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The 1950s at Blackburn College was a time of transformation, camaraderie, and classic Americana. Walking through campus, one could hear the upbeat rhythms of rock 'n' roll, the harmonious melodies of doo-wop groups, and the cheerful banter of students between work assignments. The post-war optimism was palpable, with a spirit of innovation and progress in the air.

Students gathered in the old rose and black-adorned halls, wearing poodle skirts, letterman jackets, and saddle shoes, emblematic of the era's distinctive fashion. The college's rich traditions were in full swing, with homecoming featuring elaborately decorated residence halls, spirited pep rallies, and basketball games that brought the entire community together.

Blackburn College's classrooms were abuzz with intellectual curiosity, as returning veterans and eager young minds engaged in lively discussions about the future. Social life thrived in cozy in-town diners and the Den, where students bonded over milkshakes and jukebox tunes.

The 1950s at Blackburn College were marked by a sense of unity and shared purpose. It was a decade where lifelong friendships were forged, traditions were celebrated, and the foundation for the College's future was solidified. As we look back, we celebrate the enduring legacy of those years and the timeless spirit of "We Go Together."

Alisha Tapp

Alisha Kapp, Executive Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations

The Beaver Beat

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 am Homecoming Registration Opens in Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center 9:00 am B Club Golf Tournament at Carlinville Country Club 11:00 am Blackburn Family Picnic on the Patio at Jaenke Alumni Center 12:00 pm Golden Beavers Society Luncheon in ADRs of Demuzio Campus Center 1:00 pm Residence Halls Open House throughout campus 4:00 pm The Patricia Wier Mynka Memorial Art Exhibition in the Sharon K. Sandfort Gallery of Art 5:00 pm Meet Up at McKinley (reservation required) 6:00 pm Blackburn Football Reunion in Woodson Hall (reservation required) 6:00 pm Homecoming Coronation in Bothwell Auditorium 7:00 pm Women's Volleyball vs. Lyons College 7:00 pm Cocktails and Karaoke at Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center and Patio 8:00 pm Magical Mayhem in Bothwell Auditorium

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 am Blackburn 5K at Ludlum Hall (registration required) 9:00 am Homecoming Registration Opens in Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center 9:00 am MC Court Dedication at Dawes Gymnasium 10:00 am Blackburn Flag Football Alumni Game at Athletic Field 10:00 am Volleyball Alumni Game in Dawes Gymnasium 11:00 am Blackburn Athletic Center Grand Opening at Blackburn Athletic Center 11:30 am Blackburn Athletic Center Tours 12:00 pm Alumni Association Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting in Mahan Atrium (reservations required) 12:00 pm BeaverNation Fan Zone between Athletic Field and Baseball Field Blackburn Women's Soccer vs. Westminster 1:00 pm Residence Halls Open House throughout campus 1:00 pm Blackburn Baseball Alumni Game 1:00 pm Department of Music and Theatre Reunion in Bothwell Auditorium 2:00 pm Jones Hall Reunion in Jones Hall 2:00 pm Work Program Reunion in ADRs of Demuzio Campus Center 2:00 pm Blackburn Men's Soccer vs. Westminster 3:00 pm Blackburn Softball Alumni Game 3:00 pm 4:00 pm BFAB Scavenger Hunt at Bothwell Auditorium Homecoming Street Party at the Demuzio Campus Center Courtyard 5:00 pm 6:00 pm Athletic Hall of Fame Induction in Mahan Atrium (reservations required)

Commencement Hymn

Unify these years of youth: Fix on us thy three-fold blessing -Friendship, work and will to truth

Blackburn, Blackburn, Alma Mater, Blackburn, now thy sons and daughters Pledging heart and hand and mind, Join themselves to thy first calling -One "For Christ and All Mankind." -J.V.G. Forbes

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

B CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Blackburn College Athletic Boosters will host their annual Homecoming Golf Tournament at Carlinville Country Club's 9-hole course. Tournament fees include cart and greens fees, boxed lunch, and unlimited drinks. Compete in women's and men's challenges with prizes. Four players to a team. **\$400.00/team or \$100.00/pp.** *Limited spots available.*

BLACKBURN FAMILY PICNIC ON THE PATIO

All alumni, students, family, faculty, and staff are invited to the Edwin and Claire Jaenke Alumni Center for our Blackburn Family Picnic on the Patio. The welcome picnic is a great way to get into the rhythm of Homecoming and Family Weekend by catching up with your favorite Beavers and getting back into the groove of our beautiful campus. Come enjoy food, music, games, and community!

RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN HOUSE

Your residence hall was your home away from home during your college years. Your room was the place you decked out with memories from home, plastered posters on the walls, and ignored the pile of laundry in the corner. It was your spot to crash after a long day of classes or work. It's where you made lasting friendships and lifelong memories. The Office of Residence Life is hosting a Residence Halls Open House to give you a chance to revisit your hall while on campus. Check out the common areas and connect with Residence Life Staff to learn what has changed since your time here.

GOLDEN BEAVERS SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Did you graduate in 1974 or earlier? If so, we salute you and are so happy to have you back on campus! Be sure to make plans to join us as you become a member of the Golden Beavers Society and reminisce with fellow Beavers who graduated 50+ years ago. A luncheon for this elite club will be hosted in the ADRs located in the Demuzio Campus Center. \$25.00/pp Registration required by September 13.

MEET UP AT MCKINLEY

Join President Larry and First Lady Cathy Lee on the grounds of McKinley House as they host a backyard barbeque. Enjoy a casual dinner with fellow Blackburnians, take in the beautiful campus views from atop McKinley hill, and toast to the weekend's Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities. **\$25.00/pp** Cash bar available. *Registration required by September 13.*

COCKTAILS & KARAOKE

Have a main character moment at this popular Homecoming event. If you've never tried karaoke before you will not regret it! Come join us for a few cheeky cocktails and karaoke to your heart's content. DJ Bella Event and DJ Services will be spinning the tunes all night long! Cash bar and snack bar will be provided.

BLACKBURN FOOTBALL REUNION AND FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

Reconnect with former teammates, reminisce about the unforgettable moments on and off the field, and create new memories with the Blackburn College community. The weekend will begin with a welcome reception, followed by the highlight of the event – a friendly and fun-filled flag football game featuring our former players. *Registration required*.

BLACKBURN ATHLETIC CENTER GRAND OPENING AND TOURS

The grand opening of the Blackburn Athletic Center will be celebrated with great enthusiasm. This event will mark the inauguration of the new facility designed to enhance the athletic experience for students, faculty, and community members. Guided tours of the Blackburn Athletic Center will follow the ribbon cutting ceremony.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND THEATRE REUNION

The Department of Music and Theatre will host a reunion celebrating the vibrant history and remarkable achievements of our alumni, faculty, and current students. Whether you were a music and theatre major or a member of the Blackburn choir, take advantage of this opportunity to gather, mingle and reflect on how your education in the department has shaped your careers.

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The Athletics Hall of Fame allows us to recognize the individuals who have shaped our athletic identity and brought us success. This year, we are honored to celebrate Justin Cryder '04 (men's soccer), Sierra Shipley '14 (women's basketball), Matt Helms '95 (football), Jon Tipton '03 (men's basketball), Ira Zeff (men's basketball coach and former athletic director) & the 1997-1998 women's basketball team.

JONES HALL REUNION

Calling all current and former residents of Jones Hall - the Queens of Campus! Join the Jones House Council as they host a special residence hall reunion during this year's Homecoming and Family Weekend! Reconnect with old friends and roommates, reminisce about unforgettable moments, and make new memories together. Enjoy refreshments and a stroll down memory lane with tours of Jones.

WORK PROGRAM REUNION

The Blackburn College Student Work Program Reunion is a heartfelt gathering that brings together alumni, students, and staff who have participated in the unique Work Program over the years. This event is a celebration of the camaraderie, dedication, and shared experiences that define the program. Attendees reconnect with old friends, share stories of their time working on campus, and reflect on how the program established a foundation for their lives and careers.

BEAVERNATION FAN ZONE

The BeaverNation Fan Zone is a dynamic and engaging area dedicated to enhancing the game-day experience for Blackburn Athletic supporters. Situated between the soccer pitch and centerfield, this vibrant space features interactive activities, food trucks, swag, creating a festive atmosphere for fans of all ages. The Fan Zone makes a great central hub for community building and spirited celebration of Blackburn Athletics sports culture.

BFAB SCAVENGER HUNT

Join us for the exhilarating Blackburn Fine Arts Boosters (BFAB) Scavenger Hunt, an adventure-filled event designed to challenge your wits, teamwork, and knowledge of our beautiful campus! Whether you're a student, faculty member, or a proud alum, this event promises fun and excitement for all participants. The scavenger hunt will begin at Bothwell Auditorium. *Participation is FREE*.

HOMECOMING STREET PARTY

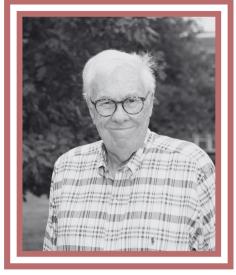
Ready to wrap it up in Blackburn style? We're throwing everything we've got at you during the Homecoming Party...food trucks, photo booth, drinks, and live music! When was the last time you danced under the stars on campus? Local band Fat Chance will bring the sounds of the 1950s. Delicious food and drink options will be available for purchase, and we encourage you to capture your Homecoming memories through our photo booth provided by Fish Eye Fun Photography. Let's end Blackburn's Homecoming weekend with the biggest block party seen on campus in decades! *Cash bar and food truck vendors available.*

For the entire line-up of Homecoming events, visit www.blackburn.edu/homecoming

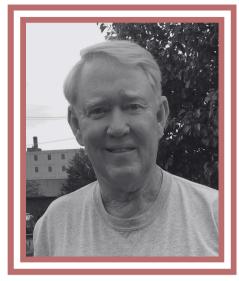
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



Douglas Kondziolka '77 Distinguished Alumni Award (awarded posthumously)



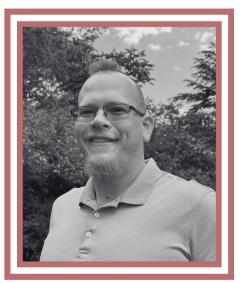
Jim Faust '64 Gideon Blackburn Award



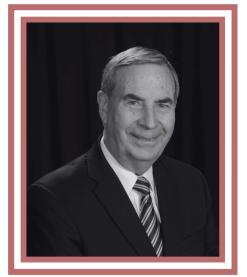
Paul R. James '67 Gideon Blackburn Award



Dr. Lisa Black-Gomez '81 Cynthia Williams Lamar '73 Service Award



Aaron Brown '20 Harold and Elizabeth Ziegler Service Award



Dr. Norman A. Patterson '62, DDS, D.Min., Emeritus Service to Humanity Award



Barbara Simons '63 Alumni Achievement Award (awarded posthumously)



Salina Brown '03 Harold and Elizabeth Ziegler Service Award



Brady Wilkinson '18 Alumni Early Achievement Award

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Distinguished Alumni Award is given only once to any one individual who has demonstrated significant contributions to society or a profession (such as receipt of national and/or international honors and/or demonstrated leadership).

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Achievement Award is given for demonstrating significant achievement in an individual's personal or public career.

THE HAROLD AND ELIZABETH ZIEGLER SERVICE AWARD

The Harold and Elizabeth Ziegler Service Award is given to an individual who has rendered loyal volunteer service to Blackburn College during the past year.

GIDEON BLACKBURN AWARD

The Gideon Blackburn Award is given to an alumnus/alumna or non-alumnus/alumna who has rendered valuable service to the College in terms of time, money, influence, service, etc. The recipient keeps alive the memory of Dr. Blackburn and the period from 1837 to the time of Dr. Hudson's coming to the College in 1912.

SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

The Service to Humanity Award is intended to recognize those individuals who are giving, or have given of themselves in significant ways for the betterment of humanity, without thought of recognition or compensation. Their efforts have helped to provide support or resources to people who would otherwise go without.

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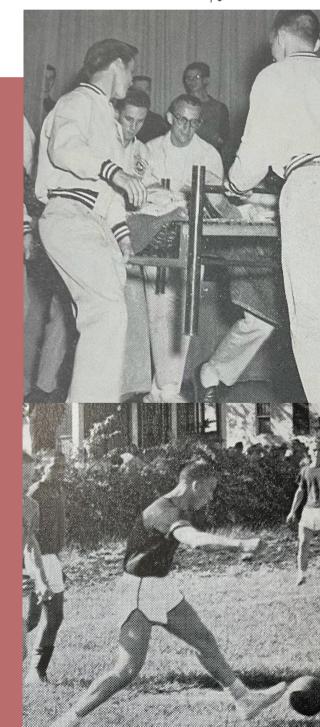
The Cynthia Williams Lamar '73 Service Award honors the outstanding work on behalf of the Blackburn College Alumni Association by Cynthia Williams LaMar '73, former Alumni Board member and a past Alumni Board President (1995-1997). The recipient has demonstrated unrelenting efforts, leadership, dedication, and outstanding contributions to the success of the Blackburn College Alumni Association.

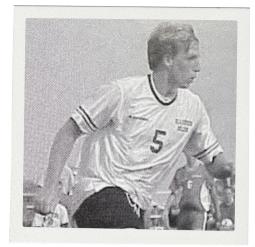
ALUMNI EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Early Achievement Award honors alumni who have demonstrated significant achievements before the age of 40. The individual(s) must have retained a strong association in some capacity with the College including philanthropic support, volunteer service, and/or an advocacy role. This individual has demonstrated leadership ability or attained prominence in their business, profession, or endeavors. The individual should be involved in community service or civic engagement in some level in his/her local or global community.

To submit a nomination for the 2025 Alumni Association Awards, please visit <u>https://blackburn.edu/alumni-award-nominations/.</u>

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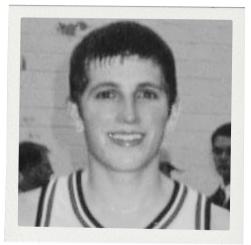
Justin Cryder - Class of 2004 Men's Soccer



Matt Helms - Class of 1995 Football



Sierra Shipley - Class of 2014 Women's Basketball



Jon Tipton - Class of 2003 Men's Basketball



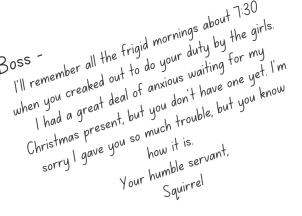
Ira Zeff - Coach & Athletic Director Men's Basketball



1997-1998 Women's Basketball Team









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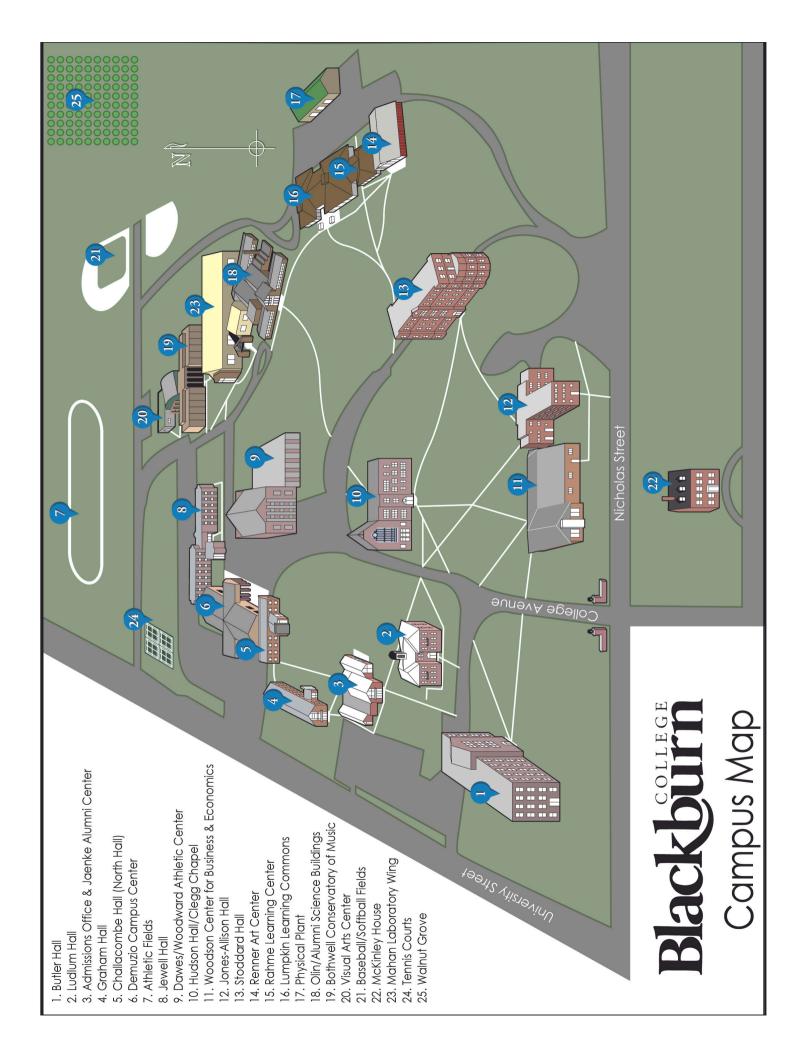
We are delighted to invite you to our 50th Class Reunion of the Blackburn College Class of 1974. It's time to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the golden anniversary of our graduation. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon filled with laughter, memories, and nostalgia.

Co-Hosted by: Jim and Chris (Lank) West and Mike and Jean (Bigford) Strosinski Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024 Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Address: 12855 Apache Lane, Plainview, IL 62685

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Come see us next year - we'll have some more bubble gum parties, Sincerety, Jaw Dryden



2024 HOMECOMING SHIRT

Don't miss out on showing your school spirit with a 2024 Blackburn College Homecoming tee! This t-shirt is the perfect way to keep school spirit going strong. **\$20.00/per shirt**

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Please return this form or register at www.blackburn.edu/homecoming



Homecoming in a Box

The fifth edition of Blackburn's Homecoming in a Box returns for the 2024 Homecoming festivities. Whether you are unable to make it to campus or are traveling in for the weekend celebration, you will want all the customized essentials that go along with this year's theme. Boxes will be mailed prior to Homecoming weekend or you can elect to pick up your order at the Registration Table. Only 75 boxes will be sold, and when they're gone, they're gone! Don't miss out on grabbing yours. \$65.00/box. Orders must be placed by September 1.



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