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### **Averett Partners with the Marines**

On March 20, Averett announced the formation of a partnership with the United States Marine Corps (USMC) that will allow students to apply to the USMC's Officer Training Program. This partnership, which was more than two years in the making, is similar to an ROTC program. However, it's an untraditional program in that students who are enrolled take part in USMC training during the summer months and continue their academic coursework at Averett during the academic year. Then, once students graduate from Averett, they will be commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps.



### **Coming Soon: Improvements for AU Students**

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, three exciting new projects are either underway or starting soon that will benefit Averett students: 1. More advanced Biology and Chemistry labs:

Two older labs will soon be combined into one large and much-improved lab featuring nine new work stations, new black lab sinks, new faucets and new cabinets with sliding glass doors. Upgrades to other labs will include a new 10' fume hood with corrosive and flammable storage cabinets and more. (Total cost: approximately \$85,000, all fully funded by the Carrington Trust, Centra and an anonymous donor.) 2. First-in-class technology for Nursing students: Averett's Nursing students will soon be equipped with new technology that includes mobile medication carts, electronic medical records and iPads. Other new technology includes a pregnant

### AU Calendar

- April 8**  
Averett Student Art Show
- April 9**  
Averett Student Art Show
- April 10**  
Women's Softball vs. Covenant College
- April 10**  
Baseball @ Methodist Univ.
- April 10**  
Women's Tennis vs. Covenant College
- April 10**  
Men's Tennis vs. Covenant College
- April 10**  
Averett Student Art Show
- April 11**  
Baseball @ Methodist Univ.
- April 11**  
Averett Student Art Show
- April 12**  
Averett Student Art Show

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SimMom who gives birth. (Total cost: approximately \$147,000, all fully funded by the Tobacco Commission and Centra.) 3. New life for the old gym: The old gym (located beneath the new Violet T. Frith Fine Arts Center) is getting a major facelift, including a refinished gym floor, a new ceiling, new backboards, new plexiglass windows, an upgraded bathroom and a new heating and air conditioning system. (Total cost: approximately \$125,000, all fully funded.)

### **One Sweet Musical: "Sweet Charity"**

The Theatre and Music Departments will perform the hit musical "Sweet Charity" April 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and April 19 at 2:30 p.m. in Pritchett Auditorium in the new Violet T. Frith Fine Arts Center (150 Mountain View Ave.).



"Sweet Charity" tells the story of Charity Valentine, a down on her luck young woman, who works at a dance hall in New York City. Charity finds herself in one scrape after another, but despite her continued misfortune, she maintains her faith in the human race. She still has hope she will meet a nice young man who will romance her and take her away from her seedy life. "Sweet Charity's" high-energy songs and choreography include major hits like "Big Spender" and "If My Friends Could See Me Now." Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/senior citizens and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 434-791-5867. All performances are open to the public.



### **University to Host Engagement Symposium**

Averett University will host the region's Inaugural Engagement Symposium April 28 from 5-7 p.m. in the Violet T. Frith Fine Arts Center. The symposium will focus on recognizing the great work of students, faculty and staff who have engaged in volunteerism, internships and service-learning at Averett University, Danville Community College (DCC) and Piedmont Community College (PCC).

Students will showcase their work related to service-learning, volunteerism and internships with a slideshow, poster or other materials that represent their work. Awards for engaged leadership and service will be

given to one student and one faculty/staff member from Averett, DCC, and PCC. For more information, please contact Alexis Ehrhardt at the Center for Community Engagement and Career Competitiveness at (434) 791-7212 or [aehrhardt@averett.edu](mailto:aehrhardt@averett.edu).

## Alumni Award Nominations Requested

Averett's Alumni Association wants to recognize alumni who have done impressive things, but we need you to nominate someone! There are two kinds of awards: service awards for performing valuable acts of service for the University and distinguished awards for accomplishing things the University should be proud of. Please think about alumni you know and nominate them for awards by clicking [here](#). All nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 10. If you have any questions, please call Director of Alumni and Friend Development Dan Hayes at 434-791-7252 or email him at [dhayes@averett.edu](mailto:dhayes@averett.edu).



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