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In an email sent to alumni and friends on July 1, President Paul Kooistra expressed his thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the 2014-15 Erskine Annual Fund. Here are some highlights from his letter.

When I arrived at Erskine last August, the 2014-15 fiscal year was just a few weeks old. To say we started the year together with difficult challenges is certainly an understatement.

Yet, as Sandi and I began our journey as members of the Erskine family, we were warmly welcomed and quickly came to understand why so many are so passionate about Erskine, its heritage, and its mission.

By God’s grace, the news as we close one fiscal year and start another is promising and hopeful.

Through your generosity, God has allowed us not only to meet our Erskine Annual Fund goal, but exceed it by more than we could have thought possible. We saw an increase in nearly every category of giving and types of donors.

I am thankful for the unity I have seen within the Erskine community — even in the midst of tremendous diversity. And I am thankful for the generosity you, our alumni and friends, have shown.

Moving forward into 2015-16, I am praying for even more unity and continued generosity. I have said many times this past year, and will probably say it often this next year: in order for Erskine to truly succeed, we must all pull together in the same direction.

I look forward to working together with you to do that in the year ahead.

Paul D. Kooistra
President
NEWS
around campus and beyond

Kathleen Watkins '15 of Greenwood attended the 2014 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. This was the second consecutive year an Erskine student was chosen to receive the one state scholarship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to attend and represent South Carolina.

A new exhibit featuring the telescope made by Henry Fia for Erskine College in 1849 became a prominent part of the South Carolina State Museum’s new observatory, planetarium, and 4D theater. The telescope is the oldest surviving American-made observatory instrument.

Following the addition of a minor last year, Erskine’s Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SEI) Program hosted retreat sessions for students as well as members of the faculty and staff last fall. Speakers included Steve McDavid, president of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, and Gary Calmer, president of The Renaissance, a local retirement community.

ErskineFest brought alumni, students, families, and friends together for Erskine’s 175th anniversary celebration in October. The day’s festivities included traditional Homecoming and Family Day events as well as special displays in Reid Hall by Archivist Edith Brawley ‘58; tours of the Erskine observatory tower, a ghost walk; and a screening of Due West of Ordinary, a documentary film about Erskine’s 175-year history.

Music was provided by the Erskine Choraleers and Gospel Choir, Shane Slette, and Sarah Elizabeth Adams. Three guest bands—Emerald Road, Sirius.B, and Fantastic Shakers—each offered music through the late afternoon and into the evening. Three guest bands—Emerald Road, Sirius.B, and Fantastic Shakers—each offered music through the late afternoon and into the evening.

The Visual Art Society of Erskine (VASE) led Erskine’s participation in the Empty Bowls Project. As the only fund-raiser for Greenwood Soup Kitchen, the Empty Bowls Project combines the work of Greenwood Area Studios Potters, Greenwood County Medical Alliance, and Greenwood Soup Kitchen. VASE invited members of the Erskine community to come and form the bowls, then VASE members dried, glazed, and fired them in time to be sold at the Empty Bowls event. Erskine contributed some 80 bowls to the Empty Bowls project.

Six Erskine College students, accompanied by Professor of Music Dr. J. Brooks Kuykendall ‘97, traveled to Chicago for the Alpha Chi National Honor Society Convention in March. Derrick Brown ‘15 of Anderson, Katie MacKay of Greenville, and Rachel Talbot ‘15 of Rock Hill, along with Christina Holbrooks of Mooresville, N.C., Jennifer Jennings of Greenwood, and Kate Kendall of Clarence, N.Y., attended. Five students gave presentations and Kuykendall served as a judge for the performing arts entrants. “This is the third year in a row that we’ve gone to the national convention, and this is the biggest group we’ve sent,” said Kuykendall, who is Erskine’s Alpha Chi sponsor.

Erskine celebrated Women’s History Month in March with three Women’s Leadership Gatherings, which featured three alumnae: Mary Alex Senn Kopp ‘11, tourism and events coordinator for the city of Newberry; Lisa Robinson Senn ‘81, Newberry attorney and Erskine trustee; and Dr. Beth Larkin Taylor ‘78, Greenwood District 50 director for secondary education.

Two outgoing Student Government Association (SGA) officers—Pete Savarese, president, and Ford Blanchard, treasurer—led efforts to make campus improvements that were funded wholly or in part by an accumulation of “rollover money” from student organizations. “We wanted to do capital projects that we could see today and that would benefit students on campus,” Blanchard said. The largest and most visible projects were upgrades to the Galloway Fitness Center that produced a cleaner, more open space for workouts, which included the addition of new televisions, treadmill, bike machines, and weights. Other projects funded by the SGA included structural repair and renovation of the Ellerben Pavilion, improvements to the Hangar; the creation of a study area in the campus police stadium; a treadmill for the Banner Hall workout room, a fan reader for the Daniel-Moultrie Science Center, and acquisition of technology items, such as high-definition camcorders to film campus events.

Professor Emerita of Biology Dr. Janice Holdeman ‘15 (Hon.) was recognized for her contributions to undergraduate biology education by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT), receiving the Four-Year College Student Section Biology Teaching Award. Holdeman has served on the Erskine College faculty since 1967, teaching and mentoring hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to graduate school and careers in scientific fields. One of those successful students, NABT President-Elect Dr. Jane Ellis ‘89, both nominated Holdeman for the award and presided at the NABT honors luncheon.

South Carolina’s House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force met in Memorial Hall April 27, with Grady Patterson Professor of Politics Dr. Ashley Woodiwiss offering opening remarks. Speaker of the House Rep. Ray J. Lucas of Hartsville established the task force after the South Carolina Supreme Court’s ruling last November saying the state had failed to provide children in certain rural districts with a “minimally adequate” education. The panel of state legislators heard from representatives of districts and organizations in Abbeville, Laurens, and Saluda counties.

A group of townsmen partnered with Erskine College to restore the Due West Depot last spring. The building, now owned by the college, served as the terminus of the four-mile line connecting Due West and Donalds by rail from 1907 to 1939. Erskine provided paint and supplies. Local donations paid other expenses. Due West residents Millard Allen ‘04 (Hon.), a retired engineer, and Lynde “Pige” Clements supervised local volunteers, including Jeron Crawford ‘15, Carolyn Allen ‘57 and Dr. Jo Ann Griffith ‘56, in painting and repairing.

“The Dinky” (a nickname coined by Erskine students for the little engine that pulled the passenger and freight cars) was South Carolina’s most unique railroad. The line brought students to and from Erskine, started athletic teams on trips, carried mail each day to and from the Due West Post Office, connected Due West residents to the nation, and shipped goods by rail.

The full story is available at news.erskine.edu.
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The Flying Fleet stormed the court, course, and field with strong showings in several sports this year.

Women’s Volleyball won their Conference Carolinas Regular Season and Tournament Championships.

Baseball Coach Kevin Nichols won his 500th game on February 17 with a 19-2 win over Anderson University that featured six home runs.

Men’s Volleyball scored a major victory (25-22, 25-22, 26-24) at home in Belk Arena over Division I Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne on March 9.

Men’s Golf received a third straight NCAA Regional Tournament invitation, being ranked as high as 5th nationally during the season.

Jake Todd Award
Erskine’s highest student-athlete honor, given for sportsmanship, leadership, athletic ability, character, and academic standing, was shared this year.

Marlee Rhodes, Cross Country
Williamston, SC, Palmetto High School
Marlee finished a distinguished career, becoming the first Erskine Women’s Cross Country runner ever to earn an invitation to the NCAA National Cross Country Meet.

Andrew Settlemire, Soccer
Beaufort, SC, Beaufort High School
Andrew led the team in scoring for four straight seasons and departs as the top scorer in recent history with 42 career goals. In 2013 Settlemire helped lead the Flying Fleet to their first-ever Conference Carolinas Regular Season Conference Title and earned Conference Carolinas Player of the Year honors.

Sonny Rehm Award
This award recognizes student-athlete excellence in academics and service to others.

Ford Blanchard, Golf
Orangeburg, SC, Orangeburg Preparatory Schools

Karen Bell Memorial Award
This award honors Christian commitment, team loyalty, positive attitude, and high moral standards.

Megan Johnson, Volleyball
Little River, SC, Scholars Academy

Gid Alston Award
This award recognizes Erskine faculty and staff for outstanding work ethic, loyalty, and service.

Adam Weyer ’99
Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine

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Wisdom takes the lead at ETS

Dr. Christopher H. Wisdom was appointed vice president and professor of practical theology at Erskine Theological Seminary in August 2014. Since then, Wisdom, who has served as a campus minister, church planter, and pastor, in addition to his 28 years as a U.S. Army chaplain, has launched several key initiatives designed to position the seminary for long-term stability.

These efforts included a thorough review and revision of the seminary’s strategic plan in cooperation with President Dr. Paul Kooistra and the Seminary Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Wisdom describes the seminary’s primary objective over the next few years as building and maintaining greater trust with its board, staff, and supporters. “The main measures of success, he says, will be higher student enrollment and donor confidence expressed through individual, church, and presbytery gifts.”

According to Wisdom, the seminary has made good progress over the past year in pursuing these objectives. The main steps have been efforts to expand its distance education and online components and to build strategic relationships within key student and donor constituencies.

“One of Erskine’s greatest and most distinctive strengths,” Wisdom explains, “is that we are an Evangelical and Reformed seminary that is also denominationally and culturally diverse.” Wisdom wants to leverage that strength.

Expanding its online capabilities and extending geographic diversity by partnering with more local congregations will produce a more evenly distributed education model, he says. “We want to take education to where students live and minister, rather than simply relying on students traveling to Due West or Columbia.”

Wisdom received his undergraduate education at Nyack College in New York and went on to complete the Master of Divinity degree at Westminster Theological Seminary in 1980. He earned an MBA at Syracuse University in 1993. He is also a graduate of Erskine Seminary, where he was awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2004. He received the Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College in 2008.

In 2015–16, a few new adjunct and part-time professors will be teaching at the seminary. Several of these positions were made possible by repurposing funds from unoccupied endowed chairs. According to Dr. Chris Wisdom, vice president of the seminary, each of these appointments will enable Erskine to train and serve students in key seminary student groups more thoughtfully and effectively while building strategic relationships within those constituencies.

Dr. Michael Milton, former president and chancellor of Reform Theological Seminary, will take up his part-time duties in October as director of strategic initiatives, including faculty duties as the James H. Ragdale Professor of Missions and Evangelism.

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Dr. Dariusz Brycko, an ARP missionary, will serve as R.W. Carson Professor for Christian Mission. This arrangement will assist him in planting a church and developing a Reformation Study Center in Warsaw, Poland.

The Rev. Leon M. Brown, pastor of Joy and Crown Presbyterian Church (PCA) and a Ph.D. candidate in Hebrew, will teach a spring semester intensive exegetical course Feb. 1–5 on the Book of Jonah.

Dr. Carl F. Ellis, Jr., associate pastor for cultural apologetics at New City Fellowship, will serve as an adjunct faculty member with the Center for Urban Theological Studies. He will teach during January term on “The Changing Face of Islam in America.”

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**THE CHURCH SHOULD LEAD THE WAY**

Seminary provides ‘unifying presence’ in Augusta

During a time when reports of racial conflict have peppered the national news, a recent men’s retreat brought black and white Christians together.

Men from Tabernacle Baptist Church, a predominantly black congregation, met with men from mostly white First Presbyterian Church. The event marked another expansion of fellowship between the two Augusta, Georgia congregations, and Erskine Theological Seminary (ETS) has played a role in that growing relationship.

First Presbyterian Church (whose pastor, Dr. George Robertson, has served as an adjunct professor at ETS) hosts Erskine’s extension site in Augusta.

“Erskine has had a unifying presence in our town as it equips pastors from different backgrounds, denominations, and races,” ETS graduate John Barrett said. “We are looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use these relationships and Erskine in our community.”

Barrett, now associate pastor of discipleship at First Presbyterian, became friends early last year with Minister Toney Cross of Tabernacle Baptist, who organized the retreat. A current ETS student from Tabernacle Baptist, the recently ordained Dr. Terence Vandiver, invited Dr. Mark Ross of ETS to deliver the closing address at the event.

“I think the story begins in March 2014 when I first met Toney during a community-wide work project,” Barrett said. “We all gathered to eat lunch and I met Toney and the men from Tabernacle Baptist there. Later that year, we led another joint project in the community.”

First Presbyterian had scheduled a small men’s retreat for May 2014, and Barrett invited Cross, who brought with him not only a dozen men from Tabernacle Baptist but also “a promise to invite us to their retreat in November.”

Ministry projects undertaken together in the community paved the way for more partnership between the congregations, Vandiver explained. “Our leadership saw an opportunity to make our retreat more representative of the church as opposed to ‘our’ church and to create an atmosphere of unity, worship, and growth around our common Savior.”

Cross described the November retreat at Tabernacle Baptist, entitled “Fearless,” as aimed at helping the men become fearless concerning the enemy, fearless concerning themselves and what they can achieve, and fearless concerning race relations and working together to effect change.

“I believe with the recent issues that have been plaguing our community, working together now is most important,” Cross said. “Dr. Ross did a phenomenal job galvanizing all participating men with what I think was a most thought-provoking word, but also a challenge of self-examination, both personally and racially.”

Vandiver, who also spoke at the retreat, said Ross challenged the men “to be a better, more fearless version of ourselves as we seek to advance the kingdom of God through the spread of the Gospel.”

In his own presentation, Vandiver said, “I had the opportunity to encourage the attendees to understand the difference between fear that paralyzes and fear that causes us to reverently pause to consider Christ in critical moments of life.”

Ross sees the retreat as part of a series of activities with significance for the two congregations and beyond. “Given all that has been in the news this year regarding events in places like Ferguson and Charleston, it is noteworthy that there are efforts going on in Augusta to bridge the racial divide, and that Erskine has a part to play in this effort.”

Cross noted that the men’s ministry of Tabernacle Church is called “the Bridge Builders,” and he is enthusiastic about plans he and Barrett are making. “This recent retreat, I believe, has birthed that bridge-building process,” he said.

“It shows our community that if local churches, both white and black, can fellowship, have a genuine understanding of each other, and work together, then honestly, our nation can learn from this effort and do the same,” he said.

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Seminary receives gift to establish AME scholarship

A gift of $10,000 to establish a scholarship for African Methodist Episcopal (AME) students in honor of Mother Emanuel AME Church was presented to Erskine Theological Seminary July 7 by IBelieve, the organization that sponsors the South Carolina DMV license plate “IBelieve.”

As a news conference in the rotunda of the Statehouse in Columbia, Hal Stevenson, a member of the multiracial and multidimensional IBelieve board, introduced representatives from AME churches, IBelieve, and Erskine Seminary.

Prior to the news conference July 7, proceeds from the sales of “IBelieve” specialty license plates had been designated for evangelism and ministry work, but no funds had been disbursed by the organization.

“The IBelieve board wanted to help train up new Clementa Pinckneys by helping talented and financially challenged ministerial students,” he said.

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Erskine launches online master’s degree this fall

In late June, seminary leadership learned that its accreditors had approved plans to offer the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) as an online degree.

To meet the 48-hour course requirements, the degree may be taken entirely online or in combination with on-site courses as desired by the student.

The online MATS degree was proposed in part because it allows students to complete a degree in a shorter time and graduate with less debt. The streamlined MATS may appeal to the growing number of younger adults seeking theological education as well as to older students who desire credentialing for ministry opportunities in local congregations and parachurch organizations.
The dynamics of knowledge and information have changed dramatically in recent years. Elementary students around the globe have at their fingertips information that a generation ago was accessible only to a privileged few.

When nearly any information is almost immediately accessible to anyone, the context of learning becomes more critical than ever. The motivations and objectives of the community of learners and their guides are critical factors in shaping outcomes.

In the pages that follow, you will see just a few examples of how Erskine faculty, students, and alumni make knowledge meaningful in the classroom, in the lab, on the job, and in their communities.
True Knowledge
by President Paul Kooistra

Most people expect college to provide an encounter with an unfamiliar body of knowledge that leads to greater knowledge and understanding of the world. Yet, we want more from education than simply information. We not only want to know what exists, but why. How does this knowledge make a difference in our lives?

From a biblical perspective, true knowledge is not only learned; it’s integrated into our lives. It changes us and changes our world. Scripture teaches that glorifying God is the foundation of true learning. Facts are only the beginning. Wisdom understands how facts relate to the meaning and purpose of our lives.

Erskine’s intentionally relational approach to education provides a setting in which students and faculty together examine the deeper questions of why and how in what they are learning.

Many believe that a Christian academic context is narrow and restricted. In reality, the opposite is true. We believe that all truth is God’s truth. Erskine students are encouraged to examine different questions and to explore ideas from different perspectives. This is productive because at the center of all that exists is the personal God of Scripture.

In many academic contexts, seeking spiritual, supernatural, or theological perspectives is dismissed out of hand by secularist dogma. The only acceptable explanations are material or natural ones. At Erskine we are able to discuss and consider ideas, ethical dilemmas, and cultural and societal trends within the unchanging context of God’s Word – the Bible.

Christians may address any topic with confidence rather than fear. Truth withstands scrutiny. Our understanding of many things can change based on a great many factors. God and His Word remain unchanging. We don’t need to fear knowledge or opinions that differ from ours. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. All Christians are called to be stewards of what we are given, whether those gifts are financial resources or natural resources. For that reason, Green Chemistry is a field to which we at Erskine, being the Christian chemists we are, feel especially called.

The art science of communication

One Friday a month, Erskine Professor of Chemistry Dr. Joel Boyd opens his chemistry lab in Daniel-Moultrie Science Center to South Carolina homeschoolers, offering them something they simply can’t get at home: use of Erskine’s state-of-the-art equipment and hands-on, individualized instruction in how to use it. But they aren’t learning from Boyd—at least not exclusively. The homeschoolers receive the bulk of their learning assistance from Erskine students, science majors who are themselves learning not only how to conduct research but also how to impart their knowledge to others, including those who don’t have the technical vocabulary science majors acquire at Erskine.

The ability to effectively communicate scientific knowledge to various audiences, Boyd believes, is paramount to good science. He teaches his students that the need to communicate must drive the entire scientific process—from the formulation of a research question to experiment design and implementation.

“Science should be and must be communications focused,” Boyd says. “It doesn’t matter what we invent or what we discover or what brilliant insights we have; if we don’t communicate our knowledge to the community of scientists—and beyond that to society at large—then we haven’t really accomplished anything.”

Boyd aims to cultivate his students’ communication and teaching skills as much as their depth of scientific knowledge and technical know-how. Development of those skills starts early and continues throughout students’ time at Erskine. The monthly homeschool lab program, which last year was coordinated by a freshman chemistry education major, is just one opportunity students have to build upon their liberal arts foundation. Erskine chemistry majors also design and conduct activities in elementary and secondary school science classrooms. As part of their senior capstone experience, they present their own research to open audiences—not just to their science colleagues. And they make regular appearances at regional and national conferences such as those hosted by the American Chemical Society, from which Erskine received two national awards last year.

In 2014, the American Chemical Society recognized Erskine’s ACS chapter with a Green Chemistry Award. The awards celebrate and promote chemistry research and application that protect and benefit human health and the environment, something Erskine chemistry majors care deeply about. Said Dr. Joel Boyd, Professor of Chemistry at Erskine: “Green Chemistry makes an obvious connection between our Christian commitment and our calling as scientists, and that is environmental stewardship. All Christians are called to be stewards of what we are given, whether those gifts are financial resources or the natural resources all around us. For that reason, Green Chemistry is a field to which we at Erskine, being the Christian chemists we are, feel especially called.”
The Core Curriculum, established by the college faculty in 2014, unifies all undergraduate programs at Erskine by seeking to develop students’ intellect, character, and faith. It encourages students not only to find their own voice and discover their talents but also to recognize their responsibilities to others in community.

Students journey twice through seven core competencies designed to prepare them to be resourceful and capable of responding wisely to opportunities throughout their lives.

Foundational Courses introduce underclassmen to the different disciplines and prepare them for more advanced learning.

Upperclassmen move through the core competencies again in Formational Courses, which positively challenge students’ thinking about themselves, the world, and God, while honing skills and expanding knowledge.

“I’ll never use this again.”

“I hate hearing those words. They simply aren’t true. To begin with, you never know when you might refer back to something you learned in a general education course. But even if after obtaining your degree you don’t think you utilize much of the material you learned while going through Erskine’s core curriculum, you haven’t wasted your time. Because the core curriculum isn’t just a series of boxes every student must check. It is a journey through which you learn how to think, communicate, and solve problems, skills far more valuable to professions like athletic training than most people realize.

We teach our athletic training students to see beyond a person’s injury, to consider how an injury impacts not just the affected area of the body but the whole person. Reaching this kind of understanding requires exposure to a range of philosophies and examples, not just to the basic science of health care.”

–Scott DeCiantis, Administrative Dean of the College and Athletic Training Curriculum Coordinator

This illustration offers examples of many courses available to students in the Core. Not all classes are listed here, and some core competencies require more credit hours than others. The entire plan for Erskine’s Core Curriculum is in the catalog (p. 67), available at Erskine.edu.
English majors dread being asked what they will do with their degree. Literature professors always say, “You can do anything with an English degree,” and that’s true. But it leaves English majors with no clear path into any one field.

This apparent disconnect between degree and career path applies to almost all of the humanities majors—what do you do with a B.A. in history, religion, or philosophy? This has led a practical-minded, vocal sector of the public to question the value of the humanities and even of the liberal arts in general. But as a literature professor, I continue to believe that the humanities are not only still relevant in today’s world but may be more important than ever.
English majors, for example, graduate with skills vital to success in any number of fields. They learn, most importantly, to write cogently and communicate clearly both in speech and in print. They learn to look beyond surface rhetoric to analyze motives, biases, and far-reaching implications of what seem at first to be simple situations.

They learn to synthesize information, reconcile conflicting viewpoints, and think outside the box; in other words, they become problem solvers. Despite recent negative press about the humanities, both media and employers are gradually coming forward to point out that humanities majors are desirable in a wide variety of fields—especially in leadership—because they have these vital transferrable skills.

But humanities majors have more to offer the world than their services as employees. I point out to my students that studying literature makes them better consumers (because they learn to acquire more useful information when consulting an advertisement), better citizens (because they learn to cut through political rhetoric), and better human beings (because they learn what it actually means to be human). Find yourself thinking the poor are just lazy and ignorant? Read John Steinbeck’s Grapes of Wrath. Having a hard time understanding why anybody would hold to a system of beliefs different from yours? Read Yann Martel’s Life of Pi. Think technology alone has the potential to solve the world’s problems? Read just about anything by Orson Welles or for that matter, watch the Terminator movies; film and literature are just different forms and expressions of the same endeavor.

Reading literature changes you: it might make us angry by challenging our assumptions about right and wrong, “us” and “them,” but it makes it impossible for us to stay the same. Once you see the humanity of people you had never thought about before, it becomes a lot harder to hate them. And when it becomes harder to hate, then it becomes easier to care. And if there’s one thing this war-torn, contentious world has too few of, it is people who care for others, even those they do not know, simply because we are all human.

I am not saying that every student should be an English or humanities major; not everyone enjoys history or literature (a fact that continues to mystify me, although I may be a little biased). But for those students whose souls are called out of their bodies by beautiful words, for those who forget to eat because they are so deeply involved in a history book, or for those who forego sleep because they’re asking the big questions that were missed in their philosophy class, it would be a shame to abandon what they love simply because someone else has told them it isn’t “relevant.” The truth is that a humanities education is beneficial in every life calling, from stay-at-home parent to president of the United States.

English majors do not need to defend their course of study to make it relevant; it already is. And they do not need to change their major to be employable; they only need to augment it. There is no fundamental conflict between the humanities and “practical” education. In fact, in the coming generation, I hope we will see the liberal arts increasing in cultural and market value as employers, educators, and students alike recognize how much the world still needs the humanities.

Jean Layne Fretwell Moody ’91 didn’t set out to be an advocate for children with learning disabilities. But nearly 25 years after graduating, her Erskine experience as an English major, another Erskine graduate’s inspiring story, and an unexpected family challenge have led Jeanne along that path.

After Jeanne and her husband Eric Moody ’93 graduated from Erskine, they started a family and moved around the country as Eric pursued professional baseball, playing for the Texas Rangers and other teams. Their happy family was thrown a curveball when their son was diagnosed with dyslexia at age eight. Eric and Jeanne were concerned about how they could help address his learning needs.

Jeanne recalled a conversation during her time at Erskine during which Dana Blackhurst ’83 shared his experiences with dyslexia. “His story really resonated with me,” she says.

Blackhurst faced serious challenges, but when he came to Erskine, an assistant professor of education, Katherine Chandler (later named Professor Emerita of Education), was leading a program focused on students with learning disabilities, and she became a cherished mentor to him.

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Through their collaborative brainstorming, the students developed methods for defining and measuring faith and fear. They probed the faith and fear question from every conceivable angle, exploring it in a series of focus groups and designing experiments to determine how faith and fear are activated and interact in the brain. The result: scientific support for a theological proposition. The students discovered that as an individual’s faith increases, his or her fear decreases.

Interesting enough. But what did it mean for Elsner’s students? What does it mean for us?

“At Erskine we ask our students to frame questions in theological as well as scientific terms,” said Elsner, who encourages his students not only to seek new knowledge but to use the knowledge they attain to glorify God. At the end of their faith and fear project, Elsner’s students left his classroom with more than some fun trivia. They left with a better understanding of what it means to be faithful. More importantly, they left empowered to become more faithful themselves and to help others do likewise.

Everyone thinks accounting is black and white, but it’s not.

There’s a lot of gray. To succeed in business, you need to know about history, ethics, economics. You need to know more than you learn in your business and accounting classes. The liberal arts background helps students develop the critical thinking skills needed to succeed in business and life.

—Karen Mattison, Assistant Professor of Business Administration

“While at Erskine I was given the opportunity to pursue my own research and present at a conference, an opportunity that the majority of my current peers did not experience. I became close friends with my professors, who pushed me towards excellence and helped me discover my passions in psychology. It was only after entering a doctoral program that I realized just how effectively Erskine prepared me for graduate school and working as a psychologist.”

—Tillary Blackman ’13, Psy.D. candidate in Clinical Psychology, Adler University, Chicago, Illinois

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—Mark 4:40
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CLASS OF 2013
Todd Handell has moved back to Spartanburg, his hometown, and is youth minister at his home church, Bethel United Methodist.

Ashlee R. Newman is now Young Farmer and Rancher program coordinator at the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

CLASS OF 2013 (SEMINARY)
The Rev. Brooks D. Willett passed his ordination exams in the Palmetto Presbytery (Presbyterian Church in America) and was ordained at Rose Hill PCA, where he is assistant pastor.

CLASS OF 2012
Sarah Elizabeth Brown is finishing her second year at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), University of London, ranked as one of the top veterinary schools in the world. Aimee Dumouchel Gans directed Spartanburg Repertory’s 2014 production of Amahl and the Night Visitors. She played Amahl’s mother in Erskine’s 2012 production.

CLASS OF 2011
Brianna Prater Miller is an early interventioneer with The Vision Institute (TVI) of South Carolina, which assists visually impaired and blind children and adults.

Joshua Scott Miller was a winner of the 2014 Apex Games. Contestants sprint between stations where they perform deadlifts, push-ups, weighted lunges, etc. He says getting into shape is “a marathon, not a sprint.”

CLASS OF 2010
David Thomas Camak has joined the University of New Mexico lab of Thomas F. Turner for his Ph.D. studying genetics, evolution, and ecology of fish communities. He earned a master’s degree at Southeastern Louisiana University and is co-author of an article in Copeia.

CLASS OF 2009
Jessica F. Skinner, who formed “Prettier than Matt” with Jeff Pitts, explained the band’s name. “Someone asked why Matt Biddle, bassist for Pitts’ rock band, was not playing, and was told Matt’s electric sound didn’t fit the project. Someone said, ‘Well, she’s prettier than Matt,’ and the joke became a band name.”

CLASS OF 2009 (SEMINARY)
Dean Lolli, a former journalist, is pastor of Whitehaven United Methodist. Prosperity, S.C., “a community of faith with a trajectory pointed toward the Kingdom of God.” He and his wife Denise have one daughter, Grace.

CLASS OF 2008
Jennifer Gonzales Cartella, inducted into her high school’s Sports Hall of Fame in Glassboro, N.J., in 2014, will be inducted into the Flying Fleet Hall of Fame in October 2015.

Maria N. Cinquemani ’12 graduated from Clemson University in May 2014 with a master’s degree in history.

CLASS OF 2007
Caleb D. McManah earned his Ph.D. at the University of Louisiana and is a collections manager at The Field Museum in Chicago.

CLASS OF 2007 (SEMINARY)
Chaplain (Major) James McNeely II retired from the United States Army after 23 years and is vice president of New Hope Anglican, Waterbury, Conn. He and his wife Alisa have four children and one granddaughter.

CLASS OF 2005
David W. Dangerfield reports he earned a Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina in 2014. His dissertation: Hard Rows to Hoe: Free Black Farmers in Antebellum South Carolina.

CLASS OF 2005 (SEMINARY)
Benjamin Mushubu is Liaison Officer of UCLA-Rwanda, coordinating UCLA programs in Rwanda. He received a master’s in African Studies from UCLA, but is better known at Erskine as founder of Reach the Children of Rwanda International.

CLASS OF 2004
Dr. Peter Bechtel, a graduate of Florida State University College of Medicine, has opened his practice at AnMed Health Specialty Care in Elberton, Ga. He completed a residency in General Surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa. (2013).

Erica Berg taught high school for six years before pursuing music as a full-time career. She formed the Erica Berg Collective and is a singer and songwriter with the band. “Deciding to play music full-time was the biggest leap of faith I’ve ever taken in my life,” she says.

CLASS OF 2003
Banks Faulkner, who played baseball for the Flying Fleet before surgery sidelined him, has been a teacher and head baseball coach at Summerville High School for the past year.

CLASS OF 2002
Matthew C. Dean has been named Laurens Center Director of the University of South Carolina Union. He and his wife, Lori Gilstrap Dean ’82, live in the Due West area and have three daughters and a son.

CLASS OF 2000
Tara Lowe Brice was one of the Anderson Independent-Mail’s “20 Under 40” for 2014. She has been principal at Belton and White Elementary Schools and served on a South Carolina Education Oversight Committee task force. She and husband Joseph Douglas Brice ’01 have two daughters.

Michael Todd Simpson, interviewed in Open Warhorses, said the late Professor Emeritus of Music Dr. John Bevelery told him, “... if you really apply yourself, you have what it takes. The sky is the limit!” Simpson, then 21, “decided that as long as she doors keep opening, I’ll continue to go through them.”

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Marriages

Listed by class year in descending order.


Hannah Jane Bedwell '14 to Joshua Tyler Fields, June 14, 2014.


Lara Chabra '13 to Chas Anthony '10, May 17, 2014.

Casey Craft '13 to Tyler Holbert, May 17, 2014.

Sarah Jane Sills Tate '13 to Andrew Robert Walker, April 18, 2015.

Aimee Michelle Dumouchel '12 to Stephen Gano, Jr., June 7, 2014.


Amanda Catherine Griffiss '10 to Brandon Joseph Wright '10, Nov. 15, 2014.


Jason Roach '06 to Kimberly Chu, Jan. 17, 2015.

Tracey M. Ammons '05 to Tommy Spires, April 13, 2014.

Melissa Irene Casey '05 to Kevin Hunter Jackson, June 21, 2014.

David W. Dangerfield '05 to Lauren L. Bailey, Dec. 20, 2014.

Tara Vardon Cox '04 to Carl Benjamin Setzler III, June 28, 2014.

Maela Lynn Nelson '02 to Christopher Thomas Duncan '02, June 28, 2014.

Sandra Elaine Flowers '98 (Sem.) to Lewis J. Bezjak, June 14, 2014

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Class Notes

Class of 2000 (Seminar)
The Rev. Clinton Edwards, Jr., pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Aiken, S.C., was honored with a resolution by the S.C. House of Representatives March 15, the 10th anniversary of his pastorate. He was praised for his work as a pastor and with Concerned Ministers Fellowship.

Class of 1999
Joseph M. O’Farrell III is secretary for the 2015 Executive Committee of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders’ and Owners’ Association. He grew up on the family farm, Osula Stud, and worked in the financial and banking industries before returning to manage the farm, a leading commercial breeder in Florida.

Class of 1998
Marianne Albert Yohannan, biology instructor at Tri-County Technical College, received the Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence, the highest award given to a faculty member.

Class of 1997
Jason Edward Fort says his novel Misguided, self-published through Amazon and Kindle, is “the story of a misguided Christian who let vengeance be his guide instead of God.”

Class of 1996 (Seminar)
Russell Alexander Morris, pastor at Harvest Hills Church of God, Burlington, N.C., received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Postgraduate School of the South African Theological Seminary and is the author of two books, Christian Ethics: Where Life and Faith Meet and Youth Matters. He and wife Wanda have one daughter and three grandchildren.

Class of 1995
Sam Cotten received a master’s degree magna cum laude in Old Testament from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2014.

Class of 1994
Raphael M. Carr is executive director of the Georgetown County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission. He is also a board member for “A Father’s Place,” which offers education and services for fathers rebuilding their lives and families. He lives with his wife and three children in the Burgos community.

Class of 1993
Brian Madden has been named executive vice president of operations at The Blood Connection, Inc. (TBC), where he previously served as chief operations officer.

Tripp Boykin was inducted Feb. 12 into Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society for Education.

Class of 1991
John P. Gettys, Jr., of Morton & Gettys, a law firm in Rock Hill, S.C., has joined the advisory board of South State Bank. Members are chosen on the basis of business, civic, and community knowledge and involvement.

Brent Lee Pack is general manager of Laurel Street Country Club, which hosts a golf course, the only clay tennis courts in northwestern North Carolina, a pool, and a fitness center he planned.

Class of 1990 (Seminar)
Mary James Anderson is chief officer of human resources for Horry County Schools. She was principal of Kington Elementary, Conway, S.C., for 14 years and worked in human resources for the past two years.

Class of 1990 (Seminar 1996, 1998)
Wendy Herrmann Smith and her husband have a tweenaged son and adopted a daughter from China. One of her top priorities is “protecting her kids from the media’s harmful messages about beauty and the value of women.” She is turning her blog, “Beauty Battlefield,” into a Bible study. “Victory on the Beauty Battlefield: God’s Truth vs. the Culture’s Lies.”

Class of 1987
Dr. Anna P. Brawley is dean of the Alabama Loma Ministry School (AIMS), a school for ministry training non-stipendiary and bi-vocational clergy as well as laypeople. She is rector of St. Bartholomew’s, Florence, Ala.

Raymond B. King is president and CEO of Zoo Atlanta. Attendance has increased by 30 percent during his tenure, which has included the zoo’s single largest fund-raising effort. He was voted Atlanta’s Most Admitted Nonprofit CEO and listed in Atlanta Business Chronicle’s “Most Influential Atlantans” in 2012.

William W. (Billy) Leesone, Jr., is head coach of women’s soccer at the University of Georgia. He previously coached at Duke and Vanderbilt and was head coach of the men’s and women’s soccer programs at Erskine. He and wife Katie have two daughters and a son.

Class of 1985
Glenis Redmond, Post-In-Residence at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville, served as Mentor Poet for the National Student Poets Program in 2014.

Class of 1983
Dr. Timothy P. Bradshaw has been named president and CEO of NeuroNano Pharma, Inc. His experience includes leadership in research at Glass/Wellcome and Terasa Therapeutics (formerly Oxygen Biotherapeutics).

Donald L. Crowe was named to the Woodmont High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. He led the Woodmont golf team to conference, Upper State, and state championships in 1978 and 1979. He received a scholarship to play golf at Erskine.

Jeff Gephart is director of sales and marketing in the rehabilitation division of Zimmer Medizin Systems, USA. A sports medicine major, he earned an MBA from Columbia Southern and was athletic trainer and clinical instructor at Georgetown, Davidson, and other schools.

John Thomas Hellans, Jr., is vice president for denominational relations and chief of staff, Office of the President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. President R. Albert Mohler calls him “a man of rare gifts, deep commitment and an incredibly warm heart.”

Class of 1981
Deborah Lynn Osborne was inducted into the York County Sports Hall of Fame. At Fort Mill High she was all-time scorer in girls basketball. She played basketball at Erskine, became interim head women’s basketball coach, and also coached women’s softball to fifth place in the NAIA tournament.

Class of 1978
Leisa W. Myers, associate professor of nursing at Lander University, has been named to the Barton Board of Visitors. Trained as a forensic nurse examiner, she is a certified psychiatric mental health nurse.

Class of 1977
H. Douglas Hayes has been named director of security at Richard M. Campbell Veterans Home in Anderson, S.C. He has been active for many years in emergency medical services, fire services, and law enforcement.

Class of 1975
Winnie W. Gorton is the founder of Atlanta Voice Lessons and Singer’s Resources. She has been active as a performer and voice teacher and says she is thankful for the foundation she received at Erskine College.

Paul V. Peat has been appointed community superintendent for the West Learning Community by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He previously served as executive director.

Van Taylor, longtime men’s soccer coach at Lander University, where the soccer stadium was recently named for him, has stepped down to become director of development. He is married to Beth Taylor ’78.

Class of 1972
A. Patrick Austin, air traffic control specialist at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Florida for 35 years, says, “We get very, very slow airplanes mixed in with very, very fast airplanes along with helicopters, corporate jets, et cetera.” He previously served as an air traffic controller in the U.S. Air Force.

F. Michael Gaymon retired after 26 years as chief of the Chamber of Commerce in Columbus, Ga., which became the first five-star chamber in Georgia under his leadership.

Class of 1970
Eugene A. Weldon of East Coast Golf Management was named “Father of the Year” for Family Golf Week, presented by PGA Tour Superstore. “I have played many important roles in my life...but none are more important and give me more pleasure than being a dad,” he says. He and wife Geri have three children.

Class of 1967
Roddy E. Gettys III, former CEO of Baptist Easley Hospital, received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor. Under his leadership Baptist Easley was recognized as a top rural healthcare facility.

Fred L. Lewis, Jr., a tour guide at the Burt-Stark Mansion in Abbeville, S.C., spoke at the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Hagstroms at New Bordeaux. Descendants and others met at John de la Howe School for the event.

Class of 1965
Dr. James G. Knox III has been named to the Limestone College Board of Trustees. Principal of Lewisville High in Richburg, he has also served on the South Carolina Palmetto State E-Board of Trustees.

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Births
Listed by class year in descending order.

A son, Parker James, to Tiffany Driscoll Dagenhart ’10 and Jamey A. Dagenhart ’08 (Sem. ’12), Feb. 24, 2015.
A son, Matthew William, to Megan Ferguson Goodwin ’09 and Craig M. Goodwin ’09, April 17, 2015.
A son, David Ansel, to Marina Mankin Morgan ’09 and Davey Morgan ’07, Sept. 13, 2014.
A daughter, Margaret Anne, to Noelle Garvin Etheridge ’03 and Cliff Etheridge, Oct. 24, 2013.
A son, Joseph Elliott, to Mary Katherine Gainey Frees ’02 and Patrick Frees, June 6, 2014.
A daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, to William McCloud Frampton IV ’03 and Sarah Elizabeth Dickman Frampton, Oct. 21, 2014.
A daughter, Ellison Rebecca, to Marcia Chasteen Yeargin ’97 and Chris Yeargin, Sept. 18, 2013.

CORRECTION
In our last issue, we printed the wrong photo of Neil Edward Bolen Kuykendall, son of Patricia Bolen and J. Brooks Kuykendall ’97. Instead, we published the photo of Joshua Caleb, son of Patti Ward Davis ’05 and Clint H. Davis ’04 (Sem.) under the wrong name. We apologize for the error. Here are both photos, correctly identified.

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In Memoriam

Henry C. "Dusty" Oates, 88, died June 2, 2015. He was a veteran of World War II and earned his Erskine degree in the Class of 1951. A longtime coach, teacher, and school administrator, he spent several years at Ford High School in Laurens, S.C., and the remainder of his career at Dixie High School in Due West, where the football stadium was named in his honor in 1989. He was inducted into the Erskine College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. Fondly known as “Crack,” he was a longtime member of the South Carolina High School Coaches Association. He was interviewed for the documentary film Due West of Ordinary, which premiered in 2014 during Erskine’s 175th anniversary celebration. He is survived by his wife, Professor Emerita of Education Zelda Gambrell Oates ’51; three sons, Dusty Oates, Jr., 77, Richard Oates ’80, and Sam Oates ’82; a sister, Margaret Oates Sonerville ’52; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy "Dot" Simpson Wise, 97, died June 26, 2015. A member of the Centennial Class of 1939, she earned her Erskine degree in home economics and pursued graduate work in counseling. She taught high school home economics and biology and also served as a guidance counselor. Later, she created and taught home economics for boys. An active churchwoman and community volunteer, she received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and remained an engaged alumna in her later years. She was featured in the documentary film Due West of Ordinary (2014) and delighted current students when she spoke about her college experience at a special convocation that year. Survivors include four children; one sister, Rebecca Simpson Bradley ’43; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Bill Wise, and two grandsons.

Willyne Corell Sanders ’34, Nov. 19, 2014.
James Lindsay Carron ’38, Nov. 19, 2014.
Dorothy Simpson "Dot" Wise ’39, June 26, 2015.
Sarah Alexander Pearce ’40, April 30, 2015.
Emily Wadham Ferguson ’41, Nov. 28, 2014.
Mary Eline Wylie Taylor ’41, Feb. 8, 2015.
Annette Plaxico White ’41, Nov. 11, 2014.
Phyllis Patterson Cheshire ’42, June 2, 2015.
Mary Louise Amenc Monson ’44, May 22, 2015.
Oscar Malon Nickles, Jr. ’45, March 17, 2015.
Statia Ansley Ketchin ’44, April 1, 2015.

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Class Notes

Class of 1949
Dorothy Green Tribble and Dr. David E. Tribble are enjoying Laurel Crest, a retirement home built by First Presbyterian of Columbia (ARP). “They allow small dogs. Our 10-lb. dashund is in my lap as I write,” Dorothy says. David works for son Ben, a surgeon, and does chores at their Lake Murray house.

Class of 1930
Dr. Joseph M. Gettys marked his 108th birthday April 23 with a celebration at the Presbyterian Home in Clinton, S.C. Gettys received an honorary doctorate at Erskine in 1984 and served on the Erskine Board of Trustees from 1970-76. His account of his life as a teacher, writer, administrator, and interim pastor can be found at news. erskine.edu/joseph- gettys.

Class of 1952
Dr. Rob Roy McGregor reports that Banner of Truth Trust, Edinburgh, Scotland, has published an e-book his English translation of John Calvin’s Sermon on Job: Chapters 1-14.

Class of 1956
Joseph J. Spears, Jr., was inducted into the Gaston County Sports Hall of Fame. At Mount Holly High, he led girls basketball to four conference and two tournament championships.

Class of 1954
(Seminary 1970)
Dr. Clyde T. McCants reports he has retired from teaching at Richard Winn Academy. “At 81, I decided I was almost old enough to retire.” He preaches at White Oak ARP and teaches opera classes at the Shepherd’s Center.

Class of 1962

Jean Ann Miller Suggs and husband David celebrated their 50th anniversary with a first date. They met in the “interdenominational Twenties” group at First Presbyterian in Columbia, and have two children and four grandchildren.

Class of 1960
Pat Parker Mulligan retired from Anderson University in 1999, then taught English and did mission work in Russia as well as language and cross-cultural training in Turkey. When she retired a second time, her church, family, and friends established a scholarship at Anderson for international students and children of missionaries.

Class of 1959
Robert L. English, Jr., was inducted into the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame last year at the Charleston Riverdogs Stadium.

Julie Wharton Castling and husband Ed have moved to Carolina Village in Hendersonville, N.C., and were interviewed for the Carolina Village newsletter.

Class of 1946
Dr. Roy E. Beckham ’53 (Sem. ’56), recently enjoyed a hot-air balloon ride with daughter Ann Beckham Gainey ’72 as part of a Senior Class trip. Beckham, who called the ride “the highlight of my old age,” was an ARP pastor for 40 years.
In Memoriam

Dr. Mary Matthews Tribble Tobin ‘44, July 5, 2014.
Nancy Elizabeth McDonald Jervey ‘48, Aug. 21, 2014.
Margaret DuPree Lane ‘60, July 4, 2014.
Terry Wayne Tyler ‘64, Oct. 8, 2014.
Frances Hazel Crowe Rampey ‘60, Feb. 17, 2015.
William Wayne Wells ‘73, Nov. 11, 2014.
Paula Linda Mims ‘74, May 18, 2013.
Linda Wolf Albert ‘64, May 4, 2015.
Lewis V. Howell, Sr. ‘68, March 19, 2015.
Vance Frederick Lusk, Jr. ‘73, July 17, 2014.
William Wayne Wells ‘73, Nov. 11, 2014.
Joseph Brice ‘01 accepted the Sullivan Award for Sarah Wightman Brice ’71, in his mother. With him are, from left, his wife, Tara Lowe Brice ’00, and daughters Elizabeth and Caroline.

Alumni Day

Alumni gathered at Erskine April 25 to renew friendships, honor the achievements of fellow graduates, and prepare for another year of alumni involvement. Outgoing Alumni Association president Steve Southwell ’80 passed the gavel to incoming president Andy Byrd ’88. Visit news.erskine.edu to read more about Alumni Day and each of the award recipients profiled here.

Alumni Distinguished Service Award
Richard G. Taylor ’69

Outstanding Young Alumni Award
April Clayton ’08

Erskine Service Award
William M. Frampton IV ’03

Sullivan Awards
Sarah Wightman Brice ’71
Douglas O. Jones ‘54 (Sem.)

Honorary Alumna
Janice H. Haldeman

Dr. April Clayton ’08 accepted the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in absentia. She said she is “truly honored” to be chosen for this award.
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