

Telling his STORIES

BY DENISE ELSON TUCKER '89



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CENTER **BEST SEMESTER**

SBU STUDENT KRIS HULSEY HOPES TO USE HIS SEMESTER AT THE LA FILM STUDIES CENTER AS THE FOUNDATION FOR HIS FUTURE IN VIRTUAL REALITY AND VIDEO GAMES.

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A visit to campus last fall by Southwest Baptist University alumnus Jeremy Casper '97, opened a door to opportunities that were exactly what Kris Hulsey was seeking.

The junior theatre and business major from Buffalo, Mo., is interested in a career in virtual reality [VR] animation and video games. The Best Semester program at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center, coordinated by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, during the Spring semester has provided the education and hands-on experience to help Hulsey reach his goals.

"Originally, I was expecting to learn more about writing and the ins and outs of how to make a movie," Hulsey said. "I had wanted to learn more about cinematography and directing for film. I have learned a lot, but my focus has changed at least as much since coming here."

And, that focus has become virtual reality.

"(Jeremy) is teaching the VR class," Hulsey said, "and while we haven't really worked 'together' on a project, he has

helped me learn a few programs to make a VR animated short [film]. I have worked on creating the 3D models for some characters in VR for my animation project that I will be posting to YouTube 360."

Having that SBU connection in a learning environment more than 1,000 miles from home has been a huge benefit for Hulsey this semester.

"It was like having a lifeline back home," Hulsey said, "knowing someone had been exactly in my shoes. It definitely helped that he and I share a few personality traits as well."

It also helps that Casper, who is one of the co-directors and faculty members at the L.A. Film Studies Center, blazed the trail for SBU students to have the opportunity to learn at the center.

"I was the first SBU student to attend the LAFSC, and to my knowledge, only two or three students followed after me," said Casper, who attended in the Fall of 1996. "Every year, when student applications begin to arrive, I scan the list, in the hopes that there will be an SBU student or two in the pipeline. I was so thrilled to have a fellow Bearcat join us here in LA for the

semester."

Casper isn't able to get back to SBU very often, but was happy for the chance to speak to a few classes and especially, to meet Hulsey, who has made an impression on him.

"Kris has been one of my favorite students this semester," Casper said. "It was apparent from the first minute I met him – this guy has some serious passion. Kris was one of only four students who was chosen to participate in our brand-new virtual reality track.

"Within the first couple of weeks, Kris surpassed my expectations for the animation section of the class. So, I gave him permission

to change his final project so he could tackle some more difficult challenges. If Kris chooses to work in gaming or virtual reality, he's going to do very well."

In addition to learning through the Best Semester program, Hulsey has been able to complete an internship with Lightsail VR.

"The project I am working on with Lightsail is a mixed-reality game where you

are completely immersed with full-movement capabilities in game," Hulsey said. "I want to create a variety of immersive stories and share my imagination with everyone."

The ways SBU faculty have prepared Hulsey "would take too long to explain."

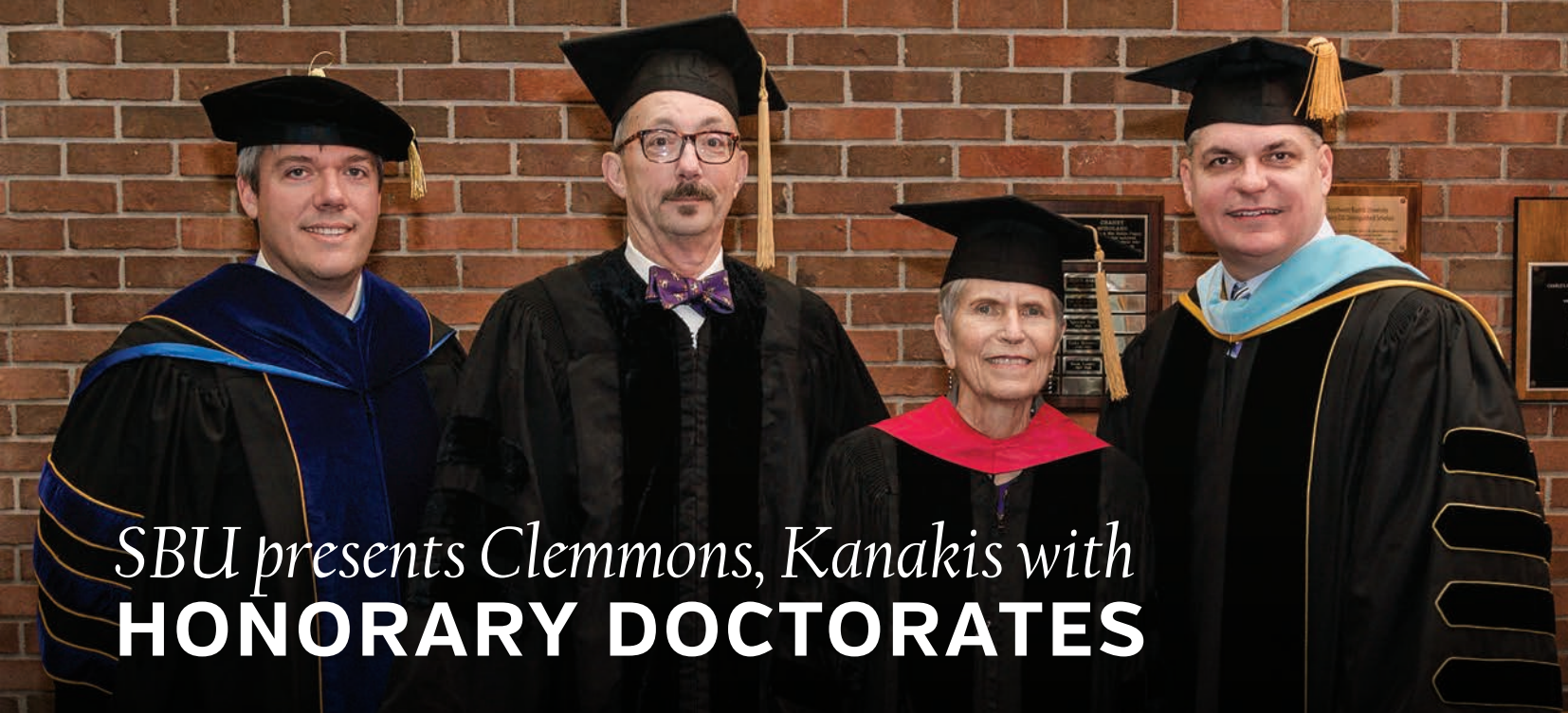
"Just in conversation, they've asked useful questions and helped me figure out more about my plans for the future," Hulsey said. "The theatre department tries to teach us how to work in entertainment by teaching us real-world applications of what we learn. They teach us how to think through things, and they helped encourage me into making this giant leap."

Part of what Hulsey wants to take away from this experience is to have a solid foundation for a career in VR animation and video games.

"I intend to use the knowledge I've gained in creating immersive stories to create immersive experiences for theatre, as well as in other mediums," Hulsey said. "I want to have the knowledge to bring VR technology to more people and further the technology to tell my stories." ■



Kris Hulsey and Ilene Adair in SBU Theatre's production of *Little Women: The Broadway Musical*



SBU presents Clemmons, Kanakis with HONORARY DOCTORATES

(LEFT TO RIGHT) SBU
Provost Dr. Lee Skinkle;
Lee Kanakis, recipient of
an Honorary Doctor of
Humanities; Rev. Barbara
Clemmons, recipient of
an Honorary Doctor of
Computer Science; and
SBU President Dr. Eric A.
Turner, during the annual
Founders' Day chapel
March 4 at SBU.

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Rev. Barbara Ruth Clemmons, of Seabrook, Texas, and Lee Kanakis, of Bartlesville, Okla., received Honorary Doctor degrees from Southwest Baptist University during the annual Founders' Day chapel service held March 4, in Pike Auditorium on the Bolivar campus.

"It is always our goal to honor the University by recognizing outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to society and to the Kingdom's work," SBU President Dr. Eric A. Turner said. "We indeed honor our University by awarding two great individuals honorary doctorates."

REV. BARBARA RUTH CLEMMONS

Rev. Barbara Ruth Clemmons was born to Herbert and Lenore Miller in Minneapolis, and was raised in Ann Arbor, Mich. She graduated in 1961 from Pioneer High School, in Ann Arbor, earned her

bachelor of arts in religion from Michigan State University in 1965, her MA in history from the University of Arizona in 1967 and her BD from Harvard Divinity School in 1971.

Clemmons' life has been dedicated to service, including Rotary International and the ministry. She was recognized with the distinguished "Service Above Self Award" by Rotary International. Clemmons and her husband, Charlie '59, who received an honorary doctorate from SBU in 2017, were inducted into the Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society and are among the foundation's top leaders, innovators and philanthropists.

The Clemmonses founded the Rotary Books for the World program and ultimately the Second Wind Foundation, which collects books and other educational material and ships them to developing countries. They also also founded Pro-Tem, Inc.,

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the dominant developer of access control and exposure management software to the nuclear power industry throughout the world. Prior to Pro-Tem, Inc., they were engineers with NASA's Space Shuttle program. The couple belongs to the Taylor Lake Christian Church in Seabrook, Texas. They have four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dr. Brad Johnson, vice president for university relations at SBU, said Clemmons "is one of the most brilliant individuals you will ever meet."

Barbara and Charlie have been faithful scholarship donors to SBU since 2014 and recently partnered with SBU's Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science to fund the Psalm 15 Walkway. They use Psalm 15 as an anchor scripture for Pro-Tem, Inc., and have committed to funding an endowed Chair in Accounting in memory of her mother.

"Barbara, for the many accomplishments we have mentioned today, and the many, many more that we have not, we are so pleased to be able to bestow upon you this honorary degree," Johnson said. "You are now, and forever, an SBU Bearcat."

Clemmons' academic advisor at Michigan State gave her a Fortran 2 manual, which Clemmons, a math major, studied.

"I went and found how to make things work, when you were really learning from the ground up," said Clemmons, recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Computer Science. "Now, here I am, after having done all of these first-of-a-kind of things," Clemmons said of her career. "But, I feel like this is my third home, here in Bolivar. People are friendly; their horizons are open; they support one another; and they have good faith. I want to thank you for including me in your role of Bearcat."

LEE KANAKIS

Lee Kanakis was born in Arkansas and lived in Illinois during his early years before moving to Joplin, Mo. He is a graduate of Carl Junction High School and earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Missouri Southern

State University in 1978 and his master of divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1981.

From 1982-1996, Kanakis served in a variety of areas at SBU, including as associate director of admissions, associate director of development, senior associate director of admissions, assistant men's and women's soccer coach and director of international relations. He served in various areas of public relations and outreach within the university system, was the longest-serving admissions recruiter and assisted in the development of the soccer programs at SBU.

Currently, Kanakis serves as a project manager for Diversified Systems Resources, a national broadband aggregator, managing approximately 70 projects for customers.

Kanakis is a licensed minister and has mentored nearly 200 young men over the past 30 years. He has served as chair and vice chair of the Fellowship of Deacons at First Baptist Church of Bartlesville. He speaks to regional churches, youth, college and adult groups, as well as conducting a radio talk broadcast and developing a video podcast in October 2018 on the areas of mentoring and discipling.

One of the students Kanakis mentored, Dr. Nathan Penland, director of student leadership and engagement, introduced Kanakis.

"Investing in others for the Kingdom is the theme of Lee's life," Penland said. "The cost is always worth it to Lee. Your investments are continuing to pay off, Lee. Individuals, who 20 years ago, were causing trouble standing in a fountain, are now impacting the Kingdom in their own communities and in their own professions." Kanakis, who was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humanities, said, throughout his life, people have asked what drives him.

"Honestly, I'm just a guy saved by the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross," Kanakis said, "redeemed in my freshman year of college and then beyond that God chose to use." ■



Faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members may submit nominations for SBU honorary doctorates to the Office of the President at any time during the year. Only written nominations accompanied by a comprehensive résumé of the individual being nominated will be considered.

Honorary doctorates are awarded to alumni who have made noteworthy achievements such as those related to the academic purposes of the University or who have done outstanding service to the University, the local community or the denomination.

For more information about the nomination criteria and process, please contact Brittany Earl, Executive Coordinator, at (417) 328-1500 or bearl@SBUuniv.edu.

Sharing her love for language

BY DENISE ELSON TUCKER '89



**A LOVE FOR LANGUAGE LED TO
A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
SENIOR VICTORIA BLACK.**

The chemistry major from Kansas City was selected as a finalist for the Midwest region to compete in the 33rd Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest on March 23 in Chicago. She qualified for the contest through the Foreign Language Institute (FLI), which is a Missouri State University-led partnership with SBU and other area colleges and universities. FLI's purpose is to expand opportunities for students at all of the partner schools and in the broader community to learn languages, particularly those identified as critical or "less commonly taught" languages, according to its website.

Black has studied languages since the time she could read, and has since fallen in love with the Japanese language.

"About three years ago, I found Japanese and it fascinated me more than any other language I had studied," Black said. "To me, it sounded the most beautiful, so I've not stopped studying since I started and I've not studied anything else."

As she was enrolling for her fall classes at SBU, Black saw the SBU course catalog listed an opportunity to study foreign languages through the partnership with the FLI. And, when she saw that Japanese was an option, she jumped at the chance to enroll.

"I thought, 'I've got to try to figure that out,'" Black said. "If I can possibly get credit for doing something I love, then I'm absolutely going to try that."

Encouraged by her instructor, Black entered and passed the audition, and was the first FLI student to advance to the contest in Chicago.

"It's a great honor," Black said. "It's something I would never have expected to be doing, even a few months ago. It's a huge opportunity, and it is so completely out of character. Writing has always been one of my stronger skills, but I'd never tried writing anything in Japanese.

"One of my roommates said, 'No matter what happens, this will be a huge growth period for you because you're doing something so entirely out of your comfort zone.'"

Black finished fourth as she competed against 13 other college students from the region, performing "Mizu no you ni," or "Like Water."

"The audience was surprisingly participatory, I thought – a lot of nodding and smiling – so I think it was pretty well received," Black said. "The Consul-General Naoki Ito made a point of telling me that it was deep, philosophical and something he had never heard of before, or even thought about."

Black opened her performance explaining why she started studying Japanese and why it is so fascinating to her.

"To my ears, it kind of sounds like water, and I think that's one of the reasons I like it so much," Black said. "[The performance] flows into a comparison of the culture to water; the adaptivity of the culture is much like water."

Her fourth-place finish was better than she had anticipated, despite her nerves, when she compared her skill level to the other presenters.

"I don't think I actually heard the last few minutes of the speech of the person before me," Black said. "My heart started pounding, and I just started praying that I'd have the strength to walk up to the podium when they called my name.

"Most of the upper-level finalists had multiple years of formal Japanese teaching and had spent time in Japan, whether in homestays or studies abroad," Black said. "This experience has indeed made me grow as a Japanese student and as a speech giver, and for that I'll always be grateful to Hiromi Elliston (my Japanese teacher) and the Consulate." ■



Hall, Knudsen crowned MR. AND MISS SOUTHWEST

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Parker Hall, an economics and finance and marketing major from Stockton, Mo., and Kailee Knudsen, an organizational and strategic communication major from Kearney, Mo., won the titles of Mr. and Miss Southwest at the annual pageant on March 1, at Southwest Baptist University.

Eight candidates were nominated by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body for the purpose of selecting a pair of students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year.

This year's candidates also included: Bailey Bowe, of Springfield, Mo.; Katelyn Brantingham, of Gainesville, Mo.; Micailah Burgess, of Mount Vernon, Mo.; Caleb Harris, of Bolivar, Mo.; Jordan Martin, of Blue Springs, Mo.; and Jeffrey Metzler, of Minneapolis, Kan.

The pageant featured introductory videos and a talent presentation by each candidate, followed by a round of text-message voting to determine the top four candidates, who then participated in question-and-answer sessions. A final round of voting determined the winners.

Knudsen, who said she will "follow wherever the Lord calls me next," after graduation, was honored to be named Miss Southwest.

"It was such an honor to even be nominated alongside such beautiful women and then to be chosen as Miss Southwest was incredible," Knudsen said. "My goal for

the evening was to impact those attending in some way, and being chosen as Miss Southwest gives me reassurance that hopefully happened.

"It means the world that both my peers and faculty/staff consider me as someone who represents SBU and our community. I am very thankful for the opportunities SBU has given me, and being Miss Southwest gives me the chance to share my story with even more people. I will never forget this experience and I am blessed by the support from my friends, family and the community."

Hall, who plans to attend law school after graduation, said he is honored to be named Mr. Southwest.

"Through my years at SBU, I've been committed to being involved and trying to show others how great SBU is," Hall said. "I wouldn't trade my days at SBU for anything. Knowing that students and faculty and staff recognized me for this title is such an honor and makes me even more thankful for all of them."

The beginnings of the "Miss Southwest" pageant date back to the 1930s, with "Mr. Southwest" being added in 1963. The pageant, which was organized by the students of SBU's University Activities Council, was one of the keynote happenings of Bearcat Days, a visit event in which admitted students considering SBU attendance were hosted on campus. ■



TOP PHOTO: 2019 Mr. and Miss Southwest candidates (from left): Jordan Martin, Katelyn Brantingham, Parker Hall, Kailee Knudsen, Caleb Harris, Micailah Burgess, Jeffrey Metzler and Bailey Bowe.

2ND PHOTO: Knudsen performs a dance routine with friends during the talent portion.

3RD PHOTO: Three years of Mr. Southwests (from left): Dustin Clarno '18, Joao Vitor Silva de Almeida, and Parker Hall.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Hall and several friends perform a synchronized swimming routine – minus the water – to the song, "Blue Danube Waltz."

SBU students honored at Kennedy Center Theatre Festival

Sophia Marsh qualifies for consideration for national festival

Southwest Baptist University theatre students were honored at the 51st annual Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, which celebrates work by colleges and universities in the eight-state region during 2018, on Jan. 20-25, 2019, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The festival honored SBU theatre with several meritorious achievement awards. Commendations were awarded to Austyn Burgess for his projection work for "The Bald Soprano;" Alyssa Bethards for her hair and makeup design for "The Importance of Being Earnest;" Max Stoner for his original compositions for "Medea;" the cast of "The Bald Soprano" for their ensemble work; Bethany Vermillion for directing "Wit;" and Sophia Marsh, for stage-managing "Wit" and for her dramaturgy work on "Medea."

The festival features performances of selected, invited scenes from the region. This year, SBU was invited to present a scene from "The Bald Soprano," directed by Jonathan

Wehmeyer, instructor of theatre at SBU. The performance featured costumes by Vermillion and sound design by Christina Foltz.

This year, Marsh was awarded one of four dramaturgy fellowships for the region. She



(Left to right): Max Stoner, Joel Walley, Haley Gill and Brittany Davis in "The Bald Soprano."

participated in new play dramaturgy for the festival's original 10-Minute Plays. Dramaturgy is the research and advising that shapes theatre production.

"Through the dramaturgy fellowship, I

learned a lot about the role of a dramaturg in new play development and was able to hone the research and script analysis skills that I've learned during my time at SBU," Marsh said.

Marsh also received the LMDA/KCACTF Student Dramaturgy Award, which qualifies her for consideration for the national festival in Washington, D.C.

Six SBU students, including Vermillion, Stoner, Brittany Davis, Ali Oldweiler, Bethards and Jessie Paxton, competed along with their partners in the Irene Ryan Acting Competition. The competition is an event where nominated students audition for a scholarship established by the late Irene Ryan, famous for playing Granny on "The Beverly Hillbillies." This year's festival had 337 nominees from more than 80 colleges and universities in the region competing for the scholarship. Paxton and her acting partner, Chloe Jones, were one of 66 teams to advance to the semifinal round.

SBU recognizes Wagner as accounting chair



Jenell Wagner '86 was installed as an academic chair during Southwest Baptist University's academic chair installation ceremony Wednesday, March 6, in Meyer

Recital Hall on the Bolivar campus.

Wagner, assistant professor of accounting, was installed with the Ed and Theo Clark Endowed Chair of Accounting Excellence.

"In higher education, it's an honor to hold an endowed academic chair," SBU Provost Dr. Lee Skinkle said. "An academic chair is supported by an endowed fund that is permanently invested for a faculty member in a specific academic discipline. Earnings from the endowment help to off-set the faculty member's salary and support the faculty member's budget for professional development."

Wagner earned bachelor degrees in

business administration and religious studies from SBU in 1986 and completed her master of accountancy from Missouri State University in 1997. She served as an adjunct faculty member at MSU, worked in the banking industry and performed tax preparation services prior to working at SBU.

Wagner is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Springfield. She and her husband, Todd '85, have three daughters, Bethanie '12, '14, Emily '15 and Kathryn, and two grandchildren, Abbi and Bella.

The chair of accounting is named in honor of Dr. Ed and the late Theo Clark. Dr. Clark started the accounting program at SBU during the 1975-76 academic year. He taught accounting at SBU for 21 years and built the foundation of the program before becoming vice president for financial affairs in 1987. Dr. Clark retired from that role in 1992.

"I am pleased to be able to establish the Ed and Theo Clark Endowed Chair of Accounting Excellence with the anticipation

that, by God's grace, this program may continue to impact SBU students in the future," Dr. Clark said.

SBU now has eight endowed academic chairs, including: **Dr. Troy Bethards '93** – Dean, Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science / Ruby Letsch-Roderique Chair of Economics/Finance; **Dr. Angela Brown-Peterson '07, '08** – Assistant Professor of Business Administration / Elaine Simpson Chair of Business Administration; **Dr. Julie Bryant '97** – Associate Professor of Education / Lewis E. Schollian Chair of Education; **Dr. Michael Fuhrman '74** – Chair, Department of Christian Ministries / Robert and Ruth Powell Chair of Preaching; **Dr. Kelly Malone** – Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies / Jack Stanton Chair of Evangelism; **Dr. Rodney Reeves '79** – Dean, The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry / Courts Redford Chair of Biblical Studies; **Dr. Timothy L. Wood** – Chair, Department of History and Political Science / Roy Blunt Chair of History.

1950s

Evelyn (Thompson) Barker '57 and her husband, David '56, live in Marinette, Wis. Evelyn can be reached at debarker6466@gmail.com.

1960s

Eldonna DeWeese '60 lives in Bolivar, Mo. She can be reached at edeweese@sbuniv.edu.

Dr. LeRoy Tucker '69 lives in Altamont, Ill. He recently was called back as pastor of Strasburg (Ill.) Baptist Church, and serves as co-pastor at St. Paul's Church of Bible Grove. In addition, he serves as chaplain for two fire departments, one police department and recently was elected as chair chaplain for MABAS 54 Fire District covering six counties. LeRoy has been commissioned by the SBC NAMB as law enforcement chaplain, FOP chaplain and is undergoing a background check for Illinois State Police as chaplain. He can be reached friartuck769@hotmail.com.

1970s

Joe Statton '71, and his wife, **Patti (Lewis) '70**, live in Bryant, Ark. They have three children: Laura, Nathan and Timothy. Joe has served as executive pastor at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock for the past 18 years. He can be reached at jstatton@gsfbc.org.

Jeannie (Tesreau) Lars '72, and her husband, Nathaniel, live in Lee's Summit, Mo. Jeannie can be reached at jfbsnuffy@aol.com.

1980s

Glenn Miller '81, who lives in Kansas City, graduated from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2018 with a Doctor of Educational Ministry degree. Glenn can be reached at gamiller@mmsmidwest.com.

Bruce Davison '82, and his wife, **Suzanne (Blanco) '80**, live in Wichita. Bruce can be reached at davison@SFCinc.net.

Billie Burnett '84, and his wife, **Leslie (Wall) '82**, live in Bolivar, Mo. They can be reached at billieandlesie@windstream.net.

Dr. Jerry Gesell Sr. '84, and his wife, Cathy, live in Middleburg, Fla. Jerry is the founder and director of the Panama Bible Institute. He can be reached at geselljerry@gmail.com.

David Chung '86, and his wife, Kay, live in Washington state. David can be reached at godcmi@gmail.com.

Albert Ellis '85, and his wife, Sherry, live in Hillsboro, Ill. Albert can be reached at alellis@iname.com.

Debbie (Beck) McComb '85, and her husband, **Hugh '85**, live in Pearland, Texas. Hugh has opened a counseling practice in Pearland – Judah Christian Counseling and Recovery. The McCombs can be reached at hdlmcc@sbcglobal.net.

Angela (Faulkner) Branam '85-'87, lives in Sikeston, Mo. She can be reached at missionmissouriab@gmail.com.

Willie Brown '86-'88, lives in Blountstown, Fla. He can be reached at williebrown66@icloud.com.

1990s

Bradley Luzadder '93-'98, and his wife, Angie, live in Marion, Ind. Bradley is the president of Comon Council of Marion, Ind. He can be reached at bluzadder@gmail.com.

2000s

Tiffany (Ebernickle) Wilhelm '01, and her husband, Tobias, live in Peyton, Colo., with their daughter (2) and son (5 months). Tiffany can be reached at tntw@ymail.com.

Glenna (Smotherman) Bellew '01, lives in Mountain View, Mo. She can be reached at glenna.brown@yahoo.com.

Andrea (Ramsey) Sullins '03, and her husband, Joshua, live in Licking, Mo. She can be reached at sullinsandread@gmail.com.

Eugene Willis '05, lives in Los Angeles. He earned his juris doctor degree and currently works for UCLA as the business contracts manager. He can be reached at eugene.willisjr@gmail.com.

Mallory (Ulm) Jaeger '09, lives in Columbia, Mo., and was married on March 24, 2018. She can be reached at mallyjaeger@gmail.com.

2010s

Jordan Green '10, and his wife, **Sarah Beth (Oakley) '10, '13**, live in Wichita, Kan., where Jordan is the Connections Pastor at First Evangelical Free Church. Jordan can be reached at jgreen@firstfreewichita.org.

Jennifer (Bonds) Ebers '10, and her husband, Andrew, live in Rogers, Ark. She can be reached at jen.k.ebers@gmail.com.

Andrew Milton '11, and his wife, **Cassandra '11**, live in Edmond, Okla. He can be reached at amilton81@live.comjen.k.ebers@gmail.com

Future Bearcats

Joshua Lopez '17, and his wife, Leah, who live in Kingman, Ariz., welcomed their first son, Elias Orion, on Oct. 13, 2018. Joshua can be reached at Seller378@yahoo.com.

Bearcats in the News

Dr. Joe Gilgour '03 recently was named president for Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Mo., in a unanimous decision. Gilgour currently serves as dean of student and academic support services at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, and has served with Missouri community colleges for 14 years. He earned his bachelor's degree in theatre and psychology from SBU, his master's in college student personnel from Arkansas Tech University and a doctorate in higher education administration from Saint Louis University.



Dr. Mary A. Gowan '76 was named dean of the University of North Georgia's (UNG) Mike Cottrell College of Business (MCCB), and began her new role Feb. 4. Gowan had served as pro-

fessor of strategic leadership studies at James Madison University since July 2018, and as dean and Kenneth R. Bartee endowed professor from 2013 through June 2018 at JMU's College of Business. Gowan earned her doctor in business administration degree from the University of Georgia, a master's in counselor education from Appalachian State University and a bachelor's in psychology from Southwest Baptist College.

In Memory

Susan (John) Baker passed away from complications of Alzheimer's Disease on March 19 at her home in Bolivar at the age of 85. Sue and her late husband, George '55, joined the faculty at SBU in 1974 to assist in establishing a church music degree. Susan taught classes in Church Music, Music Theory and Sight-Singing, Elementary Music Education, and organ until she retired in 1997. Susan is survived by her daughter, Beth '81, '99 and son-in-law David Dixon; grandchildren Laura Dixon and Jacob '09 Dixon, Ethan '14 and Lacey Dixon; her brother, Justin A. John and wife Dorothy; sisters-in-law, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorial gifts can be designated to the Baker-Keathley Music Scholarship fund at SBU-Bolivar or CMH Hospice in Bolivar.

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