



NEW COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER  
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1971 - 2021



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WINTER 2020



Greetings, New College Alumni and Friends, and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe new year.

The start of another year provides an opportunity for both reflection and anticipation. This is particularly true of 2021, as New College celebrates its 50th Anniversary. While anniversary celebrations allow for a certain amount of revelry, they also provide occasions for us to explore what unites us and to reflect on our shared past. To commemorate this milestone in our program's history, we plan to gather virtually, and eventually in-person, to celebrate our history as a community of learners and innovators.

I invite you to join us over the next year in celebrating the program's 50-year history. We will offer chances to share your New College stories and describe how your experiences have influenced your life since leaving the Capstone. As we reflect, I anticipate that our core values will be underscored and that we will emerge recommitted to our mission, thereby preparing us to move onto the next 50 years together.

Sincerely,  
Julia Cherry, Director

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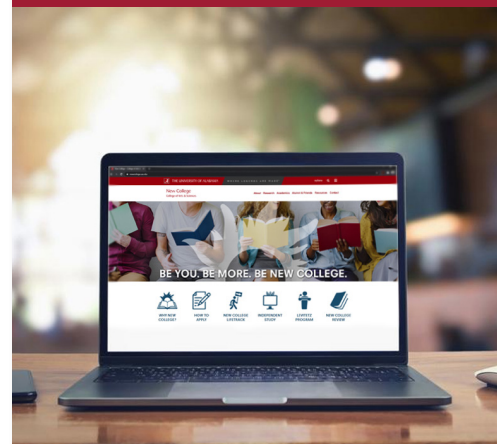
# NEW COLLEGE EVENTS

JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATING  
**50** YEARS OF  
NEW COLLEGE  
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All year long, we will be exhibiting commemorative contributions of historic, artistic, and collaborative content on our 50th Anniversary website, all of which will be submitted by New College alumni, faculty, and students.

You too can contribute by emailing Dr. Julia Cherry (cherr002@ua.edu), Jamilah Bowden (jbowden2@ua.edu), or Ted Trost (ttrost@ua.edu).

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News & Events!**

newcollege.ua.edu

# STUDENT IMPACT

## New College Student Founds Art Forward Group



Ivy Borden

Art Forward is a new, forward-thinking student art group, founded by New College sophomore Ivy Borden, who is a double major in art history and Southern Society and Culture. Art Forward aims to combine art and activism “to empower individuals and communities by expanding accessibility to art.”

In an article on the UA Department of Art History website, Ivy states a desire to be “more actively engaged in the fight for inclusivity.” She said, “I thought, what more obvious way than to start within my own community.”

“After briefly entertaining the thought of becoming a vigilante-social justice-graffiti artist,” she added, “I got started working on a student organization that could work with the community and use art as a vehicle for empowerment.”

Learn more about Ivy’s initiative at <https://art.ua.edu/news/new-forward-thinking-student-art-group-forms>

## New College Student Blazing New Trails for Menatal Health

New College Senior, Jackson Kerchis, has been recognized in an article by Authority Magazine for his work in the mental health sector and his creation of the unprecedented Bachelor of Science depth study in Happiness through New College!

Jackson also founded happinessmajor.com where he publishes free content and brings “happiness 101” programs to higher ed and business. He’s also the COO of StudentFi.org — an earlystage fintech building a web and app based toolkit to help navigate the student loan process from college planning through repayment.

Check out his interview here!

<https://medium.com/authority-magazine/jackson-kerchis-5-things-anyone-can-do-to-optimize-their-mental-wellness-49504000cde1>



Jackson Kerchis

## New College Student Selected For Prestigious Marshall Scholarship Award



Caroline Yuk

Caroline Yuk, a New College senior, was one of 46 Americans selected for a Marshall Scholarship, which will support her graduate studies in the UK starting next year.

Yuk, who was born completely deaf but has since gained the ability to hear through cochlear implants and years of auditory-verbal training therapy, hopes to use her education and research to improve outcomes of those who are deaf or hard of hearing in underserved populations.

You can read about it here: <https://news.ua.edu/2020/12/ua-student-receives-marshall-scholarship>

## Marysia Galbraith's Heartwarming Family Story Featured in People Magazine



Professor Marysia Galbraith with photos of her ancestors and family in Poland. Courtesy of People Magazine



In August, *People Magazine* published an article in which our own Dr. Marysia Galbraith was featured, along with her distant relative Pini Doron. The two found one another through the ancestry tracking site MyHeritage.com. Learning that their grandmothers were sisters was just the beginning of a truly inspiring story of family and history, which culminated in a long awaited reunion abroad.

On meeting her distant cousin Pini, Marysia says, "It was like meeting someone I'd known for all my life."

You can read the full story online at <https://people.com/human-interest/christian-woman-alabama-jewish-man-israel- discover-theyre-related-ww1-photo>

## Eat And Greet Luncheons Are A Thing Now



New College Students and Faculty

Before students left campus for the Fall break, we treated them to a fun, socially distanced lunch on the quad. Unable to gather indoors, this was one of the many ways we have adapted this year to keep morale boosted and our New College family connected. Thanks to the UA Cabinet Shop for the lovely outdoor seating areas that we now have on the quad!

## New College Council Hosts Virtual Paint Night



In October, New College Council organized a Virtual Paint Night for students! It was an awesome opportunity to safely get together and take a break from it all. To join the fun next time, be sure to bookmark our website and follow us on Instagram to stay up to date on coming events!  
Insta: @newcollegeua

## A NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



"Although COVID has changed many things, the New College Council is keeping the New College spirit alive! One of the best parts of New College is the people. So, to allow new students to meet others, the council plans safe and fun virtual events like our paint night. The Council has adjusted in response to COVID, so even though events look different, they are still great ways to stay connected and become involved.

Join us for the next one!"

- Sydney Rogers, President, NC Council

## Walker County Internship Ten Years Strong

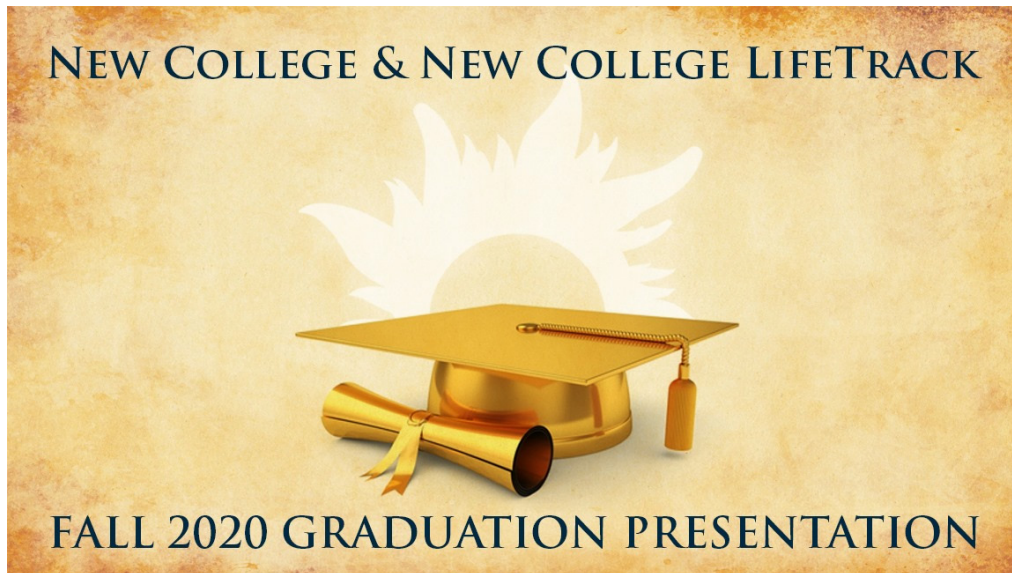
Now in its tenth year, New College's Walker County Internship worked with its community partners, the Walker Area Community Foundation and the David Mathews Center for Civic Life, to operate – for the first time ever – as a remote civic engagement internship. Students from New College and the University assisted with the County's response to the opioid epidemic, aiding area nonprofits, clinics, and schools to marshal resources for residents and their families. Go to <https://newcollege.ua.edu/degree-program/civic-engagement> to learn more about this internship. *More on Pg. 8*



Internship Participants

On December 11, New College held its first ever live-streamed graduation presentation for our Fall 2020 graduates.

The challenge of social distancing was no match for the creativity and determination of our faculty, staff, and students as we celebrated our graduates virtually. Thankfully, with the help of Zoom and Facebook Live, we were able to successfully share this great event with all our New College friends and family - just as we would normally.



View the full presentation on our Facebook page any time!  
<https://www.facebook.com/UANewCollege/videos/774873353067902>

## LEVITETZ LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

### Fall 2020 Scholarship Awardees

The Levitetz Leadership Program, founded by New College alumnus Jeff Levitetz, prepares students for a wide array of leadership roles. Our Fall 2020 recipients of this scholarship are:

Sarah Beverly  
 Julie Clark  
 Mariah Ellis  
 Krymson Hammond  
 Ariel Jones  
 Benjamin McCoy

Ryan McKelligon  
 Joseph Sherrell  
 Ebony Thompson  
 Dana Vickrey  
 Warren Wright  
 Caroline Yuk

### 2020 Lightbulb Award Winners

The Light Bulb Research Award provides support to students researching and cultivating potential solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems. The following recipients of Light Bulb Research Awards will receive funding to further their research and development. They will present their solutions at the Levitetz Leadership and Innovation Conference on April 16, 2021.

Ariel Jones  
 Jackson Kerchis

Sydney Rogers  
 Caroline Yuk

Learn more about the Levitetz Leadership Program  
 online at <https://llp.ua.edu>

Of our 16 Graduates  
 We proudly  
 recognize our

**1**  
 CUM LAUDE

**2**  
 MAGNA  
 CUM LAUDE

**4**  
 SUMMA  
 CUM LAUDE

**Honors Graduates**

# FALL 2020 NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES

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ANNA BALDREE  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
MUSIC BUSINESS & SOCIAL CHANGE

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



COREY BUTTS  
ASHVILLE, ALABAMA  
ARTS ADMINISTRATION

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



KRYMSON HAMMOND  
MT. OLIVE, ALABAMA  
MUSIC BUSINESS

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



ANNABETH "ABBA" MELLON  
OXFORD, ALABAMA  
GENDER, MEDIA, & CULTURAL STUDIES

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



ALYCE PETIT  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



TALLY ROBISHAW  
ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
ANATOMICAL SCIENCE & ILLUSTRATIVE ARTS

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



LAYNIE SNYDER  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
ADDICTION & RECOVERY IN ATHLETES

NEW COLLEGE  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



ABIGAIL STEELE  
WESTERVILLE, OHIO  
MARINE CONSERVATION SCIENCE  
& ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

# FALL 2020 LIFETRACK GRADUATES

NEW COLLEGE  
LIFETRACK  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



LISA ANDREWS  
CENTER POINT, ALABAMA  
COMMUNITY STUDIES

NEW COLLEGE  
LIFETRACK  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



GEORGE FRANGOULIS  
PORTLAND, MAINE  
LITERATURE, ART, & SOCIETY

NEW COLLEGE  
LIFETRACK  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



SANDY INMAN  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
COMMUNITY STUDIES

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LIFETRACK  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



WANDA LEWIS  
OPELIKA, ALABAMA  
LEADERSHIP STUDIES

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RANDALL MCGOWIN  
CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA  
LEADERSHIP STUDIES

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DEXTER MILES  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
LEADERSHIP STUDIES

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LIFETRACK  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



DANA VICKERY  
ATMORE, ALABAMA  
LEADERSHIP STUDIES

NEW COLLEGE  
LIFETRACK  
CONGRATULATES  
FALL 2020 GRADUATE



TYLER WATSON  
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS  
LEADERSHIP STUDIES

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Mayor Charles Andrews

## New College Alum Charles Andrews Voted First Black mayor of Monroeville, Alabama

It is with great pride that we honor and congratulate Mayor Charles Andrews.

Mayor Andrews, who graduated from New College in the Spring of 1977 with a depth study in Social Welfare, was elected as the first African American mayor of Monroeville in August of 2020. He took office in November. You may know of his hometown from books and movies like “To Kill a Mockingbird” or “Just Mercy,” which highlight its history of racial injustice. Mayor Andrews’ election is a testament to how far the city and its people have come, and how much further they can go. In his victory speech he said,

“Today, as I stand on the threshold of history, the shoulders of our parents and our foreparents, we are one people, one town and one team, all inclusive,”

We believe in his vision and leadership for his city, and we wish him every success during his time in office.

To learn more about Mayor Andrews, you can read this CNN article about him (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/01/us/monroeville-alabama-elects-first-black-mayor-trnd/index.html>), or visit his social media pages.

## In a World Turned Virtual, COVID Makes Everywhere Home

For the Mathews Center’s Civic Dispatches series, fellow New College senior and virtual Walker County intern, Ariel Jones, shares her thoughts on the meaning of “home”. As so many of us did, Jones had to convert work, school, and other quotidian activities to virtual experiences. Here we share an excerpt (lightly edited for length) of her meditation on the relationship of “home” to that of “community”:

My perception of home is often stagnant: a favorite Thanksgiving dish – the annoying cousin who promised to be there. However, if the pandemic has taught me anything, it is that home reaches beyond the walls of a house. My home this summer is in Walker County, and yet I only spend about 25 hours a week there through a computer screen.

What I have seen in my new home is people relying on one another, for food and other resources, but also for coping with the shared impact and experiences of Covid-19 in rural Alabama. Everyone I have worked alongside in Walker County has taught me that home is a place you should want to make better, while never erasing the spirit and character that calls you back.

You can read the full article at <https://www.mathewscenter.org/civic-dispatch-reflecting-on-home-in-the-time-of-covid-19>. Also, check out the article *Walker County’s Ongoing Response to the Opioid Crisis* featuring New College alumna Laynie Snyder at <https://www.mathewscenter.org/civic-dispatch-walker-county-organizations-forge-ahead-with-opioid-crisis-programming>



Ariel Jones, Summer 2020 Intern



**Asia Hayes - Class of 2018**



**Christine Allen - Class of 2019**



**Logan Fenhouse - Class of 2020**

## **New College Alumnae Receive Fulbright Awards**

Congratulations to the following New Collegians who have been selected for these highly coveted awards.

Asia Monet Hayes, of St. Augustine, Florida, was a teacher with Breakthrough Collaborative of Central Texas and the Dream Alabama Mentor Program of the UA Honors College, a fellow of the Blackburn Institute, and a member of the Carl A. Elliott Community Service Honor Society. A recipient of the Harold Bishop Award and a 2018 summa cum laude Honors College graduate in interdisciplinary studies, Asia was chosen to teach in Spain.

Christine Jane Allen, of Auburn, was a leader in Model United Nations, an experienced debate tutor, chief justice of the Academic Honor Council, Honors College member, fellow of the Blackburn Institute, and 2019 summa cum laude graduate in political science and environmental policy with advanced competency in Spanish language. Christine was chosen to teach in Spain.

Logan Fenhouse, of Lombard, Illinois, was a Blount Interdisciplinary Scholar in the liberal arts, former leader of Beyond Bama Alternative Breaks, Spanish interpreter at Maude Whatley Health Center, mentor with extensive experience tutoring all ages, and a 2020 summa cum laude Honors College graduate with degrees in Spanish and interdisciplinary studies. Logan was chosen to teach in Spain.



**We're celebrating our New College 50th Anniversary!**

We've got big things planned for the celebration and we want you to be a part of it all. Stay in the know by visiting our 50th Anniversary website! [www.newcollegyear50.as.ua.edu](http://www.newcollegyear50.as.ua.edu)

# WHO'S NEW



## Chasie Lewis

On December 11th, we were excited to welcome little Miss Chasie Lewis to the world!

Chasie is the new daughter of Jenna Lewis, our student records specialist. Jenna, her husband Robert, and son Jackson, have been blessed with this newest addition to their family and we couldn't be more thrilled for them. Congratulations, Lewis Family!

Email Jamilah (jbowden2@ua.edu) or complete the Alumni Update Form online (<https://nc.as.ua.edu/alumni-news/alumni-update-form>) if you have changes to your Contact Information or if you have any information or achievements you'd like us to know about!

# MORE NEW COLLEGE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Andrew Dewar was named a semi-finalist for the Burnum Award.
- Andrew Dewar was selected as a CARI Fellow, and joins New College faculty, Holland Hopson and Catherine Roach, as CARI Fellows.
- Barbara Brickman was selected for a spring CARSCA grant for her project on lesbian camp.
- John Miller published three poems this Fall:
  - "Walter Anderson Checks out from Whitfield Mental Hospital", Poetry South, Issue 12, 2020
  - "Pandemic republic", Sheila Na Gig online, Volume 5, Issue 1, Fall 2020
  - "Eye of the storm", Sheila Na Gig online, Volume 5, Issue 1, Fall 2020
- Margaret Purcell was appointed a national trustee of the Delta Zeta Foundation.
- NC alum, Alexander Richey, worked closely with Pulitzer prize-winning reporter John Archibald to help produce and conduct interviews for a powerful new podcast about the 1979 police shooting of Bonita Carter in Birmingham. Learn more at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/trailer-unjustifiable/id1420215603?i=1000496930684>
- Julia Cherry began work on a new Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant project to investigate the recovery of important ecosystem functions following the restoration of tidal marshes.



Dr. Julia Cherry (left) examines sediment from a living shoreline project in Perdido Beach, AL. Study sites include restored (upper right) and natural (bottom right) marshes of the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Coast.

