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The legacy of Dr. David J. Rowland

On December 23, 2019, our community lost a great man...Dr. David Jack Rowland. He was 98.

Dr. Rowland was born in Columbus, Ohio on June 17, 1921. He graduated from Lash High School in Zanesville, Ohio in 1938; from Ohio University with a Bachelor's of Science in 1949; the University of Alabama with a Master of Arts in 1951; was awarded an L.L.D from Jacksonville State University and an Litt.D. from Athens State University.

Dr. Rowland was well known for his love of America.

He enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Colonel, retiring in 1977. He was Chairman of the Map Department, 3rd Army Intelligence School, and served as a Platoon leader, Company Commander, Detachment Commander, G-2, and Chief of Staff in the Army. During World War II, he was stationed in the American Theater, including pre-flight training at The University of Alabama. It was there he met Mary Ellen Stinson from Birmingham. They married on April 8, 1944 and were married for 63 years until her death in April 2007.

In 1956, Dr. Rowland was named President of Walker College and served in that role until his retirement in 1988. He then served as Chancellor of Walker College from 1988 to 1995 and as Interim President and Vice President of UAB from 1995-1997. Upon his arrival at Walker College, the college had 32 students, four teachers and one building. After 40 years of service, Walker College was an accredited college with over 1,000 students, 14 buildings, and an endowment of over \$5 million. His desire

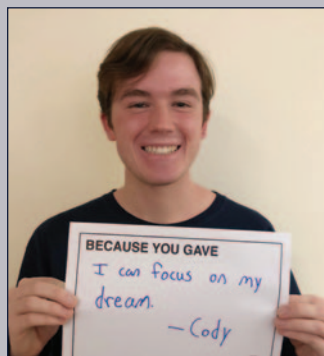


Dr. David Jack Rowland

for our community to have accessible higher education created a legacy that will exist for generations through Beville State Community College (formerly Walker College) and the Walker College Foundation (WCF), a scholarship foundation created from the Walker College endowment that provides scholarships for students attending Beville State and other colleges.

Dr. Rowland was an avid community supporter. He served on many boards including the WCF Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of both the First National (cont. on page 2)

Dr. David J. and Mary Ellen Rowland Scholarship Recipient



Cody Gilbert

Cody Gilbert joined the WCF Scholars Society in Fall 2019 as a freshman at Beville State and a recipient of the Dr. David J. and Mary Ellen Rowland Scholarship. Cody graduated from Curry High School where was a very active student. He has continued that activity during his first year in college by joining SGA and serving as an SSS Ambassador. He has volunteered for every WCF community service project including helping with the 1966-1970 alumni reunion. He recently participated in a job shadowing program with Bernard's Store for Men. When he is not in class or volunteering, he works at Musgrove Country Club. Cody plans to pursue a degree in business - accounting.





Justin pinned during Associate Degree Nursing pinning program

Justin Levan graduates from nursing program

Nursing pinning ceremony held in December 2019

Justin Levan's path to nursing has been an adventure. When he accepted the WCF scholarship, he planned to pursue a degree in general studies while taking time to determine his future career. **Justin was an active member of the Scholars Society** and we looked forward to seeing his positive attitude at our scholar lunches. Justin was also a member of Beville

State's Scholars Bowl Team and traveled with the team to state and regional academic competitions.

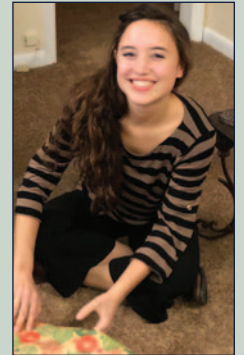
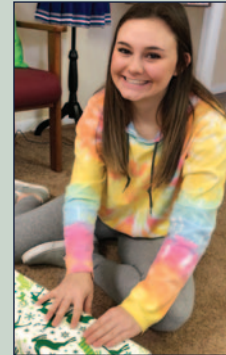
When Justin decided to pursue a career in nursing, we supported him all the way. He worked hard and **graduated** from Beville State's nursing program in **December 2019**. Congratulations to Justin in his new career as an **RN in the UAB Emergency Department**.



Allie, Karlie, Maranda, and Caitlin buy gifts for APSO Plant Miller's gift program



Connor, Kayleigh, and Ingrid wrap toys for Capstone Rural Health Center.



Your scholars give back

Students participate in community service during the holidays

Scholars Society members are asked to participate in community service projects each year to give back to the community that made their scholarships possible.

During the 2019-20 academic year, scholars volunteered with many organizations to help our community. In November, students volunteered with **Alabama Power's Plant Miller Service Organization** to purchase Christmas gifts for families in need. They also decorated the **Alabama Bicentennial Tree** during the **Festival of Lights** in downtown Jasper.

In December, scholars took a day to ring the bell for the **Salvation Army Kettle Campaign**. They collected and wrapped toys for **Capstone Rural Health Center** clients.

On their own, many scholars volunteer with animal shelters, food banks, health organizations, mission teams, their churches and other non-profit organizations.



Jordan, Jacob, Daniel, and Brannon ring the bell during the Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign

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WCF Trustees Dr. David Rowland and Rusty Richardson at WCF's annual scholarship reception

Bank of Jasper and the First Commercial Bank of Birmingham, the Jasper Industrial Development Board, the Walker County Salvation Army, United Way, Rotary Club of Jasper, Lions Club, the Walker Area Chamber of Commerce, the Black Warrior Council/Boy Scouts of America and more.

Dr. Rowland was member of the FUMC of Jasper for 63 years. He was a Mason, a member of the Military Officers Association of the U.S., and a member of the American Legion. His civilian awards include the Rotary International

Paul Harris Fellow, the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award, Alabama Senior Hall of Fame, and Top 50 Over 50 in Alabama. **The City of Jasper declared June 30, 2015 as Dr. David Rowland Day.** In 2016, the **I-22 bridge over Town Creek was proclaimed the Dr. David Jack Rowland Bridge.**

After retirement, Dr. Rowland spent his time as an amateur artist, writer, wood carver, and volunteer. He enjoyed tree and horse farming, developing real estate, art shows, long walks, and traveling. **He will be missed by all of us.**

Memorials and Honors

Below is a list of individuals who have been remembered or honored by friends or family with a gift to the Walker College Foundation. Donations were made between September 2019 - January 2020.

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Walker College Alumni Reunion held in January 2020

Classes of 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1970 meet in the Bevill State Francis Israel Cafeteria

Walker College Alumni from the classes 1966-1970 held a second reunion in Jasper on January 12, 2020. Many of the individuals who attended the reunion in July 2019 and in January 2020 were reunited after 50 years! They shared fun memories, looked through photos and yearbooks, and vowed to continue their renewed friendships. They are already talking about the next gathering!

If you and your classmates are interested in having an alumni reunion, let us know how we can help!

