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UNIVERSITY
YEAR CLUB

STAFF



John M. Anderson

Years at C-N: 25 (1988-2013)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Facilities, Physical Plant/Maintenance

C-N Recognitions: 25 year plaque in 2013

Deceased: August 26, 2014



Laura Andon

Years at C-N: 26 (1994-2020)

Roles & Responsibilities: Admissions and Services Adviser, Administrative Assistant, Admissions; Teacher Education



Gregory A. Bailey ('87)

Years at C-N: 28 (1982-2010)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Information Technology; Associate Director of Information Technology



David W. Barger ('70)

Years at C-N: 32 (1980-2012)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Athletics, Emeritus, Director of Athletics; Director of Athletic Promotions

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2012, David "Boog" Barger Hall of Fame Scholarship

Deceased: November 7, 2024



Rebecca J. Boatright

Years at C-N: 37 (1982-2019)

Roles & Responsibilities: Human Resources Coordinator; Administrative Assistant, Treasurer's Office; Payroll Clerk, Treasurer's Office; Accounts Payable, Treasurer's Office

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2013, Robert Reedy Bryan Society 2024



Doris Briggs

Years at C-N: 25+ (1974-2005)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria

Deceased: December 6, 2026



Patsy H. Brown ('95)

Years at C-N: 32 (1980-2012)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Religion



Dr. T. Clark Bryan ('63)

Years at C-N: 29 (1964-1993)

Roles & Responsibilities: Vice President for Administration and Planning; Vice President of Student Affairs;
Dean of Students; Director of Student Activities
Assistant Professor of Education
Associate Professor of Education

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2011, Distinguished Alumnus Award 2011, Clark and Shirley Bryan Scholarship



Cathy Burchell

Years at C-N: 28 (1985-2013)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Family and Consumer Sciences



Angelia Burgess ('85)

Years at C-N: (1999-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Coordinator of AMOS and Samaritan House



Dorothy Byrd

Years at C-N: 25+ (1968-?)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria

Deceased: November 22, 2018



Vickie Butler ('76)

Years at C-N: 28 (1989-2017)

Roles & Responsibilities: Associate Vice President for Advancement; Vice President for Advancement; Director of Alumni; Co-founder Women of Vision; Campaign Director "For Such a Time as This"; Member, 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee

C-N Recognitions: RR Turner Award 2008, Robert Reedy Bryan Society 2022, Rebar Award



Jerry R. Calfee

Years at C-N: 31 (1991-2022)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Electrician, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Diana Musall Cameron

Years at C-N: 30 (1995-2025)

Roles & Responsibilities: Manager, Accounts Receivable, Treasurer's Office; Administrative Assistant, Treasurer's Office



T. Edward Carter ('79)

Years at C-N: 40 (1981-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities: Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations and Compliance Coordinator, Head Women's Basketball Coach; Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2019, Athletic Hall of Fame 2020, Robert Reedy Bryan Society 2023

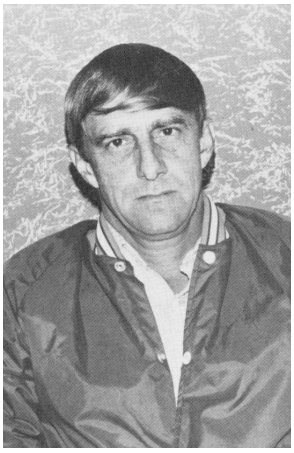


Joann Chitwood

Years at C-N: 33 (1961-1994)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Alumni Relations

Deceased: February 25, 2022

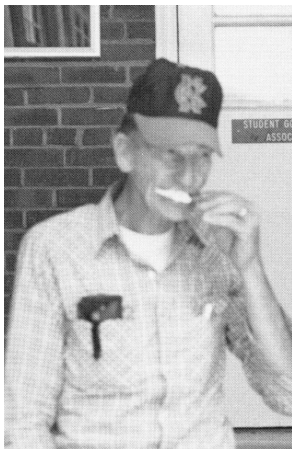


R. Doyle Cline

Years at C-N: 34 (1970-2004)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Director, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: April 27, 2019



Bill Cox

Years at C-N: 42 (1958-2000)

Roles & Responsibilities: Locksmith, Physical Plant/ Maintenance

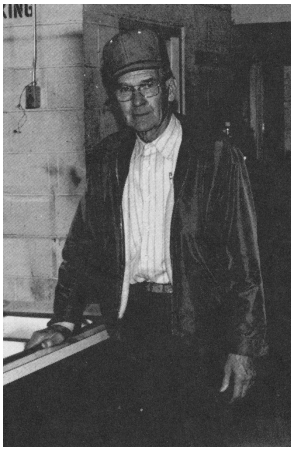
Deceased: March 8, 2019



Geraldeen Day ('52)

Years at C-N: 28 (1966-1994)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Child Development Laboratory



Fred A. Deering

Years at C-N: 29 (1963-1992)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Carpenter, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: January 28, 1998



Robert Drinnen ('61)

Years at C-N: 29 (1972-2001)

Roles & Responsibilities: Vice President for Finance; Business Manager; Treasurer; Controller

Deceased: May 21, 2022



Donald P. Elia

Years at C-N: 26 (1978-2004)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Financial Aid; Wrestling Coach

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2024

Deceased: March 27, 2024



William R. Ellis

Years at C-N: 26 (1997-2023)

Roles & Responsibilities: Manager, Bookstore and Post Office

C-N Recognitions: C-N Community Service Award 2010

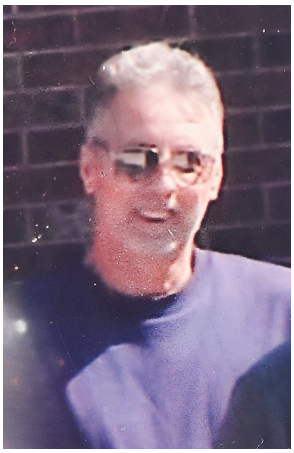


Patti Sue Farris

Years at C-N: 28 (1960-1988)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant to the President

Deceased: October 19, 2016



James M. Farrow

Years at C-N: 44 (1970-2014)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Plumber, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: September 30, 2020



Robert “Preacher” Farrow

Years at C-N: 27 (1981-2008)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Facilities, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: April 24, 2017



Steve J. Finchum

Years at C-N: (1990-present)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Electrician, Phone Service, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Bobby R. Gann

Years at C-N: 30 (1985-2015)

Roles & Responsibilities:
HVAC, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: November 1, 2015



Leroy C. Gannon ('47)

Years at C-N: 33 (1942-1975)

Roles & Responsibilities: Assistant Treasurer

Deceased: September 25, 2002



Edra R. Garrett ('92)

Years at C-N: 35 (1978-2013)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Family Life Enrichment Center; Coordinator, Family Life Enrichment Center; Administrative Assistant, Graduate Studies; Administrative Assistant, Barnabus House; Administrative Assistant, Athletics;

Deceased: September 21, 2024



Frank L. Gass

Years at C-N: 27 (1986-2013)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Painter, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: March 28, 2022



Linda T. Gass

Years at C-N: 34 (1973-2007)

Roles & Responsibilities: Archives Assistant, Stephens Burnett-Memorial Library

C-N Recognitions: RR Turner Award 2010



Sheryl M. Gray

Years at C-N: 36 (1987-2023)

Roles & Responsibilities: University Registrar; Dean, Enrollment Services; Director, Undergraduate Admissions and Orientation; Associate Director, Admissions and Orientation; Assistant Director, Admissions; Chair, 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2011, Rebar Award 2018, RR Turner Award 2022



L. Gail Greene ('91)

Years at C-N: 38 (1973-77, 1980-2014)

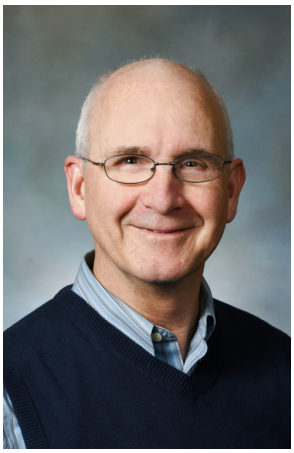
Roles & Responsibilities: Coordinator, Institutional Research; Director, Institutional Research; Administrative Assistant, Advancement; Administrative Assistant, Office of Alumni Services



Mary Paul Hensley

Years at C-N: 33 (1977-2010)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant to the President



Ricke O. Hester ('75)

Years at C-N: 42 (1976-2018)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Recreational Services and the Maddox Student Activities Center; Director of Student Activities and Intramurals; Director of Student Activities, President of CARE

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2018, Servant-Leadership Award 2024



Lynda M. Hill ('68)

Years at C-N: 39 (1984-2023)

Roles & Responsibilities: Assistant Registrar; Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost



Betty Hobbs ('53)

Years at C-N: 26 (1968-1994)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Educational Resources

Deceased: May 28, 2019



Lisa Hodge

Years at C-N: (1995-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Teacher Education; Coordinator, Data Management, Teacher Education; Administrative Assistant, Athletic Compliance and the Eagle Club



Vickee K. Hollifield ('83)

Years at C-N: 34 (1984-2018)

Roles & Responsibilities: Senior Women's Athletic Administrator; Head Women's Softball Coach; Assistant Women's Basketball Coach; Head Coach, Volleyball

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2002



Sam "Frosty" Holt ('27)

Years at C-N: 39 (1929-1968)

Roles & Responsibilities: Athletic Director; Head Football Coach; Head Men's Basketball Coach; Head Baseball Coach

C-N Recognitions: C-N 1933 and 1950 Yearbook Dedications pp 4-5 and pp 14-15, Athletic Hall of Fame 1985, Distinguished Alumnus Award 1974, C-N 1980 Yearbook Tribute pp 104-5, Sam B "Frosty" Holt Athletic Scholarship, Frosty Athletic Awards

Deceased: May 21,1986



Willard D. Huff

Years at C-N: 38 (1984-2022)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Painter, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Amy E. Humphrey ('91)

Years at C-N: 30 (1992-2022)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Student Success, Co-Director, Student Success and Retention, Director, Life Directions Center, Associate Director, Admissions, Assistant Director, Admissions, Admissions Representative

C-N Recognitions: Mentoring Award 2008, Soar Award 2016



Sistie Sharpe Jarnigan

Years at C-N: 25 (1973-1998)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Advancement Services; Manager, Office of Advancement; Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Development; Administrative Assistant, Financial Management Records



Charlotte Kanipe

Years at C-N: 34 (1973-2007)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Physical Plant/Maintenance

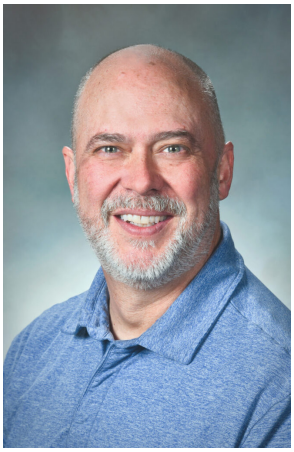
Deceased: December 4, 2019



Joe Kenley

Years at C-N: (1997-present)

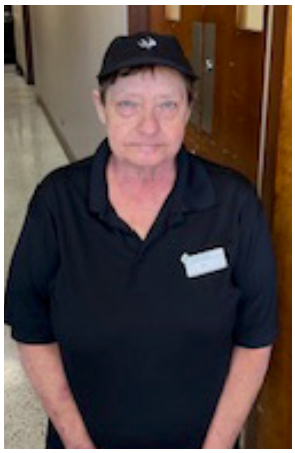
Roles & Responsibilities:
Locksmith, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Charles Key ('98)

Years at C-N: (1998-present)

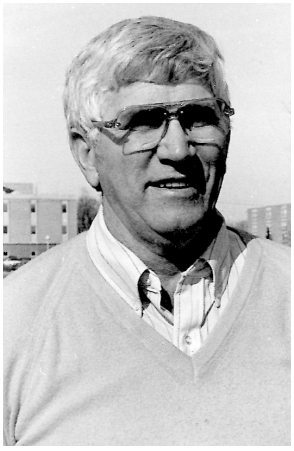
Roles & Responsibilities: Director, Marketing and Communications; Director, Campaign Communications; Assistant Director, News and Publications; Staff Writer



Rita Talley Kimbrough

Years at C-N: (1989-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria



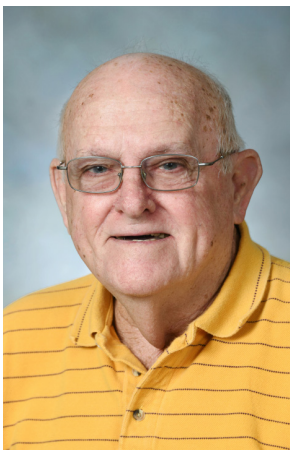
Charles T. King ('57)

Years at C-N: 29 (1968-1997)

Roles & Responsibilities: Head Golf Coach,;Assistant Football Coach

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2021

Deceased: November 10, 2025



Harold King

Years at C-N: 29 (1987-2016)

Roles & Responsibilities: Woodworking, Facilities, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Judy Long

Years at C-N: 31 (1975-2006)

Roles & Responsibilities: Textbook Administrator, Bookstore



Mabel Jean Lynch

Years at C-N: 31 (1971-1997)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Treasurer's Office; Cashier, Treasurer's Office

Deceased: February 9, 2026



Betty Mabe

Years at C-N: (1999-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Math, Physics Department; Administrative Assistant, Bookstore



Billy Ray Martin

Years at C-N: 32 (1988-2020)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Postal Delivery, Physical Plant/Maintenance



William R. Massengill

Years at C-N: (1984-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Postal Delivery, Athletic Facilities, Physical Plant/Maintenance

C-N Recognitions: RR Turner Award 2025



Etta McDaniel

Years at C-N: 26 (1972-1998)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria

Deceased



Nenette Measels

Years at C-N: 27 (1992-2019)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Campus Ministries; Associate Director of Campus Ministries

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2014



John E. Messer

Years at C-N: 43 (1980-2023)

Roles & Responsibilities:
HVAC, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Ralph Messer

Years at C-N: 31 (1986-2017)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Painter, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Robert L. "PAP" Messer

Years at C-N: 39 (1982-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Boiler Room Attendant, Physical Plant/Maintenance

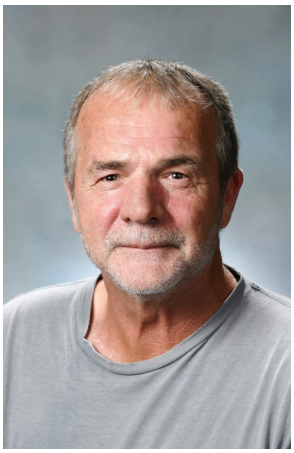
Deceased: November 11, 2023



Nathan Miles ('95)

Years at C-N: (1995-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Systems Analyst / Programmer; PC & Peripheral Coordinator; Assistant Director of Academic Computing; Computer Technician



Kipland L. Miles

Years at C-N: (1999-present)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Plumber, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Elizabeth (Libby) J. Miller

Years at C-N: (1998-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Administrative Assistant to the Provost; Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Finance

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2015



Dennis Moore

Years at C-N: 37 (1987-2024)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Electrician, Physical Plant/Maintenance

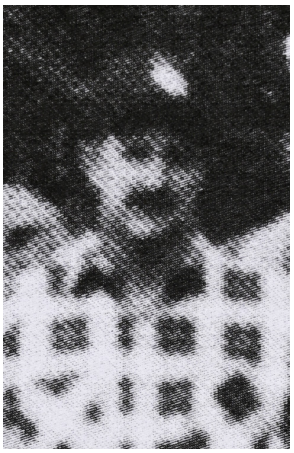


Frances B. Myers

Years at C-N: 25 (1969-1994)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria

Deceased: February 20, 2008



James F. Myers

Years at C-N: 27 (1978-2005)

Roles & Responsibilities:
HVAC, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: October 19, 2019



Kimela Myers

Years at C-N: 37 (1978-87, 1995-2023)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria



Roy Myers

Years at C-N: 28 (1928-1956)

Roles & Responsibilities: Treasurer and Business Manager

C-N Recognitions: C-N 1956 Yearbook Dedication pp 10-11, Roy Myers Scholarship

Deceased: April 1969



Lisa Neal

Years at C-N: (1999-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria



David M. Needs ('92)

Years at C-N: (1999-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Associate Athletic Director for Eagle Club and Athletic Development; Director of Track and Field; Assistant Football Coach Member; Member; 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee

C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2017, Athletic Hall of Fame 2026



Donnie L. Newman

Years at C-N: (1986-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Media Services; Coordinator of Broadcast Productions

C-N Recognitions: Student Affairs; Advocate of the Year 2007, Soar Award 2015, RR Turner Award 2025



Anita Newport

Years at C-N: 41 (1985-2026)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Communication and Religion Department

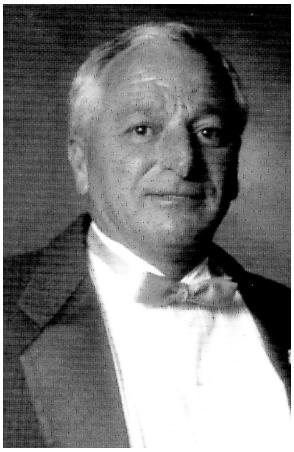
C-N Recognitions: Soar Award 2021



Jan Parman ('83)

Years at C-N: 25 (1998-2023)

Roles & Responsibilities: Transcript Assessment Specialist, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Registrar



Langdon R. Potts

Years at C-N: 31 (1966-1997)

Roles & Responsibilities: Manager, Bookstore, Post Office, and Canteen

C-N Recognitions: C-N 1997 Yearbook Tribute p 210

Deceased: January 19, 1997



Dan Redding

Years at C-N: 28 (1991-2006, 2008-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities: Assistant Football Coach; Strength and Training Coach

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2025



C. Paulette Reed

Years at C-N: 27 (1984-2011)

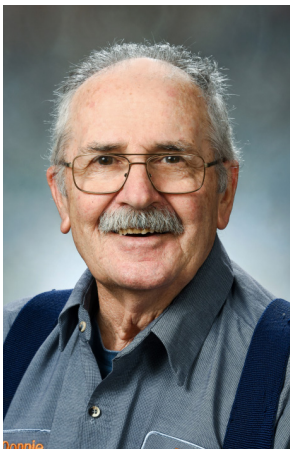
Roles & Responsibilities: Coordinator of Print and Mail Services; Mail Room and Copy Center Clerk; Mimeograph Office Clerk



Tim Rickard

Years at C-N: (1994-present)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Carpenter, Physical Plant/Maintenance



Donald C. Rimmer

Years at C-N: 29 (1997-2026)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Facilities, Physical Plant/Maintenance

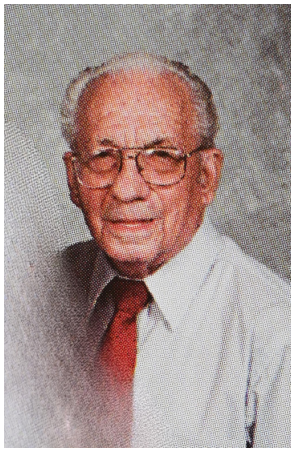


Paul W. Roden ('50)

Years at C-N: 26 (1965-1991)

Roles & Responsibilities: Registrar; Director of Admissions and Records

Deceased: February 25, 2021

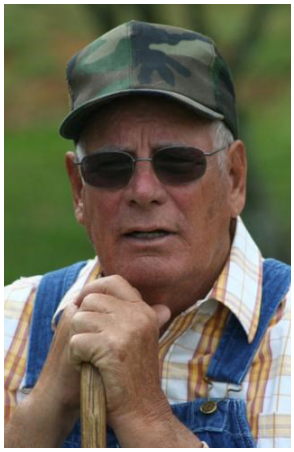


Charlie J. Rutledge

Years at C-N: 38 (1950-1988)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Electrician, Plumber, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: February 25, 2010



Bill Samples

Years at C-N: 27 (1973-2000)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Plumber, Physical Plant/Maintenance

Deceased: May 10, 2023



Sylvia Sawyer

Years at C-N: 25 (2000-2025)

Roles & Responsibilities: Acquisitions and Government Documents Assistant, Stephens Burnett-Memorial Library



Danette Seale ('93, '14)

Years at C-N: (1992-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Vice President for Student Financial Services; Vice President for Enrollment Management; Executive Director of Financial Aid; Associate Director of Financial Aid; Assistant Director of Financial Aid; Coordinator of Financial Aid Services & Administrative Computer Liaison; Financial Aid Counselor; Financial Aid Verification; Assistant, Financial Aid Verification; Customer Service Coordinator, Financial Aid

C-N Recognitions: Rebar Award 2013



Jill Seals ('82)

Years at C-N: 27 (1994-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Athletics; Administrative Assistant, Office of the Registrar

Deceased: January 19, 2025



Jack W. Shannon

Years at C-N: 32 (1975-2007)

Roles & Responsibilities: Career Services Counselor; Director of Major Gifts; Coordinator of Adult Admissions; Director of Adult Admissions and Services; Director of Admissions; Admissions Counselor

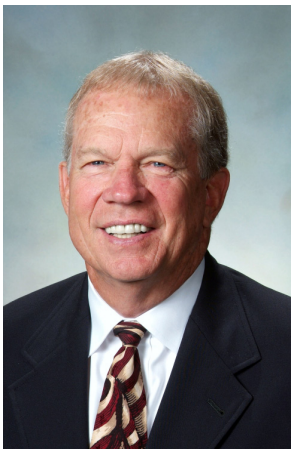
Deceased: July 17, 2017



Elaine Smith (’89)

Years at C-N: 32 (1990-2022)

Roles & Responsibilities: Chief Business and Personnel Officer; Assistant Vice President of Finance and Business; Controller; Director of Human Resources; Staff Accountant; Director of Advancement Services/Campaign Coordinator; Advancement Systems Manager; Gift Resources Computer Specialist; Administrative Assistant, Office of Alumni



Ken Sparks (’68)

Years at C-N: 43 (1972-77, 1979-2017)

Roles & Responsibilities: Head Coach, Football; Athletic Director; Assistant Coach, Football

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 1989, Robert Reedy Bryan Society 2025, Ken Sparks Academic Scholarship

Deceased: March 29, 2017



Peggy Stroud

Years at C-N: 42 (1979-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities: Production Supervisor, Print and Mail Services; Administrative Assistant, Admissions

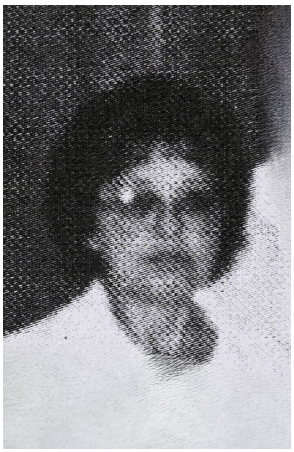


Berta Sunderland

Years at C-N: 28 (1919-1947)

Roles & Responsibilities: Assistant Treasurer

Deceased: March 4, 1971



Mary Talley

Years at C-N: 44 (1971-2015)

Roles & Responsibilities: Food Service, Stokely Memorial Cafeteria



Susie Trentham

Years at C-N: 31 (1990-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities: Advancement Services Director; Advancement Services Assistant; Donor Records Assistant



Michael L. Turner ('73)

Years at C-N: 39 (1980-2019)

Roles & Responsibilities: Head Coach, Football; Assistant Coach, Football; Director of the Eagle Club

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2019



Jann Walker ('82)

Years at C-N: 29 (1992-2021)

Roles & Responsibilities: Administrative Assistant, Admissions; Associate Director, Admissions; Administrative Assistant, Treasurer's Office

Darlene Wambaugh ('01)

Years at C-N: 27 (1995-2022)

Roles & Responsibilities: Senior Associate Director and Compliance Specialist, Financial Aid; Assistant Director, Financial Aid; Counselor, Financial Aid; Verification Clerk; Financial Aid; Administrative Assistant, Financial Aid.

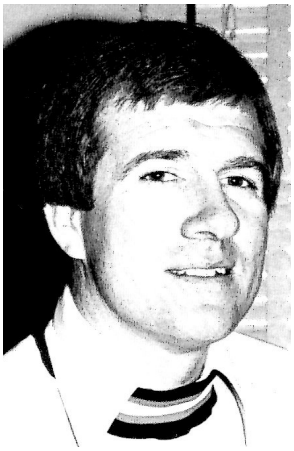


Jean-Ann Washam ('90)

Years at C-N: (1996-present)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies (formerly Appalachian Outreach)

C-N Recognitions: C-N Community Service Award 2006, Servant-Leadership Award 2023



Michael D. Whitley

Years at C-N: 29 (1981-2010)

Roles & Responsibilities: Assistant Coach, Football; Equipment Manager, Football; Field Maintenance, Football

C-N Recognitions: Athletic Hall of Fame 2019

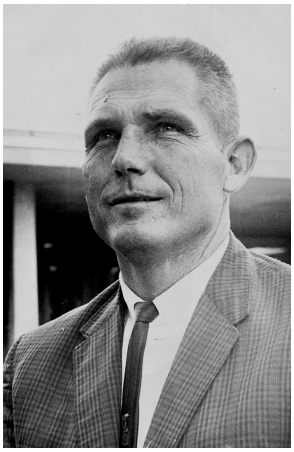


James H. Wilson ('70)

Years at C-N: 29 (1984-2013)

Roles & Responsibilities: Director of Campus Ministries; Executive Director and Co-Founder of AMOS; Director, Baptist Collegiate Ministries; Campus Minister

C-N Recognitions: Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award 1990, C-N Community Service Award 2001



Robert A. Wilson

Years at C-N: 26 (1964-1990)

Roles & Responsibilities: Head Coach, Baseball; Assistant Coach, Football

C-N Recognitions: C-N 1987 Yearbook Tribute p 143, Athletic Hall of Fame 1994, Wilson Baseball Award



James L. "Cooter" Wolfe

Years at C-N: 28 (1979-2007)

Roles & Responsibilities:
Mechanic, Physical Plant/Maintenance