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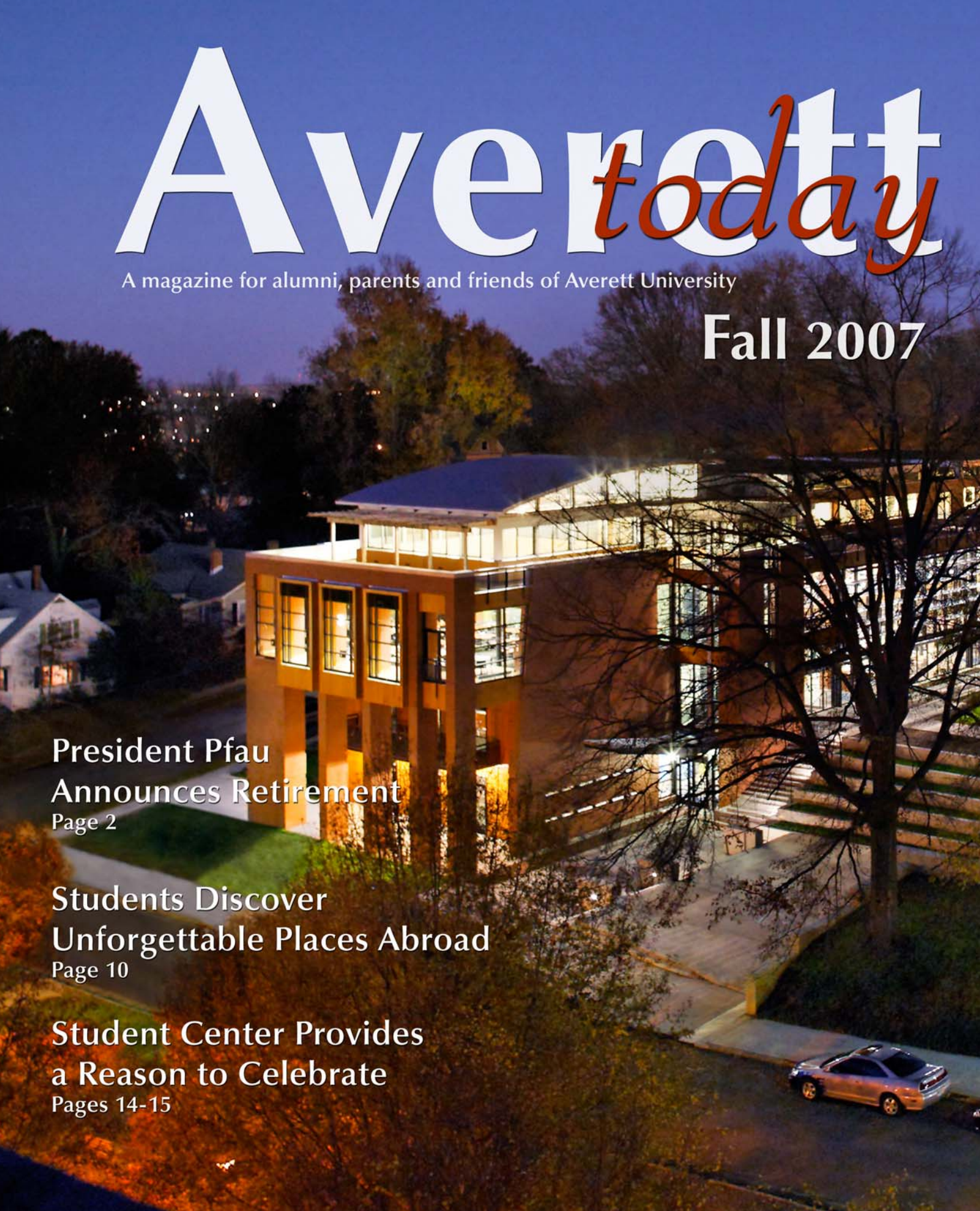
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## *Welcome to Averett today*

Welcome to the first edition of Averett's new magazine for alumni and friends — **Averett today**. For the past few years, we've experimented with different forms of communication from newsletters to online postings. While response to these attempts has been favorable, it has always been qualified with "but we miss the magazine." I'm happy to tell you that the magazine is back. In this issue we attempt to catch you up on some of the things you may have missed in the past year. Future issues will offer even more features and news.

My goal is that **Averett today** will do more than just inform, my hope is that it will inspire you and instill in you a sense of optimism. In a world where the daily headlines remind us of war, crime and other horrors it's easy to get discouraged. For me, working on a college campus is one of the best ways to battle that discouragement. I find great hope for our future in the faces of the Averett students I encounter every day. My greatest wish is that this magazine will introduce some of that hope into your life as you read about the success of our students and alumni.

As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions and news.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Huckstep".

Susan Huckstep, '89

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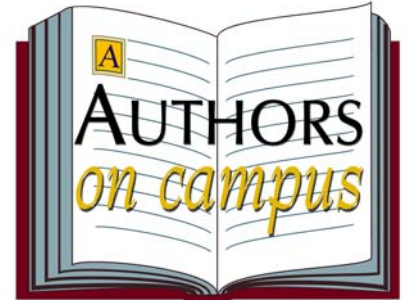
**Cover:** Averett's new student center was awarded the Merit Award for Excellence in Architecture for a New Building by The Society for College and University Planning. Charlottesville-based VMDO designed the building.

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## President Pfau Announces Retirement

Averett University President Richard A. Pfau announced at the October 12 meeting of the University's Board of Trustees his intent to retire. The Board has asked Dr. Pfau to continue as President until a successor is in place. Board Chairman Dr. Franklin W. Maddux will appoint a search committee with the expectation that the 24th Averett President will assume office in the summer of 2008.

"Dr. Pfau has provided Averett with leadership that has resulted in increased traditional enrollment and diversity, new academic programs throughout Virginia, an expansion of the campus and the development and completion of an acclaimed 35,000-square-foot Averett student center," Maddux said.

Pfau, who is 65, became Averett University's president in 2002. During his tenure, the University has continued to provide quality higher education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in accordance with its Christian heritage and commitments to academic freedom and excellence.

"As I reflect on more than five years at Averett, my greatest joy has been the opportunity to know, teach, and advise students, whose lives have been transformed by their experiences at Averett," Pfau said.

Now approaching its 150th year, Averett University is in an exciting and transitional stage in its distinguished history. Dr. Maddux stated, "Since a Board retreat in February 2007, the Trustees, Dr. Pfau, administrative leadership, and the faculty have articulated a plan for transforming Averett. The incoming president will have the unique opportunity to engage the entire Averett family in the commitment to this new vision for the future."

At its meeting on October 12 the Board of Trustees enthusiastically endorsed this ambitious strategic direction to transform Averett and solidify it as an academically substantial, financially stable model of a small university.

*Highlights of President Pfau's tenure and more information on the presidential search will appear in the next issue of Averett Today.*



Dr. Pfau and his wife, Nancy, joined Averett in 2002.



President Pfau and grandson Sebastian at his inauguration.



Dr. Pfau holds a student-decorated shovel before the student center groundbreaking.



Students enjoy spending time with Dr. Pfau. The Pfaus are known for hosting student events in their home.

# CAMPUS LIGHTS

## New Student Enrollment Up Forty-Percent

More than 300 new students arrived on campus this fall, up 40 percent from the start of the 2006 academic year. President Richard Pfau called the increase a "dramatic evidence of the quality Averett offers."

New and returning students are enjoying a variety of new programs and enhancements this year.

## New at Averett

**Freshmen Success Seminar:** Our new six-week program helps freshmen adjust to college life. It includes instruction in study skills, test taking and time management.

**Reading Critically for Success:** Averett is emphasizing the importance of learning to read critically across the curriculum and working to foster a culture of reading on campus.

**Authors on Campus:** As part of the annual Arts@Averett offerings, the university will bring authors to campus each year to discuss their work.

**Web Site:** If you haven't visited [www.averett.edu](http://www.averett.edu) lately, take a new look. The Web site now features alumni success stories, an Averett history timeline, Arts@Averett schedule and much, much more.

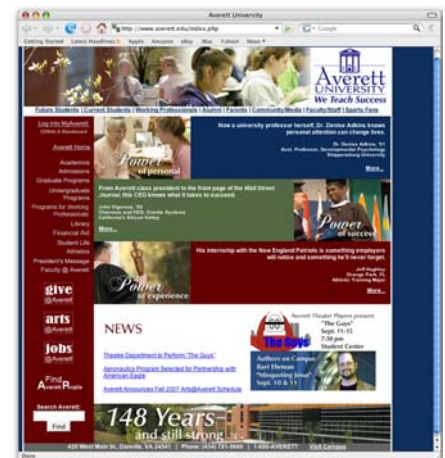
**We're Wired:** Students returned this year to find high-speed Internet access in all residence halls.

## Kudos!!

The 2008 US News and World Report ranks Averett as 32nd (out of 93) in its 2008 list of the best baccalaureate colleges in the South.



Students from 31 states and 15 foreign countries made Averett their university of choice this fall.





# New Web Site Offers Features for Alumni, Parents and Friends

In an effort to better serve constituents and bolster student recruitment, Averett launched a newly designed Web site in August. The site, which can be viewed by visiting [www.averett.edu](http://www.averett.edu), offers easier navigation and exciting new features.

**Averett History Timeline:** Trace the history of Averett from 1854 to today.  
[www.averett.edu/history](http://www.averett.edu/history)

## Alumni:

Search for your classmates in the online community, register for upcoming events and more — **Coming soon: Order new Averett chairs and flags.**  
[www.averett.edu/alumni](http://www.averett.edu/alumni)



**Parents:** Find the information you need to know about graduation and other activities.  
[www.averett.edu/parents](http://www.averett.edu/parents)

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[www.averett.edu/community-media/dining](http://www.averett.edu/community-media/dining)

**Arts@Averett:** See what's coming up next on the Arts@Averett schedule.  
[www.averett.edu/arts](http://www.averett.edu/arts)

**Sports Fans:** Follow the Cougar sports teams as they take on their conference rivals.  
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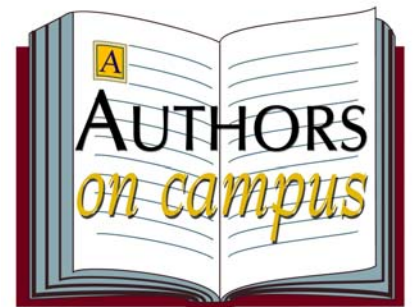
## “What are you reading?”

### New Reading Critically for Success Program Kicks Off this Fall

Averett hopes “What are you reading?” will become a popular question on campus and in the Danville community. The university announced this year a new emphasis on reading and a new program to bring authors to Danville.

The reading emphasis is part of a new five-year quality enhancement plan aimed at improving students' reading comprehension. An important part of our “culture of reading” is the emphasis on critical reading skills across the curriculum.

“Learning to read critically is fundamental to every aspect of education and to success in life.”



A new Authors on Campus Series, which will feature lectures by visiting authors, and a Common Reading Experience for first year students will bring Averett's community of readers together.

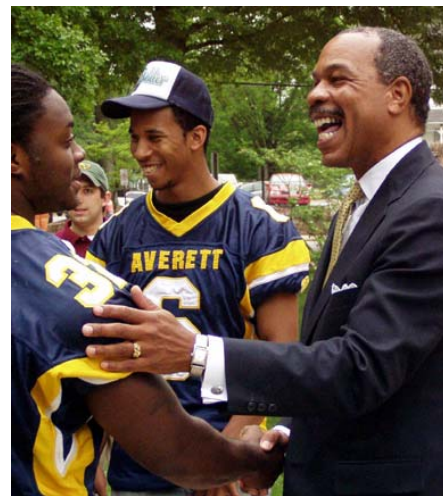
“We’re implementing the opportunity for students to read more in their first year at Averett,” said Dr. Larry Wilburn, associate dean of arts and sciences and registrar. “Learning to read critically is fundamental to every aspect of education and to success in life. We hope students will not only develop better critical thinking skills but also develop a lifelong love of reading.”

## Harris Named VP of Student Services

Averett has named Charles S. Harris as vice president for student services. Harris supervises all areas of student life — residence life, student activities, career services, counseling, food services, maintenance and athletics.

"Our internal focus is on emphasizing civility among our students," Harris said. "Our external focus is on enhancing our curb appeal. Our combined focus is on enhancing the quality of the experience for everyone who comes in contact with Averett and our campus."

Harris joined Averett in 2004 as athletic director. In addition to bringing home championships during his tenure, student-athletes have participated in community service projects, been recognized for academic success and Averett has won two conference sportsmanship awards. Harris also doubled involvement in Averett's athletic booster club and gave area businesses the chance to support athletics through Team Averett.



Charles Harris emphasizes student civility and respect on campus.

## Averett Celebrates Spring Reunion 2007

Alumni who graduated from Averett prior to 1971 returned to Averett April 27-29 for Spring Reunion. Among the highlights was the Class of 1957's 50th Reunion and induction into the Order of the Daisy, Spring Commencement and a special dinner at Danville's Lawson-Overbey Inn.

### Members of the Class of 1957 Members in Attendance:

Alice Kates Adkins  
Pamela Weatherill Barone  
Judith Harper Clemmer  
Joyce Mullikin Gentry  
Joan Pezzullo Gross  
Patricia Gibbs Hobgood  
Pam Tolles Lowell  
Jacqueline Matthews McCants  
Louise Hall McDowell  
Nancy Doggett McLennan  
Clyde Shelton  
Sally Bench Swienckowski



Members of the Class of 1957 make their Daisy debut.

## Retirements

In 2006-2007 Averett said goodbye to two longtime members of the Averett family. Professor of Biology Dr. Edward Fisher retired after 39 years of service and groundskeeper Henry Thomas retired after 43 years with Averett.



Henry Thomas



Edward Fisher





## Equestrian Students Learn from the Best

Equestrian studies students benefited from a workshop with dressage expert and former Olympic Coach Jane Savoie (back row, fifth from left) Sept. 22-23. More than 25 students currently study in Averett's equestrian program under the direction of alumna Ginger Naff Henderson, '91 (back row, third from left).



Aeronautics major Amy Sipala (center) benefited from her internship with NetJets. Aeronautics Professor Tom Vick (left) and Sipala welcomed NetJets Executive Vice President Richard Smith (right) for a campus visit this fall.



Aeronautics students gather to learn about new internship opportunities with Comair. Students also benefit from internships with the National Transportation Safety Board, various airlines, airports and aviation businesses. Pictured (from left to right) are Averett Chief Pilot Travis Williams, '00, Tim Kruger, Santiago Vargas, '07 and Rosemary Byron.

## Aeronautics Lands Partnerships with Comair, American Eagle & NetJets

Averett's aeronautics program has formed partnerships with Comair, American Eagle and NetJets to provide more internship opportunities for students.

Comair, a Delta Connection Carrier, is an all-jet fleet based out of Ohio. American Eagle is based in Dallas/Fort Worth and is the largest U.S. regional airline. NetJets is a fractional aircraft company owned by the Berkshire Hathaway Company. It offers fractional aircraft ownership as an alternative for business executives who do not wish to purchase their own fleet of planes. Alumni Ingrid, '94, and Tim Carter, '94, and former Trustee Joseph Vipperman were instrumental in securing the NetJets partnership.



# Arts@Averett



## Averett Singers Debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City

For the first time in the history of the University, the Averett Singers traveled to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall. Nineteen members of the Singers, along with music department faculty Dr. Gail Allen and Dr. Anne Lewis traveled to New York City April 14-18.

The invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall came about due to Allen's outstanding reputation in the broader musical community. All of the high school and collegiate choirs invited to this event were required to submit audition tapes — Averett was not. The Singers were just one of six choirs and ensembles invited to perform.

Once in New York, the Singers, along with the other choirs, rehearsed four hours a day — they sang Vivaldi's "Gloria" as part of the Vivaldi Choral Festival. When they were not rehearsing, students had the opportunity to tour the city and go to a theatre production.

This trip was made possible in part by a gift from the Carrington Charitable Trust, The Keokee Fund of the Community Foundation and several individual donors.



## Theatre for Young People Series

More than 1,800 school children visited Averett's campus in September to see the Department of Theatre's production of "Nick Tickle Fairytale Detective." The show was part of Averett's annual Theatre for Young People Series. Alumnus and Theatre Professor Jackie Finney, '80, created the series to introduce young people to the joys of live theatre. Some of the children (pictured above) had the opportunity to interact with the characters on stage.

## On Campus in February

**"Remember the Titans"** Coach Herman Boone will give his personal account of how he brought a diverse group of high school students together, in the midst of racial tension, to create a championship football team.

**Feb. 5, 7:30 pm**

**Pritchett Auditorium**

**FREE**



Herman Boone

For the full Arts@Averett schedule visit [www.averett.edu/arts](http://www.averett.edu/arts)

# Cougar Athletics

## 2006-2007 was the most successful year in the history of Averett athletics

**Championships:** The Cougars captured conference championships in football, volleyball, men's basketball and men's tennis. The success of the men's basketball team was featured in *The Washington Post* and on National Public Radio.

**Sportsmanship:** Averett won the USA South Conference Overall Sportsmanship Award. Team sportsmanship honors were given to: men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, softball and men's tennis.

**Service:** Averett athletes volunteer each year in schools, food banks, youth programs and civic organizations. Last year the men's basketball team was presented with the Community Youth Service Award for their service to Danville's Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

### Record Setting:

- Averett's baseball team recorded a school-record 31-12 overall mark. They were the first NCAA Division III team in the nation to reach 30 wins.
- Men's basketball posted a program-best 20-7 record en route to the USA South Conference Tournament Championship and first NCAA Tournament berth since 1990.
- Women's soccer tallied a school-record 10 wins and advanced to the conference semi-finals for the first time.

**Leadership:** Four Averett coaches earned Conference Coach of the Year honors: Jimmy Allen (men's basketball), Danny Miller, '91, '95 (volleyball), Bobby Shields, '83 (men's tennis) and Ed Fulton (baseball).



The Cougars won the USA South Conference Tournament volleyball title earning an NCAA tournament berth.



Averett won a double overtime thriller 108-105 defeating North Carolina Wesleyan to claim the USA South Conference Tournament crown. An all-around success story, the team was also honored for its community service.



# Equestrian Team Finishes Fourth in National Competition

Averett University's Intercollegiate Dressage Team proved it's among the best IDA teams in the nation. Averett placed fourth during the International Dressage Association National Competition held April 27-29 in Hackettstown, N.J.

In addition to an outstanding team performance, graduate Elise Atwood, '07, of O'Fallon, Mo., won second place at the first level on individual day.

"In only our second year of competition at the national level we placed fourth," said Ginger Henderson, assistant professor in the equestrian studies program. "I am very proud of the team and the way they competed this year. They have represented Averett well."

Teams qualify for nationals based on their performance in regional competitions. At nationals, Averett competed against 12 other teams from across the United States.

In addition to Atwood, other members of the IDA Team who competed in nationals were freshman Jessica Martin of Gainesville, sophomore Erin Molthen of Camden, N.C., and sophomore Hillary Rapiere of Suffolk.



Members of the nationally-ranked Averett IDA team are (from left to right) Coach Ginger Naff Henderson, '91, Erin Molthen, Hilliary Rapiere, Jessica Martin and Elise Atwood, '07.

## Williams Named Women's Basketball Coach

Katrina Williams will take the helm this season as Averett's new women's basketball coach. She replaces Kathy Bocock who resigned after 15 years of leading the Cougars. Williams becomes the sixth head coach in the varsity program's 23-year history.

Williams, a native of Roanoke, previously served as an assistant coach at Ferrum College where she helped lead the Panthers to a school-best 21-7 record in 2006-07. She played a major role in the recruiting process that landed 11 freshmen on the Ferrum campus over the last two seasons, including the 2007 USA South Conference Rookie of the Year.

A Roanoke College graduate, Williams was the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year in 2003. She was a three-time All-Conference player in the ODAC, earning first team laurels in 2003 and 2002, and second team honors in 2000.



Katrina Williams

## Alumna to Lead Softball Program

Averett tapped Stefanie Clayton, '06, as the new head softball coach. She replaces Kathy Bocock who resigned after 15 years of leading the Cougars. Last season Clayton served as an assistant coach for Averett and Chatham High School.

Clayton played for the Cougars for four seasons and was a member of the 2004 USA South Conference Champion Cougar softball team. She captained the Cougar team in 2006.

Clayton holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies, with concentrations in English, social studies and education. She is a graduate student at Averett, working towards her master's of education degree.



Stefanie Clayton, '06

[www.averett.edu/athletics](http://www.averett.edu/athletics)

## Students Discover Unforgettable Places Abroad

From blue lagoons to one of the world's largest exporters, Averett students traveled the globe during the 2006-07 academic year.

**Dolphins in Belize:** In what one student described as an "awesome opportunity," Averett students traveled to Belize to study dolphins and their habitats. Biology Professor Laura Douglas Meder, '77, led the trip.

**Wal-Mart in China:** Averett MBA students visited China last year where they toured manufacturing plants, attended lectures at three Chinese universities and even talked with managers at the local Wal-Mart.

**Competing on the Other Side of the World:** In a trip that was part cultural exchange, part competition, the men's basketball team visited China in August. Averett won all three of its games and students spent time off the court visiting the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and other cultural icons.

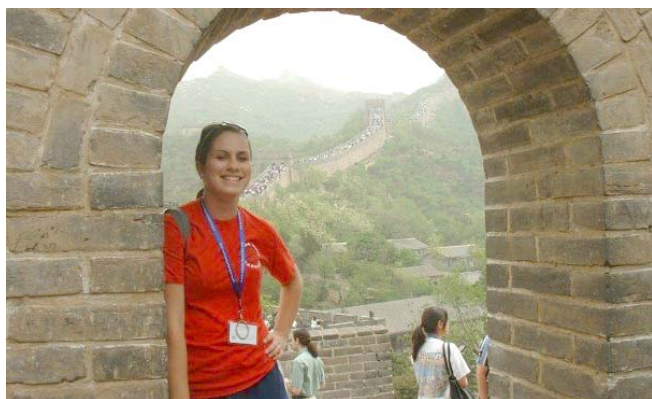
**A New Look at Medicine:** Three Averett biology students were selected to participate in the International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP). The students traveled to China where they observed firsthand the relationship between western and eastern medicine and talked with physicians about the health challenges facing rural China.



Students study dolphins off the shore of Belize.



MBA students benefit from touring manufacturing plants in China.



Student Kayla Craddock takes a break from climbing the Great Wall of China. Craddock was one of three Averett students selected for the International Scholar Laureate Program.



The men's basketball poses for a photo in China. They won all of their games while visiting the country in August.



## Wood, '83, Earns DOVE Award for Songwriting

A wrinkled concert ticket stub and packs of yellow Post it Notes are the tools Tony Wood, '83, uses to write award-winning songs.

Wood, in his tenth year with Brentwood-Benson Publishing, is known for penning gospel music hits for the likes of Point of Grace, FFH and Sandi Patty. This year the Gospel Music Association honored his song "Find Your Wings" (recorded by Mark Harris) with a 2007 DOVE Award for Best Inspirational Song of the Year.

"I'm not a guy who loves the spotlight. It (winning the DOVE Award) was nerve wracking but in an affirming way. I moved to Nashville 20 years ago without knowing anyone. It was the kind of thing you pray your kids will never do. But I'm aware of God's goodness to me. He opened doors for me at just the right time."

The hardworking Wood estimates he writes between 65-100 songs each year with about 1/3 finding their way onto CDs or in church music songbooks.

"There has always been a next song. I always write something and think 'I've never said that before. I've never chased that.' Certainly, there are themes I return to like what a redeemer

Jesus is in people's lives. I always have several ideas brewing. I'd be lost in my life without the Post it Note. I have them all over the place. That's where my songs start."

His songs may start on a small square of paper, but he writes with a

higher purpose — touching hearts for Christ. As a teenager, Wood attended a Bill Gaither Trio concert that made an impression on his life. He still has the ticket stub from his seat in Row J, Seat 9 and uses it as a tangible reminder that he writes for an audience.

"I write for the guy sitting in the 10th row. I want to write the song that comes through the radio speakers and connects with the lady in Miami or the college student in St. Louis. I always visualize connecting people to the message of the song."

Although this was his first DOVE win, Wood's cut list resembles a "Who's Who" of gospel music. Bill Gaither, Steve Green, Mark Schultz, Gary Chapman and Kathy Troccoli are among the artists who've recorded his music. Added to the list are countless church choirs who select his songs for worship.

"There is a piece of my heart in every song I write, but to write a song and to cast it out commercially is really to let it go. Some songs get recorded and you think it is the most horrible treatment you've ever heard. Other times, you're brought to tears because the artist made it everything you ever envisioned it could be and more. I'm really at peace with that. The fact that someone would ever choose one of my songs is an honor."

Wood has come a long way from his home in Chase City and his days at Averett. He credits his college experience, particularly Dr. Gail Allen's music theory class and his literature classes, with giving him a solid musical foundation and a love for the power of words. With the support of his wife Terri Anderson Wood, '85, he built on that foundation to find success in a very competitive business.

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## Campbell, '73, leads Bible Way Church Worldwide



Bishop Lawrence Campbell Sr., '73

When Bishop Lawrence Campbell Sr., '73, looks out on his 1,700 plus member congregation each Sunday he recognizes that their needs are both spiritual and social.

"I always felt that all problems of the congregation are not spiritual, many problems are social in terms of how people have been reared and how they have been so impressed in their early formative years," Campbell said. Unless you have some degree of training in the social sciences you're always going to place the problem on a spiritual level when it's really not a spiritual problem."

To best meet the needs of his congregation, Campbell studied psychology at Averett, earning his degree in 1973.

"I enjoyed it," Campbell said of his time at Averett. "One of the things I liked about Averett was that all of the professors were very prepared. Their credentials impressed me very much. The other thing that impressed me was their concern for the students."

In addition to being a Danville pastor, Campbell also served as a central figure in Danville's Civil Rights Movement. He worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when King came to Danville in 1963.

"I didn't have any idea that Dr. King would become the person that we revere because we were in the fray of the struggle for human rights," Campbell said. "I just knew we were on the right side of justice. I knew that what we were doing was the right thing to do at that point — even though there were many dissenters who fought against us."

Campbell remains active in civil rights, speaking against what he sees as the prevalence of subtle racism in this country.

As for the future, Campbell hopes that Averett will continue to grow and to benefit the region.

"I believe Averett has the potential to become a major reckoning institution in Southside Virginia," Campbell said. "I just hope that I and others will support that vision."

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## Alums Give Gift They Hope Never Gets Used

Every year, up to 450,000 Americans suffer from sudden cardiac arrest — only five percent survive. However, if a victim of sudden cardiac arrest is shocked with an automatic external defibrillator (AED) within three minutes of his/her collapse the chance of survival increases.



Kim, '87, and Joe Sutliff, '85, pictured here with their family, donated lifesaving AEDs.

Thanks to Kim, '87, and Joe Sutliff, '85, the University now has access to AEDs. Kim works for Medtronic, a global leader in medical technology.

To date, thanks to Medtronic, Kim has been able to donate four AEDs to the University.

"It will be able to benefit students, faculty, staff and visitors as age does not always distinguish who is at risk of sudden cardiac arrest. I actually hope that this is a gift that is never needed," Kim said.



# Averett Graduates 317 in Spring Commencement

"We all have a story, but we can't let those stories stop us from achieving our dreams."

Averett's Grant Center was filled with smiling graduates and guests April 28, as the university welcomed 317 graduates into the ranks of Averett alumni. The university awarded 11 associate's degrees, 220 bachelor degrees and 86 master degrees during the ceremony.

Alumna Shelia Hill-Christian, '01, urged graduates to overcome barriers, noting the biggest barriers are the ones that we impose upon ourselves.

"We all have a story," Hill-Christian told the graduates. "But we can't let those stories stop us from achieving our dreams."

She reminded the graduates to hold onto their integrity and to never stop learning.

"Education is essential, and not just formal education. Learn everything you can about the world around you."

## Graduation Speaker Named CAO of Richmond

Richmond Mayor L. Douglas Wilder recently tapped Shelia Hill-Christian, '01, as the city's new chief administrative officer (CAO). Hill-Christian previously served as director of the Virginia Lottery — the position she held when she delivered Averett's April 2007 graduation address.

"Ms. Hill brings a wealth of management experience, both at the local and state levels, to her new position; and I am confident that she will do an outstanding job addressing the needs of our city," Wilder said in a news release.

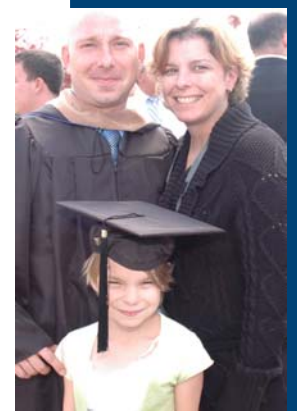
Governor Timothy Kaine congratulated Hill-Christian on her appointment, praising her record of public service. In addition to heading the state's lottery, Hill-Christian has served as executive director of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, chief operating officer for the GRTC Transit System, and assistant city manager, department director and chief of staff of the City of Richmond.

In her new position as chief administrative officer, Hill-Christian will report directly to the mayor and oversee the day-to-day operations of the City of Richmond. She credits her Averett education with helping prepare her for leadership positions.

"I am more strategic in my decision making as a result of my MBA classes," Hill-Christian said. "This degree changed the way I think and how I approach challenges."



Shelia Hill-Christian, '01, reminds Averett graduates not to let anything stand in the way of their success.



# A New Beginning

## Averett celebrates opening of new Student Center

### New Student Center Hailed as Community Resource

Danville Mayor Wayne Williams called the building a symbol of Averett's commitment to its students and to the city. President Pfau called it transformative. For students, it's where they enjoy going to meet their friends.

Averett's new Student Center opened in Fall 2006 and quickly became a place for both the university community and the Danville community to gather. When you walk through the Student Center on a typical day you will find students studying, meeting, playing and learning.

Averett officially dedicated the center April 12, when more than 150 people gathered to tour the facility and thank the project's many donors.



Mayor Wayne Williams praised the new center's contribution to the community.

**Top:** (left to right) Trustee **Niles Daly, Jr.** and his wife, **Carol**, funded the popular student game room.



Trustee **Mary Riddle** and her husband, **Bill**, insured that students can enjoy the benefits of the Gregory Career Services Office.



Members of the Wyatt family funded the Wyatt Terrace in memory of Landon R. Wyatt Sr. Donors include (pictured) **Kathryn** and **Landon Wyatt Jr.** and **Dot Adams** (not pictured) **Catherine Townes** and **Bernice Wyatt**.



**Middle:** (left to right) Trustee **Hampton Wilkins', '73, '87**, support created a unique stage/seating area in the dining hall.

Former Trustee **Richard Barkhouser** and his wife, **Kit** (not pictured), funded the center's computer lab.

The Maddux Promenade was generously provided by **Dr. Franklin Maddux** and **Dr. Dugan Maddux**.

**Bottom:** Averett's new Student Center opened in Fall 2006.





## Dean's Office Named for Mary Jo Davis, '55

Averett recognized Mary Jo Davis's years of service by naming its new Dean of Students Office suite in her honor. Davis was presented with a ceremonial key to the office during a ribbon cutting Dec. 5, 2006. The honor was made possible thanks to a gift from an anonymous donor.

A 1955 graduate of Averett, Davis returned to her alma mater in 1965 as Alumni Director/Admissions Counselor. Davis revitalized the school's alumni program, earning the 1969 American Alumni Council's Citation for Improvement. In 1970 she accepted the position of Dean of Students and led Averett during its transition from a two-year women's college to a four-year co-educational institution.

In front of the crowd of more than 90 people who had gathered to honor Davis, Averett President Dr. Richard Pfau praised Davis for her leadership and noted that her impact will long be felt at Averett.

"The growth of the university and the quality of service to the students is her legacy," Pfau said. "Mary Jo Davis is Averett."

In 1983, Davis left her position as dean to return to Averett's Office of Institutional Advancement where she led successful fundraising and alumni relations' efforts before retiring in 1999 after 34 years of service.

“ Mary Jo Davis  
*IS* Averett.”



Mary Jo Davis, '55, holds the ceremonial key to the dean's office that now bears her name.

## The Story Behind Jut's Café

Jut's Café, located on the first floor of the Student Center, is named after alumnus Garland Wyatt, '42, who along with his wife, Harriet Bertine Wyatt, '42, gave their generous support to the project.

Unable to pronounce "joi" in an Averett French class, Garland was jokingly given the nickname "Jut" by his French teacher. Faculty and students picked up on the name and began calling the good-natured Garland "Jut" — a nickname that sticks today.

The story of Garland and Harriet is a true Averett love story. The two met at Averett in 1942 and have fond memories of walking to Dooley's soda shop for five-cent ice cream cones. After a four-year engagement, which was prolonged due to Garland's service in WWII, they were married March 14, 1946. Before retiring in 1988, they worked together for 42 years in the wholesale food distributing business. They remain longtime leaders and supporters of Averett University.



Garland and Harriet Wyatt, '42, are a true Averett love story.

## Commemorate Your Place in Averett History

Alumni and friends are invited to place an engraved brick in the Student Center walkway. Order your brick online at <http://alumni.verett.edu/bricks06> or call 1-800-AVERETT, ext. 15678 to request an order form and brochure.

# Class Notes

## '30s

**Ruth E. Parker Jones, '32**, of Franklin, attended high school at Averett and graduated in 1932. She later graduated from the University of Richmond.

**Marion G. Williams Watson, '39**, of Dallas, Texas, lost her husband of 55 years in 1998. She has three daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

## '40s

**Martha Ashman Ballou, '43**, of Concord, N.H., is living in a wonderful retirement community — Havenwood-Heritage Heights. She has three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Margaret Nash Long, '43**, of Newport News, and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year.

**Mary Jane Maudlin Ogden, '43**, of Bradenton, Fla., was widowed two years ago, however her five daughters and their families live nearby. Mary Jane would love to hear from her classmates.

**James H. Powell, '43**, of Blanch, N.C., was 86 years young in 2006. He is still working part time as a consultant for Schewel Furniture Co., Inc.

**Nancy Richardson Elliott, '43**, of Richmond, is president of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

**Virginia Hearn Whiting, '43**, of Fredericksburg, had a wonderful drive from the East Coast to the West Coast last summer with her family.

**Geraldine Green Abelow, '44**, of Westport, Conn., has five grandchildren.

**Irene Tebault Frost, '44**, of Land of Promise Farms in Virginia Beach, and Ralph, her husband of 58 years, have three daughters, **Diane Frost Horsley, '68**,

**Beverly Frost Powell, '75**, and Fay Frost Shealy. Irene and Ralph are also the grandparents of Shane and Ryan Horsley.

**Phyllis Ann Gravely Ingram Howard, '45**, of Johns Island, S.C., is an active club member at Seabrook and also a member of Johns Island Presbyterian Church. Phyllis has a son, daughter and four grandchildren.

**Alice Dodson Eastwood, '46**, of Keeling, and her husband, Delly, have been married for 55 years. They are retired, but still enjoy living on the farm. Alice and Delly have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They are both Sunday school teachers.

**Jean L. Woodson Royal, '46**, of Charlotte, N.C., is working with the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Charlotte. Jean and her husband travel quite a bit to see family.

**Nancy Porter Locke, '47**, of Bradenton, Fla., and her husband, Charles, have three daughters. Nancy keeps busy as a reading tutor.

**Ann Keeling Hensley, '48**, of Charlotte, N.C., has eagerly welcomed the birth of her second great-grandchild (a boy!).

**Alethia Morgan Newman Ross, '48**, of Weddington, N.C., has a new granddaughter, Megan, from China. Megan joins big sister Morgan. Alethia and her husband, Al, both had a child graduate from high school last year and have 11 grandchildren.

**Gloria Braun Breisch, '49**, of Queensbury, N.Y., has been widowed two times. She is now helping to care for her daughter who is paralyzed. Gloria still "tries" to play golf!! She has five grandchildren ages 13-22.

**Marilyn Gallo Schutt, '49**, of Niantic, Conn., and her husband will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

## '50s

**Ann Spragins Neubert, '50**, of Pittsfield, Mass., is busy with volunteering and hobbies. After Averett, she attended business school in Philadelphia, took a job in Schenectady, N.Y., where she met the man of her life, married, had children and a wonderful life in Pittsfield. Ann has three grandchildren.

**Mary Ray Dickson Evans, '53**, of Stuart, Fla., and her husband are "snow birds." They go to the mountains in the summer for six months at Montreat, N.C.

**Nancy Jeanne Alward, '54**, of Allendale, N.J., is keeping busy traveling, working with the Friends of the Library and spending time attending her grandchildren's sporting activities, etc. "Never still!!"

**Carole M. Robbins Coleman, '54**, of Coschocton, Ohio, is proud to announce the birth of her eighth great-grandchild, Addison Renee, born October 3, 2006.

**Lois-ann Schack Hug, '54**, of Arnold, Md., and her husband, Dick, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2006. Their children surprised them with a lovely dinner party.

**Jane Bowles Hurt, '54**, of Roanoke, retired in March 2000. She continues to work part time as a counselor at Family Service of Roanoke Valley. Jane has just built a cottage in Amherst County and enjoys traveling. She has two grandchildren. Her 50th reunion at Averett was a real highlight.

**Mildred Bliss Orrell, '54**, of Danville, has been retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 20 years. She has three children and three grandchildren.

**Bette Thomas Rogers, JCS D, '54, BS, '73**, of Danville, traveled to Italy in May 2006 and New York City in November.



**Esther Medero, '55**, of Miami, Fla., takes French and international politics classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

**Joan Boguess Poland, '56**, of Dogue, is the mother of four, the grandmother of four and very active in the DAR. She and her husband, Tom, are restoring an 18th century home. Joan is also involved with the garden club, historical societies and church related activities.

**Linda Williams Kelly, '57**, of Newport Beach, Calif., worked in New York City after graduation. In 1959, Linda met her husband, Jerry, and they were transferred to several cities and then to southern California in 1979 where they have been since. When Linda was not involved in her girls' activities she volunteered for numerous community fundraising activities. She is a member of a philanthropic organization that provides counseling to at-risk children and is also involved in groups supporting The Orange County Performing Arts Center. In her free time she enjoys golf, traveling and visiting her grandchildren who live nearby. While she was at Averett, she was chosen as one of *Glamour Magazine's* "Best Dressed College Girls" and appeared in the Sept. and Oct. 1957 issues. In December 2006, they contacted her for a special 50th anniversary issue. She sends her best to the class of 1957.

**Mary Ann Rice Minton, '57**, of New Bern, N.C., is enjoying retirement. She volunteers at church and with wild animal rehabilitation.

**Paula Cochran Collie, '58, AS, '71, BS**, of Danville, was honored to receive Averett University's 2006 Mary Jo Davis Outstanding Alumni Award. She is also enjoying teaching education classes at Averett and mentoring first year teachers in Pittsylvania County.

**Mary Twining Grubb, '59**, of Suffolk, retired from Tidewater Community College in September 2005 where she worked as a library supervisor for 27 years. Mary enjoys church activities, gardening and reading.

**Nancy Reed Hudgins, '59**, of New Bern, N.C., reports that both her son and daughter-in-law, who both serve in the military, are out of Iraq safely.

**Marilyn Holt Wright, '59**, of Virginia Beach, has seven grandchildren, and her husband is getting ready to "retire."

## '60s

**Jacqueline Brewster Hatcher, '60**, of Colonial Heights, is still working at age 68. She has worked for 21 years for ARWA (a water treatment plant) as an administrative assistant. She has one daughter and two grandchildren.

**Molly Bittner Cooper, '61**, of Bel Air, Md., has been in antique shops in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland selling furniture, artwork, vintage clothing and accessories. Molly bought a villa in Lewes, Del., for the family to enjoy the beaches and tax-free shopping.

**Mary Dillehay Hale, '61**, of Richmond, retired from the Henrico County School System.

**Martha "Marty" Lynde Sheperd, '61**, of Enosburg Falls, Vt., is happily retired after a career teaching music and running a photography studio. She and her husband travel all over the south in their camper during the winter.

**Ellen Rounds Jeter, '62**, of Charlotte, N.C., is keeping busy being "Grams" to her two grandsons and granddaughter.

**Jean Statzer Marlowe, '62**, of Sutherlin, teaches 5th grade at Westover Christian Academy. Jean has six grandchildren and her son-in-law just returned from Iraq.

**Janice Abernathy Schalow, '62**, of Midlothian, and her husband, Alvin, celebrated their 45th anniversary in 2006. They have three children and three wonderful grandchildren.

**Gary Vaden Carter, '63**, of Powhatan, retired after teaching for 25 years in Chesterfield County. He has two granddaughters.

**Deanna Marechal, '63**, of Richmond, retired from the field of social work after 30+ years. Deanna is teaching in Henrico County. She still keeps in touch with **Marilyn Lebold Shomer '63**, and is wondering where everyone else is these days.

**Joan Abercrombie Lyon, '64**, of Newport Beach, Calif., keeps busy with her three granddaughters, ages 2, 5 and 7.

**Betsy Manson, '66**, of Richmond, is retiring after 39 years of teaching. Betsy teaches knitting and is looking forward to the new adventure of retirement. She would love to hear from old Averett friends — "Please e-mail me!" [BetsyKnit@aol.com](mailto:BetsyKnit@aol.com)

**Fay Hoskins Satterfield, '66**, of South Boston, is a counselor at Halifax Elementary School.

**Linda Harrell Coffman, '67**, of Newport News, and her husband, Kohl, (whom she met at Averett in 1966), now have a married son and daughter, two grandsons and one granddaughter. Linda joined the Poetry Society of Virginia and published her first children's book, "Grandma's Heavenly Apple Pie."

**Nadine Morris Frey, '67**, of Virginia Beach, has a grandson in the U.S. Army.

**Sheila O'Neill Williamson, '67**, of Cape May, N.J., has four kids and seven grandchildren.

**Linda Kellison Adams, '68**, of Hot Springs, is active in her church and volunteers for disaster relief through the Southern Baptist Association.

**Lynn Thompson Broadway, '68**, of Charlotte, N.C., has been married 37 years and has two sons and four grandchildren.

**Peggy Gilley Pruden, '68**, of Richmond, retired after 31 years from Virginia Commonwealth University's Financial Aid Department in 2001. Peggy has three children. Her husband is principal at Douglas Freeman High School.

**Linda J. Reynolds, '68**, of Richmond, has been a pharmacist since 1972. She has volunteered as docent at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and as a Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judge since 1989.

**Michelle Scott, '68**, of Richmond, works for William Mullen and sings with the Greater Richmond Chorus Sweet

Adelines (2005 Region 14 Champions). The Chorus traveled to Las Vegas in 2006 for competition. Michelle also visited Greece last year.

**Katherine Flannagan Sheehan, '69**, of Montgomery, Ala., is back in the classroom after retiring 30 years ago and raising two boys. Katherine is a 6th grade English teacher at the Montgomery Academy. "It is wonderful!"

## '70s

**Brenda Sledd Arthur, '70**, of Blairs, is self-employed as a real estate paralegal. Brenda has competed in the State Senior Games in swimming since 2000. She qualified and competed in the National Senior Games in Virginia Beach finishing in 5th and 6th place in breaststroke and freestyle.

**Becky Burruss Satterfield, AS, '70, BS, '72**, of Richmond, has two children in college. She is on the board of the Science Museum of Virginia.

**Wallace Wade, '71**, of Jerusalem, Israel, is a professor with the psychology department at Touro College in Jerusalem as well as a clinical psychologist in a private practice.

**Lynn Ulkloss Brinser, '72**, of Haddonfield, N.J., is teaching at a nature center. Lynn also does pet therapy in schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

**Sally Davis Clements, '72**, of Gretna, is in her 35th year of teaching English at Gretna High School. "I am pleased to state that my youngest daughter **Whitney Clements, '07**, has followed in the footsteps of both my youngest sister, **Elizabeth Davis Brown, '80**, and me. Whitney was a psychology major with an English minor, and indeed, she learned a great deal during her time at Averett."

**Allison H. Gordon, '72**, of South Boston, retired from the Halifax County School System. She is keeping busy as a travel agent and substitute teacher.

**Ann Henderson Kramer, '72**, of Richmond, is an empty nester. All three of her children are doing well. Ann is involved with volunteer work, aging parents and selling a line of ladies apparel out of her home. She and her husband, Steve, are restoring a home in the Tidewater area where they plan to retire.

**Sara "Sally" McClelland Livingston, '72**, of Fruitland, Md., retired in 2000. Her husband owns IDEAS, a computer engineering business. They have two children.

**Linda Hawks Walker, '72**, of Victoria, retired in 2005 after 30 years of teaching science at middle and high school levels. She is working as a career coach for Southside Virginia Community College and is active at Victoria Baptist Church.

**Karen Read Carson, '73**, of Ashland, is a "first-time" grandmother, who never thought she would love it like she does! ("And no, I don't carry around pictures of her! HA!!")

## Power of an Averett Education

### Nelson is Author and Consultant to Fortune 50 and 500 Companies

Dr. Audrey Nelson, '69, is an internationally recognized consultant and seminar leader. She specializes in male-female communication, interpersonal skills, sexual harassment-discrimination, cultural diversity and conflict management. Her book "You Don't Say, Navigating Nonverbal Communication Between the Sexes" has been printed in five languages.

Nelson's professional background includes 10 years as a university professor in communication and 25 years as a consultant and trainer for a wide variety of government and Fortune 50 and 500 companies. Among them are Price Waterhouse, Lucent, AT&T, Honeywell, Hewlett-Packard and IBM. She also serves as an expert witness in discrimination and harassment cases.

"My real passion is women in the workplace issues," Nelson said. "I was hired by one of the country's top four accounting firms to help them with retention of women. It's very exciting to initiate cultural change that helps to advance women." Nelson notes she also worked with Lucent Technologies for two years to enhance women's status in the workplace.

Nelson attended Averett when it was an all-women's school and *credits the institution for fueling her interest in women's issues.*

To learn more about Averett alumna Audrey Nelson visit [www.audreynelson.com](http://www.audreynelson.com).



Dr. Audrey Nelson, '69



**Barbara Frizzell, '73**, of Keeling, was named 2006 Division Teacher of the Year for Halifax County.

**Hylah Horton Lohr, '73**, of Princeton, W.Va., is a master gardener. She heads the project to create a period garden from the mid-1850s to be planted at the oldest home in Princeton.

**Barbara J. Huff Ritenour, '73**, of Winchester, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter **Laura Ritenour Robinson, '06**, to Matthew Robinson in April 2006.

**Hilda Canody Stevens, '73**, of Amherst, is a reading first coach at Madison Heights Elementary School. She has been in the education field for 34 years. She also started a small business partnership as an educational consultant.

**Carnelia Barber Easley, '74**, of Danville, was elected 2006 Woman of the Year for the VA-Piedmont American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Carnelia has taught in the Pittsylvania County School System for 31 years. She also teaches Sunday school.

**Janice Marko Lee, '74**, of Belvidere, N.J., has been promoted to account manager for Allan Industries in Rockaway. Janice and her husband, Dennis, have been married for 28 years. They have three children.

**Ann-Ella Pell, '74**, of Chesterfield, has two wonderful sons and has had the same fantastic spouse, Richard Jordan, for 28 years.

**Martha Allgood Walker, '74**, of Ringgold, received a Ph.D. from Old Dominion University in December 2006.

**Bonnie Brim Williams, '74**, of Danville, has a grandchild, Sarah, who celebrated her second birthday earlier this year. She says, "I love being a granny!" Bonnie's daughter, Jennifer Perkins, '02, is an art teacher.

**Elisabeth Bradner Crocker, '75**, of Richmond, is grateful for retirement, but still seems to be busy all the time!

**Joyce Hawkins Clawson Mills, '75**, of Longwood, Fla., has earned a M.Ed. in education and a MA and Ph.D. in psychology since graduating from Averett. Joyce is a retired professor. She has a son and two granddaughters.

**Rachel Muse Roberts, '75**, of Leesburg, along with her husband, Bruce, are the parents of three daughters and one son.

**Cynthia Curling (Vaughan) Cole, '76**, of Greensboro, N.C., has welcomed two new grandbabies in the last three years.

**George Eubank, '76**, of Jacksonville, Fla., and his wife, Karen, have a new grandson, Riley, who was born in 2006.

**Terry Wilmarth, '76**, of Danville, retired from Miller Brewing Company.

**Vincent R. Cafazza, '77**, of Pleasant Valley, W.Va., is the proud grandfather to Joshua, born in 2005.

**Patricia C. Boyd, '77**, of Richmond, retired after 27 years at DuPont Co. as a financial accountant.

**Amy Johnson Wilmarth, '77**, of Danville, retired from the Danville Public School System in June 2007 after teaching elementary school for 30 years.

## *Power* of an Averett Education

### Franklin Named Art Educator of the Year, 2007

As an educator for 27 years, Patricia "Pat" Hall Franklin, '71, '73, doesn't always have time for her own artwork. Instead, her days are full overseeing other art teachers. Franklin's hard work and dedication recently earned her the National Art Education Association (NAEA) 2007 Southeastern Region Supervision/Administration Education Art Educator of the Year Award. The award recognizes the contributions, service and achievements of outstanding NAEA members. She has also received three awards from the Virginia Art Education Association (VAEA).

*"My studies at Averett gave me a firm foundation in visual art,"* said Franklin, who received an associate and bachelor's degree from Averett.

Franklin is the supervisor of art education K-12 for Newport News Public Schools. She works with art teachers at nearly 50 schools and supervises the art programs for grades K-12.

She recently displayed her artwork in the Faulk Gallery, Ferguson Center for the Arts at Christopher Newport University.



Pat Franklin, '71, '73

**Mary Giles Rowland, '78**, of Gretna, is a great-grandmother to Kristen Nicole Worsham.

**Faye Pritchett Taylor, '78**, of Charlottesville, has been the owner of a Charlottesville insurance agency for 25 years.

**Gloria Wilkerson Gosling, '79**, of Reidsville, N.C., has been working with Belk since graduating. It will be 27 years in June! Gloria is the area loss prevention manager for the Lynchburg Region.

**Tallulah "Tudy" Hughey Newsom, '79**, of Sumter, S.C., was named EO Officer for South Carolina's WIA programs and activities. Tudy is Grants Manager for the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

## '80s

**Robert D. Adams, '80**, of Apex, N.C., has been elected to the National Board of Directors for the Medical Dosimetry Certification Board. He has also been elected as chairman of the Editorial Review Board of the national professional journal — *"Radiation Therapist: The Journal of the Oncology Sciences."* Robert was appointed clinical assistant professor in the University of North Carolina's Department of Radiation Oncology in Chapel Hill. He received an Outstanding Professional Service Alumnus Award from the Department of Education's graduate school at North Carolina State University.

He has helped develop and implement the only international, online Medical Dosimetry Educational Program working collaboratively with a group of researchers at Stanford University.

**Sharron Jennings Gunter, '80**, of Altavista, completed a master's degree in educational leadership at Lynchburg College and was named assistant principal at Sandusky Middle School in Lynchburg in 2006. This change comes after 15 years as a special education teacher in North Carolina and Virginia. Her husband, **Carlton, '80**, has served as pastor of Penuel Baptist Church in Altavista, for almost six years.

**Sharon F. Lanier Jones, '80, '82**, of Blairs celebrated 24 years of service as Public Housing Director in February 2007.

**Janet Eggleston Smith, '80**, of Asheboro, N.C., completed 18 years as associate pastor of preschool/children's ministry at First Baptist Church-Asheboro. She and her husband, Michael, have two children.

**Elizabeth Stone Hoyle, '81**, of Bassett, has been happily married for 18 years. She and her husband have two children. They also have a beagle named Bugle and a turtle named Speedy. Elizabeth has been teaching for 25 years and is currently teaching kindergarten. She is very active in her church and enjoys camping, biking, swimming and playing with her children.

**Wanda Bostick Jeffress, '81, '92**, of South Boston, is pleased to share that her daughter, Zena, has been named a Park Scholar for North Carolina State University, which is the highest scholarship offered at the university.

**Harvey L. "Bart" Purdy, '81**, of Alexandria, is in his second year of a doctor of ministry program with the Theological School at Drew University.

**James Wimbush, '81**, of Indianapolis, Ind., is dean of the University Graduate School at Indiana University. He holds a master's degree and doctorate from Virginia Tech.

**Steve Willis, '81**, of Greensboro, N.C., completed a month as Scholar in Residence at New York University, where he completed research on a new play based on the life of actress Diana Sands.

**Neda Workman Haymore, '82, '85**, of Danville, is an adjunct instructor in the education department at Averett University.

**Shahid Butt, '83**, of Kansas City, Mo., attended graduate school at Wake Forest, and has worked in New York, North Carolina and Missouri.

**Joel Butts, '83**, of Nashville, Tenn., is senior technical writer and marketing communications specialist for Schneider Electric/Square D Lighting Control business. He and his wife, Linda, have been married for 13 years and have two children.

**Hugh Parrish, '83**, of Danville, and his son, Mike, traveled in 2006 to tend to the medical and spiritual needs of the people in Uganda.

**John LaPrade, '84**, of Charlottesville, graduated April 2007 from Florida State University with a master of science degree in risk management. John was recently promoted to the position of estimatics section manager for State Farm Insurance Companies in the Mid-Atlantic Zone. John's wife, **Sarah Durham LaPrade, '84**, is a second grade teacher for Albemarle County Schools. They have two children.

**Col. David R. Kenerley, '78**, of O'Fallon, Ill., is the Combined Forces Air Component Commanders' representative to Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan. As the senior US Air Force officer at the headquarters, David advises on the best integration and employment of air and space power capability into Afghanistan. He represents the US Air Force as Operation Enduring Freedom transitions from US-led operations to International Security Assistance Force control. He also represents the US Air Force to the government of Afghanistan on all civil aviation matters, in coordination with the US Embassy and Airspace Control Authority.



**Col. David R. Kenerley, '78**, of O'Fallon, Ill.



**Craig L. Minor, '83**, of Beavercreek, Ohio, was deployed at the US Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. He is the assistant director of operations and air operations officer coordinating the air movement of top Iraqi officials. Craig reentered the military reserves after an 11-year separation in July 2006. During his prior military service he was a B-52 pilot and NT-39 research pilot. He was to have started law school this fall, but his deployment will require him to wait another year. His home base is Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio.



**Craig L. Minor, '83**, of Beavercreek, Ohio

**Robert L. Christian, '85**, of Fredericksburg, has been promoted to unit chief of the tactical safety and survival unit for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Bob and his wife, **Teresa Beard Christian, '88**, have two children.

**Kimberly Throckmorton Jansen, '85**, of Tampa, Fla., has constructed a new home and moved in January 2006. Kimberly invites everyone to visit her successful business' Web site at [www.jewelsbyjezi.com](http://www.jewelsbyjezi.com). She has two daughters.



**Leslie Davis Conway, '87**, and **Lillian Spencer Steele, '41**

**Leslie Davis Conway, '87**, of Greensboro, N.C., is director of marketing and public relations at Well-Spring Retirement Community in Greensboro.

**Bernadette Nolan, '85**, of Mineral, is a school counselor at North River Middle School, Spotsylvania County.

**Theresa "Terry" Martin Stone, '85**, of Manassas, was promoted to community account manager from the Northeast Territory for NuFACTOR, a specialty pharmacy serving the hemophilia and immune deficiency communities.

**Reginald S. Daniels, '86**, of Camp Pendleton, Calif., completed his master of divinity degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology and a master in Christian education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He is a Navy Chaplain in AlAsad, Iraq, with the United States Marine Corps, Regimental Command Team Seven. He received the Iraq Combat Campaign Medal.

**Renee D. Jiggetts-Tucker, '86**, of Danville has two grandsons and one granddaughter.

**David J. Jones, '86**, of Boones Mill, is enjoying starting a new Southern Baptist Church — Cross Point Community Church in Franklin County.

**Anthony Kalezis, '86**, of Winchester, Ohio, is working for ABX Air in the logistics department.

**Stoneman Hodnett, '87**, of Danville, enjoys attending Averett football games. Stoneman's son, Christopher, is a junior at Averett and is an assistant coach with the football team.

**Eileen Kelly Larkin, '87**, of San Antonio, Texas, and her husband, Jeff, have three sons. Both Jeff and Eileen work for USAA, a financial services company.

**John Snipes, '87**, of Harrisonburg, is the senior pastor of Antioch United Church of Christ. He now has four grandchildren.

**Denise Linton, '88**, of Troutman, N.C., holds a master's degree in sociology with a concentration in criminology. She works for Barium Springs Home for Children in Statesville, N.C., as a program consultant for Adolescent Day Treatment Programs. She is also working on her Ph.D. in human services. She has one son.

**Lance W. Orndorff, '89**, of Greensboro, N.C., is in the process of a major career move. Lance has a son, Francisco, who is a private in the Army and has just been transferred to Velsik, Germany.



**John Dell, '87**  
**Danny Brown, '88**  
**Richard Smiley, '91**

**John Dell, '87**, of Winston-Salem, N.C., was named Sportswriter of the Year in North Carolina by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. John also recently ran in the Richmond Marathon with **Danny "Shoes" Brown, '88**, **Richard Smiley, '91**, and **Brian Campbell, '90**. John is a sportswriter for the *Winston-Salem Journal*. John and his wife, **Laura Gerardi Dell, '87**, have two children.

# '90s

**E. Ayn Welleford, '90**, of Richmond, was appointed interim chair of the Department of Gerontology at Virginia Commonwealth University. She was also promoted to associate professor and is the associate director of the Virginia Geriatric Education Center where she directs the Kids Into Health Careers Initiative and the Geriatric Faculty Scholars Program.

**Pamela Smith, '91**, of Richmond, joined WESCO Distribution as financial services analyst in the Eastern Utility Division. Based in Richmond, she manages credit for six branches in the region from Philadelphia to Atlanta. She has also begun CAP classes for certification with the NACM (National Association of Credit Management).

**Jim Washington, '91**, of Norfolk, is a staff writer for *The Virginian-Pilot*.

**Anthony Baiardo, '92**, and **Melanie Thibodeaux Baiardo, '95**, of Manassas, moved back east from Phoenix in 2005 with their daughter, Ruthanne. Tony is still at Mesa Airlines, and Melanie has received her CPC (certified public coder) license.

**Suzanne Dalton Davis, '92**, of Danville, was named 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year for Twin Springs Elementary School.

**Tina DeLaFé, '92**, of Wilton Manors, Fla., is a teacher/program manager at Sylvan Learning Center. Tina is also a freelance reporter for the *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* and teacher selector for the Miami New Teacher Project.

**Elsabe Johnson Dixon, '92**, of Alexandria, is participating in a Washington D.C. area show at the Arlington Art Center called "Equinox" — Web site [www.readingsilk.com](http://www.readingsilk.com).

**Will Harris, '92**, of Chesapeake, has finally found one of those dream jobs that no one ever expects to get...and it's in his field, no less! Will is now associate editor of the men's Web magazine *Bullz-Eye.com*. His duties include listening to CDs, watching DVDs, reading books,

going to movies and concerts, interviewing people of varying degrees of celebrity, surfing the 'net, and writing about all of it...AND he gets to work from home. He'd like to think that he wouldn't have gotten his gig without his Averett education.

**Brian Scott, '92**, of Naples Fla., is moving to Connecticut to take a position in Westport at Staples High School.

**John Warren, '92**, of Suffolk, writes a community action column for *The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper. He and his wife, Heidi, have three daughters and a son.

**Angela Keatts Duvall, '93, '04**, of Danville, has been teaching elementary school in Danville for 11 years.

**Lynn Wetjen Eitelman, '93**, of Charles Town, W.Va., recently moved after spending two years in Oahu, Hawaii.

**Gerald C. Adcock, '94**, of Danville, is retired.

**Angela Shelton Chow, '94**, of Louisville, Ky., was married in 2004, to Damian Chow. They met at their church, where Damian is worship leader and youth minister. Angela enjoys owning her own dental office.

**Trishia L. Peerman, '94**, of Easton, Md., had a lung transplant at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Dec. 7, 2005. She needed a transplant due to a rare disease that suddenly hit her in her early 30's.

**Mohan Narasimhan, '95**, of Boston, Mass., recently moved from Scarborough, Toronto, Canada. He is head management consultant for Cambridge Technology Enterprise. He helps the company make strategic mergers and alliances with companies across the globe. He continues his Taijiquan training. He was chosen by his Kung Fu master to be one of his three disciples.

**Kathleen Smith, '95**, of Norfolk, is a cataloging assistant at Perry Library, Old Dominion University. In her spare time, she enjoys making magnets and creating bead necklaces.

**Bobby Lee Sullivan, '95**, of Danville, is retired and enjoying his grandkids and new beach house.

**Timothy Swainhart, '95**, of Windcrest, Texas, is happily retired from the USDA and the U.S. Army and living in a new home in a San Antonio suburb. Timothy and his wife of 54 years play golf often.

**Robin Walker Brooks, '96**, of Chatham, teaches middle school in Pittsylvania County. She is pursuing her M.Ed. at Averett. She and her husband, Tim, have two children.

**Stephanie Elliott Bryant, '96**, of Apex, N.C., has two children.

**Angela Babcock Bell, '97**, of Vinton, graduated with her master's in psychology/counseling from Radford University in 1999 and is certified as a licensed counselor (LPC). Angela married Steve Bell in March 2004.

**Amy VanOsten Cummings, '97**, of Boones Mill, received the degree of education specialist in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia in January 2007. She is a library media specialist for Roanoke County Schools.

**Cynthia Marshall McNeill, '97**, of Ruffin, N.C., teaches first grade at North Elementary School in Caswell County. She and her husband are the proud parents of a daughter.

**Jeremy Ponn, '97**, of Bealton, has finished his book, "The Light and Dark Side of Poetry. Relationships." It can be viewed at [www.lulu.com/content/309991](http://www.lulu.com/content/309991). Jeremy is a teacher in Prince William County in Northern Virginia.

**Leah Smith, '97**, of Danville, received a certificate in gerontology from Ohio State University in December 2005. She is a services coordinator with the elderly and disabled in public housing.

**Wendy S. Bryant-Motley, '98**, of Holly Springs, N.C., was married last June to Ken Motley. She teaches elementary art (K-5).



**Kelly Cross, '98**, of Providence Ridge, N.C., is an investigator with the Criminal Investigations Unit of the James City County Police Department. She is assigned to the Property Crimes Division. On May 29, 2007, she was presented with an award for Excellent Work Performance. She solved a series of vehicle break-ins, arrested three subjects and obtained 41 warrants in relation to the cases.

**Christopher "Chris" Davis, '98**, of Norfolk, graduated from Old Dominion University in 2003 with a master of science degree in computer science. He was admitted into the new Ph.D. program at ODU in the summer of 2006.

**Shirley A. Mandel, '98**, of South Boston, is living on a farm and helping her elderly parents manage the land.

**Amy Clark Setliff, '98**, of Louisville, Ky., and her family are finally settled in Louisville, Ky., after moving every year since they were married in '98. She and her husband, Chad, have two kids.

**Beth Tetterton, '98**, of Petersburg, teaches third grade at Southside Elementary in Dinwiddie County.

## '00s

**James McGhee, '00**, of Ashland, is director of student activities and Greek life at Randolph-Macon College. James says that he misses a lot of things about Averett, but particularly Clara Fountain and Dr. Jay Hayes... "You see folks, that's neither here...nor there."

**David R. Miller, '00**, of Aylett, is the television and media services manager for Henrico County.

**Robert J.A.C. Muto, Jr., '00**, of Lodi, N.J., is a financial analyst for Citicorp.

**Stacy Parrish, '00**, of Richmond, is working in human resources for a government contracting company.

**Edward Hendel, '01**, of Adelphia, Md., graduated from George Washington University with a master of arts in special education for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities.

**Ashley Laws Fletcher, '02**, of Hurdle Mills, N.C., is a fire inspector with the Duke University Fire Safety Office.

**Namrata Karki, BS, '02, MBA, '05**, of Mars, Penn., is an underwriter assistant for USG Insurance Services, Inc.

**Ebony Lynch, '02**, of Cardinal, graduated from Longwood University in 2004 with her M.S. in community and college counseling. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in educational psychology.

**Joe Barney, '03**, of Asheboro, N.C., is in the North Carolina National Guard training to fly C-130's. He and **Erica Platt Barney, '02**, are proud parents to June Laurel.

**Jennifer R. Parks Beale, '03**, of Franklin, recently got married. She is a human resource manager for The Children's Center, a child development center.

**Audrey Mallicott Clark, '03**, and **Kevin L. Clark '02**, of Newport News, were married in December 2002. Kevin is the manager for the Rent-A-Center in Hampton and Audrey is a dispatch ambassador for Busch Gardens Security Department. Audrey performed at the MGM in Las Vegas in July 2006 at the USA World Talent Showcase.

## Power of an Averett Education

### Sometimes Getting an Education is the Best Example You Can Set

When his daughter was a sophomore in high school, Master Gunnery Sergeant Dennis Wolterding, '03, talked to her about what she was going to do once she graduated. College was not in her plans. When Wolterding asked why, his daughter reminded him that he didn't go to college. Wolterding knew what he had to do.

Wolterding went back to school, graduating from Averett in 2003 with a business administration degree. He's now in Averett's MBA program with plans to graduate in Dec. 2007.

After earning his degree, Wolterding received a promotion to the highest enlisted rank that he could obtain in the U.S. military — master gunnery sergeant. His daughter, inspired by her father's success, also earned her bachelor's degree and is beginning graduate study.

"In all honesty, I feel that *my degree has made me a better human being*," Wolterding said of his Averett education. "Therefore if I can help my fellow man with the aid of what I have learned, then I am, and will be, very content with my degree."



Master Gunnery Sergeant  
Dennis Wolterding, '03

**Elisabeth "Beth" Miller LaMee, '03**, of Fort Worth, Texas, and her husband, Bobby, are students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary working on their degrees in church music. Beth graduated with a master of music in church music in May.

**Alison Driskill Pettit, '03**, of Lynchburg, was a contestant on an episode of *Wheel of Fortune* that aired in January 2007.

**Graham C. Schmidt, BS, '03, MBA, '05**, of Palm Coast, Fla., is a salesman for Builders First Source.

**Arthur Merrill Wright, Jr., '03**, of Warsaw, received a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in May 2006.

**Randy Brinkley, '04**, of Daleville, received his master's of arts and teaching degree from Mary Baldwin College in 2006. He graduated with honors and was admitted into Kappa Delta Pi honor society. He teaches technology education and English at Central Academy Middle School in Fincastle.

**Ashley Brooks, '04**, of Spencer, appeared in a music video for Grammy-nominated Corrine Bailey Rae in January 2007.

**Lore DeAstra, '04**, of Richmond, started a business in 2004 and credits her MBA from Averett as being instrumental in her success.

**Sheila Irby, '04**, of Halifax, teaches third grade at Sinai Elementary School.

**Rebekah Carter Flora, '04**, of Martinsville, teaches fifth grade reading, language arts and social studies at Axton Elementary School in Henry County.

**Christine Y. Cheeseman Harris, '04**, of Burlington, N.C., teaches in the Alamance-Burlington School System.

**Brandi Richardson, '04**, of Henderson, N.C., attends law school at North Carolina Central University.

**Sandy Ross, '04**, of Forest, is a copy editor/page designer at the *Johnson City Press* in Johnson City, Tenn.

**Richard D. Scott, '04**, of Stafford, is in the Marine Corps.

**Kelly M. Shacochis, '04**, of Danville, is an inclusion specialist for Danville Public Schools.

**Tresa Blackwell, '05**, of Newport News, is a budget analyst with the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic.

**Christopher N. Clarke, '05**, of Clarksville, is a marketing education teacher at Park View High School. He was the Virginia Department of Education's Region 8 winner of the Creating Excellence in Career & Technical Education Award.

**Jennifer Halsey, '05**, of Bunnell, is a first grade teacher at Bunnell Elementary School.

**Courtney Kesler, '05**, of Blacksburg, is working towards a doctorate of osteopathic medicine from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. She and **Frank Rocovich, '06**, got married August 19, 2006. Frank will be attending graduate school.

**Ernestine Richardson Payne, '05**, of Danville, is a Section 8 Specialist with the Danville Housing Authority. She is also a member of the Danville Community Development Corporation Board.

**Christina Helber Smith, '05**, of Midlothian, is a project analyst with the

## Power of an Averett Education

### Averett Graduate Commended by Symphony Director

John Hunter, '06, wasn't a singer when he came to Averett, but it didn't take long for that to change. Hunter, who started out as a theatre major, ended up majoring in music and now sings with the New York Youth Symphony.

In a recent letter to music professor Dr. Tim Montgomery, Evan Wels, director of the symphony, said of Hunter, "***John Hunter has been an enormous contribution to our program.***" Thank you for preparing him for our ensemble!"

In addition to singing with the New York Youth Symphony, Hunter works with the music program at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church and accompanies the youth choir. He started classes at Mansfield University this fall and is studying for a master's degree in choral conducting. "I want to make changes in the approach to music," Hunter said. "I feel that a lot of the substance of music is overlooked and singing has become meaningless in churches of today, so I would like to inspire the minds of people to sing with understanding."



John Hunter, '06



City of Richmond — Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

**Kathleen Talbert, '05**, of Charlotte, N.C., is the head coach for the Queens University women's soccer team.

**Heidi Brigham, '06**, of Quaker Hill, Conn., is pursuing a master's degree in athletic training education at Old Dominion. She has an assistantship as a trainer at Virginia Wesleyan College.

## Weddings

**Jackie Cobb, '87**,  
and Charles Thompson,  
July 15, 2006

**Stephanie Kent, '87**,  
and Patrick Sigman,  
October 14, 2006

**Mark Haley, '93**,  
and Andrea Witt,  
December 3, 2005

**Angela G. Reese Shelton, '94**,  
and Damian Chow,  
August 27, 2004

**Leah L. Smith, '97**,  
and Timothy D. Pierce,  
April 29, 2006

**Amy Gibson, '99**,  
and Joseph P. Engel,  
May 13, 2006

**Whitney Echols, '01**,  
and Robert J. Berongi III,  
April 1, 2006

**Kelli Helms, '01**,  
and Jon Mayhorn,  
November 18, 2006

**Kimberley Ellis Allen, '02**,  
and **James "J.R." Allen, '02**,  
March 4, 2006

**Beth Hamilton, '02**,  
and **Brantley Shields, BS, '02, M.Ed., '04**,  
July 15, 2006

**Andrew L. Gardner, '06**, has been accepted into the PGA Professional Golf Management program. The Danville native currently holds the title of PGA Apprentice after having passed the Player's Ability Test. Gardner is a member of the professional staff at MetroWest Golf Club in Orlando, Fla. In addition to his duties, Andrew also provides golf instruction at the Robert Trent Jones, Sr. resort course. During his years at Averett, he played Cougar golf under Coach Jim Gourlay. He has a B.S. degree in physical education, a minor in coaching and with a concentration on golf management—he was also named to the Dean's List. Prior to moving to Orlando, Andrew was employed by The Danville Golf Club.



Andrew L. Gardner, '06

**Samuel Whitfield Hodges, '03**,  
and Ashley Rae Jones,  
May 6, 2006

**Elisabeth "Beth" Miller, '03**,  
and Bobby LaMee,  
December 30, 2006

**Kristen "Kristi" Brockwell Carter, '04**,  
and William "Billy" Carter,  
August 12, 2006

**Christine Cheeseman, '04**,  
and Christopher Harris,  
July 15, 2006

**Courtney S. Kesler, '05**,  
and **Frank B. Rocovich, '06**,  
August 19, 2006

**Alisha Bretz Oehling, '05**,  
and **Ryan Oehling, '04**,  
August 6, 2006

**Brenna Wilkerson, '05**,  
and Adam Winstead,  
September 2, 2006

**Charlotte Johnson Melton, '06**,  
and Robert Melton,  
November 4, 2006

## Births

**Jeff Hicks, '87**,  
a daughter, Brittany Lynn,  
February 10, 2006

**John Warren, '92**,  
a son, Zachary David,  
April 17, 2006

**G. Brooks Powell, '96**,  
a son, Gordon Brooks,  
January 29, 2006

**Patricia Adkins, '98**,  
a son, Jeremy Isaac,  
November 15, 2005

**Yulanda A. Scott, BBA, '98, MBA, '05**,  
a daughter, Lauren Nicole,  
November 10, 2005

**Jackson Weller, '01**,  
and **Sarah Baughman Weller, '03**,  
a girl, Margaret Anne,  
January 31, 2007

**Melinda East-Brightwell, BBA '01, MBA, '05**,  
a daughter, Finley Reese,  
January 18, 2005

**Erica Platt Barney, '02**,  
and **Joe Barney, '03**,  
a daughter, June Laurel,  
December 25, 2005

## Births continued

**Kristin Fowler Bowen, BS, '02, MED '05,**  
a daughter, Jordyn Brooke,  
October 20, 2004

**Sarah Jones Burton, '02,**  
a daughter, Makayla Rose,  
January 7, 2006

**Allison Edmonds Maxwell, '02,**  
and **Robert "Bobby" Maxwell, '00,**  
a girl, Peyton Elizabeth,  
October 16, 2005

**Elizabeth Gatewood Adkins, '03,**  
a girl, Maggie Elizabeth,  
September 11, 2004

**Samuel Whitfield Hodges, '03,**  
a girl, Elizabeth Jean,  
September 27, 2006

**Melissa Cave, '05,**  
a daughter, Taylor Ann,  
December 8, 2005

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**Carolyn Vann Irvin, '24,**  
April 14, 2007

**Elizabeth Leigh Porter Bennett, '25,**  
November 11, 2006

**Ethel Perkins Gentry, '26,**  
January 24, 2006

**Merry Elizabeth Thomas Berrey, '29,**  
January 26, 2006

**Novella Cora Earp, '30,**  
December 18, 2006

**Clara Elizabeth Terry Owen, '30,**  
December 1, 2006

**Helen Reynolds Phillips Patterson, '32,**  
December 2005

**Eva Handy Montgomery, '32,**  
May 25, 2006

**Esther Barker Ware, '32,**  
January 29, 2006

**Mildred Anne Bailey Clark, '33,**  
April 3, 2007

**Louisa Christine Hurd Hicks, '33,**  
September 18, 2006

**Lula E. Black Pultz, '33,**  
December 24, 2005

**Edna Alice White, '33,**  
February 13, 2007

**T. Wilson Slaten, '34,**  
May 29, 2007

**Mary-Lewis Bayes Weddle, '34,**  
September 7, 2006

**Alma Dennis Dance McDaniel, '35,**  
June 29, 2006

**Elizabeth Marilla Motley, '35,**  
February 3, 2007

**Kay Camilla Cale Jenkins, '36,**  
February 16, 2006

**Stanley Lester Shields Presto, '36,**  
March 31, 2006

**Sarah Carol McKinsey Ward, '36,**  
January 15, 2007

**Margaret McNeill Williamson, '36,**  
February 16, 2007

**Harriette Sara Marks Boyd, '37,**  
August 4, 2006

**Nancy Cole Walker Fusco, '37,**  
September 7, 2006

**Thelma Adams Stallings Perry, '37,**  
November 7, 2006

**Eleanor Pocahontas Davis Thomasson, '37,**  
June 24, 2006

**Clarice Eleanor Reynolds, '38,**  
August 25, 2006

**Sylvia Lucille Davis Seabolt, '38,**  
November 12, 2005

**Lynwood Alver Motley Snead, '38,**  
February 4, 2007

**Hazel H. Hundley Beamer, '39,**  
January 26, 2007

**Mary Jane Moorefield Derossett, '39,**  
November 1, 2006

**Julia Swanson Francis Grant, '39,**  
December 8, 2005

**Gilmora Frances Jordan Henderson, '39,**  
March 13, 2006

**Eunice Bernell Ireson Sigel, '39,**  
April 9, 2007

**Mildred Owen Stanley, '39,**  
November 6, 2005

**Mary Juanita Gray Whittles, '39,**  
August 1, 2006

**Mary Charles Broughton Weiss, '40,**  
April 11, 2007

**Edward Bickford Young, '40,**  
July 3, 2006

**Charlotte Cousins Clark Ford, '41,**  
December 7, 2006

**Trevilian Augustus Kerns, Jr., '41,**  
October 12, 2006

**Nell Fay Hardy Stephens, '41,**  
February 5, 2006

**LaVerne Irene Galyon Vandall, '41,**  
November 5, 2005

**Carol Frances Taylor Chastain, '42,**  
January 19, 2007

**Mary Jones Eanes, '42,**  
September 12, 2006

**Eve Marie Fitzgerald Matthews, '42,**  
May 21, 2006

**Betty Wamsley Garber, '43,**  
November 11, 2005

**Jane Kirby Harris, '43,**  
February 23, 2006

**Virginia E. Parris Martin, '43,**  
June 25, 2006



<b>Mary Green Brackin, '44,</b> November 13, 2005	<b>Joan Amos Thompson, '53,</b> January 15, 2007	<b>Corrinne S. Satterthwaite Timberlake, '73,</b> November 21, 2005
<b>Rebecca Gatewood Payne, '44,</b> February 5, 2006	<b>Dorothy Elinor Smith Perkner, '54,</b> September 9, 2006	<b>Virginia Elizabeth Davis Woody, '73,</b> March 10, 2007
<b>Elaine Janet Patterson Hoffman, '45,</b> November 2, 2005	<b>Sally Ann Brustlin Reilly, '54,</b> August 15, 2006	<b>Robert Lee Wilson, '74,</b> March 8, 2006
<b>Eloise Howell Davis Isola, '45,</b> December 19, 2006	<b>Betty Jane Hunnicutt Craig, '56,</b> December 2005	<b>John Richard Champion, '76,</b> April 16, 2007
<b>Jane Louise Marsh Carr, '46,</b> June 16, 2007	<b>Cora Anne Davis, '56,</b> November 9, 2006	<b>Murray Raymond Justice, '76,</b> March 10, 2007
<b>Cordie Faye Scott, '47,</b> February 14, 2006	<b>Marilyn Miller Spencer, '56,</b> May 31, 2007	<b>William Bryan Nuckols, '77,</b> November 8, 2006
<b>Norma Maria Mayberry Fitzpatrick, '48,</b> November 12, 2005	<b>Marcia Ann Duddy Williams, '57,</b> June 12, 2007	<b>Beverly Lanett Parker Vickers, '77,</b> May 26, 2007
<b>Thomas Gerdine Harper, '48,</b> May 1, 2006	<b>Polly Elizabeth Evans, '58,</b> February 10, 2007	<b>Jacob Carl Watkins, '79,</b> July 5, 2006
<b>Ruby Will Lewis Watlington, '48,</b> April 5, 2006	<b>William Conway Moorefield, '59,</b> September 8, 2006	<b>Theresa Ellen Kelly Winslow, '80,</b> November 16, 2005
<b>Helen Agnes Vaughn Aaron, '49,</b> March 24, 2007	<b>Linda Ellen Vaughan Dix, '63,</b> July 5, 2006	<b>Barry Leenard Talley, '81,</b> November 4, 2005
<b>Mary Ann Lavinder Crannis, '49,</b> February 15, 2007	<b>Julia Fontaine Lee, '63,</b> April 18, 2007	<b>Elizabeth Corrine Durham, '82,</b> June 26, 2006
<b>Gay Brooke Garrett Crittenden, '49,</b> January 25, 2006	<b>Judith Holland Gardner Ruff, '64,</b> July 30, 2006	<b>Michael Sidney Astin, '83,</b> November 15, 2006
<b>Maxine Via Stacy, '49,</b> August 18, 2005	<b>Shelia Maureen Ross Haley, '65,</b> January 26, 2006	<b>Richard B. Anderson, Jr., '84,</b> August 16, 2006
<b>Lois Ash Carr, '50,</b> April 9, 2007	<b>Brenda Ann Johnson Vernon, '65,</b> November 5, 2006	<b>John Major Blankenship, '84,</b> January 27, 2007
<b>Karen Hooker Norton, '50,</b> August 2006	<b>Mildred Bradburn Wynes, '65,</b> June 10, 2006	<b>Judy Glenn Stephens Smith, '84,</b> April 24, 2006
<b>Nancy Schuyler Forsythe Highfill, '51,</b> October 23, 2006	<b>Sharon Lynn Dagastine Brown, '67,</b> January 1, 2007	<b>Martha Susan Beals Young, '84,</b> May 25, 2007
<b>Clifton Ragland Long, '51,</b> January 10, 2006	<b>Mary A. Lindsay, '70,</b> April 5, 2003	<b>Anthony Mason Bonner, '89,</b> June 19, 2006
<b>Barbara Ann Hankins Gibson, '53,</b> November 26, 2005	<b>Frances Diane Hutcherson Grant, '73,</b> February 22, 2006	<b>Everette T. Compton, '93,</b> December 7, 2005
<b>Judith Anne Black Taliaferro, '53,</b> December 14, 2006	<b>Thomas P. Nixon, '73,</b> January 6, 2006	<b>Petri Wikman, '93,</b> October 2006

## Memoriam continued

**Kathy Lynn Allen Doyle, '94,**  
August 9, 2006

**Girard Vaden Thompson, '95,**  
April 14, 2007

**Rory D. Segen, '99,**  
December 9, 2004

**Fred B. Cornett, former associate,**  
July 22, 2006

**Charles L. Farrell, former staff,**  
January 2006

**Philip N. Daly, Sr., former associate,**  
November 11, 2005

**Henry Hampton Hogan, former trustee,**  
November 21, 2005

**David W. Johnston, former trustee,**  
June 12, 2006

**Louise Watkins Moore, former trustee,**  
December 20, 2005

## Former Averett Business Professor Leaves Legacy of Scholarship

Former Averett business administration chair and professor Dr. Alfred "Al" Bolton died July 5, 2007, at Danville Regional Medical Center. Bolton had been in declining health since November 2006.

A tenured professor at Averett, Bolton retired in the spring of 2004. Along with teaching at Averett, he had also taught at Trinity College, the American University in Washington, D.C., and George Mason University in Fairfax.

In addition to teaching, Bolton worked in the window glass factories in Clarksburg, W.Va., as a journeyman window glasscutter and he retired from the Bell Telephone Company after 35 years as a director.

The John F. Mee Award was presented to Bolton in 1998 for outstanding contributions to the field of business management history. Then in 1999, he was profiled in the "Journal of Management History" as one of five business professors highlighted in "Management History Gurus of the 1990s, their lives and contributions."

Bolton served in the Army Signal Corps during the closing months of World War II and was a sergeant in the Army of Occupation, Japan. During the Korean War, he served as a 1st Lieutenant.



Dr. Alfred "Al" Bolton



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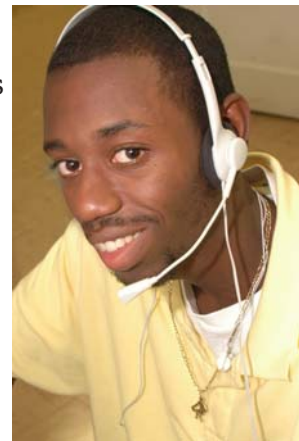
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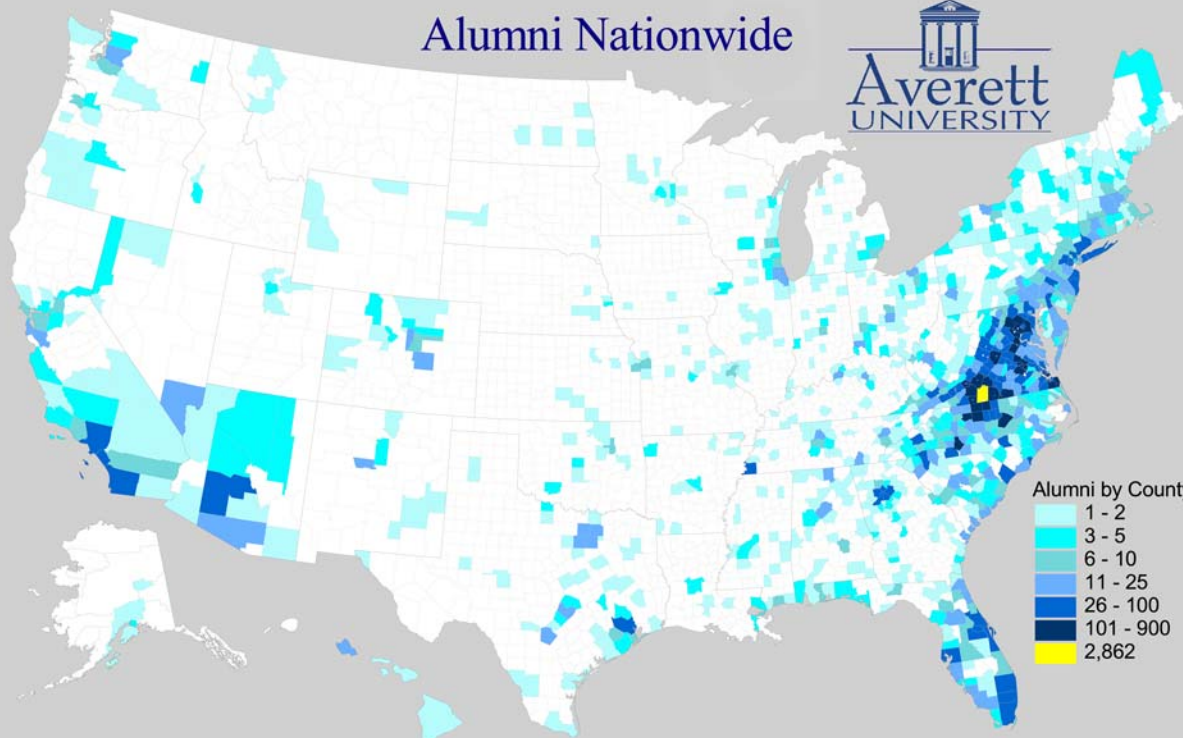


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