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## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Armstrong's women's tennis team clinched its 10<sup>th</sup> NCAA Division II National Championship in May, after defeating top-ranked BYU-Hawaii. Players successfully defended Armstrong's national championship, earning top honors.





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# Armstrong

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### ABOUT THE COVER

Justine Reed, an English major from Camden County, Georgia, shows her Pirate Pride at Armstrong's Student Union. Cover photography by Katherine Arntzen.



### Dorothée Mertz-Weigel to be Knighted by the French Ministry of Education

Director of International

Education Dorothée Mertz-Weigel, Ph.D., will be knighted by the French Ministry of Education in a ceremony to be held at Armstrong in February 2017.

Mertz-Weigel will be conferred with the insignia of the Order of Academic Palms of the Chevalier (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques), an honor founded in 1808 by Napoleon Bonaparte to award devotion and accomplishment in the areas of teaching, scholarship and research. The French Academic Palms continues today to recognize those who have rendered eminent service to French education and have contributed actively to the prestige of French culture with their merits, talents and exemplary activities.

### Seven Chemistry Professors Awarded National Science Foundation Grant

In July, the National Science Foundation awarded \$279,297 to seven chemistry professors at Armstrong. Brandon P. Quillian, Ph.D. (principal investigator), Sarah E. Gray, Ph.D., Gary Guillet, Ph.D., Cliff Padgett, Ph.D., Nathaniel Shank, Ph.D., Mitch Weiland, Ph.D., and Sarah Zingales, Ph.D., received a two-year grant for "Polymer Chemistry: Cross-linking the Curriculum (PC3)." The grant supports the infusion of polymer chemistry, a multidisciplinary science, throughout the curriculum.

The award will fund several undergraduate research students and faculty mentors in individual projects focusing on polymer chemistry. Students involved in this undergraduate research will have the opportunity to travel to regional and national meetings to present research findings with their faculty mentor and network with scholars and students from other institutions.

### Tobe R. Frierson Joins Armstrong as Director of Admissions

Armstrong recently hired Tobe R. Frierson as the director of admissions. A veteran admissions expert, Frierson brings more than 13 years of experience in college recruitment management and student services. In her new role, Frierson is responsible for the strategy, execution and management of Armstrong's admissions and recruitment process.

Before joining Armstrong, Frierson served as the director of admissions at Erskine College in Due West, S.C., where she created an enrollment management team of senior staff and faculty members, was appointed to the president's senior team and frequently participated in college campus fairs and recruitment events.



### Cameron Coates Selected for NASA Faculty Fellowship Program

Engineering Professor Cameron Coates, Ph.D., was selected to participate in the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center Faculty Fellowship Program. The 10-week summer program took place at the George C.

Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., and included seminars, group meetings, tours, special events and access to research resources.

The goal of the program was to engage the nation's academic research talent in NASA's missions and projects. During the program, fellows worked closely with NASA scientists and engineers on a wide range of cutting-edge research projects. Coates worked alongside 2014 NASA Exceptional Service Medal winner Joe D. Davis on a research project focused on layered pressure vessels.

### Christopher Curtis Named Dean of College of Liberal Arts

Christopher Curtis, Ph.D., was appointed Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, after serving as the head of the Department of History since 2013.

Curtis is the author of *Jefferson's Freeholders and the Politics of Ownership in the Old Dominion* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), as well as several articles and essays on topics of early American law and the American South.

He was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley to serve on the South Carolina Archives and History Commission in 2011 and currently serves on the editorial board of *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*.

A former infantry officer, he earned a Ph.D. from Emory University and holds a master's degree from Virginia Tech and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of South Carolina.





### Liberty Center Opens New State-of-the-Art Facility in Hinesville

Armstrong and the City of Hinesville hosted a ribbon cutting for the new Armstrong Liberty Center in January, featuring dignitaries from across the state. The 21,000-square-foot facility is more than double the size of the previous Liberty Center.

The building includes classrooms, state-of-the-art science laboratories, faculty and staff offices, common areas, student services and support areas for Liberty County's growing student population. The facility offers special services for military affiliates and dual-enrollment options for local high school students.

The Armstrong Liberty Center offers associate degree tracks in liberal studies, criminal justice, business and a variety of health profession areas, as well as bachelor's degrees in liberal studies, criminal justice and education.

### Celebrate Armstrong 2015

In October, the annual Celebrate Armstrong festival kicked off with a lively student festival on Burnett Lawn. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed sunny weather, tasty food, live music and interactive games. More than 60 departmental and student organization booths lined the lawn, along with bounce houses, a basketball toss, mechanical bull riding and rock climbing.

Following a full house for the Alumni Gala that same weekend, the Celebrate Armstrong finale featured free, family-friendly fun on Burnett Lawn with a live performance by the Band of Oz.



### University Celebrates Third Annual Paint the Town Maroon

In April, hundreds of Armstrong students, faculty, staff, alumni and local supporters took over Johnson Square in downtown Savannah as Armstrong celebrated Paint the Town Maroon. The showcase of Pirate Pride, complete with a flash mob and maroon-dyed fountains, underscored Armstrong's connection to the community and highlighted fundraising to support student scholarships.

Vice President for Advancement William Kelso introduced the 2016 Paint the Town Maroon lead sponsor, Ellen Bolch, CEO of the THA Group, and announced that Armstrong exceeded this year's fundraising goal, raising more than \$81,000 to support student scholarships.

The third annual event included carnival-style games, lunch and Leopold's Ice Cream.



## New Partnership with U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence

In June, Armstrong officials signed a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence, located at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga., to share resources and help develop a cyber-trained workforce through education, innovation, research and outreach. The memorandum establishes a framework for fostering a strategic relationship between the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Armstrong, with Armstrong providing educational support for the center's mission of building the nation's cyberspace forces.

Armstrong President Linda M. Bleicken and U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence Commanding General Major Gen. Stephen G. Fogarty signed the memorandum of understanding. Armstrong Provost Robert Smith also attended the signing ceremony, as did representatives from the offices of Senator Johnny Isakson and Congressmen Buddy Carter and Rick Allen. The agreement will provide more cyber-focused online courses for soldiers and civilians. The U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence, in turn, will provide instructors, facilitate internships for Armstrong students and assist with cyber curriculum.

## Armstrong Hosts 2016 Engineering Design Challenge

For the first time ever, an all-female team swept the Overall Winner category at the 2016 Engineering Design Challenge, presented by Armstrong's Engineering Studies program.

The event showcased the ingenuity and creativity of students from local high schools. Each team, comprised of four to six students, designed and built a self-propelled, battery-operated hovercraft, with the assistance of a project mentor and Armstrong students. Sponsored by Gulfstream and the Georgia Space Grant Consortium, engineers from several local companies evaluated and selected the winning design, which incorporated a thrust reverser system and steering mechanism to clock the fastest times for maneuvering, racing and stopping. Judging criteria were based on creativity in overall design, control of the hovercraft, clarity and organization of an engineering journal and a poster presentation, as well as performance in the maneuvering, racing and stopping events.





# Pirate Pride

## School Spirit Runs Deep at Armstrong

Since 1935, Armstrong has educated generations of students who have gone on to serve in a wide range of fields, from education to healthcare to business and academia. Pirates carry maroon and gold in their hearts for a lifetime, which is why we asked a few of our students, alumni and faculty to share what they love most about Armstrong.

### **Regina Bradley, Ph.D.** Assistant Professor of English

"I love Armstrong because there is support and appreciation for innovative research. Students are also encouraged to pursue and showcase their research interests via assistantships and the Undergraduate Research Symposium."



### **Ashland Mullins '14** Security Command Control Analyst Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation *B.S. in Cyber Security*

"Armstrong offers such a wide variety of programs and courses to prepare you for your career. Because of that, I am able to succeed and achieve all of my dreams."

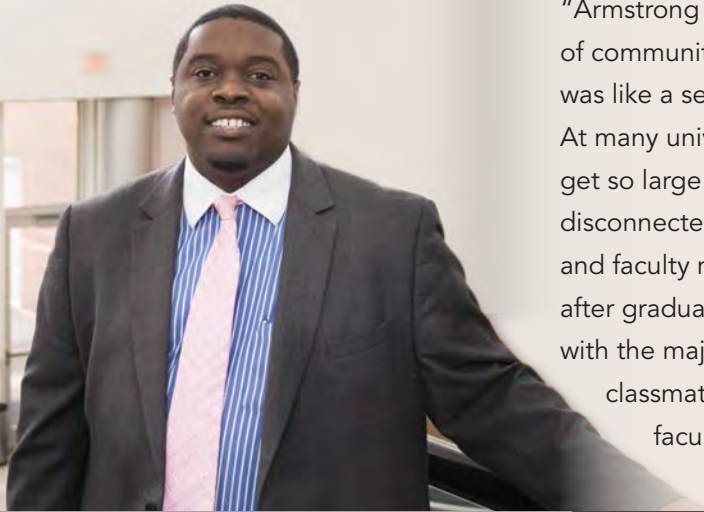
### **Shah Ramli '03** Visual Designer Equifax Global Consumer Solutions *B.A. in Art*

"I loved the diversity at Armstrong. I had many classmates from all walks of life, such as people from other countries or people coming back to earn their second degrees later on in life. They taught me so much about the world that I hadn't yet explored at the time."



## Jermaine Whirl, Ph.D. '10

Dean of the School of Business and the School of Art & Design  
Gwinnett Technical College  
*M.Ed. in Adult Education*



"Armstrong has a strong sense of community. My program area was like a second family to me. At many universities, programs get so large that you become disconnected from your peers and faculty members. Even after graduation, I've kept up with the majority of my classmates and all of the faculty members."

## Lauren Ashley '16

Savannah, Georgia  
Major: English/Professional Communications

"I love Armstrong like family because Armstrong has treated me like family. The challenging courses taught me to never place limitations on my own potential."



## Catherine Gilbert, Ed.D., RN

Director, School of Nursing  
Associate Professor

"Armstrong is truly student-centered and committed to giving every student the chance to reach their full potential. It's very rewarding to be part of this great academic community."



## Adrienne Moore '19

Eatonton, Georgia  
Major: Early Childhood Education

"I've had such an amazing experience at Armstrong! I've been able to form relationships with my professors and have met friends I will have for a lifetime. I am forever grateful to be able to attend a school like Armstrong."



# phenomenal faculty



## Anne Katz, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Reading  
Faculty Liaison, Teens for Literacy

Teaching at Armstrong since: 2012

**Best part of my job:** "Designing learning experiences that connect students to the community and creating opportunities for students to shine."

Assistant Professor of Reading Anne Katz believes in putting students first.

Katz goes the extra mile to make her classes personal by forging meaningful connections with her students, whether in a traditional classroom or an online setting. For Katz, the magic is in watching her students thrive as learners and educators.

"I enjoy mentoring students, particularly by encouraging them to participate in professional opportunities such as the Armstrong Student Scholar Symposium, conference presentations and publications," she says. "Though they may initially find the prospect of navigating these possibilities a bit daunting, I try to lend support and guidance to ensure that they have a positive experience and can broaden their skills."

In 2015, Katz was selected as a Governor's Teaching Fellow through the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education. She is currently implementing her second federal Teacher Quality Grant, a program that focuses on providing professional development for teachers throughout the state, linking math with literacy instruction in high-needs schools.

Before her career at Armstrong, Katz received a scholarship to study at Columbia University in New York City, while working as a reading specialist and literacy coach. After completing a Ph.D. at Fordham University, she was drawn to Savannah for its cultural offerings and sunny location. Choosing Armstrong, she says, was an easy decision.

"Honestly, it was the students that I met during my on-campus interview who brought me here," she explains. "I liked the diverse student population and their eagerness to learn."

Since coming to Armstrong in 2012, Katz has reshaped and reinvigorated the university's Teens for Literacy program, an initiative that allows College of Education students to make a positive impact in local Savannah schools. Additionally, Katz has supported about 30 students who have presented original research at the Armstrong Student Scholar Symposium during the last four years and mentored three students through publication in International Literacy Association journals.

"I feel fortunate that Armstrong has provided me with a platform to make a difference in my role as a professor," she says. "I want to push my students to grow both personally and professionally."



## Maxine Bryant, Ph.D.

Criminal Justice Lecturer

Teaching at Armstrong since: 2013

**Best part of my job:** "I am able to bring my life experience to the classroom, which makes the topics come alive for my students."

**F**or many, working with Savannah's most violent offenders would be daunting, at best. However, when Armstrong Criminal Justice Lecturer Maxine Bryant discusses face-to-face meetings with some of the city's most dangerous gang members, there is a sparkle in the grey-green of her eyes.

"I'm not scared," she explains. "In meetings with them I say, 'You've got to stop the madness.'"

In addition to her full-time lectureship at Armstrong, Bryant serves as the Project Manager of the Savannah-Chatham Initiative to End Gun Violence: Step Forward, an appointment she's held since December 2015. She unifies the city's social service agencies; residents of Savannah; the faith community; the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department; and county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to combat group and gang violence.

"I believe in the power of people to change," she says. "I'm helping them find a better way of making decisions. If we don't intervene, they will continue to engage in criminal activity, as will their children. So I see myself as an interventionist to stop the cycle."

With a Ph.D. and a master degree in Criminal Justice Administration, as well as a B.S. in Criminal Justice, Bryant is passionate about serving the disenfranchised community. Over the years, Bryant has opened a federal halfway house for nonviolent offenders in Michigan, served as the director of re-entry for the mayor's office in her hometown of Indianapolis and acted as the re-entry coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office of Southern Indiana. She also created her own business, Bryant Educational Seminars and Training, and was contracted to run Weed and Seed, a federal program focused on fighting crime and drugs.

In Savannah, she has served as a co-chair for the Georgia Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative and sits on the Georgia U.S. Attorney's Office re-entry roundtable, assisting newly released prisoners with transitional jobs. During her time at Armstrong, Bryant has been educated on the impact of unaddressed childhood trauma on criminal activity, which is now a focal point of her outreach and lectures.

Additionally, she volunteers as an advisor for Armstrong's gospel choir, Anointed Voices, and as a mentor to Armstrong's Student African-American Sisterhood.

"I love to watch Armstrong diversify, particularly among the student body," she says. "I also love the beauty of the campus. It's one of the most beautiful campuses I've ever been on."



"I think every human should feel like they have a home. That is what we tried to do. It's a comfortable room for anyone living here."

— Bryce Seuntjens, Political Science major



# IN THE FIELD

SERVICE  
LEARNING  
IN ACTION

BY MELANIE SIMÓN

Associate Professor of Sociology Alison Hatch frequently talks to her students about the importance of giving back to the community. Through a unique partnership with Union Mission – a local nonprofit organization providing Savannah’s homeless community with emergency shelter, permanent housing and behavioral health services – students in Hatch’s Sociology class enjoyed the chance to put that principle in action. During the spring 2016 semester, 19 students focused on a service learning project, which offered the opportunity to make a positive impact.

“Students spent time in almost all of Union Mission’s program areas,” notes Laura Lane McKinnon, Union Mission’s director of development. “They were offered well-rounded exposure and interacted with various touch points.”

During rotations, which are meant to foster leadership skills in public service settings, each student chose a topic, such as self-improvement, professionalism, self-esteem, healthy habits or life skills, and gave a presentation to residents of Union Mission.

Spending time with local people who are homeless served as a profound experience for Breanna McDonald, a Liberal Studies major with a passion for Sociology.

“It opened my eyes to the stigma that homeless people face,” she says. “They’re people. They didn’t choose this life.”

To provide additional support, Hatch’s students joined forces to create a common room, located on the second floor of Union Mission, which they brightened with new sofas, chairs, end tables, rugs, original artwork and a bookcase filled with books and DVDs. All items were donated or purchased with funds from a campus bake sale that raised \$500. The result is a cozy gathering spot for residents.

“I think every human should feel like they have a home,” explains Bryce Seuntjens, a Political Science major. “That is what we tried to do. It’s a comfortable room for anyone living here.”

The grand opening of Union Mission’s revamped wing was an especially meaningful moment for students in Hatch’s service learning course.

“Everyone really came together as a whole class,” shares Kelly Nelson, a Sociology major. “It was really touching.”

Union Mission’s Executive Director Steve Allison couldn’t agree more.

“Union Mission is strong because of caring people,” he says. “Armstrong is one of our leading partners. Armstrong’s class project is meaningful. We’ll always have this here, and we have the Armstrong class to thank for it.”

**DEIONDRA WINN '16**  
Hinesville, Georgia  
*B.S.Ed. IN EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION*

**D**eiondra Winn always dreamed of becoming a teacher, but it wasn't until she came to Armstrong in 2012 to pursue a B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education, that she uncovered a deeper goal—to become a social worker. Fortunately, Armstrong's professors prepared her for life after graduation.

"They have helped instill in me a level of professionalism that some don't acquire until they begin working full-time," she says. "I feel ready to arrive on a job site and succeed."

In addition to her relationships with her professors, Winn feels that one of her most valuable experiences at Armstrong was her participation in the Student Scholars Symposium, an event where university undergraduates present research projects and papers.

"I had a wonderful time," she says. "It was something that I wouldn't have been able to do at another school, since these opportunities are usually reserved for graduate students."

Prepped and confident to manage work at a graduate level, Winn plans to pursue a master's degree in Social Work following graduation.

"Attending Armstrong has been a great opportunity that I'll never take for granted," she says. "It has been a valuable experience and a confidence booster."

## FRED MONTGOMERY MARTIN, JR. '15,'19

Macon, Georgia  
*DOCTOR OF  
PHYSICAL THERAPY*

**W**hen Fred "Monty" Martin came to Armstrong in 2011, it was his second chance at college. This time, he was determined to succeed.

"When I graduated high school, my priorities were not based in education," he reflects. "It wasn't until I got out into the real world that I understood the value of a good education."

At Armstrong, Martin excelled in the Rehabilitation Science program, graduating in 2015. However, he found an even greater purpose outside the university, acting as a volunteer with Abilities Unlimited, a nonprofit organization in Savannah dedicated to serving citizens in the community with mental, physical and emotional disabilities.

"Through this volunteer work, I have been able to combine my education at Armstrong with my passion for helping others," he explains.

Moved by his work with Abilities Unlimited and other volunteer opportunities, Martin was motivated to continue his studies.

He recently started Armstrong's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

"My experience at Armstrong allowed me to find out what I am really capable of," he says. "I've grown a lot as a person here, and I will always be grateful for that opportunity."



**MICHAEL KELLY '18**  
**Richmond Hill, Georgia**  
**B.S. IN CHEMISTRY**

**W**hen Michael Kelly began college three years ago, he thought a larger university would reap bigger rewards. But when he felt lost among the crowds in his oversized chemistry courses, he knew it was time to make a change.

"I chose to apply to Armstrong because I knew the school had a great reputation for its smaller class sizes," he says. "I also really loved the campus and the Savannah area."

After transferring to Armstrong, he wasted no time enjoying the diverse programs Armstrong has to offer, from the Savannah Asian Cultural Festival to TechFest, Treasure Savannah and the American Chemical Society.

With the support of Armstrong's chemistry professors, he secured a summer internship with Arizona Chemical, one of the nation's leading producers and refiners of pine products.

"The outstanding faculty and staff at Armstrong have had a positive impact on me," he raves. "My professors are invaluable resources. They are great instructors and encourage me to pursue research and internship opportunities."

Future plans include undergraduate research focusing on synthesizing natural compounds for medicinal purposes.

"There are a lot of things to love about Armstrong," he says. "Armstrong has provided me with everything I need to be successful during my undergraduate degree and beyond."

# CALLIE MARTIN '16

Plains, Georgia

B.A. IN ENGLISH/  
PROFESSIONAL  
COMMUNICATIONS



Callie Martin fell in love with Armstrong at first sight.

"I knew it would provide many opportunities for me in and out of the classroom," she says.

It was important to her to be part of a program that would support her goal of working in a writing field. Enter Armstrong's English/Professional Communications track, a perfect fit with real-life, practical applications, coupled with a campus that offers numerous

internship and freelance opportunities.

"I feel like I have learned so many skills that can be leveraged for employment," she says. "And more importantly, I feel like I have learned how to write with a purpose."

Currently working as an intern in the marketing and community investments departments at the United Way of the Coastal Empire in Savannah, Martin's work is meaningful. Through this internship, she has been able to work

on the organization's annual campaign, which raises funds that are distributed throughout the community.

Martin's positive experience at United Way and her time at Armstrong have convinced her to commit her life to public service.

"I plan to live and write with the purpose of social change," she says. "My dream is to impact the future of youth through education and youth development programs."

# president's report



Welcome to the latest President's Report, which offers a look back at some of Armstrong's most notable accomplishments during the 2015-2016 academic year.

By any measure, this was a landmark year at Armstrong. As we celebrated the 80th anniversary of our founding and the 50th anniversary of our move to Savannah's Southside, we developed new partnerships, opened the new Armstrong Liberty Center in Hinesville and received a number of awards that serve as a testament to the university's legacy of excellence and commitment to student success.

Armstrong conferred degrees on approximately 800 students in May of 2016, making spring's graduating class the largest in the university's history. I am grateful to our faculty and staff, who work to support our diverse and dynamic student body every day and who helped make this impressive achievement possible.

Our economic outreach is more expansive than ever, with approximately 30,000 alumni collectively making a significant long-term impact in the region. Last year, Armstrong contributed \$235 million in economic impact and 2,485 jobs.

Working together, we educate the next generation of leaders and global citizens, who are seeking to make their mark on the communities they call home. I am truly honored to be a part of this great effort.

Warmest regards,

Linda M. Bleicken  
President

# Armstrong *by the numbers*



**\$235 MILLION**  
Annual Economic Impact

**3**

Consecutive Years  
Raising \$1 Million to  
Support Student Success



**800**

Record Number of Graduates at  
Spring 2016 Commencement



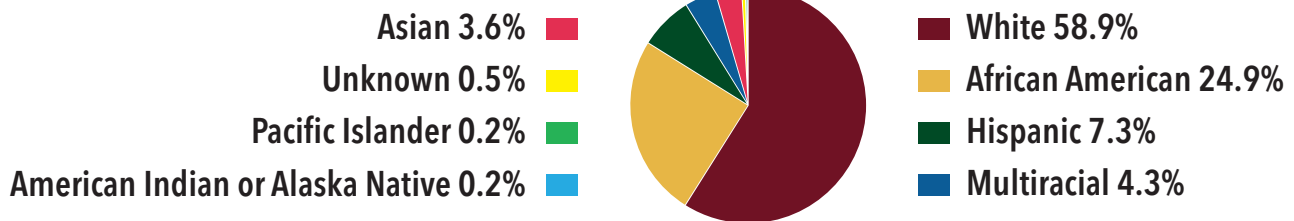
**7,103**

Fall 2015 Enrollment



**905 Volunteer Hours** from **362 Volunteers**  
at the 5th Annual Treasure Savannah Day of Service

## STUDENT DIVERSITY Fall 2015



## Top 10 Undergraduate Majors for Fall 2015

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 Nursing/Pre-Nursing                             | 6 Liberal Studies         |
| 2 Rehabilitation Sciences                         | 7 Business Economics      |
| 3 Biology   | 8 Computer Science        |
| 4 Psychology                                      | 9 Criminal Justice        |
| 5 Radiologic Sciences/<br>Pre-Radiologic Sciences | 10 Information Technology |

**1,255**

Residential  
Students

**69**

Countries  
Represented

**46**

States  
Represented



**16,869 likes**



**2,215 followers**



**17,148 followers**



**1,729 followers**

# president's report

## Center for Applied Cyber Education

Designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Armstrong's new Center for Applied Cyber Education is the only facility of its kind in the nation. With an interdisciplinary approach to cyber education, the innovative center unites the cyber forensics capabilities of our Cyber Security Research Institute with acclaimed programs that include cyber crime, cyber security and health infomatics.



## National Recognition for Military Outreach and Support

2015-2016 was a banner year for Armstrong's military community. The university was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation among four-year schools on the prestigious *Military Times* Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 list and named a Top 100 Military Spouse Friendly School by *Military Spouse* magazine. In addition, the Home Depot Foundation and Student Veterans of America awarded Armstrong's Student Veterans Association chapter \$10,000 to make strategic improvements to our Military Resource Center as part of the Vet Center Initiative. Armstrong is the only university in Georgia to receive this grant.

## Treasure Savannah's Five-Year Anniversary

In October 2015 and March 2016, hundreds of students, faculty and staff joined forces to participate in Treasure Savannah, Armstrong's biannual day of service. In its fifth year, volunteers served in Savannah and Hinesville to make a positive impact in both communities. Venues included Union Mission, America's Second Harvest Food Bank, L. Scott Stell Park, Azalealand Nursing Home, Hoofs 4 Healing and Habitat for Humanity.



## Captain's Cupboard

A generous \$100,000 gift helped Armstrong establish the Captain's Cupboard, which serves as an emergency food program for students, faculty and staff in need. Coordinated by the Office of Student Life, the Captain's Cupboard is dedicated to supporting efforts to curb the national trend of food insecurity within college communities.

## Armstrong Named Top Performing School for Minority Students

The Education Trust, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C., that shapes and influences national and state policy with a focus on reducing achievement gaps, named Armstrong a top performing school for underrepresented minority students. The university was also identified as one of only 52 institutions nationwide

improving overall graduation rates, while also achieving substantial educational gains for African-American students.



## Campus Conversations Address Complex Issues

Armstrong launched an ongoing Campus Conversation series to create a safe space for students, faculty and staff to address complex issues. Presented jointly by the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, each Campus Conversation attracted a diverse mix of students, faculty and staff. Attendees at each event were invited to participate in open discussions about topics like race, racism, terrorism and crime.



## Savannah Asian Cultural Festival

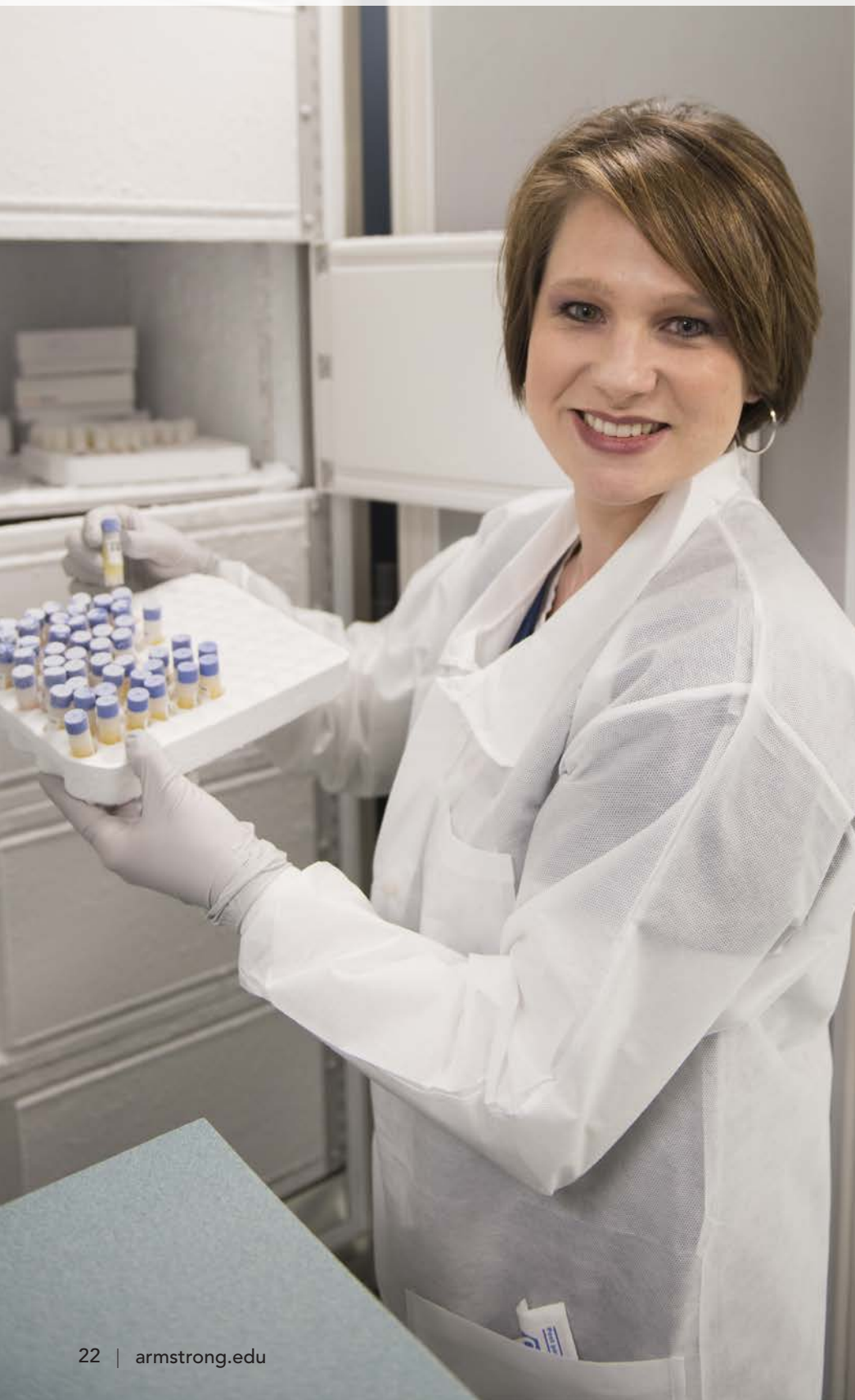
In May, approximately 8,000 residents and visitors came to Armstrong's main campus to enjoy the 2016 Savannah Asian Cultural Festival, one of the South's largest Asian celebrations. In partnership with the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs, guests celebrated the rich diversity of Asia with cultural experiences, regional cuisine and live performances.



## Waters College of Health Professions

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the naming of the Waters College of Health Professions. Previously, \$1.8 million in design funding was approved by the Georgia General Assembly to build a new state-of-the-art, interdisciplinary Health Professions education center, which is currently planned for Armstrong's main campus.

# amazing ALUMNI



## JENNIFER SMITH '05

*Biospecimen Specialist  
Nancy N. & J.C. Lewis Cancer  
& Research Pavilion at St.  
Joseph's/Candler*

**B.S. in Medical Technology  
(now Medical Laboratory Science)**

**G**rowing up in the close-knit town of Brooklet, Ga., Jennifer Smith sought a nearby university with an outstanding medical program and a small student-to-professor ratio. She found both when she enrolled as a medical technology major at Armstrong.

"I loved the small class size," she says. "I developed lifelong friendships. It allowed for personal attention from my instructors and created an intimate environment."

Armstrong's living-learning community was also key to Smith's individualized learning, working hand-in-hand with peers and mentors.

"The intense coursework and critical thinking that was demanded from us prepared me for today's work environment," she reflects. "Our professors often reminded us that once we graduate, we would become co-workers and urged us to become the type of co-workers we would want to work alongside."

Extracurricular activities, from classroom lunch breaks to participation in local fundraisers like Light the Night, in which she and her classmates raised money for the blood cancers they studied in Armstrong's labs, rounded Smith's university experience in meaningful ways.

"Armstrong has a great reputation for producing outstanding graduates," she notes. "To be a part of that reputation is an honor."



## MICHAEL JORDAN '06

*President*

*Cosmos Mariner Productions*

M.A. in Public History

Shortly after relocating to Savannah for a job as a television news anchor, North Carolina native Michael Jordan discovered Armstrong. Local buzz about the university's stellar reputation and flexible class schedule prompted a visit to campus. Jordan quickly enrolled in the graduate public history program, in order to work toward his goal of being a full-time documentary filmmaker and author.

"Armstrong offered the perfect balance," he says. "Just the right size, but with plenty of options."

Not only was Armstrong an ideal fit for Jordan, but the historian was also a match for the scholarly community.

"Dr. Christopher Hendricks in the history department was my favorite professor," Jordan says. "I loved all of his classes, but the architectural history class allowed me to write a best-selling book and create several profitable films about the buildings and squares of downtown Savannah."

Today, armed with a slew of accolades, Jordan's highlights include eight Telly Awards for history documentaries and a Roger K. Warlick Award from the Georgia Historical Society for a local history film. Most recently, the Armstrong alum penned the best-selling book *Savannah Square by Square*, a work dedicated to Hendricks. And while Jordan now runs his own production company, his Pirate Pride has never diminished.

"Armstrong is one of the best things Savannah offers," Jordan raves. "My experiences there changed my life!"





## OLUWAKEMI ELUFIEDE '10

*Founder & President  
Carnegie Writers, Inc.*

M.Ed. in Adult Education

Oluwakemi Elufiede, the president of a nonprofit organization offering community-based programs that focus on writing and literacy education for teenagers and adults, credits Armstrong with helping her discover her passions and prepare her for lifelong goals.

Elufiede began working as a lead tutor in the university's writing center and assisted many adults who needed extra help.

"I discovered this informal environment that could accommodate people in need, and I just fell in love with it," she explains. "It's a passion that I wouldn't have realized without that experience."

Another love she discovered at Armstrong was writing. A literary staff member for *Calliope*, the university's student literary and art journal, Elufiede is now the author of six books.

When this talented writer reflects on her time at Armstrong she realizes that developing leadership skills was the key to her success.

"At Armstrong, I became a transformational leader because of all the leadership roles that I held," she explains. "I learned how to build a rapport with people from all walks of life and pull them together to achieve a common goal. I am so grateful for my time at Armstrong. It opened up so many opportunities for me."

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## JUAN PABLO ARAGÓN '05

*Senior Product Developer for Kleenex® and Scott® Brands  
Kimberly-Clark Corporation*

*B.S. in Biology and B.S. in  
Chemistry*

When Juan Pablo Aragón left Colombia to live with his sister in Savannah, he thought his initial college experience would be a stepping stone. However, after he enrolled in classes at Armstrong, everything changed.

"The plan was to move or transfer to a different college or university," he says. "But my experience in the first year was so unique and engaging that I stayed. It was the best decision I made in my college career."

Aragón immersed himself into his studies and campus life, quickly gaining friends, colleagues and mentors on campus as he found inspiration in the biology lab and student jobs.

"Coming from a different country and exposing myself to a new culture and new lifestyle, Armstrong took me in more as a member of its family than just a student," he recalls. "There was always someone to talk to for guidance, always someone to be with you when the academic load got tough and always a sense that the faculty and staff truly cared."

Armstrong's support and education have served him well. Now a senior product developer for global giant Kimberly-Clark Corporation, which owns brands Kleenex® and Scott®, Aragón credits his alma mater with making him a skilled professional and leader.

"I cannot be more grateful for all the experiences I had at Armstrong, and it was mostly because of the wonderful people I met along the way," he notes. "They are what made me successful at my job."

# Donor SPOTLIGHTS



## MARY BURNETT

**M**ary Burnett, the wife of Armstrong's late President Robert Burnett, played a key role in the university's development, tirelessly advocating on behalf of the institution.

Today, Burnett carries the family legacy forward as a donor to the Robert Burnett Scholarship, the Annual Fund and the Athletics Department, among others over the years.

"I believe in education," she notes. "You have to have things in life you really support. We've always really supported education."

A consistent presence on campus during her husband's presidency from 1984 to 1999, Burnett served as a driving force as Armstrong grew. During that time, enrollment more than doubled from 2,500 to 5,700 students, with enormous growth from outside Chatham County and historically underrepresented groups.

Over the course of President Burnett's tenure, the university's budget quadrupled; more than 26 academic majors were developed, including master-level programs; and funding for new academic spaces was put in place. A long-range facilities master plan was developed and computer labs, on-campus housing and distance learning centers debuted. The first exchange programs with foreign

universities were negotiated and the athletics department strengthened, both in leadership and training capabilities.

"Bob tried to make the university all it could be," notes Burnett. "Everyone he associated with worked together for the betterment of the university."

During that time, the university's first endowed chair, funded by a \$500,000 gift, was also established, bringing a new level of prestige to the university. Burnett understood then, as she does now, the importance of sponsorships that raise the quality of a university education and offer student support.

"If you start fostering education in your community," she says, "you have to keep it up."

Her dedication to Armstrong continues to be an act of love.

"We had a wonderful time," she remembers fondly of her years on Armstrong's

campus. "We attended a lot of athletics events, performances and plays. It was the better part of Bob's career. We had fun doing it."

*Pictured above Mary Burnett (center) and her daughters, Decie Coleman and Wendy Burnett (l-r)*

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## DALE LEWIS

After 10 years of working on boats and ships, Dale Lewis knew it was time to complete his college education if he wanted to reach other life goals.

Following two years at the University of Georgia in his teens, Lewis returned home to work with his father as a shrimper for three years, then served on ships throughout the North Atlantic and Caribbean. At age 30, Lewis moved to Savannah to be close to his young daughter. With the dream of graduating from college, he decided to attend Armstrong.

Lewis took a position as captain of the *Flying Lady*, a yacht owned by NationsBank, and began his studies with the bank's financial support. One of the bank's employees was Lillian A. Hood, a kind-hearted woman who allowed Lewis to rent an inexpensive room in her home. She became a supportive friend who encouraged his educational goals as he worked toward a Bachelor of General Studies, with a focus on Economics.

"Whatever your life is today, it doesn't have to stay that way," says Lewis. "Once you get focused, and the people around you see how hard you are working, they will help you along the way, often in ways that you never expected."

At Armstrong, Lewis cherished the mentorship of Professor of Economics Yassaman Saadatmand, Ph.D., or Yassi, as he now calls his friend of over 25 years.

"Yassi is kind and insightful," says Lewis. "She made me feel that I mattered as a person."

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Lewis was awarded the prestigious University Transportation Center Fellowship at M.I.T., where he earned an M.S. in Transportation Economics. Over the last 20 years, Lewis



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has served in a range of leadership roles at CSX Transportation, including assistant vice president of labor strategy, assistant vice president of trucking, assistant vice president of finance and vice president of finance.

"You can do many things once you understand it's up to you to start," he says. "The people at Armstrong, along with my family and my employer, were willing to support me when I needed it."

In return, Lewis, a passionate philanthropist, established the Monica Lewis Economics Competition, in which student teams have the opportunity to compete for scholarship prizes. The competition was created as a memorial to Lewis' sister and gives students a chance to engage with real, current problems while promoting Armstrong's economics department. He also established the Lillian A. Hood Scholarship, whose recipient is selected each year by the economics faculty and staff at Armstrong.

"I wanted to honor my sister who died at age 19, before she had a chance to make her way in the world," says Lewis. "I set up the Lillian A. Hood Scholarship because Lillian helped me at a time when I was struggling. I don't want her name, or her

giving spirit, to be forgotten."

Retired from CSX Transportation since 2014, Lewis is a happy father and husband with four children and four grandchildren.

"I am grateful to have had the chance to pursue my dreams, and many people helped me along the way," he admits. "The best way for me to show my gratitude is to provide opportunities for those who are willing to do the hard work of creating their own futures."

# CLASS NOTES

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## 1970s

Notable Alumni **Richard "Dicky" Mopper '70** is president and license partner of Engel & Völkers in Savannah. The opening with license partner Jessica Kelly comes as a partnership between their company, Mopper Kelly, REALTORS, and the global network.

Outstanding Alumnus **Drew Ernst '76** has been selected for inclusion in the The Best Lawyers in America 2016.

Notable Alumnus **Harry Hunter Jr. '74, '75** has been appointed senior lecturer in the School of Social Work's Virtual Academic Center at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

**David King '79 M.S. '90** worked six years for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, becoming a deputy U.S. marshal in 1986. After retiring in 2010, he worked for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as part of its Leadership Institute Branch.

Notable Alumna **Sara Plaspohl '78, '89 MHS '92** was appointed to a four-year term on the Chatham County Board of Health by the Savannah City Council.

**Roger Weber Sr. '77** has been married to Ceil Adcock Weber for 38 years. They have two children, RJ and Mindy, both of whom live in the Charleston area.

**Jane Lynes '78 M.Ed. '84** and Notable Alumna **Lynn Roberts '83 M.Ed. '85** gave a presentation at the Share the Wealth Physical Education Conference in January.

## 1980s

**Brett Baxley '80** is a graduate of the GIA Gemologist program and was the second jeweler in Georgia to become a Certified Bench Jeweler by the Jewelers of America. He operates a retail and custom design boutique in Carrollton, Ga. He is married and has two children.

Notable Alumnus **Steve Bradshaw '86** is running for Dekalb County (Ga.) Commission District 4.

**Michael Cohen '83 M.Ed. '87** won the 2015 Weightlifting World Masters Cup gold medal in the 69 kilogram class. He

also won the 2014 World Championship in weightlifting.

Outstanding Alumnus **Karl Grotheer '85** has accepted a position as senior director of human resources information systems with TMX Finance.

**Craig Vickery '87** is director of sales and business development of Ocean Link, Inc.

Notable Alumnus **Richard Wallace '84** presented "The Chemistry of Thomas Edison's Rubber Project (and a Little More)" at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, Fla., in January.

## 1990s

**Elizabeth Clarke '90** was selected as the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools Secondary Special Education Teacher of the Year for the 2015-16 school year.

**Pamella Gray '87, '90** is a nurse with Maxim Healthcare in Savannah.

**Cathy Huffman '96** lives in South Carolina where she is an organic farmer, award-winning children's book author and an area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child.

**J. Keith Purvis '92** finished an assignment with the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) Allied Land Command in Izmir, Turkey. Following that assignment, he went to Germany to serve with the United States Army European Command.

**Lesley Taylor '97** has been selected for Leadership Georgia. She is the principal at May Howard Elementary School in Savannah.

**Jennifer Dove Wick '92** received a 10-year Government Service Award as a Department of Defense employee in March for serving the families and soldiers of Ft. Campbell, Ky. Previously, she managed the largest U.S. Army physical fitness center in the Southeast and was promoted to oversee various physical fitness centers at Ft. Campbell.

**Jennifer Wu '98** completed grad school at the University of Georgia in 2000. In 2001, she worked in professional sports, including the National Football League and Major League Baseball. She is a luxury suites manager for the Carolina Panthers/Delaware North Sports and a volunteer with Phi Mu, having served on its national council from 2006 to 2010.

## 2000s

**Teddy Bishop '03** was named 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year for McIntosh County Middle School in Darien, Ga., where he has worked since 2003. He is currently teaching sixth grade language arts and social studies. This is the second time Bishop has won the award.

**Jessica Sabiston Caselli '02** is a supervising medical dosimetrist in Atlanta. Prior to that, she worked in the Curtis and Elizabeth Lewis Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center and in national sales, teaching radiation oncology-specific software.

**Theresa Davis '07 M.Ed. '09** is a law enforcement special projects coordinator with the Police Department at Armstrong. She is currently working toward a master's degree in criminal justice at the university.

**Rena Dixon '05 MPH '08** presented "African-American and Latino Youth Views on Reproductive Health and Contraception" at the American Public Health Association conference in Chicago on Nov. 4.

**Zsofia Golopencza-Ellwood '04 M.S. '06** was one of the inaugural honorees into the Peach Belt Conference's Hall of Fame on May 31.

**Diane Parker M.Ed. '09** returned to Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity as the resource development manager, a position she previously held from 2010 to 2012.

Notable Alumnus **Brandon Quillian '03** received Armstrong's Gignilliat Summer Faculty Research Fellowship for summer 2016.

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Notable Alumnus **Scott Scheidt '03** was promoted to the rank of Lt. Col. in the Georgia Army National Guard and hired as the director of Armstrong's Center for Applied Cyber Education. He served as president of the Armstrong Alumni Association in 2015-2016.

**Greg Surette Sr. '04** is the associate director of auxiliary services at Armstrong. Armstrong's Card Services Team received the University System of Georgia's Chancellor's Gold Award for Service Excellence, Effectiveness and Efficiency.

**Brandon Tatom '01** is a strategic sales executive with third party logistics firm C.H. Robinson. He and his wife, Megan, have two children, Carter and Benji.

**Mary Thornton '02** has accepted a position as a U.S. Product Support Specialist at STRATEC Biomedical, based in Germany.

**Brynn Kersey Walters '00** is a childcare consultant at Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

## 2010s

**Alexis Burkes '13** moved to Greenville, S.C., to pursue a degree in veterinary technology, which she completed in 2015. Currently, she works as a veterinary technician at an emergency animal clinic.

**Ryan Burnside MHSA '14** is the patient access director at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, Ga.

**Amy Byrne '16** is a student at the University of Minnesota School of Law.

**Terry Cannon '11** graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in May 2016 and accepted a position as a staff attorney with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass in Covington, Ky.

**Sarah Caudle '11** recently returned to Savannah to accept a librarian position at Savannah State University.

**Eric Clark '10** is a professor at Savannah State University, teaching 3-D art and art foundation courses.

**Erica Cooper '11** is a forensic chemist with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

**Jose da Cruz M.A. '12 MS '15** is a faculty member of Armstrong's Department of Criminal Justice and the U.S. Army War College. He was named a Georgia Governor's Teaching Fellow for 2015-16.

**Cynthia DeVoe '13** received Armstrong's Staff Member of the Year Award. She is the administrative assistant in the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy.

**Amber Dyson '13** is a travel consultant with Paycation Travel in Toccoa, Ga. She is also continuing her work as a customer service representative with Rehabmart and is a spiritual guidance counselor with Oranum.

**Jainna Eco '14** is the coordinator for Meals on Wheels in Savannah. Prior to that, she worked for a medical research company and a pain management clinic.

**Lydia Fleming '10** is a speech language pathologist with the Douglas County (Ga.) Board of Education.

**Phil Gore M.A. '14** was selected to serve on the board of directors for the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators. He was also elected to serve on the board of Operation College Promise, a national policy, research and education program that supports the transition and post-secondary advancement of the nation's veterans.

**Kelly Henderson Gullage '11** works for the Department of the Navy in Washington, D.C.

**Dylan Herod '15** has joined Bernard Williams & Company as an assistant account manager for its commercial lines department.

**Sarah Jervis '15** is a permit technician for the City of Rincon's Building and Zoning Department. She and husband, Mark, have been married 11 years and have three children.

**Michael Leverett MAT '16** teaches history at Islands High School on Whitemarsh Island.

**Trelanie Neville MPH '14** is a healthcare specialist with PharmaCentra in Americus, Ga.

**Belveanna Parkman '13** earned a master's degree from Tulane University and plans to return to Savannah to work with Williams & Williams Funeral home.

**Kwame Phillips '13 M.A. '15** received Armstrong's staff award for volunteer service to the community. He serves as the university's coordinator of multicultural affairs.

**Brandyn Rader '15** is a rehab technician at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Middleburg, Fla.

**Nathan Rich '11** is a chapter consultant for the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

**Eric Rogers '11** is a freight operations supervisor for XPO Logistics in Boston. He recently completed four years in the U.S. Navy and earned an M.B.A. with a focus in corporate finance. He and his wife, Raven, have a son, William.

**Barbara Schrock Sturch M.Ed. '15** is the operations manager of auxiliary services at Savannah State University.

**Teraya Smith '13** recently started an online magazine, *ANNA*.

**Janelle Waugh Thomas '14** is currently living in Austin, Tex., and working as a nurse at a pediatric hospital. She began nurse practitioner school this fall.

**Dalton Wallace '12** is a music teacher in the DeKalb County (Ga.) School District.

**Remy Wilkins '13** completed Armstrong's Doctor of Physical Therapy program in 2016.

**Felicity Wilson '14** and husband **Augustus Wilson '14** live in Covington, Ga.

# CLASS NOTES

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## MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

Notable Alumna **Jolene Byrne '05** married Armstrong Associate Professor of Sociology **Ned Rinalducci** in 2016.

**Caroline Carpenter '14** married **Shane Farrar '15** in Savannah in 2015.

**Maria del Mar Tovar '12** is engaged to Todd Carabasi.

**RJ Dennard '10s** is engaged to fellow Armstrong alum **Megan Caldwell '10s**.

**Rena Dixon '05 MPH '08** is engaged to Markos Young and will marry in 2017.

**Jana Pierce M.A. '15** married Brett Lowrey in Gainesville, Ga. She is mother to Emma, 7, and stepmother to Elizabeth, 16, and Jonathan, 15.

**Lindsey Strickland MHA '14** is engaged to Justin Lamb.

**Janelle Waugh '14** married Geoffrey Thomas in Washington, D.C., in 2015.

**Brianne Kersey Walters '00** married Scott Walters in 2015.

**Remy Wilkins '13 DPT '16** is engaged to Jordan Thrasher.

**Brandy Williams '11** married Aaron Traywick in Savannah in 2015.

## BIRTHS

**Lunie Beal '14** and her husband, Ebon, had a son, Isaac, in 2015.

**Wendy Blond '05 '09 MHA '14** and husband, Keith, welcomed son, Vincent, in 2015.

**Ryan Burnside MHA '14** and wife, Emily, welcomed daughter, Hollis Lindsey, in 2015.

**Caroline (Carpenter) Farrar '14** married **Shane Farrar '15**, and welcomed a new daughter, Lisa, in June 2016.

Notable Alumna **Daniela Salas O'Connell '05** and husband Daniel welcomed a son, Julian Fennon, in 2016. He joins big sister, Eva Sofia.

**Kristy Roberts Walker '10** and her husband Lucas welcomed son, Calvin Andrew, in 2015.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Rebecca Jane Lee Abbott '72, October 28, 2015  
Susan Lea Aenchbacher '84, March 23, 2016  
John Lee Anchors '48, November 3, 2015  
Miranda Livonia Anderson '06, March 27, 2016  
Frank Benjamin Arden III '85, April 12, 2016  
Larry Everet Bargeron '69, May 25, 2016  
Ralph Bashlor Sr. '53 & '94, August 28, 2015  
Alice Kiper Batson '75, September 23, 2015  
Eva Gloria Scott Berry '46, March 30, 2016  
Ronald J. Beumer, Ph.D., Professor of Biology Emeritus (1975-2004), October 7, 2015  
Allen Setzer Binkley '72, February 28, 2016  
Sage Brown '75, August 22, 2015  
Fontuala Tofoya Simpson Burns '09, May 29, 2016  
Grace Silva Cabaniss '52, March 26, 2016  
Frances Anita Edwards Chappell '39, May 12, 2015  
Eric Charles Coppi '86, January 16, 2016  
Anne Marie Costrini '10, January 20, 2016  
Notable Alumnus Fretwell Goer Crider Sr., Ph.D., '42, January 12, 2016  
Lillis Kelly Lindsay Fleming '49, February 29, 2016  
Susan Reagin Glisson '90, September 24, 2015  
Jack Golden '53, September 29, 2015  
Cynthia Williams Graham '90, January 8, 2016  
Dorothy June Harmon '46, June 15, 2016  
Margaret Mary Hatch '85, October 13, 2015  
Doris Odenkirchen Heard '83, October 11, 2015

Leigh Hall Hendrix '84, December 13, 2015  
Vivian Allen Howard '79, November 18, 2015  
Robert Harry Jones '06, December 5, 2015  
Lillian Hunter Lindsay '67, September 12, 2015  
Shirley A. Small Miller '72, November 16, 2015  
William Arthur Miller '76, April 7, 2016  
Mary Katherine Morekis Mitchell '51, June 1, 2015  
Deborah Jean Price North '02, '10, March 14, 2016  
Kathryn Irene Novak '04, June 3, 2015  
Joe E. "Bert" Parker '86, February 1, 2016  
Shirley Fries Register '75, January 14, 2016  
Carolyn Mixon Robbins '96, December 19, 2015  
Beverly McFarland Simoneaux '40, March 17, 2016  
Del Kerry Smith '92, February 20, 2016  
Lindsay Whitfield Smith '97, January 4, 2016  
Marc Walton Smith Sr. '97, September 15, 2015  
Marilyn Anita Sickel Smith '69, September 26, 2015  
Darlene MacMillan Tilton '83, May 3, 2016  
James Anthony Von Dolteren Jr. '56, April 23, 2016  
Martha Anne Smith Wayne '64, October 7, 2015  
Dennis Allen Weatherly '88, September 20, 2015  
Stephen Elmo Weeks '47, January 17, 2016  
Ruby Fripp Wegener '42, December 14, 2015  
Ann Marie Tilton Weil '95, September 12, 2015  
Stanley Irving Weiss '52, June 16, 2015  
Agnes Feuger Willoughby '42, February 28, 2016

## FAST FACT

The 1984 Women's Tennis Team shows off Pirate Pride with a whimsical display in Armstrong's 'Geechee yearbook.

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**October 27:** *Grappling with Nuances: Political Contexts and Economic Platforms in the 2016 General Election*

**December 8:** *Landscapes of Unrest: Visual Narratives of Environmentalism and Civil Rights in Photographic Stills*

**January 26:** *Women in Conflict: Constructing Identity in the Twentieth Century During Dictatorship and War*

**April 6:** *From Peril to Promise: The Social Responsiveness of American Theater in the 1930s and 40's*