

Pippa's Song

ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE • THE JUNE BUCHANAN SCHOOL



Message from the President



Dear Friends,

As the semester and year once again come to an end, we look back at the challenges of 2020 and are grateful. Through our many trials, we have grown stronger and more appreciative of the little joys in life. As we approach the holiday season, we hold onto the hope of our Savior's birth and give thanks for our many blessings. Alice Lloyd's 100-year-old mission of providing education for Appalachia continues because of our friends' generosity. I missed not being able to catch up with most of you at our Appalachia Day Homecoming, but I'm glad we can still connect through phone calls, Zoom conferences, and this issue of *Pippa's Song*.

Throughout this fall issue, you will see the hard work and dedication of our students. From a freshman's perspective of her first semester at ALC (page 1) to a graduate's opportunity to play basketball in Ireland (page 5), ALC students are the leaders Appalachia needs. Faculty and staff work tirelessly to ensure students develop and expand upon their leadership skills. We look forward to seeing where the Purpose Road takes them.

ALC has once again gained national recognition by *U.S. News and World Report*. On page 3, you'll notice the wonderful accolades bestowed upon the College. This year, we were blessed to be named #1 among all regional colleges and universities for alumni giving. Our alumni give back so others can move forward, and we are grateful for the contributions they make. We also ranked among the top in the nation for student selectivity, best value schools, and social mobility. Every year, we are humbled to receive such prestigious recognition for our service to the Appalachian region.

Mrs. Lloyd taught the Purpose Road Philosophy and instilled in her students the notion of service to God and their fellow man as purpose of life. Today, the College remains committed to that teaching philosophy. Many of our alumni go on to serve their communities through their chosen careers. ALC trustee member, and class of 1982 alumnus, Jerry Edwards has been serving his community for over 30 years. Recently, his former students and neighbors named a community park after him. Read more of Jerry Edwards' story on page 8. Furthermore, we are privileged to recognize two alumni who have continued to carry on the mission of Alice Lloyd long after their journey on the Purpose Road ended. Although we can't celebrate in person, we are honored to recognize Mary Lois Jacobs and Cloys Thornsberry as our *Alumna and Alumnus of the Year*. Read about their accomplishments on page 9.

Thank you for your continued support of Alice Lloyd College. It is through your prayers and generosity that "The Miracle on Caney Creek" can continue to become a reality for our Appalachian youth. You touch not only the lives of our students, but also those that are served by them. As you read the remainder of *Pippa's Song*, I hope you are as impressed with our students, past and present, as I am.

On behalf of the entire Alice Lloyd College family, I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Alan Stepp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.



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From Laundry to Learning: An ALC Freshman's Reflections on Her Ties to the College

By Abigail Dobson

My great-great-uncle **Charles** used to tell me stories of how his mother, **Idy Rice**, washed **Alice Lloyd's** laundry. She sent **Uncle Charles** and his brothers to make the long journey by foot from Mousie over Caney Mountain to **Mrs. Lloyd's** residence to get her dirty laundry and then make the long trip back while doing their best not to get the clothes anymore dirty. Idy washed the clothes as hard as she could on her washing board to make sure all the blouses and skirts were clean for the woman who was bringing education to the mountains. She washed them from daylight to dark nonstop until they were spotless; then, after they dried and were neatly folded, the boys once again made the long trip on foot back to **Mrs. Lloyd's**. **Uncle Charles** said one time a black snake chased them all the way across Caney Mountain and left them just as they were arriving at **Mrs. Lloyd's**. When they returned the clothes, she told them to thank their mother and give her the seventy-five cents she handed the boys.

Growing up in Knott County, Kentucky, I have always heard of Alice Lloyd College and how it provides those in the Appalachian region with a respectable four-year degree while staying close to home. When senior

year started and I was comparing colleges, I noticed ALC's national rankings, such as #4 for selectivity, and that ALC students graduated with minimal to no debt. ALC's rankings stood out to me, and I was also impressed that the college gave me the opportunity to stay home and commute while obtaining a bachelor's degree in English Education (8-12). So, when making my final decisions about which college to attend, I chose ALC. From the first time I stepped on campus, I knew I made the right decision. I am excited for these next few years as an Eagle where I can further my education.

Education means so much to me because it provides opportunities, opens minds, creates financial security, and gives an understanding of what is around us. I want to become a teacher and provide my students with an education and encourage them to further their education so they can experience all the benefits that come with one. So far, I have loved my first education class, which is Education 200 with **Dr. Herr**. In his class, we discuss the basic struggles and benefits teachers experience daily. My favorite memory in his class is when he danced to an entire three-minute song to demonstrate that when our classrooms get out of hand, it is better to be weird than grumpy. I look forward to more education classes in the future and, hopefully, the teaching program.

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what is around us.”*



Coming into freshman year, I was so excited to be a freshman again. To prepare, I spent the entire week before school memorizing all my classes and professors; I shopped online for months preparing my professional dress outfits, which are planned out for the whole semester; and on the first day of class, I got to campus an hour and a half early because I just could not wait for my first class to start. As my senior year ended a little rocky due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I did not really have many expectations for this year. I was simply happy to be back in a classroom. The semester has had lots of twists and turns with classroom changes, finding my way around campus, and learning to be independent. Nevertheless, I can say so far I have loved my time at ALC, from having the campus dog, **Sandy**, greet me in front of CAC every morning to the good friends I have already made, and now I am getting to witness how beautiful the campus is during fall. Alice Lloyd College already holds a place in my heart.

Although this first semester has been challenging on many levels, I am excited to take the memories and life lessons of this semester with me into the next three and a half years at ALC. When my **Uncle Charles** drove through campus in his seventies, he couldn't believe how much the campus and school had grown, and he was eager to see how it would continue to grow in my lifetime. I am honored to spend the next three and a half years here at ALC and will one day tell my kids and their grandkids about how their great-great-great-great-grandmother did the laundry of the woman who established a four-year college in Knott County.

Serving Others Near and Far: *Mark Slusher*

Many attend Alice Lloyd College to stay close and go far, but for **Mark Slusher**, a junior Kinesiology major, he has already been far and now wants to stay close. He says, “My family has been to many different places. I heard about ALC from family members who attended the College as well as just the fact that I always wanted to remain at home in Eastern Kentucky.”

Mark has resided in Eastern Kentucky and Maine, and although his heart is in Kentucky, he realized during his time in Maine that there are many ways for him to minister to others. Ultimately, serving and evangelizing others is what **Mark** loves to do. He has aspirations to be a strength coach in the future as well as a preacher. At ALC, **Mark** can gain skills in all areas of his future career from being a kinesiology major to running for the ALC track team and being a leader of the ALC Campus Ministry.

Being a part of Campus Ministries has helped him advance his ministry while also giving him many fond memories. “One good memory was when a group of friends from Caney Baptist Church all left campus and went on a gorgeous day out for a cookout. We finished the day with a small hike for a sunset and saw some wild horses as well. It was a great time where we all enjoyed some great fellowship,” **Mark** recalls. Nevertheless, some of his favorite moments come from the community service he has done on and off-campus. This summer, **Mark** helped at Bethel Camp with the maintenance of buildings. He says, “I just enjoy helping people in whatever capacity I can. Whether that be lending my time and efforts or sharing my abilities to help other people. For me, the fondest memories are just having those times where you see people light up just knowing people do care, do love them, and do want to help each other through whatever they may be dealing with.”

Living a life of service was not prevalent in **Mark's** life for a long time. He says, “I would say what influenced me as a person the most is everything I've gone through and ended up here. Why that's so important is because I wasn't the man I am today, and I wouldn't have been without Christ working in my heart. I have, by the grace of God, come to where I am now by allowing him to change me.” Being able to help students further their

walk in faith by following the Purpose Road is something ALC strives to do.

The opportunities ALC provides and the close-knit community where students can thrive is made possible because of friends of the College. **Mark** comments, “I think it is amazing that we have such generous donors willing to help students who may not be able to afford the opportunity. It is just something cool to witness how people from so far can affect and help grow our family and honestly become a part of it.” A diverse group of people make up the story of Alice Lloyd College, and all can contribute to bettering Appalachia.



Considering a Planned Gift to Alice Lloyd College?

Possibilities to consider... And remember, it's always nice to let us know you are including ALC in your estate plans.

A WILL

Create or update your current will. If you don't have a will, the government will decide how your assets are distributed. Decide what you want to give to family members and leave some residue for charities – like Alice Lloyd College.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A Charitable Gift Annuity can be established easily between you and Alice Lloyd College. No lawyer is required. You can receive income for life at higher return rates than typical investments – and you will be making a future gift of any remaining funds to help Appalachian students earn a college education.

GIFT STOCK/SECURITIES

Investments are meant to provide security through gains and dividends, but what do you plan to do with yours once you are gone? You can will stock and other forms of securities directly to Alice Lloyd College through a specific bequest.

GIFT YOUR RESIDENCE

Your estate may be tied up in your residence – a home you've spent your lifetime making your own. Perhaps your children have already established their own homes and won't need yours. You can will it to Alice Lloyd College.

A TRUST

Create a living trust now, or put a clause in your will to establish a trust with your final assets. A trust can be set up to provide lifetime income for a family member – such as your spouse or disabled child – and a future gift to charity. Including charitable gifts helps avoid estate taxes. Trusts can be distributed very quickly, unlike wills which must go through a time-consuming probate court process.



RETIREMENT

Because you may not survive long enough to withdraw all of your retirement funds, you should name a beneficiary. Again your loved ones come first, and a charity like Alice Lloyd College could be a secondary beneficiary.

For more information, or to request literature on any of these planned giving strategies, please contact **Margo Sparkman**, Development Specialist, at 606-368-6039, or email her at margosparkman@alc.edu.



ALC Sophomore Goes the Extra Mile for Neighbor in Need

Events centered around running 5ks and 10ks happen every year to spread awareness of specific issues and help raise money for organizations, but for ALC sophomore **Preston Mullins** that was just not far enough.

When he heard his neighbor **Mandi** and her husband **Russell** had increasing medical bills due to **Mandi's** recurrent cancer treatment in Houston, Texas, he decided to take action. **Preston** is a member of ALC's track and field team, and in order to help his neighbor, he decided not to run a 5k or 10k but 100 miles. He says, "I chose to run 100 miles because **Mandi** and **Russell** are way more important than a 5k (3 miles). She deserves all a human can give."

Preston challenged himself to run 100 miles but also challenged his friends and family to help him raise \$1,000 in support. He prepared for his run by running every day and eating a low-carb diet. **Preston** started in Hazard and planned to run through Breathitt County to Campton and back. Not only did **Preston** face the obstacle of running 100 miles but also encountered the freezing rain as well as keeping his distance from raccoons and wild dogs. On what kept him motivated, **Preston** says, "**Mandi** gave me her bracelet. Every time I was tired, I looked at it, and it reminded me of who she is and what she is going through."

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4:13

Throughout the day, he posted mile-marker updates on Facebook and had some of his friends following him and posting to social media as well. Unfortunately, **Preston** made it to the 54th mile and had to stop due to the freezing rain and lack of calories preventing his body from warming up. Nevertheless, he is happy with his results and has plans on trying again in the fall. His run also led him to exceed his \$1,000 goal by \$5,000. **Preston** says, "I'm so happy for **Mandi** and **Russell**, and I know the money and the good Lord will bless them."

Preston says his time at ALC assisted him in reaching his goal. "**Dr. Pryor** instilled in me the desire to do good in all I do while having a good time. **Coach Arnold** and **Coach Driskill** taught us to be more than ourselves," he says. Alice Lloyd College helps students understand the need for serving others and the joy that comes from a life of service. **Preston** clings to Philippians 4:13 in all that he does and would like to thank **Ryan Smith** for following him on his run.





Former Alice Lloyd Eagle Blake Smith Signs Professional Basketball Contract in Europe

Former Alice Lloyd Eagle **Blake Smith** has signed a contract to play professional basketball in Europe. **Smith**, a native of Manchester, Kentucky, will be going overseas to play in Limerick, Ireland, for the Limerick City Celtics. After realizing his dream of playing professional basketball in his junior year of high school, he found ALC and thought it was a good fit for him – a place for him to grow and advance his skills. ALC offers many different paths for students to choose, from academics to sports, and from work-study to extracurricular activities, there are multiple ways a student can grow. “**Coach Hammond** was honest with me during the recruiting process and didn’t promise me anything, and I liked that,” said **Smith** during an interview in March. He then went on to play four years of basketball for the Eagles, where he etched his name into the history of ALC’s Athletic Program.

During his time at ALC, **Smith** scored an astounding 2,304 points. He is the fourth Eagle to score over 2,000 points and is second on the list. He has also recorded over 600 rebounds. **Smith’s** accomplishments have not gone unnoticed on the court. He has been named an NCCAA DI First Team All-American, NAIA DII Third Team All-American, First Team River States Conference and earned NCCAA DI student-athlete of the week honors. This past season alone, **Smith** averaged over 26 points per game and had a 76.6% success rate at the free-throw line. Also, he was voted for the NAIA River States Conference for the second consecutive year and helped the Eagles win their first NCCAA Mid-east Region Championship Title, which won the Eagles a spot in the NCCAA national championship. Unfortunately, the tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19, but the cancellation does take away from the basketball team’s accomplishments.

Smith stated, “I did a lot of growing up at ALC over the last four years on and off the court.” He also would like to thank his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for blessing him with the abilities and opportunities to advance his skill. **Smith** also stated that he feels like he is taking steps in the right direction for his ideal career of being a professional basketball player.

In the spring, **Smith** concluded his ALC career as the second all-time scorer in school history and graduated with a degree in Kinesiology. He travelled overseas this fall, and ALC looks forward to hearing about all his future accomplishments. ALC wants to see alumni succeed after college, knowing ALC students are prepared to serve and lead nationally and internationally. **Blake Smith** is a fine example that ALC students are great leaders in any community they might serve.



ALC's Phi Beta Lambda Serves Community Through Food Bags

Alice Lloyd College offers many clubs and organizations on campus for students to prepare for their future careers. One of these many groups is Phi Beta Lambda (PBL). PBL was formed along with FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) in 1940 by Hamden Forkner of Columbia University. Forkner stated, "There should be a national organization to join business clubs throughout the nation." PBL clubs are identified as chapters, and ALC's chapter is Omega Alpha Tau. PBL focuses on students giving back to their communities and instilling a sense of servant leadership.

ALC's PBL works to serve its community by packing 30 food bags every Wednesday to donate at Jones Fork Elementary, which is made possible through a grant by the **Dipsy Doodle Gang** based out of Tennessee. The community service project led two PBL members, **Callie Chaney** and **Pat Riley**, to place in the top five for their project called "Power Up Nutrition." PBL has also collaborated with other organizations on campus such as SGA, Law Society, and KEA to host other community events.



PBL and its members have attained multiple awards. For three years in a row, ALC's chapter has been awarded the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit at the National Leadership Conference. The Gold Seal award is earned via nomination. **Pat Riley**, the president of ALC's PBL, explained, "The officer team from each state nominates two chapters within the respective state to be awarded during nationals."

Alice Lloyd College's chapter of PBL has a heart for giving back to their community. The skills being instilled now will stick with its members throughout the rest of their college experience and after. PBL continues to show that ALC students are going to be prepared for a lifetime of service.

Work Study Spotlight: Cameran Howard

Alice Lloyd College is one of the nine work-study colleges in the nation. The work-study program requires all full-time students to work a minimum of ten hours a week. Students' earnings go toward their tuition to lower the cost they pay per semester. ALC would like to spotlight **Cameran Howard** in her work-study as the student work supervisor (work head) of the Student Work Office.

Cameran states, "I am the work head of the Student Work Office. My position comes with its difficulties; however, it has enabled me to be a leader. I have learned that being a leader is not standing back and letting others do the work; it is jumping in to get the job done as a team." As the work head, **Cameran's** responsibility is to submit all students' work hours for payroll. She also maintains the minutes for student-supervisor meetings, she helps with student job placement and manages all the work-study students in the Student Work Office. In the spring, **Cameran** assists the Dean of the Student Work Program, **Kerry Ratliff**, in preparing the Annual Work Program Awards.

The work-study program teaches students how to respect all jobs, big and small, on campus and in the workforce outside of campus. The program also gives students work experience to apply to their future. **Cameran** says, "Work-study provides a wonderful opportunity to learn many skills I will need throughout life. I feel the work-study program has prepared me for future endeavors as I pursue my interest in the pharmacy profession."

Cameran goes on to say, "My favorite thing about the work-study program is the relationships that I have built throughout the years. I have learned many valuable lessons from my mentors. I feel the work-study program builds relationships and teaches students disciplines they will need after college." Alice Lloyd believed a student's financial ability did not affect their ability to learn, so she provided students a way to work for their education. ALC continues the tradition that Mrs. Lloyd started of providing opportunities for future leaders of Appalachia





Purpose Through Pandemic

Since opening the doors to in-person and online instruction on August 17th, The June Buchanan School has implemented stringent protocols for the health and safety of its students. While the world-wide struggle with COVID has made many feel isolated and anxious, students at JBS are being encouraged to continue serving others, even during these unusual times. To help younger students understand the importance of service, JBS has increased the number of Bible classes offered to students in grades K-5 as a way of teaching compassion for others.

Additionally, the JBS chapter of the National Honor Society has planned multiple service projects for middle and high school students, the most recent

being a donation drive for the Red Cross to help with hurricane relief efforts. **Peyton Varney**, a senior at JBS and the current NHS President, stated, "When previous generations were faced with adversity, they didn't submit and cease helping those in need. They rose to the occasion and aided those who needed support. I like to think that during these trying times JBS, despite our small size, can continue to step up and do all we can for both our local and national community. COVID may be a formidable adversary, but as a school community there's nothing we can't achieve."



JBS Theatre Presents *Sarah, Plain and Tall*

Students in the theatre program at The June Buchanan School recently brought to life Sarah MacLachlan's Newberry award-winning novel *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. While theatre productions are a lot of hard work, they also expose students to a myriad of specialized skills that they will use throughout their lifetimes. In addition to those performing on the stage, JBS students were in charge of all the technical aspects of the show, including sound, lighting, costumes, props, and much more.



Students like **Ashley Moore**, a JBS freshman, have grown tremendously as a result of their time on stage. During her first show, **Ashley** had one or two lines; however, this year she earned the title role of Sarah. She stated, "This was my seventh production with June Buchanan Theatre. I love to do these productions because I get to be in front of people and act out stories. *Sarah, Plain and Tall* has been my favorite overall show because of the character I got to play." Congratulations to these students for another wonderful show!

Jerry Edwards: Setting an Example



Alice Lloyd College strives to teach students the importance of service. Service first to God and then to their fellow man. Many students begin their servant walk on the Purpose Road, but it remains a part of their lives after college, as alumni, where they can fully practice a life of servant leadership. In Matthew 23:11, Jesus says, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." While this verse can be applied to many ALC Alumni, it is especially relevant to 1982 alumnus and ALC Board of Trustee member **Jerry Edwards**.

For over 30 years, **Jerry Edwards** worked as a teacher in the Harlan County School system. As a teacher, his career began quickly in 1982 when he received a phone call the night before school started asking him to teach for the academic year. **Jerry** said yes and began teaching the next day. His enthusiasm and desire for teaching came about when he was young. He says, "I wanted to give back. I wanted to be a role model. Growing up, there were very few African American teachers. I wanted to show there was an opportunity."

While he worked as a traditional teacher for several years, he also took unique teaching opportunities such as teaching in Alternative School and as a teacher assistant for autistic students. He chose to teach in Alternative School because he wanted to make a difference in the children's lives. At the end of the 45 days in Alternative School, most students didn't want to leave because they did better with him and enjoyed his class more. Although the students' eagerness to learn more from him was rewarding, **Jerry** claims working as a teacher assistant with autistic children was the most rewarding job he has ever had.

Through his different teaching avenues, he has demonstrated countless examples of service, leadership, and faith for his colleagues and students to follow. In September, former students surprised **Jerry** by dedicating a park in Lynch, Kentucky, to him. He stated, "At first, I was shocked. I thought others were more deserving. However, I was humbled when I found out it was former students who wanted to give back to me." *The Jerry L. Edwards Park* is dedicated in honor of **Jerry's** love and dedication for education, children, recreational sports, and his community.

"Service is being able to help others and being there for someone else."

Jerry Edwards not only helps his community in Harlan County, but he also assists the Alice Lloyd College community by serving on the ALC Board of Trustees for almost ten years. He claims, "Serving on the Board of Trustees has overall been a great experience. I believe I have helped the College with recruitment of students from my area." Two years ago, he presented eight students with ALC scholarship letters. He believes in giving back to the College and wants to encourage current students and new alumni to do the same by saying, "ALC has provided for you, always be willing to give something back to the College – they have done so much for you. Of course, everyone at ALC already knows that, because you learn so much at ALC."

Service is an essential aspect of Alice Lloyd College. **Jerry Edwards** describes service by saying, "Service is being able to help others and being there for someone else. This principle was instilled in me at ALC. Service is setting an example for others – it is doing what God commands us to do."



ALC Celebrates 2020 Alumna and Alumnus of the Year

Congratulations to the Alice Lloyd College 2020 Alumna & Alumnus of the Year, **Mrs. Mary Lois Jacobs** (Class of 1960) and **Mr. Cloys Thornsberry** (Class of 1953)! Because of the current pandemic, the Awards Banquet has been postponed until it is deemed safe to schedule.

Mary Lois Watson Jacobs is the oldest of twelve children and was raised in the Hollybush and Pippa Passes communities. She graduated as valedictorian from Knott County High School and earned an Associate of Arts degree from Caney Junior College (now Alice Lloyd College) in 1960. **Mary Lois** credits Mrs. Lloyd and the school for providing her with a strong educational foundation.

In 1961, **Mary Lois** married her sweetheart, **Burnis Jacobs**, a graduate of Caney Junior College. She then attended the University of Kentucky, double-majoring and earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1970. **Mary Lois** also received a Master of Arts degree from Morehead State University. She came back to Knott County to teach English and eventually served as the school librarian for twenty-four years. In 1998, she retired from a thirty-year teaching career, but she continues to keep in touch with many of her students.

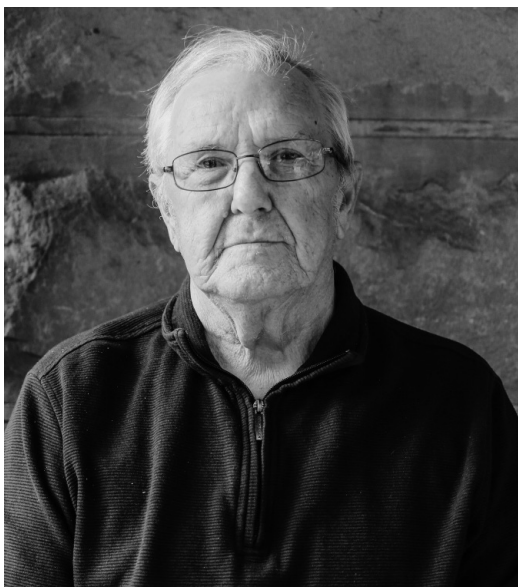
Mary Lois is a member of several organizations such as the National Education Association and the American Library Association. She has received several prestigious awards including the Kentucky Education Association Award and Kentucky Library Association Award.

An active community volunteer, **Mary Lois** has served in many capacities such as Girl Scout Leader and President of the Homemakers Club. She is also a faithful member of Caney Baptist Church. **Mary Lois'** commitment to ALC is demonstrated through her years of support and service. She has often shared the story of Alice Lloyd with others and made sure that high school students were aware of the College's affordable educational opportunities.

Mary Lois and **Burnis** adamantly instilled the importance of a college education in their children: **Allison Jacobs**, **Carolyn Jacobs**, **Mark Jacobs**, and **Regina Jacobs Smith**. They were very proud to see them complete college, each one earning at least three degrees. Since **Burnis'** passing, **Mary Lois** immerses herself in her passions while also cherishing time spent with family and friends, especially her four children and six grandchildren.

Cloys Thornsberry was raised in Pippa Passes, Kentucky. One of twelve children, he attended Caney Elementary and Knott County High School. After taking summer classes, **Cloys** received permission to enroll in Caney Junior College at the age of sixteen, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in 1953.

Continuing his education was a priority for **Cloys**, and the assistance a GI Bill would make this possible. In 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving two years overseas. When he returned home, a lovely young lady attending Caney Junior College, **Thelmarie Madden**, caught his eye. They became a couple and were married less than a year later. After the wedding, **Cloys** attended the University of Kentucky and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education.



In 1959, **Cloys** became a librarian at Martin High School in Floyd County. A year later, he began a thirty-six-year career with the Knott County School System. He served as a teacher and later a librarian, while also continuing his education. **Cloys** earned a Master's degree in Educational Administration along with certifications to be a principal. He worked as principal in several schools before assuming the position at Hindman Elementary, where he served more than fifteen years.

Cloys retired from his career in public education in 1997. However, in 2000, **Cloys** became a full-time professor at ALC in the Education Department. He shares that one of the advantages of the position was that it allowed him to work alongside Thelmarie at a school which meant so much to both of them.

After fifty-seven years of marriage, **Thelmarie** passed away in 2014. **Cloys** continued to teach at ALC for three more years before retiring. These days, he enjoys spending time with his children: **Patricia (Susie) Meehan**, **Sherry Morgan**, and **Paul Randall (PR) Thornsberry** (who are all alumni of ALC). He also cherishes time with his seven grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and his large extended family.



NOMINATION FORM

Alumna & Alumnus of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for candidates to be considered for these awards.

Alumni must be nominated to be considered.

Please return this form to:

Office of Alumni Relations
100 Purpose Road
Pippa Passes, KY 41844

or email to:

teresagrender@alc.edu

The deadline for nominations is January 31st.

Please complete the form to the best of your ability.

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when reviewing nominations for the Alumna/Alumnus of the Year.

Eligibility Guidelines

Nominee should:

- have attended ALC (Caney Junior College) for a minimum of one semester
- be highly regarded personally and professionally
- reflect ALC's philosophy of leadership and service to others
- demonstrate active involvement with ALC in support of its mission.

☐ Alumna ☐ Alumnus

Nominee _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Dates of Attendance *(if known)* _____

Submitted by _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Date Submitted _____

Why should the nominee be considered as a candidate for the Alumna/Alumnus of the Year?

Please include additional page if needed.

Honors & Memorials

Gifts in Honor of

From July 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020

- ALC Students by Mr. Mauri Charles Korhonen
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- Ms. Patti Cassidy by Mr. Jay K. Cassidy
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In Remembrance

Beatrice Bates (Class of 1953), of Waverly, Ohio, passed away on October 12, 2020.

Ruth Grey Bedford, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Nutley, New Jersey, passed away on August 19, 2019.

Fred W. Edick, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away on August 30, 2020.

Ronald Forester, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Fairhope, Alabama, passed away on October 6, 2020.

Eleanor Lang, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Carmel, Indiana, passed away on May 2, 2020.

Alice Owens Martin (Class of 1950), of Clinton, North Carolina, passed away on September 03, 2020.

Tom Oak McGuire, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, passed away on October 30, 2020.

Dr. Dorothy Peters of Roanoke, Virginia, passed away August 28, 2020. She served Alice Lloyd College first as Education Division Chair and later as Academic Dean prior to retirement in 2001.

Charles A. Riggs, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, passed away on July 3, 2020.

Earl Lee Shirkey, Jr., ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, passed away on November 5, 2019.

Enoch Stanley Slone (Class of 1943), of Hazard, Kentucky, passed away on September 01, 2020.

Lucille B. Strohbeen, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of New Richmond, Wisconsin, passed away on July 29, 2019.

Warren W. Tobias, ALC longtime friend and supporter, of Wernersville, Pennsylvania, passed away on June 16, 2020.

Billy Ray Triplett (Class of 1957), of Garner, Kentucky, passed away on August 08, 2020.



Alice Lloyd College's former Chair of the Education Division, **Dorothy "Didi" Eloise Hasson Peters**, quietly passed away on Friday, August 28, 2020. She filled her long life of 92 years by achieving her goals of becoming an educated woman and having

a loving family. When she was a young woman, she decided 85 would be a good age to pass, but much to the joy of her family and friends, **Didi** lived seven years more.

On December 29, 1928, **Didi** arrived in the world and was quickly known as the troublemaker among her seven siblings. She lived during the Depression, which led to her family moving frequently. Nevertheless, her childhood gave her fond memories and an understanding of the importance of education and work. She received a scholarship to study at St. John's Lutheran Academy in Winfield, Kansas. **Didi** had the opportunity

to continue at St. Johns College, but she decided to move to Virginia, where she could live independently.

Didi began teaching at age 18 and received her teaching degree from Roanoke College. She rose through school administration ranks where she oversaw the bussing efforts to integrate Roanoke City Schools. **Didi** also began work on a master's degree from Radford University. Afterward, she joined the first class of doctoral students that accepted women at the University of Virginia and earned her doctorate in 1980.

After **Didi** ended her teaching career in Virginia, she didn't stop but instead looked for new opportunities, which led her to the small town of Pippa Passes, Kentucky. She claimed her days spent at Alice Lloyd College were the crown jewel of her work experience and her way of giving back to the Appalachian community. ALC is blessed to have worked with such a remarkable lady and would like to extend condolences to the family.

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