto '97** of Dallas; July 24, 2015. **Jacqueline Rice Cooper '02** of Moberly, Mo.; Dec. 24, 2015.

## Former Employees of the College

**Mary Hubbell Avery**, Equestrian Studies instructor; Nov. 17, 2015. **Bertrice Bartlett**, longtime English professor; March 26, 2015. **Rev. Monroe Bell**, choral music director; Nov. 26, 2015. **Lina Berrier**, longtime voice instructor; Feb. 7, 2016. **Mary Scott "Scottie" Daugherty**, Women's Studies faculty; Jan. 5, 2016. **Jerry Hitt**, associate director of admissions; Nov. 20, 2015. **Charles Madden**, English faculty; Jan. 14, 2016. **Donald L. Scruggs**, longtime social sciences and history professor; April 30, 2016.

## '00s

**LaDonna Crusby Boyd '04** has self-published her first children's book, "Faith and the God Fairy: The Story of a Survivor," via Lulu Publishing. As the survivor of a kidnapping and assault in 1993, LaDonna writes that she "encourages other survivors of trauma to use their creativity as a coping mechanism." She hopes to develop an educational scholarship fund for child and teen survivors of trauma.

**Kelly Summers Tarapani '06** married Abraham Tarapani on Aug. 2, 2015, in Sonoma, Calif. The ceremony and reception were held in California wine country at Gloria Ferrer Wine Caves & Vineyards. They were married on the arbor overlooking the vineyard, followed by a cocktail hour on the terrace, a dinner with guests in the wine cave, and dancing in the tasting room. Her best friend, **Cally Varner Carbone '07**, made the trip with her husband from New York for the wedding. Kelly is the senior manager of field learning and development at Rodan + Fields. She moved to New York shortly after graduating from Stephens and lived there for nearly eight years. Kelly worked as the manager of global education development at Clinique. Husband Abe, who graduated from Yale in 2004, is the director of partnerships for Premise Data Corporation in San Francisco.

**Rachel Henderson Clair '09** married Daniel Joseph Clair on Sept. 19, 2015, in Chicago *(pictured bottom right)*. **Betsy Shirey '10** served as a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Chicago where Rachel works as a copywriter, and Dan works in IT. She writes: "We love all the comedy Chicago has to offer and spend a lot of time working with kids at Soul City Church (which is where we met!)."

## '10s

**Asya Love Whitley '10** played basketball for four years at Stephens and received her B.S. in Biology. After graduation, she pursued a career in nursing, earning a B.S. in Nursing from Samford University in December 2011 in Birmingham, Ala. Since 2012, Asya has worked as a registered nurse at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital. In August, she graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Master of Science in Nursing with an emphasis as a family nurse practitioner; she walked in the December graduation ceremony. She writes, "After I take my boards, I hope to practice at a family clinic locally." Asya married Jonathan Whitley on May 30, 2015, at the historic 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. **Shandin Blakely '09**, **Anya Serebryakov '10** and **Camillea Towns '09** served as bridesmaids. Other Stephens alumnae in attendance were

**Chantal Dawnte' Ambrose '09**, **Vanessa Koonce '10** and **Mary-Ama Mends '09**. As Jonathan works for Birmingham Fire and Rescue, the couple rode to their wedding reception in an antique fire truck provided by the Southern Vintage Fire Apparatus Association.

**Shannon Schoeck McBride '12** is the assistant manager of La Ville, a new boutique owned by **Jacqueline Madey '13**. La Ville, which translates to "the city," is an upscale women's retail store in St. Louis. The name refers to "the chic, put-together feel of urban cities, and the people, places and events that inspire fashion." Shannon writes: "Jacqueline and I were partnered up my senior year and her junior year for a class project. I was to photograph her clothing line, and she was to create the clothing. From there, we worked together, we became friends and when Jacqueline had the brilliant idea to open a store, I quickly jumped on board. ... It was a no-brainer because of how well I knew we had worked together in the past." Jacqueline hopes to feature her own collection in the store. Miss High School America 2015, Emily Bray, and Miss Missouri 2015, McKensie Garber, have worn items from La Ville.

**Emily Detloff Anderson '13** married Josh Anderson on Aug. 22, 2015, in Paxton, Ill., *(pictured bottom right)*. She is a freelance graphic designer.

**Halea Coulter '14** designed the set for the University of Maryland's School of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies production of *Tartuffe*. *(The set is pictured in the Table of Contents.)* Her set was named one of the best set designs of 2015 in DC by *DC Metro Theatre Arts*. She is a graduate student studying scenic design at the University of Maryland.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!

Share whatever is new in your life, whether it's a career move, a new bundle of joy in your family, a special anniversary or recognition of your work. We also want to hear the latest happenings in your local alumnae club or network. High resolution photos (300 dpi) are welcome as well.

### Submit your news:

Complete our form (stephens.edu/alumnae), email us (alumnae@stephens.edu) or send us a letter (Office of Institutional Advancement and Initiatives, 1200 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65215).

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**Shannon Schoeck McBride '12** and **Jacqueline Madey '13** at La Ville, a new boutique in St. Louis. During the grand opening party in October, they raised $1,000 for Friends of Kids with Cancer.

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# Club Notes

## LA Women for Stephens

In November, LA Women for Stephens launched "Monthly Social," a casual get-together on the first Saturday afternoon of every month. Since group members are spread across the region, the location rotates each month. Events have been held in cities, including Mid-City, Sherman Oaks, Redondo Beach and Pasadena. Locations are posted at least one week in advance on Facebook (search for "LA Women for Stephens").

LA Women for Stephens held its January social at The Slip Bar and Eatery in Redondo Beach, Calif. *Pictured above (back row, L-to-R)*: **Madison Angela Green '11**, **Etosha Moh '08**, **Janice Olson '84**, **Shelley Blessing Bay '80**, **Taylor Shaw '13**, **Kirstin Denise Racicot '12**. *(Front row, L-to-R)*: **Elyse Bertani '14**, **Tennessee Martin '11**.

Stephens alumnae at the December Monthly Social at Public School in Sherman Oaks, Calif. *Pictured below (L-to-R)*: **Suzanne Embry Whitman '04**; **Andrea Rutherford '04**; **Kirstin Denise Racicot '12**; **Katie Merritt Cofield '04**; **Courtney Mellinger '11**; **Toni Robison-May '04**; **Jennifer Nitzband Flaks '03**; **Chelsea Leigh '10**; **Racheal Bodine '10**; **Nikki Martin '11 B.F.A., '12 M.S.L.**; **Leslie Levin '72**; **Tennessee Martin '11**; **Emily Claire Petrie '11**.

### Join your local group!

Find the group nearest you, or register your own group, on our new alumnae website, stephens.edu/alumnae. Click on "Alumnae Groups."

"It has been a great way to meet and catch up with local alumnae, as well as explore neighborhoods I might not otherwise ever visit."

**—Toni Anita Hull '04**

Hull attended the November social at the Plan Check Kitchen in Mid-City.

## Dallas Alumnae Club

In October, the Dallas Alumnae Club hosted the second annual Texas Alumnae Fundraiser, which raised $9,000 for Stephens. The funds went several places, including to the Texas Scholarship Fund and to the Fashion program for muslin for student design projects. "Nothing feels better than helping our school and students," says **Susan Schmidt '67**, club president.

The club continues to enjoy its monthly lunch bunch gatherings.

Stephens alumnae met for a Christmas lunch at a North Dallas restaurant for a re-cap of the year and to set goals for 2016.

## Mid-Missouri Alumnae Group

In October, the Mid-Missouri Alumnae Group held an early evening reception at Historic Senior Hall on the Stephens campus. Stephens alumnae in attendance enjoyed an update from Dr. Gail Humphries Mardirosian, dean of the Stephens School of Performing Arts, as well as a performance by members of the College's musical theatre group, A Class Act. Music faculty members Pam Ellsworth-Smith, associate professor of vocal arts, and Tom Andes, instructor of music, also attended the special event.

*Pictured (L-to-R)*: **Cydney Jackson Coil '75**; **Libby Reid Taylor '71**; **Mary Worn Carnahan '89**; Tom Andes, Stephens instructor of music; and **Stephens alumna Connie Loveless**.

## Phoenix Arizona Alumnae Group

In October, the Phoenix Arizona Alumnae Group enjoyed an evening in a garden setting in Paradise Valley, Ariz. The evening was filled with hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment performed by **Sallye Brown Schumacher '69**, who also hosted the event. The group raised $2,360 to donate to the College. **Wendy Lindrud Bissonet '80** writes: "It truly was a magical evening as we celebrated Stephens under the stars!"

Stephens alumnae and guests enjoyed a cruise on the Napa River.

> "We spent a lovely afternoon cruising along the Napa River and exchanging stories from Stephens."
>
> **—Kelly Summers Trapani '06**

## Northern California Club

In September, members of the Northern California Club and their guests enjoyed a cruise on the Napa River (*pictured above*).

*Those in attendance (listed in order of class year)*: **Marian Westly Moynihan '47**, **Diane Barker Conner '50**, **Betty Armstrong Drake '52**, **Denise Pourroy Ziony '56**, **Sue Cummins Alvarez '64**, **Candy Wiggins Capogrossi '65**, **Madeline Mayhew '67**, **Jessa Tewalt '67**, **Susan Patterson '80**, **Jane Reid '80**, **Kelly Summers Trapani '06**.

The club also gathered at the home of **Stacy Holland '65** on Dec. 13 to celebrate the holiday season and share stories from Stephens. They were joined by Chris Rigby, director of philanthropy at Stephens, who gave the latest updates from the College.

*Those in attendance (listed in order of class year)*: **Gloria Cohan Duffy '44**; **Michaele Walsh McElmell '54**; **Gretchen Bush Kimball '57**; **Pat O'Keefe Hunter '58**; **Lori Heard Paxton '58**; **Gay Wittenberg '62**; **Karen Daydif Shuler '63**; **Sue Cummins Alvarez '64**; **Candy Wiggins Capogrossi '65**; **Stacy Holland '65**; **Janan Perkins Huntsberry '66**; **Kathleen Fung '67**; **Jessa Tewalt '67**; **Karen Fong Cotton '72**; **Cyd Schmidt Ferris '73**; **Susan Patterson '80**; **Jane Reid '80**; **Jenny Stahl '05 B.S.,'06 M.B.A.**; **Kelly Summers Trapani '06**.

In other news, the club recently donated a gift in memory of member **Marian Westly Moynihan '47**, a beloved Stephens alumna who passed away in January.

## St. Louis Alumnae Club

In April, members of the St. Louis Alumnae Club met for dinner with Stephens College guest speakers Gwen Robbins and Chris Rigby, who both serve as directors of philanthropy. Stephens alumnae learned about the expansions and renovations happening at the College. They also played trivia, presented awards and had a raffle. The group collected and donated over 25 dresses, boxes of makeup and jewelry for the Glass Slipper prom at Nottingham High School in St. Louis. *Pictured: St. Louis Alumnae Club members met on April 5 at Mike Duffy's Pub & Grill in Kirkwood, Mo.*

# In Memory

## Bertrice Bartlett

Bertrice Bartlett of Columbia, Mo., a longtime English professor at Stephens College, passed away on March 26, 2015, at the age of 84. A memorial service was held in her memory on Nov. 28 in the Firestone Baars Chapel on campus.

Bartlett and her husband, Donald, moved to Columbia in 1960, and she began working as a librarian at Stephens. She joined the English faculty in 1964 and began her long teaching career at the College. For her dedicated teaching, Bartlett received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1995.

While teaching at Stephens, Bartlett earned a master's degree in English literature from the University of Missouri in 1968 and a doctorate in linguistics from Washington University in St. Louis in 1981. Her B.A. (1955) and M.L.S. (1959) were earned at the University of Texas-Austin.

An advocate for the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, Bartlett served on the library's board for nine years (1997-2006), including two stints as president. As co-chair of the building committee, she played a vital role in helping make the new Columbia Public Library building a reality.

Bartlett, long active in Democratic politics in Boone County, attended the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. In 2010, she was awarded the Boone County Muleskinners' lifetime achievement award for her decades of volunteer work. She was also active for years in the Columbia chapters of the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union.

She is survived by one daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

## Lina Berrier

Lina Berrier of Columbia, Mo., a longtime voice instructor of music at Stephens, passed away on Feb. 7, 2016, at the age of 93.

Berrier taught voice at Stephens College for 30 years and prior to that taught piano at Christian College. She earned her bachelor's degree from Furman University and a master's degree in music from the University of Missouri.

Beyond her career as a musician, Berrier managed the business operations of Show-Me Bar-B-Q Sauce, which she and her husband, Harry, who preceded her in death, founded in the 1970s. Through the family business, the couple supported many local charities, mainly the Missouri Department of Conservation. A prairie farm natural area has been dedicated in their memory.

Berrier enjoyed singing in choral groups around Columbia and was a longtime member of First Baptist Church, including its choir.

She is survived by one sister and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

### Tributes

Memorials may be made to the Stephens Fund in the name of Bertrice Bartlett or Lina Berrier.

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.

## Robert "Bob" Smith

Robert "Bob" Smith of Columbia, Mo., a Stephens College trustee emeritus, passed away on March 8, 2016, at the age of 92. Smith was a longtime member of the Stephens College Board of Curators.

As a lifelong resident of Columbia, Smith earned his bachelor of arts and juris doctorate from the University of Missouri. His military service included time as an artillery observation pilot during World War II, and again during the Korean War, when he received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters for his combat service. In 1945, Smith and his wife, Jean, were married.

Smith followed his political aspirations and in 1953, he was elected representative from Boone County in the state legislature, serving as speaker pro tem in his second term. In 1958, he ran for United States Congress but lost in a narrow race. Locally, Smith co-founded the law firm of Smith & Lewis in 1959. He served as the city's mayor from 1961 to 1963.

Smith served as chairman of the Boone County Democratic Committee, member of the Missouri State Bar Association Disciplinary Committee, president of the State Historical Society, director of Callaway Bank, president of the Missouri Symphony Society, chairman of the Missouri State Gaming Commission and honorary lifetime deacon of the First Baptist Church.

He helped create the Stafford Family Charitable Trust to support charitable work in Boone County, and he sat on its selection committee from the trust's inception until his death. Over the years, Smith received numerous awards for public service, including the Howard B. Lang Jr. Award for lifetime service to the Columbia community.

Smith is survived by four children, six grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews and cousins. His wife preceded him in death in 1995.

### Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Robert Smith Family Scholarship, which was originally established by Bob Smith's grandfather, R.L. Smith. He also served on the College's Board of Trustees.

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## Kathryn Becker '87

**Kathryn Becker '87** of Miami, a former member of the Stephens Alumnae Association Board, passed away on Nov. 23, 2015, at the age of 50 after an 18-year battle with breast cancer.

A Kansas native, Becker earned a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Stephens College. She worked as the director of marketing at ADP TotalSource for more than 20 years.

Diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 32, Becker volunteered her time to the Susan G. Komen Foundation and served as a mentor to other women. At Stephens, she and **Neel Stallings '67** organized the Breaking the Pattern awareness initiative in 2005. The program leverages the talents of fashion design students to create fashions for social awareness. Each year, pink dresses that are designed and constructed by students are showcased in boutique windows in downtown Columbia as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and some of the designs are also exhibited at The Collections student designer fashion show every April.

Becker served on the Board of Directors for the Branches, Inc. Foundation, where a scholarship was established in her name. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church Coral Gables, where she was involved in church leadership. Becker had a passion for travel, and was a competitive sailor and an avid tennis player.

She is survived by her sister and brother as well as five nephews.

### Tributes

Memorials may be made to the Stephens Fund in the name of **Kathryn Becker '87**.

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## Dr. Donald L. Scruggs

Dr. Donald L. Scruggs of Columbia, Mo., a longtime professor at Stephens College, passed away on April 30, 2016, at the age of 83. A memorial service and reception were held in his memory on May 22 on the Stephens campus.

Scruggs earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia; a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York; a Certificate of Ecumenical Studies from the University of Geneva, Switzerland; and a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma.

Scruggs led a long career as a professor in the social sciences and history program at Stephens, serving as chair of the program at one time. He co-directed the Stephens College China study-travel seminar and faculty exchange program with the Xi'an Foreign Language University (1981-90). He also served as an exchange professor during the 1987-88 academic year. In the summer of 1991, Scruggs received a Fulbright grant to study social change in southern Africa. He served as faculty representative to the Stephens model United Nations program for many years. In 1998, Scruggs was awarded the prestigious Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Prior to Stephens, Scruggs worked in campus ministry (1960-1970) at the University of Oklahoma.

Scruggs is survived by his wife, Marie Menzies Scruggs, three children and two grandchildren.

### Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Donald L. Scruggs Civic Engagement Fund, which will support student involvement as active citizens locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

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