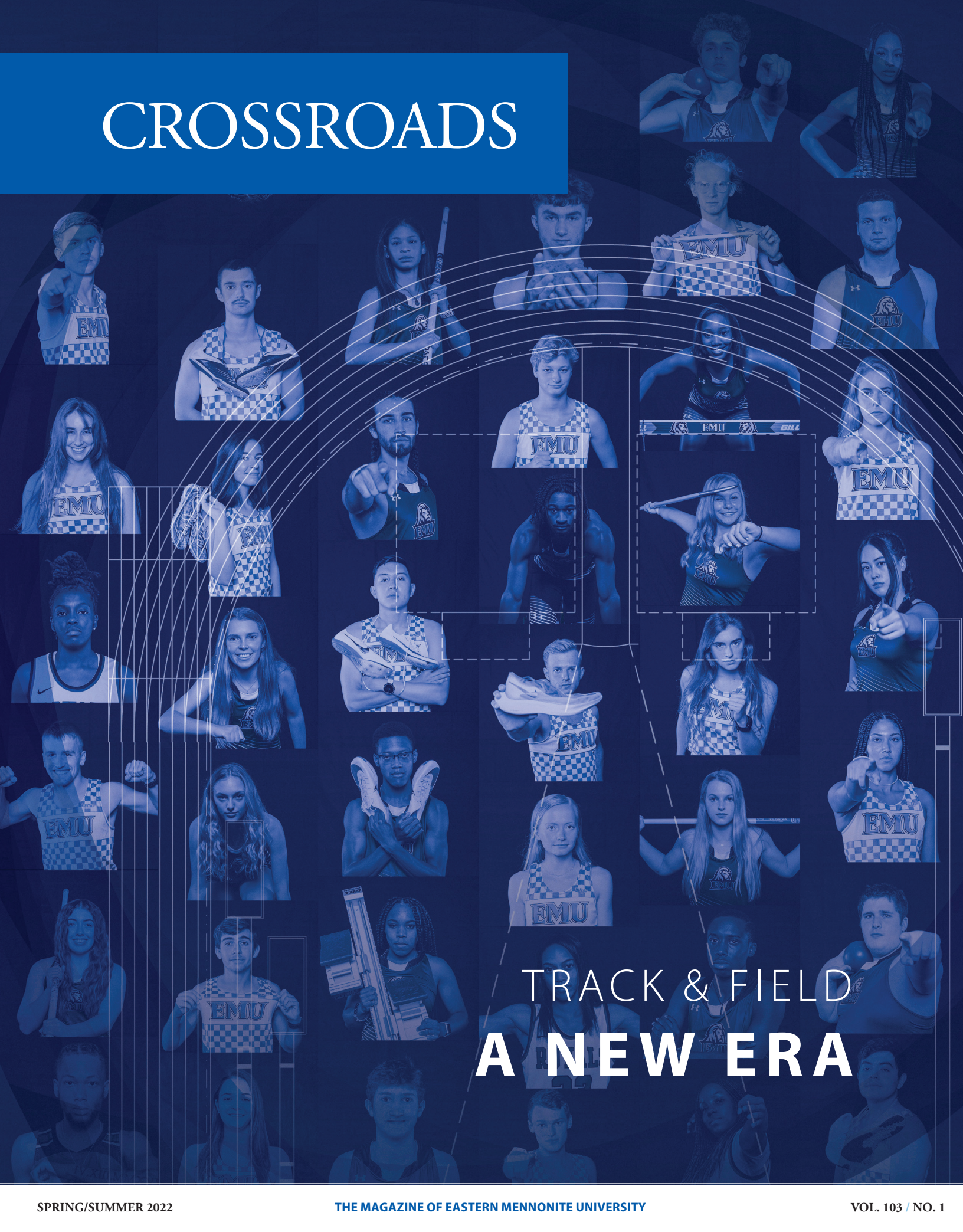


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS
TEAM EMU!

SUSAN SCHULTZ HUXMAN

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders ... And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...
— Hebrews 12:1

IN THIS ISSUE OF CROSSROADS, we celebrate the growth, recent successes and visionary plans of EMU's track and field program. Our athletes as a whole, comprising 38 percent of our undergraduates, are well worth celebrating for the ways in which they model our mission and raise our profile: They are strong students (EMU has one of the highest rates in the ODAC for scholar-athletic recognition, including all-American recognition), excellent leaders, and ambassadors of diversity.



Serving with and alongside of them are an amazing group of coaches, trainers, mentors, advisors, instructors, and fans who support them inside and outside the classroom – truly a “great cloud of witnesses.”

We are blessed with a rigorous small college learning context and the NCAA Division III's highly competitive athletic environment to which we add a faith-formation expectation. We believe good athletes are good people, good students, and good teammates – in that order. We believe students with athletic prowess come to EMU searching to excel as athletes but that they also yearn to develop strong character and compassion and model Christian values on the field, court, or course.

Many verses from the Bible directly compare sport victory with faith victory. Jesus promises that He will award us “the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10) if we “[fight] the good fight, [finish] the race, and have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7-8). In faith as in sport, we learn from scripture that our journey is an all-consuming preparation which is relentless, focused, and determined. The Christian life is not a sprint; rather, it's a marathon. At times we will grow tired and at such times, those “who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength...; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40: 29-31).

I was blessed by my own athletic experience in college. Like our EMU students, I learned a lot of life's lessons: 1) you miss 100% of the shots you do not take; 2) there is no “I” in team; and 3) employers want student-athletes because they are disciplined, understand time management, work hard, don't settle for mediocrity, and learn that failure is more about feedback than loss.

I came to have many new friends through sports. It opened my eyes to new ideas, new foods and new culture. I have come to believe that sport is one of the major ways in which we gather to celebrate difference and make peace in the world (the other two ways, in my opinion, are through food and making music together, more broadly hospitality and fine arts.)

I invite you to join us in an exciting campaign to build a new track and field complex. We must open many more pathways of access and achievement for future EMU students. Will you run with perseverance in this important race with us?

Go Royals!

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COMMENCEMENT 2022

Graduates, their families and friends gathered to celebrate EMU's Commencement ceremony in early May.

PHOTOS BY JON STYER '07,
RACHEL HOLDERMAN '18,
DERRICK CHIRINOS '19, AND
CHRISTY KAUFFMAN '19



EMU's 104th Commencement ceremony was marked by the conferring of only its second honorary doctorate in its history – to human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. EMU awarded 408 total degrees on Sunday, May 8, including 260 undergraduate degrees, 92 master's degrees, 54 graduate certificates, one doctorate, and one honorary doctorate. Among those were 29 graduates of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding and 10 graduates of Eastern Mennonite Seminary. EMU at Lancaster also celebrated its first aviation graduates at the ceremony on May 13 (more on page 5).



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COMMENCEMENT

INAUGURAL LAVENDER GRADUATION

Recognizing LGBTQ+ students, present and past

APPROXIMATELY 100 GRADUATES AND ALUMNI were honored in front of a standing-room-only audience at EMU's first Lavender Graduation in May. The event recognizes LGBTQ students of all races and ethnicities and acknowledges their achievement and contributions to the university.

The graduation ceremony was the first such among the Mennonite colleges and universities in the USA and Canada, according to Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion **Jackie Font-Guzmán**.

It was also the culmination of several events during spring semester centering LGBTQ history and story – of individuals, the community, and the institution itself. Such events are important for building community, affirming values, and helping to heal, said Font-Guzmán in her speech welcoming the audience to the graduation.

"Rituals are one of the oldest ways to mobilize the power of community for healing," she said. "Today, through this ritual, we make the caring for our community tangible, we enact and



Senior Hannah Leaman is presented with a rainbow stole by Professor Kathy Evans at the university's first Lavender Graduation. The May 6 event, which was also open to alumni, preceded EMU's main Commencement. The celebration honored the accomplishments and experiences of the LGBTQ community past and present at EMU.

affirm our values, we create a space of protection and safety, and we create an opportunity for authentic transformation. Students, you have made this space possible through your leadership and passion. EMU is a better place today because of you."

The program included two student speakers, representing undergraduates and graduates, who shared their stories about being a part of the LGBTQ community. Professor **Kathy Evans**, education professor and faculty advisor to Safe Space, gave the keynote address.

Participants were given rainbow stoles to wear during Commencement. Graduates at EMU traditionally wear these colorful vestments, which symbolize countries or regions of the student's intercultural travels and/or their identity.

COMMENCEMENT

FIRST AVIATION GRADUATES

THREE EMU GRADUATES MADE A SURPRISE HELICOPTER FLIGHT

to their Commencement ceremony – a special distinction as the first graduates of the Lancaster, Pa.-based aviation program. **Cienna Stover**, **Noelle Yorgey** and **Ivy Kreiser** were among the first enrollees when the program started in 2018. They graduated with bachelor's degrees in leadership and organizational management – and private, commercial, and flight instructor certificates, with instrument and multi-engine ratings.

In their final semesters, all three fulfilled a capstone internship requirement that helped to focus their interests. Kreiser plans to work at her former internship site, Venture Jets, a private charter and aviation services company in Lancaster. Yorgey is further exploring the mission field after interning with Agape Flights. Stover fulfilled her internship at Aero-Tech Services, EMU's partner in the program, where she has been working as a flight instructor since June 2021.

The BS in Leadership and Organizational Management (LOM) with an Aviation Concentration program utilizes blended course delivery methods. EMU's partnership with specialized training provider Aero-Tech Services, Inc. represents an integrated and collaborative approach to delivery of a collegiate aviation program. [LEARN MORE AT EMU.EDU/AVIATION](https://www.emu.edu/aviation)

"It's a great time to be a pilot and to enter this industry. Boeing's workforce outlook for the commercial aviation sector alone is that 612,000 new pilots will be needed worldwide over the next 20 years," said Director of Aviation John Sibole, a veteran commercial pilot, instructor, and former FAA safety inspector.

Over Commencement weekend, Sibole was honored with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for his 50-plus-year career of mentorship, professionalism and safety within the aviation field. Director of aviation since 2018, Sibole has been a military aviator, engineer, flight school owner, and airline pilot. Three of his former colleagues from the FAA presented him with the award, just one of 57 presented nationwide during 2022.



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PHOTO BY DERRICK CHIRINOS '19

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

INTERNATIONAL KRYPTOS CONTEST WINNERS FOR FOURTH TIME IN EIGHT YEARS

FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN EIGHT YEARS, a team from Eastern Mennonite University has won the 2022 International Kryptos Codebreaking Competition. The event, hosted by University of Central Washington, attracted the largest field in the history of the contest – 77 teams from across the United States and Great Britain.

Senior **Hannah Leaman**, junior **Caleb Hostetler** and first-year **Mana Acosta** solved the three required puzzles in record time. To win, they tapped into their abilities to recognize patterns; apply Baconian and Swagman ciphers and Morse code (Hostetler happens to have learned it for fun while he was in high school); and do some “mad Googling,” the team said.

If you know a little more about their codebreaking resumes, though, this win is not a total surprise. Leaman, who was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Mathematics Senior Award, leaves EMU among several talented students who have left their mark in recent years.

- This is Leaman's second Kryptos win; she teamed up with **Cameron Byer '21** and **Ben Stutzman '20** to win in 2020 and with **Daniel Harder '20** to take second in 2019.
- In 2021, Hostetler (with Byer and **Noah Swartendrubler**) finished in the top six teams; Leaman's team (with **Ike Esh '22** and **Silas Clymer '21**) finished first in the next recognition tier.

- Leaman and Hostetler (with Byer) also advanced in 2020 to the International Collegiate Programming Contest's Mid-Atlantic regionals.
- The team of Byer, Harder, and Stutzman also won the entire contest in 2018.
- EMU's first exposure to the contest was in 2014, when they took first and third place. Those teams were also comprised of Harders – brothers **Mark '14** and **Aron '17**, who are cousins of Daniel, as well as Byer, who was then a freshman at Eastern Mennonite High School.

Acosta, a first-year engineering major with a computer emphasis, is new to the mix. She experienced a bit of the excitement during a 2021 Honors Weekend visit, which featured an escape room activity created by the EMU Math Club.

That club was “basically a puzzle club,” Leaman and Hostetler explained, and that's partly the reason for the university's recent Kryptos success.

“When I came to EMU, there were a lot of students who were really into puzzlehunting and I fit right in,” Leaman said.

“I saw the puzzlehunting going on and I thought ‘Alright, these are my people. I need to figure out how to become friends with them,’” Hostetler said.

IN MEMORY OF

NATHAN LONGENECKER



A “final toss” marked the end of a ceremony to dedicate the Nathan Longenecker Memorial Disc Golf Course at EMU on Saturday, April 23. Nathan, a passionate and skilled disc golfer in the class of 2024, died in October 2021 of brain cancer. (Photo by Derrick Chirinos '19)

BY THE NUMBERS

RANKINGS & MAJORS

2

 NEW RANKINGS

EMU's online **RN to BSN** program was recognized as **#1 in the state for 2022** by RegisteredNursing.org, a nursing advocacy organization. Nursing programs were assessed on how well a program supports students during school, towards licensure and beyond.



2

 NEW MAJORS

BS IN PUBLIC HEALTH
BS IN DATA ANALYTICS

The **Academic Stewardship** spotlights influential institutions that, given their size and resources, have faculty and alumni making outsized positive impacts and offer students transformational supports and strong pathways to careers.



ON CAMPUS

ARTS ON CAMPUS

1. Professor David Berry joined as a member of the Gateways Music Festival Orchestra for its historic house debut at Carnegie Hall on April 24. His former Juilliard classmate Jon Batiste was the featured musician. The orchestra is comprised of professional classical musicians of African descent. Berry also served as a member of the festival's artistic planning committee and performed the night before with the Harlem Chamber Players at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. (Photo by Macson McGuigan '17)

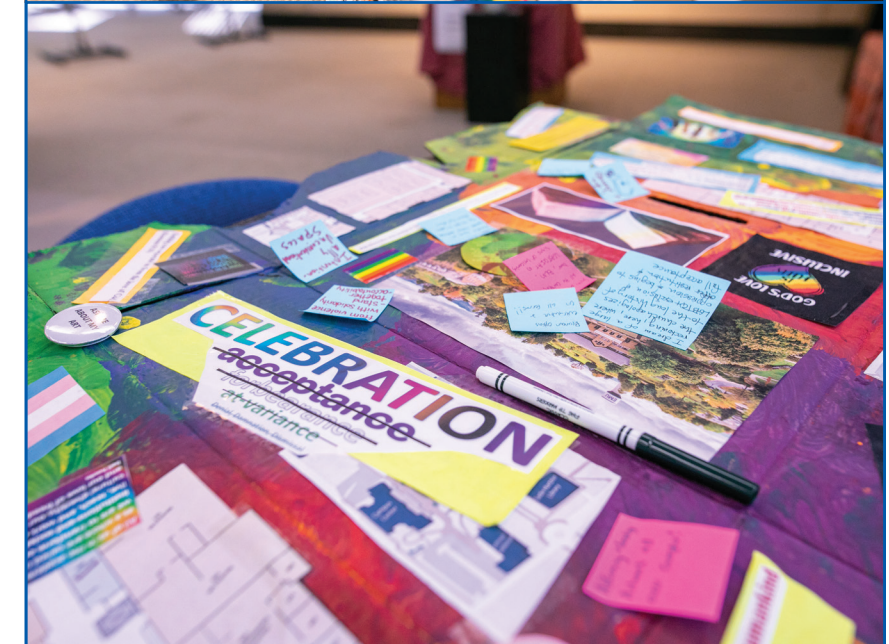
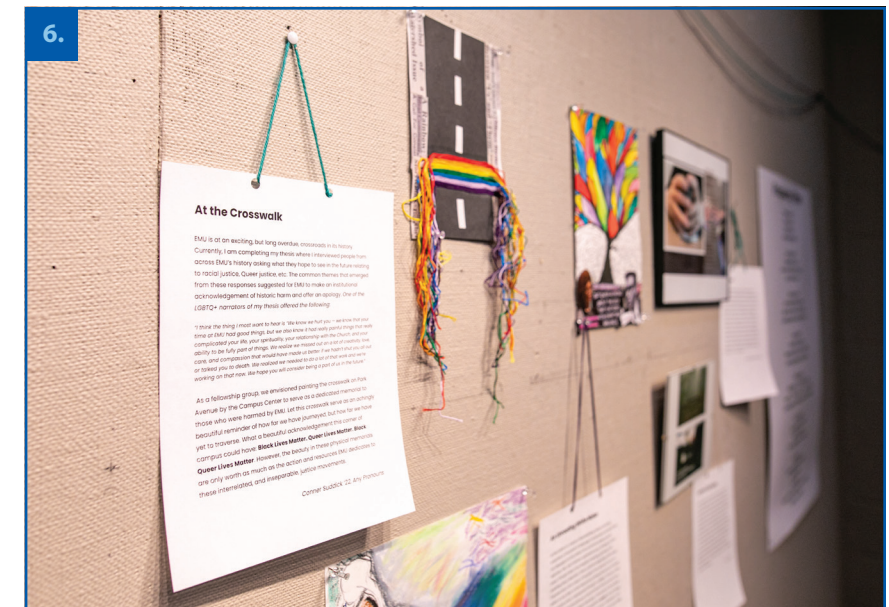
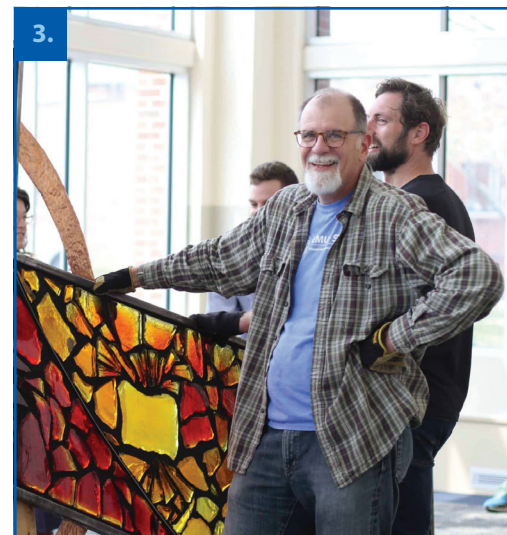
2. *Bonhoeffer: Cell 92*, a collaboration of professors Jerry Holsopple and Justin Poole, is currently on tour in Europe. The multimedia production depicts the life of German dissident and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was imprisoned and murdered for his opposition to Hitler and the Nazi regime in World War II. It premiered in the spring on campus and in Harrisonburg, funded by an Arts Council of the Valley grant. (Photo by Jerry Holsopple)

3. A 12' by 6' stained glass cross created by visual and communication arts professor Jerry Holsopple arrived at its new home in the auditorium foyer at Eastern Mennonite School during Holy Week. Holsopple created the work in 2009 for use at Mennonite Youth Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Since then, it briefly came out of storage as a prominent feature on the set of the fall 2021 production of *U2 Romeo and Juliet*. (Contributed photos)

4. Janet Langhart Cohen's play *Anne and Emmett* was performed to audience acclaim at EMU's 2022 Martin Luther King Day celebration. Produced by Director of Multicultural Services Celeste Thomas and directed by Ezrionna Prioleau '17, MDiv, MA '22, the production featured Board of Trustees member Deanna Reed and several students in acting roles and several alumni on the production crew (see Mileposts, page 28, for details). (Photo by Rachel Holderman '18)

5. Noye, portrayed by Isaac Longacre, takes the branches from Dove Elizabeth Eby in the opera *Noye's Fludde*. The production earned an "Invited Production" nomination and several individuals were named for acting awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. The Benjamin Britten opera, directed by theater professor Justin Poole with music direction by professor James Richardson, was performed in early April in Lehman Auditorium. (Photo by Caleb Schlabach '16)

6. This spring, Sadie Hartzler Library hosted a multi-artist exhibit "Restoring Queer Pasts, Envisioning Queer Futures." The artwork of students, faculty, and staff explores the LGBTQ experience at EMU past and present. It was sponsored by the Office of DEI's Inclusive Excellence Grants and facilitated by Conner Suddick MA '22. (Photos by Rachel Holderman '18)



LEAD TOGETHER

EMU WELCOMES NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Three new members begin their terms July 1, 2022, on the EMU Board of Trustees.

MARGIE MEJIA CARABALLO

'84 is an associate pastor at Templo Alabanza Spanish Mennonite Church and a claims representative at the Social Security Administration. She previously worked for 18 years as a social worker. She resides in Rock Island, Illinois, with her husband, Josue, and two children.



Caraballo serves on the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and the Mennonite Central Committee Central States Board. Locally, she is a board member for both the Rock Island Civil Rights Commission and the Quad Cities Juvenile Justice Coalition. She was EMU's Alumna of the Year in 1997 and was inducted into the Rock Island High School Hall of Fame for social work contributions in the community in 1995.

RAL OBIOHA '08 represents clients seeking permanent residency and citizenship with the Houston-based law firm she founded. She is also executive director of an NGO in Nigeria started by her parents, Civil Resource Development and Documentation Center, which works for the protection and



promotion of human rights, women's rights, gender equality, and good governance in the country and beyond. She also volunteers with multiple organizations, providing free legal services to low-income families, and is a guest lecturer at Columbia University. In 2018, Obioha founded the Vic & Oby Scholarship Fund, named after her parents, to help other ambitious young immigrants go to college.

After earning her bachelor's degree in psychology and history from EMU, Obioha was awarded a merit scholarship to Howard University School of Law. In addition to her juris doctorate, she also holds a master of laws in international human rights law from American University. In 2021, she was named both a Super Lawyers' Texas Rising Star and EMU's Outstanding Young Alum.

JANE HOOBER PEIFER '74, MDIV '97

is a spiritual director and retreat leader. She was the pastor of Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Va., from 1989-99, and the pastor of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa., from 1999-2013. She also leads virtual day retreats for pastors and conference ministers as a part of Eastern Mennonite Seminary's Lily Grant-funded program to "help pastors thrive."



Peifer served on the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, Everence Federal Credit Union Board and the Tabor Community Services Board in Lancaster. She has held leadership positions in Virginia Mennonite and Atlantic Coast Conferences of Mennonite Church USA. Since 2015, she continues serving as a member of the steering committee for the Mennonite Spiritual Director Network. Peifer has authored five children's books, all published by Menno Media. She lives in Harrisonburg with her husband, Daryl, and they attend Shalom Mennonite Congregation. She and Daryl have two children and five grandchildren.

OUTGOING TRUSTEES INCLUDE EVON BERGEY '79, HERMAN BONTRAGER '72, ANNE KAUFMAN WEAVER '88, MDIV '16, KEVIN LONGENECKER '91, AND VAUGHN TROYER '93. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE.

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TRACK & FIELD A NEW ERA

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BUILDING OUR VISION

A COMMITTED COACHING STAFF IS ONE STEP TOWARDS A FULLY REALIZED VISION FOR THE ROYALS. BUT THREE MORE PIECES NEED TO FALL INTO PLACE: ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVED RECRUITING, AND A NEW TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY.

By Bob Hepler
with Kyle Dickinson
and Joanna Friesen

TRACK AND FIELD COACHES

PHOTO BY DERRICK CHIRINOS '19

IN 2018, I arrived at EMU after spending 14 years as an administrator and coach at University of Texas Tyler. My time at UT Tyler was fruitful – I started their track and field program, won 23 track and cross country conference championships, coached 20 All-Americans and four individual NCAA champions.

However, in 2018, my personal goal was to coach at a small Christian university that puts academics ahead of winning. EMU became my next move. When I arrived, it was clear the program

was on life support, weakened by a series of coaching turnovers, in most cases due to personal circumstances. A core of committed athletes stayed with the program, and coaches **Hannah Chappell-Dick '18** and **Joanna Friesen '21** put their lives on hold to keep the program going. Former dean of students **Ken Nafziger '79**, director of athletics **Dave King '76** also provided instrumental support through this time.

I'll be honest: These last few years have been challenging, with low roster numbers, further coaching departures,

less than competitive conference performances and COVID-19 limitations. But there are signs of hope, building on the commitment and passion of our coaching staff. We bring different strengths and personalities, but we share a common vision for the Royals program and we all intend on coaching here for many years to come.

COMMITTED TO COACHING

Joanna, former Houghton College record-setter, was here before I arrived. She has been instrumental in the

development of our triathlon team and distance program, and has a growing role in our recruiting efforts. **Kyle Dickinson** signed on in 2020 as associate head coach to work with sprints and jumps. He came to EMU after successful stints at Shippensburg University and Penn State Harrisburg, where he had a hand in producing over 30 conference champions, eight All-Americans, 16 national qualifiers, and multiple conference athletes of the year.

A committed coaching staff is one step towards a fully realized vision for

the Royals. But three more pieces need to fall into place: athlete development, improved recruiting, and a new track and field facility.

We're already seeing an increasing number of athletes grow and succeed with us. Our roster increased to 42 this year, rebounding from a low of 25 in spring 2019. Team numbers provide both critical mass and a competitive spirit. See pages 14-15 for our athletes' stunning successes marked by an incredible number of Top 10 All-Time performances during the 2021-22 track season. With the program approaching its 50th anniversary, a top ten performance is no small feat. Two elite athletes, seniors **Alijah Johnson** and **Isaac Alderfer**, each broke EMU and conference records, won conference championships, and have qualified for the last several NCAA indoor and outdoor national championships.

With these individual successes come improved team performances: Both women's and men's cross country had their best finishes in years at the ODAC championships, coming in third and fourth respectively. In track, the men finished fifth and the women seventh. Consider these performances in light of the most recent NCAA rankings. The ODAC had six of the top 10 teams in the region, including EMU at 10th. These results are a solid improvement for the program in what is now one of the

best conferences in the country.

Most importantly, our program's larger roster includes student-athletes representing diverse socio-economic and racial backgrounds. In our multi-disciplinary sport, every athlete of all body types and dispositions can find an event in which they can compete and improve; we are the embodiment of inclusivity. EMU track and field is not only a key program in the university's efforts to increase diversity and encourage belonging; it directly aligns with its mission and values.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!

We are now poised for a higher level of success, but one key element is missing. A quality facility is desperately needed. When high school juniors and seniors see our current track, they usually eliminate EMU from their college list. A new facility combined with coaching stability, proven athletic development, and a focused approach to recruiting will lead to a roster of 60-70 athletes and consistent ODAC top-five team finishes within two years of the opening of the new facility. This is not just a gut feeling; Kyle, Joanna and our athletes have laid a strong foundation for growth and success.

EMU TRACK AND FIELD IS ON THE RISE. JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF THIS EXCITING NEW VISION!

TOP 10 RECORDS

57

TOTAL INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TOP 10 RECORDS FOR THE 21-22 SEASON

STANDOUT ATHLETES

27

16 MALE
11 FEMALE

TOTAL OUTDOOR TOP 10 LIST RECORDS

30

17 MALE
13 FEMALE

TOTAL INDOOR TOP 10 LIST RECORDS

10

TOTAL SCHOOL RECORDS SET
(INDOOR AND OUTDOOR)

1

ODAC RECORD


TOP 10 RECORD BREAKDOWN:

- 5 team relays (14 different athletes)
- 11 field event records (jumps and throws)
- 18 sprint records
- 13 middle distance
- 10 distance

ALIJAH JOHNSON

(Upper Marlboro, Md./Frederick Douglass-Prince George HS) has evolved from a lightly recruited athlete in high school to one of the top sprinters in NCAA Division III. He broke four school sprinting records in 2022, was named ODAC Outdoor Athlete of the Meet for the conference championships, and earned All-American honors in the 200m. He is a 2022 graduate with a BA in digital media and visual communications.

VANESSA GARDINER

(John R. Lewis HS/Springfield, Va.), also on the basketball and triathlon teams, has transformed herself into a talented distance runner. She sits No. 2 in the 3000m steeplechase record book. An environmental science major, she was recognized as a CTCA/USA Triathlon Scholar All-American in 2021.

CLAY KAUFFMAN

(Broadway, Va./Broadway High School) barely broke 5 minutes in the mile and 11 minutes in the 3200m as a high school athlete. Applying his work ethic to quality mileage and tough workouts, Clay ended his sophomore season at EMU with top three times in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races. He exploded into the elite category with a second-place finish in the 10,000m at the 2022 JODAC championships. Clay is an environmental science major.

KENDRA OGUAMENA

(Alexandria, Va./T.C. Williams HS) concluded her sophomore season with top three times in each sprint event. She's taken crucial seconds off her 100m and 200m times from her high school bests. She will graduate with a degree in psychology in 2024.

TOP TEN ALL-TIME INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES SET IN 2021-22

MEN // 100M / #1 ALIJAH JOHNSON 10.48 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / #5 DAMON MORGAN 11.04 2022 // 200M / #1 ALIJAH JOHNSON 21.09 (ODAC & SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / #7 DAMON MORGAN 22.39 2022 / 400M / #4 ALIJAH JOHNSON 48.64 / 800M / #1 ISAAC ALDERFER 1:50.61 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2021 / 1500M / #1 ISAAC ALDERFER 3:48.08 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / 3000M STEEPLCHASE / #3 JUSTICE ALLEN 9:55.18 2022 / 5000M / #7 ISAAC ALDERFER 15:29 2021 / #10 JUSTICE ALLEN 15:39.52 2022 / 10,000M / #3 CLAY KAUFMAN 32:09.75 2022 / LONG JUMP / #7 ELI ROESCHLEY 22' 3.75" 2022 / TRIPLE JUMP / #7 ELI ROESCHLEY 44' 3.25" 2022 / SHOT PUT / #10 CHRISTIAN SCHMIDT 41' 5" 2022 / DISCUS / #8 GRANT LEICHTY 123' 5" / 4X100 / #2 BRENDAN APGAR, DAMON MORGAN, ELI ROESCHLEY, ALIJAH JOHNSON 42.14 2022 // **INDOOR MEN'S** // 60M / #1 ALIJAH JOHNSON—6.96 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / #3 ELI ROESCHLEY 7.11 2022 / #4 DAMON MORGAN 7.14 2022 / 200M / #1 ALIJAH JOHNSON—21.96 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / #3 DAMON MORGAN 22.73 2022 / 300M / #2 ALIJAH JOHNSON 35.64 2022 / 800M / #1 ISAAC ALDERFER—1:54.63 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / 1000M / #7 ISAAC ANDREAS 2:46.37 2021 / MILE / #1 ISAAC ALDERFER—4:08.43 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / #7 JUSTICE ALLEN 4:29.60 2022 / 3000M / #6 JUSTICE ALLEN 9:05.20 2022 / 5000M / #3 JUSTICE ALLEN 15:44.96 2022 / #3 CLAY KAUFMAN 15:44.96 2022 / DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY / #1 JUSTICE ALLEN, BELLAMY IMMANUEL, ISAAC ALDERFER, ALIJAH JOHNSON 10:22.26 (SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / LONG JUMP / #5 ELI ROESCHLEY 21'11" 2022 / #8 BRENDAN APGAR 21'3.25" 2022 / TRIPLE JUMP / #6 ELI ROESCHLEY 44'3.5" 2022 // **WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD** // 100M / #3 KENDRA OGUAMENA 12.29 2022 / 200M / #3 KENDRA OGUAMENA 25.65 2022 / 3000M STEEPLCHASE / #2 VANESSA GARDINER 12:07.84 2022 / #3 HALIE MAST 12:18.49 2022 / 5000M / #6 ALLISON SHELLEY 18:41.31 2022 / #8 ELIZABETH MILLER 42:40.46 2021 / HIGH JUMP / #9 MAY WADMAN 4'8.25" (1.43M) 2021 / POLE VAULT / #7 KAILEE FRANKLIN 9'6" 2022 / 4X100 / #1 TIFFANY CAREY, CHYNA ROBERTS, BRII REDFEARN, KENDRA OGUAMENA 49.43—(SCHOOL RECORD) 2022 / JAVELIN / #2 ABBY KAUFMAN 103'6" 2022 / #4 KATE LANDIS 100'5" 2022 / **INDOOR TOP TEN (WOMEN)** // 60M / #2 KENDRA OGUAMENA 8.02 2022 / #4 TIFFANY CAREY 8.21 2022 / #7 CHYNA ROBERTS 8.40 2022 / 60M HURDLES / #3 SHA'DYMON BLANTON 10.10 2022 / 200M / #2 KENDRA OGUAMENA 26.98 2022 / MILE RUN / #9 ALLISON SHELLEY 5:36.75 2022 / #10 HALIE MAST 5:37.57 2022 / 3000M / #7 ALLISON SHELLEY 11:10.49 2022 / 5000M / #5 ALLISON SHELLEY 19:15.38 2022 / LONG JUMP / #10 SHA'DYMON BLANTON 15'1 (4.61M) 2022 / POLE VAULT / #6 KAILEE FRANKLIN 9'3" (2.83M) 2022 / 4X400M (1600M RELAY) / #8 KENDRA OGUAMENA TIFFANY CAREY HALIE MAST CHYNA ROBERTS 4:29.31 2022 / DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY / #8 HALIE MAST, CHYNA ROBERTS, VANESSA GARDINER, ALLISON SHELLEY 13:29.73 2022

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Faith, teamwork, trust ...

alumni athletes speak about the impact and influence of their track and field experience.

WE BELIEVE



Track and field is one of the most socioeconomically and racially diverse sports in the world. In a society that's actively pushing us away from "the other", it is a worthy cause to support a program that brings diverse people together. Whether you run, jump, or throw, there's a place for every type of athlete to explore what it means to push yourself to your limits – and then enjoy the view with your team.

HANNAH CHAPPELL-DICK '15

Assistant coach, track and field/cross country, Brown University



We have watched our children and grandchildren compete at all levels of track and field, and gained both admiration and a deep appreciation for the athletes and their shared spirit of competition. We invite others to join us in supporting this urgent and worthy effort. The new complex will serve the students, the university and the community for many years to come.

DR. JIM WITMER '64 AND RACHEL HORST WITMER '62



Being part of EMU athletics gave me an opportunity to be mentored for life. My coaches and teammates helped me to practice collective leadership, to find meaningful ways of nurturing a community, and to appreciate how everyone contributes to that community in big and small ways. I share that graceful spirit of mentorship through my work creating experiential learning programs for youth in Sierra Leone and Kenya to become leaders and problem-solvers in their communities.

RICHY BIKKO '11

Director of programs, Global Minimum, Inc.



EMU's track and field community changed the direction and the course of my life. The coaches and athletic trainers nurtured my leadership ability to greatness. I'm now a leader in my profession whose job is to train leaders because of that impact.

JUSTIN ODOM '20

Community engagement ministry, 3e Restoration Inc.

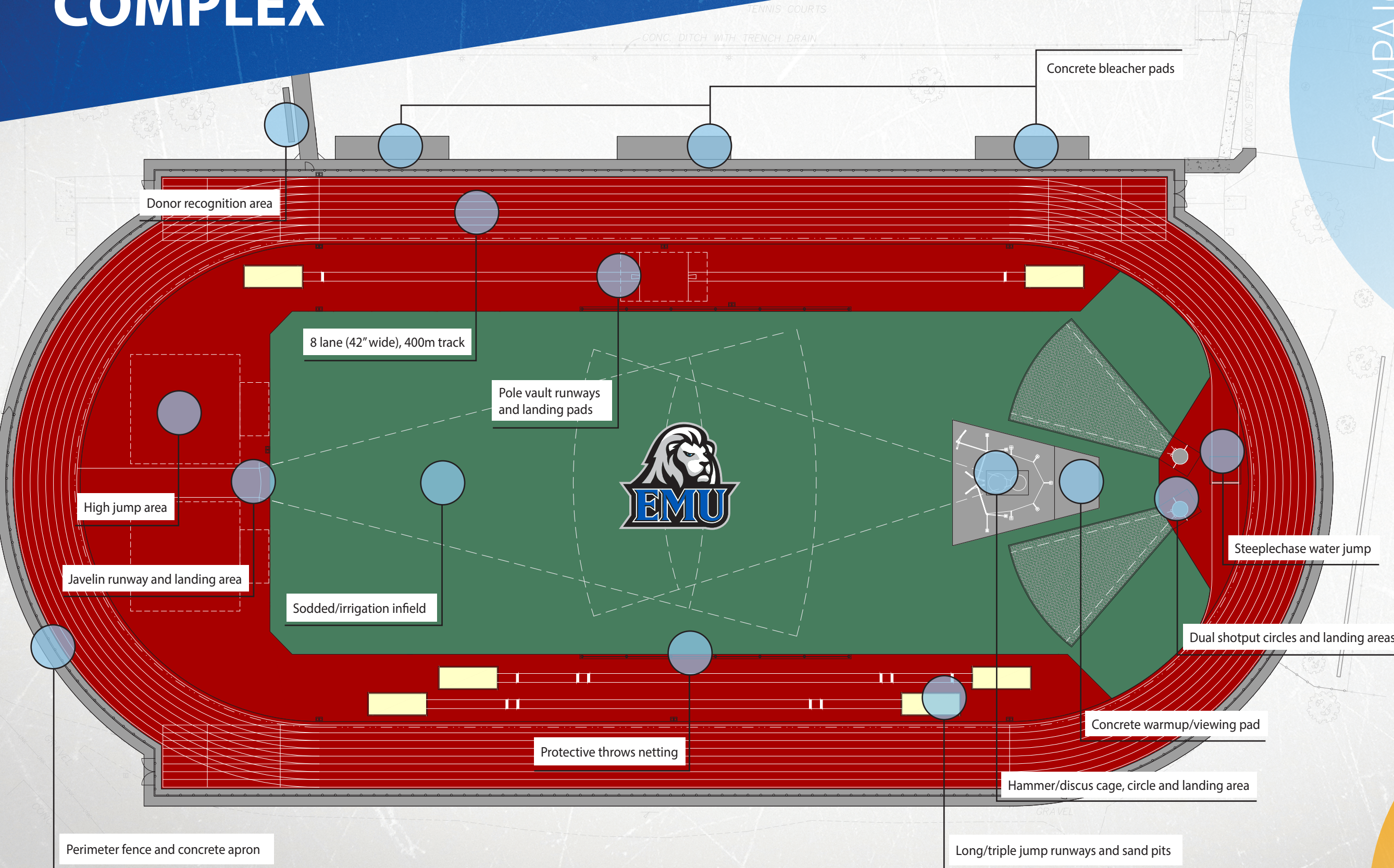


As an athlete, I learned how to support teammates through success and failure, how to set goals for myself, and how to face challenges with courage and faith. These are skills that I applied daily as a medical student and will continue to rely upon as a doctor.

KATHERINE LEHMAN '18

Medical student, The Ohio State University

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FAREWELLS

BETH EBY BERGMAN '87, administrative assistant in athletics and former seminary registrar, 25 years of service.

SUE COCKLEY, dean of the School of Theology, Humanities and Performing Arts; former director of the Adult Degree Completion Program, director of the MAOL program, associate graduate dean, graduate dean, and graduate and seminary dean. 26 years of service.

BOB DAVIS, instructor, leadership and organizational management program, 10 years of service.

JAYNE DOCHERTY, executive director and professor, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, 21 years of service.

NANCY HEISEY, professor of Biblical studies and former associate dean of the seminary, 23 years of service.

DAVID KING '76, director of athletics, 17 years of service.

KAREN MOSHIER-SHENK '73, senior regional advancement director, 28 years of service.

SHARON EBY NORRIS, class of '93, team lead, auxiliary services, 10 years of service.

STEVE SHENK '73, MA (interdisciplinary studies) '18, instructor, Intensive English Program, and former director of communications, 18 years of service.

BILL GOLDBERG MA '01, director of Summer Institute of Peacebuilding, 22 years of service.

Photos shown in listed order, left to right by row.

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YEARS OF SERVICE AT EMU



MILEPOSTS

FACULTY AND STAFF

This list is a small sampling of faculty and staff activities during spring semester 2022.

The latest Royal Awards for Staff Performance were: **Stephanie Mason**, administrative assistant in Roselawn and **Julie Siegfried**, interim executive director and director of operations, EMU Lancaster, for November and December 2021; and **Barbara Byer**, administrative assistant, School of Science, Engineering, Arts and Nursing and **Lori Gant**, administrative secretary in Auxiliary Services, for February and March 2022.

Debbi DiGennaro '04, instructor of social work, interviewed 20 millennials from a Mennonite background in the Harrisonburg, Va., area, about what spiritual practices they had started or stopped during the pandemic. The results, summarized in *Anabaptist World*, highlight that millennials find spiritually meaningful practices outside of the church setting.

David Evans, professor of history and intercultural studies and the director of crosscultural programs at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, contributed a chapter to *Peaceful at Heart: Anabaptist Reflections on Healthy Masculinity* (Wipf and Stock, 2022). He was also interviewed on the *Mennonite Men* podcast.

Susannah Moore '08, professor of psychology, shared a Suter Science Seminar titled "From Fitness Training to Health Psychology: My Journey Back to EMU." She earned her master's degree and PhD from the University of Northern Colorado.

Kyle Remnant, professor of music, was a guest faculty member at the Mid-Atlantic Trombone Alliance in April. The organization

is a consortium of Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University, Towson University, George Mason University, George Washington University and Shepherd University trombone departments.

Kimberly D. Schmidt, affiliate professor of gender history and former director of the Washington Community Scholars' Program, gave the Albert N. Keim Lecture this spring. She spoke on "Marketing Mennonites, Posing Cheyennes: Photography, Gender, and Indigenous Agency on the Mission Field (1880-1920)," based on her research into how Mennonite constructions of gender and women's work on the mission supported U.S. government assimilationist and cultural annihilation policies.

Jonathan Swartz MA '14 (conflict resolution), co-director of the Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice and director of residence life, student accountability, and restorative justice, and **Mikayla W.C. McCray MA '19 (restorative justice)**, assistant director of student accountability, will present a workshop on restorative justice in education at the first annual equity, diversity, justice, inclusion, and sustainability conference this summer at Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C. The colleagues will also teach a class in restorative justice at the 2022 Summer Peacebuilding Institute.

Esther Tian, professor and program director of engineering, presented research on the National Science Foundation-funded project "STEM Scholars Engaging in Local Problems" at the 129th American Society for Engineering Education Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Jennifer Ulrich, technical services librarian, Sadie Hartzker Library, published an article

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Kathy Alsberry Temple '14 (right), Strasburg, Va., was awarded the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award from Lord Fairfax Community College. She is pictured with President **Kim Blosser '91, MA '98 (education)**. She was the first person to graduate from LFCC during its inaugural commencement ceremony in 1972. Graduates at that ceremony were called alphabetically, and with her maiden name being Alsberry, she was first in line. After earning her associate degree in secretarial science, Temple went on to have a successful 27-year career at IBM, beginning in the typing pool and advancing to become an award-winning manager. She also holds an associate degree in liberal arts from LFCC. (Contributed photo)

about spring holidays of various religions in Atla's online digest. The organization works to promote worldwide scholarly communication in religion and theology by advancing the work of libraries and related information providers.

Anna Westfall, assistant professor of visual and communication arts, exhibited at the Spectra Gallery, Honors College, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

UNDERGRADUATE 1960-69

Reta Halteman Finger '62, Rockingham, Va., has been the contributing editor at *Sojourners* magazine since 2014, and a tutor at Skyline Literacy since 2015. After retiring from Messiah University, she taught New Testament at EMU and EMS from 2010-18.

Mary Moseman Lichty '62 and **Richard Lichty '62**, Lansdale, Pa., reside at Dock Woods retirement community. Mary is active in the library, and Richard teaches in the Sunday school at Plains Mennonite. They are the parents of three adult children and have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mary was an interior designer for most of

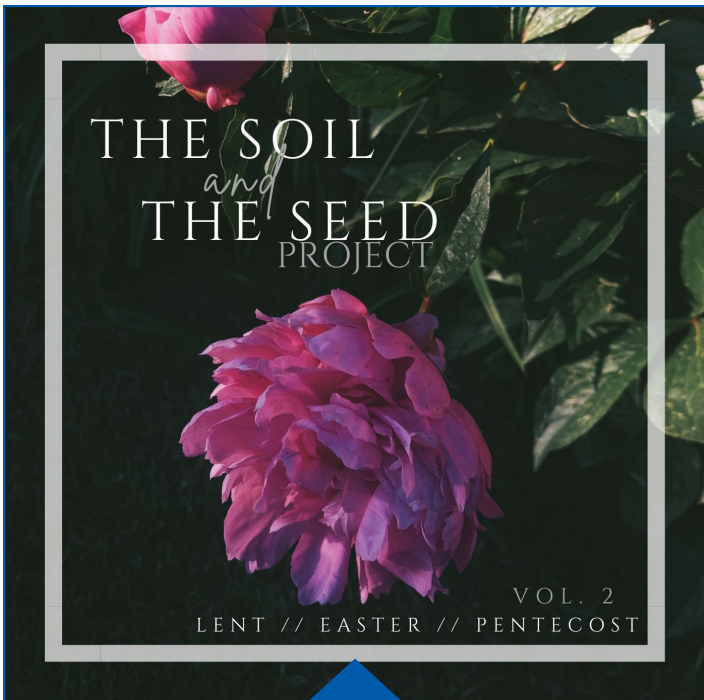
her career. Richard taught social studies and religion in three high schools and pastored in three Mennonite congregations. In retirement, Richard has written four family history books and two congregational histories.

David E Ritter '67, Leesburg, Fla., wrote in to share that he is "enjoying life and the Hawthorne at Leesburg adult community as well as flying his DJI drone for video photography.

1970-79

Miriam S. Eberly '72, Lititz, Pa., is a retired midwife living at Landis Homes. She manages the Belize Evangelical Mennonite Scholarship Fund, supporting high school students in Belize with education funds. Miriam spent six years in Belize, where she was trained in midwifery, from 1965-68 and 1973-76. She was the first family nurse practitioner in Lancaster County, Pa., and 66th to be certified by the state.

Kate Hess Kooker '72, Christiana, Pa., gives leadership to the Wm. Chester Ruth Legacy Project, which honors the African American investor and businessman and sustains his legacy of courage by providing resources and educational programs about his life and contributions. She calls the racial justice



SOIL AND SEED

The Soil and The Seed Project, founded by **Seth Crissman '09, MDiv '15**, published *Vol. 2 // Lent–Easter–Pentecost* in April 2022. The free faith formation resource combines music, art, and liturgy for daily and weekly use. Contributors and collaborators include lead “Little Liturgies” writer **Melody Tobin Zimmerman '14**, and musicians **Leah Wenger '20**, **Lauren Derstine Yoder '10**, **Jackson Maust '09**, and **Benjamin Bergey '11**, professor of music, with the Chamber Singers. Visit www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org/.



MASTER PILOT AWARD

John Sibole, director of the aviation program, EMU Lancaster, was awarded the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in May for 50 years of dedication to and safety within the aviation field. He has served as a military aviator, owned his own flight school, and worked as a commercial airline pilot and FAA safety inspector before coming to EMU in 2019. (Photo by Christy Kauffman '19)

work “invigorating and stretching.” Kate is retired from a career of leading and launching nonprofits including Bridge of Hope and 100 Women Who Care Lancaster. She is married to **Harley M. Kooker '73**. They attend East Chestnut Mennonite Church.

Rachel A. Yoder '72, Fort Wayne, Ind., is retired. She and husband **Duane Yoder '73** attend Fairhaven Mennonite Church.

Nelson Shenk '74, MA '96 (church leadership), Bally, Pa., retired from pastoral ministry at Boyertown Mennonite Church after more than 26 years. He is married to **June Yoder Shenk '73**.

Bruce Schlabach '77, Goshen, Ind., retired after 40 years of teaching high school mathematics and physics in Ohio. He also coached high school basketball for 40 years, as well as golf and track. He and his wife, **Janet Schlabach '75**, live close to their children and grandchildren. They attend Goshen Mennonite Church.

1980-89

John Lowe '81, Austin, Texas, was awarded a grant from the 2021 Hillman Innovations in Health Care: Racism and Health Program to help implement the Talking Circle program among 36 schools in Robeson County, North Carolina. John is a professor of nursing at University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing and EMU's 2021 Alumnus of the Year. The Talking Circle intervention has been proven to enhance youth well-being and promote a sense of belonging, cultural identity, and the reduction of substance use and associated health risk behaviors among various Native American and other Indigenous populations. It has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice programs as a “Promising Evidence-based Program.”

Timothy Martin Johnson '82, Philadelphia, Pa., is a controller for Justice at Work, a nonprofit in Philadelphia providing free legal services to low-wage workers. Timothy is also the treasurer of the board of Redemption Housing, a nonprofit which provides housing to people coming out of incarceration, and the treasurer of the board of Delaware County Symphony, a community orchestra where he plays second violin. Timothy was a high school math teacher for 27 years, including three years under MCC in Uganda, and 22 years at Cheltenham High School in Wyncote, Penn. He and his wife, **Carol Martin Johnson '82**, are with the West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship.

Melanie Delagrange Haas '83, Newport News, Va., has retired after 38 years as a teacher and coach at Menchville High.

David Scott Driver '85, Cheverly, Md., is the communications manager for MVP International Athletics, a Virginia-based organization that helps foster overseas trips for young athletes. He was previously the sports editor of the *Daily News-Record* in Harrisonburg for two years. Also see “Creative Works.” He is married to **Liz Chase Driver '86**, and they have two adult daughters, Katie and Dani.

LuAnn B. Fahndrich '85, Mount Joy, Pa., was one of three Republican candidates running in the May 2022 election to represent the 98th Legislative District, which includes a large portion of Lancaster County and a handful of municipalities in Lebanon County. She is a former administrative assistant in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and has served on the Donegal School Board and the Mount Joy Borough Council.

Leonard Dow '87, Philadelphia, Pa., was a keynote speaker at the annual Mennonite Health Services Alliance assembly in Greenville, S.C. He is vice president of community and church development for Everence Financial.

Tobin Miller Shearer '87, Missoula, Mont., was awarded a highly competitive National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend to support his current research project, “Vincent Harding: Storied into Being, A Biography.” The book will be the first biography of the late Dr. Vincent Harding, a prolific historian and influential civil rights activist. Tobin is a professor of history and director of the African-American studies program at University of Montana.

1990-99

Debra Gingerich '90, Sarasota, Fla., earned the Built To Last Award from JMX Brands, the parent company of online retailer DutchCrafters. The award recognizes one veteran employee who steadily performs and exemplifies persistence, a solid work ethic, and a depth of knowledge, as well as makes long-term contributions. She is the company's director of marketing.

Aimee Jeannette Camp '93, El Paso, Texas, was promoted to assistant director of library services for the El Paso Public Library in April. Aimee joined EPPL in 2004 as a public services librarian, and was promoted to branch manager in 2007 and regional branch manager in 2018.

Brad Croushorn '93, Durham, N.C., wrote the hymn text “Open Wide the Doors,” which was chosen from among 60 entries from three countries as the winner of the 2021 Duke University Chapel Hymn Competition. It was featured as the opening hymn on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, during a service at Duke Chapel to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Brad is the minister of music and liturgy at All Saints' United Methodist Church in Morrisville, North Carolina.

Timothy Leaman '93, Philadelphia, Pa., is the new chief medical officer at Esperanza Health Center. Esperanza, a faith-based health center that first opened in 1989, commits to providing quality health care to Latino and Black communities in North Philadelphia. For 20 years, Leaman worked at the clinic as a family medicine physician and associate medical director. He also served as a site medical director at the center's Kensington location for 10 years.

Gilberto Pérez Jr. '94, GC '99 (conflict transformation), Goshen, Ind., is the new board chair of Mennonite Central Committee U.S. He is the vice president for student life and dean of students at Goshen College. Perez was EMU's 2018 Distinguished Service Award honoree.

Svonne Stickley '94, Harrisonburg, Va. is an enterprise application support specialist with the City of Harrisonburg.

Jennifer Lynn Behney '96, Fredericksburg, Pa., teaches English at Steelton-Highspire Jr./Sr. High School.

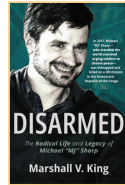
Kirk B. King '97, Huntington Station, N.Y., is vice president of ticket sales for the New York Islanders Hockey Club.

Jason Myers-Benner '99, Keezletown, Va., breeds Shenandoah Valley-focused, free-range chickens with his family and spouse **Janelle Myers-Benner '01**. The four different breeds are named Shenandoahs, Massanutters, Blacks Run Browns, and Cub Run Creles. The family's goal is to breed the chickens to be

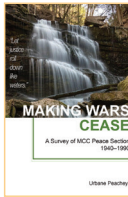
BOOK SHELF



Ed Bontrager '63, MDiv '66, has published *Maximizing Your Message* (Masthof Publishers, 2022) featuring illustrations, quotes, poetic verse, inspirational short snippets/stories, and church humor.



Marshall V. King '92 included EMU and Harrisonburg on his national book tour as he promoted, and shared the story of, *Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of M.J. Sharp* (Herald Press, 2022).



Making Wars Cease: A Survey of the MCC Peace Section, 1940-1990 (Masthof Press, 2022) is, according to author **Urbane Peachey '58**, a “modest effort to preserve and interpret the half century work and witness of the Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section.” He was executive secretary, Peace Section binational from 1975-86, with a focus on the joined agenda of Canada and the U.S., including international work.



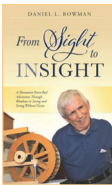
The Helping Rock: A Story to Celebrate the Ways We Help Each Other (ACHIEVE Publishing, 2022) by **Tanya Hoover '01** provides a framework for showing children the importance of sharing our gifts and the strength we gain by working together.



Eric Stutzman '96 is co-author of *Don't Blame the Lettuce: Insights to Help You Grow as a Leader and Nurture Your Workplace Culture* (ACHIEVE Publishing, 2022). The book explores leadership insights that will help leaders meet challenges, respond to opportunities, and nurture a healthy workplace culture in new and innovative ways.



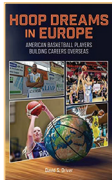
God's Guidance, a memoir by **Paul W. Nisly '65**, begins with his childhood as the youngest of eight growing up on a wheat and dairy farm in south-central Kansas and continues through more than 45 years of Christian ministry with 25 years as a professor at Messiah College. Email: pnisly@messiah.edu or write to Box 262, Grantham, PA 17027.



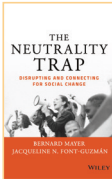
Daniel Bowman '65 published *From Sight to Insight: A Mennonite Farm Boy's Adventures through Blindness to Living and Seeing Without Vision* (Masthof Press, 2022). Available on Amazon or by contacting lappbow@verizon.net.



Howard Zehr, emeritus professor of restorative justice, published *Still Doing Life: 22 Lifers, 25 Years Later* with co-author **Barb Toews MA '00 (conflict resolution)**, associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Washington. The collection has been widely covered in the media. The side-by-side photos and interviews, separated by 25 years, of people serving life sentences in prison, are a compelling argument against life sentences.



David Driver '85 has written *Hoop Dreams In Europe: American Basketball Players Building Careers Overseas*. He is the former sports editor of the *Daily News-Record* in Harrisonburg, the *Arlington Courier*, and the *Baltimore Examiner*. Driver and his family lived in Hungary for three years and for the past 15 years he has made return trips to watch and interview athletes.



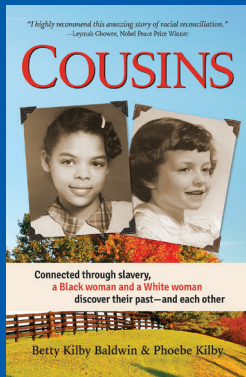
In global podcasts and book reviews, you may find *The Neutrality Trap: From Disruption to Engagement* (Wiley, 2022), co-authored by **Jackie Font-Guzmán**, vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion, and her former Creighton University colleague Bernard Mayer. The partners also taught a course in Summer Peacebuilding Institute based on the book.



COUSINS REUNITE

Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby GC '04 (conflict transformation) have told their remarkable story of reconciliation and reparation across the country, with features in *The Baltimore Sun*, BBC News, and a Netflix documentary. The women co-authored "*Cousins: Connected Through Slavery*" (Walnut Street Books, 2021). In March 2022, they came back to EMU and to Harrisonburg to share their story.

They first met in a five-day class titled "Coming to the Table," during the 2007 Summer Peacebuilding Institute. Their connection continued through the development of the Coming to the Table organization; its goal is to bring together descendants of slave owners and enslaved people to talk about racial reconciliation. Their new book gives space for each woman to tell her story – Betty's experience as one of the first Black children to attend a desegregated school in Rappahannock County, Phoebe's desire to repair harms after a privileged life, the story of their meeting and ongoing work together. Phoebe is a former advancement director for the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. (Contributed photo)



resistant, and move Tangly Woods, the family's farm, to true sustainability and ecological participation. The Myers-Benners minimize vehicle use, use heat from solar panels and a wood stove, and try to grow, raise or gather as much of their food as possible from their land.

Kim Stauffer '99, Austerlitz, N.Y., was appointed as a board member of Where Arts and Activism Meet (WAM) Theatre in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. She is the head of acting, resident director for music and theater, and lecturer at University at Albany.

2000-09

Jason Coleman '02, Buena Vista, Va., was promoted to design engineer and IT liaison at Everbrite LLC. He has also taken on IT responsibilities. He and wife Kelley Coleman have two sons, one of whom is in his first year at EMU.

Erik Kratz '02, Telford, Pa., is among the Phillies' recently-hired radio color commentators for 20 road game broadcasts on 94WIP. He grew up by the Bucks-Montgomery County line, attended Dock Mennonite Academy in Lansdale, and played with the Philadelphia Phillies for four years during his 11-year career as a major league catcher.

Felicia Zamora '02, Pittsburgh, Pa., was the guest preacher for the First Baptist Church of Lawrence's "Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching." She is the associate pastor in the area of pastoral care at North Hills Community Baptist Church, Pa. She graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2021. Felicia served as the delegations coordinator for public health at the nonprofit organizations PROVADENIC and AMOS Health and Hope for 14 years, connecting American pastors and congregations with communities throughout Nicaragua.

Lauren Hartzler Arbogast '04, Lacey Springs, Va., was recognized as one of the *Shenandoah Valley Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" business leaders. She is a preschool teacher at Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center. She and her husband Brian raise beef cattle, poultry and crops, and manage 5A Meats farm store. She is on the board of the Rockingham County Fair Association and an active member of Crosslink Community Church. Lauren graduated from JMU and earned an MA in education at Liberty University.

Teresa R. Lehman '04, Chambersburg, Pa., is the director of education for Monarch's Way of Chambersburg, a Christian school dedicated to helping at-risk girls break from life-controlling behaviors and circumstances.

Hannah Aileen Schwartzentruber '04, Lowville, N.Y., is a seventh-grade science teacher at South Lewis Central School District and is working toward a biology certification through Empire State College. She earned a master's degree in education from Southern Utah University in 2012, and holds several other endorsements, including educational technology, math K-8 and ESL. See "*Marriages*."

Christopher Fretz '05, Landisville, Pa., helped lead an ecological justice project in November 2022, alongside several other members of Landisville Mennonite Church. They planted 640 trees and converted 3.65 acres of church-owned farmland back into meadow and forest. A group of 100 people, including members of the church, local students, community members, and volunteers from local conservancy organizations, contributed. Christopher is married to **Lindsey Frye '04**.

Sandra Belcher '07, Waynesboro, Va., is executive assistant to the president of Blue Ridge Community College.

Jessica Newman '08, Grottoes, Va., is the webmaster at the City of Harrisonburg.

Julie Geevarghese '09, Huntington, N.Y., won The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses, which honors nurses worldwide for their extraordinary compassionate care. She works for NYU Langone Health's Perlmutter Cancer Center as an infusion nurse.

2010-19

Travis Alexander Ebersole '11, Parish, Fla., is the director at the Haven Academy in Sarasota, a private high school for students ages 14-22 with a disability. He is married to Sierra Ebersole.

Rudolph James Graber '11, Sarasota, Fla., is a social studies teacher at Brookside Middle School. He is currently in the MA in education leadership program at Florida State University.

Chrissy Kreider '11, Ludlow, Mass., is in her third year of internal medicine residency after graduating in 2019 from Penn State College of Medicine. She completed a Master's degree in Public Health in healthcare management in 2018 from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Kristin Loose '11, MS '14 (nursing), Lititz, Pa., has been promoted to vice president of healthcare operations at Willow Valley Communities. She formerly was the healthcare administrator of Lakeside, one of the company's supportive living communities, and has been with the company for more than five years.

Jessica Sarriott '11, Los Angeles, Calif., was promoted to a new position as senior manager of workforce, civic and community engagement in the Office of Diversion and Reentry, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Erika Babikow '13, Pittsburgh, Pa., won the WildSmiles Orthodontic Resident Essay Scholarship of \$1,000. She is a second-year resident at the University of North Carolina and will graduate in May 2023. WildSmiles will present the check at the upcoming American Association of Orthodontists conference in Miami, Florida. After graduation from EMU, Erika worked at the National Institutes of Health as a post-baccalaureate research fellow for two years. She earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Hitt '13, Mount Crawford, Va., was promoted to principal at the Minnick School in Harrisonburg. Minnick Schools helps students ages 5-22 reach their academic, behavioral, vocational, and developmental goals.

Zachary Zook '14, Lancaster, Pa., is policy research manager at Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

Landon Heavener '15, Harrisonburg, Va., owns his own woodworking shop, Designs by Landon Heavener. He was previously a middle school TESOL teacher for three years.

Amanda Heisey-Gallagher '15, Elizabethtown, Pa., is an RN with Penn State Health.

Claire Fry Brenneman '17, Harrisonburg, Va., was promoted to partner at Appeal Production, a video production company. She is an editor, designer, and artist.

Suzann Drawbaugh Chesek '17, Lewisberry, Pa., is the new vice president of care at Valenz, an organization that aims to improve cost, quality and outcomes of self-insurance for employers. Suzann has more than 20 years of experience with managed care and healthcare organizations in addition to a foundation as an ICU nurse. She has an MBA in healthcare management from Western Governors University and is working toward a

second master's degree in management and leadership from WGU.

Elora Cook '17, Lancaster, Pa., works for hospice and community care. She earned a Master of Social Work degree in 2021 from Widener University and earned her LSW in 2022.

Aron Harder '17, Charlottesville, Va., is a third-year graduate student at the University of Virginia working on a doctorate in computer science. He returned to EMU in fall 2021 to speak to students about his work on UVA's Indy Autonomous Challenge team. The competition brings university-led teams from around the world to create the fastest autonomous car, culminating in a time trial race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway each fall. Aron talked to a Python class about code design for controlling the car to follow a path, detecting obstacles using lidar, and safety features to keep it from crashing.

Adam Marston '18, Woodstock, Va., runs the family market and orchard Adam's Apples and Herbs.

Da'Jahnea Robinson '18, MA '20 (clinical mental health counseling), Waynesboro, Va., works for Valley Community Services Board as a school-based outpatient counselor, serving elementary school students.

Lisa Louie O'Shea '19, Staunton, Va., is an RN and care manager at Augusta Health, Hospice of the Shenandoah.

Daniel Scott '19, Moneta, Va., was promoted to F&M Bank's agricultural and rural programs team, assuming oversight of the organization's southern agricultural market. Daniel joined the company as a commercial relationship manager, helping to build connections with area agricultural producers.

Austin Sachs '19, Harrisonburg, Va., is audit and assurance supervisor at PBmares.

Xander Silva '19, Pittsburgh, Pa., is the treasurer of Student Bar Association (SBA), the governing body for the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is on the SBA Finance Committee and Colloquium Committee, and a part of the Energy and Environmental Law Society and the *Journal of Law and Commerce*.

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Tessa Hickman '21, Harrisonburg, Va., is an independent living specialist with Valley Associates for Independent Living.

Douglas Nester '21, Minneapolis, Minn., is a software engineer at Open Systems International, Inc. He attends Third Way Mennonite Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

GRADUATE

Lorie Hershberger MA '98 (counseling), Coldwater, Mich., owns her own counseling practice, Hershberger Counseling.

Tecla Namachanja Wanjala MA '03 (conflict transformation), Nairobi, Kenya, gave the keynote address at the 23rd Annual Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in November 2021. She was the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding's 2019 Peacebuilder of the Year.

Katharine Dow MA '04 (conflict transformation), New York City, New York, is a consultant on resource mobilization, editing and technical writing with DevSmartGroup.

Donna Chewning MA '05 (conflict transformation), Vinton, Va., is the owner of Shared Solutions, LLC, an individual and family services organization in Roanoke.

Laura Lehman MDiv '06, Harrisonburg, Va., moved to a position as implementation con-

sultant and trainer at VistaShare in March 2022. She was formerly director of digital content and strategy at EMU.

Laura Schildt MA '06 (conflict transformation), Ghent, Belgium, is a doctoral researcher at Ghent University in the research group Multilingual Practices and Language Learning in Society (MULTIPLES), focusing on high-stakes language tests and policymaking in the immigration context. She earned her MS in applied linguistics at the University of Oxford.

Leymah Gbowee MA '07 (conflict transformation), Accra, Ghana, contributed a chapter to *Untapped Power: Leveraging Diversity and Inclusion for Conflict and Development* (Oxford University Press, 2022). The book details how diversity and inclusion are essential to ending global conflict and promoting social and economic well-being worldwide.

Thaddeus Hicks MA '08 (conflict transformation), Allison Park, Pa., is the program director of the new online criminal justice program in Mount Vernon Nazarene University's School of Graduate and Professional Studies. The program aims to cover traditional criminal justice practices while also incorporating restorative justice thought processes.

Jacqueline Roebuck Sakho MA '09 (conflict transformation), Greensboro, N.C., is an assistant professor in leadership studies and adult education in North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's college of education. Jacqueline is currently investigating instructor impact on aspiring principal preparedness for social justice leadership and equitable practice through a Black Activist Mothering lens.

Dawn Miller Sander MA '10 (conflict transformation), Washington D.C., has joined the Red Cross as an associate ombudsman. Dawn has been working in dispute resolution since 2006.

Jared Stoltzfus MDiv '11, Ephrata, Pa., was appointed to a full-time pastoral position at Ironville and Newtown United Methodist churches in Lancaster County.

Barbara Harrison Seward MDiv '11, Bethlehem, Pa., is the inaugural southern canon missionary in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. She most recently served as rector and priest in charge of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Colins Imoh MA '12 (conflict transformation), Sheffield County, UK, earned his doctoral degree from the University of Toledo, and joined the peace studies and international development department at the University of Bradford. He is an advisory board member of several peace-focused international organizations. Collins formerly worked with the Africa Network of Young Peacebuilders and Partners for Peace.

Grace Towah Jarsor GC '13 (peacebuilding leadership), Monrovia, Liberia, was elected as the Monrovia District Women Fellowship President of the Lutheran Church. She is a 2021 graduate of the Foreign Service Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was formerly a receptionist/case worker for the Lutheran Church in Liberia's trauma healing and reconciliation program.

Najla El Mangoush MA '15 (conflict resolution), Tripoli, Libya, was among 12 recipients of the U.S. State Department's 2022 International Women of Courage Award. She is the first female foreign minister of Libya.

Patricia (Gulama) Gure MA '15 (peacebuilding leadership), Port Moresby, Papua



HARRISONBURG ROTARIANS HAVE EMU TIES

Helping to celebrate the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg's 100 years of service in the region, President Emeritus **Myron Augsubrger '55, MDiv '58**, was the featured speaker this spring. Myron has been serving with Rotary for almost 60 years. Alumni who are also Rotary members posed for a group photo on the occasion. Above from left: **Ken Weaver '75, Dennis Brubaker MDiv '74, Jeff Shank '94, Augsburger, Valerie Weaver '76, current President Braydon Hoover '11, MAOL '21, Les Helmuth '78, Paul Leaman '86, and Steve Wingfield '74. Not pictured Glen Kauffman '82, MBA '06, Ken Horst '73, MDiv '93, Wayne Witmer '88, Rodney Alderfer '87, Jonas Borntreger '70, MDiv '71, Larry Martin '70, Karl Stoltzfus Jr '89, Winston O. Weaver Jr class of '68. (Photo by Derrick Chirinos '19)**

Right: Current Rotary president **Braydon Hoover '11, MAOL '21**, with incoming president **Wayne Witmer '88, Rodney Alderfer '87, MBA '11** (not pictured) is set to become president in 2023-24, manifesting three years of EMU alumni in Rotary leadership. (Contributed photo)



ON DUTY

Mehdi Hasan MS '18 (biomedicine), Harrogate, Tenn., is a student at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. He volunteers with the Cumberland Gap Volunteer Fire Department. A native of Atlantic City, N.J., Medhi earned his BA in biology from University of Mary Washington before coming to EMU. (Contributed photo)



CELEBRATING CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

EMU representatives celebrated connections and collaborative opportunities with Mosaic Mennonite Conference church leaders and the Indonesian community in South Philadelphia this spring. From left: **Steve Kriss '94**, board of trustees and executive minister; **Kirk Shisler '81**, vice president for advancement; **Tim Swartzendruber '95**, senior associate director of development; **Beny Krisbianto MDiv '15**, board of trustees member and lead pastor, Nations Worship Center; **HENDY Matehelemual MA '18 (Christian leadership)**, MMC pastor of formation and communication; **President Susan Schultz Huxman**; **Aldo Siahaan**, pastor, Philadelphia Praise Center. (Contributed photo)



#WeAreSakartvelo

Kamran Mammadli MA '19 (conflict transformation), of Tbilisi, Georgia, shares his story in a USAID campaign #WeAreSakartvelo this spring. Sakartvelo is the native name of Georgia. Part of that story is Kamran's identity as an Azerbaijani. His "formal" last name is "Mamedov," with an ending derived from Russian surnames. In 2019, he co-founded Platform Salam, an organization made up of ethnic Azerbaijanis living in Georgia which helps communities organize and advocate for their needs. He explains: "When we go somewhere where there is a problem, we do not say 'we will help you.' Instead, we say 'we should work together to change the existing reality.'"



New Guinea, is the deputy director of Juvenile Justice Services in the Department of Justice.

Peter Mecouch MSN '16, Strasburg, Va., is vice president of clinical and quality outcomes at General Healthcare Resources.

Rachel Thomas MA '16 (biomedicine), Harrisonburg, Va., is a business analyst in surgery administration at Sentara RMH.

Daniel Foxvog MA '16 (conflict transformation), Syracuse, N.Y., is the senior mitigation specialist at the Center for Community Alternatives, where he assists incarcerated people and other people awaiting criminal sentencing. Daniel has also worked as a restorative justice practitioner and trainer, church consultant and mediator, nonprofit director, and group facilitator.

Lance Crawford MA '17 (counseling), Portland, Ore., is a licensed professional counselor and provides culturally specific mental health services at the Avel Gordly Center for Healing.

Matthew Fehse MA '18 (conflict transformation), San Diego, Calif., is the emergency readiness program specialist for San Diego Gas and Electric. He works in their operational field and emergency readiness division which coordinates between first responder agencies, facilitates training with community partners on safety measures, and leads post-emergency debriefs.

Jessica Francar GC '19 (conflict transformation), Erbil, Kurdistan, Iraq, is a social worker and licensed professional trauma counselor in the Kurdistan region of Iraq for the SEED Foundation.

Rodrigue Makelele MA '20 (conflict resolution), Harrisonburg, Va., was named the 2022 U-Nite United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Young Community Builder. He works as a community organizer with Church World Service.

Makayla A. Fulmer MA '21 (transformative leadership), Rockingham, Va., is the immigration law program coordinator at NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center. She practices immigration law under the Department of Justice as a DOJ Accredited Representative. Makayla also works at Bridge of Hope: Harrisonburg-Rockingham where she is a case manager with families at risk of, or currently experiencing, homelessness.

Zack Johnson GC '21 (conflict transformation), is dean of students and administrative faculty in international and global affairs at Sattler College. He holds a Master in Public Policy concentrating in international and global affairs from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy in management. He worked for the Air Force as a congressional analyst before receiving an honorable discharge as a conscientious objector. He also spent time in Mozambique working in development and disaster relief.

Jenn Little '21, MSN, Reading, Pa., is the coordinator of health services at Reading School District.

Helen O. Momoh MA '21 (conflict transformation), Harrisonburg, Va., is a member of the chartered institute of bankers, and a chartered administrator and marketer in her native Nigeria, where she worked in banks in supervisory capacities. She is a founder and vice president of a nonprofit organization based in Nigeria and advises other nonprofits on sexual violence/trauma, gender rights and health of the marginalized.

Paul R Mvukiye-Reeser MA '21 (restorative justice), Clarkston, Ga., is the director of programs and development for ReGeneration Movement, an organization that aims to empower youth diasporas to find their identities and voices as peacemaking global citizens. He has lived and worked as a peacebuilder, teacher, organizer and facilitator in Clarkston, home to more than 40,000 resettled refugees, for more than 10 years.

Sam Pearl MA '21 (conflict transformation), Boston, Mass., is an evidence associate at Project Evident, an organization that provides support for practitioners, foundations, and policymakers seeking to utilize data and sustainable evidence-building practices.

Tim Rasmussen MA '21 (conflict transformation), Central Point, Ore., is a restorative justice specialist at the Resolve Center for Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice.

Justin Carey MBA '21, Harrisonburg, Va., is the new head men's soccer coach at EMU. He was formerly an assistant coach at Stetson University. Justin was the graduate assistant for the Royals for the 2019-20 season.

MARRIAGES

Danielle Miller Hofstetter '99 to Craig Peifer, Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 24, 2021.

Amanda Pyle '00 to Elizabeth Kepple, Oakland, Calif., Nov. 3, 2021.

Hannah Zehr '04 to Eric Schwartzenruber, Lowville, N.Y., Aug. 27, 2021.

Kelsey Miller '09 to Nathan Sheppard, Harrisonburg, Va., July 18, 2020.

Anna Engle '11 to Kousuke Ito, Osaka, Japan, May 4, 2022.

Travis Riesen '14 to Cayla, McGaheysville, Va., Feb. 3, 2018.

Dorothy Hershey '17 to Zachary Kitchen, Henrico, Va., June 19, 2021.

Rose Persinger '18 to **Matthew Holden '18**, McGaheysville, Va., Oct. 26, 2019.

Kaitlyn Michelle Bridgeforth '21 MSPM to Aaron Jeffers, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 17, 2021.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Nathan and Kelsey Miller Sheppard '09, Harrisonburg, Va., Micah William, Nov. 26, 2021.

Aaron '09 and **Maria Yoder Billings '10**, Rockingham, Va., Scott Jay, Sept. 4, 2021.

Alyssa Borucki '11 and **Robert Roy '09**, Culpepper, Va., Cameron Bryant, Oct. 26, 2021.

Stuart and Ellie Barnhart Butsch '11, MSN '15, Keizer, Ore., Isabel Karlene, Nov. 29, 2021.

Justin Roth '12 and **Jessica Hostetler '08**, Harrisonburg, Va., Simon Reuben, Feb. 19, 2022.

Boris and Jerica Martin Peric '12, Bridgewater, Va., Athreen Nikolina, June 23, 2020.

Justin and Jennifer Blankenship Hitt '13, Mount Crawford, Va., Hudson Keith, March 21, 2022.

Owen '13 and **Kim Floyd Longacre '13**, Harrisonburg, Va., Juniper Louise, July 23, 2021.

Jonathan McRay MA '13 (counseling) and Christen Peters, Keezletown, Va., Luca Alder, Feb. 22, 2022.

Austin '13 and **Sarah Schoenhals Showalter '12**, Harrisonburg, Va., Jaxon Shepherd, Nov. 30, 2020.



EMU Nursing's Facebook page featured 25 alumni, students and faculty in celebration of National Nurses Month in May. Nurses shared a diverse array of experiences, stories, and even advice for their fellow nurses. The undergraduate and graduate programs also held several workshops, shared stories of prominent nurses throughout history, and posted videos for and about nurses.

"YOU make a difference! Patients, families and communities see what you do, and how you do it, and they are grateful. Thank you for everything you do! You are amazing!"

– DEB CARDENAS, DNP, EMU FACULTY MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

Abby Oyer '15: Travel nurse // **Addison Hawpe '22**: pediatric acute care nurse, UVA Children's Hospital // **Beryl Brubaker, PhD**: administrative emeriti, former nursing department chair // **Beth Good '03, DNP**: Master of Science in Nursing program director // **Rebekah Good Charles '07**: country representative administrator, Mennonite Central Committee // **Naomi Good '15**: Certified Nurse Midwife // **Bethany Detamore, MSN**: nursing faculty // **Brad Mullett**: BSN student // **Crystal Perez, MSN '21**: assistant director of health services, Allentown City School District, Pa. // **Deb Cardenas, DNP**: nursing faculty, president of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association // **El-lie Butsch '11**: prep and recovery nurse, Salem Hospital, Salem, Oregon // **Jennifer Norton, MSN '16**: nursing informaticist with PSNI, Inc. // **Johnathan Barni '22**: emergency department nurse, Sentara RMH // **Melissa Jantzi '16**: nurse at Christ House in Washington DC // **Miriam Mitchell, MSN '19, MPH**: senior advisor at the Ministry of Health, New Zealand // **Nadene (Brunk) Eads, MSN '75**: retired executive director of Midwives For Haiti // **Priscilla Simmons, EdD**: professor emerita of nursing // **Arlene Wiens, PhD**: professor emerita of nursing // **Rebekah Lehman '02**: home health nurse at Carefree Home Health & Companions in Harrisonburg // **Leona Good '17**: nurse, UNM Clinical Neurosciences Center // **Lydia Harnish '17**: nurse care coordinator, May Grant OB/GYN, Lancaster, PA, working on MSN with a concentration in leadership and management // **Junii Sauder '17**: EMU Health Services // **Martha Bell '17**: nurse, cardiovascular unit, Medstar Washington hospital center // **Mariah Martin '17**: labor and delivery nurse, UNM, Albuquerque, New Mexico, studying to be CNM // **Ann Schaeffer, DNP**: nursing faculty // **Lamar Kiser '17**: nurse, Sentara RMH // **Tricia Cummings '15**: nurse aid instructor, Harrisonburg High School

All participants are Registered Nurses and are listed with EMU graduation year, if applicable, and with highest academic degree. Participants may have other nursing credentials. We apologize for any omissions.

Photos are shown in listed order, left to right by row.



'ANNE AND EMMETT' ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS

Several alumni contributed their time and talents to a special production of Janet Langhart Cohen's play *Anne and Emmett*. (Also see Royal Files, page 8)

- Director **Ezrionna Prioleau '17** graduated with an MDiv and an MA in organizational leadership in May 2022. She has acted, produced, directed and designed scenery and lighting for multiple productions.
- Composer **Joshua Overacker '21** contributed original compositions.
- Costume designer **Hailey Holcomb '17** is a graduate student at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.
- Lighting designer **Robert Weaver '18** is a freelance theater artist in Washington D.C. and Baltimore, currently working as a stagehand and lighting designer at the Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University. He recently enjoyed working with Step Afrika! as an assistant master electrician for their touring production of "The Migration: Reflections on Jacob Lawrence".
- Production assistant **Akiel Baker '21** is a residence director at EMU. He is pursuing a master's degree in social work at West Virginia University and working as a site coordinator for On the Road Collaborative, a nonprofit based in Harrisonburg dedicated to closing the learning gap and empowering youth.
- Media designer **Kara Painter '18** recently earned her MBA and master's in health administration degree from Mary Baldwin University.



MC USA MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Rachel Ringenberg Miller MDiv '07, Newton, Kansas, has been named as the denominational minister of ministerial leadership with MC USA. She will engage conferences and congregations, providing a variety of resources and services to meet the diverse demands facing congregations today. (Contributed photo)

DEATHS

Mary Jane Fox, Lititz, Pa., died April 13, 2022, at 81. She taught in EMU's social work/sociology department from 1986-94 and served as program director and department chair. In addition, she led a group of students on a cross-cultural trip to Bolivia in 1989. Mary Jane held a strong commitment to peace and justice. She was an active member of Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, Pa.

Martha Kauffman Weaver '51, Ephrata, Pa., died Jan. 31, 2022, at 100. She was a teacher and freelance writer, and served on the board of St. David's Christian Writers Association for 40 years, writing for church and secular publications.

Willis C. Hallman '52, of Kansas City, Mo., died Jan. 18, 2022. He served in Scottsdale, Pa., and in Lawrence, Kansas, while earning a graduate degree in psychology. He spent 14 years at Marillac School in Kansas City working with challenged children, and then went into private practice.

Doris Allegra Good Bomberger '54, former home economics professor, died in Harrisonburg on May 14, 2022. She was 90 years old. She was among the first female faculty members to earn a doctoral degree and taught from 1966-87, when the major was no longer offered. After retiring from teaching she became a CNA and worked at VRMC. She enjoyed making all kinds of art and sharing hospitality. She was married to **James R. Bomberger '54**, professor emeritus of English.

Avinell Ketterman Weaver, class of '54, Harrisonburg, Va., died Jan. 27, 2022, at 89. She was a longtime member of Harrisonburg Mennonite Church and was especially active in the Open Circle discipleship community. She enjoyed entertaining, traveling, reading, and watching sports. Her door was always open and was a home away from home for those in need of a listening ear and a glass of iced tea.

John Harry Krall '55, Harrisonburg, Va., died Jan. 19, 2022, at 88. John taught at Iowa Mennonite School and Eastern Mennonite High School, where he became director in 1964. He taught education at EMC and worked in the library from 1969-76, when he suffered a massive stroke. John will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor and his determination to overcome the obstacles he faced.

Merlin L. Swartz '55, Bedford, Maine, died Feb. 21, 2022, at 88. He taught at the American University of Beirut, the Near East School of Theology, and Harvard University before finding an academic home in the religion department at Boston University in 1973. He eventually served as department chair.

Neil Ronald Gingerich '56, Dunbar, W.Va., died Sept. 13, 2021, at 89. Neil was the loving husband for 66 years to his wife, Edith. They raised four children.

Clifford R. Lind '56, Harrisonburg, Va., died Nov. 24, 2021, at 88. Cliff was an educator in the Eugene public schools and a founding member of the Eugene Mennonite Church in Oregon. He was committed to preserving the environment and living sustainably.

William Erb "Bill" Roth, class of '56, Milford, Neb., died July 9, 2021, at 86. Bill was an elementary teacher and principal at West Point Public Schools. He and wife Maxine purchased and operated a garden center and a floral shop, West Point Garden Center, for over 20 years. He was an avid reader and loved gardening, growing plants, and learning new things. He was a member of the Beemer Mennonite Church.

Louis A. Lehman, class of '57, Albany, Ore., died January 21, 2022, at 88. He served as a missionary teacher at the American Girls College in Turkey and taught choral music at the American School in England. Louis also directed the Sarasota Mennonite Community Men's Chorus and established the Sarasota Choral Festival in 1975. He became the first full-time chaplain at the Mennonite Home, where he served for more than 13 years.

Leonard K. Shetler, class of '57, Crescent City, Fla., died March 30, 2022, at 86. Len loved to sing and performed extensively as baritone in both high school and college quartets. His deep faith led him to be a conscientious objector during the Korean War, serving at a mental hospital in Norristown, Pa. For 21 years Len and his wife, Ruthie, worked side-by-side growing Toll House Inn, welcoming thousands of guests who quickly became treasured friends.

Arlene W. Leatherman '59, Lititz, Pa., died Jan. 21, 2022, at 89. She was a member of Perkasio Mennonite Church and an associate member of Forest Hills Mennonite Church. Arlene taught for 32 years at Telford and West Broad elementary schools in the Souderton Area School District.

Richard E. Metzler '59, Springfield, Ore., died Nov. 24, 2021, at 82. He spent his entire 30-year career in education, developing special education programs for the Springfield School District. He was a member of the board of Selco Community Credit Union for 51 years.

Betty V. Troyer '61, Walnut Creek, Ohio, died Nov. 15, 2021, at 85. She taught at East Holmes School district. She and husband Aden lived in Canada for four years as missionaries, then moved back to Holmes County to raise their family.

Helen Longenecker Lapp '62, Lansdale, Pa., died Nov. 30, 2021, at 84. She worked for 15 years in the activities department at Peter Becker Community, including as director. That was followed by 12 years as executive director of Mennonite Association of Retired Persons. She was a member of Plains Mennonite Church and served on the boards of the Mennonite Board of Education and Christopher Dock High School. Helen and her husband, Sam, served with Mennonite Central Committee as co-country director in Jamaica and in Egypt.

Marlene C. Showalter '62, Broadway, Va., died March 2, 2022, at 81. She taught in the Rockingham County public schools and at James Madison University. Marlene was an accomplished athlete who won numerous golf and tennis championships. Her passion for travel led her to explore India, the United Kingdom (60 gardens), Canada, Italy, Australia, and New Zealand. She also skied the most challenging slopes in Austria, Switzerland and the western United States. Marlene attended Park View Mennonite Church where she served as chair of the church council, a Sunday School teacher and a mentor.

Martha L. (Charles) Pepper Sauder '63, Manheim, Pa., died Nov. 28, 2021, at 81. She taught at Ephrata Mennonite School and in the Bronx Public Schools. Martha was a member of Mount Joy Mennonite Church and attended East Petersburg Mennonite Church with her husband. She was a Bible teacher to the women of Beth Shalom New Life for Girls, and at other Christian rehabilitation centers in Pennsylvania.

Paul M. Harnish '64, Doylestown, Pa., died Jan. 22, 2022, at 84. Paul served in the PAX program from 1959-61 in alternative service,

helping to rebuild homes in Europe destroyed after World War II. Paul was employed as a science teacher at Upper Moreland School District for 33 years. His educational focus was earth science, and he shared his interest in fossils, rocks, and nature with his family and friends. Paul was an active member of Plains Mennonite Church in Hatfield.

Brenda A. Kauffman '64, McVeytown, Pa., died on Jan. 5, 2022, at 80. She had a long tenure as a teacher of history at Belleville Mennonite School. She was an active member of the Mattawana Mennonite Church where she served as librarian, congregational historian and loyal contributor to the Willing Workers Sewing Circle. Brenda was involved in the founding of the Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society and served several terms on the board of directors.

Monroe J. Yoder '65, Grantsville, Md., died Jan. 13, 2022, at 85. He earned a PhD in biology from New York University and afterwards became the director of Electron Microscopy Services at NYU. He attended Seventh Avenue Mennonite Church in Harlem. Monroe was ordained as the first resident bishop of the NYC District of Lancaster Mennonite Conference. He was a founding member of Grace & Peace Mennonite Church, a primarily virtual congregation, and was active until his death.

James V. (Jim) Bishop '67, Harrisonburg, Va., died Jan. 16, 2022, at 76. He served 40 years as EMU's public information officer. He was involved with programming and announcing for WEMC, 91.7 FM. Jim wrote "Bishop's Mantle," which appeared every Saturday in the *Daily News-Record*, February 1990-July 2011; was a regular contributor to *HealthQuest* magazine published by Sentara-RMH; and wrote a monthly column, "Virginia Ham," for *Mennonite Weekly Review* (now *Anabaptist World*), for some 20 years..

Karen Hoover Ransaw '68, Goshen, Ind., died Nov. 22, 2021, at 75. She had been an elementary school teacher in Michigan and was a member of Benton Mennonite Church.

Darrell Lane Beyeler, class of '69, Fishersville, Va., died June 7, 2021, at 75. He was a long-time member of Springdale Mennonite Church. Darrell helped people by working behind the scenes. He volunteered at the local food bank and helped with the upkeep at his church. He enjoyed ping pong, softball, chess, spending time outdoors, traveling and listening to music.

Karen G. Mishler '69, Dalton, Ohio, died March 25, 2022, at 74. Karen was an administrative assistant to the director of nursing at Columbia University and later worked as a legal secretary for a law firm in Manhattan. She studied the art of Ikebana and also enjoyed running, biking and hiking. For the last 16 years, Karen had been wheelchair bound from a spinal cord injury. She faced her adversity with courage and a smile.

Dale Edwin Shank, class of '71, Lafayette, La., died Nov. 6, 2021, at 72. He worked on offshore oil platforms before becoming involved in product development with Drillchem and Newpark. He was also an avid photographer, craftsman and woodworker.

Paul H. Stoltzfus '71, Alton, Mich., died Nov. 14, 2021, at 85. He served two years in 1-W service at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Paul also served in pastoral ministries at Sandy Hill Mennonite Church and Maple Grove Mennonite Church, both in Pennsylvania. Following these pastorates, he was employed as director of facilities and grounds at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Joanna Virginia Griffith Vile '71, Luray, Va., died March 20, 2022, at 93. She was a missionary in Costa Rica under the auspices of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. She taught at Luray High School and Shenandoah Elementary School for more than 26 years. Joanna served for more than 30 years as a pianist at the Mount Carmel Regular Baptist Church in Luray, where she also directed many Christmas plays and taught Sunday school.

David B. Amstutz '72, Toledo, Ohio, died Jan. 22, 2022, at 72. He worked as a railroad operator for CSX Corporation. David was a member of Toledo Choral Society. He enjoyed doing anything with the railroad and loved to travel, watch sports, and most importantly, spend time with his family, especially his nieces and nephews.

Miriam "Mim" Eberly '72, Lititz, Pa., died Feb. 2, 2022, at 85. She worked in Belize giving medical care in San Felipe among the Maya Indian community and also served in weekly mobile clinics in the surrounding Old Colony Mennonite communities. While there, she delivered over 200 babies. Mim visited 80 plus countries throughout her life.

Julia "Julie" Ann Greer '78, Harrisonburg, Va., died on Jan. 16, 2022, at 65. Julie and her family served as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators for more than 12 years in both Brazil and Kenya. She inspired many with her flamboyant red hats and was a big fan of Gary Larson's cartoons.

Rebecca "Beckie" H. Meyer '79, Lititz, Pa., died on Sept. 25, 2020, at 79. Beckie was an assistant professor in the Psychology and School Counseling Department at Millersville University. Beckie was awarded the Pennsylvania Counselor Educator of the Year award in 2004. She was a member of Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, where she served on church council, the ministry planning committee and chaired the education commission.

Richard Gerald Lewman Jr. '85, Sun City Center, Fla., died Jan. 18, 2022, at 65. Rich was a pastor for 35 years. His various roles included serving as youth pastor at Deep Run Mennonite Church, Perkasio, Pa. and Bay Shore Mennonite Church, Sarasota, Fla.; senior pastor at Finland Mennonite Church in Pennsburg, Pa; and planter of New Life Community Fellowship, Quakertown, Pa.

Michael L. Borkholder '86, Centreville, Mich., died Dec. 25, 2021, at 58. For 20 years Mike taught science in the Centreville Public Schools. He also taught at Lancaster Mennonite High School for several years and Milton Hershey School. Mike enjoyed photographing nature, bird watching and mushroom hunting.

Fonda Sue Rawley Cassidy '86, Mount Solon, Va., died March 1, 2022, at 61. Fonda spent 14 years at RMH and 10 years at UVA welcoming new lives into this world. She served as president of the Women's Missionary Fellowship for more than ten years. In 2016, Fonda and her husband, Robert, began a nonprofit organization, Mission of Harmony, and yearly led a medical team to the country of Honduras.

Jürgen F. Schönwetter MA '86 religion, Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada, died Dec. 23, 2021, at 83. Jürgen had a passion for learning, teaching and music. As a volunteer, he prepared hot meals for children in the school breakfast program, delivered meals for Meals on Wheels, and interacted with patients at the local hospital.

Juanita Marie Boshart '88, Crimora, Va., died Feb. 14, 2022, at 62. She was a teacher's



MOTORCYCLING CROSS-COUNTRY FOR MISSION OUTREACH

Barry Freed '91 (left) with **Peter Cook** made a cross-country motorcycle trip in September 2021 to promote Eastern Mennonite Missions service programs. **Advance** and **Advance Global** are 9-month discipleship and mission outreach programs for young adults. Barry has been EMM's missionary support team coach since June 2013. On his ride, Barry reconnected with EMM and EMU alumni. Among the EMU alumni were **Darin Nissley '92** and **Ramona Shetler Nissley '91**, Canton, Ohio; **Jason Rissler '01**, Strasburg, Ohio; **Kristine Martin Reistetter '91**, Dickinson, Texas; **Irene Lapp Ryan**, Durham, NC; and **Matt Swartley '08** and **Debbie Swartley '08**, Harrisonburg, Va. Barry says he was deeply touched by the kindness and hospitality he experienced from old friends and new acquaintances along the journey. (Photo by Hilary Mashas/EMM)



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Recipients of the annual Excellence in Teaching Awards for 2022 are **Ron Shultz '92**, PhD, professor of education, in the Tenured Faculty category; **M. Esther Showalter**, instructor and program director, in the Pre-tenure Faculty category; and **Bonnie Fisher '14**, instructor of psychology, in the Adjunct Instructor category. (Contributed photo)



PRESIDENT OF ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

Jeff Gingerich '90 will become the 22nd president of St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure New York, on June 20, 2022. He is former provost and vice president of academic affairs of University of Scranton and prior to that, held the same role at Cabrini University. (Contributed photo)

assistant at Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School. She loved animals, being in nature, gardening, painting, Stampin' UP and crafts.

Phyllis Jean Rothgeb Fidler '98, Broadway, Va., died Jan. 28, 2022, at 76. She went back to college at age 50 to finish her degree. Phyllis worked for 20 years at Rockingham Poultry (Wampler Longacre). She also was employed at Truck Enterprises, and was a bookkeeper at Fulks Run Elementary School. She was a member of Sunset Drive United Methodist Church.

Jennifer Louise Zook Tritle, class of '98, died March 21, 2022, at 57. She worked in the business office at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories. She also offered her financial acumen and customer service skills to TaxAct during the tax filing season.

Daniel Stutzman '03, Albuquerque, N.M., died February 2022, at 40. Daniel's career was dedicated to computer programming. He was known as a humble and gentle soul, a non-judgmental listener, and a funny, engaging conversationalist on many topics. He also nurtured deep and authentic relationships.

Judy Ann "Anyia" Porter MA '06 (education), Bluefield, W.Va., died July 4, 2021, at 71. Judy explored multiple professional endeavors including anthropology, archaeology, furniture-restoration, teaching and social work. She brought her boundless energy, curiosity and kindness to each new endeavor.

Vera Holder MA '08 (counseling), Maryville, Mo., died Feb. 5, 2022, at 58. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Selina N. Gitonga '21, Lancaster, Pa., died Oct. 12, 2021, at 48 after a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was a nurse at Hershey Medical Center. Selina was an active member of the African Community Church of Lancaster and a youth mentor.

CORRECTIONS FALL/WINTER 2021-22

Robert C. Lehman, professor of physical science from 1955-80, was inadvertently omitted from the article about the dedication of Suter Science Center West. We apologize for the error.

Degree Key

CLASS OF - attended as part of the class of a given graduation year
GC - graduate certificate
MA - master of arts
MS - master of science
MDiv - master of divinity

Entries about alumni with both their undergraduate and graduate degrees from EMU are listed in the undergraduate section.

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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS IN IRELAND

EMU's cross-cultural tour group prepares to storm Dunguaire Castle in Kinvara, Ireland, in spring 2022.

A shorter version of our famous interculturals for undergraduates, these trips feature travel with professors (in Ireland, history professor **Mark Sawin** led the roaming) and unique experiences with people, places, foods and sights.

Upcoming trips include Turkey and Greece with **Linford and Janet Stutzman** in September 2022, New Zealand with **Jim and Kathy Yoder** in February 2023, Cuba in March 2023, a special journey around the theme of "Jesus the Healer" with the Stutzmans in April 2023, and Spain in summer 2023 with **Deanna Durham and Byron Peachey**.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

DR. JOSEPH GASCHO

DR. JOSEPH GASCHO '68, emeritus professor at The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at Pennsylvania State University, is honored with the 2022 Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to both science and art.

He was director of the Penn State Cardiology Fellowship Program for 25 years. His research has been funded by the National Institute of Health and has been documented in approximately 60 peer-reviewed and published papers. Gascho began exploring themes of medicine and his profession through the media of photography and poetry about 20 years ago.

Fittingly, Penn State Hershey was the first medical school in the United States to have a humanities department, he said. “I didn’t realize that humanities emphasis when I came there, but it was there and changed my life.” That same university honored his unique healing capacities and relationships with patients, families, and healthcare colleagues with the 2018 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.

Now recently retired, Gascho has by no means stopped working. His collected works include five books of poetry, photography and memoir; his latest is *Heart & Soul: A Cardiologist’s Life in Verse*. (Learn more about Gascho’s collected works and ongoing projects at www.jgascho.com.)

How did a Mennonite farm boy from Nebraska, educated in a one-room school, carve out an impressive medical career and his award-winning arts? Gascho has worked hard for his success, but acknowledges many people have contributed to his accomplishments – beginning with his parents. Gascho’s father moved



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the family from Nebraska to Virginia when his son was 13 so he could attend Eastern Mennonite High School. His father worked at EMC as a watchman and in maintenance for 75 cents an hour. His mother also influenced Gascho with her interest in photography and writing and being “ambitious for me,” he said. “I’d probably not have gone into medicine without her.”

After graduating from EMC, Gascho earned his MD from the University of Virginia and completed postdoctoral training there as well as at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

His wife Barbara Sue Brunk, a registered nurse and chaplain, is “someone without whom I’d have never made it,” Gascho said. “She’s the person who has held our family together through the hassles of a physician’s sometimes wild life.” The couple have two adult children – **Joseph Gascho '91**, a harpsichordist and music professor at University of Michigan, and **Susan Gascho-Cooke '93**, a musician and pastor at Communi-

ty Mennonite Church of Lancaster – and four grandchildren.

Gascho describes several experiences in 2003 as “one of those serendipitous, unbelievable kind of ‘the-constellations-coming-together-in-a-wonderful-way.’” The gift of a Nikon digital camera, participation in a workshop on expressing spirituality through digital photography, and his exploration of the contemplative writings of Trappist monk Thomas Merton led to a new understanding of the importance of creativity in his life and work which has sustained him, he says, for the past 19 years.

Gascho’s 2022 essay “Putting A Human Face On Hospitals” encapsulates his seamless weaving of science and photography into a congruent whole, telling a more complete story of human life. Penn State houses exhibits of Gascho’s portraits – patients enjoying their favorite pastimes, doctors in settings outside the hospital context, and ancillary staff dressed to the nines with their tools, such as a mop, wrench, or clipboard. “These unique displays of portrait photographs decrease stress and distress in a hospital environment and humanize both patients and health care workers.”

Growing up in a conservative church, Gascho was taught that God was a redeemer God. “That impacted me greatly, even into mid-career and church work.” Acting as an agent of God to “redeem” and extend God’s holistic peace was his highest priority. “My epiphany,” he says, “was that God is also sustainer and creator.” The whole of his work, in medicine, poetry, and photography, then, “is doing God’s work.”

—FLORENCE BARRETT

ALUM OF THE YEAR AWARD

AMY ROSENBERGER

WHEN AMY ROSENBERGER '85

received word she was the recipient of the Alum of the Year Award for 2022, she thought she had misread the letter. “I had to read it twice,” said Rosenberger, who graduated with a BA in English and minors in sociology and theater arts. “I never expected to receive such an honor, and when I think of those who’ve been named in prior years, it’s more than a bit overwhelming.”

She may have been incredulous about receiving EMU’s honor, but members of the selection committee were not. They, along with Rosenberger’s colleagues, clients, and law professionals recognize the positive impact this labor and employment lawyer has made for more than 25 years.

Her most recent honor is among the most prestigious: In 2021, she was elected as a Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. The non-profit professional association honors leading lawyers nationwide for achievement, advancement, and excellence.

“Being elected is one of the greatest honors a labor and employment lawyer can achieve,” Rosenberger said, “and I am humbled to be included in this distinguished group.”

A partner in the Philadelphia law firm Willig, Williams & Davidson, Rosenberger lists the following career highlights:

- **Representing labor unions and employees including government service, healthcare, K-12 and higher education.**
- **Supporting workers and unions in arbitration and litigation; organizing drives and collective action; and pursuing fair contracts.**

- **Teaching skills to workers to negotiate confidently with employer representatives.**
- **Serving as president and board member for the Philadelphia Chapter of Labor and Employment Relations Association.**
- **Member of the AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance (formerly Lawyers Coordinating Committee) since 1995, serving on the board of directors for three years.**
- **Recognized by The Best Lawyers in America, 2016 to present.**
- **Selected to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list, Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters), 2017 to present.**

Rosenberger enjoys the variety of responsibilities in her work. “It’s a mix of litigation, negotiation, strategic planning, education, and by its nature, the law is always evolving and so there is always something new to learn and to adapt to.”

She credits the Washington Study Service Year (WSSY), now the Washington Community Scholars’ Center, for giving her a year of “immense personal growth,” she said, adding that being taken out of her comfort zone and being exposed to different societal and political issues “opened my eyes to a world of options for meaningful work that I hadn’t previously considered.” The core curriculum of WSSY still informs her work – especially coursework that explored servant leadership and interpersonal relations.

In 1995, Rosenberger completed her education at Northeastern University School of Law. Competition in a traditionally male-dominated career could have been a challenge, she said, but she had an early advantage. “I found a position right out of law school, in a firm [Willig, Williams & Davidson] that is



PHOTO BY ROBYN GRAHAM

majority women-owned, and I’ve worked there ever since.”

In her free time, Rosenberger enjoys traveling, spending time with family, and gardening.

However, no matter how demanding her career is, serving others gives value to her life. “Often the greatest joy in my work comes in what may seem like the small victories, but not to the employee involved,” Rosenberger said, noting examples of her experiences helping employees get pay increases or overturning unfair discipline that resulted from favoritism. —FLORENCE BARRETT

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUM AWARD

CAMILA PANDOLFI



PHOTO BY JON STYER '07

WHEN CAMILA PANDOLFI arrived in the United States from Uruguay as a sixth-grader, she was placed in a self-contained English Learner (EL) classroom. She was confused as to why she was in the same class as students who had lived in this country for years, and frustrated when asked to complete simple multiplication problems, something she had done in Uruguay in third grade.

Now, as a teacher in the same district, Pandolfi understands that, in 2001, Harrisonburg was just not prepared to meet the needs of its EL students – the district has been constantly evolving and adapting to better serve its population.

In 2014, she had the opportunity to launch a dual language program at Waterman Elementary School with a cohort of 42 indergarten students. “Teaching in this program gave me the opportunity to bridge my passion for my own language

and culture to language learning and teaching while helping ELs succeed,” Pandolfi said.

A 2012 graduate, Pandolfi is the first teacher to hold the role of K-8 dual language instructional coach for Harrisonburg City Public Schools. She works specifically with teachers of Spanish in dual language programs at seven schools, and has partnered closely with approximately 10 dual language teachers this year. Previously, she was the fifth grade Spanish teacher in the dual language program at Waterman Elementary School. She was a member of the 2021 HCPS Strategic Planning Committee while a Waterman teacher and was Waterman’s teacher representative to the Superintendent’s Advisory Committee.

Jeremy Aldrich, director of teaching and learning at Harrisonburg City Public Schools, has been Pandolfi’s colleague for the past decade. “Her commitment to

personal growth and to building strong systems of support for teachers, students, and families has touched the lives of hundreds of people,” he said. “Whether it is leading teacher book studies, coaching and mentoring new teachers, developing curriculum, or advocating for the needs of our students and community, Camila offers practical and forward-thinking solutions, always delivered with humor and positive energy.”

Pandolfi remains motivated by her experiences growing up in the EL classroom. For her, it is about centering the student in a community of learners: “making an impact on student learning, engaging them in new experiences, seeing them learn and acquire a new language, connecting with our Spanish heritage speakers, and contributing to their success not only in the classroom, but beyond.” — **KATE SZAMBECKI '22**

ATHLETIC AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MIKE DOWNEY

Former head athletic trainer **Mike Downey**, who retired in December 2020 after 30 years of working with student-athletes, is the 2022 Distinguished Service Award honoree. Beginning in 1989, Downey developed the expansion of EMU’s athletic training services from one person to a team of three full-time trainers, a team physician, and work-study students.

As preceptor for the JMU Athletic Training Education Department, Downey worked with more than 100 athletic training students and counts that among one of his career accomplishments.

“Thirty years of providing support, often behind-the-scenes, for student-athletes, coaches and teams is a significant achievement and I am deeply grateful for all that Mike has done for the athletic department,” said Director of Athletics **Dave King**. “I often hear appreciation for Mike from former athletes as they reflect on and recognize the value of his care during their athletic pursuits.”

Downey was with the Royals teams during many of the biggest athletic moments in school history, including the field hockey team’s trip to the NCAA Final Four in 1995, a tournament trip with the men’s soccer team in 1998, NCAA-qualifying seasons for men’s and women’s basketball, men’s volleyball hosting the Final Four in 2004, and **Erik Kratz '02** earning back-to-back ODAC Player of the Year awards in 2001 and 2002.

HALL OF HONOR

LISA LEE SENDER

In 19 years with EMU softball, head coach **J.D. McCurdy** names **Lisa Lee Senger '12** as the program’s all-time outstanding athlete – “a huge part of our team winning the ODAC Championship that year.” He calls her *competitive, tenacious, resilient, focused and tough*. Senger will be inducted into the Hall of Honor in recognition of the mark she made on the EMU softball team.

Senger holds three career records – runs scored (141), total bases (302) and wins (42) – as well as multiple single-season records. She led the team to a conference championship and an NCAA berth during her junior year, when she was also ODAC Pitcher of the Year, All-ODAC First Team, VaSID First Team, and the EMU Female Athlete of the Year. She was a two-time All-ODAC Tournament Team selection and earned multiple second-team conference and region honors, as well as recognition from Virginia Association of Sports Information Directors and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

After working for several years in early childhood and special education, Senger now owns a wedding and event planning business. She and husband Christopher have two children, ages 2 and 6.

“I encountered many wonderful people both on and off the softball field which made my college experience unforgettable,” she reflected. “In my spare time, I still pick up a softball from time to time and play travel women’s and co-ed slow-pitch. Every time I touch a softball, I’m reminded of how EMU prepared me for the many challenges and joys of life.”



HALL OF HONOR

2010 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

This fall, the first basketball team will be inducted into the university's Hall of Honor. The 2010 team that qualified for the Elite Eight and set multiple records along the way was honored in February 2022 at a men's basketball game. Twelve of the 13 players attended that reunion.

Darrell "D.J." Hinson Jr. came from Colorado where he works as a government IT contractor; **George Johnson**, now a mental health care provider and entrepreneur from Houston, Texas; **Luke Holloran**, a musician and educator, from New Orleans. A few of the others were a bit closer: **Orie Pancione** from Ridgely, West Virginia, where he is principal at Frankfort High School; **Austin Twine**, a mortgage lender from Christiansburg, and **Owen Longacre**, a teacher at Spotswood High School.

And Dean was surprised by their loyal attendance, but then he wasn't. "How many programs can honor a group of guys and have this many show up?" Dean said in front of a packed crowd. "That says something about family. When we got in a huddle every game while they were here and put their hands in the middle, we said 'family' and that's why they showed up today."

"The 2010 season still stands as the greatest single season in the history of EMU men's basketball," said former sports information director **James DeBoer**, who came to the reunion. "What that group of men accomplished literally put EMU basketball onto the national landscape."

At a reunion event in February 2022: (from left) Former head coach Kirby Dean '92, assistant coach Mat Huff '06, Todd Phillips, class of '11; Austin Twine '11, Darrell "D.J." Hinson Jr. '14, Jesse White, class of '13, Eric King class of '13; George Johnson '11, Orie Pancione '12, Owen Longacre '14, Eli Crawford, class of '11, Andrew Thorne '14, Cutter Chisnell '13, Luke Holloran, class of '13, assistant coach Charles Hale, assistant coach Carey Keyes '98. Not pictured, but present: assistant coach Greg Smith. (Photo by Derrick Chirinos)

The D3 Hoops poll reflected that: EMU entered at #24 on Jan. 3 and appeared for 25 consecutive weeks, through the end of the 2010-11 season. During that time, the Royals rose as high as #3 on multiple occasions and never fell below #18.

"We were also nationally in the top 10 in attendance," Dean said. "I don't think many people knew that. In 2009, we were 13 and 0 at home and won games by an average of 19.9 points and that was with me calling off the dogs halfway through the games."

After losing in the ODAC tournament, EMU earned an at-large bid to the NCAA National Tournament and hosted their next two games. They beat Centre College, Wilmington and Whitworth, but lost against Guilford, the team they had beaten in the regular season by 27 points. To this day, Dean believes that if his full team had been available (lone senior Austin Twine suffered a season-ending ACL injury in February), the team would have gone to the Final Four. As it was, they were 25-5 and ended the season ranked fourth in the D3 Hoops national poll.

Dean understands the importance of that single season, but he also notes the success of teams before and after. "From 2008 to 2018, only three teams in the ODAC won more games than us. As great as they were for two years, they put our program on the map, they created a culture and that's why we continued to win after they walked out the door, why we win now and why we will continue to win in the future because they showed it can be done at Eastern Mennonite."

HOMEcoming AND FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 7-9, 2022

Friday, October 7

Prospective student visitation - NEW LOCATION!

Admissions Office, University Commons 121

Common Grounds Coffeehouse - NEW LOCATION!

University Commons 270, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and 8 p.m.-midnight

Information and welcome center

Martin Greeting Hall, Campus Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-8 p.m.

📍 Jubilee Alumni program and luncheon* (classes of 1950 - 1972)

Martin Chapel, Seminary building, 11:30 a.m.

Campus tour

Martin Greeting Hall, Campus Center, 1:30 p.m.

Art show opening and reception, Death Bed Ambiguities, with artist Derrick Chirinos '19

Margaret Martin Gehman Gallery, University Commons, 4 - 5 p.m.

📍 Donor appreciation banquet (by invitation only)

Yoder Arena Courts B and C, University Commons, 5:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:50 p.m.)

📍 Music celebration concert - Alto Saxophonist, Ryan Kauffman '97, performs as special guest artist with the EMU jazz band

Lehman Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

Prospective student visitation - NEW LOCATION!

Admissions Office, University Commons 121

Information and welcome center

Martin Greeting Hall, Campus Center, 7:30 a.m.-noon

Opening Homecoming Celebration breakfast* - NEW EVENT!

Yoder Arena Courts B and C, University Commons, 8:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation - NEW EVENT!

Common Grounds, University Commons 270, 10 - 11:15 a.m.

Belonging Together with alumni and parents: participatory dialogue with Jackie Font-Guzmán, VP for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

President's Reception Room, University Commons 201, 10 - 11:15 a.m.

Lifelong learning options and department gatherings* (open to everyone) 10 - 11:15 a.m.

Center for Interfaith Engagement
Seminary Building 109

Teacher Education gathering and the Jesse T. Byler Series
Seminary building 123

Hall of Honor

MainStage Theater, University Commons

Haverim event/speaker
Discipleship Center

History and political science event
Roselawn 306

Business department event
Common Grounds, University Commons

Suter Science Seminar
Suter Science Center 106

Child care (ages 2-4) and children's activities (ages 5 - 12)*

EMU's Early Learning Center at Park View
Mennonite Church and Campus Center 226, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Milestone reunion professional photos - Classes of '72 (50 years), '97 (25 years) and '12 (10 years)

Front steps of Lehman Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

Class reunions (with cluster years) and lunch*

11:30 a.m. - various locations

Parent reception luncheon*

Royal's Den, University Commons, 11:30 a.m.

Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater College
Turf Field, 1 p.m.

Campus tour*

Martin Greeting Hall, Campus Center, 1 p.m.

Affinity gatherings*

1 - 2 p.m.

Cords of Distinction alumni gathering with President Huxman

President's Reception Room, University Commons

YPCA (Y-Serve) celebrating 100 years
Royals Union, University Commons

Chamber singers alumni event
Lehman Auditorium

Tailgate* - west and north end of turf field
Spaces open at 12 p.m.

📍 EMUTenTalks | Impact. Influence. Inspire.

MainStage Theater, 2 p.m.

Color Run

Front Lawn Fountain, 2 p.m.

Fall Festival Activities

Li'l Royals' Zone, local food trucks, photo booth, alumni & parent reception tent
Front lawn, 3-6:30 p.m.

Concert stage - Girl Named Tom
Front lawn, 4 - 6 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Virginia Wesleyan University
Turf Field, 4 p.m.

YPCA (Y-Serve) 100-year Celebration Dinner*
Martin Chapel, Seminary Building, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Washington and Lee University
Turf Field, 7 p.m.

Bonfire

East of Turf Field, at conclusion of women's soccer game

Writer's Read - Marshall King '92 - "Disarmed, The Radical Life and Legacy of MJ Sharp"
Common Grounds, University Commons 270, 7 p.m.

Cinematic theater presentation - "Bonhoeffer: Cell 92"

MainStage Theater, 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 9

EMU Homecoming worship service
Lehman Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Award recipient luncheon (by invitation only)

Martin Chapel, Seminary building, noon

Monday, October 10

Alumni Association annual council meeting (breakfast included)
Campus Center, 301-302, 8 a.m.

*Registration required

📍 - Facebook livestream option

For a full schedule with descriptions and registration instructions, please visit:
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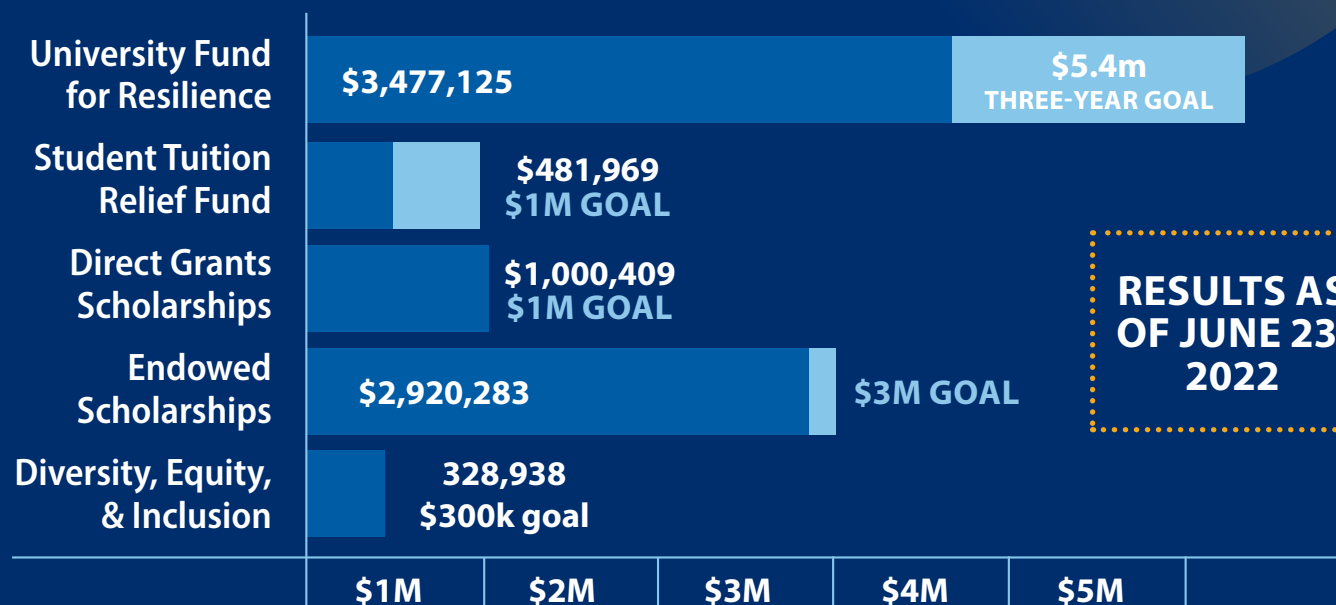
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