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A Message from President Rosemary Allen

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Homecoming 2025. I love seeing all the familiar faces on our campus as we celebrate the friendships, memories, and traditions that make Georgetown College one of the best liberal arts colleges in Kentucky.

On Homecoming Weekend, we welcomed our Golden Tigers back on campus, greeted our Tiger cubs in the Kids Zone, hosted the Fred Moses Memorial Brunch, and listened to Greek circle-up songs at the Quad. We also dominated on the football field as the Tigers claimed a 34 - 13 victory over Cumberland University.

The Georgetown College Hall of Fame inducted six new members this year, including Winnie Bratcher, Dave Adkisson, Bob and Maggie Mills, Donald W. Webb, and R. Dudley Webb. All of these inductees have made significant contributions to the success of GC over the years, and I am extremely proud of their achievements, which have had a lasting impact on our society.

We also had some special visitors at GC this fall. Governor Andy Beshear was the featured speaker for our Leadership Series, sponsored by the Bishop Center for a Welcoming Community. Secretary of State Michael Adams also joined us for a panel discussion on gerrymandering. I am so happy that we can bring such dynamic speakers to our College.



Finally, we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Davis-Reid Alumni Gym, which has undergone a major renovation that was completed in September due to generous donations from the Knowlton Foundation and the James A. and Martha R. Brown Foundation and many alumni and friends of the College. Our cover story recounts some of the historic moments in the gym and the people in the paint who have left their marks in the record books.

I hope you enjoy this issue of GC Moments, where we can celebrate the moments that are shaping future generations and creating spaces for our entire community to enjoy.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosemary Allen". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and "A".

President Dr. Rosemary Allen



470

2025 INCOMING CLASS

143 FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

274 STUDENT ATHLETES

13 COUNTRIES

Australia, Belgium, Brazil,
Canada, Dominican Republic,
Israel, Italy, Japan, Philippines,
Portugal, Republic of the Congo,
Spain, United Kingdom

19

STATES OUTSIDE OF KENTUCKY

Alabama, California, Connecticut,
Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana,
Maryland, Michigan, Missouri,
New Hampshire, New York,
North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas,
Virginia, Washington, West Virginia

58 COUNTIES IN KENTUCKY





Provost Jonathan Sands Wise presents the John Walker Manning Distinguished Mentor and Teacher Award to Dr. Todd Hamilton.

OPENING CONVOCATION

The Opening Convocation ceremony kicked off the new academic year on Tuesday, August 26 in the John L. Hill Chapel. Provost Jonathan Sands Wise introduced five new faculty members and presented the 2025 John Walker Manning Distinguished Mentor and Teacher Award to Chemistry Professor Dr. Todd Hamilton, who has helped students succeed inside and outside of the classroom.

"Students who nominated Dr. Hamilton noted that he helps students navigate academic challenges and provides guidance for life after college," said Dr. Sands Wise. "He has a contagious passion for his subject matter, making the most difficult concepts approachable. Dr. Hamilton brings genuine energy and genuine excitement to every lecture and lab, and truly cares for his students."

Dr. John Henkel, Professor of Classics and General Studies, delivered the Opening Convocation address to a full chapel of students, faculty, and staff. Henkel's message focused on Georgetown College's mission and its relevance to the daily lives and goals of Georgetown students, faculty, and staff.

"When we say as a College that we are preparing students to make a positive difference in the world, we mean for them to expand their vision of their future goals and incorporate Christian love and service into their own lives," said Henkel. "The best goals are those that put you in a position of serving others."

To watch the 2025 Opening Convocation ceremony, scan the QR code below:



2025 **NEW FACULTY**

JoAnn Ackerman – Lecturer of Business and Economics

B.S., Montclair State University; M.S., Florida International University; M.B.A., Nova Southeastern University

Ackerman is a former senior auditor with Ernst & Young in Hackensack, New Jersey. During her 35-year career, she has held positions within the publishing division of Silver Burdett & Ginn and at a multinational petrochemical company. She has experience in revenue cycle compliance, policy development, and corporate GAAP compliance. She has a strong passion for personal finance and financial independence.

David Castillo – Lecturer of Kinesiology & Health Sciences

B.S., M.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio

Castillo taught at Morehead State University and the University of Texas at San Antonio. He led applied labs in exercise physiology, biomechanics, body composition testing, and cardiorespiratory fitness assessment. He holds professional certifications in the American College of Sports Medicine, DXA bone densitometry, venipuncture, and laboratory safety, as well as a Certified Professional Coder credential. With over a decade of teaching and lab experience, he is passionate about preparing future health and exercise professionals through both classroom and applied instruction.

Sara Church – Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics

B.A., M.A., State University of New York at Potsdam; Ph.D., University of Kentucky

Church is originally from Long Island, New York, and recently completed her Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Kentucky. Her research explores topics in algebraic geometry, with a focus on blow-ups of projective varieties. She is passionate about helping students see that math does not have to be scary – it can be approachable, creative, and even fun!

Eva M. Goellner, Assistant Professor Biology

B.S., Carnegie Mellon University; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Goellner completed her Ph.D. research on DNA repair and cancer biology and continued her research in the field as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research. She was an Assistant Professor of Toxicology and Cancer Biology and the principal investigator of a DNA repair laboratory at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine from 2018-2025, before joining Georgetown College.



GC welcomes new faculty, from left to right, JoAnn Ackerman, Ben Woodruff, Sara Church, David Castillo, and Eva M. Goellner

Ben Woodruff – Assistant Professor of Business and Economics

B.S., Excelsior College; M.A., M.B.A, M.S., Ph.D., The University of Alabama

Woodruff coordinated finance programs, taught 200+ students per semester, and pioneered gamified curricula at EKU. Woodruff taught microfinance in Bangladesh, international business and finance in Austria, and captive insurance at Bermuda College. As a Visiting Research Scholar at the University of St. Gallen's Institute for Insurance Economics, he studied catastrophe bonds and alternative weather parametrics. He served as a commissioner on the Alabama Affordable Homeowners Insurance Commission and addressed insurance crises for underserved communities.



Scan to Watch Governor Beshear's speech as part of the GC Leadership Series.



THE KENTUCKY GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY OF STATE VISIT CAMPUS

By Bethany H. Langdon '93, Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing and Special Advisor to the President

In the same week in early November, Kentucky Secretary of State, Republican Michael Adams, and Kentucky Governor Democrat, Andy Beshear, engaged with students, faculty, and staff at GC.

On Monday, November 10, the Math and Political Science departments hosted a panel on gerrymandering that featured Secretary of State Michael Adams. Dr. Juliana Bukowski presented on the mathematics of gerrymandering, Dr. Bill Swinford discussed its role in American politics, and Secretary Adams offered a perspective from his current role. Dr. Gui Silva moderated the conversation and took questions from the audience.

Secretary Adams shared, "I think the best way to improve where we are as a country is to get back to a sense of local citizenship. I encourage students, if you can, to be poll workers. It's a great way to learn about elections. Find some way to volunteer and talk to people who are different from you."

Governor Andy Beshear visited on campus for the GC Leadership Series on Wednesday, November 12. He gave a lecture in John L. Hill Chapel about his leadership style as governor. This is the eighth year of the GC Leadership Series, sponsored by the GC Bishop Scholars Program and the Bishop Center for a Welcoming Community. Governor Beshear encouraged students "to find what guides you, follow your passion, and stay true to yourself... Our job is to do good things and be kind to each other. If we can show each other compassion, love, generosity, and patience, I still believe we can make a better nation and a better world."

"I am so happy our students were able to learn from these two interesting and engaging Kentucky leaders," said President Allen.
"Civic engagement and civic responsibility are important elements of the College's mission, and events like these help foster those qualities."



President Dr. Rosemary Allen and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear.



Secretary of State Michael Adams with Katie Poe '26, The Georgetownian Editor and Annie Juarez '28 WRVG Station Manager



Mathematics Professor Dr. Juliana Bukowski, Secretary of State Adams, Political Science Professors Dr. Bill Swinford and Dr. Guilherme Silva



GC 2025 HALL OF FAME

The **Georgetown College Hall of Fame** was established in 1993 and is intended to recognize those who honor the College and to promote understanding of the distinctive contributions to our society made by Georgetown College and its people. This year, we inducted five new members.



Dave Adkisson '73

A native of Owensboro, Kentucky, Adkisson graduated in 1973 with a philosophy degree and served as SGA president. He went on to earn a master's degree in ethics at Harvard University in 1975. He returned to GC's campus in 1976 to marry Bonnie Ramsey '75 on the steps of Giddings Hall the day she received her master's degree. He served as chamber of commerce president in Owensboro for three years and was elected mayor at age 34, serving two terms. After being mayor, he led the Owensboro Chamber and the Birmingham, Alabama Chamber until his appointment as President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber in 2005. He served as chairman of the board of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives and published a best-selling book on chamber leadership. Adkisson also served on GC's Board of Trustees for seven years, including two years as Board Chair.



Winnie Bratcher

During her 44 years of service to Georgetown College, Winnie Bratcher provided support, understanding, guidance, and kindness to generations of Georgetown College students. She earned her bachelor's degree in English and education from Ouachita Baptist University in 1959 and went on to teach junior high and high school before transitioning to educational administration in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. She was hired as registrar at Georgetown College in 1981, a title she held for nearly forty-five years. She was also presented with GC's Outstanding Christian Service Award in 2000, recognizing her dedication to Christian service through volunteer organizations that support education, children, families, and mental health. Bratcher passed away on February 2, 2024.



Robert L. Mills '67 and Maggie Donaldson Mills '69

Bob and Maggie Mills have demonstrated a lifelong love for Georgetown College. Bob graduated in 1967 with a double major in history and English and a double minor in biology and philosophy. He was president of the sophomore class, vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, and recipient of many academic awards, including the first Carl R. Fields History Award. Maggie was a 1969 graduate with a major in German, a minor in English, and a teaching certification. Maggie held multiple leadership positions for Kappa Delta and performed in GC choral groups. She was named Belle of the Blue in 1967. After graduation, Bob completed a master's degree in history at Indiana University, a master's degree in business administration at the University of Cincinnati, and a banking degree at Rutgers, while Maggie earned her master's degree in German from Indiana University and became a certified master practitioner in neuro-linguistic programming.



Bob spent 40 years in executive roles at U.S. Bank and PNC Financial Group. Maggie devoted 35 years to teaching at the middle school and high school levels. In recent years, they have devoted increasing time to the service of Georgetown College. Bob has not only served on the College's Board of Trustees but also served as its Chair during the College's most recent presidential transition. Maggie chaired the Scholarship Series Dinner, has served the Woman's Association of Georgetown College in multiple roles, including as current president, and organizes various reunion events for the College.



Donald W. Webb '60

After earning his Georgetown College degree in 1960, Webb joined the Kentucky Department of Economic Development, serving as Special Assistant to the Commissioner while attending the University of Kentucky law school, earning his J.D. in 1967. He was named White House Special Assistant, spending a year as legal advisor to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

He joined with his brother Dudley to form a law partnership and The Webb Companies, a diversified real estate company that developed millions of square feet of property, including the Lexington Financial Center. Webb served as Chairman of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and the Fayette County Democratic Party, and was Kentucky Chairman of the American Cancer Society. He passed away on July 19, 2013. His legacy lives on in the family-run business and family he loved, including his wife, Julie Howser Webb.



R. Dudley Webb '65

Dudley Webb earned a degree in business administration from GC and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. He earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1968 and established a private law practice with his brother, Don. Webb is a former member of the Georgetown College Board of Trustees.

The law partnership broadened into real estate development when they formed the Webb Companies. Webb has served on the boards of the Urban Land Institute, the International Council of Shopping Centers, and the Association of Industrial and Office Parks. Locally, he served on the boards of PNC Bank, Triangle Foundation, Bluegrass Community Foundation, Lexington Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Lexington Corporation. Webb continues as Chairman of the Webb Companies.

HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

It was a great weekend to be a Tiger! We welcomed parents, alumni, and friends for new family weekend activities across campus and Homecoming festivities that have become popular traditions at GC. We also honored some special alumni and friends on Friday at the Hall of Fame induction.



DAVE AND BONNIE ADKISSON CLASSROOM DEDICATION

Georgetown College had the honor of naming the Asher 230 classroom after alums Dave Adkisson '73 and Bonnie (Ramsey) Adkisson '75, as part of their \$250,000 donation to the debt elimination project. They met at Georgetown in 1971. On the day of her master's degree graduation in 1976, Bonnie and Dave were married on the steps of Giddings Hall.



TREE DEDICATION TO KRZYSZTOF KOWALSKI '24

Tree Week was celebrated in Georgetown the week of Homecoming this year, and GC partnered with the City of Georgetown to plant a tree on campus that was donated from Pratt's Lawn and Landscaping. GC chose to dedicate the tree to the late Krzysztof Kowalski '24, in recognition of his leadership on the men's National Championship volleyball team and for his example of how to make a positive impact on the world.



COUNTRY BOY BREWING MEETUP

New for 2025, we teamed up with Country Boy Brewing, co-founded **Evan Coppage '08**, **Nate Coppage '06**, and **Daniel "DH" Harrison '04**, for a casual alumni mixer to kick off the weekend. Thanks to everyone who came to support their business and catch up with friends!



FRED MOSES MEMORIAL BRUNCH

The Bishop Center for a Welcoming Community hosted the newly named Fred Moses Memorial Brunch at the James A. and Martha R. Brown Conference Center on the East Campus. **Alums Breona Taul Trigg '07**, **Howard Primous '79**, **Lee McClain '79**, and **Ruben McIntyre '76** were recognized for their ongoing financial support of students at GC. Four students were also awarded scholarships. **Troy Fulgencio '28**, **Asu Chentike '29**, and **Jayli Smith '28** were awarded the Fred Moses Book Scholarship. **Jada Bivens '26** was awarded the Jerry Jones Book Scholarship.



THE GOLDEN TIGERS

The Golden Tigers of Georgetown College include alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago from GC. This year, we celebrated the class of 1975 at our Golden Tigers brunch in the Cralle Student Center. It was a wonderful time of connection and reminiscing.

THE QUAD

There is always something going on at South Campus, and Homecoming Weekend was no exception. Each of our fraternities and sororities hosted a brunch to welcome their alums. Faculty and staff were on hand to meet with former students. We even had a Tiger Cubs Kids Zone for our future Tigers to enjoy!



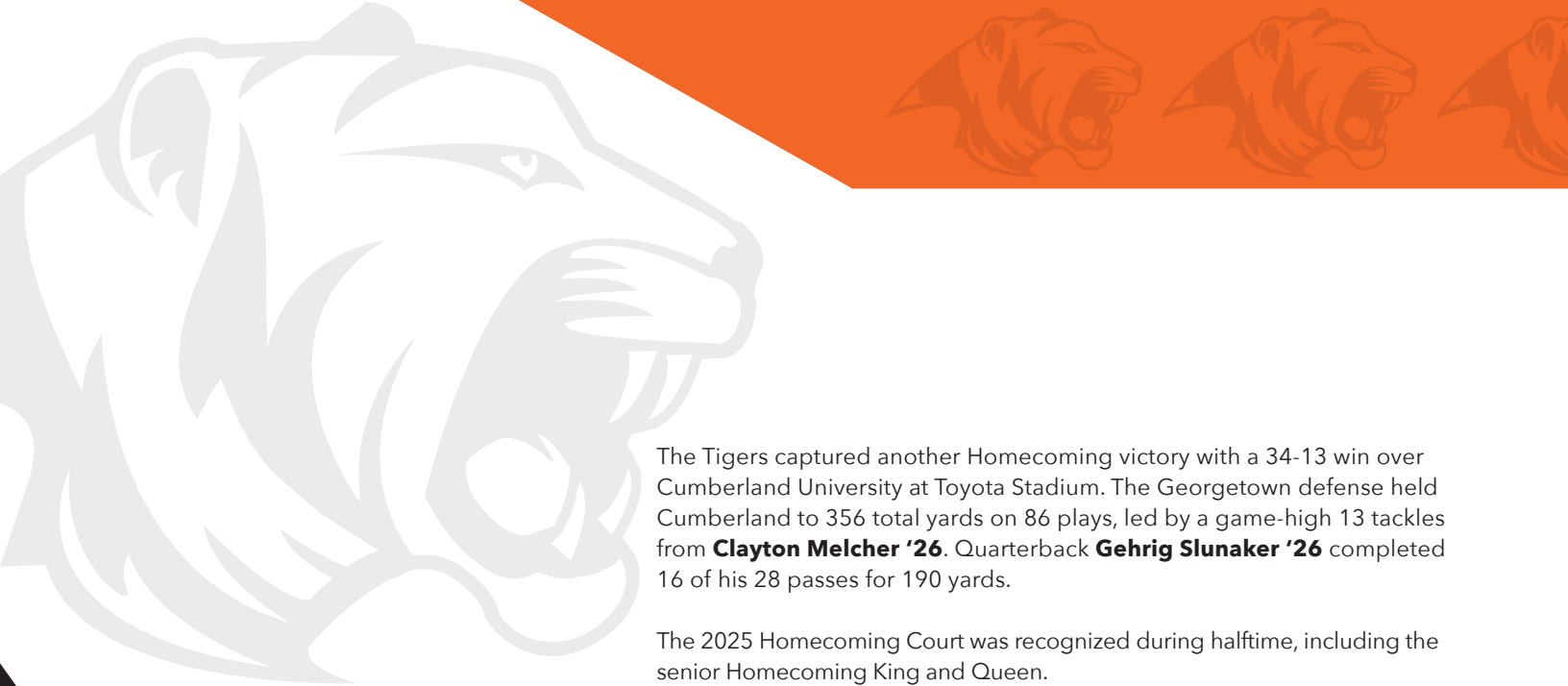
TIGER PRIDE

The tailgates were alive with Tiger spirit beginning Saturday morning and lasting until hours after the football game had ended. These die-hard Tiger fans, alumni, and parents came prepared with plenty of radios, TVs, grills, camp chairs, and Tiger pride!



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The Tigers captured another Homecoming victory with a 34-13 win over Cumberland University at Toyota Stadium. The Georgetown defense held Cumberland to 356 total yards on 86 plays, led by a game-high 13 tackles from **Clayton Melcher '26**. Quarterback **Gehrig Slunaker '26** completed 16 of his 28 passes for 190 yards.

The 2025 Homecoming Court was recognized during halftime, including the senior Homecoming King and Queen.

- First Year Prince and Princess - **Mack King '29 and Reese Hardeman '29**
- Sophomore Prince and Princess - **Jared Grizzle '28 and Addyson Gillmor '28**
- Junior Prince and Princess - **Carter Zutterman '27 and Ava Calloway '27**
- Senior King and Queen - **Isaac Harder '26 and Sydney DuMaurier '26**

A group of Tigers join in on the celebration of the Isaih Wills-Jackson (#18) fumble recovery for a touchdown against Cumberland.



The 2025 Homecoming Court was presented at halftime of the football game, joined by President Rosemary Allen.





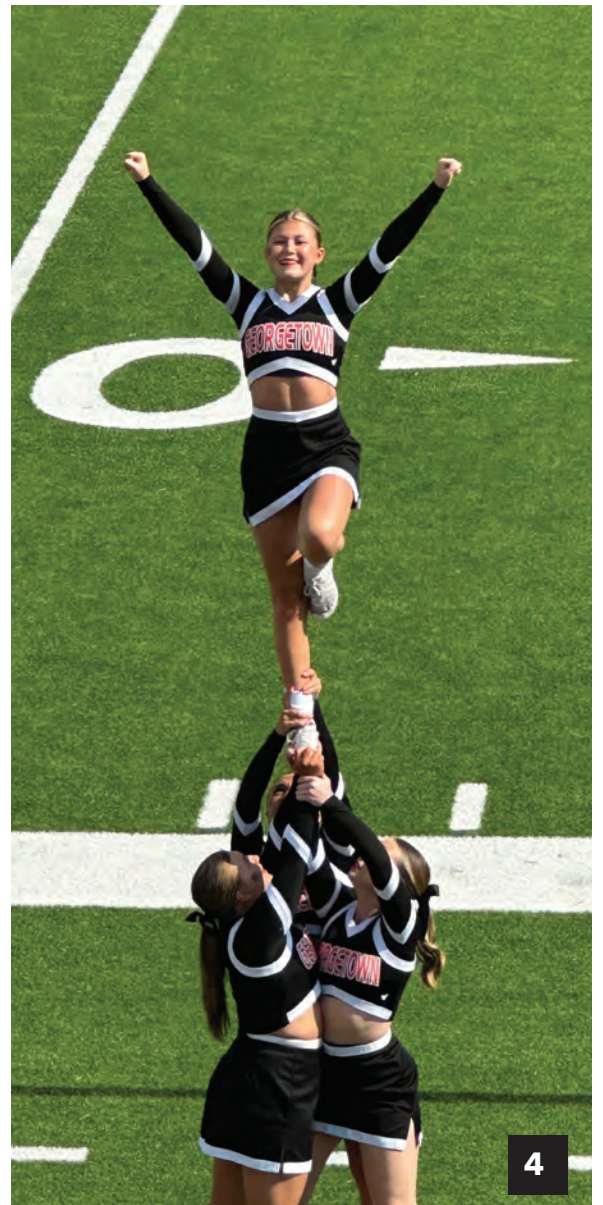
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1. Gehrig Slunaker (#4) hands off to Guy Bailey (#0) against the Cumberland Phoenix.
2. Collin Bratcher (#8) caught six passes for 54 yards.
3. Jamell Smith (#99) lets the Tiger Spirit out.
4. Cheerleaders go to new heights, getting our large homecoming crowd ready for a Tiger Win.

100 YEARS OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Davis-Reid Alumni Gym Undergoes Major Renovation



By Mindy Hamlin '91, Hamlin Communications

It was Fall 1992, and Georgetown College's gym was packed. Students, athletes, faculty, and staff turned out to watch the women's volleyball team play its formidable foe, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), which had been the runner-up at the 1991 NAIA National Tournament.

"We were an underdog to IUPUI. We had played them in previous bi-district matches," remembered Donna Hawkins, GC's Women's Volleyball Coach from 1980 to 2004. "They did not consider us a serious threat to their return to Nationals."



Donna Hawkins

What IUPUI didn't know was that **Nancy Hulsmeyer '93** had returned to Georgetown to play her senior year on the team, and she was surrounded by a group of mentally and physically strong athletes.

"Nancy could jump out of the gym," recalled Hawkins. "Every time she would go up to hit the ball, the fans would breathe in loudly and hold their breath. Nancy would pause in the air, and then, the crowd would yell, 'whoosh,' as she hit the ball. That was the beginning of really great things."

Georgetown beat IUPUI 3-2 that night. The team went on to the NAIA tournament and finished 12th out of 32 teams.

Hawkins would go on to become one of the College's winningest coaches, and Hulsmeyer became Georgetown College's first female NAIA All-American.

GYM RENOVATION HONORS THE PAST & BRINGS EXCITEMENT TO THE FUTURE

Georgetown's historic gym is the oldest in Kentucky where collegiate athletics are contested, and has been the site of thousands of memorable athletic moments.

Most recently, the gym was where the men's volleyball team trained and played before becoming the 2024 NAIA National Champions. It is also the site of many of the basketball program's record-breaking wins. In 2023, Georgetown became the first men's basketball program in NAIA history to reach 2,000 wins.

"So many great players have put on the orange and black to give everything they've had to the school and the program," said Men's Head Basketball Coach Chris Briggs. "Our 2,000 wins are absolutely a testament to all the players and Hall of Fame coaches like Bob Davis, Jim Reid, and Happy Osborne, who built this program into what it is today."



Major donors gather to celebrate the completed renovation of Davis-Reid Alumni Gym. From left to right are: Sherri Calk, John Lindberg with Austin E. Knowlton Foundation, President Allen, Joni Douglas, Ed Culbertson '71, and Harry Richart with James A. and Martha R. Brown Foundation.



Reagan Miller (#18) serves up the goods in the newly renovated gym.
Kayra Freeman (#1) drives to the basket against Oakland City helping win the game 97-41.

Built in 1925 and dedicated in 1926, the gym underwent a major renovation in 1986. In 2012, it was named the Davis-Reid Alumni Gym to honor longtime basketball coaches Bob Davis and Jim Reid.

Thanks to grants from the James A. and Martha R. Brown Foundation and the Austin E. Knowlton Foundation and GC alumni and friends, the gym has undergone a \$3.7 million facelift. Renovations include a new hardwood gym floor, bleachers, ceiling, lighting, heating and cooling systems, and bathroom facilities, among many other updates.

"Georgetown College is a school that we have a long-term partnership with, and this project interested us in the value it presented in saving an historic building," shared John Lindberg, President, Austin E. Knowlton Foundation.

"From the beginning, the project's focus was on enhancing the athletic facilities to better serve students, faculty, and the community," said Sally Wiatrowski, the College's Vice President for Business Operations. "With our funders' generous support, we have created a top-tier facility that promotes health, wellness, and athletic excellence," she added. "The renovations will greatly benefit the entire College community and contribute to the long-term growth and success of our athletic programs."

"Georgetown College is important to the state of Kentucky. This project came together easily and was managed well by the school. We believe the money was well spent because higher education builds communities and that's important to the Brown foundation," explained Harry Richart, Board Secretary, James A. and Martha R. Brown Foundation.

Georgetown coaches are also excited about the impact the renovation will have on their teams, students, and spectators.

"The new gym is absolutely incredible," raved Briggs. "It will help tremendously in recruiting new athletes, while also giving teams multiple practice facility options with the brand-new court in the rec center."

IF THE WALLS COULD TALK

Over its 100-year history, Alumni Gym, as the College community refers to it, also served as a chapel, classroom space, and even a dorm.

One of the gym's residents was Georgetown student and future coach Bob Davis, who arrived on campus in 1946 on the GI Bill after serving in World War II.

"When he started, there weren't enough rooms for all of the GIs, so they slept in the gym attic, where they would lay out cots that barely fit," recounted Joyce Davis, who was married to Bob for 68 years before his death in 2021. "They shared one bathroom, but, luckily, there were multiple showers."



Bob Davis

Davis would go on to serve as the College's basketball coach from 1953 to 1973. For four years of those years, he also served as the baseball coach and athletics director. His 415 career basketball victories stood as a school record for 20 years, and his 1961 team was runner-up in the NAIA National Tournament.

For Briggs, the gym has been home to spectacular wins and losses and holds an important place in the College's history.

"So many great memories have been made in Davis-Reid," said Briggs. "There have been countless big wins and fun games. Most importantly, I think, are the relationships created, experiences enjoyed, and stories told from Tigers of all ages and time periods."

If the walls could talk, they would recount the memorable wins and the coaches who committed decades of their careers to leading and teaching young players. It would also tell of the many lifelong friendships built between team members and between coaches and players.

One lifelong friendship was that of Coach Jim Reid and Coach Happy Osborne. Reid became Georgetown's head basketball coach in 1973 at the age of 24, after Davis departed for Auburn. A former player and assistant for Davis, Reid would go on to become the College's winningest basketball coach with a 529-199 record.

In 1980, Osborne became Reid's first full-time assistant coach and friend. "Coach Reid was my best friend and my brother and somewhat of a father figure," he said.



Jim Reid

Coach Reid passed in 1996 at the age of 48. That year, the team went to the national tournament, where they lost in the final. While Reid was unable to make the trip, he was there for their last home game.

"He loved that team," Osborne said. "He loved that school. He was Georgetown. Top to bottom. He finished where he started, and that is where he wanted to be."



Happy Osborne

For Joyce Davis, who today remains close to several of her husband's players, relationships built in the gym endure for a special reason.

"A coach is a teacher who is there to make them better and help them face life," she explained. "They are together so much, and their personalities are all different. Some are afraid of the coach, and some want to be independent, but in the end, they have to come together as a team. In the process, they become very good friends."

Before his death in 2021, Coach Davis chose one of his former players, a minister, to preside over his funeral. Joyce gave her husband's Georgetown class ring to former player Kenny Davis '71, with whom he remained close throughout his life. When Coach Davis was vice chair of the U.S. Olympic Basketball Committee, he was asked to nominate an NAIA player to try out for the 1972 Olympic Basketball Team. He recommended Kenny, who became the team's captain.

With its history and recent renovations, Davis-Reid will continue to be the place where the College community comes together to cheer on its teams, as it did in 1989 at the NAIA women's district finals.



Susan Johnson

The women's basketball team was playing at home against its arch-rival, Campbellsville College, a team they had never beaten. At the half, they were down 21 points but came back to win the game 83-77.

"The crowd was unbelievable and loud," said Women's Basketball Coach Susan Johnson.

As Osborne remembered, "When the gym was packed, it was the best. To beat us in that atmosphere, your team better be really good. I am confident that this tradition will continue."

The center court section of the original floor from 1925 has been preserved and now hangs in the Robert N. Wilson Atrium of Davis-Reid Alumni Gym.



NATIONAL CHAMPS BUILT IN THE GYM

INSPIRING COACHES LEADING OUR ATHLETES

Men's Basketball

Name	Years	Seasons	W/L
W.S. Kline	1903-1907	4	28-12-1
E.C. Stevens	1907-1908	1	3-8
Robert Hinton	1908-1918/1919-1920	11	63-75
A.J. Robertson	1918-1919	1	8-2
Paul Rhoton	1920-1922	2	16-12
James Coleman	1922-1925	3	15-12
Walter Hovater	1925-1929	4	39-17
Chester Dillon	1929-1931	2	9-22
Carey Spicer	1931-1935	4	12-43
Robert Evans	1935-1942	7	76-50
V.J. Edney	1942-1943	1	6-13
Oliver Drew	1943-1945	2	2-19
L.E. Jones	1945-1946	1	7-14
Monk Elson	1946-1947	1	12-13
C.Q. Smith	1947-1950	3	30-36
Andy Hewlett	1950-1951	1	10-8
Humzey Yessin	1951-1953	2	20-26
Bob Davis	1953-1973	20	415-182
Jim Reid	1973-1996	23	529-199
Happy Osborne	1996-2011	15	456-84
Chris Briggs	2011-Present	15	373-96

Women's Basketball

Susan Hinton	1972-1974	2	15-6
Beverly Bagwell	1974-1975	1	6-10
Cheryl James	1975-1976	1	3-12
Susan D. Johns	1976-1977	1	8-8
Skip Redmond	1977-1978	1	9-4
Susan Johnson	1978-1989, 1990-2011	32	584-369
Patti Jo Hedges	1989-1990	1	15-15
Andrea McCloskey	2011-2017	6	104-76
James Jackson	2017-2021	4	46-62
Jeff Nickel	2021-Present	5	88-42

Men's Volleyball

Andrew Palmer	2020-23	3	63-22
Jim Dwyer	2023-24	1	28-6
Jack Stark	2024-present	2	24-5

Women's Volleyball

Donna Hawkins	1980-2004	24	797-263
Susan Clements	2005-2006	1	72-23
Jeff Hulsmeyer	2007-2008	1	75-14
Nick Griffin	2009-2016	7	253-80
Christina Coleman	2017-2018	1	22-6
Felicia Pace	2018-Present	8	53-33

1998 Men's Basketball Wins National Championship
2013 Men's Basketball Wins National Championship
2019 Men's Basketball Wins National Championship
2024 Men's Volleyball Wins National Championship



Owen Shee (#12) sinks a 3-pointer and Coach Chris Briggs calls a play during a timeout against IU Southeast in the Season Opener.



"With our funders' generous support, we have created a top-tier facility that promotes health, wellness, and athletic excellence," said Sally Wiatrowski, Vice President for Operations and project manager for the renovations. "The renovations will greatly benefit the entire College community and contribute to the long-term growth and success of our athletic programs."



Scan to check out the timelapse video of the gym renovation provided by **Perfection Group**.



The New Gym

A new gym, adequate for the needs of the college and large enough to give the Orange and Black net men a maximum sized training floor for their conquests in honor of old G. C.—such had been the dream of the student body for the past five years. With the fighting Georgetown teams hampered by the use of a minimum sized floor, it soon became evident that the present gym, built in 1894, was not suitable for present day and future indoor athletics.

Georgetown Spirit was not to be denied, and the feelings of the student body became so intense that a drive for a new gym was seen to be inevitable. Registrar James Moreland was asked to lead the way in opening the campaign. On April 4, 1923, Mr. Moreland presented the idea of a new gym to the student body. The cheers that followed rocked the building from tower to foundation. Before the service was over \$12,000 had been subscribed, and very soon the total campus subscription grew to \$26,000.

The college authorities took the matter over and called in a financial manager to carry on the work Mr. Moreland had started. A campaign was held and, while the amount asked for was not subscribed, the total subscriptions assured the construction of the new building, and the future of Georgetown College in intercollegiate basketball circles.

The big things in the foundation of the new gymnasium are not the dollars of the subscribers, but the spirit of the student body of 1923-24 and the work of James Moreland that made possible the realization of the dream of every Georgetownian for the past five years. The gym is not a lone building under construction, but the first of a group of five buildings to be constructed in the next four years, that will place Georgetown in the front ranks of Southern colleges, with the best equipment, the most adequate facilities for the needs of its students, and the greatest school spirit in the world—Georgetown Spirit.

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OLDEST GYM IN KENTUCKY

WHERE COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ARE CONTESTED 1925-2025





the pillowman

by Martin McDonagh



By Dr. Edward B. Smith '88, Professor of Theater and Film, Maskrafters Artistic Director

On Halloween night, while trick-or-treaters ambled past the College, the Maskrafters offered up a harrowing tale of their own with the premier of *The Pillowman*, by acclaimed Irish-British playwright and Oscar winner, Martin McDonagh.

Set in an unnamed totalitarian dictatorship, the play begins with the writer Katurian (**Leon Johnson IV '26**) sitting blindfolded in an interrogation cell. As Detective Tupolski (**Chris Dowdy '26**) and Detective Ariel (**Emily Utley '29**) question him, the audience realizes that the police think Katurian's gruesome short stories seem to mirror a series of child murders, leading authorities to suspect the writer and his disabled brother Michal (**Ethan Decker '27**).

Using the familiar form of the police procedural, the investigation reveals details about Katurian's childhood by deftly incorporating several of his stories, brought to life by an ensemble of performers (**Joana Colorado Gomez '26**, **Grace Porter '27**, **Emmarae Stearns '29**, and **Eleanor Black '27**) portraying a wide variety of characters. The detectives, Katurian, and his brother Michal are simultaneously monsters and victims who depend on telling stories to make sense of a world that defies logic.

The blend of diamond-sharp dialogue and narrative-driven ensemble work was one of the elements that attracted **Dr. Ed Smith '88** to taking on this demanding play. "I've adapted and directed world premiers of novels, I've produced and directed feature length films, but this is certainly one of the most demanding challenges I've been part of here at Georgetown," Smith noted.

Though written in 2003, McDonagh's work feels fresh and vital in the way it uses the darkest of humor to explore the legacy of childhood trauma, the impact of violence, and most importantly, the importance of storytelling. *The Pillowman* is a departure in terms of style and content for the Maskrafters and the Theatre program, as it comes with an entire paragraph of content warnings. "It's the darkest of comedies, and we definitely want our audience to know what they're in for," said the director. With shades of Kafka and Dostoyevsky, McDonagh's work demands much from actors and the audience. "It certainly won't be mistaken for the 'feel good play of the season,'" Smith says. "I do think it's important that our students and audiences experience all kinds of stories on stage, especially ones that show us the dark we are in, and keep us moving through it."



The cast and crew have risen to the challenge. The show is ably overseen by the stage manager **Jadyn Gilreath '26**, a senior theatre major. The ensemble of Joana Colorado Gomez, Grace Porter, Emmarae Stearns, and Eleanor Black jump in and out of multiple roles and costumes, while also assuming crew and other backstage duties. Chris Dowdy, a senior in biochemistry, and Emily Utley, a freshman in communication studies, are riveting as the detectives, both funny and truly dangerous. Ethan Decker offers an amazing turn as the damaged brother Michal, at times affable, funny, but with a past and mind of his own. Leon Johnson's Katurian grounds the entire production in one of the most demanding roles possible, as his character is onstage for all but three minutes of the entire production. **"It's been a real pleasure to see Leon step up to this challenge and really thrive," said Smith. "I'm beyond grateful for the hard work, the talent, and all the time our students have put into the show. They make it all possible!"**

CAST

Leon Johnson IV '26 – Katurian
Chris Dowdy '26 – Tupolski
Emily Utley '29 – Ariel
Ethan Decker '27 – Michal
Joana Colorado Gomez '26 – Ensemble in Tale of the Town on the River, The Writer and The Writer's Brother, and The Pillowman

Grace Porter '27 – Ensemble in Tale of the Town on the River, The Writer and The Writer's Brother, The Pillowman, and The Little Jesus
Eleanor Black '27 – Little Girl, Ensemble in The Pillowman and The Little Jesus
Emmarae Sterns '29 – Ensemble in The Writer and The Writer's Brother, The Pillowman, and The Little Jesus

CREW

Dr. Edward B. Smith '88 – Producer/Director
Jadyn Gilreath '26 – Stage Manager, Sound Design
Betsy Smith '86 – Costume Design
Savannah Good '26 – House Manager, Light Board Operator
Aaron Anderson '26 – Sound Board Operator
Eleanor Black '29, Joana Colorado Gomez '26, Daija Jackson '29, Lyndsey Terry '29 – Run Crew

THEATRE TECHNICIANS

Leon Johnson IV '26, Jackson Geiler '26, Emily Utley '29, Grace Porter '27, Jadyn Gilreath '26, Savannah Good '26

Trip to Spain Immerses Students in **Spanish Culture**

By Dr. Abraham Prades, Associate Professor of Spanish / Director of International Programs



Aqueduct of Segovia, a well-preserved Roman aqueduct located in Segovia, Spain

Five Georgetown College students studied abroad, spending a month immersed in Spanish language and culture in the historic city of Segovia. The program, part of the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, offers students the opportunity to earn academic credit while exploring some of Spain's most iconic cities.

Students lived with local families, allowing them to experience daily life in Spain firsthand. The homestay environment fostered language immersion and cultural exchange, while daily classes and excursions brought Spanish history, art, and society to life.

Courses offered included Spanish Conversation, Spanish Pronunciation, Intermediate Spanish, and Introduction to Hispanic Culture. In the latter two, students explored Spain's evolution through literature, film, architecture, and art. A hallmark of the program is its "Place as Text" methodology, which encourages students to engage deeply with their surroundings through observation, discussion, and reflection.

The itinerary included guided visits to Madrid's Royal Palace, the medieval streets of Toledo, the Cathedral and University of Salamanca, and the fortified walls of Ávila. In Valladolid, students explored the city's plazas, markets, and vibrant local



Dr. Prades, Kaylee Walters '28, Sydney Lindon '27, Seshadri Pratama '25, Anna Little '25, and Campbell Gullion '26 in Toledo, Spain.

culture. One of the most memorable experiences was the visit to the Alcázar of Segovia, where Queen Isabella was crowned in 1474, and taking in panoramic views of the Castilian countryside.

Through journaling, photo essays, and cultural reports, students reflected on their experiences and developed a deeper understanding of Spain's past and present. The program not only strengthened their Spanish language skills but also broadened their global perspectives.

"Studying abroad had always been a dream of mine, and when the opportunity arose, I took it without hesitation," said elementary education major Sydney Lindon. "Traveling out of the country without my family for the first time gave me the chance to grow, become more independent, and truly experience life beyond what I had always known. I'm already looking to plan my next trip!"



Students and faculty together in front of the Alcázar of Segovia a medieval castle located in the city of Segovia, in Castile and León, Spain.




Students and faculty get a tour of the historic city hall in the city of Segovia.



Athletic Director Chris Oliver, Head Football Coach John Perin,
Scholarship Recipient Trevor DeLacey '29, and President Dr. Rosemary Allen



Scholarship Recipient
Jahmir Ackerson '25



Two New Donor-Funded Football Scholarships

By Andrew Preston, Sports Information Director

Georgetown College Athletics is pleased to announce two new donor-funded football scholarships to support our student-athletes.

The Norman L. Brown Memorial Scholarship and the Coach Tom Dowling and Mary Ann Dowling Football Scholarship are awarded to members of the GC football team who represent the College well on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

The inaugural 2025-26 Norman L. Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient is Trevor DeLacey '29. DeLacey is a freshman from Owensboro, Kentucky. DeLacey prepped at Owensboro High School, where he threw for 1,801 yards and 20 touchdowns during his senior season. Trevor was a multisport athlete for the Red Devils, playing baseball in addition to starting at quarterback the past two seasons. He carried a 4.0 GPA during his high school career while serving as captain of the football team. DeLacey plans to earn a double major in finance and management at GC.

Norman L. Brown '63 earned a BS in business at Georgetown and later graduated from the OPM program at Harvard Business School. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, a multiple-year All-Conference selection in football, and served as co-captain of the football and golf teams. He was honored with the College's first Earl Hundley Award and inducted into the GC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. Brown served as a trustee of Georgetown College, was a member of the Kentucky Nature Conservancy Board, and held positions as Elder and Deacon of First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

The inaugural recipient of the Coach Tom Dowling and Mary Ann Dowling Football Scholarship was Jamir Ackerson '25. It was awarded for the first time during the 2024-25 academic year. Ackerson played running back and is from Newport, Kentucky. Ackerson spent four seasons on the Tiger football team. Over

the previous two seasons, he rushed for 510 yards and two touchdowns. As a receiver, Ackerson caught two touchdowns as well and gained 35 yards via the air. In total, the Newport Central Catholic graduate played in 15 games for Georgetown. Ackerson earned a Bachelor of Arts in communications/media studies with a minor in art from GC in May 2025.

Tom and Mary Ann Dowling have had a lasting impact on the Georgetown College football program. They were exemplary role models, spending endless hours teaching, guiding, and loving the players. **Tom Dowling '62** played Tiger football and was the team captain in 1960. He served as the head football coach at Georgetown from 1973 to 1976 and served as commissioner of the Mid-South Conference from 1995 to 2002. He was inducted into the Georgetown College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

"I'm truly grateful for the generosity and support of those who made this possible," said Ackerson. "I'm proud to be part of the Tiger football program. I would like to thank my teammates, coaches, and faculty for helping to shape my journey. Your support means a great deal to me."

The Coach Tom Dowling and Mary Ann Dowling Football Scholarship is an endowed scholarship established by GC Alumni **Mike '75** and **Julia (Hemmer) Ayers '76**. Mike played linebacker and offensive tackle for Tiger football, was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, and earned a BA in physical education and an MA in Education. He was the head football coach at East Tennessee State University and Wofford College. Julia was a Sigma Kappa and majored in elementary education. The scholarship is awarded annually.

Again, congratulations to **Trevor DeLacey '29** and **Jamir Ackerson '25**, the inaugural recipients of these new scholarships at GC.

2025 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Georgetown College Athletics is proud to announce the 2025 Hall of Fame Class. Five student-athletes, a coach, a special recipient, and one team were honored. The induction ceremony took place on August 23, 2025, at the James A. & Martha R. Brown Conference Center on the GC East Campus.

The 2025 Hall of Fame Class:



Bill Cronin - Football Coach

Cronin is one of the greatest coaches in college football history. He came to Georgetown in 1982, served as an assistant coach for 11 years, and was the offensive coordinator on the 1991 National Championship team, which set the NAIA offense record with 744 points in a season, a mark that still stands today.

He returned to Georgetown in 1997 as head coach and immediately vaulted the Tigers back into national title contention. From 1999 to 2002, Georgetown appeared in four straight

national championship games with title wins in 2000 and 2001. His teams won 14 Mid-South Conference (MSC) Championships in his 25 years as head coach. In 2018, he became the first NAIA coach to serve as President of the American Football Coaches Association.

Coach Cronin retired in 2021 with 218 wins and was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2020. Cronin enjoys retirement with his wife Ellen, sons Kevin, Chris, and Cory, and seven grandchildren.



Jennifer Tarplee Fogle - Softball 2008

Fogle was a dominant force on the softball field and in the classroom during her time as a Tiger. She was a 4-time Mid-South Conference All-Academic Honoree. In 2007, she was named the Mid-South Conference Player of the Year after hitting .464 with a .531 on-base percentage, 57 runs scored, and a GC record 43 stolen bases. Again in 2008, she was the MSC Player of the Year, batting .397 with 56 runs scored, 32 stolen bases, 71 hits, 14 doubles and 102 total bases. Her

efforts led the Tigers to the 2008 MSC regular season title. In 2007 and 2008, she was named to the All-Region XI First Team.

In 2011, Jennifer graduated from the University of Dayton with her doctorate in physical therapy and works as a physical therapist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She completed a year-long certification as a sports specialist in 2014 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She continues to treat pediatric sports and orthopedic conditions and loves the patients she helps daily.

Jennifer resides in Burlington, Kentucky, with her husband, Ryan, sons Knox and Remington, and daughter Palmer.



**Shan Housekeeper -
Football 2002**

Housekeeper's journey to the Georgetown College Athletics Hall of Fame is a story of perseverance, character, and championship-level impact. Arriving in the fall of 1999 as a walk-on, Housekeeper emerged as one of the most dominant linebackers in GC history, playing a key role in one of the most decorated eras of Tiger Football. From 1999 to 2002, He led a fearsome defense to four consecutive NAIA national championship

appearances, capturing titles in 2000 and 2001. Over his four seasons, the Tigers compiled an astounding 53-3 record, allowing just 14.1 points per game.

In 2001, he set a school record with 90 unassisted tackles and was named the Don Hansen National Defensive Player of the Year. In 2002, he was named NAIA All-American after recording 21 sacks, a GC record that stands today. His service to Georgetown continued after graduating in 2003, when he joined the coaching staff in 2008 as linebacker coach, becoming the defensive coordinator in 2013 through 2021, when he became the head football coach at the University of the Cumberlands.

Shan resides in Williamsburg, Kentucky, with his wife, Tabettha, twin sons Zaden and Zyler, and daughter Zimrie.



Tim Ritzie - Football 1992

Ritzie was a main catalyst in the Georgetown Football's rise to the elite of the NAIA, leading up to the 1991 National Championship. After serving as co-captain of Fairfield High School's 1986 Ohio Division I State Championship Team, Tim came to GC and made an immediate impact. As a shutdown cornerback, he helped lead the Tigers to three playoff appearances in 1987, 1989, and 1990. He was named NAIA All-American in 1989 and 1990. In those seasons,

Georgetown's defense held opponents under 20 points in 15 of 21 games. Ritzie's 11 career interceptions stand as the 10th most in program history.

As a player, Tim was a 3-time 1st Team All-Conference, 3-time 1st Team All-District, and 2-time NAIA All-American. He was a graduate assistant on the 1991 National Championship team. After graduating in 1992, Tim coached youth sports for a number of years. He was inducted into the Fairfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

Ritzie works in the insurance industry and resides in Fairfield Township, Ohio, with his wife, Amy, daughter Ava, and son Alex.



**Scott Schoen -
Men's Basketball 1997**

Schoen was a star for Georgetown Men's Basketball in his two years as a Tiger. A native of Elizabeth, Indiana, Scott graduated from South Central High School, where he was a four-sport standout athlete. He transferred to GC for the 1995-96 season and was named to the KIAC All-Conference and All-Tournament teams as part of GC's run to the NAIA National Championship game. The team finished 36-3 and would later be

inducted into the Georgetown Athletics Hall of Fame. The following year, Schoen was named to the MSC and All-Tournament teams in leading the Tigers to the regular season and tournament titles.

After a brief career in pro basketball, Schoen became head coach in 2010 at Silver Creek High School in Sellersburg, Indiana. He has won 235 games, including the 2021 Indiana Class 3A State Championship, when he was also named the Bob King Coach of the Year by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Scott resides in Sellersburg, Indiana, with his wife, Stacey '99. They are parents of son Trey, who is a current GC football player, and daughter Emma.



**Lauren Smith Palmer -
Women's Soccer 2007**

Palmer became the first and only Tiger in 2005 to be named Mid-South Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Year after scoring a record 17 goals, a mark that stands to this day. Her 28 career goals are among the most in program history.

Palmer was named to the MSC All-Conference team in 2006 and MSC All-Academic Team in 2005 and 2006. Palmer was a NAIA Scholar

Athlete in 2006. Palmer graduated from Georgetown in 2007 with a degree in kinesiology and a minor in business administration. She earned her doctorate in physical therapy school at the University of Kentucky.

Palmer resides in Erlanger, Kentucky, with her husband, Ryan, daughter Olivia, and son Nolan. She is a physical therapist with Crossover Health at Fidelity Investments in Covington, Kentucky.



Keith Griesser - Donna Hawkins Coaching for Significance Award

Griesser's impact on Georgetown College began in 1994, when he joined the men's basketball team as a student assistant coach. After earning his degree in music education in 1996 and master's in education in 1997, Griesser remained on staff as an assistant coach until 2003. In his time on the bench, Georgetown amassed a record of 290 wins and 54 losses. He was an integral part of the 1998 NAIA national championship, two national runners-up in 1996 and 2000, and six Mid-South Conference Tournament titles.

Griesser's love for the game continued when he was part of the 2007 Scott County state championship team. He was named the 10th Region Coach of the Year as the head men's basketball coach at Montgomery County in 2008.

Griesser is a leadership specialist with the Kentucky Department of Education and on staff at Scott County. His voice can also be heard at GC's Toyota Stadium and Davis-Reid Alumni Gym as the public address announcer.



2003 Women's Basketball Team

The 2002-03 Women's Basketball team faced one of the most unique seasons in GC College basketball history. The Tigers put up a 22-12 record, despite finishing the season with only six players in uniform. Led by 3rd Team All-American Andi Johnson and Honorable Mention Neeley Thomas, the Tigers captured a share of the MSC regular season title and went on to win the conference tournament and reach the NAIA Tournament.

Johnson set a single-season record with 350 rebounds, and Thomas set a new mark of 95 made three-pointers. Both still hold as GC records today. Head Coach Susan Johnson was named the Mid-South Conference Coach of the Year. With the grit and determination these players and coaches showed and the adversity they overcame to become champions, there is no doubt of their rightful induction into the Georgetown Athletics Hall of Fame.



Louis Jones Named Men's Soccer Head Coach

By Andrew Preston, Sports Information Director

Georgetown College Athletics named Louis Jones as the new men's soccer head coach in June 2025. Jones comes to Georgetown after serving as head coach at Campbellsville for the 2024 season. Prior to 2024, he served as an assistant women's coach at Midway University and Asbury University. He also brings a wealth of youth experience, having served as head coach of the boys' and girls' teams at East Jessamine High School.

"I'm incredibly excited and honored to lead the Georgetown Tigers Men's Soccer Program," Jones said. "This is a special opportunity, and I'm ready to get to work alongside our student-athletes as we build something strong, competitive, and lasting. We're coming into the Mid-South Conference with energy, focus, and a drive to compete at the highest level."

Jones holds NSCAA Goalkeeping Level 1, 2, and 3 diplomas, as well as a USSF National C License. He earned a bachelor's degree in coaching and sports leadership from the University of the Cumberlands and is pursuing a master's degree in sports management at Campbellsville University. He is married with one daughter.

Vice President for Athletics Chris Oliver shared his enthusiasm for the hire. "I'm very excited to have Louis Jones as our new Men's Soccer Head Coach. I look forward to working together with Louis and watching him continue to strengthen the Tiger Men's Soccer program."

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NAIA SCHOLAR TEAMS

MINIMUM 3.0 GPA TO QUALIFY

The NAIA National Office held its National Awards Day, during which 15 Georgetown College athletic teams were recognized. The NAIA recognizes teams that achieve a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the nominating institution during the 2024-25 academic school year. The following GC teams were honored:

- Women's Golf** - 3.59 GPA average
- Women's Tennis** - 3.58 GPA average
- Women's Basketball** - 3.53 GPA average
- Women's Soccer** - 3.43 GPA average
- Men's Soccer** - 3.39 GPA average
- Women's Cross Country** - 3.39 GPA average
- Women's Volleyball** - 3.37 GPA average
- Women's Lacrosse** - 3.29 GPA average
- Women's Outdoor Track & Field** - 3.27 GPA average
- Softball** - 3.25 GPA average
- Men's Volleyball** - 3.23 GPA average
- Men's Tennis** - 3.22 GPA average
- Football** - 3.13 GPA average
- Baseball** - 3.02 GPA average
- Cheerleading** - 3.02 GPA average

TIGERS TOGETHER CELEBRATING ALUMNI MOMENTS

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Dr. David Straus '82 was recognized by the United States Aquaculture Society as the 2025 recipient of the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Straus has significant contributions in US aquaculture based on the practical significance of his research and his professional and industry service. He has authored over 85 journal articles, and many reports, abstracts/proceedings, popular articles, and newsletters in addition to mentoring several graduate students. Besides research, he has contributed to promoting aquaculture during his time on the Board of the United States Aquaculture Society, the Steering Committee for Aquaculture America 2017, and ultimately serving as President of USAS 2018-2019.



Mike Eden '86 was featured by WLEX 18 TV for his extensive tennis memorabilia collection. Featuring over 4,000 pieces, he has carefully curated the collection for the past 20 years. Mike, a former GC tennis player and member of the Kentucky Tennis Hall of Fame, is married to another GC Tennis star, **Marsha Oakes Eden '87**.



Alisa Thomas '92 was recently named Distance Education Adjunct Faculty Support Director at Toccoa Falls College. She also serves as Residential Humanities Chair and an English professor at the school. These roles allow her to share her passions for literature and faculty development in a setting that prioritizes a vitalized integration of faith and learning.



Steve Page '93 led Great Crossing High School, located in Georgetown, Kentucky, to the 2025 KHSAA boys' basketball state title in late March 2025. Page is the only head coach in the school's existence and holds a 151-48 career record in 6 seasons.



Dan Lockwood '96 has been named Elizabethtown Independent Schools Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning. With over 20 years in education, as a teacher, principal, and most recently with the Kentucky Department of Education, Lockwood will bring a wealth of experience and a passion for supporting students and staff.



Dr. Julie Shahroudi '97, assistant director of quality improvement and adjunct professor at NYU Wagner, Shahroudi led the NYU Student Health Center to national recognition as a finalist for the 2025 Bernard A. Kershner Innovations in Quality Improvement Award from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.



Sigma Kappa sisters **Brittney Bray Brown '99**, **Windy Lane '98**, **Laura Owsley '92**, **Rebecca Woolums '98**, **Jenny Kopczyk Morrin '98**, **Amy Maxey '98**, **Robin Litteral McCollough '98**, **Carrie Beth Chasteen Tigges '00**, and **Jenny Chasteen Gilbert '99** reunited over dinner to talk about good times both old and new.



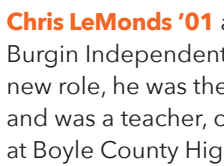
Phi Mus **Margot (Wintz) Payne '99** and **Kim (Harmon Bell) '00** recently reunited at a local swim meet. They had not seen each other since the Spring of 2000, but when they realized they would be in the same place, at the same time, they decided to wear their letters and commemorate the reunion.



The book, *The Rebirth of Suspense: Slowness and Atmosphere in Cinema*, by **Rick Warner '00**, has been longlisted for the 2025 Kraszna-Krausz Moving Image Book Award. Warner is a professor of film studies at UNC-Chapel Hill.



Bryce L. Caldwell '01, Owensboro Attorney and Partner at Gordon, Goetz, Johnson & Caldwell, was appointed as a circuit court judge for Daviess County's 6th Judicial Circuit. Bryce was selected to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Jay Wethington. He will serve until the next election, which is scheduled for November 2026.



Chris LeMonds '01 accepted the Superintendent position at Burgin Independent School District in Mercer County. Before this new role, he was the K-12 Principal at Burgin from 2014 to 2025 and was a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal at Boyle County High School from 2003 to 2014.



Lacy Robinson '01 is the founder of the new Bourbon Legends Tour, bourbonlegendstour.com, where she takes guests on a luxury tour visiting the final resting places of Kentucky's bourbon legends. As a longtime trainer in the funeral business and Executive Bourbon Steward, she has a wealth of knowledge spanning both the bourbon culture and local cemetery heritage.



Dr. Amanda Shearer Smith '04 was named one of Saint Joseph Health and Saint Joseph Medical Group 2025 Physicians of the Year. Amanda specializes in the areas of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.



Matt Duncan '05 joined Independence Bank as Senior Commercial Lender in Henderson, Kentucky. He is eager to continue sharing his expertise in helping customers, along with his continued commitment to the community.



Travis Burton '07 was appointed USDA Rural Development State Director for Kentucky. Prior to the position, Travis served as Associate Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kentucky Hospital Association.



Paola G. Roe '07 has been named the Versailles Market President of Community Trust Bank, Inc. Paola has worked in the finance industry for more than 15 years and has been with Community Trust Bank since 2021, where she has worked as both a residential lender and a branch manager.



Daviess County Public Schools Virtual Academy Coach **Beth Ewing '09** was selected to participate in the third annual Auschwitz Legacy Fellowship, a prestigious program designed to deepen educators' understanding of the Holocaust and equip them with tools to teach its history and lessons.



Caliesha Comley '14 was recently promoted to Project Manager for the Opioid Settlement at the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness. In her new role, Comley manages grants, coordinates with stakeholders to design local opioid abatement strategy, and directly supports community partners.



Dairian S. (Heard) Brown '15 a paralegal at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, was named a 40 under 40 Emerging Legend by the Black Professionals Association Charitable Foundation.



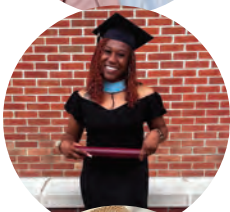
Allie (White) Buchanan '15 accepted a position with Franklin County Schools to serve as Dean of Students at The Academy- FCS #1. The Academy is an alternative learning environment meant to provide students with the support they need and deserve.



Katie (Young) Jones '18 and her husband, Clay, welcomed son Reed Andrew Jones on July 22, 2025.



D. Trey Smallwood '20 accepted a new position as a program consultant at the Kentucky Department of Education. Trey also serves as adjunct faculty and Mock Trial Coach at Georgetown College.



Derise Cox '21 graduated in May 2025 with a Master's Degree in Teaching from the University of the Cumberlands. Cox also became the first African-American Lacrosse Women's Coach at duPont Manual High School located in Louisville, Kentucky. She also holds a M.A. in Sports Administration from Georgia State University.



Noah Kremer '21 and his wife, Kayla, recently welcomed Roman Joseph Kremer to their family.

College sweethearts, **Sander Roksvag '21 and Claudia Ayers '24** officially tied the knot on August 9, 2025.



Shellie Foy '22 recently started a new role with the Kentucky State Police Records Department, working with the sex offender registry. Her role specifically involves identifying noncompliant offenders and dispatching officers to locations to help identify the issue.

Hannah Stewart '22 graduated in May 2025 with her MS in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Louisville. She completed a thesis entitled *Advancing Speech Intelligibility Assessment: Comparing School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists, Laypersons, and Speech Recognition Software*, and achieved the second highest Praxis exam score in her cohort.



Cole Wilson '22 accepted a position at Georgetown College as the Associate Director for Campus Events.



Libby Miller '23 is officially part of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Class of 2029. She is studying to receive her DMD.

Peyton Bartley '24 accepted a football coaching position at Cornell College as Offensive Line Coach and Run Game Coordinator.



Clara Jo (Harvey) Harper '24 married Wanya Powell Harper in a beautiful outdoor ceremony. The couple is pictured with Luna, their Aussie Papillon pup.



Lillie Carrico '25 accepted a position at Hearn Elementary School in Franklin County, Kentucky. Carrico will be teaching third grade.



Emma Cummings '25 is the newest second-grade teacher at Shacklette Elementary School in Louisville, Kentucky. Go Sharks!



Jeff Eckler '25 started a new position as an Environmental Scientist at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Environmental scientists ensure transportation projects comply with environmental laws by providing technical guidance, conducting site assessments, and reviewing ecological impacts.



Abir El Hirsh '25 joined Georgetown College as the Assistant Director of Student Outreach and Support.

Callie Jackson '25, former forward for GC Women's Basketball, has been named Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach for Hawaii Pacific University.



Eastern Kentucky University women's basketball named **Sophie Smith '25** as its new director of basketball operations and graduate assistant. Smith comes to ECU after a standout playing career at Georgetown College, where she was team captain.



Lydia (Prince) Page '25 joined the fourth-grade team at Freedom Elementary School in Bullitt County, Kentucky.



Lily Ware '25 accepted a position teaching English at Anderson County High School.



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Martha Layne Collins

Her Lasting Legacy

By Bethany H. Langdon '93, Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing and Special Advisor to the President

Martha Layne Collins left an unmistakable legacy in the Commonwealth. As its first and only woman governor, she led lasting educational reforms and brought industries to Kentucky which continue to benefit families across the Bluegrass. Her dedication to education led her to Georgetown College in 1998, where she served as Executive Scholar in Residence until 2012. Her husband, Dr. Bill Collins, is a 1959 graduate of Georgetown College.

"She was such a powerful presence on campus, lending strength and credibility to this College," said Georgetown College's President, Dr. Rosemary Allen. "When I moved into the College's administration in 2004, she provided a model of strong, principled, and nuanced leadership. She was extraordinary in so many ways. To this day, when asked who has inspired me as a woman in leadership, my answer is Martha Layne Collins."

Her dynamic leadership made a lasting impression not only on Kentucky but on thousands of Georgetown alumni, faculty, and staff. **Laura Owsley '92** recalls, "Governor Collins was one of the most amazing leaders with whom I've ever had the opportunity to work. I have fond memories of our conversations during our days working together at GC from 2005 to 2012. She had a knack for making everyone she met feel like they had been friends forever. What a legacy she leaves behind as Governor, as an educator, and as a role model not only for women but all who aspire to be leaders." Owsley served GC as Director of Alumni Relations. She currently serves as Board Director for The Cecilian Bank.

GC alumnus **Roy Lowdenback '05** worked with Collins when he served as Chief Development Officer. He shared, "Governor Collins was the true embodiment of a leader. She was strategic, business-minded, and believed in being of and for the people and was determined to visit every county in Kentucky to hear and know those she served. It was that same commitment to people that brought Toyota to Kentucky, bringing economic strength that still



Martha Layne Collins with GC alumni Donald W. Webb '60 and R. Dudley Webb '65
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serves us today. I carry with me so many of the values learned by working with her. I am raising my daughters shaped by her example as a powerful, female leader." Lowdenback is System Vice President for Philanthropy at Baptist Health Foundation.

"Working for Governor Collins at GC changed my life," said **Cassie (Mullins) Moses '99**. "I have never met anyone who worked as hard and treated every single person like they were the most important person in the world. She never wasted one minute of her day, and loved the College dearly. I knew what kind of day we would have together based on how full my voicemail was in the morning. All messages from her! She never wanted to let an opportunity pass." Moses served as Collins' Executive Liaison at GC after earning her master's degree at the U.K. Patterson School of Diplomacy. Moses is a community volunteer and stay-at-home mother in Cynthiana, Kentucky.

Roxann Fry '92 grew up in the same hometown as Collins in Bagdad, Kentucky. She and Collins travelled to all 120 Kentucky counties and across the globe from Singapore to Mongolia. Fry worked as Executive Liaison for Collins at GC and is currently the economic development manager at LG&E/KU Energy. "Her lessons in respect, perseverance, and the power of education and economic development to transform lives showed me what it means to care deeply for people and their futures," remembers Fry.

The death of Governor Collins signals the end of an era for Kentucky, but also the continued hope for the future of our Commonwealth and the role higher education plays in that future.



To honor her legacy, the family of Governor Collins created the Martha Layne Collins Leadership Scholarship at Georgetown College. Gifts can be made via QRCode or mailed to Georgetown College, 400 East College Street, Georgetown, KY 40324.

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from the ARCHIVES

The Sister City Exchange between Georgetown, Kentucky and Tahara City, Japan celebrates 35 years in 2025

By Kelly McEuen, '93

From the beginning of the Sister City relationship between Georgetown and Tahara City in 1990, the focus of the exchange has been students, education, and the environment. I've been fortunate to be part of this exchange nearly from the beginning, starting when I was a Junior at Georgetown College. Here's a short history of how it all began.

In 1990, Former Georgetown Mayor Tom Prather brought community leaders together to seek a potential Japanese sister city. The connections he forged continue to this day; current Tahara City Mayor Masayoshi Yamashita was a civil servant in the Tahara City government at that time and supported the official twinning of the cities. Today, Yamashita is in his third term as Mayor, and Prather continues serving as the Chair of the Sister City Committee.

In 1991, Scott County High School and Seisho High School twinned as Sister Schools and began an annual exchange of students bringing hundreds of students and host families together. At nearly the same time, Georgetown College professors Drs. Jim and Ruth Heizer helped to recruit Georgetown College's first Tahara City student, **Yutaro Furuhashi '93**.

Yutaro and I became friends and that friendship helped connect me to other Japanese students on campus, including **Mari Saito '92**, whose father was GC Missionary in Residence, **Yukari Yamaoka '94**, **Takanobu Araki '93**, and **Toshio Cho '97**. In my junior year, I was elected Collier Hall President and took responsibility to welcome Taka and Toshio, who were freshmen.

Through daily interactions with Japanese students, I began to realize the impact for the College of having Toyota's first North American plant just north of campus. And it awakened an ambition: maybe a Kentucky boy like me could live in Japan someday, even mastering the Japanese language, and use it back home in Kentucky in the distant future. After all, I was already keenly interested in global affairs and world religions. Drs. Robert Snyder, Keon Chi, and Vernon Mallow fostered this interest in and outside of class. Living abroad seemed to be a possibility, and the exchange was about to grow in just such a manner.

Georgetown College entered into the Sister City exchange when its Provost, Dr. Charles Boehms, led an exploratory group to visit Tahara City. When Dr. Boehms learned that Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) were being hired by the city, he asked if the Tahara Board of Education would consider hiring recent GC graduates as ALTs.

At this point, my Georgetown College friendship with Yutaro changed the direction of my life. While staying with Yutaro's family during his visit to Japan, Dr. Boehms learned of my preparations to learn Japanese and move to Japan. As a result, once Tahara City approved the idea of the ALT from Georgetown College, I was chosen to be that first GC ALT. I moved there in April 1995, and Georgetown College has been sending graduates to teach there ever since, spreading 30 years of Tiger Pride across Tahara's public schools and community.

During my four years in Tahara, I never felt like my life was on hold. Not only was I teaching in junior high schools and meeting students, I also spent Fridays at Tahara City Hall learning about their government and board of education. Because the Tahara people valued our sister city relationship, I felt embraced and supported. My time at Georgetown College prepared me for these situations and helped me to be flexible and open-minded to a whole new culture. Ultimately, I got to be a citizen diplomat for both communities.

After my time as the first ALT, I continued to provide support to the Sister Cities relationship, serving as a translator when needed and helping Georgetown College select new ALT candidates, and providing support as they prepared for their time abroad.

Because of this long-standing relationship, I was delighted to take part in the 35th Anniversary Sister City Exchange in September 2025. GC Alum **Mayor Burney Jenkins '76** coordinated the exchange, and the Tahara delegation included my dear friend from our Georgetown College days, Yutaro. While here, the delegation met with President Allen and ate at Country Boy (owned by GC Alumni who had also served as ALTs in Tahara). I was then also able to return to Tahara as part of Georgetown's delegation, bringing this decades-long partnership full circle.

The Sister City partnership is a cherished exchange that has provided wonderful experiences for students and strengthened education for both communities for the past 35 years. Here's to continued success for another 35 years.



Georgetown Mayor Burney Jenkins '76 and Tahara City Mayor Masayoshi Yamashita



Kelly McEuen, center, with his Noda Junior High ninth grade students



Tahara Festival in 1995, Kelly McEuen is with his junior high school students.



Kelly McEuen and Yutaro Furuhashi - three decades of friendship, pictured in 1995 in Japan to 2025 in Georgetown



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