LU FORUM



Bearcat Wrestling concludes another historic season

By Landon King

In the hushed whispers of Greenwood, South Carolina, there echoed a tale that would reverberate through the ages. From triumph to trophies, against all odds, it was a historic season for Lander wrestling, where a group of determined young athletes rose to seize glory on the unforgiving mats. Led by head coach R.C. LaHaye's unwavering intensity and a roster of passionate athletes, it only took five short years for the Lander wrestling program to be established as a national powerhouse.

"It all comes down to the culture and what we're building here," said LaHaye. "It goes down to our expectations, our standards and the way we expect our guys to practice and compete."

Although the Bearcat wrestling program may be young, they have wasted no time establishing themselves as a force to be reckoned with on the mat. The Bearcats finished as the national runner-up for the second straight year, largely due to their unfathomable lineup depth where they had six different men selected as All-Americans. According to LaHaye, depth was key in another successful season. wrestling history alongside Zeth Brower's title at 141 pounds in 2022. When you ask LaHaye, it is only the beginning for the sophomore.

"I'm extremely proud of him. He's a kid who does all the right things," said LaHaye. "He's been wrestling since he's been in diapers

"Depth is essential and you really need that to compete as one of the top teams in the country," said LaHaye.

One of those All-Americans, sophomore David Hunsberger, capped off his spectacular season by winning the national championship in the 165-pound weight class. It is only the second individual national championship in Bearcat

and that really shows at the college level."

In addition to all of those accolades, LaHaye himself was named the Conference Carolinas' Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year, as well as being named the

National Division II Coach of the Year.

LaHaye then discussed the key to being a successful coach. "I surround myself with good people, this isn't about me at all," said LaHaye. "It's about the athletes and assistant coaches that we have here that make this thing run."

One of those assistants is Logan Hall, who was just getting down on the mat with the Bearcats a season ago. After his final season as a wrestler, Hall decided to take on a new roll as an assistant coach for the squad. If you ask LaHaye, or anyone associated with Lander wrestling, this addition has paid big dividends for the Bearcats.

"He was instrumental in our success," said LaHaye. "I really feel like the guys clicked well with him this year."

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Partial Solar Eclipse To Be Visible On April 8

By Hannah Lovett

Lander experienced an astrological event on August 21, 2017, that was the first of its kind in the school's 152-year history. Now less than seven years later, a brand-new class of students may come close to replicating that experience. On April 8, 2024, a partial solar eclipse will be visible from the same spot students watched the total solar eclipse years ago.



Dr. David Slimme

In 2017, Lander Physics Professor, Dr. David Slimmer, was part of the team that captured the eclipse. He said he recalls the moment he saw his first total solar eclipse, "It was defi-

nitely a once in a lifetime experience." Although Lander will not be able to view the total eclipse because South Carolina is not on the direct path, the event is still worth experiencing. Slimmer explained, "It will be an interesting sight to see a portion of the sun blocked out."

A solar eclipse is an astrological event where the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, obscuring our view of the sun and blanketing the Earth with darkness for a few moments. Total solar eclipses are extremely rare and are only visible in certain parts of the world when they occur.

"So while (a total eclipse) occurs every two years, a spot on earth will only be on the path of the total eclipse every 400 years or so."

-- Slimmer

On April 8, the total solar eclipse path will pass through Durango, Mexico, over Austin, Texas, and all the way up to Montreal, Canada. Greenwood will be in the partial solar eclipse path, where only part of the sun is obscured by the moon.

In 2017, Lander was part of the Citizen CATE project in association with NASA. The team was Slimmer, Kelly Hughes from ITS, and Dr. Michelle Deady from the Department of Physical Sciences (another physicist).

According to Slimmer, "Being in the path of totality is very rare. The eclipse happens something like every two years. For example, it may occur for those living in Australia, but we will not see any part of it here in SC because of the earth's position." He added, "So while (a total eclipse) occurs every two years, a spot on earth will only on the path of the total eclipse every 400 years or so."

Don't forget, it is recommended to view the eclipse only with reputable glasses or a solar filter purchased from a reputable dealer.

The eclipse will start at 1:50 pm and last until 4:24 pm. The maximum of the eclipse will be at 3:08 pm, where over 80 percent of the sun will be covered. The next total solar eclipse that will be partially visible from Greenwood is not predicted to occur until August of 2045.



have been trying to find organic ways to get the

cohorts to work together, so that they can build

group is taking difficult classes, but Dr. Maze

hopes a good, united culture can make it not

a culture that is competitive but supportive. This

Medical Biology Program Focuses On Human Biolgy

By Alyssa Campbell

dmittance to pre-professional schools is very challenging, and the higher education system seems to be slowly adapting to their quick-raising standards. Dr. Timothy Maze, head of the medical biology program and professor in the biology department, noticed this gap in 2015 at a undergraduate science education conference.

In 2018, the Biology Department redesigned their curriculum with the goal of aligning it with national recommendations for science undergraduate education and to increase student



Dr. Timothy Maze

retention. The redesigning of the program has been very successful and has led to the most graduates in years in the biology department. However, the program redesign removed some of the requirements that have been shown to be really helpful to a subset of biology students headed to profession schools.

Noticing this as the pre-med advisor, Dr. Maze started working on a plan that would not interfere with the success of the redesign of the Biology Program but meet the needs of the pre-professional students and the medical

biology program was born in 2022. Dr. Maze summarizes the program goal as "preparing talented students for challenging careers."

When compared to a regular biology degree, medical biology is more focused on human

biology, whereas a biology degree is full spectrum. At the end of the day, medical biology is still a biology degree, so if a student graduates with this degree and decides not to go to a profession-



al school, they can still apply to the same jobs as biology majors. When compared to health sciences, medical biology is practically all science, whereas health science also includes the psychology, sociology, and business aspects of the health field.

To make sure the program is full of "responsible students that are going on that pathway" to pre-professional schools, there are some GPA requirements along the way to stay in the program. Dr. Maze explains that this way, if a student is struggling academically and not going to get into a competitive professional school, the medical biology program is designed to transition those students into the successful biology program so the student can still earn their degree and be prepared for a career in a science field.

This academic year was the program's first full academic year running. The program has 2 cohorts: sophomores and freshmen. They

only bearable, but enjoyable. The first year has been an overall success.

Looking forward, Dr. Maze is working on building connections and making the program stronger. Higher education moves slowly sometimes, and he is trying to spur along the movement to better prepare his students for professional schools. Fall of 2025, the program will be offering an EMT certification course to create career-ready students. They are trying to set up clinical experiences, seminars with clinicians to highlight all the jobs in the medical field and working with summer experience groups to provide students with more opportunities. They are taking student feedback on courses to figure out how these classes work best.

For more information on the program, Dr. Maze would love to discuss it with you. You can contact him via e-mail at tmaze@lander.edu.

Lander Wrestling Already Looking Ahead To Next Year

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Looking ahead to next year, the Bearcats should have another dominant season. While losing six seniors, the Bearcats have multiple key contributors returning to have another successful season for Lander. According to LaHaye, his seniors leaving is sentimental, but he's ready to rebuild for next year.

"More than anything I just thank them for letting us be a part of their athletic journey," said LaHaye. "It's tough to part with, but next season will be here quickly."

Caption: David Hunsberger, capped off his spectacular season by winning the national championship in the 165-pound weight class.



Leveling Up: Elevating Esports Excellence with Coach Howard

By Sierra Hillman

As the world of esports continues to captivate audiences worldwide, Lander University is embracing this phenomenon by engaging students in a new field



Billy Howard, head esports coach

of competitive gaming. Billy Howard, head esports coach of the Lander Bearcats, serves as the driving force behind the program. With a coaching career spanning over a decade, Howard has left a captivating mark on the esports landscape, boasting an impressive resume of accomplishments. "My coaching journey began in 2013-2014, when I got my first coaching gig at the University of Northern Iowa," Howard reminisces.

Since then, he has dedicated himself to perfecting his coaching abilities whilst leading teams at various institutions. including University of North Georgia, Arizona State University, and Missouri Western, accumulating 71 playoff appearances, 14 tournaments victories, and two

National Championships. He then began his journey at Lander in August of 2023.

During his transition to Lander, he encountered the challenge of reshaping the program's culture. "Getting people on board with the vision... having people that want to commit, show up, put in the work and buy into the new program, that's always a challenge," he emphasizes. And despite initial hurdles, Howard's steadfast leadership throughout the recent semester has brought

a vibrant esports community to Lander.

As Lander Esports gears up for another competitive season, Howard's leadership remains pivotal in shaping the team's trajectory, looking ahead to the future and unveiling ambitious plans for next semester. With a focus on recruitment and talent acquisition, he aims to assemble teams capable of challenging the nation's elite programs.

"I want to bring in top-tier talent from around the country,

making national championship runs in the process," he declares, outlining his vision for the esports program.

Emphasizing the importance of offering multiple tiers for each game, Howard envisions a comprehensive structure that caters to players of all skill levels, creating growth and

development at every level - And with an unwavering dedication to excellence and a strong eye for talent, Howard continues to elevate the program to newer heights and bigger opportunities for esports' athletes.

Lander Fellowship of Christian Atheletes

By Isham Peace

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, also known as FCA, is a worldwide organization that has had tremendous effects on athletes.

FCA has also made its way to Lander University. Sarah Crews was a student-athlete at Lander where she played women's

basketball.
In 2019
after her first
year, she attended
an FCA camp as a camp
counselor where she saw a change
in the kids' lives. This caused Crews
to restart FCA at Lander University.
Crews is a big part of Lander FCA
but is also an area representative for

FCA in Greenwood County. She wants athletes to have a place to share the gospel.

Although Crews oversees FCA, she is not alone. Crews says that FCA would not be any-

> thing without Chapter President Kennedy Bassard, Vice Pres-

ident Alex Ellis, and staff members Trey Sloan, Angel Hyde, and Sophie Shortall. Sarah expressed that these leaders do an excellent job with planning and facilitating while growing relationships

with athletes and students on campus. They pride themselves on their motto which is to "See the world transformed by Jesus Christ through coaches and athletes." Not only do they pride themselves on their motto, but they also have a verse that really represents their club which is "You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This verse is shown when the club meets once a week on Tuesdays at 7:18pm. At FCA, the student-athletes meet for about an hour where they play games, eat snacks, pray, read, and talk about the bible. Since 2019, the club has grown to around 30 members who participate on Tuesday nights.

Crews said she understands the struggle of being a student-athlete. She explained that she wants to "create relationships with coaches and athletes, and just love them because they are people and are more than just their sport."

Not only does she support coaches and athletes, but she also encourages all Lander students to join even the ones that are not athletes. FCA is a wonderful way to meet people but also is full of opportunities since Sarah Crews is always looking for camp coun-

selors in the summer and any help she can get. Some of these amazing people that she has met even come and



Sara Crews

guest speak at FCA, so the student-athletes can hear a fresh voice and learn new things about the lord. You can find more about this club on Instagram, landerf-ca718.

What Human Services has to offer

By Sydni Cooks

As the Coordinator of the Human Services Program at Lander University, Professor Michelle



Prof. Scott with Greenville Ronald McDonald House staff, a new HUS field placement site.

Scott, LISW-CP, HS-BCP, guides students toward careers that make a

difference in people's lives. Lander University established the Human Services Department in 2020, the human services department is a unique blend of psychology, social work, sociology, and criminology courses that equip students with the skill sets to meet the demands of human services roles.

These classes are offered on-campus, online, and through hybrid formats, to ensure accessibility for students across different locations. Whether studying at the Greenwood main campus or the University Center in Greenville, students have ample opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities, professional training, and community service projects through avenues like the HUS Club and national conferences.

The true measure of success for the HUS program lies in its students, who are actively engaged in academic excellence and community service. From supporting local food pantries to participating in suicide intervention training, students are making meaningful contributions to their communities while honing their professional skills. Scott states, "We are so proud of the important and meaningful work our human services interns are doing across the state of SC, and beyond!"

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One notable initiative is the annual Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Training, held in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This training, conducted in partnership with the SC Children's Trust educates students and professionals on the long-term impact of childhood trauma, empowering them to better support vulnerable populations.

Looking ahead, the HUS program is gearing up for its 3rd Annual ACEs Training on April 15, 2024. This event not only provides valuable knowledge but

also serves as a platform for collaboration between students, professionals, and community organizations. By fostering partnerships and raising

awareness, the program aims to create a ripple effect of positive change in addressing child abuse and neglect.

Industry:

E.A. Sween brings new prospects for Greenwood workforce

By Kikker Eppley

Greenwood County has just added a 100,000-square-foot new addition to its growing roster of industries as E.A. Sween Company has recently begun production at their new state-of-the-art facility in the North Greenwood Industrial Park.

The third-generation, family-owned Minnesota-based company has grown to become a giant in the sandwich industy, and they are now beginning to start the wheels turning on their first South Carolina location. The company had its choice of the whole southeast region to open a new facility, but as Dave Tieman, Vice President of Quality and General Manager for South Carolina at E.A. Sween stated, the company "Fell in love with the Greenwood area", and goes on to state that "The market, distribution, and workforce just fit the culture of the company.'

The facility began production on February 19th with one line of Market Sandwich and Deli Express sandwiches and wraps being



produced at the time of writing. But Tieman hopes to be able to get to three lines by the end of the year and is planning on producing more lines of sandwiches and wraps at this facility, he states, "We can fit up to eight to ten lines." The facility is currently running a single shift but plans to expand to two shifts in the coming months. Tieman has praised the workforce that they have already hired stating, "The workforce has been fantastic...well trained and

well versed."

For E.A. Sween there is only room to expand, Tieman echoes that sentiment stating, "We're very small at this time, but we will grow into it, and we will fill this building up."

Short Film Competition:

Lander Announces Winners of 14th Annual Film Festival

By Sheridan Carpenter

ander University concluded the 14th Annual Film Festival and Short Film competition on Saturday, March 30. The event was an exciting, annual celebration of cinematic skill within the film community.

During the festival, students and community filmmakers alike were recognized for their entries into the Short Film Competition. In addition to this, festival-goers heard excellent presentations given by actor/director Michael Genevie; Dr. Misty Jameson, professor of English and film studies; screenwriter and actor Shelley Reid; and Dr. Daniel M. Harrison, professor of sociology.

When asked to reflect on this year's festival, professor of journalism and the festival's director, Dr. Robert Stevenson, said, "We had a full slate of wonderful film presentations by professors as well as professionals in the field. Each presentation was very well done." He added, "The short film competitors was highly entertaining this year. The judges had a difficult time choosing because the short films were all so good." Stevenson also stated, "It was really exciting watching the audience, scared one minute and laughing the next."

Filmmakers in the Short Film Competition were challenged with a mere eight days to write, film and submit their films for judging. When asked about her experience as a filmmaker in the College Division, Keely Dutton, said, "I came into this program with the mindset that I could

get everything done in one day... I had to write, cast, film and edit, which took me the whole eight days... You never really realize how much you have to put in to create a five minute film, but over ten hours' worth of content was edited into one five minute film."

Killian Cook, another filmmaker in the College Division, had a similar experience in directing his film, "Hungover."

Cook said, "I love the film festival so much because it fosters so much creativity and problem solving in the people doing it."

He continued, stating, "Having a week to write, film, edit and produce a movie is a lot harder than it sounds... But that's what's so great about it, you learn so much about filmmaking just by doing it and it forces you to work around your obstacles to make a good product. Win, lose or draw, at the end of the day just having a film you made and understanding the care and effort you put into it is all that really matters and it's something to be proud of!"

About SC Humanities:

Support for the Lander University Film Festival comes from a grant from South Carolina Humanities. The mission of SC Humanities is to enrich the cultural and intellectual lives of all South Carolinians. Established in 1973, this 501(c)3 organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of community leaders from throughout the state. It presents and supports literary initiatives, lectures, exhibits, festivals, publications, oral history projects, vid-

eos, and other humanities-based experiences that directly or indirectly reach more than 250,000 citizens annually. South CarolinaHumanities receives funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as corporate, foundation and individual donors.

Short Film Award Winners

High School

1st place: Austin Rios - Apathetix 2nd place: Lauren Douda - Monster 3rd place: Kendall Pinette - My Choice

College

1st place: Killian Cook - Hungover 2nd place: Alex Moreno - Hit Piece 3rd place: Tyler Shenal - No one's coming

Open

1st place: Joey Plyler - Third Date 2nd place: Winston Cely - The Best Solution 3rd place: Nick Stevenson - Troll Trouble -

Overall Specialty Awards

Best Actor, Noah Bunting in Third Date Best Actress: Olivia Weeks in Third Date Best Screenplay: Third Date by Joey Plyler

Best Screenplay Honorable Mentions: Apathetix by Austin Rios



Short Film Winners Clowning Around

(Back Row from Left) Jadyn Sopha, Lauren Tally, Nick Stevenson, Alex Moreno, Tyler Shenal. Shawn Vazquez, Chris Wideman) (Front Row from Left) Kendall Pinnette. Austin Rios, Winston Cely, Killian Cook, Joey Plyler, Noah Bunting, and (in front) Olivia Weeks.

Lander University Film Festival Presenters and More





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Lander Film Festival

Top left: Filmmakers each added their signatures to festival posters as keepsakes. Festival Director Robert Stevenson looks on.

Top Right: Lander Sociology Professor Dan Harrison discusses creating and maintaining the Greenwood Film Society.

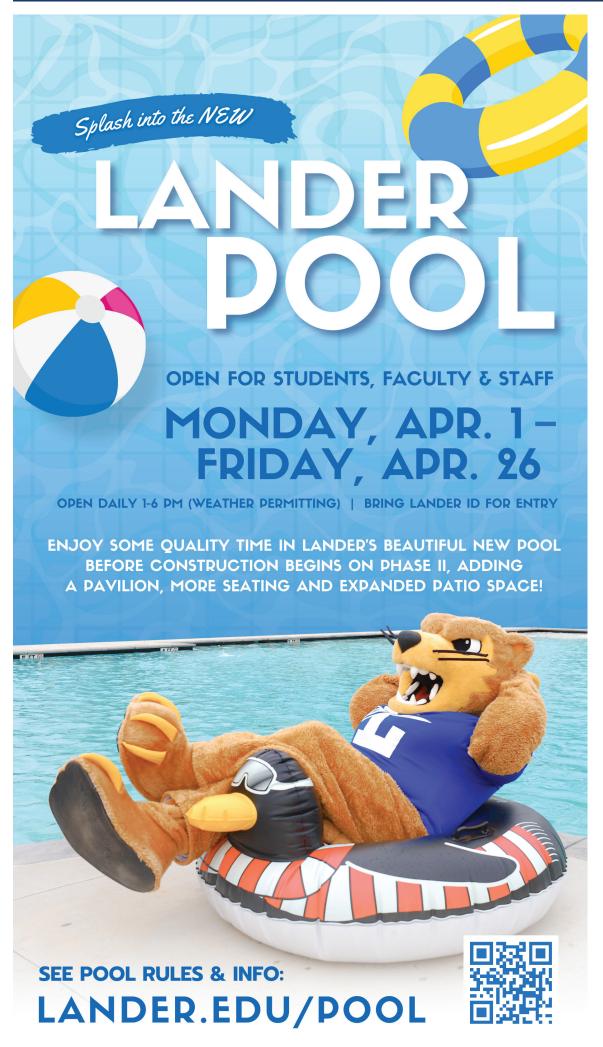
Left: English and Film Professor Misty Jameson presents on the advent of sound to film in the early twentieth century.

Bottom left: Screenwriter/Actor Shelley Reid discusses how his screenplay has evolved into the feature film Long Shadows.

Bottom right: Actor/Director Michael Genevie presents on how auditioning has changed over the years.







Employee of the Month March 2024

Brandon Felder, Registrar's Office



Congratulations to Brandon Felder for being awarded as the most recent staff Employee of the Month. Brandon was nominated for exemplifying Lander's Core Values by being relevant, innovative, supportive, ethical, responsible, and diverse. One of his team members said, "Brandon is a spectacular Registrar & boss! So many of us are new in the office and he is extremely knowledgeable and a great teacher. He is also very patient & encouraging to his staff."

Another team member said, "He is understanding, patient, and so knowledgeable about a million different things. Part of being a great leader is supporting your team, encouraging them to collaborate with each other, and recognizing and utilizing each employee's strengths. I think he does a wonderful job of delegating and keeping things fair in our office.

He is such a positive person and no matter what unique situation is thrown our office's way that day, he keeps his calm through it all. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to learn from Brandon and grow in my career here at Lander under his leadership. He has helped me expand my knowledge and renew my passion of working in higher education."

Thank you Brandon for your hard work and dedication to Lander University!

<u>RA PROFILE:</u>

Augustave Serves as Catalyst and Supporter

In a unique blend of athletic talent and leadership, Sebastian Augustave, a devoted Resident Assistant (RA) and Basketball player at Lander University, is making a significant impact in

campus housing. Augustave's role as an RA involves providing support, guidance, and a sense of community to fellow students living in university housing.

According to Augustave, "As an RA, I see myself as more than just a student leader; I'm a catalyst to creating positive experiences and a source of support for my fellow residents," says Augustave, highlighting his commit-

in promoting a positive living environment for his peers. He is known for his approachability, empathy, and willingness to assist residents with their needs and make sure everything is well.

Augustave's dedication to his role as an RA exemplifies Lander University's commitment to providing a supportive and inclusive living experience for its students.

Augustave's contributions as an RA have

not gone unnoticed, as he continues to make a positive impact on the lives of those around

His commitment to creating a sense of belonging and community with fellow residents within university housing reflects the values of compassion, integrity, and leadership that Lander University wants to instill in its students.

As Lander University continues to priori-

helping to create a supportive and inclusive community where all students can flourish.



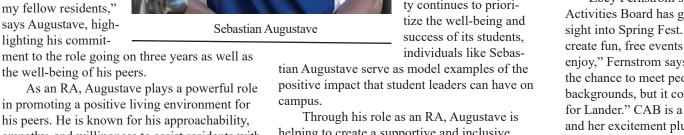
By Tristan Barnes

Spring Fest, which began on April 1st, is a weeklong event celebrating the beginning of spring. It also serves as a relief for students who are entering quite a busy time at the end of their semesters. Zoey Fernstrom, president of the Campus Activities Board, described the event as "a time to hang out with your friends and not think about homework." And Spring Fest has absolutely achieved this.

The week's events are as follows:

Monday, April 1st: Positivity Jars in the Plaza Tuesday, April 2nd: Free Sticker Giveaway Wednesday, April 3rd: Lander's Got TalentThursday, April 4th: RecFestFriday, April 5th: Spring Fest on the Lawn

Zoey Fernstrom's role within the Campus Activities Board has given her a lot of oversight into Spring Fest. "Our main goal is to create fun, free events that all students will enjoy," Fernstrom says. "[This] has given me the chance to meet people from all different backgrounds, but it connects us with our love for Lander." CAB is a passion for Fernstrom, and her excitement plus the entire board's hard work and dedication definitely bled into the Spring Fest events.



LU Rec Grad Assistant Has Passion For Student Engagement

By Taryn Samons

In the heart of Lander University, among the struggle between classes and student life there exists a figure whose dedication to student engagement and recreational pursuits shines brightly. Tiyonna Hall, the graduate assistant for Campus Recreation Operations at LU Rec, brings a unique blend of experiences and passion to her role, carving a path for herself while leaving an indelible mark on the community.

Born to a military family, home was everywhere for her. Having been born in Hawaii and spending her formative years in Columbus, New Jersey, she now calls Elgin, South Carolina, home. Tiyonna's association with Lander University stems from her pursuit of higher education and her desire to contribute meaningfully to collegiate life. "What brought me to Lander was the opportunity to be part of starting the Women's

Lacrosse team," she said. Now serving as a team captain for the Lander Women's Lacrosse team for the fourth year in a row, she dominates the defensive side of the ball as a starting player, even in her fifth year.

Lacrosse was only where it all started. Hall's passion for student engagement and athletics found a fitting avenue in her role at LU Rec. "I'm very interested in continuing a career of student engagement at the collegiate level," she explained, "and Campus Recreation is the perfect way to get my foot in the door." Hall said she finds fulfillment in the daily interactions and collaborative spirit within the organization. "I love working for Campus Rec Director Hannah McQueen; I get lots of insight and advice for going further in this world," she shares, emphasizing the mentorship and camaraderie that define her

experience at LU Rec.

Reflecting on her journey, Hall expresses gratitude for the opportunities afforded by her tenure at LU Rec. "Campus Rec has been a great place to gain knowledge and meet

passion and dedication that defines Lander University's vibrant community.

As Hall continues to leave her mark on Lander University's athletic landscape, her unwavering

> commitment to student engagement and athletic development serves as inspiration for generations to come. In her journey from military upbringing to campus leadership, Hall exemplifies the power of passion and perseverance

new people, and I'm super happy I got to work in this environment," she said, embodying the spirit of

in shaping the collegiate athlete experience and what life brings even after undergrad has finished.

Lander's EYE Program

By Sydni Cooks

Professor Kristen Applegate is the director of Lander's EYE program. EYE stands for Experience Your Education. The program is about supporting and recognizing the great things students do outside of the classroom through internships, leadership activities, and ser-

vice-learning just to name a few.

Students can get into the program by taking a course or getting involved in an activity already approved for an EYE credit. Students can also work with a faculty member or the EYE director to propose a new activity. When experiencing EYE students get to apply their academic learning in a

real-world setting.
All EYE activities include
the following outcomes which are
problem-solving/inquiry, career

understanding, communication, and

many more outcomes.

This program helps faculty connect with students on opportunities in the community or region. Students have the opportunity to gain an internship with a potential employer.

Students can also get some experience to help them with their career choices. Students can have

the opportunity to build professional communication and workplace skills like handling conflicts with a team member. Students who have achieved 120 points will receive the Golden EYE award for the great things they are doing, and they will receive a pin at graduation.

"One hundred and fifteen students will be receiving the Golden EYE award, which I've been told is one of the largest groups." As part of an EYE-related internship, senior Ky Erin created some new branding for the program.



EXPERIENCE YOUR EDUCATION

Final Exam Schedule (Fall and Spring)				
EXAMINATION DAY	SECTION	REGULAR ME TIME & DA		EXAMINATION TIME
Wednesday	1	8:00 am - 8:50 am	MWF	8:00 am - 10:00 am
	9	12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	MWF	11:00 pm - 1:00 pm
	15	3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	MW	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
	A - Only fo	or sections with no forma	4:00pm - 6:00pm	
	21	5:45 pm - 7:00 pm	MW	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	25	5:45 pm - 8:30 pm	M	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday	4	9:30 am - 10:45 am	TR	8:00 am - 10:00 am
	8	12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	TR	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	10	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	TR	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
	B - Only fo	or sections with no forma	I meeting time.	4:00pm - 6:00pm
	24	7:15 pm - 8:30 pm	TR	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	28	5:45 pm - 8:30 pm	R	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday	3	9:00 am - 9:50 am	MWF	8:00 am - 10:00 am
	7	11:00 am - 11:50 am	MWF	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	13	2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	MWF	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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	27	5:45 pm - 8:30 pm	W	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Monday	5	10:00 am - 10:50 am	MWF	8:00 am - 10:00 am
	11	1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	MWF	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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	F - Only fo	or sections with no forma	I meeting time.	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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	6	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	TR	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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	H - Only f	or sections with no forma	I meeting time.	4:00pm - 6:00pm
	22	5:45 pm - 7:00 pm		6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	26	5:45 pm - 8:30 pm	Т	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

· Exciting Things On The Way ·

COMING SOON TO LANDER

The DROP

Opening after Spring Break!

Enjoy your new to-go campus dining experience in the Learning Center offering subs, tacos, burritos, burgers and more! Order online & pick up - meal exchange available.



IT Enhancements

Major updates to the IT infrastructure in the Learning Center and Brookside service hubs will boost WiFi access and performance across campus.

Residence Hall Updates

\$1.4 million in updates and renovations are planned for campus residence halls including Thomason, Brookside, Williamston, Centennial and Bearcat Village.





Dining Hall Upgrade

A planned, full-scale remodel of the Student Center Dining Hall will create a unique dining space with distinct and flavorful meal options.

Pool Phase II

Pool Phase II will add new features including a 20x40 event pavilion, as well as more patio space, lighting, landscaping and seating.





Information Commons & Nursing Building

Construction will begin soon on two exciting new facilities on Lander's campus!
The new Information Commons will change the

way students access information in the digital age; and a new nursing and health sciences building will offer students access to state-of-the-art technologies and relevant experiences within health care education.

Genesis Expansion

A remodel of the Student Success Center will add 13 individualized testing stations.



Enjoy Rec Fest April 4

By Bri Patterson

Lander's Outdoor Rec Fest is back for the fourth year in a row! This event will be on the New Residential Hall field, and there will be a long list of games and free food available to everyone who attends. The event runs from 6 pm to 9 pm on April 4.

Recreation staffer Robert Allan Gilbertson, discussed some of the fun activities that will be available, including rock wall, golfing simulator, soccer darts, gaga ball, pickle ball, corn hole, spike ball, and much more.

Lander Director of Campus Recreation Hannah McQueen oversees the event. The goal of Rec Fest is to promote recreational activities in a small environment with a variety of sports. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It promises to be loads of fun.



Lander Calendar of Events April - Continued

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Awards Program 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT 5 - 6:30 PM

Baseball, 6 - 9 PM Bearcats @ Francis Marion

Wind Ensemble Concert 7 - 9 PM

Apr 17 Wednesday Bearcat for a Day, 9 AM - 5 PM

Women's Tennis, 2 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. North Greenville

Men's Tennis, 2:30 - 5:30 PM Bearcats vs. North Greenville

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Women's Lacrosse, 4 - 7 PM Bearcats vs. Belmont Abbey

History Club End of Semester Party 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Group X Zumba 5 - 6 PM

Group X Pilates 6 - 7 PM

Student Life Awards 6 - 8:30 PM Apr 18 Thursday Paws on the Plaza 11 AM - 1 PM

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

> Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit HIIT 5 - 6 PM

Jazz Ensemble Concert 7 - 9 PM

Apr 19 Friday
Men's Golf, All Day
Peach Belt Conference Championship

Women's Golf
All Day
Peach Belt Conference Championship

Women's Tennis, 1 - 4 PM Bearcats vs. Flagler

Men's Tennis, 1:30 - 4:30 PM Bearcats @ Flagler

> Baseball 6 - 9 PM Bearcats @ Claflin

Apr 20 Men's Golf All Day Peach Belt Conference Championship

Women's Golf All Day Peach Belt Conference ChampionSoftball, 12 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. North Georgia

> Baseball Bearcats @ Claflin

Men's Lacrosse, 1 - 4 PM Bearcats @ Alabama Huntsville

Women's Lacrosse, 2 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. Alabama Huntsville

Apr 21 Sunday
Men's Golf
All Day
Belt Conference Championship

Women's Golf All Day Peach Belt Conference Championship

Softball 12 - 3 PM Bearcats vs. North Georgia

Women's Tennis 1 - 4 PM Bearcats vs. Georgia Southwestern State

Apr 22 Monday Last Day to Withdraw from all Courses All Day

> Classes End All Day

Last Day for Individual Course Withdrawal All Day Late Night Breakfast 9 - 11 PM

Apr 23 Tuesday Reading Day All Day

Apr 24 Wednesday Final Exams See Schedule page 10 All Day

Apr 26 Friday Women's Tennis All Day Peach Belt Conference Championship

> Baseball 6 - 9 PM

Bearcats vs. Georgia Southwestern

Apr 27 Saturday Women's Tennis All Day Peach Belt Conference Championship

Baseball 2 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. Georgia Southwestern

Apr 28 Sunday
Women's Tennis
All Day
Peach Belt Conference Championship

Baseball 1 - 4 PM Bearcats vs. Georgia Southwestern

Lander Calendar of Events March

Apr 1 Monday Women's Golf, Bearcat Athletics

Spring Fest: Positivity Jars 11 AM - 1 PM

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Intramural - Slow Pitch Wiffleball 7 - 10 PM

Apr 2 Tuesday Women's Golf, All Day

Spring Fest: Sticker Giveaway 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Softball, 2 - 7 PM Bearcats vs. Southern Wesleyan

> Baseball, 2 - 5 PM Bearcats @ Erskine

Group X 15-Minute Abs 2:30 - 2:45 PM

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT 5 - 6:30 PM

Community Lecture Series:"A Long Walk to Church: The Camino de Santiago Today" 5:30 - 8 PM, Presenter: Carlos Mentley Reception: 5:30 p.m. Presentation: 6:00 p.m.

Intramural - 3v3 Grass Volleyball 7 - 10 PM

Apr 3 Wednesday Group X Team Sports, 4 - 5 PM

> Kahoot Trivia Night 4:15 - 5:30 PM

> > Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Group X Zumba 5 - 6 PM

Group X Pilates 6 - 7 PM

Intramural - Doubles Pickleball 7 - 10 PM

Lander's Got Talent 7 - 9 PM Apr 4 Thursday Group X Team Sports, 4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit HIIT 5 - 6 PM

Outdoor Rec Fest 6 - 9 PM

Intramural - 7v7 Flag Football 7 - 10 PM

Apr 5 Friday Men's Tennis, 2 - 5 PM

Spring Fest on the Lawn 2 - 5 PM

Women's Tennis 2 - 5 PM

Pack the Stands Night 4:30 - 9 PM

Softball 5 - 8 PM

Baseball 6 - 9 PM, Bearcats vs. USC Aiken

Apr 6 Saturday Softball, 12 - 5 PM

Student Recital: Noah Skinner & Anderson Lowe, 1 - 3 PM

Men's Lacrosse 1 - 4 PM, Bearcats vs. Flagler

Women's Tennis, 1 - 4 PM Bearcats vs. Columbus State

Men's Tennis, 2 - 5 PM, Bearcats vs. Columbus State

Student Recital: Jessica Palmer 5 - 7 PM

Baseball 6 - 9 PM Bearcats vs. USC Aiken

> Apr 7 Sunday Women's Lacrosse 1 - 4 PM Bearcats @ Lee

Baseball, 2 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. USC Aiken

> Apr 8 Monday Transfer Week

Fall Registration for New Students Begins, All Day

> Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

> > Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Senior Class Picnic 5:30 - 7 PM, Alumni

Color the Stress Away 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Apr 9 Tuesday Group X 15-Minute Abs 2:30 - 2:45 PM

Men's Tennis, 3 - 6 PM Bearcats vs. Limestone

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT 5 - 6:30 PM

Baseball, 6 - 9 PM Bearcats vs. Limestone

BINGO, 6 - 7:30 PM

Chamber Strings Concert 7 - 9 PM

Apr 10m Wednesday BDes Senior Exhibit All Day

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Group X Zumba 5 - 6 PM

Group X Pilates 6 - 7 PM

LUSNA Senior Celebration 6 - 8 PM

 $\begin{array}{c} Baseball,\, 6 - 9 \; PM \\ Bearcats @ \; Southern \; Wesleyan \end{array}$

Apr 11 Thursday Oxygen Bar

Thursday How to be a Super Student 3 - 6 PM

College of Behavioral & Social

Sciences Awards Program 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit HIIT 5 - 6 PM

Apr 12 Friday Women's Tennis, 2 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. Augusta

Softball, 6 - 9 PM Bearcats @ Georgia Southwestern

Baseball, 6 - 9 PM Bearcats @ Georgia College

Apr 13 Saturday
U.S. National Whitewater Center Outdoor Adventure
All Day

Accepted Students Day 9 AM - 5 PM

Baseball, 12 - 7 PM Bearcats @ Georgia College

Softball, 1 - 6 PM Bearcats @ Georgia Southwestern

> Men's Lacrosse, 2 - 5 PM Bearcats vs. Shorter

Women's Lacrosse, 3 - 6 PM Bearcats @ Shorter

Apr 14 Sunday University & Old Main Singers Concert, 4 - 6 PM

> Apr 15 Monday Group X Team Sports 4 - 5 PM

> > Group X Spin 5 - 6 PM

Apr 16 Tuesday Sleep Importance 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Group X 15-Minute Abs 2:30 - 2:45 PM

Softball, 3 - 8 PM Bearcats @ Emmanuel

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