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- Leadership – welcome to three new deans

At Appalachian, we put students first, always, and together we are building a bright future. Ultimately, the reason Appalachian’s stellar faculty and staff come to work every day is to realize this vision.
From the desk of Chancellor Everts

We are one of 357 universities and institutions with the respected community engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation, and community engagement is one of our nine top-tier initiatives. Community engagement, as defined by the foundation, “describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.” The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.

That’s a long way of saying, we care about our community – local and global – and are actively working toward mutually beneficial goals. Here’s a small sampling of ways we are making a difference in the Appalachian Community and beyond:

• As one of only two privately managed food services programs in the UNC system, Appalachian Food Services employs more than 900 people. Of those, between 500 and 700 are temporary positions filled by Appalachian students, work that subsidizes their education and reduces the financial strain on families, many from this community. We buy locally whenever possible, supporting local farmers while providing nutritious, sustainable and varied food selections.
  Read more: foodservices.appstate.edu/

• Our ACCESS scholarship program, which provides debt-free education opportunities to first-generation college students from North Carolina, was recently honored with summer school tuition support from the Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, a valued partner in the High Country.
  Read more: news.appstate.edu/2016/07/28/access-grant/

• The outdoor theatre Horn in the West and the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum are undergoing revitalizations beginning this year thanks in large part to Carson Sailor, a public history graduate student at Appalachian State University. His efforts should result in more local jobs, internships and other opportunities for learning.
  Read more: news.appstate.edu/2016/07/13/carson-sailor/

• Long-standing and collaborative relationships with the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce and other creative relationships throughout the High Country provide opportunities
for our students, faculty and staff to engage in service, research and educational and economic development activities. Recently, we have scheduled two leadership breakfasts to encourage communication and partnerships and build relationships across the High Country. Guests will include representatives from the town councils of Boone and Blowing Rock, commissioners from Watauga, Ashe and Avery counties, local police departments, state and federal representatives and university leaders. And, in an effort to join the art communities of Blowing Rock and Boone, a shuttle service between BRAHM and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts is available for free during major openings.

• The College of Fine and Applied Arts has leased a building in downtown Boone to house collaborative student and faculty experiences, such as AppLab, an interdisciplinary learning experience centered around finding sustainable and applicable solutions for challenges in the local community. AppLab and other interdisciplinary initiatives will provide students with the opportunity to participate in a hands-on studio, much like a professional work environment, while engaging with local, national and international organizations to develop solutions. Student and faculty work will be on display to the public each month during the First Friday Art Crawl, and all are welcome to drop by, learn more about the college and see our innovative student and faculty endeavors. The facility is located at 182 Howard Street.

• In partnership with SkyBest Communications Inc., Appalachian’s television station, AppTV, has expanded its programming to Ashe and Alleghany counties, as well as Johnson County, Tennessee, and has increased coverage in Avery and Watauga counties.

Read more: faa.appstate.edu/news/apptv-expands-presence-north-carolina-and-tennessee
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The growing number of qualified health care professionals and educators who will graduate from the Beaver College of Health Sciences will help reduce the critical shortage of health care access, particularly for residents in the rural areas of our state.

Read more: healthsciences.appstate.edu/news/groundbreaking-ceremony-beaver-college-health-sciences-marks-more-10-years-planning

From the very beginning of their contact with our university, students are offered an opportunity to find out about the local community and ways to get involved. More than 100 programs with a community outreach focus can be found on our university website: community.appstate.edu. Additionally, Appalachian and the Community Together (ACT), housed in the Department of Student Engagement and Leadership, is the clearinghouse for community service, service-learning and community-based research opportunities. Read more: engageandlead.appstate.edu

University bookshelf

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Faculty spotlight

Three of the university’s academic colleges will begin the fall semester under new leadership. Dr. Melba Spooner serves as dean of the Reich College of Education. Phyllis Kloda serves as dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, and Dr. Heather Hulbert Norris serves as dean of the Walker College of Business. We welcome each of them and look forward to their stellar leadership. Read more: chancellor.appstate.edu/newsletter/id/21

On the mountain

On Friday, Aug. 12, University Housing once again managed a seamless move-in day for more than 2,500 freshman and transfer students. Chancellor Everts said move-in day is “always one of the most exciting days on campus, and one of my favorites. It’s a beginning full of possibilities for our new students. Our housing staff and the hundreds of volunteers have made moving in all these students seamless. All of us in the Appalachian Community are dedicated to making the rest of the students’ experience at Appalachian a fulfilling and transformational one.”

According to Susan Davies, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, “The incoming freshman class is shaping up to be the largest, most diverse class so far, and the freshman class will exceed 3,100. We also have about 1,250 transfer students and more than 500 new graduate students on campus.”
Spotlight on - Best of Boone

Earlier this month, Watauga County posted a Best of Boone video about our region to YouTube. The content makes us all proud of our region and reinforces the critical role Appalachian State University plays in the economic, environmental and equitable use of our resources – both natural and human. Please take a moment to view it at this website and share it with a friend.
Watch here: youtube.com/watch?v=RJyz49B15RQ

Spotlight on - Laura Parker, recent graduate

Shout out for Laura Parker, a 2011 graduate of Appalachian State University’s Master of Arts program in romance languages and 2004 graduate of Appalachian’s English and French undergraduate programs, who was recently named the North Carolina French Teacher of the Year by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (NC-AATF). Parker teaches French at Burns High School in Lawndale.

Appalachian was founded as a teachers college and continues to offer one of the largest undergraduate teacher preparation programs in North Carolina.
Advancement corner
From the desk of Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Randy Edwards

Twelve students recently completed a 17-day journey to Hot Springs, South Dakota, finishing a nearly 2,000-mile solar car race in sixth place overall and winning three international awards with their solar vehicle, Apperion.

Team Sunergy is the only team from North Carolina and one of only two teams in the South. As Chancellor Everts said at the send-off ceremony honoring the team, “This team’s work on the solar vehicle Apperion represents the bold, confident and pioneering attitude that so perfectly represents our campus and its vision to build a brighter future.”

One of the advancement priorities for this academic year is support for future competitions for Team Sunergy and helping them with their next challenge, which is to build a two-seater commuter car.

Also high on our list of priorities is funding to furnish the new Beaver College of Health Sciences building. The NC Connect bond will pay for the construction but will not pay for furnishing labs, classrooms and other areas in the building.

As always, our top priorities include additional funds for scholarships, professorships and unrestricted current funds. Without the active support of our generous donors, the excellent work that our faculty, staff and students are accomplishing would not be possible.

For giving opportunities visit: give.appstate.edu/
Welcome to Appalachian!

Change is expected and embraced on our campus. New staff, administration and faculty bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our community. Please help welcome our newest members to the Appalachian Community, and stop by Staff Connect and Faculty Club to say hello, invite them to join you in a meal, a conversation or professional development opportunity, or share one of your favorite local spots or traditions. Faculty Club meets Friday, Sept. 23 from 4 - 6 p.m., Staff Connect meets Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 4 - 6 p.m. Both groups meet in the Whitewater Lounge, Plemmons Student Union.

Please welcome the new faculty who begin teaching Fall Semester:

**Abraham, Chelsea**, Psychology
**Abrams, Dr. Ira**, Hayes School of Music
**Abrams, Katherine**, Biology
**Açıkgöz, Valcin**, Psychology
**Akuoala, Christer**, Physics and Astronomy
**Ames, Dr. Aaron**, Cultural, Gender and Global Studies
**Arend, Andrew**, Art
**Arnold, Ellen**, English
**Arwood, John**, Nutrition and Health Care Management
**Asma, Virginia**, Recreation Management and Physical Education
**Atkins, Dr. Sally**, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
**Aycock, Edwin**, English
**Balk, Melissa**, Government and Justice Studies
**Bennett, Nancy**, Nursing
**Benoît, Dr. Ilgim**, Marketing
**Bindi, Dr. Federiga**, Government and Justice Studies
**Binegar, Thomas**, English
**Blankenship, Bobby**, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
**Block, Molly**, Government and Justice Studies
**Bouldin, Dr. Erin**, Health and Exercise Science
**Brazille, Morgan**, Psychology
**Brooks-Livingston, Ethan**, History
**Brunet, Melissa**, Hayes School of Music
**Bulla, Dr. Brian**, Government and Justice Studies
**Bunch, Stephanie**, Recreation Management and Physical Education
**Burns, Melina**, Nursing
**Burrell, Byron**, Recreation Management and Physical Education
**Camacho, John**, English
**Chandler, Dr. Jennifer**, Biology
**Chaney, Anna**, Theatre and Dance
**Cheek, Aftynne**, Reading Education and Special Education
**Christian, Raymond**, General Education
**Cisneros Tirado, Dr. Jose**, Government and Justice Studies
**Clark, Jonelle**, Curriculum and Instruction
**Coan, Martha**, Communication Sciences and Disorders
**Coletti, Alyssa**, Sustainable Technology and Built Environment
**Crothers, Colin**, Mathematical Sciences
**Crowley, Patrick**, English
**Davies, Brian**, Applied Design
**Dishman, Meredith**, Nursing
**Dixon, Cynthia**, Nursing
**Edwards, Dr. Cole**, Geology
**Eggers, Michelle**, Nutrition and Health Care Management
**Faszewski, Dr. Kimberly**, Health and Exercise Science
**Faw, Naomi**, Accounting
**Flood, Franklin**, Art
**Foreman, Jeffrey**, Marketing
**Fouad, Dr. Khadija**, Biology
**Giguere, Christopher**, Economics
**Glover, Deborah**, Curriculum and Instruction
**Good, Benjamin**, English
**Gray Woods, Dr. Brittany**, Chemistry
**Griffith, Rhonda**, Curriculum and Instruction
**Hall, Karen**, Communication

**Han, Dr. Jiaxue**, Communication
**Han, Yo-Jung**, Hayes School of Music
**Hart, Dr. Sharon**, University College
**Hassler, Dr. Edgar**, CIS and SCM
**Hawkins, Ashley**, Biology
**Hayes, Andrew**, English
**He, Dr. Xi**, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
**Herman, Dr. Elizabeth**, English
**Hersh, Dr. Jacqueline**, Psychology
**Hildebran, Megan**, Social Work
**Holman, Philip Peter**, Communication
**Howard, Robert**, Conference and Camp Services
**Ingram, Daniel**, Physics and Astronomy
**Jackson, Dr. Victoria**, History
**Johnston, Dr. Jennifer**, Leadership and Educational Studies
**Kelso, Kerry**, Psychology
**Kirschner, Brittany**, Psychology
**Korichev, Dr. Michael**, Leadership and Educational Studies
**Leath, James**, Applied Design
**Leon, Dr. Steven**, CIS and SCM
**Levine Brown, Patricia**, Leadership and Educational Studies
**Lombardozi, Dr. Gennard**, Hayes School of Music
**Luukemeyer, Jennifer**, Leadership and Educational Studies
**Lyall, Katherine**, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
**Lyons, Janna**, Nutrition and Health Care Management
**Maiden, Dr. Emory**, English
**Martell, Dr. Jessica**, English
**Marxen, Edward**, Applied Design
**McGalliard, Dr. William**, Mathematical Sciences
**McGinnis, Karla**, English
**Mclnnis, Dr. Daniel**, Geology
**McKethan, Dr. Robert**, Recreation Management and Physical Education
**Menagarshvili, Dr. Odga**, English
**Midgett, Valerie**, General Education
**Miller, Sarah**, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
**Miners, Dr. Cathy**, Economics
**Moffitt, Desiree**, Biology
**Morris, Ryan**, English
**Moss, Trudy**, General Education
**Nullis-Brittain, Marion**, Nutrition and Health Care Management
**Myhalyk, Tracy**, Sustainable Development
**Nafee, Dr. Lubna**, Marketing
**Natale, Jennifer**, Library
**Newhouse, Steven**, Management
**Opata, Dr. Michael**, Biology
**Paglen, Peter**, Sustainable Technology and Built Environment
**Panwar, Dr. Rajat**, Management
**Park, Youngseok**, Economics
**Payne Jordan, Rebecca**, Reading Education and Special Education
**Pennell, Ashley**, Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Studies
**Poplin, Jimmy**, Human Development and Psychological Counseling
**Powell, Edwin**, Finance, Banking and Insurance
**Powell, John**, English
**Pruiitt, Morgan**, English
**Quinn, Colin**, Anthropology
**Ramirez Canosa, Beatrix**, Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Please welcome the new permanent employees who joined our campus between July 16 and Aug. 15:

Alexander, Savana, Learning Specialist, Learning Assistance Program
Armstrong, Lindsay, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock Child Development Lab
Beam, Ezekiel, Associate Athletics Director-Public Relations, Athletics Office
Berry, Blair, Business Services Coordinator, University Housing-Operations
Bishop, Grant, Vehicle/Equipment Repair Technician, Motor Pool
Blaylock, Andrew, Director of High School Football Relations, Athletics Office
Bridges, Spencer, Director of Marketing, Athletics Office
Broschinski, Beverly, Building and Environmental Services Technician, University Housing-Operations
Brown, Emily, Clinical Educator/Adjunct Instructor, Beaver College of Health Sciences
Butler, Jay, Support Services Associate, Park Place Café
Capps, Christopher, Research Technician, Health and Exercise Science
Carlisle, Jennie, Curatorial Specialist, Art
Dickey, Gabriela, Assistant Director for Fitness, University Recreation

Ferrara, Valentina, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock Child Development Lab
Forte, Paul, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Fowler, Sean, Postdoctoral Resident, Counseling and Psychological Services
Gainey, William, Food Services Supervisor, Rivers Street Café
Greene, Coty, Athletics Office, Assistant Strength/Conditioning Coach
Hansen, Amy, Assistant Director, University Writing Center
Hudson, Megan, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock Child Development Lab
Huntsman, Warren, Facility Maintenance Technician-Building Trades, Carpentry Shop
Johnson, Donald, 1st Assistant Baseball Coach-Recruiting Coordinator, Athletics Office
Justiz, Joelle, Administrative Support Associate, Food Services
Kleo, Sara, Staff Psychologist, Counseling and Psychological Services
Lazar, Emily, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Counseling and Psychological Services
Lewis, Brian, Broadcast and Emerging Media Technician, Athletics Office
Lipford, Rebecca, Building and Environmental Services Technician, University Housing-Operations
Lowenthal, Anna, University Library Specialist, Library-App Collection
Lucia Jr., Joseph, Environmental Health and Safety Professional, Environmental Health, Safety and Emergency Management
McDaniel, Eric, Football Defensive Quality Control, Athletics Office
Meinhardt, Sharon, Administrative Support Specialist, Marketing
Montgomery, Natasha, University Library Specialist, Library-Instruction
Mosley, Blake, Women’s Tennis Coach, Athletics Office
Newman, Ashley, Administrative Support Associate, Administrative Support Associate
Nichols, Gary, Support Services Associate, University Bookstore
Robinson, Predair, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Counseling and Psychological Services
Ollis, Ruth, Administrative Support Specialist, University Bookstore
Ondercin, Gina, Assistant Director Residence Life, University Housing-Residence Life
Pasour, Dana, Support Services Associate, Cascades Café
Patillo, Ericka, Associate Dean of Libraries, Library
Rodriguez, Livelle, Accounting Technician, Appalachian State University Foundation Inc.
Rourke, Brady, Executive Director, Learning Assistance Program
Sanchez, Luis, Property Security Officer, Parking and Traffic
Saunders, Valerie, Food Services Supervisor, Chick-Fil-A
Shoemaker, Nicole, Administrative Support Specialist, Health Services
Smith, Darryl, University Program Associate, Athletics Office
Smith, Kermit, Head Baseball Coach, Athletics Office
South, Jessica, Building and Environmental Services Supervisor, Environmental Services
Spears, Whitney, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Counseling and Psychological Services
Stucke, Katherine, Gear Up Program Coordinator, College Awareness Program
Townsend, Ronnie, Food Services Technician, Bake Shop
Trivet, Rebecca, Support Services Associate, Athletics Holmes Convocation Center
Uhmann, Stephen, Public Communications Specialist, Athletics Office
White Gould, Abby, Administrative Support Specialist, Recreation Management and Physical Education
White, Keri, Food Services Technician, Bake Shop
White, Roxie, University Program Specialist, Office of Research
Wilcox, Alicia, Early Childhood Development Practitioner, Lucy Brock Child Development Lab
Yaich, Amy, Administrative Support Specialist, Office of Human Resources
Young, Daniel, Assistant Football Athletics Trainer, Athletics Office