



Westover Alumni News - **November 2020**

Message from the Chair

Dear Westover Alumni,

Westover Weekend is planned for March 19-21, 2021. This will be virtual due to our continued observance of Covid-19 precautions. Classes in reunion are '55, '56, '60, '61, '65, '66, '70, and '71. This will be our first major event to include our new President, Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar. She is a gem and you will really enjoy her passion, enthusiasm, and vision for our beloved Alma Mater. There will be a virtual tour of the campus and a highlight of the weekend will be the formal dedication recognizing Carnegie Hall for its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. I was lucky enough to live in Carnegie my freshman year, and the University is seeking stories about its history. Unfortunately, none of my stories are able to be repeated, so I will just keep them to myself.

We are also capturing the history of Westover Hall, so if you have any that can be repeated, please send these in as well.

Lynchburg holds a very special place in the journey we are all experiencing, and Covid-19 cannot put a damper on this journey. Rather, it just adds to it, so let us know how you have been spending your time while social distancing and staying apart. We'll even take videos of you dancing, singing, reciting poetry, or whatever, as long as it's legal. Well, almost.

So, hang in there and plan on spending some time virtually with your classmates and friends March 19-21, 2021.

It's a great day to be a Hornet!!

Marc Jordan '69

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Message from the Director of Alumni Relations

Hello Westover Alumni,

In addition to Marc's message, here are a few additional pieces of news and a request for

your assistance. We have some exciting virtual events coming up like the Westover Holiday Chat and Celebration and Westover Weekend. **These events will be held via Google Meet. If you are unfamiliar with Google Meet, we are happy to help! We will have training sessions before Westover Weekend 2021, stay tuned for more details. If you want to set up a time to practice before the Westover Holiday Chat and Celebration, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@lynchburg.edu. Also, while we are promoting these events as online events, there is an option to join using only your phone. If you want to attend, please register and we can send you the details for the Google Meet or the dial-in information using the phone.**

In the meantime, we need your help:

1. **Photos for Class Slideshows** - Our Westover Weekend celebration will be virtual this year. We will have class reunion calls for all classes in reunion - '55, '56, '60, '61, '65, '66, '70, and '71. During your class meeting, we will play a class slideshow. We are requesting that you send in your photos from your time at Lynchburg to add to the class slideshow. **Please email photos to alumni@lynchburg.edu. You can take a photo of your picture using your phone and e-mail it to us.**
2. **Westover Hall and Carnegie Hall Stories** - We would appreciate your involvement with two projects. We are compiling stories and photos of Westover Hall and Carnegie Hall. Please write down your stories and share them with the Alumni Office. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Clifton Potter '62 and Dr. Dorothy Bundy Turner Potter '64, Carnegie Hall has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. We will be celebrating this exciting recognition during Westover Weekend. We will incorporate your stories into the remarks. Stories about Westover Hall will be included in a display in the new Westover residence hall. **Please email your stories and photos of Westover Hall and Carnegie Hall to alumni@lynchburg.edu.**
3. **Westover Holiday Chat and Celebration** - Please join us for the virtual Westover Holiday Chat and Celebration, Tuesday, December 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. This event will be held via Google Meet. If you are unfamiliar with Google Meet, we invite you to reach out and set up a time to practice with us. **Email alumni@lynchburg.edu to register for the event and set up a time to practice**

calling in. Remember to register even if you want to join the celebration using your phone only.

4. **Patterson Six Sit-In 60th Anniversary** - This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Patterson Six Sit-In. Two of our own alumni were involved in this important event in the Lynchburg Civil Rights movement. An event highlighting the two Lynchburg alumni involved will be held during Westover Weekend 2021. **If you have any stories related to the sit-in or your role in the Civil Rights Movement, please share them with us at alumni@lynchburg.edu.**

Continue reading for more details and other news,

Heather Ayers Garnett '05 MEd
Director of Alumni Relations

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Upcoming Virtual Events

All of our events have been moved to an online platform. We have virtual events scheduled for the next few months, and hope you will join us. If you have a suggestion or are willing to present to alumni, please let us know.

Red Chair Chats with Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar

We are wrapping up our Red Chair Chats with Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar, President of

the University of Lynchburg and Dr. Robert Shetlar, First Gentleman in November. President Morrison-Shetlar has really enjoyed getting to know so many alumni and hearing their stories. Stay tuned for future opportunities to meet the President.

We have one date left on our schedule for this series of Red Chair Chats. All are welcome to join, even if you do not live in one of the states listed below. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office at alumni@lynchburg.edu to register.

November 19: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming. 8 p.m. ET, 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, 5 p.m. PT

Westover Holiday Chat and Celebration

Tuesday, December 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

Although we cannot celebrate together on campus this year, we would love for our Westover alumni to join us virtually for a holiday event with President Alison Morrison-Shetlar. This will be a great opportunity to connect with your fellow Westover alumni, meet the President, enjoy a student performance, and celebrate together.

At 2 p.m. join President Alison Morrison-Shetlar for a chat followed by a mini-concert of holiday songs from the University of Lynchburg Concert Choir.

Acceptances only by Friday, December 4.

The event will be held via Google Meet. If you are unfamiliar with Google Meet, we invite you to contact us at alumni@lynchburg.edu and we will be happy to set up a time to practice with you. Remember you can join using your phone only, but we need you to register, so we can send you the details.

Westover Weekend 2021

Save the date for Westover Weekend 2021 - March 19-21!

The Classes of 1950, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1970, and 1971 will all be celebrating Reunions!

Our Westover Weekend celebrations will be virtual this year. Please join us for some special events throughout the weekend, including a dedication for Carnegie Hall, celebrating its listing on the National Register of Historic Places, an event highlighting our two alumni who were part of the Paterson Six Sit-In, class receptions, time with the new president, a Lynchburg history presentation, a virtual tour of campus, and more.

We are compiling photos for slideshows that will play during your class receptions. Send in your favorite photos from your time at Lynchburg and we will include them! Please send photos to alumni@lynchburg.edu.

We would love to have you as a volunteer – join your Class Reunion Committee to encourage classmates to celebrate this special weekend. Please contact Heather Cassada at cassada_ha@lynchburg.edu or 434.544.8293 to learn more!

Remembering the Past

Westover Hall

We are asking our Westover Alumni to share their stories from Westover Hall. We will compile these together for a special project and we would love to feature yours! **Please email stories to alumni@lynchburg.edu.**

Click [here](#) to enjoy some photos of Westover Hall.

Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall served as a men's dormitory until 1966 and through the efforts of Dr. Clifton W. Potter, Jr. '62 and Dr. Dorothy Bundy Turner Potter '64, Carnegie Hall was named to the National Register of Historic Places in September. During Westover Weekend 2021, we will have a program and show the recognition plaque.

We would love to capture stories from alumni who lived in Carnegie Hall. We are asking our Westover Alumni stories if you lived there (or stories you remember about friends who lived in Carnegie). We will share these in conjunction with the dedication of Carnegie Hall during our virtual Westover Weekend. **Please email your stories to**

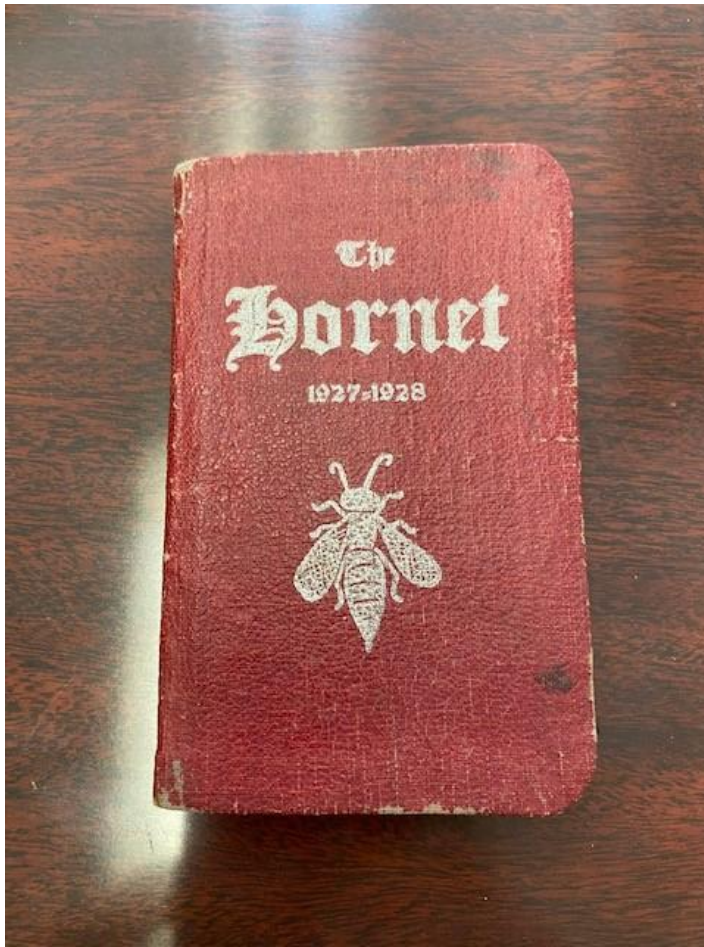
alumni@lynchburg.edu.

Carnegie Hall on National Register of Historic Places

Lynchburg Memorabilia

Lynchburg Legacy **Mona Tomlinson Kanode '81, '84 MEd** found some Lynchburg College memorabilia while cleaning out the attic of her family home. **Gordon Tanner '31** was Mona's uncle. She found his student handbook, The Hornet from 1927-28 that included the Lynchburg College football team's 1927 fall schedule and the Women's Basketball team's winning season. Two verses of Hornet Born! are included in the eight pages of College Songs and Yells.

Mona discovered a Lynchburg College admissions brochure from the late 1950s promoting academics, the beautiful campus, and a \$1015 tuition fee for residential students. Mona followed her sister **Ann Tomlinson Hale '64** to Lynchburg College. Here is **Ann's** room assignment letter dated August 11, 1960. If you look closely, you will see that **Dr. Dorothy Bundy Turner Potter '64** was Ann's freshmen roommate in 408 Hundley. To view more photos, click [here](#).



Jim Wilson '66 came across a vinyl phonograph record of the Lynchburg College choir while reorganizing his garage. To view more photos, click [here](#).



We appreciate Mona and Jim sharing part of their families' and Lynchburg's history with us. If you want to tell us about your memorabilia, contact our office at alumni@lynchburg.edu.

News from Westover Alumni

Emilee Hines Cantieri '55

My latest book, "Fortunes Way," is now available on Amazon in both e-book and paperback.

It is set in the mountains of Virginia as well as in Richmond, in the post-Civil War in the turn-of-the-century. Fortune Barringer lifts his family from poverty to great wealth but discovers that it takes more than money to solve life's problems and bring happiness.

Another of my books which would be useful to all alumni is "Till Death Do Us Part." It details how to prepare for one's death or the death of a spouse legally, financially, and emotionally. It's also useful to prepare for possible evacuations during natural disasters, and each chapter has a checklist for whether you have accomplished this task. Part two tells what to do when your beloved has died and includes suggestions for what others can

do to help you at this time.

I write as Emilee Hines, my maiden name.

Mildred "Bootsie" Beech Atwood '57 and Herman Atwood '58

Amid all the coronavirus we celebrated our 64th Wedding Anniversary this past June - at home! We are hoping to celebrate our 65th next year by at least being able to go out to eat. Our best memory of life at Lynchburg was meeting each other and sharing our college days. We are very thankful for that and more.

Herman: It was very exciting to set a new college record in track by running the mile in 4 minutes and 29 seconds in 1955/1956 with Coach Fox.

Bootsie: It was making new friends that have lasted a lifetime. We still keep in touch and over the years have met and have taken many trips/vacations together.

Best wishes to all of our college classmates.



Irvin H. Bloom '59

Irvin remembers fondly his mother driving him to campus as a young college student in 1953. Young Irvin applied late to Lynchburg College and was assigned to live in Carnegie Hall, which was a Junior / Senior residence hall. He recalls short-sheeted beds, water

balloons thrown from the second floor at anyone on the sidewalk below, and an incident including a blowtorch and a roll of toilet paper. After his first year on campus, Irvin joined the military for two years and returned LC to graduate with the Class of 1959.



Andrew Brabrand '63

One of my fond memories of Westover is how my older brother Charles W Brabrand, Jr (Class of '59) and I would select which table we would choose to have our evening meal. [Westover served 3 family-style meals daily]. We would pick a table of all girls that had 2 chairs available for us because we could share the pitcher of milk between us, as the girls rarely drank milk.

I don't have any news personally.

Mel Parker '65, '73 MEd

Mel Parker will release his 7th CD in January 2021, entitled Mel Parker 2021, you may locate Mel's music at Melparker.com and many internet music sources.

Edith Ellis '67

Edith received the 2020 Influencer Award at Lakewood Retirement Community for her outstanding support and enrichment of the lives of the residents.

From the Virginia Baptist Homes Foundation Website: The Virginia Baptist Homes Foundation Influencer Award honors a champion at each of our four communities who causes a positive effect on our mission to enhance the lives of their friends and neighbors. Influencers embody the core values of our communities through their spirit, their engagement, and their generosity.

Congratulations Edith! Read more about the award and Edith **here**.

Nancy Ellen Fox Harper '67

Life during the Covid-19 pandemic has been challenging for us all, and especially for us seniors who are reasonably healthy and accustomed to a variety of activities and social contacts on a frequent basis! Since I live in a Continuing Care Community as an independent resident, being confined and isolated as we were required to be was quickly leading to depression. In April I began a six-week project to construct and furnish a dollhouse I named the "Pandemic Bear House (4 toy bears reside there) at #19 Covid Lane" and invited neighbors to an open house in my front yard where the house was displayed and refreshments served. Spirits were lifted and guidelines observed.

About the same time my best friend and I resumed planning for a trip we had waited a year to take. On August 2, 2020 we began our 4-week adventure driving across our country, covering 22 states and 7,800 miles. We saw several national parks and monuments, a great variety of terrain and beauty in many forms, experienced the Sturgis rally with the thousands of bikers we encountered everywhere from Sioux City, IA to the Grand Canyon, sang our national anthem with hundreds of other patriots at the illumination of Mt. Rushmore, relived old Rt. 66 in Arizona and New Mexico, and found ourselves on the perfect path to avoid Hurricane Laura as we headed home from Texas.

We were blessed to stay healthy and remain good friends, and to see God's hand on us so many times, in so many ways. We were careful, not fearful, and feel we conquered Covid!

Chad Stump '68

When I got the e-mail asking for news, I looked at the picture of Westover Hall (the

original) on the e-mail. I began reminiscing about college days and it led me to try and find the history of the original Westover. I discovered:

<https://www.lynchburg.edu/about/history/>. I learned a lot about LC (oops, UL) that I had either forgotten or that of which I was unaware since 1968. I think the news in that url would be a reason for pride for being a graduate of University of Lynchburg.

Marcia Landis Dent '70

Robert K. Dent II, husband of Marcia Landis Dent, died September 13, 2020. “Robin” and I were married for 33 years and had a blended family of four children.

Our sympathies are extended to Marcia and her family.

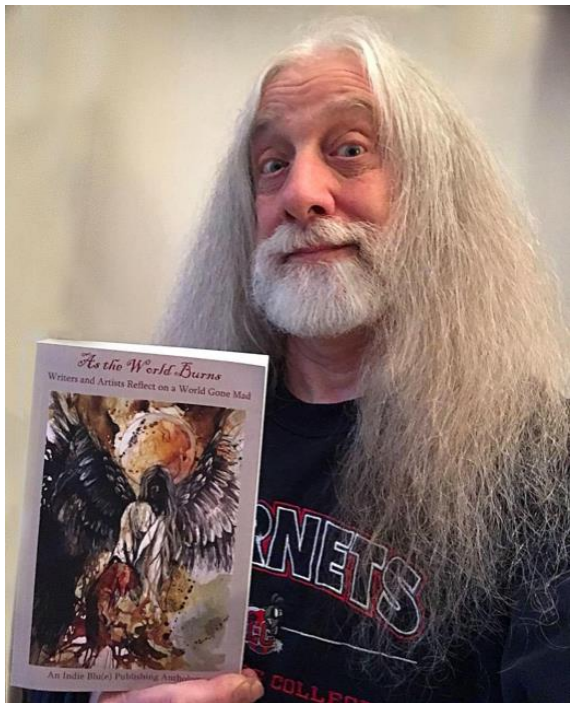
Phil Mazzara '70

Phil spoke to the construction crew on Veterans Day at the National World War 1 Memorial about the Armistice and the importance of the poppy as our National Symbol of Remembrance. The park will be completed by the end of January 2021. A sculpture—A Soldier’s Journey—will be installed in 2024 and the Memorial will be formally dedicated then.



Erik Klingenberg '72

Erik has had three poems published in an anthology, *As The World Burns: Writers and Artists Reflect on a World Gone Mad*. With contributions from 114 writers and artists it is an important insight into the unbelievable time we presently living in.



JoAnn Lord Koff '73

I was a nominee for Poet Laureate of Prince William County, Virginia for the 2020-2022 term. "Gargoyle Magazine" selected my poem 'A Target on Your Back' for publication in May, 2021; "Black Bough Poetry" selected two poems 'So' and 'Spring Mountain' for their 3rd volume of "Deep Time," to be published in January 2021; 'Santorini Dreaming' was selected to be published in "NOVA Bards," in November 2020; "Green Ink Poetry" selected 'Aeolus' to be published in October 2020; "In the Midst, a Covid-19 Anthology" will publish my poem 'The 120 Species of Wuhan Market' in November 2019.

Linda Fernald Kangarloo '74

Hello LC/LU! Sorry, it will always be LC to me but proud of my Alma Mater's new status! Married 43 years, three grown successful and kind children, two amazing and

delightful granddaughters. Moved out of Fairfax County VA to the beautiful Shenandoah River and Blue Ridge Mts. Ranch with log cabins, horses, and trails, wild turkeys, coyotes and black bears. So fun! Tough year for all, lost our almost 100 year old Mom, our health club business took a big hit with Covid closings, so much stress has caused lots of health problems (which of course have nothing to do with being 69 years old!). Very grateful for God's grace and pray we see a change for good soon here at home and the world.

Alumni Reach Out

Want to know how your fellow Hornets are doing during this challenging time? Reach out to them! Contact one or two of your college friends to see how they are doing or just to say hello. You can email, give them a call, or send a letter. For contact information, please email us at alumni@lynchburg.edu.

Anecdotes from O. Carlton Deale '65

Carlton has written many stories of his time at Lynchburg! To read his latest anecdote, click on the titles below.

[Escape](#)

[First Flight](#)

Update Your Information

We want to make sure we have your most up-to-date information so we may stay in touch! To update your phone, email, address, etc., please contact us by emailing alumni@lynchburg.edu or calling [434.544.8293](tel:434.544.8293).

Deceased Alumni

(Listing includes notifications received by the University as of August 16, 2020 - November 16, 2020).

Marguerite Webster Singleton '40 - 11/5/2020
Rosalyn "Rosie" Wallace Fowler '47 - 8/29/2020
David "Dale" Kershner '50 - 11/7/2020
Russell "Russ" Moore '50 - 11/8/2020
Winsdon Pound '50 - 8/29/2020
Benjamin Lindsay '51 - 9/25/2020
Buford Driskill, Jr. '54 - 9/20/2020
Richard Duncan '54 - 10/16/2020

Robert Dunn '54 - 9/8/2020
J. Preston "Pres" Farrar, Sr. '57 - 10/8/2020
Franklin "Frank" Whitten '57 - 8/27/2020
Mary Lu Bucy Webster '58 - 11/1/2020
Charlie "Coleman" Allen '59 - 10/6/2020
Bruton Langley '59 - 9/2/2020
James "Nick" Nichols '60 - 9/1/2020
Clement "Kim" Sydnor III '60 - 10/26/2020
David Thomas '60 - 10/7/2020
Robert Floyd, Jr. '61 - 11/8/2020
Irene Czechanski Werntz '61 - 8/20/2020
John Ragland '62 - 9/23/2020
Rita Marshall Bagby '63 - 11/13/2020
Frankie Doss Hardwick '63, '71 MEd - 10/15/2020
Richard Prince '63 - 9/5/2020
Barry Smith '64 - 9/19/2020
George Goodman, Jr. '65 - 9/10/2020
Barbara Dawson Kurtz '66, '75 MEd, '81 EdS - 8/27/2020
James Smith '66 - 9/1/2020
Margaret Hill Brown '67 - 10/11/2020
Nora Gibson Murphy '67 - 9/26/2020
Dennis Peters '72 - 8/22/2020
Linda Turner Pletnick '72 - 10/22/2020
Sanford "Sandy" Hellman '73 MBA - 9/2/2020
Sarah Comer Sudduth '73 - 9/28/2020
Mary Alice Pinchbeck Teets '73 MEd - 8/20/2020
Ora Irby Blanks '78 MEd - 8/21/2020
Larry Lynch '78 MBA - 10/24/2020
David Anderson '80 MEd - 9/7/2020
John Brady '81 - 9/26/2020
Brian Spring '83 - 10/18/2020
John Mulholland '84 - 9/4/2020
Glenda Hall Abernathy '86 - 11/4/2020
Donna Canter Dilley '88 - 9/12/2020
Thomas Zarinko '90 - 9/4/2020
Robert "Bill" Carver '96 - 9/8/2020
Rev. James Henry '97 MEd - 8/21/2020
Dr. Eleanor Garrett '12 - 10/2/2020

We extend our condolences to family and friends.

We hope you enjoyed reading the news about fellow Westover Alumni. If you have thoughts or ideas for this electronic communication, please share them with me at garnett_h@lynchburg.edu.

Until next time,

Heather Ayers Garnett

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