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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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Students and graduates from the College of Arts & Humanities continue to do amazing things!

Our graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts students exhibited their work at the Arts Center of Greenwood on April 7, 2022, as part of our second annual Art Walk on Maxwell Street. The Arts Center was packed and the students' work was fabulous! This year's Art Walk will take place Thursday, April 13, at 5 pm. I would love to see you there.

Brittni Johnson and Drayton Rowe earned their Master of Arts in Teaching, Visual Art K-12 degrees in December. Brittni and Drayton are the first two graduates from our revived MAT program that launched fall 2021. Four current undergraduates in our BFA program have already begun taking graduate courses towards their MAT degrees, which they will complete next year. This innovative 4 + 1 program offers students an accelerated path toward teacher certification with a graduate degree in hand.

Third-year MFA student Emily Mathis has become Lander University's first ever graduate teaching assistant. Emily is teaching three-dimensional composition to first-year Art + Design students this semester.

December 2022 3D BFA graduate Ashley Garcia has been awarded a two-week, fully funded residency at Penland School of Craft in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Penland is a national destination for arts and crafts, and these awards are extremely competitive. Lander Art + Design students are competing successfully with the very best in the Southeast.

May 2022 2D BFA graduate Jordon Mack was one of only six South Carolina artists chosen to receive the FY23 Emerging Artist Grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission. Jordan's accomplishment adds further proof that our Art + Design students are among the best in the state.

Many Lander Art + Design students and alumni had work exhibited at the "Local Look" exhibition at the Greenwood Arts Center in November. Current sophomore MG Morrow won the People's Choice Award, and junior Jacob Harry won a Merit Award.



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Recent Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design graduates Fiona Newell and Michael Kline have been accepted into Furman University’s competitive Master of Arts in Strategic Design program. They are following the path blazed by Jennifer Thackham, the first Lander Art + Design graduate to earn an MA in Strategic Design at Furman.

May 2022 Bachelor of Arts in English graduate Catherine “Cat” Baker began the Master of Library Science program at Indiana University in Bloomington this fall.

Three of our senior Secondary English teacher candidates are student teaching in Greenwood District 50 this spring. Two are completing paid internships. Brantly Murphy is an intern student teacher at Greenwood High School, and Katelyn Ramey is an intern student teacher at Emerald High School. Victoria Sears is completing her student teaching at Greenwood High School.

Secondary English teacher candidate and dual Spanish and English major Brantly Murphy has signed a contract to teach Spanish at Ware Shoals High School for the 2023-24 academic year.

Student editors and designers produced the 2023 edition of New Voices fall semester and celebrated its publication on January 18. This year’s edition of Lander University’s literary and arts journal was developed in a writing course taught by Assistant Professor of English Laura Martin. This enabled students to earn academic credit and more extensive professional training in editing and publication design.

Selected Media and Communication students presented creative audio/video/film pieces that they produced in their courses at our inaugural Media Showcase on April 15, 2022. New Assistant Professor Walter Iriarte developed and hosted this event.

Several Humanities and Media and Communication students earned awards at the South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association conference hosted by Lander University on April 2, 2022. Bianca Booher took top honors in the competition and earned first place in audition monologues and informative speaking. Brandon Blankenship won first place in TV broadcasting, and Jadyn Sopha earned second place in TV broadcasting and third place in storytelling. Lander will host this year’s conference on April 15.

Students are participating in XLR Lander Radio in record numbers under the direction of new lecturer and station manager Christoph Kresse. XLR is experiencing increased listenership and social media engagement, and recently conducted its first remote broadcast during the Christmas tree lighting celebration. The station has also launched a free app. Tune in and listen at www.xlrlanderradio.com.



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Ethan Richardson (pictured right) is one of four music majors selected to participate in the South Carolina Intercollegiate Honors Band this February in Columbia, SC. Richardson recently took part in the 133rd Rose Bowl Parade with the Salvation Army Band.



Students working with Professor Monique Sacay-Bagwell and Lecturer Christoph Kresse have formed the AUDIO DRAMA CLUB. The club performed the horror play THE DENTIST on XLR, which aired November 18-20. Students performed the roles, created the audio and special effects, and edited the production.

May 2022 graduate Krislyn Stowe and Libby Hensarling have begun their teaching careers. Krislyn is the new band director at Great Falls High School in Chester County. Libby is teaching in the Beaufort County school district. In the past six years, our Music Education graduates have a 100% placement rate. Talk about career ready!

Music Majors Gavin Long, Ethan Richardson, Noah Skinner, and William Godfrey have been selected to participate in the South Carolina Intercollegiate Honors Band this February in Columbia, SC.

As you can see, our talented and supportive faculty continue to provide students with a top-notch education that prepares them to launch their careers or to pursue further study in graduate school. Our students make Lander proud.

Thank You for Your Support

The generous support of our donors helps make our students' success possible. Contributions to the **College of Arts and Humanities Scholarship Fund** enable deserving students to pursue their studies and prepare for their future careers with less worry about the costs of their education. Classes in our programs aren't cheap. In addition to tuition, room and board, our students pay hundreds of dollars per semester for fees and materials directly related to their coursework. Your support helps ease their burden. Even small amounts help. Thank you for thinking of us.

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As Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, I am continually impressed by the support our students receive from the Lander family. We could not do it without you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Rollins
Professor of English
Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities



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