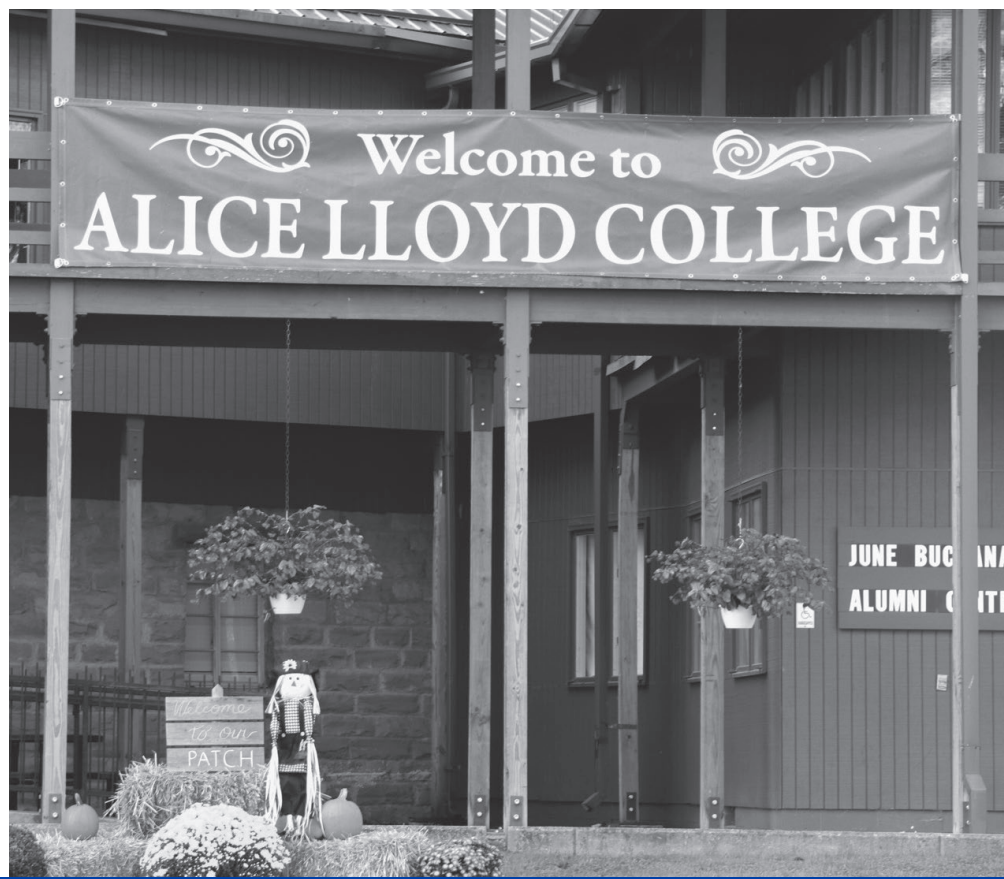


# Pippa's Song

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# Message from the President



As another year comes to a close here in Pippa Passes, we recount our many blessings and are grateful. This has been an excellent year for the College as we celebrate our centennial milestone. We are thankful to you, our wonderful friends, who open doors of opportunity to our young people. In this issue of *Pippa's Song*, please join us as we reflect on the opportunities made possible by your generous contributions and God's blessings.

As we began to reflect on our storied past, the College hosted a special guest to celebrate 100 years on Caney Creek. On Tuesday, September 26th, Alice Lloyd College and The June Buchanan School's faculty, staff, and students gathered in the Campbell Arts Center's Roop Auditorium with former College President and current Board of Trustees member Dr. Jerry C. Davis. He

recounted stories of his term as ALC President and shared the College's miraculous history with the audience. On page 1, you will read about the convocation.

One of our many blessings this year was the return of our Appalachia Day Homecoming on October 7th. On Appalachia Day, hundreds of friends and alumni gathered on campus to celebrate our centennial and enjoy the many festivities, including a special Centennial Celebration Ceremony and Concert. On pages 7 and 8, you will see more about our Appalachia Day Homecoming festivities.

ALC has gained national recognition through numerous publications. This year, we once again ranked among the top colleges in the nation for our strong performance during the 2022-23 fiscal year. On page 3, you can read about the wonderful accolades bestowed upon the College.

Alice Lloyd College alumni strive to fulfill the mission Mrs. Lloyd and Miss June began. This year, on September 15th, the College hosted the 25th Annual Alumna and Alumnus of the Year Banquet. During this year's banquet, we honored Class of 1983 Alumna Ms. Angela J. Lewis and Class of 1967 Alumnus Golden Glen Hale. On pages 5 and 6, you can read about the lives of our Alumna and Alumnus of the Year and how Alice Lloyd College has impacted them.

Beginning in the spring semester, all full-time students will receive an iPad at no cost to them. On page 2 of this issue, you will read about the iPurpose Initiative and how this commitment to affordable education will enhance our student's educational experience.

Thank you for your continued support of Alice Lloyd College. Through your prayers and generosity, the College continues to change the lives of our students by promoting Christian values, encouraging hard work, and providing an affordable, quality education. Tracey and I are blessed to be part of Alice Lloyd's century-old mission.

On behalf of the Alice Lloyd College family, as we pause to say thanks for our blessings and celebrate Christ's birth, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Stepp".



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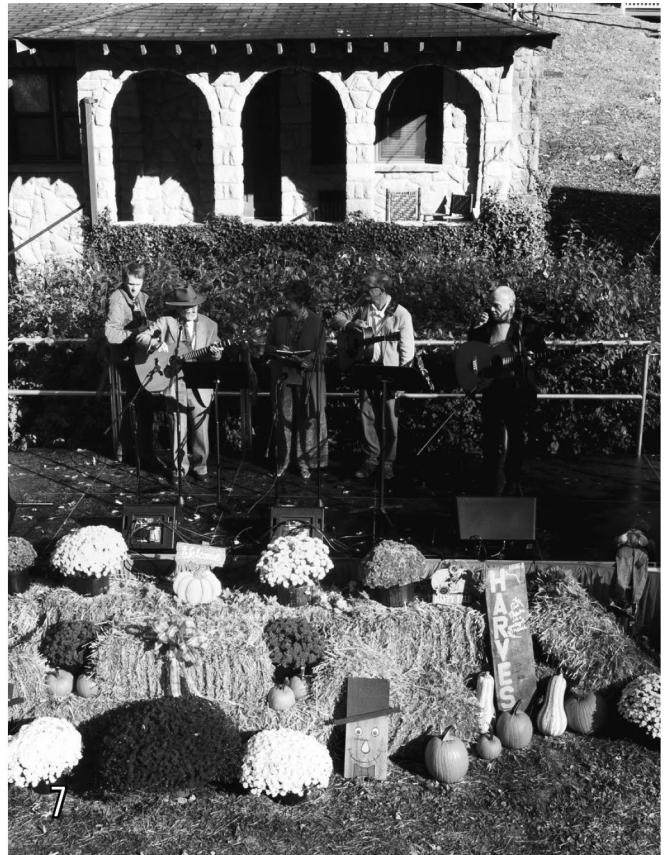
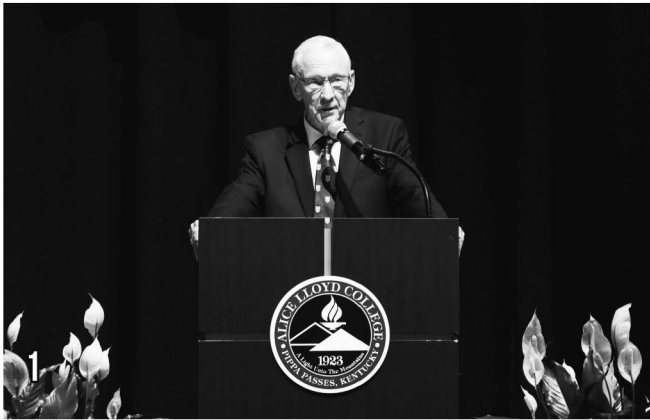
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# Alice Lloyd College Celebrates 100 Years on Caney Creek with Dr. Jerry C. Davis



On Tuesday, September 26th, Alice Lloyd College and The June Buchanan School's faculty, staff, and students gathered with special guests in the Campbell Arts Center's Roop Auditorium for *100 Years on Caney Creek: A Centennial Celebration with Dr. Jerry Davis*.

The program began with the national anthem performed by the College's Voices of Appalachia choir and an invocation given by ALC student Karsten Dixon. ALC President Jim Stepp gave a warm welcome to the gathering and shared what the College means to himself and so many around the country. Chancellor Joe Stepp then introduced the event's speaker, Dr. Jerry C. Davis, former ALC president for eleven years and current member of the College's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Davis began his address by sharing heartwarming stories of his time as President of Alice Lloyd College and of the students touched by the College's mission during his tenure. Dr. Davis then continued by sharing the College's miraculous history with the audience.

Dr. Davis attributes the success and survival of the College not to a single miracle but to several miracles and even to divine intervention, starting with the arrival of Alice Geddes Lloyd in Eastern Kentucky.

Mrs. Lloyd, stricken with an illness that left her frail and partially paralyzed, made her journey to Eastern Kentucky, hoping the milder climate would help her recuperate. In 1917, a year after arriving in Ivis on Troublesome Creek, Alice met Abisha Johnson, who said he'd had a vision from God that she was sent to bring education to the children. He offered his land and aid in establishing the Caney Creek Community Center to improve the social and educational standards of the area.

Two years later, another miracle happened: June Buchanan arrived in Caney Creek to join Mrs. Lloyd's mission. Together, the two grew the Community Center and started Caney Junior College (later renamed Alice Lloyd College) in 1923. They began training students to become the unselfish leaders- doctors, ministers, businessmen, engineers, and teachers- that the region desperately needed. Over 100 schools were established

in Appalachia as a result of their work.

From the beginning, ALC offered an affordable education to students willing to work to help offset the costs of their education while encouraging a strong work ethic, dependability, initiative, and self-reliance. This tradition continues today, thanks to our founders' perseverance to meet the College's financial needs.

For decades, the College was on the edge of bankruptcy, but Alice and June kept finding ways to make ends meet. In 1954, with their backs against the wall, funding for the College began trickling in after William Dutton published an article in *Reader's Digest* that put the College on the map.

A year later, as a massive snowstorm hit the region, Alice Lloyd made a trip to Hollywood that Dr. Davis argues saved the College. Ralph Edwards hosted Mrs. Lloyd on his television show, *This is Your Life*, where friends and former students joined her to recount her life and purpose. At the show's end, Ralph Edwards, touched by Mrs. Lloyd's story, made a special plea to his audience. He asked viewers to donate whatever they could afford to Mrs. Lloyd's College. Dr. Davis said two blizzards resulted: one dropped more snow than had been seen in many years on Caney Creek, and the other dropped an avalanche of donations at the College's doorstep.

Dr. Davis then told the audience about ALC's most recent transformative event. In 1982, the College moved from a two-year to a four-year institution. This transition helped ALC keep its doors open while many other colleges were shutting down for failure to keep up with the changes. This transition began a new era in the College's history, with the first four-year class graduating in 1982.

Dr. Davis closed his remarks with a lesson from Miss June, who said to be successful in your life, you must find your purpose, establish goals, and persevere to fulfill them.

Chancellor Stepp and President Stepp presented Dr. Davis with a citation for his commitment to Alice Lloyd College and education in Appalachia.



# Alice Lloyd College Announces iPurpose Initiative



To further enhance the College's commitment to affordable education in this centennial year, Alice Lloyd College President Jim Stepp recently announced the iPurpose initiative. With this new initiative, the College will furnish all full-time students with new technology.

Beginning next semester, all returning, full-time students will receive a new, 9th Generation iPad. Each fall, new full-time students will receive iPads as well. President Stepp believes that ALC students "need to have access to the same technological advantages that they would have anywhere else in the country right here in the mountains," and the iPads are an important upgrade for the students.

Junior ALC student Isabella Freeman says that the iPads are an amazing amenity. She is proud to be an ALC student and appreciates all the College does for its students. She is thankful that the College takes the time to prepare students for their futures and says how amazing it is that "ALC gives us the opportunity of education that a lot of people in our region don't have because of the cost."



Through the iPurpose initiative, the College plans to continue providing the best learning environment for years to come. The College is grateful to our generous donors for making a high-quality education possible for deserving

mountain students. Without our nationwide support, improvements like this would not be possible.

# Alice Lloyd College Receives National Recognition

Alice Lloyd College has received national recognition for our strong performance during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Forbes 2023 edition of College Financial Grades gave ALC a financial letter grade of 'A' and a GPA of 4.09, placing the College among the top financially sound colleges in Kentucky. In addition to Forbes' rating, Yahoo! Finance lists ALC as one of the ten best colleges to graduate with no student loans. U.S. News and World Report ranked the College among the top five for best value schools in the Regional Colleges South category.

ALC President Jim Stepp says, "The College is grateful to be recognized for the high-quality education we provide in Appalachia. We are thankful for our wonderful friends across the nation who help us maintain our founders' mission to provide the opportunity of an affordable, character-based, service-oriented education for mountain students."

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Alice Lloyd College provides students with a unique opportunity for a quality education at a low cost. Through ALC's tuition guarantee, students do not pay any out-of-pocket tuition costs. Students also work to offset the remaining cost of education through the Student Work Program. ALC's strong commitment to our students extends even after graduation, as the College helps qualifying students afford graduate school through the Caney Scholars Program. This commitment can be seen through the success of our students. 97% of ALC's class of 2022 began jobs and/or graduate/professional programs within six months of graduation.

Over one hundred years ago, Mrs. Alice Lloyd responded to a vision sent from God to educate the children of Appalachia. Her mission and legacy live on through our dedicated faculty, staff, alumni, and wonderful friends who have made these achievements possible. It is with great humility that we are able to see the mission Mrs. Lloyd began so long ago earn national recognition today.





# Holmes Family Visits Alice Lloyd College for Free Enterprise Day



On October 17th, Alice Lloyd College had the pleasure of hosting wonderful friends Fred and Barbara Holmes, along with their family, for a convocation to celebrate Free Enterprise Day and the naming of Holmes Hall – a female residence hall that opened in August of this year.

Fred Holmes is a third-generation oilman, born and raised outside Maricopa, California. Raised on an oil lease, he entered into the oil business at a mere age of 13. He made sure he got there early and left late; he worked harder than everyone else because he didn't want anyone to think he got special privileges because he was the boss' son.

Fred's ambition led him to acquire Western Well Service and, subsequently, Western Drilling. His commitment to preserving jobs for his employees during lean times led to the creation of Holmes Western Oil Corporation, ensuring the livelihoods of countless families in the community.

Fred actively participated in various industry organizations and community initiatives throughout his career. He served as a member or board member for organizations such as the Association of Energy Services Companies (AESC), the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA), the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE), the Independent Oil Producers Agency (IOPA), and more. Fred's company was recognized as the California BLM oil operator of the year in 2009, and he has received lifetime achievement awards from AESC, CIPA, and IOPA.

Fred married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, and together, they have raised two daughters and have since become proud grandparents to six grandchildren. Their shared sense of humor, drive, and determination are the cornerstones of their relationship. Fred and Barbara feel blessed to be able to give back to the people in the community, and they firmly be-

lieve it is important to be good stewards of all God has given them.

On Free Enterprise Day, he shared moral values and life lessons with ALC's students, encouraging them to stay true to the Christian values and Purpose Road Philosophy taught at the College. In his address, Mr. Holmes highlighted the importance of treating people well and caring for your customers, employees, and colleagues. He noted that even in hard times when prices were down and not a lot of money was coming in, he and his wife, Barbara, took the loss out of their own pockets to maintain a source of income for their employees. They swapped to drilling their own wells instead of contracted wells. While there wasn't much profit, their employees and their families were taken care of.

Mr. Holmes then shared how he, a California native, came to help fund a mountain college in Eastern Kentucky. Mrs. Holmes discovered a piece of "junk mail" that meant more than any other letter. The letter was from Alice Lloyd College. Mrs. Holmes, desiring to honor a school teacher in her own family, made a one-time donation to the College. ALC President Jim Stepp showed up as an unexpected visitor months later to thank the family for their contributions to the College, and a friendship developed. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have since made several visits to Pippa Passes and helped fund scholarships and projects on campus.

Mr. Holmes says he can't describe the feelings he gets from visiting and being a part of the ALC family, and said, "You are what Americans should be: well-dressed people making good grades and being good student workers."



As Mr. Holmes finished addressing his ALC audience, President Stepp took the stage and issued a resolution from the Board of Trustees to honor Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holmes for their commitment to Alice Lloyd College. The crowd gave the family a well-deserved standing ovation and applauded Mr. and Mrs. Holmes for their dedication to Alice Lloyd College and the Pippa Passes community. Expressing the College's appreciation, President Stepp acknowledged the Holmes family for genuinely exemplifying the spirit

of the Purpose Road Philosophy taught by Alice Lloyd and June Buchanan.

The generosity of our friends like the Holmes Family allows Alice Lloyd College to continue serving Appalachian students by providing them with a quality, character-based education while paying no out-of-pocket cost for tuition. We are humbled by the generosity of the Holmes family and others across the country who keep the century-old mission of providing leadership for Appalachia alive today.

# Alice Lloyd College Hosts Twenty-Fifth Annual Alumna and Alumnus of the Year Banquet

On Friday, September 15th, Alice Lloyd College hosted the Twenty-Fifth Annual Alumna and Alumnus of the Year Banquet. This year, ALC honored Class of 1983 Alumna Angela J. Lewis and Class of 1967 Alumnus Golden Glen Hale.

The program began at 6:00 PM in Cushing Hall with a welcome by Dr. Chuck Stamper, Alumni Association President and Class of 1991 graduate. Following the welcome, Mrs. Margo Sparkman gave the invocation. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Mrs. Brittany Lyons (Class of 2007) and Mr. Jamie Holt (Class of 2012). Pioneer Food Services provided a buffet dinner for the attendees.

After dinner, Dr. Stamper introduced Dr. Charles Marshall,

who serves as ALC's provost and is a graduate of the Class of 1999. Dr. Marshall began by addressing the excitement of gathering to celebrate Ms. Lewis and Mr. Hale and reminding the group that the night was a special gathering as this is the 100th year of Alice Lloyd College.

Dr. Marshall went on to provide several campus updates before addressing Ms. Lewis and Mr. Hale by stating that "when Mrs. Lloyd said the leaders are here, she was talking about Angie and Glen." Dr. Marshall told the audience that Ms. Lewis was the first female student to play baseball at Alice Lloyd College and Ms. Lewis serves "not only the region, but the nation and the world." Dr. Marshall introduced Mr. Hale as a "Knott County native prominent in the Kentucky Education



Angela J. Lewis was born on October 23, 1961, in Milton, West Virginia. As a student, she excelled academically and athletically. After graduating from Milton High School, Angie enrolled at Alice Lloyd College as a freshman in 1979. During her time at ALC, she played several sports and received the 110% Award in Basketball, earned the Golden Glove Award in Softball, and placed 6th in the nation in cross-country (NLCAA). In addition, she received a Student Work-Study Award, Community Service Award, Student-Athlete Award, and the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award. She was also recognized as the first female to play baseball (1980) and the first freshman in the history of ALC to be a Resident Advisor (1980). Angie graduated from ALC in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education (K-12).

Currently, Angie is a special needs instructor at Eastside High School in Newton County, Georgia, where she has served 18 years teaching students with autism, intellectual disabilities, and/or other life-altering conditions. As a self-contained teacher, Angie believes that collaborating with co-workers, parents, and supervisors at area businesses

is vital in assisting students to become more independent and prepared for their futures. She values everyone working together to help special needs students learn new skills, become more successful, and be able to contribute to the community.

In addition to teaching, Angie sponsors Beta Club (17 years) and has coached a variety of sports for nearly 40 years. She has served as Puppet Ministry Director at churches in West Virginia and Georgia, was involved in SCORE International (Sharing Christ Our Redeemer Enterprises) for 20 years, and has worked with the Newton County Special Olympics Committee for the past 15 years. Prior to her teaching career in Georgia, Angie taught Physical Education at a Christian School in West Virginia. She also served as an educator and missionary in two third-world countries: Tonga (1985) and Jamaica (1991-1997). During her time in Jamaica, Angie became a guardian and caregiver for Karen March, an SOS Children's Village teenager undergoing cancer treatment and a leg amputation in Florida. In 1994, Angie was honored by "Friends of Karen March."

Angie was deeply impacted by the Purpose Road Philosophy taught at ALC and has spent her life serving others while traveling her own Purpose Road. She currently resides in Covington, Georgia. In her spare time, Angie likes spending time with her mother and sister, Pam Dorman and DeAnna Joiner. She also enjoys photography, creative writing, and whitewater kayaking.



system” and as a “talented artist.” Both of this year’s recipients are “shining examples of Alice Lloyd College.”

Ms. Lewis thanked the audience and expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Alice Lloyd College. Ms. Lewis is “deeply honored and immensely grateful for this small, mountain college.” She went on to say that “the College shaped not only me, but the countless lives I have touched through missionary, education, and coaching. It was here that I learned the true meaning of community.”

Mr. Hale also thanked the audience and expressed ALC’s impact on his life. As he transitioned from teaching to administrative roles in education, the Purpose Road Philosophy steered him in the right direction.

Dr. Stamper concluded the program by likening ALC Alumni to a patchwork quilt, saying that “We are all connected through the Purpose Road Philosophy and Alice Lloyd College.”



Golden Glen Hale was born on June 8, 1947, in Pinetop, Kentucky. He graduated from Carr Creek High School in 1965 and then enrolled at Alice Lloyd College, earning an Associate of Arts in 1967. Glen went on to Morehead State University, with scholarship assistance from ALC, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1970. After one year of teaching, he returned to Morehead to pursue a Master’s in Higher Education. Upon completion, he accepted an instructor of art position at Alice Lloyd College, where he taught art and photography for six years.

In 1977, Glen and his family relocated to Martin County, where Glen taught middle school for one year and served as a homebound teacher. He then became director of adult education and director of community education. Glen accepted the position of internal auditor of school activity accounts

for all Martin County elementary and middle schools. This led to his appointment as financial officer for Sheldon Clark High School. In 2005, he retired after serving 34 years as an educator. He then returned to Knott County, where he resides today.

An active member of local, district, and state Retired Teachers Associations, Glen has held a number of officer and committee positions. He is a past president of the Knott County Association and recently held the position of president of the Kentucky Retired Teacher Association. He currently holds the position of immediate past president.

While at ALC, Glen developed a passion for civic and community service. A faithful ambassador of Alice Lloyd College, he has served as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and frequently attends alumni functions. Glen assisted in establishing the Upper Carr Community Center and is president of the Carr Creek Alumni Association. He is involved in further developing the Carr Creek Center, which is housed in the former Carr Creek High School. Glen is also an avid promoter of Appalachian art and music.

Glen’s immediate family includes his son, Golden Glen Hale, II, and daughter-in-law, Kim Hale, who reside in John’s Creek, Georgia. He has one granddaughter, Mallo-rie. Glen is an accomplished artist and also enjoys bluegrass music and working with the Carr Creek Center.



# ALC Celebrates Centennial During





# Annual Appalachia Day Homecoming



On Saturday, October 7th, the Alice Lloyd College community came together during the College's Appalachia Day Homecoming and celebrated a major milestone – 100 years of education in the Appalachian region!

On Appalachia Day, hundreds of friends and alumni gathered on campus to listen to traditional mountain music and check out booths displaying arts and crafts created by Appalachian artisans. Additional festivities included children's storytelling, an Appalachian writers' book signing, and a traditional soup bean supper courtesy of ALC in honor of our centennial.

Numerous athletic, alumni, and student events took place during the day's festivities as well. ALC baseball alumni competed in an alumni baseball game, ALC's Lady Eagles softball team competed against a travel team, and the men's and women's basketball teams played a blue/white scrimmage.

During the various sporting events, ALC Athletics announced new Hall of Fame members and this year's home-

coming court. This year's inductees to the ALC Athletics Hall of Fame are Cati Case, Rodney Mitchell, Kayla Wilson, and Miranda Wilson. Destinee Crotty was voted Homecoming Princess by her peers, and Jaylan Webb was voted Homecoming Queen.

This year's Appalachia Day Homecoming featured a special Centennial Celebration in the Campbell Arts Center. The Celebration outlined the College's amazing history and recounted our many blessings. The celebration continued with a special ceremony dedicating the campus' new chapel bell tower and concluded with a Centennial Celebration Concert featuring artists Britt Nicole and Consumed by Fire.

It was truly a blessing to share such a beautiful Appalachia Day with ALC's friends. We are grateful to all of the vendors, musicians, alumni, and guests for making this year's Centennial Celebration and Appalachia Day Homecoming one to remember. We are already looking forward to next year's Appalachia Day Homecoming!





## The June Buchanan School Hosts Veteran's Program

The June Buchanan School hosted a special Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 10th. JBS students each made American flag shirts that they wore to the program. Veterans and active military members were invited to attend the program. Among the veterans present was JBS's very own teacher Kendra Bowen.

The program was held in the Campbell Arts Center's Roop Auditorium. A Veterans Museum was set up outside of the auditorium. Guests were able to view uniforms, gear, medals, and other militaria. During the program, JBS students shared poems, songs, and class performances with each other and the audience.

The program's guest speaker was Mr. Larry Adams, a veteran and current ALC staff member. Growing up, Mr. Adams says he always knew he wanted to be in the military. He enlisted to the military at age 16 and began Basic Training at age 17. He went on to serve our country for nearly 21 years in the army, where he began his career as a Private and eventually earned the rank of First Sergeant. Mr. Adams' first assignment was in Korea, where he was an Armor Crewman (Tanker). Throughout his career, he served in Korea, Germany, Kuwait (Iraq), Fort Hood (Texas), and Fort Knox (Kentucky).

The June Buchanan School and Alice Lloyd College are grateful for our veterans and servicemen and women. We are indebted to these brave heroes for their sacrifices that keep us safe, and free.







# *100 Years of Education in Appalachia*



# *Spirit and Determination Linger Years After Caney Creek Miracle*

## *Caney Creek Community Center at Knott County's Pippa Passes Had Its Humble Beginning in 1916*

***by Hazel Bach Craft, Class of 1937***

This article was originally published in the Kentucky Explorer in March 2003.

*Authors Note: For some time I have been impressed to write an article about the two Caney Creek miracles, which have had a great influence on my life. I attended Caney Junior College on Caney Creek in Knott County for two years (1935 - 1937). In 1938, I moved to another Caney Creek in Morgan County, Kentucky, after my marriage to Wardie Craft. I have lived at this Caney Creek for 64 years.*



*On October 12, 2002, my daughter, Angela Craft Jackson, and I attended the Alice Lloyd Appalachia Day. Angela was happy to go with me. She had remarked, "I want to visit the place that you talk so much about." She was certainly impressed. After spending some time walking around the campus and seeing so much progress since I was there as a student, the thought came to me, "You must do your long-planned article on the two Caney Creek miracles."*

*First, I have written about the miracle on Caney Creek at Pippa Passes in Knott County.*

In 1915 to an abandoned church mission across the mountain from Caney Creek, a little wisp of a woman, sickly and virtually penniless, along with her mother, Ella Geddes, arrived from the Back Bay Boston area. The doctors advised Mrs. Alice Geddes Lloyd to seek a warmer climate where she could rest and recuperate after a dreadful, paralytic stroke. The two women were informed that there was an abandoned Presbyterian church mission building at Ivis on Troublesome Creek in Knott County. How these two women in a horse-drawn buggy made the six-week trip (some say three weeks) to this little speck on the map, called Ivis, is beyond my imagination. Some say Mrs. Lloyd's husband was with them, but soon returned to Boston.

For the first winter they resided at this location. In 1916, the miracle began. A barefooted man, Abisha Johnson, from across the mountain at Caney Creek, arrived at Hope Cottage. He fell on his



knees and this is what he said, "I have heered a voice telling me to ask you sranger women to come to Caney Creek and teach our young'uns. If you will come to Caney Creek I aim to give you all a right smart strip of my land. I do want you to rise upon this land a building that will bring to my Lizzey and Evey and Sussy and Rasey a chance for learning, if it ain't too late."

The two women did come to Caney Creek, after a plank cottage with a lean-to was erected. This shack is still standing. From this humble beginning Caney Creek Community Center had its beginning. On her old Oliver typewriter, with one good finger, she began contacting many friends, telling them if given a chance, leaders would emerge. She sought friends from every conceivable source asking for help, but never asked more for herself than the right to serve. Mrs. Lloyd forgot her infirmity. Her whole mind was centered on building the Caney Creek Community Center. She knew the leaders were there and they must be found.

Among some of those leaders she found in the early years included Dan Martin, who became a lawyer; Carl Perkins, who became a congressman; Charles Clark, who was superintendent of the Floyd County school system; Townsell Marshall, who was chairman of the board of trustees and an executive with Armco; Dr. Palmer Hall, an educator; D. Hollander Hall, a lawyer who married June Buchanan around 1934, and were married for 16 years; Adrian Hall, who was an educator in the Floyd County schools system and worked for Alice Lloyd College after his retirement; and many others.



In 1919 the miracle continued to expand. June Buchanan, who had attended both Syracuse and Wellesley Universities in New York, heard of Alice Lloyd and her work on Caney Creek. She made a visit to meet Mrs. Lloyd. From that time on she was convinced she had to become a part of the Caney Creek Community Center. She made the statement, "I can't leave. Mrs. Lloyd needs me." She did stay and worked side-by-side with Mrs. Lloyd until after her death in 1962. She later became one of the co-founders of the Caney Creek Community Center.

After Mrs. Lloyd's death in 1962, another dream came true. A four-year liberal arts college, devoted to the education of mountain youth and named for Mrs. Lloyd (Alice Lloyd College), and a preparatory school established as a model for learning in this region and named the June Buchanan School were opened. June died June 31, 1988, at the age of 101. In addition to her many duties at the college June was mayor of the city of Pippa Passes. It is said that she was the oldest mayor in the U.S. Her claim was that she had done with her life what she intended.

Now, three women closely connected to the miracle on Caney Creek, Ella Geddes, Alice Lloyd, and June Buchanan are all buried at the top of Consecration Hill overlooking the campus.

Now, let me add a little more about Mrs. Lloyd and the Alice Lloyd College.

There were five rules that had to be obeyed at all times and at every circumstance: no tobacco, no playing cards, no liquor, no firearms, and no unauthorized meetings with the opposite sex.

She pledged to the Caney men, who were so helpful in building a new school and other buildings, that she would never meddle in their politics, their moonshine, or their religion. She never broke that pledge.

Because of the great needs she found at Caney Creek, Mrs. Lloyd wrote letters to every friend she could think of seeking money, teachers, clothing, books, etc. One gave \$5,000; others gave smaller amounts. One friend replied, "I have no money to send, but I can teach. You have a year of my time on call."

Friends from "Ameriky" sent money to buy the rest of Abisha Johnson's farm. Mrs. Lloyd then bought from Abisha more land adjoining "the land of his fathers" and erected on this land a plank cottage with windows and a puncheon floor for Abisha and his family.

The original buildings had very interesting and unique names; such as Green Fly, Star House, Rock Castle, Planksides, Inspiration, Eagles Nest, If, Sycamore, Firing Line, and Up-Yondah House.

Promising graduates of Caney Junior College were given free scholarships to major colleges. Caney maintained a cottage for honor students at the University of Kentucky. Some continued their studies at Harvard, Yale, University of Louisville, and other colleges of higher learning.

Although Mrs. Lloyd and June have passed on, their presence is still felt on the campus. The College is justly proud of graduates who became teachers, doctors, dentists, school principals, and those in public activities.

With the death of Alice Lloyd and June Buchanan came many changes in the work they created. It seems as though their spirit and determination have been reincarnated in new leaders so that the work they so carefully nurtured through its infancy might grow to maturity.





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# Honors & Memorials

## Gifts in Honor of

From August 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

- Dr. Wallace Campbell** by Mrs. Pamela Dean
- \* **Mrs. Teresa Grender** by Mrs. Pamela Dean
  - \* **Mr. Glen Hale** by Mr. and Mrs. Arnemann Grender
  - Ms. Linda Jameison** by Ms. Mary M. Kuntz and Mr. and Mrs. Todd A. Kuntz
  - \* **Ms. Angie Lewis** by Mr. and Mrs. Arnemann Grender
  - Mr. Keith Phillips** by Mr. Charles E. Moore
  - \* **Ms. Christine Stumbo** by Mrs. Pamela Dean

## Gifts in Memory of

From August 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

- Mr. James B. Adams** by Ms. Earleen S. Ginter
- Mr. Larry Adams** by Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilks
- Mr. Jim Bergman** by Mrs. Pamela Dean
- Mr. James R. Black** by Ms. Jill Black
- Ms. Sue Stewart Bounds** by The Estate of Ann Fox Miller
- Ms. Joanne Bruno** by Mr. Francis Bruno
- Mr. Wayne D. Buchanan** by Ms. Andrea Buchanan
- Mr. Gordon E. Caudill** by Mrs. Loretta Faye Taylor
- Mr. Charles F. Clark** by Mrs. Annis C. Clark
- Mr. Willard H. Clatworthy** by Mrs. Laura Bailey
- Ms. Geraldine M. Cooper** by Mrs. Earletta Jann Stamper
- Ms. Verna Mae Waddell Cornett** by Mrs. Earletta Jann Stamper
- Dr. Alan R. Dean** by Mrs. Pamela Dean
- Ms. Leigh Joielle Divina** by Mr. Jay Donald Bishop
- Ms. Lilith Edmiston** by Ms. Renee E. Harned
- \* **Mr. James P. Fields** by Mr. James P. Fields
  - Mr. Harold M. Finley** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Finley, Sr.
  - Ms. Susan Mary Fox** by The Estate of Ann Fox Miller
  - Ms. Velma Falin Harris** by Mr. E. Harold Harris
  - Chief Deputy Bobby Jacobs** by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Melton, III

**Joel** by Mrs. Margaret B. Hall

**Theodore and Mary Konicki** by Single Step Foundation

**Mr. Nicholas La Bella** by The La Bella-Cotton Family Foundation, A Donor Advised Fund of The U. S. Charitable Gift Trust

~\* **Mrs. Tiffany Sparkman Maggard** by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dan Watts

**Dr. Glenn Marsh** by Mrs. Judy Marsh

**Mrs. Mary Beth Moran** by Ms. Evelyn F. Present

**Ms. Dorothy Haviland Nelson** by The Estate of Ann Fox Miller

**Mrs. Ruth Ott** by Ms. Margaret A. Ott

**Curtis and Billie Owens** by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Owens, Jr.

**Ms. Nelle Beverly Reed** by Mr. and Mrs. Mark K. Reed, Jr.

- \* **Hargus and Zella Slone Reedy** by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sparkman

**Ms. Betty Lou Stephens Riley** by Mr. Edward Riley

**Mr. Charles Sawyer** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sawyer

**Richard and Eva Short** by Mr. and Mrs. Lee V. McCullum

**Joseph and Irma Derderian Stepp** by Ashland Prosthetics & Orthotics, Ms. Elena Mendez, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Travis Stepp, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Lee Stepp, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Douglas Stepp, Dr. and Mrs. James O. Stepp, Ms. Jenilee Stepp, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Alan Stepp, and Ms. Judy L. Stepp, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Watts

**Dr. James Stewart** by Ms. Marlyn Blackwell

**Ms. Katherine Taul** by Dr. Rose Carol Taul

- \* **Mrs. Thelmarie Madden Thornsberry** by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Asbury

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§ Denotes ALC Volunteer



## *In Remembrance*

**Burton Dustin Pizzino** (Class of 2013), of Princeton, West Virginia, passed away September 17, 2023. Burton was enrolled in the MBA program at Bluefield State University. He was a member of Troop 130 attaining Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor. He was a staff member at Buckskin Council and manager at Sophia and Eisenhower Drive Beckley Pizza Huts. He also worked for the Peer Recovery Support Specialist at BSU.

**Cammie R. Sizemore** (Class of 1992), of Louisville, Kentucky (formerly of Leslie County), passed away September 21, 2023. Cammie was a social worker. She also was an avid reader and writer.

**Ronnie Edward Thacker** (Class of 1977), of Humboldt, Tennessee (formerly of Knott County), passed away November 20, 2023. Ronnie was a longtime systems technician with AT&T. His parents, Homer Thacker and Inis Slone Thacker were employees of ALC for many years.

**Jonathan Taulbee** (Class of 1993), of Dayton, Ohio, passed away November 23, 2023.



Alice Lloyd College is saddened to announce the passing of longtime staff member Marylou Hicks Gayheart (Class of 1973) on September 22, 2023. Marylou served the College for forty-seven years in several capacities, spending most of her time in the Student Services department as an Administrative Assistant. Marylou was a familiar face to ALC students as she assisted with dorm room sign-ups and other student-related activities.

The entire Alice Lloyd College family is saddened by the loss of one of its members. The outpouring of love from the campus community during this time is a testament to Marylou's influence on those who knew her.



Email Allison Southard at [allisonsouthard@alc.edu](mailto:allisonsouthard@alc.edu) if you would like to receive Pippa's Song electronically!

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