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ASU Distinguished Alumni
Lecture Series

April 2–5

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Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series

Itinerary

Mr. Christopher Pike

Only a Man Looking for a Dream

April 2 | 11 a.m.

Eula Lovett Hall, East Campus

Sponsors: College of Arts and Humanities

Ms. Elizabeth Lovett

Nursing in the Rural South and Entrepreneurship

April 2 | 12 p.m.

L-127, West Campus

Sponsors: Darton College of Health Professions

Dr. Angela Shumate

Making Connections in Education

April 3 | 10 a.m.

BCB Auditorium (150), East Campus

Sponsors: College of Education

Chief David L. Perry

The Benefits of Graduate Education for Albany State University

April 3 | 5:30 p.m.

BCB 143, East Campus

Sponsors: Office of Graduate Studies and the MPA Program

Ms. Erika Estrada

The Road Well Traveled: The Importance of Resilience in Business and Your Career

April 4 | 12 p.m.

Peace Hall 127, East Campus

Sponsors: College of Business

Dr. Kenya Lemon

Planning for Success

April 5 | 10 a.m.

Eula Lovett Hall, East Campus

Sponsors: College of Science and Technology

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The **Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series** highlights professionals from ASU's broad alumni base. The series provides an opportunity for alumni to invest in the professional development of ASU students by offering valuable insight into various career fields. Speakers will discuss topics in the areas of entrepreneurship, business, education, medicine, management, safety and more.



Mr. Christopher Pike

Only a Man Looking for a Dream

Christopher G. Pike serves as the Director of Economic Development for the City of Villa Rica, Georgia. Along with his economic development role, he serves as the executive director of the Villa Rica Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Villa Rica Downtown Development Authority. A seasoned economic development professional, Pike is responsible for creating, cultivating and managing programs and projects that meet the ever-changing needs of one of Georgia's fastest growing cities.

In addition to his responsibilities to the City of Villa Rica, Pike serves with many organizations throughout west Georgia, including the Business Development Committee for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Committee for the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce and the Historic High Country Travel Association. In January 2018, he was elected president-elect of the Historic High Country Travel Association and will serve as president of the association in 2019.

Prior to joining the City of Villa Rica, Pike served in several capacities for the City of Albany, where he was elected to the Albany City Commission and served one term as mayor pro tem. In addition to serving in city government, Pike worked in several other capacities, including the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission, Tax Allocation District Board, Long Term Financial Planning Board, Georgia Municipal Association Legislative Policy Council, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority.

Pike is a Spring 2016 participant of the Georgia Young GameChangers and a previous recipient of the Southwest Georgia 40 Under 40 from the Albany Herald. He is also a founding member of DC GameChangers, a group of forward-thinking young leaders working to improve the quality of life for Douglas County citizens.

A sought-after speaker, Pike has presented at several conferences on topics such as economic development, downtown development, public policy, tourism, organization leadership and team development. Recent conferences have included the Mayor's Day Conference and Annual

Conference for the Georgia Municipal Association; Winter Chautauqua for the Historic High Country Travel Association and the Northeast Georgia Mountains Travel Association and the International Downtown Association Annual Conference.

A graduate of Albany State University (ASU), Pike received his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice in 2001. He then went on to Troy State University (Troy University) where he received his Master of Science degree in management with a concentration in leadership and organizational effectiveness in 2003. Pike is a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP). EDFP is a national certification awarded through the National Development Council (NDC).

While at Albany State, Pike participated in many student organizations, including the Student Government Association. He was a member of the Albany State University Marching Rams Show Band under the direction of the late Dr. Lamar Smith, serving three years as drum major. Christopher also participated in the University Jazz and Concert Bands. Pike is a Life Member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Spring 98. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Fall 99.

Above all else, Pike's greatest accomplishment is being dad to three wonderful children, Trinity 14, Christopher 11 and Tayden 8.



Elizabeth Lovett

Nursing in the Rural South and Entrepreneurship

Elizabeth Ingram Lovett ('74 and '92) received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Albany State College (ASC). She has been a nurse for most of her professional career, helping to service the health needs of patients. She has also taught and trained post-secondary students to pursue careers in the health profession and developed programs to address the health needs of Southwest Georgia. Lovett spent most of her initial years at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital where she served as both a nurse clinician and nurse educator. Always looking to promote the nursing profession, Lovett has shared her knowledge with students at Albany Technical College, the former Darton State College, as well as her alma mater.

In 2001, Lovett began teaching at ASU full time, and there she also leveraged external funds by securing a grant from the National Library of Medicine. The purpose of the grant was to educate underserved African Americans on the use of technology to access credible health information. During her tenure, Lovett was responsible for securing funding and implementing programs from a multitude of sources, including the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She was instrumental in bringing millions of dollars in external funds to the ASU campus.

Today, Lovett devotes her time to her private company Go With A Medical Professional and Go With A Nurses Assistant, Inc., where she teaches a state approved curriculum to potential and existing nurses. She also lends her talents to helping local and regional organizations secure grant funded programs, especially those that will help uplift the greater Southwest Georgia region. In addition, she makes time to support local community agencies through past and present membership including the American Heart Association, the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition, the American Diabetes Association, the American Lung Association, as well as the Nursing Advisory Boards for Valdosta State University, Albany Technical College, and Darton State College.



Dr. Angela Shumate

Making Connections in Education

Dr. Angela D. Shumate ('91 and '95) received bachelor's and master's degrees in early childhood education from Albany State University (ASU). In 1997, she received her education specialist degree in elementary education from Troy State University in Phenix City, Alabama. She is the principal of Lamar Reese Magnet School of the Arts in Dougherty County and an adjunct instructor at Albany Technical College (ATC).

She became certified in educational leadership and supervision from Albany State University in March 2002. She received a specialist degree in educational leadership and completed all requirements for her doctoral

degree from Argosy University in Sarasota, Florida in March 2006.

Shumate is a member of the Beta Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and a life member of the Albany State University National Alumni Association. She is spiritually connected with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia, under the leadership of Dr. Daniel Simmons where she serves as an ordained minister and a daughter of Zion.

Shumate was born in Dawson, Georgia. She is the daughter of George and Bertha Williams of Dawson. She attended and received her elementary and high school education in the Terrell County Public School System. Shumate is married to Abraham Shumate and has one son, Austin, a daughter, Ariel, one stepdaughter, LaPorsha, and a goddaughter, Asia. She is the daughter-in-law of Willard and Martha Fulmore of Albany. She is indebted to her friends and family for their constant support, encouragement, and inspiration as she continues to “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”. (Matthew 6:33).



Chief David L. Perry

The Benefits of Graduate Education for Albany State University

Florida State University's Chief of Police, David L. Perry, has worked in law enforcement since 1993. He began his career as a police officer for the Albany Police Department in Albany, where he quickly rose to the rank of investigator then transferred to the Albany Dougherty Drug Unit. At age 26, he was appointed Chief of Police at Albany State University. From 2003 to 2006, Perry served as the Deputy Chief of Police for Clemson University. In 2006, David accepted the position as Chief of Police for Florida State University (FSU).

As FSU's Assistant Vice President for Safety and Chief of Police, his responsibilities include overseeing safety, police and security services on Florida campuses in Panama City, Sarasota, and at the Florida State University School (K-12) in addition to his main campus responsibilities. The FSU Police Department currently has 75 sworn officers and a number of security and administrative personnel at each location. His responsibilities also include overseeing access control and CCTV

systems, transportation – parking enforcement and emergency management for the university.

In addition to serving as the immediate past president for the North Florida Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, David is a dedicated board member for the Florida Police Chiefs Association (1st Vice President), a member of the Red Cross of the Big Bend and is the immediate past president for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, which represents all colleges and universities in the world.

David is a graduate of Albany State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice ('93). He holds a Master's in Public Administration from Albany State University ('02). He has also completed the basic police recruit training academies in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.



Erika Estrada

The Road Well Traveled: The Importance of Resilience in Business and Your Career

Erika Estrada is an accomplished business professional with a career that has afforded her opportunities in Big 4 public accounting, management consulting, a Silicon Valley startup and, most recently, owner of her own accounting and advisory firm – AccuLedger, which she launched in 2016. Estrada is a proud 2005 magna cum laude graduate of Albany State University and a 2011 MBA graduate of Emory University's Goizueta Business School. She is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in the State of Georgia. In addition to her business endeavors, Estrada is also passionate about community involvement. She is an active member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a business mentor to local entrepreneurs and serves on the board of Ladies of Favor Inc. and Jelani Girls Inc. In her free time, Estrada enjoys domestic and international travel (she's visited over 30 countries), distance running and spending time with family and friends at her home in Atlanta.



Dr. Kenya Lemon

Planning for Success

Dr. Kenya Lemon describes herself as a molecular biologist by training but a mentor at heart. She aspires to educate and motivate the next generation of independent thinkers, while empowering students to take ownership of their learning and future.

In 2003, Lemon, an Honors Program Merit Scholar and Presidential Scholar, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biology from Albany State University (ASU). After conducting biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health as a National Cancer Institute research fellow, Lemon went on to earn her doctoral degree in cellular and molecular medicine from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2012. Currently, Lemon is an assistant professor of biology in the Department of Biological Sciences at Albany State. Her research interests are focused on understanding the basic cellular and molecular mechanisms linked to cancer development and progression with particular interest in the health disparities observed in Southwest Georgia. The ultimate goal of her research endeavors entails the translation of discoveries in the laboratory into new therapies in the clinic.

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