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Lander Honors College accepting dual enrollment

By Caitlin Anderson

The Lander University Honors College is now accepting dual-enrollment students according to the Director of the Honors College, Lillian Craton.

"We've identified the Lander dual-enrollment high school seniors with the highest GPAs and are inviting them to get an early start in the Honors College," says Craton. This opportunity includes special classes dedicated to these students, and it is a part of a new program called the Senior Scholars Program. Craton and her colleagues are very excited for this new opportunity, and they hope it will encourage more dual-enrollment students to commit to Lander.

The Honors College provides special opportunities for students to expand their learning experience at Lander University, both within the university and out into the world. Study abroad and leadership are strong emphases, though there are also plenty of social opportunities. Events such as the Halloween party and Honors College Leadership Council meetings are notable for socialization within the Honors College. However, on a daily basis, the Honors lounge is central.

According to Craton, Honors brings together many students from all different backgrounds and majors. The Honors lounge is a popular perk. Many Honors students spend time studying and socializing in the lounge. Craton explains that there are other perks as well such as early registration.

However, she said she believes the sense of community runs a little deeper still.

"I think they value each other even more than those perks," Craton concluded.



The importance of internships for Lander Students



By Holly Tuggle

As students at Lander University prepare to launch their careers, internships are becoming an increasingly vital component of their educational journey. Internships offer hands-on experience, networking opportunities, and real-world skills that are essential for success in today's competitive job market.

Gail Moore, JD, CPA, Associate Dean of Undergraduate studies, Professor of Accounting, and Internship Director for the College of Business at Lander University, emphasizes the value of these opportunities. "The experience helps students put their academic education into practice and is a bridge from the classroom to the boardroom," Moore explains. "I am a huge proponent of internships. The real-world experience students gain, and the connections made are simply invaluable. Also, the College of Business is hosting our first Internship and Career Fair on October 24th. We are looking forward to this event and invite anyone to come and meet their next employer!"

Internships at Lander are designed to align with students' academic interests and career goals, offering a wide range of opportunities across various fields. In addition to skill-building, internships offer valuable networking opportunities. Students can connect with industry professionals, gaining insights and advice that can guide their career paths. Furthermore, internships often help students clarify their career goals. "Many of our students are directly hired out of their internships into a full-time position. Students who are not hired directly by the firm still have marketable skills that allow them to be hired quickly after graduation," Moore says.

Internships are a crucial step for students as they transition from academic life to professional careers. With the support of the internship department and the practical experience gained, students are well-prepared to enter the workforce and achieve their career aspirations.

Lander Human Services and Psychology Department hosts training to bring awareness to suicide prevention



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Every fall, Lander's Psychology and Human Services department hosts a training at Lander's distance site (University Center Greenville) to bring awareness to suicide prevention. Recently, the 4th Annual Suicide Intervention Training was held there. Some Lander human services, psychology and criminology students attended, along with area professional social workers, students from Greenville Technical college and Converse University.

Kathy Eckart of Mental Health America Greenville led the training to equip attendees on the QPR approach, "Question, Persuade, and Refer" those in crisis.

Eckart also shared resources including the option of calling or texting 988 when someone experiences an emotional crisis or suicidal thoughts. According to Director of the Human Services program (at UCG) Michelle Scott, "With a record number of people dying by suicide in 2023, a community approach and response is in need. As space allows at UCG, we invite and include our fellow helping professionals and area students to attend this important training."

"If the training ultimately helps even one person, it is well worth it," said Scott,

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Pictured are some of the QPR training attendees who spent their Monday night learning how to support and help others in their communities.



Admissions counselors help expand Lander's reach

By Armani Canty

Lander University was recognized as a top public university according to the U.S. News and World Report for 2022. Lander has seen an increase in incoming students, with the 2024 fall semester admitting a record breaking 4400 students—that's a 59.5% increase since 2015.

Helping get the word out about Lander, Admission's counselors are traveling to students from a variety of counties to share the new changes about Lander University.

Senior Admissions Counselor Ryan Murdock spoke about his experience in this year's recruitment travel season. Murdock recruits for the midlands territory of South Carolina as well as second degree and returning students. One of his favorite parts is getting to see new students learn about Lander. He said, "You never meet the same type of indivdual, and everyone has something different that they look for in a school, which brings a fun sense of unpredictability to the role." Recently, Murdock finished visiting Lexington County and York County to meet prospective students and families.



Murdock attributes the increase in enrollment to the new enhancements made to Lander University's campus and programs. He says, "Lander is definitely growing more and more due to new majors that we are adding every year, as well as new changes that we have coming to campus, and the great work of all our various staff and faculty members."

The Admissions Office works to expand the reach of Lander University during the travel season, hoping to break another record of enrollment for the Fall 2025 academic year.

Lander Business Honor Society holds food drive



By Lindsey Hodges

The Beta Gamma Sigma honor society at Lander University recently conducted a successful food drive benefitting the Bear Necessities food pantry. Beta Gamma Sigma is an international business honor society in business schools that are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. For the fundraiser, student chapter members placed collection containers at strategic locations across campus and were responsible for promoting the food drive, along with collecting and distributing the food. Bear Necessities is a University-operated food pantry that addresses food insecurity among Lander students.

Pictured above, from left, are chapter faculty advisors Susan Shurden, assistant professor of accounting, and Mike Shurden, professor of business, standing alongside student officers from Beta Gamma Sigma. Charlie Beiers, a junior from Lexington, Ellyn Adams, a senior from Myrtle Beach, Elizabeth Bradley, a senior from Blaine, Minnesota, and Emily Anne Beiers, a junior from Lexington. For more information on the College of Business, visit lander.edu/business.

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Employee of the Month:

October



Jamie Enlow
Administrative Assistant
College of Business

"Jamie Enlow shouldered the administrative responsibilities of the entire college on her own, even through the hectic start to the Fall semester. Ms. Enlow handles her responsibilities with an extremely high level of proficiency…The College of Business is committed to creating an open, caring environment, and as the most forward-facing member of the unit, Ms. Enlow always ensures that we are accomplishing this mission."

As a reminder, Nomination Forms are located on the HR Forms site and should be delivered to Human Resources no later than the last day of the month for consideration for the following month's award. Currently sitting members of Staff Senate are not eligible to be nominated or to nominate others during their term.

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Set Your Clocks Back an Hour

Sunday, November 3, 2024



Greenwood Film Society

The next meeting of the Greenwood Film Society takes place on Tuesday, November 19, at Maxwell Crossing (i.e. upstairs at Good Times Brewing) – right next to Mill House Pizza on Maxwell Ave.). Admission is free. Newcomers welcome. Oldcomers welcomed back.

We will be watching A Matter of Life and Death (1946; 104 minutes, directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger and starring David Niven and Kim Hunter). Conversation begins at 6:30; the film will start at 7:00.





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ALUMNI PANEL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024
3:30 TO 5 P.M. IN BH 126



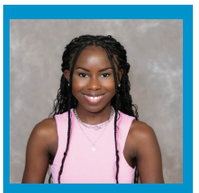
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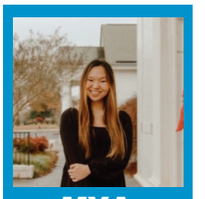
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Communications and Marketing Specialist at Lander University!



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Spring 2024 Lander University Alum Staff Writer at Index-Journal

These featured alumni from Lander University will be discussing their experiences in the media and communications field and letting you know how Lander can help you achieve your goals

For more information, contact Dr. Robert Stevenson, Media and Communication Professor at rstevenson@lander.edu

Save The Date



Ratcliff, visionary behind Hawaii Fluid Art, inspires Lander University business students

By Holly Tuggle

Lander University College of Business welcomed Maya Ratcliff, the visionary founder and CEO of Hawaii Fluid Art, to kick off its annual Business Week on October 21. The event was part of an ongoing effort to connect students with successful entrepreneurs. Ratcliff's presentation was filled with insights on building a business from scratch, overcoming personal challenges, and staying connected to one's passion.



Pictured (from right) Lander President Dr. Richard Cosentino, Maya Ratcliff, Founder/CEO Hawaii Fluid Art, and First Lady Jessie Cosentino stand beside their recenlty completed artwork.

Speaking to a packed audience of business students, Ratcliff's candid approach and compelling story left a lasting impression.

During her presentation, Ratcliff invited Lander University President Richard Constantino and his wife Jessie on stage for a live demonstration of the fluid art technique that has become her brand's signature. They poured a mixture of different color paints into a cup and then onto a wet canvas, carefully tilting it to create a mesmerizing swirl of colors, showcasing how art can be both expressive and therapeutic.

Ratcliff's journey to success didn't just happen overnight. When asked what it was like to start a business from the ground up, she reflected on her experiences in previous jobs. "I thought about every place I'd ever worked, and what I didn't like about it. And I decided to create systems to bypass traditional corporate BS. I wanted a company that had an excellent company culture," she explained. Ratcliff emphasized that her success wasn't just about avoiding mistakes but about intentional planning.

"I researched and researched and researched, and I read about so many major corporations and inspirational bits. I really created in my mind what I wanted my corporation to be like, and then I hired people to help me implement it."

Ratcliff also highlighted the importance of surrounding herself with the right team. She credits her ability to delegate and hire people who align with her vision as key elements in turning Hawaii Fluid Art into the thriving company it is today. The entrepreneur also shared her belief that art has a healing power, which played a vital role in her life during a difficult period. When asked how art had healed her personally, Ratcliff opened up about a time when she lived in Hawaii, far away from her family and support system.

"When I lived on the islands, I was very lonely," she said. "I was a long way away from my family, and I spent hours and weeks and months creating art before I ever posted a Facebook post. It filled me with this confidence that I could actually make something beautiful."

She added, "So many people go, 'Oh, art, I can't do it,' and to have something that I was actually good at, filled me with a confidence that I had been lacking for many years. It helped make me feel proud of myself."

Her story of finding strength and confidence through art resonated deeply with the audience, many of whom are pursuing their own creative and entrepreneurial dreams. Ratcliff's vulnerability in sharing this experience showed the students that building a business goes beyond financial success — it's also about personal growth and self-discovery.

Toward the end of her presentation, Ratcliff shared some final words of encouragement with the students. "Inspiration is coming from Lander University," she said, acknowledging the energy and potential she felt from the young business minds in the room.

She urged them to follow their passions and to not shy away from challenges, as these would ultimately lead them to their most fulfilling careers.

Maya Ratcliff's visit to Lander University was more than just a presentation — it was a source of inspiration for the students, who left feeling empowered to pursue their entrepreneurial goals. Her story of determination, creativity, and resilience serves as a powerful reminder that with the right mindset and dedication, success is within reach.

As Ratcliff departed, she left behind a message of hope and possibility, encouraging the next generation of business leaders to build careers that are as fulfilling as they are successful.



Pictured (from right) Hawaii Fluid Art founder/CEO Maya Ratcliff being interviewed by journalism student Holly Tuggle.

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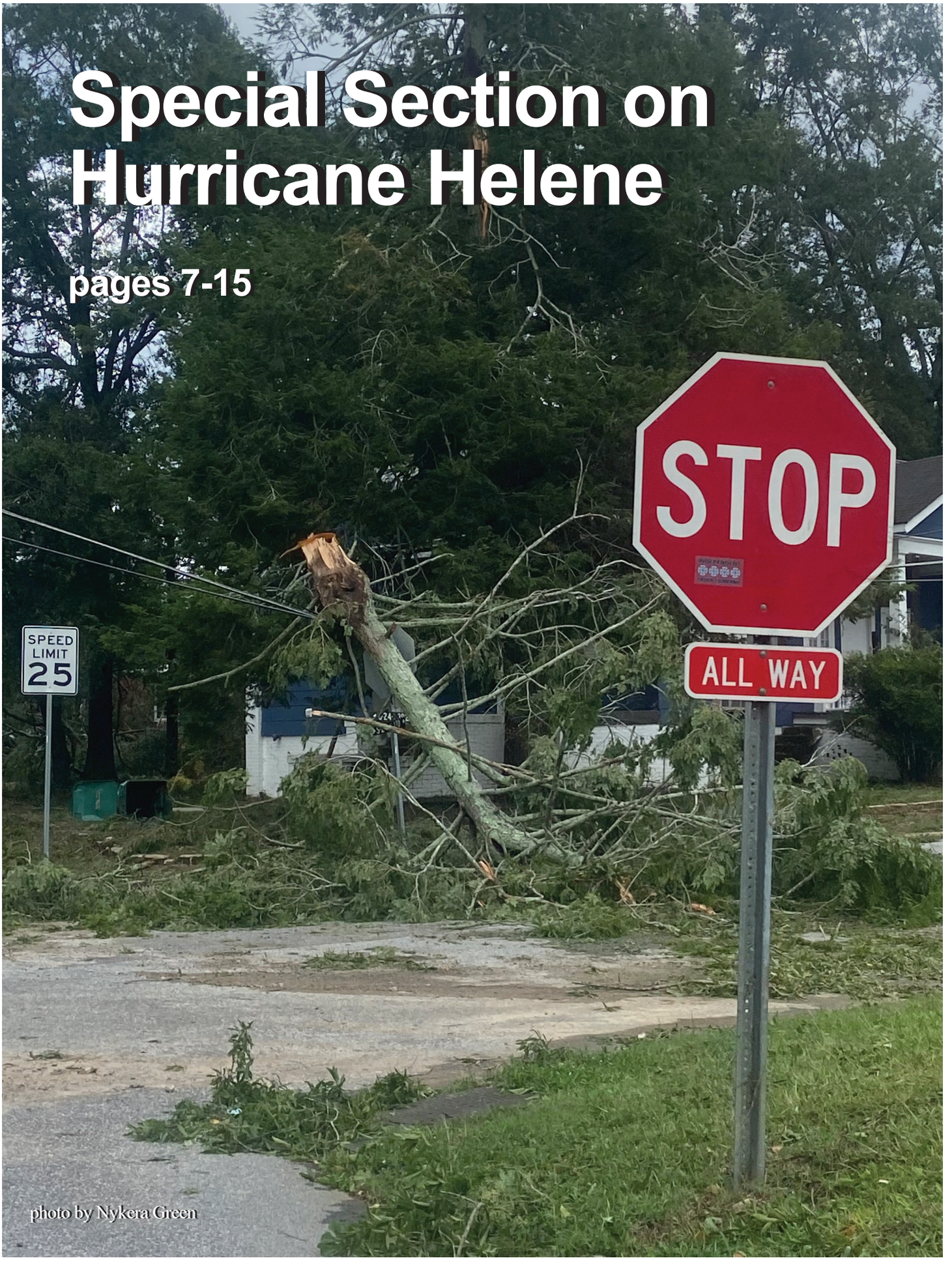


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BCM director's nightmare, then outpouring of support

By Dr. Robert Stevenon,

"I sat here on my couch Thursday night, September 26 after BCM service," said Director of Lander's Baptist Collegiate Ministry Scott Smith. "It was about midnight.

I turned on the news, and at 2 a.m., I saw that Hurricane Helene was coming up through Augusta. It changed direction, and I said, 'This does not look good." I decided to go down to my garage.



All the large trees in my yard - I was thinking, I have a lot. And my neighbors have lots of old, large trees as well. If a tree hits, I thought, the basement garage is the safest place."

Smith continued, "I never dreamed five large trees would hit my house that night. Two of them crashed through the ceiling."

It began with what sounded like, "a bowling ball rolling down the alley. Then it sounded like a train coming right at me. The house shook. Then I could hear pouring into the house.

I really thought that this is the way my life was going to end. I'm going to be a statistic tomorrow. First one tree fell, then the second one fell, then a third one fell in succession.

I texted my son, daughter, and colleague to say this is where I'm at, so they would know where to find me. I called my children Charles and Chrissy and Cherry Smith, all Lander grads, and Katie Troutman, also a Lander alumnae, and associate director of Lander's BCM.

I had a hard time getting through to anyone on my cell phone, but I eventually got through to my son. He said he would come over as soon as the storm lets up a little. About 7:30 a.m., I heard a knock on my door. I opened the door and it was my son. I just fell in his arms and just started crying.

I said I'm glad you're here, son."

There's were at least nine holes in my house, and at least two were large enough for me to crawl through.

Friday night, Brian Burkes called me. His wife, Ann, is also a Lander graduate, who worked at BCM, and is now a school teacher in Greenwood. He said I heard you are in trouble - are you okay? He came over Sunday morning. So did Andrew Risinger and his wife, Ginny, both Lander alumni. I had participated in their weddings and their momma's funeral. Ginny and Ann are sisters.

"They're my Lander kids." He paused, "It was like the calvary had come."

They pulled up with all of these trucks and tractors. Andrew said, "We're here to help your family." It was unreal," said Smith. "Some Lander students also showed up. Katie's daddy came too." Smith added, "Pretty soon tractors, a back hoe, chipper, and equipment to lift the trees off my house were all in my yard. They even climbed on my roof with harnesses to prevent falling. I was floored.

"They replaced the trees with tarps to prevent further damage. People in the neighborhood would come by and ask who all these people were. Are they professionals they'd ask." Smith said, "They're family." They're my Lander kids." He paused, "It was like the calvary had come."

Scott said it would be many months before he would be able to move back into his home due to foundation issues and damage. I asked Scott when he would return to BCM. Scott, who is in his 40th year as BCM director, said, "I've already gone back. I worked yesterday." He explained, "We sent message to all our current students saying, 'We're here for you.' And folks came. We kept the center open all day on Sunday."

Smith is employed by the SC Baptist Convention and local churches. "We are like missionaries for the Lander campus." We are located right on the edge of campus." He continued, "We are a bridge between the campus and local churches."

A few days later, Smith reflected on this experience. "I feel very fortunate to be alive. I really felt this was how my life was going to end. I said, 'Okay God, you gave me another opportunity, don't let me waste it. Continue to make my life matter, to help other people.'"

"I am so grateful to my Lander family. They wouldn't even let me repay them." He smiled and concluded, "You walk with people through good times



Lander students reflect on the impact of Hurricane Helene

By Holly Tuggle

Hurricane Helene left a lasting mark on the Lander University community, bringing both challenges and resilience. Students faced significant disruptions, with many dealing with power outages and property damage.

Lauren Martin, a junior at Lander, shared her experience of the storm's aftermath. "The hurricane was intense," she recalled. "We lost power for eight days. It felt like forever, especially as a student, worried about how to keep up with my assignments." The lack of electricity made daily life difficult, from studying to cooking meals. "I went home with my roommate, whose family had a generator," she added.

The storm also wreaked havoc on her best friend's home. "A huge tree fell in their backyard, completely destroying their fence and shed," Lauren explained.

"Luckily, no one was hurt, but it was upsetting to see the damage and even more heartbreaking to see the effects on all of Greenwood. I have never seen so many fallen powerlines and trees."

Despite these challenges, Martin emphasized the community's resilience. "The experience brought us closer together," she said. "We all pitched in to help each other out, sharing resources and offering support." She noted how students organized clean-up efforts, with many volunteering their time to assist neighbors and friends in the recovery process.

Looking ahead, Martin remains optimistic. "Hurricane Helene was tough, but it taught us the importance of community and being there for one another," she reflected. "We're learning to adapt and prepare better for future storms."

As Lander University continues to recover, students like Lauren are leading the way in rebuilding their community with strength and unity.



Q&A: How has Hurricane Helene affected you?



Paul Clark
Media and Communications, Senior

"Stayed on campus and worked at Starbucks. It made me realize that I need more hobbies honestly. I'm glad I got to work though."



Colin Glover
Music Education major
Sophomore

"Helene caused damage to my house, and being without power longer than I've ever been was much different than I've ever experienced."



Hailey Williamson
Physchology major, Sophmore

"It made me understand how much I take for granted. It also impacted my house. We didn't experience a catastrophe, but it did cause some water damage. Even still, it brought my housemates and I closer together. We all stayed the night in the living room, that's a memory i will have forever



Lukas Simons
Buisness Major
Senior

"I had no power for like like 9 days, lost all my food in my freezer. And at work we spent three days throwing out food."

Hurricane Helene left life lessons in its wake



By Alfred McKnight

Zoe El-Amin, a student at Lander University, shared how the hurricane disrupted her life, "My food went bad, and I wasted money. I planned to study, but there was no internet. I couldn't work, so I had to use my savings.

My mental health suffered, and I felt homeless. I had to call people for a place to stay, and it was unbearably hot by the third night. I couldn't go home because I didn't have gas.

Other students faced similar challenges as they could not find a way home. Lander University helped by providing food and ensuring students could safely move in and out of their dorms despite blocked roads.

Despite the difficulties, Zoe found some positives: "The experience made me realize I could live without being on my phone all the time. I met new people and learned more about myself. It brought me closer to friends, and I even learned new card games. In a way, I felt free from the world."

Equestrian team co-captain concerned with horse safety

By Aniya Felder

Along with classes being cancelled, all student athletic pursuits were cancelled. One Lander team that was affected by this change was the equestrian team.

Horse safety was a major concern for all equestrian team members, especially to those who own personal horses that are not leased by Lander.



Elana Raines

Elana Raines—a junior, third year team member, and team co-captain—was worried about her horse, Bentley, during the storm.

"As a horse owner, my first concerns were if my horse was physically okay," said Raines. She was also vocal about how she focused on changes to her horse's skin and hooves as they could have been harmed from the excess of rain during the storm.

Besides horse health, the equestrian facility itself was also negatively affected. Though riding arenas and horse pastures were not damaged, issues with plumbing and electricity arose. According to Raines, individual water pumps outside of each horse pasture were not usable, so water had to be carried from the main barn to the widely dispersed pastures.

Fall 2024 Final Exam Schedule begins December 5th

Fall 2024 Final Exam Schedule

EXAMINATION DAY	SECTION	REGULAR MEETING TIME & DAYS		EXAMINATION TIME
Thursday	4	09:30 am – 10:45 am	TR	08:00 am – 10:00 am
	8	12:30 pm – 01:45 pm	TR	11:00 am – 01:00 pm
	10	02:00 pm – 03:15 pm	TR	02:00 pm – 04:00 pm
	A - Only for sections with no formal meeting time. 04:00pm - 06:00pm			
	24	07:15 pm – 08:30 pm	TR	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm
	28	05:45 pm – 08:30 pm	R	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm
Friday	3	09:00 am – 09:50 am	MWF	08:00 am – 10:00 am
	7	11:00 am – 11:50 am	MWF	11:00 am – 01:00 pm
	13	02:00 pm – 02:50 pm	MWF	02:00 pm – 04:00 pm
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	23	07:15 pm – 08:30 pm	MW	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm
	27	05:45 pm – 08:30 pm	W	06:00 pm – 08:00pm
Monday	5	10:00 am – 10:50 am	MWF	08:00 am – 10:00 am
	11	01:00 pm – 01:50 pm	MWF	11:00 am – 01:00 pm
	C - Only for sections with no formal meeting time. 02:00pm - 04:00pm			
	D - Only for sections with no formal meeting time. 04:00pm - 06:00pm			
	E - Only for sections with no formal meeting time. 06:00pm - 08:00pm			
Tuesday	2	08:00 am – 09:15 am	TR	08:00 am – 10:00 am
	6	11:00 am –12:15 pm	TR	11:00 am – 01:00 pm
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	G - Only for sections with no formal meeting time. 04:00pm - 06:00pm			
	22	05:45 pm – 07:00 pm	TR	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm
	26	05:45 pm – 08:30 pm	T	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm
Wednesday	1	08:00 am – 8:50 am	MWF	08:00 am – 10:00 am
	9	12:00 pm – 12:50 pm	MWF	11:00 am – 01:00 pm
	15	03:00 pm – 04:15 pm	MW	02:00 pm – 04:00 pm
	H - Only for sections with no formal meeting time. 04:00pm - 06:00pm			
	21	05:45 pm – 07:00 pm	MW	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm
	25	05:45 pm – 08:30 pm	M	06:00 pm – 08:00 pm

Communication provided calm during uncertain times

By Kiersten Sweet

One of the many students affected by Helene was returning sophomore Taylor Smith. “I was out of power for six days,” Smith recalled. “We had to throw everything out of our refrigerator because all the food went bad.”

Despite the challenges, she managed to find a positive thing in the situation. “A positive was that my job had power, so I was there every day and got to charge all my electronics.”

Due to the damages and challenges posed by Helene, Lander University took swift action to ensure the safety of its students.

Administration made sure that those who could, returned home to their families during this difficult time. While the university assessed the damage, classes were canceled until Lander was confident the students would have a safe and welcomed return.

The university stayed in regular communication with students and faculty, providing updates through email on both the status of campus and the next steps.

Staying in contact with its community, Lander helped bring a sense of calm during the uncertainty.



President, LUPD serve students after hurricane

By Brianna Brown

Hurrincane Helene brought out a remarkable sense of unity and solidarity among the Lander University community.

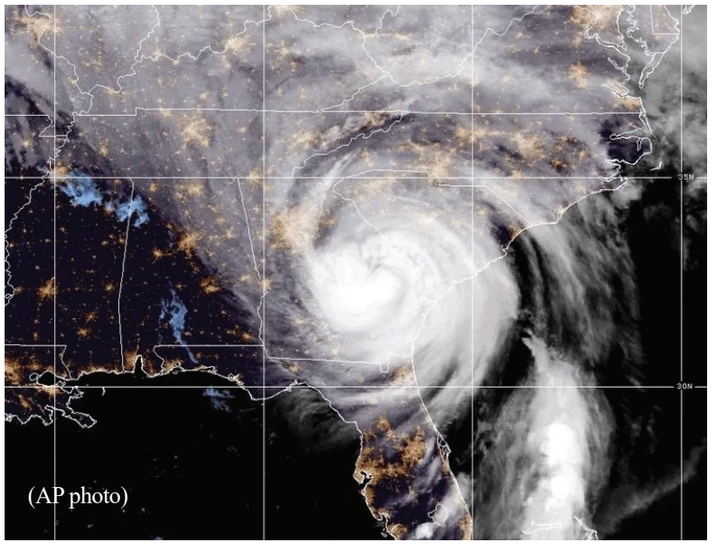
Students, faculty, staff, as well as local businesses in the area came together to support one another during a time of uncertainty. Various student organizations and local groups launched initiatives to help those affected by the storm. Lander University provided free meals and set out generators for students on campus to fuel both their bodies and their devices.

Lander University President Richard Cosentino and officers with LUPD served food to students who stayed on campus. This sense of community not only helped individuals cope with the challenges of the hurricane but also fostered a stronger bond among the student body.

Following the tragic, once-in-a-lifetime storm, Lander President Cosentino stated, "We will bounce back, Bearcats. We already are. I see that bright spark among our faculty and staff,and most importantly, among you – our students, who are at the heart of everything we do."



Helene takes a toll


(AP photo)

By Gavin Deal

"I never imagined how hard it would be," Buffkin said. "With no electricity, all of our food in the fridge went bad and the apartment turned into a sauna."

Making matters worse, Buffkin didn't have enough gas to flee the area, leaving him stranded. Local gas stations, along with most businesses, lost power in the wake of the hurricane. For nearly a week, all but one local grocery store remained closed, severely limiting access to essential supplies. Buffkin found himself standing in long lines at the only open store, hoping to get basic necessities.

The isolation and lack of resources took a toll on Buffkin, like many others in the area. "It felt like the community was frozen," he explained.

Despite the hardships, Buffkin said he was grateful for the local efforts to restore services and was hopeful things would return to normal soon. "It's been tough, but we'll get through it."

Strong sense of community

By Connor McCauley

Lander freshman lacrosse player Joey Libler, a native of Michigan, faced an unexpected challenge when Hurricane Helene threatened Lander University in late September. "Initially feeling a mix of concern and disbelief," Libler said "I wasn't used to hurricanes, so I wasn't fully prepared for the severity of the situation," he added.

As the hurricane intensified, Lander University canceled classes and adjusted academic schedules to prioritize student safety. Libler noted the strong sense of community that emerged in the wake of the storm.

"Many students offered support to those affected, and the administration coordinated resources for anyone needing assistance," he said with a smile.



Hurricane Helene gave student peace, insight



By Bry'Neir Seymore

Eric Santivanez, a sophomore biology major at Lander, said that the aftermath of Hurricane Helene caused him quite a lot of stress.

Spending time at home during the storm was very important to Santivanez. Santivanez has his mother and father, along with his younger brother, who has autism. "School was the least of my concerns," he said. "The most important thing was to make sure my family including my brother were safe and sound during the Hurricane." Santivanez stated.

Quality time with family in fact became a positive outcome from the Hurricane. "I got to be with my family more often than I usually do because it's either I'm not home or my dad's not home." He added, "The time provided by the hurricane gave me peace with my family and also gave me insight into what to do in situations like this," Santivanez expressed.

A time to bond, come together

By Jackson Smith

Hurricane Helene devastated Greenwood county. This deadly and powerful storm left no one completely untouched. The students of Lander University were heavily affected.

One such student, a senior computer science major named Zachary Mullinax, said, “I live in a mobile home just 15 minutes from campus. The night of the storm, our house was shaking so hard I was worried it would come off the hinges. Houses around us had trees through their roofs and branches through their windows. All in all, our house was left mostly intact. We are very blessed.”



Zachary Mullinax

Mullinax went on to describe how the hurricane changed the day-to-day routine of his life, saying that he was “without power for a week and a half.' He said that he and his roommates stayed with his parents in Simpsonville while their home was without power, and that his parents didn’t have power either for the first few days but ran their house off of a generator. He added, “A lot of my siblings’ friends came and stayed there too, and brought their pets, so it was like a zoo in there. Super loud.”

Many families in South Carolina have had similar experiences, bonding together and helping each other out. Mullinax closed with, “Community is so important in times like this. That’s what I learned. As long as we all stick together, we can get through anything.”

Lander community demonstrates compassion



By Haleigh Tomlin

Due to Hurricane Helene's wrath and destruction, Lander University suspended classes beginning Friday, September 29 until October 10.

As virtual classes started back on Oct 10, Dr. Richard Cosentino, President of Lander University sent out a letter to students via email.

“Since the morning of Sept. 27, I have witnessed countless examples of compassion and unity among our students, faculty, and staff."

Lander prides itself on its close community.

Shyanne Crowder, a junior at Lander, who went home on Thursday in anticipation of the hurricane, said, “Lander was great with communication, and all of my professors allowed me to have an excused absence. I really admire how much my professors cared for my safety,” Crowder said.

Lander's loss of power brought unexpected results

By Jonathan Campbell

It was early in the morning on Thursday September 26th when Hurricane Helene began to tear its way through Lander University.

The hurricane had already left a path of destruction spanning from Florida to Georgia, and now it had finally made its arrival in South Carolina.

No one could have anticipated the damage that would have resulted from this disaster. In the span of just a few short hours, power lines had fallen causing the loss of electricity all across campus, and numerous trees had been uprooted - some of which fell upon student dorms and cars.

Lander University's beautiful campus had turned into a wasteland overnight. Students waking up on the morning of the 26th were expecting no more than a single day free from classes, yet instead they were faced with up to nearly three weeks apart from regularly formatted classes.

The physical damage dealt to Lander University via Hurricane Helene was evident; the darkened hallways and the fallen limbs made the material destruction of the campus grounds undeniable.

What was less apparent, however, was the mental and emotional harm that resulted from Helene. Many students expressed feelings of stress or anxiety that arose in the aftermath of the disaster.

Cadence Padgett, a business major here at Lander, stated that she felt worried for her family following the hurricane. "[I wondered]," Padgett said, "if my family would recover from it."

The uncertainty of what would happen next in regards to grades and upcoming assignments, paired alongside the worries for the wellbeing of their loved ones caused many students to feel distressed.

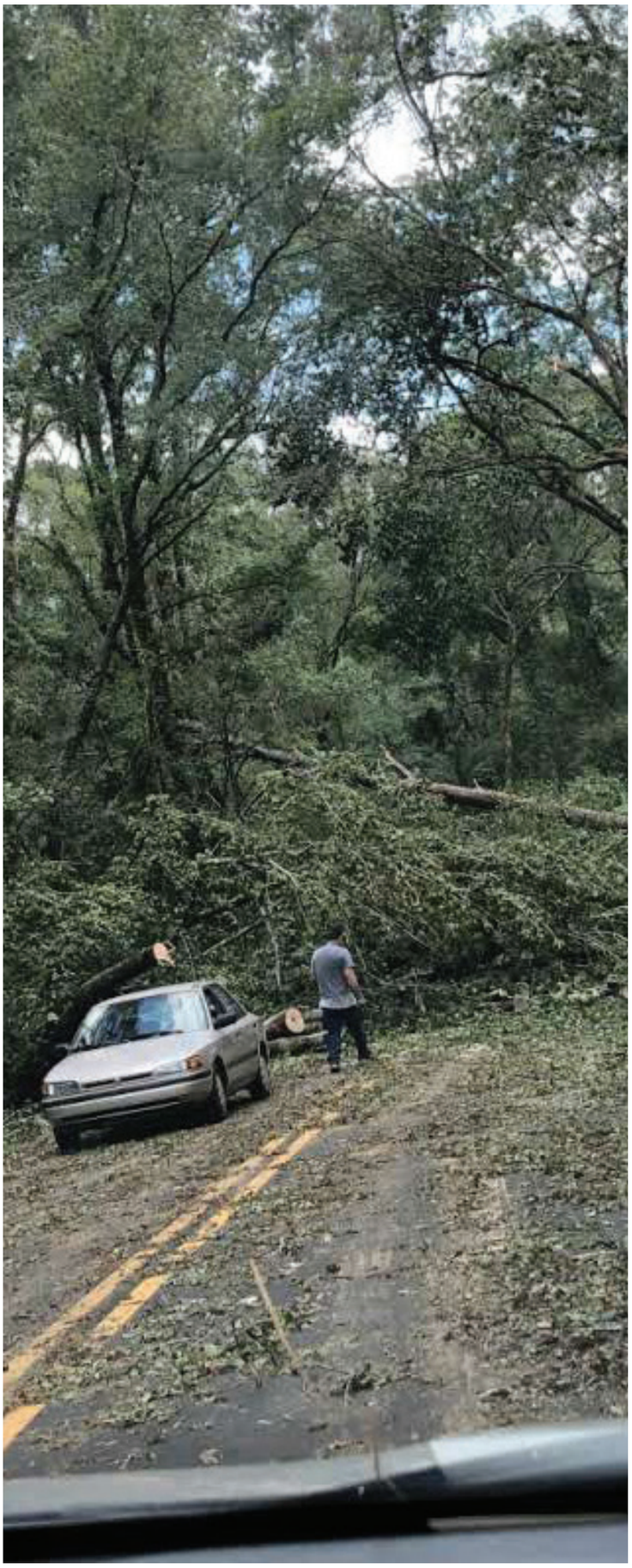
One might assume that when faced with the overwhelming amount of complications and stresses, the students and faculty of Lander University would become discouraged and uncooperative. This, however, could not be further from the truth.

The actions taken by members of Lander University's campus have demonstrated that Hurricane Helene has brought our campus closer together rather than further apart.

In the past few weeks, I have witnessed Lander University staff members banding together to provide meals for students who were unable to return home after the hurricane. I've seen students cleaning leaves out of storm drains in order to fix the flooding that was occurring within the parking lot at the Williamston dorms. I've received a countless amount of snacks and goodies from volunteers simply looking to provide our university with whatever resources they had.

Hurricane Helene may have destroyed our campus for a brief period of time, yet it did nothing to damage the spirit and camaraderie of Lander University's campus.

Just like the stars that I saw during my night out in the Lander amphitheater, it took Lander losing power to witness it shine.



Hurricane's aftermath brings challenges, silver lining

By Siera Bouffard

Leah Potter, a sophomore nursing student at Lander University, experienced both positive and negative effects after Hurricane Helene. “One way I was negatively impacted was by not having power or Wi-Fi,” Potter said. “I wasn’t able to complete any assignments that I was given.”

Even with extensions on assignments and understanding from teachers, Potter still felt stressed and had a “mile-long list of things to do.”

On the bright side, Potter was able to return home the day after the storm hit. “I live in Anderson, which was unfortunately hit pretty hard. I am thankful I wasn’t directly impacted, even though many of my neighbors and family were. I saw a lot of people helping each other out, and the community came together to fix things,” she said.

Despite the circumstances, the community gave Potter a positive outlook.

“Besides having a break from classes and spending time with my family and fiancé, it was good to see everyone come together to help,” she said.

“People were helping each other with fallen trees, handing out food, or simply checking up on one another. It was my first time seeing something like that directly.

The whole situation was frustrating, but seeing all this and even getting involved a bit with helping my neighbors gave me hope.”

Potter’s experience highlights both the challenges and silver linings in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

Even with the stress and anxiety it brought, the situation created opportunities for a sense of community and gratitude.



Sophomore enjoys time on-campus after Helene



By Taylor Patterson

Sophomore criminology major, Alex Broome spoke about his experience with the storm. “It made me feel emotionally drained,” stated Broome. He also spoke about the lack of air conditioning and the heat affecting his ability to properly rest.

Broome also mentioned how the storm impacted him financially. Broome works at the Chick-fil-A here on campus, and it was closed from Friday, Sep. 27 to Wednesday, Oct. 16. That is 19 days. A pay period is 14 days, so there was an entire pay period where Broome and all the other employees on campus were unable to work. Therefore they didn’t receive any payment. Broome stated how he got into more debt because of the storm since that was the only way he could afford necessities to deal with the power outage.

Once the university cancelled classes for the foreseeable future, most students decided to go home. Broome stayed on campus and spoke about that experience.

He stated how it felt more peaceful and less hectic since there were less people still on campus. He expressed that it was nice to have a sense of calmness on campus despite the disaster that happened.


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IMPROV CLUB:

Student Brings Improvisation To Campus

By Gabriel Rushing

The Lander Improv Club is lead by club president senior, media and communications major Catherine R. Jordan. Jordan was enthusiastic to discuss the Improv Club. She states that the club's purpose is to, "fill the void of the lack of theatricals on campus. We do have an audio drama club now, but I feel like we also needed more stage performance." Jordan added that the motivation of the club is to be, "a place to have fun, be open to the uncomfortableness that is performing, because a lot of people do have stage fright."



Jordan claims that the Improv Club also helps with finding and building new skills. "Communication skills, thinking off the top of your head, is good for interviews and conversations. Also, just finding comfort within yourself… because everyone feels the same way."

Jordan stated that she's been doing improv for over 10 years now. To begin introducing improv to Lander University, Jordan had an improv section in a Voice-over course where she introduced some improv games. She stated, "We played a bunch of improv games that I grew up with, like 'Four Squares', which will probably be presented at a future showcase here at Lander."

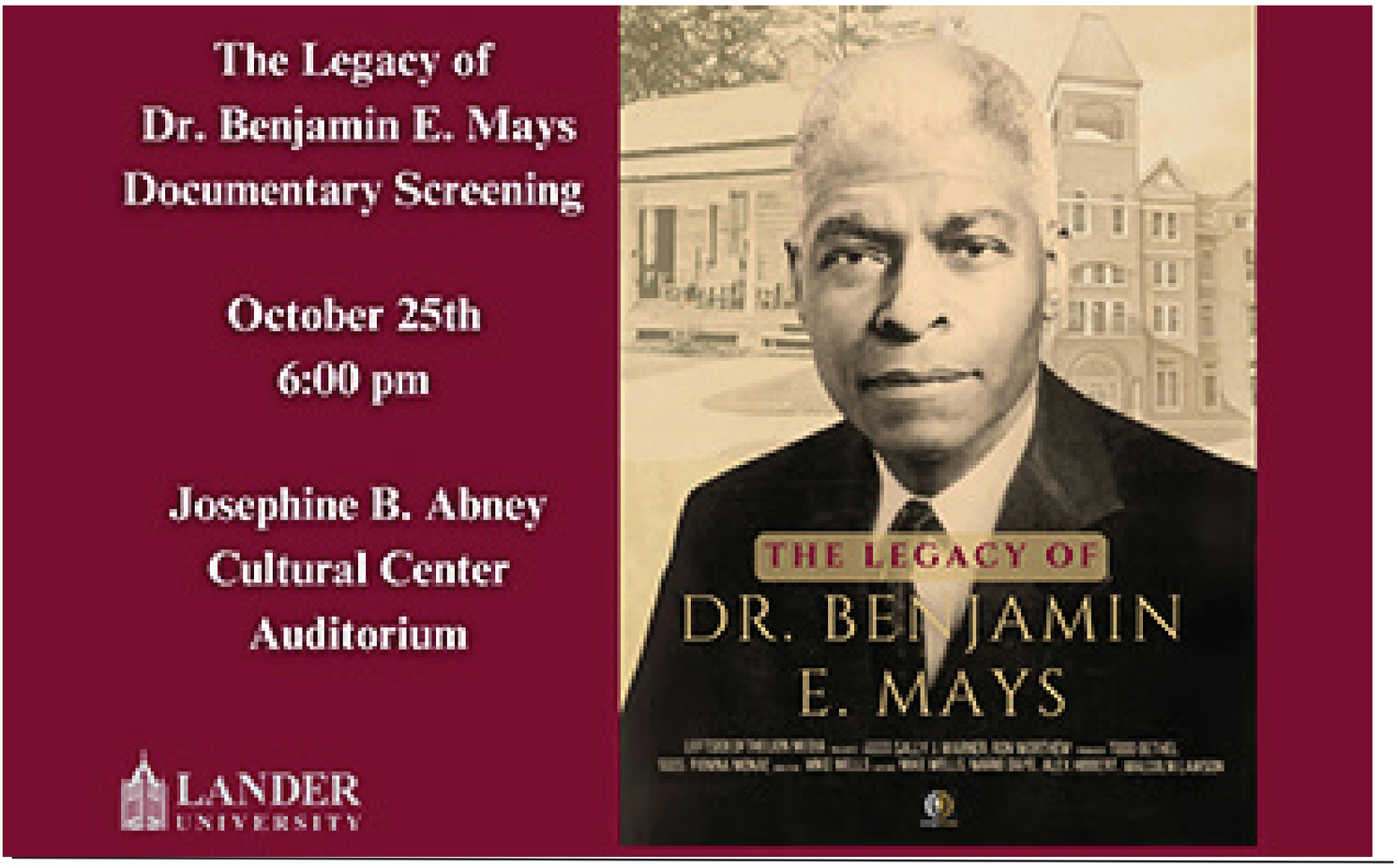
The Improv Club's organization page on Lander's website states that the club is "an inclusive platform where individuals can explore the art of improvisation," and that it, "provides a nurturing environment."

She continued, stating, "It's all about giving people boundaries because it is a physical sport or a comedy sport." She added, "It's important, too, because Lander, I think, is one of the most diverse universities in South Carolina, with a lot of diverse genders, and races. All people are here, and I think it's just important to be open-minded to that."

The Improv Club's weekly meeting schedule on its organization page states the club will play improv games and learn "how to think on your feet in acting scenarios." Jordan gave a few different examples of these improv games, one of which being one of her favorites called "Countdown."

Jordan explained the rules of Countdown, stating, "You do a setup scene. Say it's at a candy shop, and the scene has to be at least one minute and 30 seconds. Then, you have to redo the scene again, but instead of a minute and 30 seconds, you have to do it in 30 seconds. Then, 15 seconds… seven seconds… And then, everyone starts tripping over each other. It's kind of awesome."

The Improv Club meets every Wednesday between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.



NEW SEASON:

Lander Baseball, looking to build on last season's success

By Adam Love

Last year, history took place at Lander's Dolny Stadium as the 2024 Lander Baseball team won its first peach belt title since 2014, and two players broke school records. The 2024 season was one to remember which builds the expectations for the 2025 season.

The Bearcats will be defending their title while also looking to add another trophy to the Jeff May trophy case. To aid the plan of achieving another title, the Bearcats went out recruiting this offseason to add to its threatening roster. Graduate transfer from the D1 baseball program at USC Upstate, Grant Sherrod, had an explosive year at the plate for the Spartans and will be in the Bearcat lineup this year making an impact.

He discussed joining the Bearcat squad, “I plan on bringing a veteran presence. I want to be a piece that fits anywhere I'm needed to win a championship.” Sheffod plays first base and outfield and shared that he is fully bought in, “I chose Lander because of the success of the team and the culture that Burke has built here.”



Another addition to the baseball team this year involves the pitching staff, Dominic Puccetti. Puccetti is a grad transfer from Lawrence Tech and will be finishing his career here at Lander, “I found success in NAIA, and I wanted to prove to myself I can find that same success at the higher D2 level.”

Just like Grant, Dominic is very excited to win a championship with the Bearcat squad as he is a veteran player and brings experience to the team. “I know what it’s like to be in big games and step up when my team needs me." He added, "I’m prepared to do whatever It takes to win back-to-back conference titles.” The expectation is high for Bearcat baseball this year and the addition of new players with success on both sides of the baseball will be a key factor in the success of the team and another conference championship title.

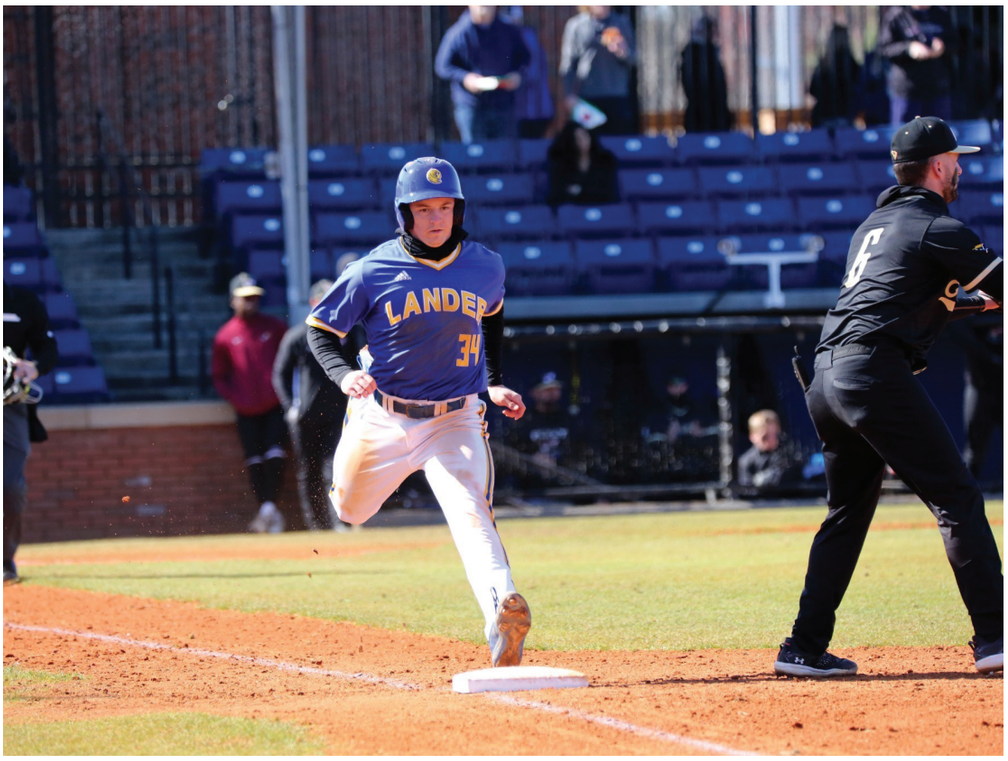
Lander Baseball Bounces Back After Hurricane Helene

By Mason Hamby

As Lander University begins to open its doors again after Hurricane Helene's devastating effects, some students, especially athletes, will have difficulty getting back into the swing of things. With thousands of people without power for days, and some without homes, upstate South Carolina is recovering for the forseeable future. Lowndes Still, a Junior at Lander on the baseball team, said, "The hurricane affected my daily routine a lot. There was simply nothing to do. Usually, I wake up, go to school, and then practice, but with no power and having little to do, my schedule is all out of sorts."

With the baseball season coming around the corner, there was a significant effect on practices and planning for the upcoming season. "Without practicing for almost a week and a half, it feels like we are a little behind where we should be. We have a lot of work to do, but have a great group of guys on our roster and an incredible coaching staff to get us where we need to be," Still said.

Lander baseball may be slightly behind right now due to the power outages, but this is not a lineup you want to take lightly. Led by head coach Jason Burke, this Lander lineup is not one to fall behind.



Lander Presidential Ambassadors make lasting first impressions

By Andrea Williams

While the search is on for a new Special Events Coordinator for Admissions, Associate Director of Admissions Kenneth Calliham has stepped up as interim.

“The semester has been busy but exciting," said Calliham. "The beginning of the year is heavily focused on making sure the incoming class enrollment is seamless, so the search for the Special Events Coordinator is now process."

"The Admissions team and the Presidential Ambassador team have really stepped up to ensure that everything has been running smoothly," continued Calliham. "We’ve all been working together to keep the momentum going, and I’m confident that when we do fill the position, it will only enhance the great work that’s already being done.”

The PA’s here on campus serve as the first students on campus to make an impact on prospective students and families. There are over 60 ambassadors here on campus with the organization. The two captains for the Presidential Ambassadors are Faith Bassey and Palak Patel, who serve as a form of contact between the students and the admissions office.



“Lander Ambassadors Captains: Palak Patel and Faith Bassey

“As one of the captains for Presidential Ambassadors, I’m most looking forward to the opportunity to lead and inspire my peers while also representing our university at the highest level," said Bassey. "I’m excited about the chance to build strong connections, both within our team and with the broader university community, and to contribute to initiatives that enhance the student experience. This role allows me to develop leadership skills, make a meaningful impact, and help foster a sense of pride in our school.” said Bassey.

“I hope to get the program more involved within our community whether that be within Lander University or the town of Greenwood," added Patel. "We are known to be the “face of” Lander University, however there is so much the members of our organization have to offer that should be shared with our community.” said Patel.

The PA’s are an essential part of recruitment here at Lander University. The students that make up the program are excellent examples of Lander’s diverse campus.

Orientation leaders, preparing students for first year

By Haleigh Tomlin

Lander’s orientation leaders (OL) are integral to preparing students for their first year at Lander. Potential orientation leaders must go through an extensive application process.

To prepare, potential OLs must first review the application process, attend an interest session, and must participate in a group activity sessions. Once all the steps are complete applicants will participate in an individual interview. A full list of requirements and session dates can be found at Lander.edu under the orientation tab.

“As an orientation leader, students get hands-on leadership training,” said Jonathan Walker a 2025 orientation leader.

Being an OL not only helps students on campus but also prepares them for life after college. “Diverse topics are covered that will develop a young adult into a leader and a capable professional,” said Walker.

Orientation leaders are the first people new students meet, preparing them for the upcoming year. Walker said, “Orientation attempts to prepare students for their first year by facilitating the process of making connections with other new students, as well as breaking the ice moving into this new college environment

. The focus of each orientation leader is to provide an outstanding experience to each student and family member.”



Bearcat Wrestling Has its Eyes Set on National Glory

By Mason Hamby

As Lander Wrestling begins to kick off the season, there are high expectations for these athletes. At the highest level of division two wrestling, Lander University had nine athletes qualify at the national tournament this past season, the most of any team in the country.



One of these athletes was David Hunsberger. Hunsberger gave Lander their second individual National Championship, finishing the season winning 33 of his 34 matches. In the following season, Hunsberger will have some added pressure." The goal remains the same no matter how much pressure is on my team and me," Hunsberger said. Even with Hunsberger's goal being to win a national championship, he, more importantly, wants his team to win. " I want our team to win a national title as well, so I'm going to push this team as much as I can so we can get there."

Isham Peace is another wrestler with high hopes this season. Peace is motivated by his performance last year. He was a single point away from finishing in the top 8 at nationals. "From this success, I have realized I can achieve my ultimate goal of being a national champion," Peace said. He also emphasized the role of his coaches, "My coaches play a huge role in my success. I was not the most athletic in high school, so I tried to master technique instead. My coaches have shown me that anyone can achieve their goals through hard work."

These two Lander Bearcats will face challenges and added pressure next season but will turn heads every time they step on the mat. Peace will strive for his first national championship, while Hunsberger will try to go "back-to-back." It is safe to say there will be a lot of eyes on these two athletes and this Lander Wrestling squad.

LASTING LEGACY:

Van Taylor, A Pillar of Lander University Soccer

By Andrew Petereit

For over three decades, Van Taylor has overseen the growth and success of Lander University's soccer program.



As the first full-time head coach of the team, Taylor built the program to new heights. His leadership, relationships with players, and dedication to both the game and the university have left a lasting legacy.

Established five years prior to his arrival in 1985, "I inherited a program that had been established, and it was handed to me in good footing," Taylor said. Despite starting with limited resources and a part-time coaching staff, Taylor's experience brought about gradual and consistent growth. As the first full-time, head coach, Taylor was instrumental in increasing scholarship support and elevating the team's competitiveness.

During his 30 years as coach, Taylor led Lander to numerous championships, consistently placing the team among the top 20 in the nation. He highlighted some of the standout moments of his career, including the team's appearance in the NAIA Final Four and their receipt of the prestigious Sportsmanship Award. "It's not just about the championships," he explained.

As Taylor transitioned from coaching into administrative roles at Lander in 2014, he continued to support the program from behind the scenes. He handed the program to Lee Squires, who later passed the torch to current coach Dale Parker.

"I like to think that when I retired as head coach, I handed the program over in good shape," Taylor said. "Lee and Dale have taken it to another level, and I'm confident that it will only continue to improve."

Despite no longer being the head coach, Taylor's connection to Lander soccer remains strong. His involvement in the Premier Goalkeeper Academy, a camp he has run for nearly 40 years, is just one of the many ways he stays active in the soccer community. "I don't want to be a shadow over the current coaches," Taylor said, "but I'll always be here to support them."

Reflecting on his time at Lander, Taylor expressed deep gratitude for the university's support. "Who would have thought I'd stay here for 40 years?" he said. "I'm so grateful for Lander, not only for the opportunity to coach but for the support in my education, coaching development, and all the memories I've made along the way."

Taylor's legacy at Lander University is one of growth, relationships, and unwavering dedication to the sport. As he continues to mentor young coaches and players, his impact will be felt for years to come, both at Lander and in the broader soccer community.

Lander Lecturer and Beyond Abuse Forensic Interviewer



By Mylese Bondurant
At Lander University, Heather Bennett is more than a lecturer of Human Services & Psychology. She also serves as a Forensic Interviewer at Beyond Abuse.

Bennett stated that since she was a teenager she has always wanted to be a helper. After being in the field as a therapist for several years and eventually hearing of Forensic Interviewing, she felt a strong connection. Using skills to give children with allegations of abuse a comfortable space to disclose what happened to them made her feel like she'd found her niche. She realized the person she now wanted to be was a safe space for the younger generation.

Bennett expressed how much she genuinely loves her job as a Forensic Interviewer. She enjoys the different hats she can wear in this profession, including switching from a Forensic Interviewer to a Therapist, to an Advocate and to an encourager of her colleagues. It gives her time to, “reflect, renew, and start all over again.”

But, most of all, she loves to be able to interact with children, helping them and their families in uncomfortable situations strive for justice and healing.

Unfortunately, Bennett explained that justice is not always served, and it can be taxing to watch families not be able to get the justice they deserve and long for.

Additionally, Bennett advises anyone interested in this field or a similar field to seek out all the knowledge they can by doing internships and volunteering within organizations.

International Students at Lander University

By Brandt Scott

Lander University has 114 international students. They come from many different countries including Canada, The Netherlands, Sweden, The United Kingdom, Egypt, and Paraguay.

Jeff Constant, Lander's Director for International Students & Scholar Services, was interviewed about international students at Lander.

Constant “A lot of students come from larger areas where they are used to having public transportation, whether that be bus or train." Constant went on to say that things such as the Lander Line were very helpful for international students, as most do not have a drivers license in the United States.

Constant also said that a big adjustment academically is homework and other assignments, as a lot of foreign countries do not have these things.

Constant was also asked about what difficulties foreign students have when coming to Lander University. The biggest challenge he said was getting a visa to come here. He said, “In order to get their visa, they have to prove to their embassy that they are going to be able to come here and not be a burden." He also stated that the process of coming to Lander was very expensive, as they have to pay for things like plane tickets, health insurance, and visas.



International students at Lander, according to Constant, are very successful, “I would say 100 percent are successful. They are very good students and often our very best students." He also said that they are very appreciative of the education system here and often thrive in it.

Overall, the international students at Lander University excell according to Constant, and they add a much-needed diversity to the school.

Introducing Lander Track Program's First Throws Coach

By Kiersten Thatcher

Lander's track and field program has gained their first ever throws coach, Ben Power, a dedicated graduate student poised to shape the future of the track program. A throws coach is responsible for refining throwing techniques and increasing power and strength for events such as shot put, discus, javelin, and hammer throw.

With a strong background in athletics and a passion for coaching, Coach Power brings a fresh perspective and innovative training techniques that promises to elevate the performance of the well-rounded throwers. This landmark appointment not only marks a significant milestone for the program, but also aims to foster a supportive and dynamic environment where athletes can thrive and reach their full potential in the field.



As coach Power takes on a pivotal role in shaping the throwers, the track and field program is ensured to see growth.

The graduate assistant from Pennsylvania, Power, obtained his undergraduate degree at Dickinson College where he was a part of the men's track and field team as a decathlete who competed in a decathlon.

Coach Power came to Lander with a master's in management and organizational leadership from Delaware Valley University. From Dickinson College to Delaware Valley University, Coach Power found his first job opportunity here at Lander University where he is now the track and field program's first throws coach. Coach Power said his training style focuses on "general athleticism first, then specific events, followed by lifting." Power's personalized training for the throwers will enable their strength capability and performance in meets to be at a level where they can advance from one meet to another.

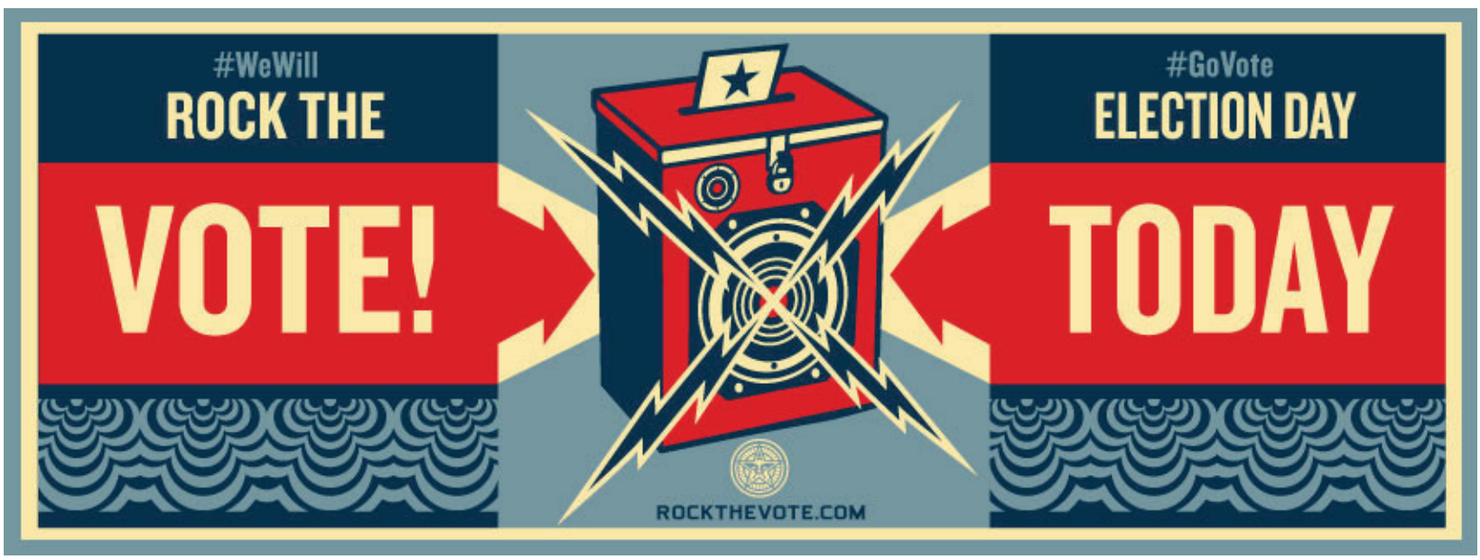
He said the athletes' progress will be evaluated, "by how they improve based on their marks from year to year."

One of Coach Power's personal fitness goals is to "power clean 250 pounds." Gaining a coach who also focusses on strengthening himself can play a significant role in coaching the throwers and showing them how to properly throw larger amounts of weights.

Coach Power's fitness goals for the team this year is, "to become better athletes and better throwers."

While Coach Power is still new to coaching, he anticipates, "a lot of improvement from last year, not only with the newcomers, but also from the returners."

With Coach Power's commitment to developing talent and fostering a positive training environment, he is set to inspire the next generation of throwers to achieve their goals and push their limits. Having Coach Power at the helm, the future looks bright for Lander's throwers, promising a blend of tradition and growth in the years to come.



Lander Calendar of Events

October 23
Men's Soccer
7:30 - 10:30 PM
Bearcats vs. USC Aiken

October 24
Career & Internship Fair
10 AM - 2 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Field Hockey
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats @ Coker

Intramural - Dodgeball
7 - 10 PM

Study with the Zetas
7 - 9 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
7 - 8 PM

October 25
The Legacy of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
6 - 8 PM

October 26
Cross Country
Peach Belt Conference Cross Country Championship

Men's Rugby
1 - 4 PM
Bearcats vs. NC State

Volleyball
3 - 6 PM
Bearcats vs. Lenoir-Rhyne

Senior Recital: Julia Werner
4 - 6 PM

Women's Soccer
5 - 8 PM
Bearcats @ Georgia Southwestern State

Men's Soccer
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Bearcats @ Clayton State

October 28
Spring & Summer Registration for Continuing Students Begins

Women's Golf
D2 Currahee Elite Invitational

Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Intramural - Handball

Intramural - Cornhole
7 - 10 PM

October 29
Women's Golf
D2 Currahee Elite Invitational

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Field Hockey0.
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats @ Newberry

Intramural - Indoor Soccer
7 - 10 PM

DIY Pumpkin Decorating
7 - 9:30 PM

October 30
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Men's Soccer
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Bearcats @ North Georgia

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM
Bearcats vs. Columbus State

October 31
Self Defense Class
2 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Intramural - Dodgeball
7 - 10 PM

Field Hockey
7 - 10 PM
Bearcats vs. Limestone

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
7 - 8 PM

November 1
Volleyball
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats @ Augusta

November 2
Field Hockey
12 - 3 PM
Bearcats vs. Mount Olive

Women's Soccer
1 - 4 PM
Bearcats vs. Albany State

Volleyball
Bearcats @ Georgia College

Men's Soccer
3:30 - 6:30 PM
Bearcats vs. Clayton State

November 4
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Bearcat-Blaze Business Boot-camp
6 - 8 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Intramural - Handball
7 - 10 PM

Intramural - Cornhole
7 - 10 PM

November 5
Election Day
The University is closed.

November 6
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Wrestling
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats @ Allen

Women's Soccer
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats @ North Georgia

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Volleyball
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats @ Converse

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Intramural - Flag Football
7 - 10 PM

Wednesday
NPHC 101
7:30 - 8:30 PM

November 7
Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Medically Speaking
5:30 - 7 PM
Intramural - Dodgeball
7 - 10 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
7 - 8 PM

Wrestling
5 - 8 PM
Bearcats @ Newberry

Volleyball
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats vs. Flagler

Men's Basketball
7:30 - 10:30 PM
Bearcats @ Catawba

November 9
Equestrian Team

Open House
9 AM - 5 PM

Men's Rugby
12 - 3 PM
Bearcats @ Appalachian State

Women's Basketball
5 - 8 PM
Bearcats vs. Carson-Newman

November 10
Wrestling
Georgia Open

Equestrian Team
All Day

Women's Basketball
2 - 4 PM
Bearcats vs. Lenoir-Rhyne

Men's Basketball
4 - 7 PM
Bearcats vs. UNC Pembroke

November 11
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

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November 11
Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Intramural - Handball
7 - 10 PM

Intramural - Cornhole
7 - 10 PM

Miss Lander Pageant
7 - 11 PM

November 12
Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Community Lecture Series
5:30 - 8 PM
Presenter: Franklin Rausch Reception: 5:30 p.m. Presentation: 6:00 p.m.

Intramural - Indoor Soccer
7 - 10 PM

November 13
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Volleyball
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats vs. Augusta

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Intramural - Flag Football
7 - 10 PM

November 14
Thursday
Self Defense Class
2 - 5 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

PSTA Christmas Ornament Party
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Women's Basketball
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats vs Mars Hill

Wrestling
7 - 10 PM
Bearcats @ Coker

Intramural - Dodgeball
7 - 10 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
7 - 8 PM

Jazz Band Concert
7 - 9 PM

November 15
Transfer Friday
9 AM - 5 PM

Men's Basketball
6 - 9 PM
Bearcats vs. Tusculum

November 18
BFA/BA Senior Exhibit
November 18-December 3

Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

November 19
Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Chamber Orchestra Concert
7 - 9 PM

November 20
Bearcat for a Day
9 AM - 5 PM

Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Women's Basketball
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Bearcats @ North Greenville

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Men's Basketball
7:30 - 10:30 PM
Bearcats vs. Francis Marion

November 21
Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
7 - 8 PM

Wind Ensemble Concert
7 - 9 PM

November 23
Wrestling
Belmont Abbey JV Open

Wrestling
Life Open

Women's Basketball
3 - 6 PM
Bearcats @ Auburn-Montgomery

Men's Basketball
4 - 7 PM
Bearcats @ Virginia State

November 24
University Singers Concert
7 - 9 PM

November 25
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

Student Drag Show
7 - 10 PM

Men's Basketball
4 - 7 PM
Bearcats @ Winston-Salem State

November 26
Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

November 27
Thanksgiving Break

December 1
Wrestling
Carolina Clash

December 2
Group X Pilates
11 AM - 12 PM

Group X Team Sports
4 - 5 PM

Group X Cross Fit
4 - 5 PM

Group X Spin
5 - 6 PM

Group X Bearcat Fit SGT
6 - 7 PM

Group X Yoga
7 - 8 PM

December 3
Classes End

Last Day for Individual Course Withdrawal

Self Defense Class
2 - 5 PM

Women's Basketball
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Bearcats @ Erskine

Men's Basketball
7 - 10 PM
Bearcats vs. Converse

December 4
Reading Day

December 5
Final Exams

December 7
Men's Basketball
3:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Bearcats vs. USC Aiken

Women's Basketball
1:30 PM - 3:30 AM
Bearcats vs. USC Aiken

December 10
Faculty + Alumni Exhibit
December 10-February 17

December 12
Commencement Ceremony
10 AM - 4 PM

December 24
Winter Break

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