

Danny Basil

Hiseville High School - Class of 1968

Danny Basil was born and raised in Barren County, the child of the late William and Dorothy Basil. He has twin brothers, Rondal and Richard Basil, and had a sister, Linda Williams, who was lost in an automobile accident in 1992. He first attended Hiseville School, then Slick Rock and Eastern Elementary, before graduating from Hiseville High School in 1968. Danny graduated as salutatorian of his class with a GPA of 3.927. Busy in other activities, he was president of the FFA, where he won the state public speaking contest in 1967 and statewide impromptu speaking contest in 1968. He was also the starting center of one of Hiseville's best basketball teams, who won seventeen games in the 1967-68 season.

Danny and his wife, the former Marla Dawsey, started dating while still in high school, and married in October of 1970. While out driving at the University of Kentucky one night in the spring of 1970, they came upon an Air Force ROTC building that was burning on campus. They watched it burn. It was a time of great political unrest. Governor Nunn called out the Kentucky National Guard and declared martial law on the UK campus. Thousands demonstrated. Three days later, while at least a thousand were demonstrating around the remaining ROTC building, Danny proceeded through the crowd and joined the Air Force ROTC. In two years he was the Commander of the entire Cadet Corps. In May of 1972, he received a commission of 2nd Lieutenant, and was awarded one of only two AFROTC Distinguished Military Graduate designations awarded in 1972. His degree was a BS in Forestry with Distinction.

Danny's primary duty assignment was to the Air Force Human Resources Laboratory in San Antonio, Texas, where he served until June, 1975. While there, they received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and upon discharge, he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

During his time in the US Air Force, the military pay was not adequate and Danny became a licensed real estate agent, working several additional hours per week, as he and Marla were married and son Scott was now two years old. The University of Texas allowed military personnel to attend graduate school as a full time student for \$48.00 per semester. It was too great of an opportunity to miss, and Danny began a Master of Business Administration Degree while continuing to work two jobs. He was able to finish that degree at Western Kentucky University in 1978, just prior to law school.

In the period between 1975 and 1978, Danny farmed, had beef cattle, corn, hay, and tobacco on 315 acres he rented and was the timber buyer for Dickerson Lumber Company while finishing his MBA at WKU.

Danny began law school at the University of Kentucky in the fall of 1978 while continuing to work for Dickerson Lumber Company on weekends and during holiday breaks. While still in law school, he enjoyed a job in the Kentucky Legislature during the 1980 session, when he worked as an amendment analyst for House Speaker Bill Kenton. During that time Danny also taught a 3rd year course in logging at 8:00 AM in the UK Forestry Department. Danny later wrote an article on changes to the Kentucky Worker's Compensation law that was published in the Kentucky Law Journal. Upon graduation from law school, he began practicing law here in Barren County in 1981 with the law firm of Riherd, Richardson, and Patton.

In December of 1983, Danny began a solo private law practice. He then ran for and won the race for Barren County Attorney in 1985. He served as County Attorney until 1990 while maintaining a farm, dairy operation, and a lumber sawmill which he and his son Scott had built in 1984. In 1987, Danny taught a Business Law course at the Glasgow campus of Western Kentucky University for 3rd year students. His law practice has included civil and criminal cases as counsel for both plaintiffs and defendants all across Kentucky. Danny and Marla's only child, Scott Basil, graduated from UK Law School in 1997, and practiced with him here in Barren County for several years. Marla was the office manager for sixteen years. In 2011, Danny began to reduce his practice and Scott took over the office completely in 2012. Danny will only occasionally work on legal matters now. He currently serves on the Glasgow-Barren County Joint Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustments. He stays busy on various projects he hopes to someday finish and has rejuvenated some oil wells that had been out of service.

While Danny has been active in many areas, he readily acknowledges nothing would have been possible without the unwavering support of Marla, not only at the law office, but at other jobs while he was in school, and in raising their son Scott when so many times he was away.



Charles Wesley Campbell Superintendent, Barren County Schools 1993-2000



Charlie spent most of his childhood days in McLean County, more specifically, on the Green river in Rumsey, Kentucky with his mother and seven sisters. He attended a two-room school with three grades located on each side of the building. After sixth grade he attended the “big school” in Calhoun. During these six years, Charlie worked at the McLean County News as a type setter and press operator. He graduated from Calhoun High School in 1961 with honors. Charlie enrolled in Western Kentucky Teachers College in August of that year. He graduated from WKU in 1965 with a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary education and a minor in mathematics. He completed his Masters and Rank 1 in School Administration at Western Kentucky University.

His first teaching job was in Livermore, Kentucky. In the spring of 1966 he married Danyne Shawn Thomas whom he met while they both worked at CDS #7, in Bowling Green. Charlie and Danyne settled in Bowling Green where he taught

7th and 8th Grade math at LC Curry Elementary school. In the fall of 1969, Charlie accepted his first administrative position as Director of Teacher Corp and Principal of Hadley Elementary in Warren County. Other positions held in the Warren County School system included: Principal at Richardsville Elementary, Director of Curriculum, and Director of Transportation and Maintenance. During his time in Warren County, Charlie and Danyne's three children were born. Julie, Kevin and Marie became the center of their life. All three have college educations and are all successful in their own right.

Charlie left Warren County in 1978 to become Superintendent of Crittenden County Schools. in Marion, Kentucky. While there, three older elementary schools were closed and the new Crittenden County Elementary school was opened. In 1982, he accepted the position of Superintendent of Simpson County Schools. While there he directed construction of the middle school and two elementary buildings. Simpson County schools became a state leader in technology and other areas of curriculum under his leadership. He also recommended and the Board approved one of the State's first drug testing programs for athletes. In 1993, Charlie became the Superintendent of Barren County Schools. During his tenure he oversaw the construction of Barren Co. Middle School, Red Cross Elementary, Hiseville Elementary, Park City Elementary and Austin Tracy Elementary. The facilities plan also included plans for Temple Hill Elementary and Eastern Elementary Schools. Under his leadership Barren County became recognized across the state for district wide staff and student success. Charlie and most educators fully understand brick and mortar do not make a school. There is, however, much merit a new school brings to the students, staff and community.

After retiring from Barren County in 2000, Charlie started a consulting firm specializing in energy and school business management. His clients included LG&E, Duke Energy (AMERISCO), Christian County Schools (Interim Superintendent), Metcalfe County Schools, (Interim Superintendent) and Glasgow Independent Schools (Interim Superintendent). While in Glasgow, he was able to secure additional funding for the construction of Glasgow High School and remained as a consultant for Glasgow Schools after the new superintendent was named.

Charlie fully retired in 2014 after completing 5 months as Interim Director of Transportation for Barren County Schools.

Other state and local leadership roles include: Glasgow/Barren County Industrial Develop Economic Authority (IDEA) Board, member of Glasgow/Barren County Chamber of Commerce, State president of Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS), board member of Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA), president of the Bowling Green Education Association. Methodist church membership and activities have included lay leader, budget and building committee trustee.

Any success that Charlie may have accomplished in education, he credits to the support and love of his wife and the many successful educators that have worked with him. His philosophy in part is “If you want to be a successful leader, surround yourself with good people that are smarter than you and support them in doing the job they were hired to do”.

Debra Faye Mitchell Crews

Barren County High School - Class of 1981

As a child, she played school with her dolls and stuffed animals dreaming of being a teacher. Her life has had many stops along the way before reaching that dream. From high school graduate, restaurant supervisor, factory worker, Surgical Technologist, Surgical First Assistant, Registered Nurse, and Assistant Professor, she achieved way more than she ever dreamed.

Debra Faye Mitchell Crews was born in Glasgow, KY. in September 1963, and grew up in Hiseville, KY. She is the granddaughter of the late Emil and Altha Thompson of Hiseville, and the daughter of Romona Thompson Robertson and the late Thomas W. Mitchell Sr. She is the sister of Thomas W. Mitchell Jr. (BCHS class of 1983) and Troy Robertson (BCHS class of 1999). She attended Hiseville school and graduated with the last freshman class at Hiseville in 1978. While there, she was involved in basketball, track, speech, BETA, FHA, and was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her classmates. She enjoyed helping the widowed women in the Hiseville community by doing chores and small jobs for them. She began her sophomore year at Barren County High School and continued her involvement in many clubs such as BETA and received her state degree in FHA. During her senior year, she also became a member of FFA. She graduated as an honor student from BCHS in 1981.

After working at a fast food restaurant and two local factories for a few years, she decided it was time to go back to school. After contacting Mrs. Anna Edwards (Health & PE teacher from Hiseville) for a letter of reference, she applied and was accepted into the Surgical Technology program in 1987 at the Bowling Green State Vocational and Technical School in Bowling Green, Ky. and graduated in 1988. Right after graduation she began her career at TJ Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow Ky. While there, she obtained her certifications as a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) and Certified Surgical First Assistant (CSFA). While working full time in surgery, she decided to enroll at WKU Glasgow campus and take night classes toward nursing. She was accepted into the WKU nursing program and graduated with an Associate of Science degree in 1997 with encouragement from 2 of her instructors who also had worked for TJ Samson, Mrs. Nellie Bell and Mrs. Becky Foster. She was awarded the Friendship Award from her Nursing class. She worked for TJ Samson Community Hospital for 10 years and 1 year for Audubon Hospital in Louisville, KY. In 1999 she began working for the local orthopedic surgeons, Dr. N. Reddy and Dr. B. Lessenberry. She worked full time with the surgeons in the office and in surgery for 13 years until 2012. While there, she earned her Certified Nurse peri-Operative Room (CNOR) certification and Kentucky Certified Surgical Assistant (KCSA) certification from the Kentucky Medical Board. Debra received a call from Mrs. Leeann Blann (Surgical Technology instructor-deceased) in 1999 asking if she would be interested in teaching Surgical Technology. Debra wasn't ready to give up nursing full time to teach full time. Mrs. Blann was persistent and convinced Debra to at least teach part time so that when the time was right she would be ready. So beginning fall 1999 through 2005 she took on a second job following her day nursing job as an evening adjunct instructor for Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College (SKYCTC) teaching Anatomy & Physiology and Medical Terminology to future allied health professionals. She had reached her dream of being a teacher.

In 2013, Debra was appointed as Program Director/Coordinator/Instructor of the Surgical Technology Program at Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College (SKYCTC). She received her rank of Assistant Professor in 2016 from the Kentucky Community & Technical College system (KCTCS) and is working toward her Associate Professor rank.

In 2017, Debra was awarded the F.A.S.T. award (Fellow of the Association of Surgical Technologists). The F.A.S.T. award is the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) highest honor designed to provide recognition to those members who have significantly contributed to the profession as practitioners, educators, researchers, and administrators. Recipients of the F.A.S.T. are recognized as having upheld the highest standards and traditions of the surgical technology profession, including their devotion to the advancement of the practice of surgical technology through volunteer, professional, and community activities. Debra currently serves on the Kentucky State Assembly of AST as a Board of Director. She was elected as a state delegate to the 2017 National Conference in New Orleans, LA. As of 2018, she will have been a member of AST for 30 years.

In November 2017, Debra was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Matt Bevin. It is the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is commissioned for an individual's contributions to his or her community, state or nation, and for special achievements.

Debra has been married for 33 years to Charlie Crews. They live in the Goodnight community of Barren County. Both have been involved with Habitat for Humanity and Community Medical Care and enjoy working with Dr. Mody whom Debra had worked with in surgery. Debra also has a love for BRAWA and supports them by donating and attending events to help raise money for the shelter. Her fur baby, Colby, was adopted from BRAWA. Her best friend and coworker Amanda Defevers has MS, so she tries to support her each year by participating in MS events. Debra has volunteered with the Toys for Tots program in Bowling Green for the last few years. She enjoys working for SKYCTC and participates in many College related activities including visiting high schools at job fairs and speaking with students about the programs offered. When not teaching, she still helps out in the operating room at TJ Samson Community Hospital as time allows. She enjoys watching old movies, reading, KY and Louisville Basketball, and the Dallas Cowboys. Debra has no children of her own but is a stepmother, grandma and a great grandma. Her grandkids and their friends call her Ma Debra. She likes to keep up with family, friends, and classmates through Facebook. She also enjoys helping organize reunions for the BCHS class of 1981.

Debra states her mission in life is to be a positive and productive role model by teaching, encouraging, supporting, and helping others. She also states without GOD, her husband, family, friends, all of her teachers/instructors, bosses, co-workers and students, she could not have achieved her dreams. She is extremely thankful for the start that the Barren County School system gave her.





Karen M. Davis

Barren County High School - Class of 1984

Karen was born in Glasgow on December 2, 1966 to the late Jackie Ned and Theodosia Davis. She is a 1984 honors graduate of Barren County High School.

After graduating high school, she was awarded a full academic scholarship to attend Kentucky State University and its Whitney Young College of Leadership Studies. During college, she earned the Outstanding Freshman Award (4.0 GPA), served on the college senate/judicial panels and worked in the university's public relations office.

She was also recognized with the Legal Internship Award due to her taking advantage of her 4 years in Frankfort by interning different semesters at the Kentucky State Capitol with the Kentucky Attorney General's Office-Consumer Protection Division, the Legislative Research Commission and the Kentucky Attorney General's Office-Civil Division. Karen graduated from Kentucky State University magna cum laude

with a BA in Liberal Studies in May of 1988.

Receiving a Presidential Scholarship and the Nicholas M Bauer Memorial Scholarship, Karen then attended Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. During her time there, she was afforded the opportunities to work for Federal Judge William O. Bertlesman, the law firm of Robinson, Arnzen Perry and Wentz and the Kentucky Municipal Law Center. Karen graduated from law school in May of 1991 and immediately took the bar exam and was admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in October of 1991.

In late 1991, she commenced her legal career as a law clerk for Warren County Circuit Court Judges John Minton and Tom Lewis. Thereafter, in early 1993, Karen was selected to act as law clerk for Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Charles H. Reynolds, in both his Bowling Green and Frankfort offices. That position then led to her securing a position as staff attorney for the entire panel of Kentucky Supreme Court Justices and serving in such capacity until late 1998.

In 1999, Karen was hired to act as Assistant Barren County Attorney, prosecuting matters in Barren District Court. Shortly thereafter, she was offered the opportunity to serve as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney-focusing primarily on crimes against women and children. In 2001, on her 35th birthday, Karen was sworn in as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Barren & Metcalfe Counties-having been appointed to such position by Governor Paul Patton. She went on to win contested elections in 2002 and 2006, and remained the Commonwealth's Attorney for our area until December of 2012.

In January of 2013, Karen went to work as an Assistant County Attorney for Jefferson District Court in Louisville, Kentucky. And, after working in public service for over twenty-five years, Karen retired from state employment in March of 2017. After being retired for six months and deciding that she still has much to learn and much to offer, she accepted a position with South Central Bank and remains there at this time.

Karen credits much of her academic success to her teachers at BCHS; specifically, Helen Russell and Dorothy McCubbin-both of whom challenged and encouraged her along the way and to librarian Jim Hyatt at the Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library who fed her appetite for reading.

Karen noted that although she is very appreciative of and humbled by all the above- she is most thankful for her husband of 22+ years Kenneth "David" Davis (a 1982 BCHS graduate) and their daughter-Rachel Davis (a 2014 BCHS graduate) & their son, William Harrison Davis, currently a Junior at BCHS.

Brandon Greer

Barren County High School - Class of 1998

Dr. Brandon Greer was born in Glasgow KY on Dec 8, 1979 to Tony and Dr. Rebecca Greer. Tony being a graduate of Barren Co High and Rebecca graduating from nearby Metcalfe Co knew what a great opportunity it would be to raise a family in the area. After a brief move to Louisville KY for his mother to finish her dental school training they settled down in Glasgow.

Brandon attended Eastern Elementary where he got a great educational foundation from many teachers he still admires today.

From there the transition to middle school took him to Temple Hill as the last graduating middle school class before introduction of Barren Co Middle School. While at Temple Hill he maintained honor rolls status and had a great experience playing baseball and basketball.

He was a 1998 graduate of Barren Co High where he was able to maintain 12 yrs. perfect attendance, honor roll status and playing varsity basketball, track, and tennis. He was also active in many clubs and activities in addition to sports.

From there he attended the University of Kentucky where he attained a BS degree in Agriculture Biotechnology in 2002 and played collegiate club volleyball for 4 years. It was during this stint at college that he met the love of his life, Dr. Staci Chapman Greer and the two were shortly after married in 2003.

His educational career continued at the University of Louisville after being accepted into dental school. He completed dental school in 2006 with cum laude honors and was accepted into the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at the University of Louisville. Brandon completed his medical school degree at the University of Louisville in 2009 and shortly after a general surgery intern year in 2010. His Oral and Maxillofacial training was finally completed in July of 2012.

Brandon and Staci knew exactly where they wanted to raise their family, close to their roots, and returned to Bowling Green KY in 2012. Serving the extended community for a couple years in a large group practice was not what he had envisioned long term as he sought after the personalized, small town feel he had grown up in. So in 2014 Brandon created Greer Oral Surgery serving the Owensboro KY area. In 2016 he was able to bring his solo practice to Bowling Green KY, once again serving the extended community he has always been a part of.

Brandon was blessed to have been influenced by many great friends, staff, teachers, and coaches in the Barren County school system along the way. He would not be where he is today without them and their guidance and for this he is extremely grateful. Brandon and Staci currently live in Bowling Green KY and have two children Weston and Willow. Brandon enjoys watching sports, playing with the kids, hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.



Staci Nicole Chapman Greer
Barren County High School - Class of 2002



Staci Nicole Chapman Greer was born in Glasgow, Kentucky on January 21, 1984. She is the daughter of Steve and Darlene Chapman. Her father attended one of the last graduating classes at Austin-Tracy School in 1972. Her mother was a nearby graduate of Warren East High School in 1975. Staci has three siblings: Jeff, Lauren, and the late Stephanie Chapman.

Staci was raised in the Haywood area of Glasgow. She attended Austin-Tracy Elementary School, Barren County Middle School, and graduated from Barren County High School in 2002. She maintained status as a honor roll student and was a member of various clubs. Staci played fast pitch softball for BCHS her freshman and sophomore years. She was a member of the BCHS dance team for four years, and served as captain of the dance team her junior and senior years. During this time, Mrs. Michelle Crabtree and Mrs. Amy Allen made an influential impact on her life in the development of leadership skills, perseverance, responsibility, and maintaining a positive attitude. She is forever grateful for these vital life lessons to help shape her into the person she is today.

Staci was only 16 when she met her soul mate, Brandon Greer. The two continued their academic careers at the University of Louisville and were married in 2003. Staci graduated from the University of Louisville with a BA in Biology in 2006. Staci was then accepted into the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and graduated with her doctorate dental degree in 2010.

Excited to get back closer to her home town of Glasgow, she accepted a job at Benson Family Dentistry in Smiths Grove, Kentucky. Over the next two years, she commuted from her home on the outskirts of Louisville to Smiths Grove while her husband finished his training in oral maxillofacial surgery.

In 2012, the Greers were finally moving back closer to home. They bought a house in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Dr. Staci Greer then accepted a job at Simon Dentistry in Bowling Green. She has been practicing dentistry at Simon Dentistry for over five years now and loves taking care of the community's dental needs. They have two beautiful children, Weston and Willow, that fill their lives with love, laughter, and happiness. Staci enjoys spending time with her children, exercising, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Janice James
Park City High School - Class of 1973

I was born in 1955 and grew up enjoying the rewards and hard work of a rural upbringing. My parents, grandparents and particularly my mother, Bette James Shelley, showed us the importance of always moving forward and grabbing joy in life whenever it shows up. I was blessed with two wonderful siblings, Steve James (PCHS 72) and Joanna James Harvey (BCHS 75), many wonderful church, community, and school friends. I am a 1967 graduate of Red Cross Elementary and 1973 graduate of Park City High School. My favorite memories revolve around 4-H, cheerleading, track, softball, BETA and drama club. I had so many wonderful teachers but I must mention



Joe Downing and Suzanne Waldrop and their very positive impact on me. There were so many good people that are a part of my memories from those days. While it was a long time ago, those days helped me build a strong foundation, a love of learning, respect for all and their varying opinions, and knowledge that one person can make a difference.

I attended Western Kentucky University (WKU) in 1973 and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Recreation and Social Work. I was very active in intramural sports and a member of the first WKU basketball team. I began work as a social worker at the Glasgow State ICF while obtaining a Master of Science degree in Recreation and a Master of Public Service in Counseling from WKU. I discovered social work to be a great fit for my values and my belief that "except for the grace of God or a stroke of fate, there go I". In 1984, I transferred to Eastern State Hospital to be a psychiatric social worker and began work on my Master's in Social Work. I completed my MSW in 1986 and worked at ESH until 2002 with my last position being Director of Admissions. I also became active in the regulation of social work and throughout my career, I served four terms on the Kentucky Board of Social Work. I participated on a national level and served in many positions including President of the Association of Social Work Boards which is made up of all 50 states in the USA and the Canadian provinces.

In 2002, I was fortunate to begin work with the Hope Center in Lexington. The Hope Center provides services and programs to persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. We provide emergency shelter or housing to over 800 people each night. My first my first job was to open the Hope Center Recovery Program for Women which has just expanded and now provides drug/alcohol recovery residential services to 105 women. This facility served as a model for 14 other programs that have opened throughout Kentucky and are known as Recovery Kentucky. My current position with the Hope Center is Administrative Deputy Director.

I have had the good fortune to hike the Inca Trail to Manchu Picchu, climb Kilimanjaro, run the New York Marathon, etc. but no adventure has been exciting or as rewarding as the journey of adopting my two amazing daughters, Brenna Lauren James (age 12) in 2006 and Anna Zi James in 2010 (age 10). They were born in Kazakhstan and I love my memories of being with them and the adoption process in that country. I am blessed every day and grateful for my diverse family and friends, my work, my inclusive church and all the people and experiences that have touched me over the years.