



STUDENT & ALUMNI SUCCESSES & SERVICE 2016 - 2017

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- Joshua Sanders '18, who is pursuing a B.S in chemistry, is studying this summer at the China Three Gorges University (CTGU) in Dr. Huang Ying Ping's lab thanks to the generous financial support of the Boone Honors Program. He works in the same research group as David Johnson, professor emeritus of Ferrum College, who has been crucial in building bridges and making connections between students of Ferrum College and CTGU.
- Tori Akers '17 and Dresden Scott '16 practiced the Ferrum College motto of "Not Self, But Others" in Zambia as part of this year's Orphan Medical Network International (OMNI) mission trip.
- Chantal Aaron spent the spring semester in Ireland.
- Jessa King, a 2016 Boone Honors Program graduate, just finished her first year as an English teacher at Lee High School in Mariana, Arkansas.
- Trinity Welsh, a 2016 Boone Honors Program graduate, just arrived in Arkansas in June to begin Teach for America training.
- Sarah Hendrix '17 and Jordyn Bauman '17 presented a poster at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.
- Ferrum College alum and Head Soccer Coach Ryan Schilling led the Northside boys soccer team to a 16-0 regular season and the top of the Blue Ridge District
- Emily Hargrove '17, who graduated with Criminal Justice and Psychology degrees, will attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for a Masters in Psychological Science.
- Rebecca LaFlamme '17 completed her internship at the Southern VA Child Advocacy Center this spring and was offered a full-time position as the Center's Coordinator of Volunteer Services.
- Bailey Cribbs '17 will head this fall to her top choice for graduate school, Radford University, where she will begin their Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's program. She hopes to be an LPC when she finishes.
- Keanah Turner '17 was accepted into the Master's program at George Mason University in Environmental Policy with a concentration in Environmental Management.
- Sirena Pangelinan '18 won second place in the American Criminal Justice Association National Student Paper Competition, which was held in Austin, TX this past March. This recognition signifies excellence in research and writing.
- Leigh Ann Bush '14 attended the 2017 Virginia Press Association Awards in Richmond in April where she won three individual 2016 Virginia Press Association awards and two group awards.
- Ferrum College alum Mike Hudson '82 is among the group of reporters and editors awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Explanatory Reporting for their project known as "The Panama Papers."



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- Sarah Hendrix '17 just started the Bridgewater College Master of Science in Athletic Training Program.
- Seven students recently attended the Southern Regional Honors Council annual conference in Asheville, N.C. with Dr. Lana Whited. Students Quentin Montgomery and Dorothy Carroll both moderated sessions. Quentin chaired a science related session with presenters from the University of Louisville, Lander University, and Georgia Southern. Dorothy chaired a panel with presenters from Chattanooga State Community College, Miles College, and the University of Tennessee at Martin; it focused mainly on health-related topics, including diet.
- Kala Brubaker '17, who graduated with a B.A. in English Literature and a double minor in Mass Media and Communications and Russian, is attending William & Mary's School of Education for Secondary English starting May 30th. Kala studied abroad in Kyrgyzstan last year.
- Sirena Pangelinan '18 was recently awarded a Psi Chi Spring Undergraduate Research Grant for her proposal entitled "Adventure therapy's effects on anxiety and mood in college students".
- Morgan Julian '17 who graduated from the Ferrum College Theater Arts program will pursue an MS in Media Management at Fordham University this fall.
- The Ferrum College Residence Hall Association won the Virginia Association of College and University Residence Halls Program of the Year Award.
- Jim Davis '64, of Toano, VA, is sharing his bridge skills and his love of the card game with more than 80 students in the Williamsburg area.
- The Invertebrate Class studied at Belle Baruch Marine Lab in South Carolina this spring.
- Students Cheyenne Strickland, Laura Angle, Kelsey Hall, Ashley Boyd, Victoria Taylor, and Sarah Bridges presented their session entitled "The Next Generation of Reading Teachers: Pre-Service Teacher Impact on Young Readers" at the 50th Annual Virginia State Reading Association Conference held March 16 at The Hotel Roanoke.
- Students participated in the annual Model United Nations Security Council at Ferrum College in March. The event was hosted by the Political Science, International Studies, and History Departments.
- Spencer Irby '17 wrote about the importance of networking as well as his recent trip to Pittsburgh for the Young Farmers & Ranchers National Convention in his @AGDAILYMedia article "Coming together: The importance of agricultural networking events."
- Dr. Matthew Hull '00 gave his presentation, "Sustainable Nanotechnology: Clams, Companies, and National Centers", last semester for a Natural Sciences and Mathematics Friday Seminar. Hull manages the nanotechnology research portfolio within Virginia Tech's Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science. He is also president and owner of NanoSafe, Inc., a provider of nanotechnology human and environmental health and safety services.
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee Representatives, Anthony Konieczka (football) and Jessica Turner (volleyball) represented Ferrum College at the NCAA National SAAC Convention in Nashville, TN.



Kala Brubaker '17



Morgan Julian '17



Reading Association Conference



Sirena Pangelinan '18



RHA Program of Year Award

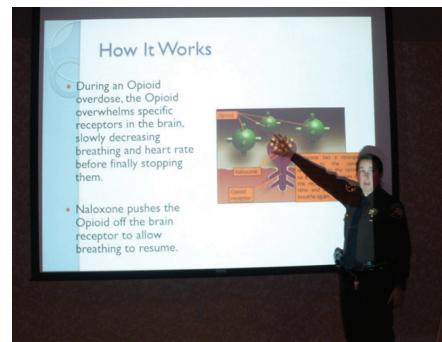
- From first year students working with the Franklin County Master Gardeners to showcase Ferrum's Holocaust Memorial Garden, to seniors sponsoring football game raffles and social media campaigns to raise funds for South Sudanese school children, Ferrum students and faculty have spent 2016 embodying the College's mission of being "caring and concerned citizens of their community, nation, and world."
- First-generation cattleman Tyler Seal '17 helped to pay for his education with earnings from his successful cattle business.
- Rachel Swyhart '17 studied last year in Pskov, Russia.
- Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Megan Patterson '11 presented her research about using Naloxone to combat opioid overdoses during the VA Association of Criminal Justice Educators annual meeting held in Roanoke.
- Dr. Carolyn Thomas and Dr. Bob Pohlad were joint recipients of the Ecological Society of America Eugene P. Odum Award for Excellence in Ecology Education.
- Ferrum College was featured in Jess Daddio's article OUTDOOR U: THE BEST ADVENTURE CAMPUSES IN THE BLUE RIDGE in the August issue of Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine.
- Catie Hope '19 was named to the National Junior Angus Board. Catie is an animal science major from Berryville, VA, where she owns and operates a Registered Black Angus cow/calf operation specializing in show prospects.

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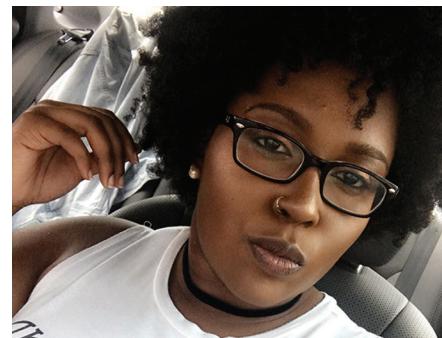
- This past school year, Abria Witcher '17 helped with Gretna Elementary School's backpack program and raised money to assist South Sudanese orphans attend primary school, projects she will continue as a graduate.
- Jonathan Dickey '17 was one of a number of students who undertook social justice projects as part of Dr. Susan Mead's Sociology 391 Directed Study Course last semester. For Jonathan, his work raising funds to help South Sudanese widows was especially meaningful for him, having grown up with a single mom.
- The Health and Human Performance Club raised donations for the Rocky Mount Humane Society.
- Ferrum College Delta Chi fraternity members recently helped package and deliver 256 pairs of new shoes and new socks to each student at Ferrum Elementary School. The gift of shoes and socks was made possible through the partnership of Convoy of Hope Rural Compassion, Endicott Assembly of God Church, Endicott Assembly of God Women's Ministries, and Tri Area Community Health Office Manager Martha Puckett.
- Students and staff took an Alternative Spring Break to Virginia Beach where they assisted two families who are recovering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew.
- Ferrum College Womens Soccer hosted a soccer clinic for 5-11 year olds at Callaway Elementary.
- Students, faculty and staff created beautiful handmade clay bowls for the Empty Bowls event to raise money for the Panther Packs program, which benefits Ferrum Elementary students who depend on school meals by providing food for them on the weekends.



Tyler Seal '17



Deputy Sheriff Megan Patterson '11



Abria Witcher '17

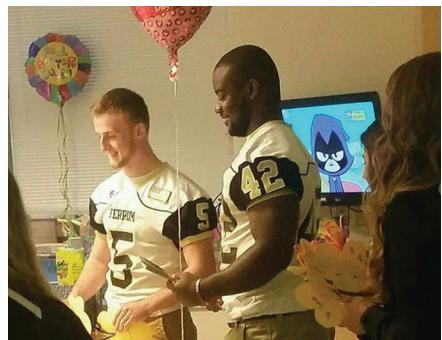


Delta Chi Delivering New Shoes



Alternative Spring Break

- Enactus and other student groups hosted a Family Wellness Night in March at the Ferrum YMCA that included activities for mental and physical health and outdoor fun, and hearing checks.
- Theta Gamma Omega members participated in the Pulsera Project, a nonprofit organization that helps less fortunate families in the countries of Guatemala and Nicaragua through the sale of colorful handwoven bracelets, or “pulseras” in Spanish.
- Ferrum College volleyball and football players celebrated Valentine’s Day at the Roanoke Carilion Children’s Hospital and made Valentine’s with the children.
- Brother4Brother peer mentoring program members joined alumnus Terrence Harrelson in Salem to share their life stories and offer support to teens who find themselves facing life challenges.
- Health and Human Performance Club members hosted “Milk & Cookies With Santa” to benefit the Southern Child Advocacy Center in Franklin County.
- Senior Social Work students provided a holiday reception for volunteers and clients at St. James UMC Community Center.
- By working one-on-one with taxpayers to prepare tax returns, students in Professor David Sulzen’s accounting classes helped STEP Inc. have the best year ever for its free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.
- Sam Belcher ’17, Dorothy Carroll ’18, Hunter Dodson ’19, and Victoria Meza ’18 volunteered last fall for Bless My Sole events at the Rescue Mission’s free clinic in Roanoke. During the events, homeless people come in to have their feet washed and massaged by a group of volunteers who visit with them during the process and get to know them.
- 106 participants sign up during the Be the Match Bone Marrow registry drive organized by BIO 105 students, far surpassing the 35-40 who typically register during similar events.
- The women’s soccer team worked to clean up campus hiking trails during the Campus Grounds Volunteer Work Day.
- A disaster recovery work team from Ferrum College spent for Fall Break in Waverly, VA to continue tornado disaster recovery efforts, working through the Virginia United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.
- Ferrum College “Bombassadors” won a national competition and donated 480 pairs of socks for the homeless to the Rescue Mission in Roanoke.
- Environmental Science faculty & students partnered with Western Virginia Water Authority, Blue Ridge Soil & Water Conservation District, and Benjamin Franklin Middle School educators to teach Franklin Co. 6th graders about human and environmental impacts to watersheds and water quality.
- Japanese Outreach Initiative Coordinator Taiki Sawabe, who is hosted by Ferrum College, helped Franklin County Public Schools secure a Japan Foundation Grant to support their “Japanese Language Advocacy Project in Southwestern Virginia” project.
- Ferrum College’s Rebecca Austin mobilized for flood relief efforts in Baton Rouge. She and other Children’s Disaster Services volunteers are providing childcare services in Baton Rouge, LA.



Delivering Valentines



Bobassadors Win Competition



Teaching About Water Quality



JOI Coordinator Taiki Sawabe



Rebecca Austin