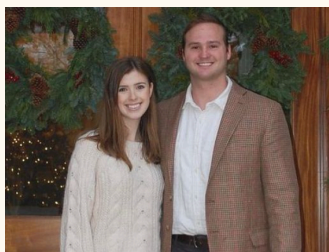


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JANUARY 2023

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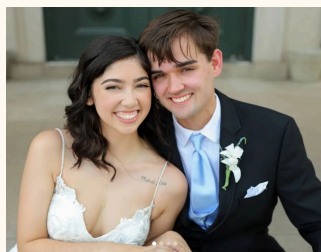
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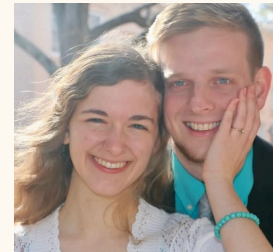
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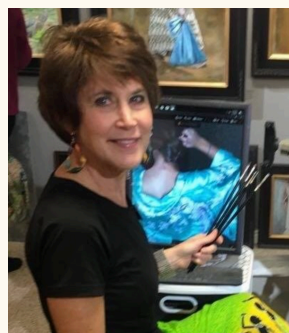
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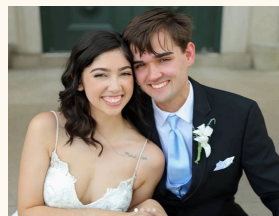


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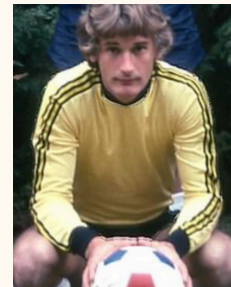


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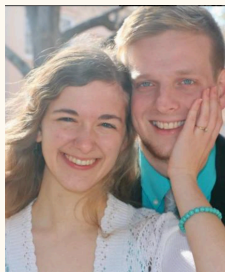
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FEBRUARY / MARCH 2023

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Regan Werner '19 is engaged to Thomas Lackey. The two met at Clemson on the first day of school freshman year. Thomas works in sales at Otis Elevator Company, and Regan is currently job searching. She hopes to find a career in marketing and sales. After their May wedding in Charleston, they plan to live in Charlotte, NC.



Sarah Kay 'Wrenn '19 has been crowned Miss Capital City and plans to return to the Miss South Carolina pageant in June. She is very passionate about women's health and wellness and used this passion to start a podcast focused on diet culture and the pressure to fit into the "appearance ideal." Be sure to check out @thebeautifulyoupodcast.

After Sarah Kay graduates from Clemson in May, she will begin her career as a Biological Sales Representative at Peerless Surgical.



Annie Culbertson '19 started working at CBRE in Washington, DC. in February. At CBRE she works on a tenant representation team as a Client Services Coordinator. She is an assistant to the team, scheduling and organizing tours and client meetings. She will also assist the team in the leasing process and marketing of their buildings.

**We are so thankful for all our alumni that participated in Career Week 2023!**

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The classes of '79 & '80 are getting together for a reunion in Asheville 3/29 - 4/2. We look forward to sharing some photos!

Dr. Paul Copan '84 presented at the University of Central Florida on March 27. His message focused on "difficult in Old Testament challenges." This topic is discussed more at length in his most latest work, *Is God a Vindictive Bully?* Dr. Copan has written numerous apologetics books such as *Is God a Moral Monster* and *Did God Really Command Genocide?*



Rieppe Moore 2000 and Cherith just welcomed their second daughter, Ann Kathryn, on Jan. 28. In addition to teaching at Happy Valley High School in Elizabethton, TN, Rieppe is a published poet. He will be reading "Duffield, Virginia" and "Painter Spring, Tennessee" at the Upcountry Literary Festival later this year.



Matthew and Mary Catherine (Chase) Dorn '11 recently welcomed a baby boy. Lee Alexander Dorn was born on February 28.

Jimmy Carlen '11 is starting a new position as Business Process Consultant at CEEUS, Inc.

Fraser Hahn '12 is starting a new position as Associate, Private Equity & Junior Capital at Churchill Asset Management.



Corbin Newton '14 is engaged to Haley Darnell. Corbin is a Sales Development Representative at United Rentals. Haley graduated from River Bluff and Anderson University. She is currently a Family Support Counselor with Sharing Hope SC. They are planning a wedding for this fall.



Drew Early '14 and Jess Cromer are engaged. The two met at Clemson through FCA during their freshman year. They were just friends during college, but reconnected a couple of years ago at the Clemson/Carolina game. A year later, Drew proposed at Clemson at the game!

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Currently, they are living in Charleston where Drew is a Sales Engineer for Polytech Electrical, and Jess is a Program and Volunteer Coordinator for Camp Rise Above. The wedding is planned for this November in Mount Pleasant.

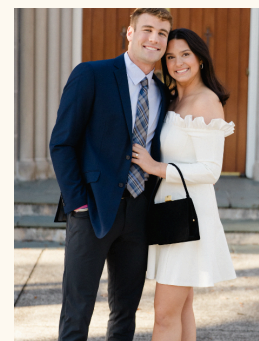


Robert & Sutton (Satcher) Barrow '15 were married on March 4 at The Reserve at Lake Keowee. They plan to live in Greenville, SC where Sutton will continue working in Commercial Real Estate Development for Cason Development Group, and Robert is clerking for Judge Morgan.



Luke Barry '15 is engaged to Elizabeth Widener, a respiratory therapist at Prisma health in the NICU and the PICU. Luke is a Community Liaison for Three Oaks Hospice for the greater Lexington area. They will tie the knot on November 19, 2023.

Greg Goines '17 has moved to Liberty University as the assistant strength and conditioning coach.



Stewart (Buxton) '19 & Hunter Johnson were married on February 4. They are currently living in Indiana but are frequently traveling back to SC. Stewart works in tech sales for Salesloft, and Hunter is training in pursuit of a career in the NFL.



Craig Attaway '19 is engaged to Kira Rymer. They are both currently grading assistants, Kira for Hermeneutics and Craig for the Philosophy program director. Once they graduate this spring, they will both start graduate school at CIU. Kira plans to get an MBA with a concentration in finance and Craig an M.A. in Theological Studies. Craig and Kira's wedding is planned for July 20, and they will live in Columbia while in graduate school.

# BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL

JULY/AUGUST 2023

## ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

### Homecoming 2023

Make plans to join us and reconnect with old friends on September 29!! For more details and to register your attendance, visit our Homecoming webpage.

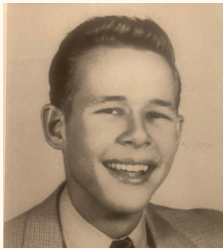
This is a special reunion year for 3's & 8's! Contact the Alumni Office for more details or assistance with your reunion at [alumnibls@benlippen.com](mailto:alumnibls@benlippen.com).



**In Memory:**  
Roger Seivright '85 - Our condolences to the family & friends of Roger who passed away this past June.



**Richard Van de Water '08-** His beautiful photography was recently published in Tara Leigh Cobble's new coffee table book, *Israel*. He is a professional photographer in Charleston, SC. You can check out his amazing portfolio online at [richardvandewater.com](http://richardvandewater.com) and purchase *Israel* on Amazon.



**In Memory:**  
Joseph Pent - class of 1954 went home to the Lord on May 20, 2023, at the age of 88. His three sons are also BL Asheville alumni. Mr. Pent served as a missionary for 50 years with Movimiento Cristiano Juventud Nueva and La Montana Christian Camps. While at Ben Lippen, he participated in many school organizations and sports, highlighted by an undefeated soccer season. The team earned the Blue Ridge Conference champions title his senior year.



Jessica Wheeler Saum '01 completed her tenure as Arkansas Teacher of the Year. She will be returning to her district (Cabot Public Schools) to be the district Collaboration and Inclusion Coordinator serving as a bridge between special education and general education. Jessica recently began working on Doctoral coursework in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. In addition, she is speaking and leading professional development across the state and country. Jessica also contributed a chapter to a book: *6th Grade Ready: Expert Advice for Parents to Navigate the Year Ahead*.



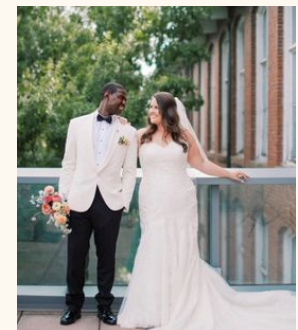
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The Class of '73 is currently planning its 50th reunion for this September! For more details, contact the alumni office or join the reunion page on Facebook:  
[Ben Lippen Class of '73](#).



Spencer Benton Quinlan '04 has been selected as the Charleston County Teacher of the Year. She is looking forward to serving her district in this role. Stay tuned for an upcoming feature on Spencer, our distinguished alumni!

Matthew Lewis '06 started a new position as the Multimedia Coordinator at the University of South Carolina.



Rebecca (Pope) Thomas '10 & her husband Byron were married on July 15. She is a 1st-grade teacher at Forest Lake Elementary, while Byron is the Director of Outreach for Congressman Joe Wilson.

Jeff Allen '88 & Phillip Hamilton '89 served on a Mission trip to Peru from July 17-30. Last year, the team laid the foundation for the main meeting space in the village. Due to the limited number of pastors in the region, they aimed to establish a Bible school to educate young/new pastors. Jeff, Phillip, and the group built the dorms, kitchen, bathrooms, and other required structures.

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**Evan Greene '14** is engaged to Megan Campbell, a labor and delivery nurse at Lex. Medical Center. Evan recently began his career as a Commercial Line Marketing Lead at McGriff providing commercial insurance to businesses throughout the southeast.

**Chalmers Reeley '16** was promoted to Assistant Project Manager at A M King, the design-build firm based out of Charlotte. He is working in the Greenville office.



**Yumi Naruki '16** graduated from Dartmouth where she was very active on campus. She was a tour guide, ticket-seller, video editor for four different departments, a sales associate at J.Crew, and an RA while earning her bachelor's. In addition, Yumi worked as a teaching assistant in both the Film and Engineering departments. We are so excited to have Yumi giving back to BL this year as a (virtual) writing tutor!



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**Nan Spacek '17** is engaged to Austin Simpson, originally from Nashville, TN. Nan works in Charleston as a pediatric operating nurse at MUSC, and Austin works for Bank of America in Charlotte. They met during their freshman year at Clemson through mutual friends and plan to get married in January of 2024.

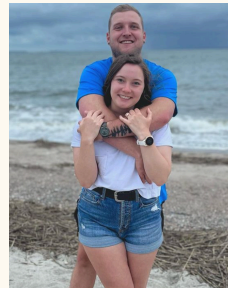
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DECEMBER 2023

## ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

### Upcoming Events



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SUPER FANS**

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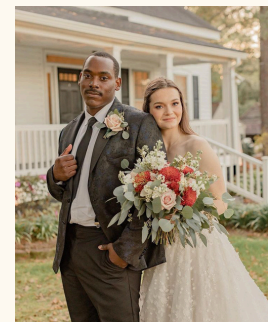
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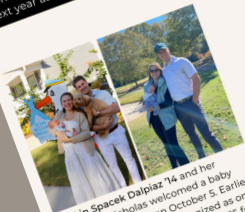
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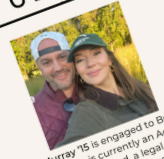
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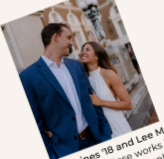


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Ben Lippen donated to Christian service and the significant impact he made on the school. He has given over \$1 million in dollars, but in the enduring legacy he has left behind, he has given the school the gift of a new building. Ben Lippen is survived by his two sons, are

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Abby Moore '20 and Riley Reasons '20 are engaged to be married on June 8, 2024. Abby is a senior at USC Honors earning a BA in English with a minor in Criminal Justice. As a part of the BARSC program, Riley started his first year at The University of South Carolina's School of Medicine this past July.



Houston Dykes '21 was recently sworn into the SC Army National Guard. He is excited to serve while also finishing his degree at The Citadel.



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Jessica Kolp '21 recently published a book, *Leaving it All on the Field: How My Faith and Sports Training Restored My Life*. You can find her book on Amazon and read about her miraculous recovery and message of forgiveness.



Sarah Lechner '20 is engaged to Brett Lazos from Point of Rocks, Maryland. They plan to get married June 20, 2024. Sarah is currently working for Fox News Media in D.C.



Rose Cooper '19 is newly engaged to Ben Ferguson. She is earning her Masters degree in International Relations at Johns Hopkins University. Rose is in Bologna, Italy at their SAIS Europe campus, and she plans to complete her second year of the program at the Washington DC campus.

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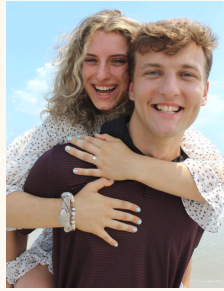
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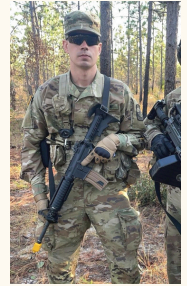
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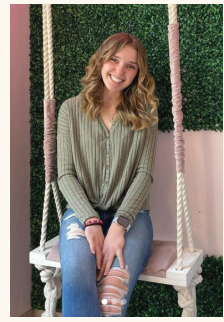
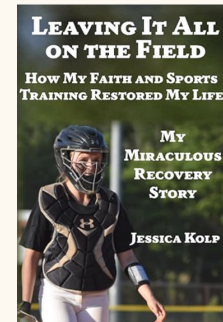
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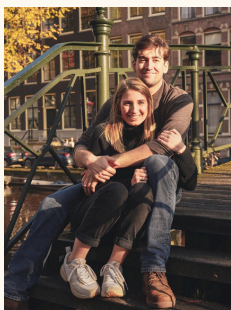
Emma Nunn '19 is engaged to John Allen. Emma is currently working for The Scout Guide Orlando, and the couple is planning the wedding for June 2024.



Cache Jones '20 published a paper in the Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Research in September on the topic of long-term result of hip arthroplasty using the Biomet M2A-38 device.



Jessica Kolp '22 recently published a book, *Leaving it All on the Field: How My Faith and Sports Training Restored My Life*. You can find her book on Amazon and read about her miraculous recovery and message of forgiveness.



Sarah Lechner '20 is engaged Brett Lazo from Point of Rocks, Maryland. They plan to get married June 20, 2024. Sarah is currently working for Fox News Media in D.C.



**We want to hear from YOU!**

Share your life updates by emailing [alumnibls@benlippen.com](mailto:alumnibls@benlippen.com) to be featured in the next Alumni Class Notes!

Do you have a story to share about life Beyond Ben Lippen? We are looking for alumni spotlights and would love to hear what you've been up to!





# THE BLACKWELL CENTER FOR LIFE IMPACT

On November 17, the school officially broke ground and announced the naming of our newest building project, **The Blackwell Center for Life Impact**, scheduled to open in August 2024.

The decision to name the Center for Life Impact after Mike Blackwell goes beyond his financial contributions. It is a tribute to his life devoted to Christian service and the significant impact he had on countless lives. Mike's legacy is not just measured in dollars, but in the enduring influence he had through a lifetime of uplifting others. **Jason '96** and **Chris '93**, his two sons, are both Ben Lippen alumni, and three of his grandchildren: Ellie '23, Reese '24, and Sadie '27.

We honor the immeasurable value of a life lived for a higher purpose—an influence that extends beyond material wealth and resonates for eternity.

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