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A message from the Editor-in-Chief

Longwood Faculty and Staff we thank you. With the thousands that step on Longwood's campus daily, your hard work and dedication to serving Longwood's community is often gone unnoticed. Your daily routines and lengthy hour shifts that you approach with such a positive attitude are what make Longwood's campus a welcoming home to many. Whether it's cleaning our buildings to maintaining our campus to swiping our Lancer cards at D-hall, we see you all as a vital part to Longwood's working machine.

The Rotunda staff dedicates our last edition of the 2017-2018 year to the smiling faces we see daily but aren't always in the spotlight. We use our news platform to share the stories of a couple familiar faces that deserve recognition. From all of us at The Rotunda, I think we speak on behalf of all the student body, faculty and staff when we say thank you for taking care of us on a daily basis and for making Longwood such a special place that will forever be in many of our hearts.

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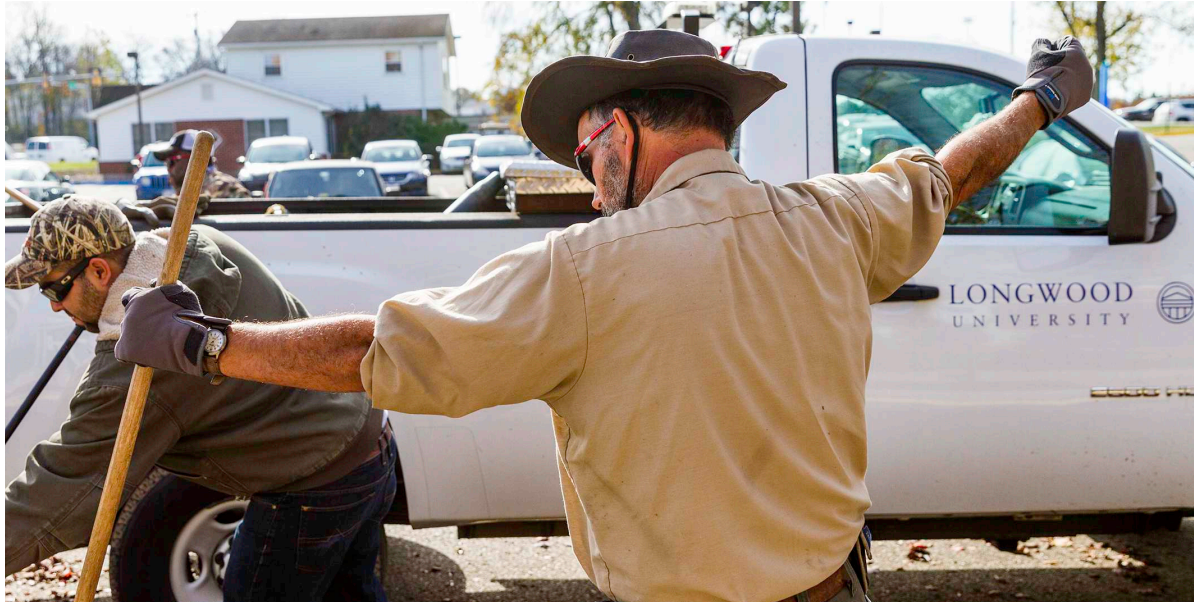
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EPISODE 7 DESCRIPTION

A special DAG podcast episode this week! We share the full length interview with Hannah Kearney, three-time Winter Olympian and winner of both gold and bronze medals as she shares her exciting story with producer Ryan Catherwood. In this hour long interview, hear exactly what Hannah's rise to the top of her sport was like in becoming the top moguls skier on the planet. Listeners will enjoy hearing what it's like for some Olympic athletes after retirement and the challenges of heading back to college to prepare for whatever comes next. Hannah's edited story was in the episode "Big Fish, Small Pond."



Howard Jenkins finds peace being outdoors at LU

by Halle Parker | Contributor | @_thehalparker

Born in Crewe, groundsman Howard Jenkins has a deep appreciation of rural life and quiet living. After several jobs over the years, including a house building business, Jenkins landed at Longwood University. Known for his smiling face, he said he tries to connect with the students when he can. His job enables him to take some classes for free; he's taken several in the outdoor education program. At home in Amelia, his two sons, Christian and Matthew, attend school, while his wife, Susan, teaches special education in the county.

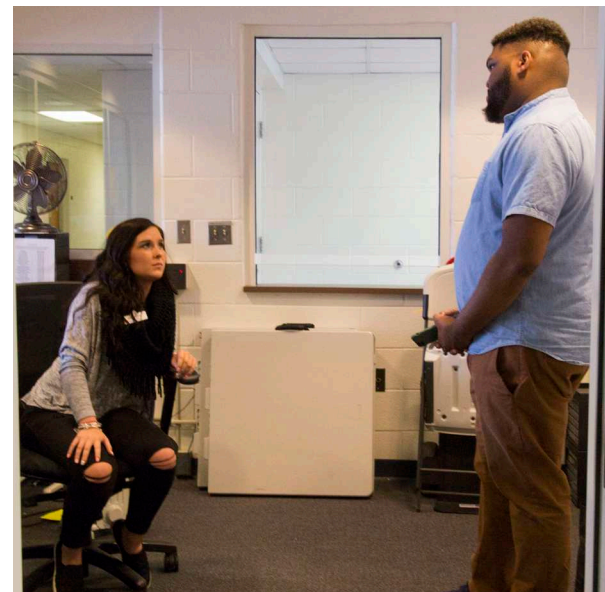




For Jarell Miller, the student experience is at the forefront

by Taylor O'Berry | Photo Editor | @ConjureFamiliar

In his last semester at Longwood, Residence Education Coordinator for Arc Quad, Jarell Miller thanks growing up in a single-parent home in Brooklyn, NY, that has made him the man that he is today. The one thing he enjoyed most of his time at Longwood is the traditions and how “Longwood really does a great job of holding true to what they say they’re going to do when it comes to the student experience and the traditions here.” Miller said he will miss the student interaction and seeing students have an ‘aha’ moment.



Getting to know people is Lorenzo Brown's favorite part of the job

by Jacob Puterko | Photo Staff | @JPuterko

“Just getting to know people. You never really know who you’ll meet. I’ll never forget my first year here; there was a girl sitting over by the pizza bar when we had one and she was in tears. I went over to her to see what was wrong. I asked her if she was home sick, which that was why she was crying. So I sat there and talked to her and told some of my corny jokes and we laughed. Then the next day she came back in and we talked again and ever since that day I just wanted to make people feel good. Because a lot of these students here are a long way from home and I understand that because I’ve been away from home too. And for some to show that they care and just want to comfort you and just want to make you

feel good, which in return makes me feel good. I also enjoy getting to know everyone too. I’ve been working here for eight years. I’ve watched two full classes graduate from Longwood. I’ve meet a lot of good people here. I really enjoyed coming to work and just talking to people and getting to know them. I’m just glad I’m able to make people feel welcomed here and have an impact on people in a positive way. I enjoy my job but I also enjoy all of you guys too. Some days I’ll come to work in a bad mood and people will stop by and say hi and also tell me to feel better, and that makes my day a little better because it shows me that people do care,” said Brown.



Ms. Betty describes her job as “very rewarding”

by Miranda Farley | Social Media Editor | @mir4nda9

About nine years ago, Betty Pelletier, moved back to Farmville, VA. from Connecticut. One of her three daughters, Melissa Pelletier, was working at Longwood and told her mother about the job opening at Dorrill Dining Hall (D-hall). Pelletier’s daughter is a Longwood graduate and now works in the Department of Facilities Management Services.

Aside from greeting students with a warm smile at D-hall, Pelletier enjoys spoiling her grandchildren on the weekends.



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“I have four grandchildren in Richmond, one in New York and every weekend I go and see the eldest’s soccer games... yeah, I love to spoil them a lot,” said Pelletier.

Pelletier credited her parents and daughters for positively influencing her life.

“They’re beautiful people (her parents) and brought me up well and I think my daughters... I have three daughters and to see them and how they have grown up and what they contribute to life in general and being the kind and beautiful people they are (positively influence her life),” said Pelletier.

Pelletier works Monday through Friday at D-hall.

“I come in here and I start at 6:30 in the morning and it’s just like a routine, one thing after another and I just enjoy every minute of it,” said Pelletier.

Pelletier described her job as “very rewarding.”

“I see a beautiful bright future coming out of you all... if this is how our future is going to look I am very proud and very happy,” said Pelletier.

Pelletier expressed how the kindness

and honesty of students stands out to her. According to Pelletier, there is not one student that does not smile as they approach her to be swiped into the dining hall.

“I love the campus and I love the students here. They’re very honest and kind... if someone doesn’t have a swipe (meal swipe), someone will stop and swipe someone else in or if they find a \$20 dollar bill on the floor, they bring it to me... they’re very commendable,” said Pelletier.

One of Pelletier’s favorite memories at Longwood was when she received her first scarf about nine years ago. She was commended for her service for the university.

“They’re all very special but that first time (she received a scarf), it just meant so much to me,” said Pelletier.

Pelletier said she loves all of her coworkers at D-hall but she shares a close bond with Sandra Scott.

“There’s definitely a very strong bond. I always come in in the morning and give her a hug... you always meet someone that for some reason is very special in your life,” said Pelletier.



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As new projects are always popping up on Longwood University's campus, Kim Bass, deputy director of design and construction, "knowing what needs to be done" is just part of her job.

Bass said she manages and has a part in planning the design of new projects, assessing the needed scope of potential projects, finding architects for projects and assessing needs for projects at Longwood.

"We don't just dream this stuff up, it takes years of planning," said Bass.

She said that she handles each construction project from the time it starts until its completion.

"I'm the project manager from the initiation of the project to the moment the occupation permit is received and we turn over to facilities management," said Bass.

Bass said she also handles project management, scheduling for the campus, renovation and smaller projects.

"I have a rework of the Tudor house on High Street. I have the Joan of Arc statue. I have a list."

According to Bass, the best part of her job was the diversity of tasks and duties she completes at Longwood university.

"I get to work with campus folks, whether it's faculty or staff or students, to gain knowledge for scopes for upcoming projects and work with them in the planning process. I get to work with architects and engineers as professionals. It's never dull."

She said that another part of her job she really enjoys is being on jobs sites herself.

"I do lots of email and computer work and review drawings on computers and things like that, but I also get out here and put my

hard hat on and go on the job site," she said.

Bass said that her involvement with the building of the Upchurch University Center is her proudest accomplishment at Longwood.

"I think in the end we're going to have a wonderful addition to the campus that fits in with the architectural surroundings and is going to serve such a wonderful function for students," said Bass.

Bass said she received her degree in architecture from Virginia Tech, and initially started working at Longwood in 1987.

"Longwood was the job that I wanted, and I was fortunate enough to get it, that was 1987," said Bass.

Bass said that she worked at Longwood for six and a half years, but had to take off time to take care of her children and "taught school for about 10 years" in the interim. After that, she came back to "a very similar position" at Longwood University.

Bass has worked at Longwood for a total of 15 years.





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Angela Barksdale finds motivation working with students

by Autumn High | Rotunda Studios Staff | @awdam_

Looking to bring a positive attitude to her job, Angela Barksdale has been a Farmville Area Bus driver for over two years. Barksdale said as a single parent of four, she has to be committed to providing for her family with two other part-time jobs at Hampden-Sydney College and Prince Edward County Schools. “I truly enjoy working with children and young adults, their determination is what keeps me motivated,” said Barksdale.

Hannah Ledger’s student athletes have more of an impact on her

by Kurt Martin | Sports Staff | @IamKurt14

As the Director of Student Athlete Enhancement Hannah Ledger, a Longwood alumni, sees the student athletes' impact they have on her as greater than the impact she has on them. Helping student athletes with their undergraduate courses, Ledger said her role goes far beyond being a staff member, but she is part of their family and looks forward to seeing them everyday.

“It's exactly what you want and they (student athletes) are trying to engage and that's what they want to do. They want to come in, and they get frustrated when my door is closed and I get texts like ‘where are you, what are you doing’ all the time. It's a really great feeling,” said Ledger.

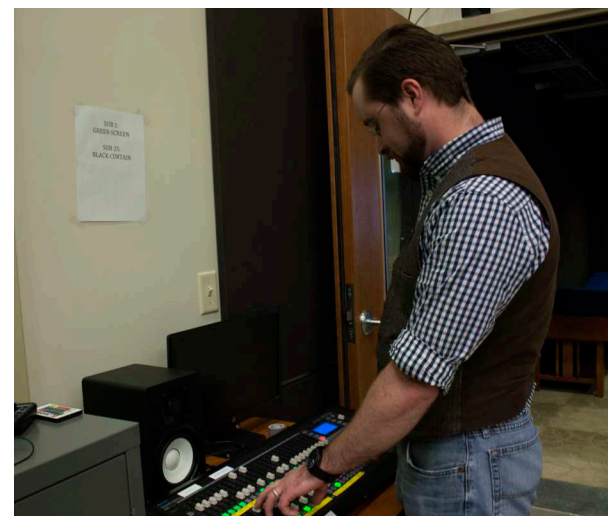


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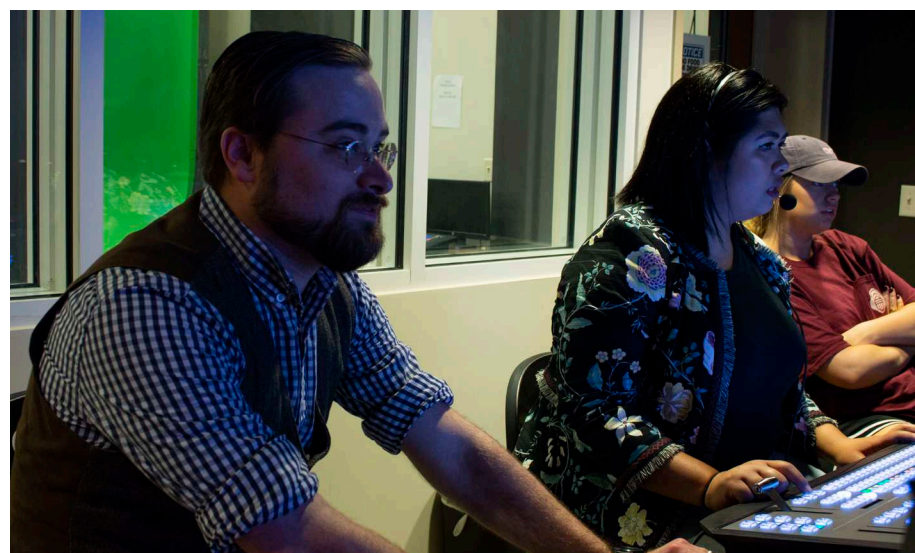


From NE to VA, Clint Wright finds his home

by Jacob DiLandro | Assistant A&E Editor | @spongejay1



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Starting at Longwood in 2009, Clint Wright hadn't even moved to Virginia from Nebraska before starting as the technical director for the theatre program. Now working in French Hall for the Communication Studies department, Wright said his love of working with students is why he loves being staff versus a professor because "they work with me because they want to, not because they have to".

"I can't say that I'll never be anywhere else, but it would have to be a hell of an offer for me to leave Longwood, for me to leave the people I'm working with, the students that I'm working with. There are other universities in Virginia that have our equipment, but there are no other universities, that I am aware of, that let the general population use that equipment to benefit themselves. Longwood is an excellent growth community," said Wright.