



A TRIBUTE TO 47 YEARS RICH AND CHERYL LINDSLEY

“Is this where I come to get a hug?” Yes, it is with tears in her eyes, Cheryl Lindsley recalled the words of one student, apparently in distress, who came through the door and approached her desk. Yes, it is. Cheryl (Miss Cheryl or Mama Cheryl) dispenses hugs freely! She and her husband Rich have been known as Mama Cheryl and Papa Rich (or Mr. Rich) to hundreds of students they called “their kids”. Students were welcomed into their home for about the first twenty years of Cheryl’s work at MACU.

Cheryl began serving in the business office as office clerk in 1987. The next year she moved to the library to work under Library Director Patricia Griffin, where she was responsible for circulation, periodicals, and student assistants. Cheryl’s attention to detail and organizational skills led to several library procedures that were later praised by an accreditation team: flagging books as they are reshelfed so that they can be checked to verify their correct placement; a weekly shelf reading schedule to verify that all shelved books are in order; and a system of organizing, categorizing, and storing magazines.

It was during her twenty years in the library that many students became part of their family. At the Lindsley home, the family enjoyed evenings of games, movies, food, cookouts, and even occasional sleepovers for the girls. She ministered in many ways, not only to their “kids” but to any student who came her way looking for help or comfort. She often showed students her method of time management or how to study for tests.

Rich joined the staff in 2006 after 30 years in retail upper and middle management. He began working in Turner Hall, responsible for housekeeping and maintenance. He was called on for seasonal and special projects, large gatherings, and projects requiring repair work and heavy lifting. He credits some of his growth in his skills and processes to past colleagues Paul Davis and Phillip Alligood as his responsibilities continued to increase. He retires as maintenance supervisor after 14 years.

In 2008 Cheryl returned to the business office as campus receptionist. In addition to answering the main phone line and welcoming campus guests, she excelled in duties that keep the office moving forward. Her desk moved to the Welcome Center, where she dispensed her final year of campus hugs.

Cheryl ended the interview with, “This is where I was supposed to be. God knew I couldn’t have children, but He gave me plenty of them.” The Lindsleys are retiring to Christian City in Union City, GA. We bid them a fond farewell and many thanks for their combined 47 years of faithful ministry both in their jobs and with the students. Their impact is widespread and eternal.

SPRING 2020 DEAN'S LIST

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A Note from the President

Dear Friends,

These pages list the accomplishments of some of our students and staff ending a hard year well. But these are so much more than names to us because each name is really a story. Each name is a story of someone who has come to MACU to learn more about their faith and serve God with their life. Devoted friends like the Lindsleys who have sacrificially served at MACU for decades and students just starting their journey are all united toward the same goal: to see Jesus known throughout the world. Each story and each person is making an impact.

And so the story continues at MACU as we map out uncharted territory through a pandemic. 2020 did not begin as we would have chosen, but while the world spins in turmoil, we set our eyes on things above. We know who holds our future, and we know we are in His hands. We are clear on our mission, clear on the message of truth, peace, and victory in Christ. I thank God that our stories intersect as we pursue service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His people.

John W. Maurice



2020 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Beth Strecker

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is pleased to announce Dr. Beth L. Strecker as the 2020 teacher of the year. Selected by the faculty, Dr. Strecker will be recognized for this award during the 2020 Commencement on August 8.

The 2019-2020 school year was a transitional year as Dr. Strecker shifted from being the university's Library Director to the Director of the Teacher Education Program

Professor Beth Strecker is a native of North Carolina. She has more than 20 years' experience in public education and earned her doctorate in educational leadership from East Carolina University, a master's degree in library science from East Carolina University, and bachelor's degree in middle grades math and science from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is married to Rick Strecker and they have a daughter, Paige.

Mid-Atlantic is pleased to honor Professor Strecker and is grateful for her faithful service to the university and future educators.



SPRING 2020 Student Awards

PRESIDENT'S STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Mallary Faith Brogden
Ryan Allan Kelley
Marcus Grant Simmons
Alexander Lee Stanley
Brealle Kay-Ann White

MELVIN STYONS OUTSTANDING COUNSELING STUDENT

Serena Willison

BIOLOGY AWARD

KaNesha Murray

BARBARA A. WILLIAMS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Grace Minter

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY AWARD

Ryan Kelley
Brealle White

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AWARD

Benjamin Ashton

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP D-GROUP AWARD

Brealle White
Marcus Grant Simmons

RESIDENCE HALL RECOGNITIONS

Katie Brickhouse - Presley Hall
Will Hardin - Turner Hall

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