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Success! Averett Exceeds \$25 Million Capital Campaign Goal

On Thursday, April 23, Averett celebrated the success of its first comprehensive capital campaign, which as of March 31 had raised \$28,217,627. The campaign will officially end June 30, 2015. To see the full list of projects that have been completed or will be underway later this year click here. In addition to announcing a successful campaign, the University also announced it will break ground on the Frank R. Campbell Stadium Nov. 2, which you can read about here.

We could not have surpassed our goal without the help of our generous donors and we want to thank each and every one of you for what you've helped us accomplish in the last five years. Our students wanted to say thank you, too. Click here to watch a special video from them.



Softball Team Has Record-Breaking Year

AVERETT IS IN! SOFTBALL

The Averett softball team had one of the best seasons in the history of Averett Athletics. And their season isn't over yet. On Monday, May 4, the team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. They will play Berry College on Friday in Atlanta. The team is going into the tournament ranked 19th nationally.

During the regular season, the Cougars went 32-1-1 to win the USA South regular season title. In the process, they earned national recognition, peaking at No. 13 in the nation in the National Fastpitch Coaches

AU Calendar

May 7
Faculty/Staff/Retiree
Appreciation
Luncheon

May 9 Spring 2015 Commencement

May 20 Summer Session I Begins

> May 25 Memorial Day

Full Calendar

Association Top 25 poll. They took home a number of individual accolades, including Conference Player of the Year (junior Taylor Dix), Pitcher of the Year (junior Mary Beth Smith) and Coach of the Year (Bren Taylor). In all, five players made the USA South All-Conference First Team and one made Second Team. The team set program single-season records for overall wins (34) and conference wins (22).

Founder of Infinity Global to Address Graduates

Ron Palmer, founder and CEO of Infinity Global, will address more than 270 graduates during Averett's spring Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9 at the E. Stuart James



Grant Convocation and Athletic Center. Palmer received his Master of Business Administration degree through Averett's Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) Program in 2000.

Infinity Global is the premier provider of branded packaging and packaging solutions to luxury and specialty retailers. It has offices in Danville, Hong Kong and the Netherlands, and it offers global sourcing and production in the U.S., China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

New Partnerships Expand Learning Opportunities

Averett has recently signed articulation agreements with Danville Community College (DCC) and Piedmont Community College (PCC). This will make the transfer process



seamless for DCC and PCC graduates who have Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Thanks to these agreements, students who graduate from either DCC or PCC with an AAS degree and a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher will be guaranteed automatic acceptance into the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program at Averett. In addition, all transferrable credits from the colleges will be accepted at full value.

At Averett, students will pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science degree with a minor in Leadership Studies through the University's Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) or IDEAL programs. They will be required to have a total of at least 120 semester hours,

30 hours of which must be completed at Averett. For more information about this program, contact Katherine Pappas at 434-791-7132.



435 Volunteers Serve During "Week to Engage"

For seven days in April, 435 volunteers spent more than 850 hours in the community

performing various acts of service. (According to the Independent Sector, that translates to an economic benefit of \$20,070.90 to the region.) Students, faculty and staff from Averett University, Danville Community College and Piedmont Community College worked with 22 community partners including God's Storehouse, Habitat for Humanity, the Boys & Girls Club of the Danville Area and Cedar Terrace Youth Center as part of Week to Engage. The week of activities was organized by the Center for Community Engagement and Career Competiveness (CCECC). Pictures from the week can be found on the CCECC's Facebook page by clicking here.

As a result of Week to Engage, other people and organizations in the community have followed in our footsteps. UPS has offered to partner with the United Way to send their employees to continue assisting senior citizens with house/yard clean up.

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