



St. Andrews by the Lake

Alumni Newsletter



May - June
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St. Andrews Holds 117th Commencement

St. Andrews University held its 117th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 3rd. During the ceremony, 82 degrees were conferred, including the first 20 Master's in Business Administration. There were also two students who completed their coursework through the online program.

Award-winning journalist and senior fellow at the University of Southern California's Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy Geneva Overholser was the commencement speaker. Overholser grew up in Laurinburg. Her father, James A. Overholser, was a Professor of Religion at St. Andrews, and her mother, Grace Overholser, served as the Assistant Dean of Students during the mid-1960s.

Overholser's Laurinburg High School Class of 1966 classmate Susan Wentz was honored with the 2014 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award as a community member who has demonstrated a life of service.

"For 30 years, Susan devoted herself to working at St. Andrews, which she considered to be her vocational life mission and ministry," said Baldasare in presenting the award. "She believes passionately in the transformational education that this Presbyterian-related college has consistently delivered through the years to its students."

The 2014 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Student recipient was Karlee Arnold from South Whitley, IN, who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Forensic Science. Hopkins also had the honor of presenting the Class of 1991 Distinguished Faculty Service Award for 2014 to Dr. Sandra Jones, head of the Education Department.

Beccah Yuswak of Savanna, IL and Meredith Pfeifer of West End, NC shared insights on behalf of the graduating class.

"Whether we were studying abroad with Betsy or Dr. Ted, getting advice from Jen, Mike Chase, or Ms. Dawn, getting the truth from Big Will, enjoying a cookout with Dr. Glass, or bonding with our coaches, both equestrian and athletic, we all found our niche and our un-biological family at St. Andrews," said Yuswak, who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Therapeutic Horsemanship.

Pfeifer, who received a B.A. in Elementary Education, added, "I don't think I could have asked for a better college experience. My professors cared about my success and my well-being. They showed compassion and dedication and that makes me want to be a great teacher for my future students."

In her address to the graduating students, Overholser said, "I've been thinking a lot about what shapes a life, how it is shaped and what shapes it." She said, "I want you to LEAD your life, rather than have it lead you." Overholser went on to give the graduates a final assignment from St. Andrews. She said, "Think about what's important to you. Determine the goals that will enable you to lead your life. Write them down. Commit them to memory. And then commit to checking in with yourself regularly to see how you're doing."



Upcoming Events



Raleigh Area
Alumni Event
July 10, 2014



Scotland
County
Highland Games
October 4, 2014



Alumni Council
Meeting
October 17-18,
2014

Alumni Weekend 2014

Even though we celebrated Alumni Weekend a week early this year, due to the Easter holiday, we enjoyed beautiful, warm weather and a great turn-out from many classes representing 7 decades, from 1943 to 2013. The weekend fun began at a reception on a crowded Belk Porch on Friday afternoon during Registration, and continued at the Alumni Dinner on Friday evening.

During the dinner, The Rev. Dr. Albert G. "Pete" Peery '69 was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Pete is currently president of Montreat Conference Center outside Black Mountain, NC, after serving First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, NC for 14 years. Most importantly for this award,

Pete faithfully served St. Andrews University on the Board of Trustees for over 15 years. He was the first alumnus to be elected Board Chairman, a role he served in for 4 critically important years in the life of the University. Pete was introduced in highly entertaining style by his classmate and fellow Board of Trustees member Bob Brewbaker '69.

Also honored on Friday evening was beloved retired Philosophy professor Dr. Richard C. Prust. Dick was given the Distinguished Merit Award by the Class of 1974. Bruce Taylor '74, who is also a former trustee, articulated well why Dick captivated all of us as students and why he remains a valuable treasure to St. Andrews.

For more information on the awards given by the Alumni Association, [click here](#).

This year's Friday night party in Vardell featured photography, painting and jewelry-making by some of our seriously talented alumni. Artist Adam Breakey '94 donated a painting of the Bell Tower on campus for the Silent Auction which also included two photographs by Rooney Coffman '68.





Equestrian Open House
October 17-18,
2014



Admissions Open House
November 16,
2014



Save the Date
Alumni Weekend
April 17-19, 2015

Class gatherings happened on Saturday morning, with big groups from the Classes of 1964 and 1969, and fantastic folks from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Retired professors Mac Doubles and Bill Alexander as well as Dick Prust were on hand to visit with alumni. (See page 6 for details of earlier SA class reunions.)

On Saturday afternoon, Edna Ann Loftus and Neal Bushoven led a discussion with alums in Vardell on "Creating Community", and we were joined by several students.

While some lingered at lunch or in the archives in DeTamble, others were at Science Homecoming, which celebrated its third annual program by welcoming back retired

professors Dr. Bill Rolland and Dr. William Morgan, and Jane Somerville, wife of the late Dr. William Somerville.

Some alumni attended the spring theater production of the Highland Players, a comedy/mystery called "Kill Me, Deadly" and were given a tour of the renovations of the Morris Morgan Theater. Later in the afternoon they enjoyed a Highland Players Reunion, a first at Alumni Weekend.

The annual "City Title" tournament of the Laurinburgh Ball Confederation took place on the ball fields all day Saturday and into Sunday afternoon. Some of the softball players joined us on

Saturday evening for a picnic by the lake, Writers' Forum, and a party on Belk Patio with a great bluegrass band.

If you were one of the several hundred alumni here in April, thank you for coming!

We loved having you all here. And please mark your calendars for next April 17-19, 2015.



Science Olympiad Celebrates Its 40th Year

The Science Olympiad had its inception at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in 1974. That year, a group of St. Andrews faculty invited high school math and science students to compete on our campus in a wide variety of events. The idea was later adopted by groups in Delaware and Michigan that turned it into a national organization now represented in all 50 states. St. Andrews hosted a regional competition this past February.

NC State University in Raleigh is the venue for the North Carolina Science Olympiad's State Tournament. 100 winning teams came from around the state to compete against their peers in 46 science-related events on April 26. These competitions included everything from forensics and simple machines to geology and genetics.

Several thousand people attended the Opening Ceremony on April 25 at the Reynolds Coliseum. During the kick-off ceremony, **Rooney Coffman '68** was awarded the Dr. Jason Painter Science Olympiad Distinguished Service Award. St. Andrews President **Paul Baldasare '77** spoke at the same event after accepting recognition of the founding of the Science Olympiad by faculty at SAPC in 1974.

Pictured below from the first Science Olympiad: Zeus's Slingshot!



Giving to the Annual Fund

You probably received a copy of the Donor Roll in your mailbox this past week or so. Hopefully, you searched for (and found) your own name among those listed. But did you notice how few donors there were in your own class? It is so important that our alumni give to St. Andrews. Giving provides scholarships to students. It closes the gap between tuition and the true cost of a liberal arts education. It provides classroom resources. It helps to maintain our beautiful campus. It helps attract and retain the kind of faculty that taught you!

Alumni giving reflects our appreciation of the quality education we received at St. Andrews. The percentage of alumni giving is also what foundations, corporations and major donors look at first when considering grants and financial gifts to the University. So, please, give. Give back to the place that gave you the St. Andrews Experience that is uniquely your own.

Occasionally, we ask alumni this question: why do you give to St. Andrews?

Dr. Heath Rada '66, who is a candidate for Moderator of the 2014 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), recently wrote about his time at St. Andrews:

"We were taught to think critically, to determine our own minds insofar as culture, theology, and interpersonal matters were concerned. We all know many people who had wonderful educations at other institutions, but the St. Andrews experience was a step ahead when it came to preparing people for life."

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St. Andrews lives today, as St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. It has come through some challenging years as is the case with many small liberal arts colleges. But it is succeeding. It is moving forward. It is welcoming new and larger classes with additional options for majors and extra- curricular offerings. This small little school far away from any major metropolis is once again emerging as a secure center for creative thinkers, and people who want to be prepared not only for a job, but for life."

How could any words better say it than that? Time is running out to make your gift to the Annual Fund. Our fiscal year ends on May 31, 2014. Make your gift now, online:



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The Annual Fund St. Andrews University

Or mail your check to:

**St. Andrews University
1700 Dogwood Mile
Laurinburg, NC 28352**



More on Alumni Weekend

Saturday of Alumni Weekend was a wonderful time to celebrate friendships and share memories at DeTamble Library and in the Archives. The Flora Macdonald Class of 1954 met to celebrate their 60th reunion year. DeLanie Fant Goldston, Elizabeth McIntosh, and Malcolm Bethune helped to organize their Reunion.

Other FMC grads from various years were also in attendance. Mrs. Yvonne Baucom McMillan of Red Springs represented the Class of 1944 – 70 years since graduation!

The St. Andrews 50th Anniversary Class of 1964 joined the others for a luncheon served to 65 alumni on the second floor of DeTamble Library. The Class of 1964 marks the last graduating class with members who attended freshman year at Flora Macdonald College and Presbyterian Junior College. Class leaders Bet Gatlin Wilson, Ed Hurt, Leon Keith, and Tommie Jessup worked hard over the past year for a successful turnout for their Class's 50th Reunion. A total of 45 alumni and their guests were on campus for the weekend. Ed Hurt presented a gift to St. Andrews of over \$12,000 on behalf of the Class at the Alumni Dinner on Friday evening.

Traffic in the Archives housed in DeTamble Library was brisk from 9:00 – 3:00 with more than 80 alumni from all decades stopping by to enjoy sharing stories while leafing through photograph albums, scrapbooks, yearbooks, and an assortment of other memorabilia from years past.

Remember that donations to the Archives are a great way to share your old college photos, scrapbooks, etc. that mean a lot to you and could be enjoyed by St. Andrews alumni. Just mail them to DeTamble Library and we will make sure they are preserved for generations to come.

St. Andrews Alumni Get-Togethers

After being "snowed out" twice, Atlanta alumni finally got together in March for a gathering that was billed "Third Time's the Charm." We had a great group of about 40 folks join us at the home of Debbie and Jerry Miller, parents of **Myra Miller '09**.

The following week, we held another St. Andrews alumni event in Richmond at the home of **Jane and Jim Rothrock '71**. Again, we had a wonderful time with 40 or so people from the Richmond area. Here are some photographs from that evening.



President Baldasare and other Richmond alumni heard J.J. Reed's update on his recent travel to China. J.J. only studied at St. Andrews for one semester, but apparently left an indelible mark on many of his classmates. He and his wife "Sweetie" continue to be enthusiastic advocates for St. Andrews.

Our next Alumni Get-Together will be on Thursday, July 10th, at the Raleigh, NC home of Paul and Laurie Nederveen '93. We'd love to see you there! Check you email inbox in June for details.



Letter from our Far-Flung Correspondent

Heather Pittard '97, joined the Peace Corps earlier this year and is serving in Mozambique.

Here's an update that she wanted to share with other St. Andrews alums:

Most people join the Peace Corps right after college. I thought I'd wait a while, get some life experience, practice my Spanish, and maybe even become a bilingual Registered Nurse. I did those knowing they would be valuable, due to the prevalence of malaria and HIV developing Africa. But as it turned out, I was invited to teach math! Friends and family asked how I could give up the nursing field, but I accepted the invitation anyway. After all, the Peace Corps had been my dream for as long as I could remember. How could I say no?

Some of the initial challenges of living in Mozambique were obvious: learning Portuguese and "Portuguese-computer-speak" when my role changed to teaching computers; the constant heat and humidity; the malaria risk; differences in roles of women in the community and workplace; the lack of electricity and/or running water; isolation.

Then there were the hidden challenges, which have been the toughest: corruption in a school administration that repeatedly steals computers from the student laboratory, and pressures female teacher colleagues and students to perform sexual favors and to change grades. These same administrators show up late to class or to meetings drunk, or don't show up at all; sometimes they spread malicious and untrue gossip about Peace Corps Volunteers. This has been truly disheartening.

But then I remember my students who love to learn--the girls in my REDES group (translated into English as Girls in Development: Education and Health) who

like to play games, try new foods, and talk about peer pressure, life goals, and how their bodies work. I enjoy my sustainable, productive permagarden, and the amazing fruit trees just outside my door. And I am reminded that my energetic dog, Tank, watches over me and brings me kisses.

I also remind myself that the frustrating things about Mozambique are thereasons the Peace Corps is here. We wouldn't be here if things were easy and working well. In my lesson planning, I find new ways to incorporate health issues

into my computer classes. Using materials readily available such as a Peace Corps-issued sunscreen bottle and condoms, plus a chalk board, I compared and contrasted HIV/AIDS with computer viruses and demonstrated condom use.

I explained that it comes down to the fact that the only 100% effective way to avoid both kinds of viruses, HIV and computer viruses, is to not have sex/ don't do drugs, or to not use computers. But, if you do decide to have sex or use computers, you must choose the safest path - condoms and anti-virus software! Moreover, I explained the importance of being tested every year for HIV/AIDS if you are sexually active or if your career puts you at risk, even if you're married.

A health specialist from Peace Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. asked to use my lesson plan and photos as an example of innovative community health teaching at a Peace Corps conference this past April.

Maybe not joining the Peace Corps immediately after graduating from St. Andrews was a good thing. Who knows? This I know for sure: my semester studying abroad in Ecuador led to fluency in Spanish, opening the door to learning Portuguese. My work in the AIDS Awareness Ensemble and study abroad in Zimbabwe ignited a spark that grew into a passion for community health. All the things I did "on the side" during my time at St. Andrews have stayed with me and become key parts of who I am and what I do. Regardless of when I got here, St. Andrews played a major role in how I got here.

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Class Notes

Warren Moseley '68 spent last summer at the Lawrence Berkeley Labs at the University of California at Berkeley working on the Higgs Boson. The isolation of the Higgs Boson was the Scientific Breakthrough of 2012 per *Science Magazine*. As a result of last summer's project, Warren plans to spend this summer split between Berkeley and CERN in Switzerland. (CERN is the European Organization for Nuclear Research.) Warren will be participating with the scientists at CERN on a project called the Google Summer of Code. He will also be mentoring students participating with a team of scientists and the Google Summer of Code to prepare the collider, currently down for an upgrade, to return to operation in the near future. He will be working on a team with Dr. Peter Higgs, 2013 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics, and the man for whom the Higgs Boson is named.



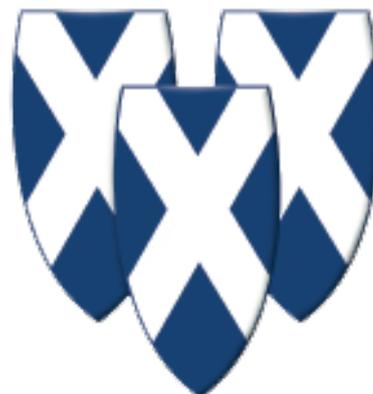
Anita Adams Randolph '72, Father Henry G. Randolph '72, and Father William G. Forrest '72 are seen left to right in the picture above. The photograph was taken on April 4, 2014 at St. David's Parish in Elkhart, IN.

Cynthia Lee Grubbs Viemeister Horvath '74 lost her husband of 28 years in 2011. She married Bill Horvath in November, 2013 and they live in Salem, VA. Cyndi is active in outreach ministries to the urban and rural poor.



Annette Lauber '73 celebrated her retirement after almost 37 years of state service, including a 19-year career with the North Carolina Assistive Technology Program (NCATP). She was also awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the most prestigious honors presented by the Governor of North Carolina. A state employee can be awarded The Order if he or she has contributed more than 30 years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to the State. Here's a link to an article about Annette: <http://blog.ncdhhs.gov/post/81588754479/annette-lauber-celebrates-36-years-with-state-25-with>

Paige Perkins '75 and Katie Sullivan Link '76 missed Alumni Weekend this year because they were in Edinburgh, Scotland at Paige's nephew's wedding. Both her nephew and his bride are graduates of the University of St. Andrews, and their guests loved that alumni of St. Andrews University from "across the pond" were on hand.



Brad MacArthur '98, Steve LaForet '99 and Tommy Watt '07 participated in the Aleš Hřebeský Memorial Lacrosse Tournament in Prague, Czech Republic from April 23rd-26th. The Aleš Hřebeský Memorial is the largest international box-lacrosse tournament in Europe. MacArthur (Head Coach of Team Israel and member of the Canadian team, the Clarington Green Gaels), LaForet (member of Team Israel) and Watt (also a member of the Clarington Green Gaels) are pictured above.

Maya Pottenkulam Cariappa '99 writes that after living most of her life abroad, Maya has come back to India where she lives with her husband and daughter. They live in a place called Kodaikanal in the mountains of Tamilnadu in southern India. Maya and her husband, Kishore, have an organic coffee plantation where they grow and roast their own coffee. They run Café Cariappa in the town where they live, and serve coffee, cake and sell their coffee. Their daughter Aisha was born in January, 2014.

Garry Marshall '99 works for the Henrico County Public Schools where he serves as an Instructional Technology Resource Teacher.

Adam and **Margaret Mason Tate McIntyre '08** welcomed their first child on March 13, 2014. Hamish Hughes (future class of '36) weighed 5 lbs., 13 ounces, and was 19" long. He has already donned his first kilt and can't wait to see campus for the first time!

Elizabeth Capalbo '09 opened Gaits of Harmony, a therapeutic riding facility in Rhode Island.

Chandalyn Chrzanowski '13 is living in Pine Mountain, GA where she is a part-time instructor at the program Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians (MANE).

Catherine Stumberg '13 will start graduate school in the fall at Texas State University for Ecosystem Science and Management. She was also on campus in April and presented the Rooney L. Coffman Science Sustaining Fund with a \$10,000 gift during the Science at St. Andrews event on Saturday of Alumni Weekend 2014.

In Memoriam

Courtney Bowdoin Elliott '85 passed away on March 31, 2014 in Charlottesville, VA.

Betty Shealy Rudisill '53 died on April 13, 2014 in Anderson, SC.

Jason Bostic '88 passed away suddenly at his home on April 13, 2014.

Roberta Leavitt Hawley '71 died on April 24, 2014.

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