



Belk Library and Information Commons • Nicholas Erneston Music Library • Hickory Information Commons

From Dean Sue Polanka:

This past Fall semester we welcomed back our student body of [21,253 Mountaineers](#), the largest enrollment in school history. Last Fall also brought the excitement of nearly 400 students to App State's Hickory campus and the opening of our Hickory Campus Library and Information Commons.

Our employees launched new services and events, curated new collections, and were very active in service and scholarship. We are proud of our many accomplishments. Please enjoy our 2023 Fall in Review Newsletter.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Faculty and Staff

- [Jewel Davis](#) – hosts ALAN workshop
- [Jennifer Woods](#) – collaborates with RCOE in the Makerspace
- [Xiaorong Shao and Margaret Gregor](#) – publish in the Journal of Library Administration
- [Emma Sobczak Schell](#) – speaks about Student Veterans
- [Mollie Peuler](#) wins Statewide Award
- [Ken Johnson and Jason Stamper](#) – present at Conference
- [Shane Watson](#) – wins international award

Students

- [Mountaineer ROTC Gives Back - Brad Zimmerman/Joey Maganaro](#)
- [December Graduates](#)
- [Student Employee Holiday Card Contest](#)



Photograph of Brad Zimmerman/Joey Maganaro



Jewel Davis at ALAN Conference



Mollie Peuler receives award.

OUR LIBRARIES

Fall 2023 featured our faculty and staff completing projects to further the mission of the University Libraries.

- [New Photograph Collection](#) - housed on the 4th floor of Belk Library, the new collection features representation of all collecting areas of the Special Collections Research Center: Rare Books and Manuscripts, Stock Car Racing Collection, University Archives, and W. L. Eury Appalachian Collection.
- [Statewide Library Catalog Contract - ALMA Implementation](#) - excited to announce a contract has been fully signed to implement an integrated library system between twelve UNC campuses.
- [New Collection Donations for the Special Collections Research Center](#) - received two donations, a scrapbook of articles for *The Appalachian* student newspaper and The Department of Athletics donated materials related to the 2006 and 2007 Football Championship wins.
- [Collaboration with The Free State University](#) - formed a collaboration with the University of the Free State in South Africa to develop best practices in librarianship.
- [3D Scanning in DSI](#) – scanning archival materials for Library collections.
- [Guest Artist Recital featuring Drew Henderson](#) - hosted a guitar concert featuring Drew Henderson, music producer and classical guitarist from Toronto, Canada.



Photograph of the fourth-floor hallway of Belk Library



3D image of [Scotty Wiseman Boots](#)



[Dr. Gary Boye and Mary Gayle McClune Perform](#)

OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- ["It Takes A Village" Information Fair](#) - Information fair for students with children.
- [Making + Mental Wellness](#) - Makerspace classes to help students relax and stress less.
- [Humans V. Zombies](#) - A fun filled, crowd pleasing event co-sponsored with the Geek Guild.
- [Concert Ticket Check Out Program](#) - New program which allows students to "borrow" concert tickets to local events at no charge.
- [Library Finals Fest](#) - Previously named *Library Cares*, our student event favorite has a jazzy new name but the same great programming.
- [International Film Festival](#) - Film Festival co-sponsored with the English Department.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Black Mountain College Archives Reception](#)
- [NC Reads](#)
- [Student Interactive Art Project](#) – Installed March 1
- [Library Art Contest First Friday](#)
- [AI Symposium](#)
- [Sips and Reads Book Club](#)
- [2024 Belk Distinguished Lecture](#) – Save the Date, July 11, 2024

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