DR. CATHY RANDALL ANNOUNCES HER RETIREMENT

As the Fall, 2004 semester got underway, CBHP students and alumni were surprised with the announcement from Dr. Cathy Randall that she would be stepping down as Director of the program. Dr. Randall mentioned as one of the reasons for the timing of her announcement, the consolidation of all honors programs under the new Honors College. She saw this as a good time for a new director to take over and begin working with Dr. Robert Halli, the new Dean of the Honors College. Dr. Randall was honored with a Retirement Reception on October 26, 2004 to properly recognize and thank her for 25 years of service to CBHP and 29 years of service to the University of Alabama.

Dr. Randall has literally been involved with CBH since the very beginning, starting as a student in the very first CBH class back in 1968! Her love for the program and for the students has always been very evident and she leaves a huge hole for the next Director to fill. She will truly be missed for her generous & welcoming personality and of course, for her always-present & cheerful smile!

PICTURES FROM DR. RANDALL’S RECEPTION

Dr. Cathy Randall & Dr. Robert Halli, Dean of Honors College  
CBH Alum Mike Wolfe, Dr. Cathy Randall & Mike’s wife, Candy Wolfe
WHERE ARE THEY NOW? UPDATES ON CBH ALUMNI

There have been many families where multiple members have been involved in the CBH Program. No family, however, has had more siblings involved than the Cates Family. Starting with Jim as a member of the Freshman Class of 1984 through Joe (1986), Charlotte (1989), and finally, Claire in 1990, at least one member of this family was in CBH for a 10 year period. So, where have these four siblings gone since graduating? Here’s the latest update on their lives.

Jim Cates, Freshman Class of 1984: After graduating from UA with a degree in Physics, Jim remained at the University and received his Doctorate in Physics in 1993. He is currently the Senior Director of Drive Development at Storage Technology Corporation in Louisville, Colorado. His married to Kay Cates, who is also a University alumna. They have 4 children, James, Sarah, John, and Joseph.

Joe Cates, Freshman Class of 1986: After graduating from the University of Alabama in 1990, Joe attended California Institute of Technology where he received a Ph.D. in Aerospace in 1996. After graduate school, Joe worked at Universal Studios New Media Group and Universal Music Group on various Internet project. He currently lives in Redmond, Washington where he works for Microsoft Corporation in the Media/Entertainment & Technology Convergence Group. Joe is married and has two children, ages 3 and 1.

Charlotte Cates Gard, Freshman Class of 1988: Charlotte graduated from UA in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics. In the fall of 1992, she entered the MBA program at the Univ. of Texas at Austin, funded by a scholarship from the Dept. of Defense. Upon completion of her MBA degree, she began working for the U.S. Army in the Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office on Redstone Arsenal, AL. She completed a 3-year developmental assignment that exposed her to various aspects of Army program management. In 1988, she left Redstone Arsenal bound for Las Cruces, NM. While there, Charlotte married Duke Gard, a U.S. Army helicopter pilot stationed at White Sands Missile Range. She had met Duke in an Army training course the previous year. Also in 1998, Charlotte entered the Masters of Experimental Statistics program at New Mexico State University. Soon after completing her degree, Charlotte and Duke relocated to the Washington, D.C. area. Duke left Army active duty and began working as a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton. Charlotte accepted a position with Research Triangle Institute, a non-profit research organization. At RTI, she provided statistical support to a number of studies conducted by the National Institutes of Health. In August of 2004, they relocated once again, to Seattle, WA. Charlotte is back in school, working on a Ph.D. degree in Biostatistics at the University of Washington. Duke remains with BAH. Charlotte and Duke are enjoying the change of scenery and are excited to be living closer to her brother Joe and his family!

Claire Cates Haulk, Freshman Class of 1990: Claire graduated from UA in 1994, and proceeded to obtain a Master’s Degree in Mathematics from Georgia Institute of Technology. While there, she met and married Kevin Haulk, a math student from Georgia. Claire then worked for Delta Technology, a subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, for three years as a software engineer. Upon the birth of her son, Claire left her job to become a “stay-at-home” mom, a job she has been enjoying. Claire and Kevin have two children now—Nathaniel, age 5, and Rebecca, age 3. The family lives in Griffin, GA, where Kevin is a senior SW engineer at NCR.
QUOTES AND MEMORIES OF DR. RANDALL

A request was sent out to CBHP alumni and current students for any memories or anecdotes they would like to contribute concerning Dr. Randall and her time as Director of the Computer Based Honors Program. Following are some of these “memories”.

Dawn Archer Israel, Freshman Class of 1984:

“Cathy Randall may be the most remarkable person I know. She is obviously a charismatic leader, but also a wonderful person with genuine love and concern for the people she knows. Like many students, I met Cathy while deciding where to go to college. Cathy was instrumental in my decision to attend the University of Alabama and, of course, to be a part of the CBH program. I had my share of struggles with the CBH course work, as well as the computers themselves, but Cathy helped me keep going. When deciding what to do after graduating, Cathy encouraged me to explore all of my options and backed me one hundred percent on my decision to attend graduate school to study microbiology, though she might have chosen differently for me. It has been many years now since I was in the CBH program and I never would have guessed that our lives would still be as connected as they are.

She is one of the people along my journey through life that I will never forget and, hopefully, with whom I will never lose touch. I hope and pray all of the best for her as she enters this new phase of her life!”

Claire Cates Haulk, Freshman Class of 1990:

“We are all greatly indebted to Dr. Randall for her many contributions to CBHP! Dr. Randall has been the heart of the program and did so much to make it valuable for the students. In the time I was there, I especially remember the work she did to expand the scholarship program because I know this really made a difference for some. Also, like many others, I remember Dr. Randall for her positive spirit and her willingness to do anything to help her students. She always had a positive word to say. I wish her the happiest retirement!”

Colby Allsbrook, Freshman Class of 1989:

“Few people have had as great or as positive an impact on my life as Dr. Cathy Randall. My decision to attend the Univ. of Alabama was, in large part, based on Cathy’s enthusiasm for and dedication to CBHP and to its students — a message she conveyed with all of her usual warmth and sincerity from the first time we ever met. While at Alabama, Cathy helped me fulfill the promise of that decision by serving as a teacher, mentor, advocate, and friend. She has since gone out of her way to stay in touch, and I can fondly recall several visits with her and members of her family in Washington, D.C. and New York City. While Cathy will be greatly missed at the University and at the helm of CBHP, where she leaves a tremendous legacy, I know that her inspiration and her friendship will endure. I extend my warmest wishes and deepest appreciation in celebration of her retirement.”
Janet Walker Davis, Freshman Class of 1984:

“Like many past & current CBHP students, I owe a lot to Dr. Randall. After visiting the UA campus while my sisters were in graduate school, I had my heart set on attending the Capstone. However, there were many financial issues to consider. I managed to get enough small scholarships to convince my parents to allow me to start UA, with hopes that some other aid would come my way. Many of these small scholarships were one-year, non-renewable scholarships, and so were no longer available as I started my Sophomore year. Not sure how long I would be able to remain at the Capstone, I started classes that Fall of 1985, including CBH 201. On the first day of class, Dr. Randall informed me that I would be receiving a CBH scholarship. I don’t know that I ever really told her just how much that meant to me (& my parents).

One of my memories of my time in CBH is of when Dr. Randall had us take the Meyers-Briggs Test—which was supposed to help assess personality type and provide guidance toward a good career path. I didn’t take it very seriously as I was answering the questions, and so, when Dr. Randall went over my results with me, it basically said I should be anything BUT an engineer! (which was my major, of course). For some reason, Dr. Randall found this amusing! The next time we took the Meyers-Briggs Test, I took it a little more seriously!

CBHP and Dr. Randall both had a great impact on my life, as they did for many students. So, I wanted to take this opportunity to tell Cathy “Thank You”, and may you have a wonderful “retirement” as you move into the next phase of your life. Somehow, I just don’t see you ever sitting back and taking it easy, even though you have definitely earned the right after putting up with college kids for 25 years!”

Karen Harwell, Freshman Class of 1988:

“Dr. Randall has a true spirit of encouragement. Her bubbly personality and “can do” attitude always kept me going. Her zest for life is an example to us all. (Besides, she also writes an exceptional letter of recommendation!”

Jaclyn Chancy Whitehorn, Freshman Class of 1995:

“Cathy is the single reason I came to Alabama or even got into computers at all. It’s gotten me a job and a husband (in some order) so I’m pretty grateful.”

MORE PICTURES FROM DR. RANDALL’S RECEPTION

CBH Freshmen Students with Dr. Cathy Randall (l to r) Andrew Duren, Anna Slagle, Tyler Keenum, & Tony Rogers

Dr. Cathy Randall & Darren Evans-Young, Freshman Instructor since 1989.
Congratulations to the following CBHP Award Recipients for the 2003-2004 academic year!

H. Pettus Randall, Jr. Scholarship Winner: Zac Riddle
H.H. Chapman Award Winner: Daniel I. Morrison
Ken Tobola Outstanding Research Project Award Winner: Amanda Neely
Jerry C. Pruett Memorial Scholarship Winner: Andrew Lewis
Charles L. Seebeck Outstanding UA Student Award Winner: Rob Davis
Coach Ken Donahue Student Excellence Award: A.J. Thompson
Outstanding Senior: Sarah Withrow
Outstanding Juniors: Richard Carey, Kevin DeAndrade
Outstanding Sophomores: Cody Locke, Jennifer Phillips
Darren Evans-Young Outstanding Freshman Award: Jacob Batson
Outstanding Service Award Winners: Alan Johnson, Amanda Neely, Shermeen Memon, Sarah Withrow

ALUMENTOR

ALUMentor will be a web portal providing an opportunity for CBH alumni and students to keep in touch with each other. This will provide an opportunity for career networking or just getting in touch with an old friend, without having to do an internet search and hoping you get the right person! It will also provide an easy method of updating contact information for the Seebeck Society, instead of the tried and true methods (please note request under “Reminders” for updating your information).

Keep checking the CBHP web site (http://www.chbp.ua.edu) to see when ALUMentor will be up and running!

REMINDERS

Your company may have a matching funds benefit. Don’t forget that double the donations mean double the scholarships!

Please send your latest contact information (mailing address, email, phone, etc) to Jane Batson to ensure that she has the most current information. Her email address is jbatson@bama.ua.edu.
Thank you for joining the Seebeck Society. Please check all of the following that apply.

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