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*Emory Presidents William M. Chace, Claire E. Sterk, James T. Laney, and James W. Wagner all benefited from Hauk's (center) longtime counsel*

## Four Emory Presidents Celebrate Retiring Historian and Presidential Advisor

**G**ary Hauk, Emory historian and counselor to four Emory presidents, retired at the end of 2019. During his 34 years of service, Hauk made a climb unique in Emory annals and likely unique anywhere — from Emory student to serving as counselor to four presidents in positions including assistant secretary of the university, secretary of the university, vice president, deputy to the president, senior adviser to the president and university historian.

Convocation Hall was a fitting site, being — as Hauk pointed out in his remarks — where he wrote his dissertation as a PhD student and where his working life began, when he served as a reference librarian for Pitts Theology Library, which previously was housed there.

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## Public Health Building Breaks Ground

**T**he Rollins School of Public Health is breaking ground on the third facility in Emory's public health complex. Located on Clifton Road near Gatewood Road and Houston Mill Road, it will provide additional instruction and research space for the top ranked school. Similar to the Health Sciences Research Building currently under construction on Haygood Road, there will be no new parking structure to accommodate the new Rollins facility. Building occupants will park at existing facilities.

The new building will be named the R. Randall Rollins Building and will be nestled across from the O. Wayne Rollins Building and adjacent to the Grace Crum Rollins Building, all generously funded by the Rollins Foundation. The planned building is nine levels above grade, and will house office, dry research, classroom, meeting, and collaboration program spaces.

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## Human Rights Lawyer and Activist to Deliver Emory Commencement Address

**A**claimed human rights lawyer and activist Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Montgomery, Alabama-based Equal Justice Initiative, will deliver the keynote address at Emory University's 175th Commencement, scheduled for Monday, May 11.

Stevenson, whose 2014 memoir, "Just Mercy," has been made into a major motion picture, also will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the event.

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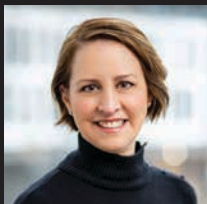
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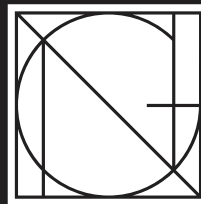
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## Emory Commencement Address

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Under Stevenson’s leadership, the EJI has won major legal cases eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.



Stevenson has argued and won multiple cases at the U.S. Supreme Court; Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief or release from prison for more than 135 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row, and relief for hundreds of others wrongly convicted or unfairly sentenced.

Stevenson also led the creation of two nationally acclaimed cultural sites that opened in Montgomery in 2018: The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

Stevenson is the recipient of numerous awards, including a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” grant; the ABA Medal, the American Bar Association’s highest honor; the National Medal of Liberty from the American Civil Liberties Union; and the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize from the King Center in Atlanta, among others. He serves as professor of law at the New York University School of Law.

## Almost 400 Tons of Waste Diverted from Landfills



**E**ach year Emory Recycles and the Office of Sustainability Initiatives hold a recycling competition to determine which university building has the greatest increase in waste diverted from landfills (by weight) for the month of November compared to volumes of the previous November.

The building winner for the 2019 competition is the Candler School of Theology/Rita Anne Rollins/Pitts Library complex, which composted and recycled 37,388.24 more pounds in November 2019 than in November 2018.

Across campus, the university diverted a total of 393.77 tons of material through recycling and composting in November 2019. To read more about the policies and programs that help reduce waste at Emory, visit the Emory Sustainability Initiatives and the Emory Recycles websites.

## Public Health Building Breaks Ground

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Construction is expected to begin March 2020, and the facility is projected for completion in May 2022.

The public health facility is envisioned as a pioneering high-performance, sustainably-designed building with an academic and office tower organized over a base of event and classroom space. The tower portion of the building is set back from the base to address building scale and to create green roofs and terraces that enhance connection to the exterior environment.

Note: Several dozen trees will be removed for the construction of this building. This project is included in Emory’s ‘No Net Loss of Forest Canopy’ policy, which calculates the amount of trees that must be replaced on other areas of campus to restore our forest canopy. Because the number of replacement trees is more than the site can accommodate, additional trees will be planted on campus to preserve the total forest canopy. Additional groves of trees will be replanted along Clifton Road near Emory University Hospital, Clinic A, the School of Medicine, Woodruff Residential Hall, the 1599 Clifton Road Building, and in Lullwater Preserve.



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# Arts Leader

**K**evin C. Karnes, chair of the Department of Music in Emory College of Arts and Sciences, has been appointed vice provost for the arts. In this new role, Karnes will work with faculty, students and staff to envision and realize a comprehensive strategy for creating a thriving arts culture across the university.

Priorities for the vice provost for the arts include enabling cross-functional collaboration for existing university arts programs and venues; developing new and impactful curricula; attracting and retaining eminent faculty and students focused on the arts; and overseeing comprehensive communications and fundraising efforts for arts at Emory.

Karnes also will identify and advise university leadership on new partnerships with arts organizations and creative industry throughout the region and nationally.

Karnes co-chaired Emory’s Task Force on the Future of the Arts with alumnus Doug Shipman, president and chief executive officer of the Woodruff Arts Center. The task force, convened within the context of “One Emory,” identified priorities through 2025 to increase the impact of the arts across campus and to ensure Emory’s recognition as a leading research institution offering world-class liberal arts programs.

Focusing on four thematic areas, the task force advocated for:

- Creating new academic offerings, including a focus on career paths after graduation, graduate programs and artist-in-residence opportunities;
- Developing strategic institutional relationships outside Emory;
- Establishing spaces for artistic creation, presentation and public interaction;
- Providing creative support for faculty, students and staff.

Now being reviewed by Emory leadership for further action, the task force’s report defined interconnected initiatives that will make Emory a preeminent local, national and global destination for learning, collaborating and creating in and through the arts.

A professor of music history, Karnes researches musical expressions of identity,



difference and belonging in eastern and central Europe from the 19th century to the present. His work explores archives and ethnomusicological fields, engaging projects in such domains as sound studies, art history, anthropology, philosophy, Jewish studies and Baltic studies.

Karnes served as chair of the Department of Music from 2010 to 2014 and again from 2017 to 2019. During his tenure, he oversaw the design and implementation of a new, three-track bachelor of arts curriculum that enables students to focus their studies on performance, research or composition.

He also expanded possibilities for teaching and research by substantially increasing giving to the music department; led efforts to diversify music department programs and community through new faculty hires and the creation of Emory’s first-ever course offerings in the music business and hip-hop studies; and partnered with donors and colleagues to develop a program supporting undergraduate research in music.

The department also built a prestigious undergraduate music studies program under Karnes’ leadership, providing the foundation for students to enter graduate music programs at Harvard, Oxford, Columbia, the University of Chicago, Indiana University and King’s College London.

## Emory School of Medicine Receives Record NIH funding in 2019

**E**mory University’s School of Medicine was awarded more federal funding than ever before from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), allowing researchers to pursue cutting-edge discoveries to cure and treat diseases.



The Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research once again ranked Emory high among the nation’s institutions for NIH funding, placing its medical school 19th. The Institute scores schools and departments across the United States on the basis of NIH funding.

Emory’s School of Medicine attracted \$290.7 million in NIH funding in 2019, up \$31.3 million from the prior year. The Department of Pediatrics was the School of Medicine’s top-ranked program, coming in at No. 3 in the nation.



The NIH is the largest source of funding for medical research in the world. In fiscal year 2019, the federal government was Emory’s largest research sponsor and the NIH accounted for close to 85 percent of funds from the sector.



# Emory Celebrates 250 Years Of Beethoven With Year-Long Event Series

**E**mory will mark the 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth with events throughout 2020.

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven, the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta (ECMSA), the Southeast's largest and most active chamber music organization presents "Beethoven 2020."

As part of this major, year-long project, ECMSA brings to Emory the iconic composer's complete cycles of 18 string quartets (performed by the Vega String Quartet), 32 piano sonatas (with 28 pianists), 10 violin sonatas, five cello sonatas and more.

Whether you have never heard a Beethoven piano sonata, or whether you know every note of his late string quartets by heart, this project will offer something exciting for everyone. The series will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear all of these great masterworks performed by a variety of brilliant musicians over a very short period of time, and will give listeners a new depth of insight into and enjoyment of the extraordinary creative genius of Beethoven.

"Beethoven 2020" also will feature public masterclasses and lectures, and even family concerts designed for young listeners such as "Beethoven in Blue Jeans" on Sunday, March 29.

Many performers will be involved with the series, including the Vega String Quartet; violinists David Coucheron, Amy Moretti and Helen Kim; cellists Christopher Rex, Charae Krueger and Rainer Eudeikis; and pianists Norman Krieger, Michael Gurt, Julie Coucheron, Elizabeth Pridgen, Robert Henry and William Ransom.

All concerts and events will be free of charge.

For more information and a complete listing of "Beethoven 2020" events, visit the Arts at Emory calendar.



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## Retiring Historian

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The event attracted four Emory presidents — Claire E. Sterk as well as James T. Laney, William M. Chace and James W. Wagner — who were joined by trustees, deans, faculty and staff who had the good fortune to work with Hauk through the years.

All the presidents gave emotional tributes, and the consensus was that, in Emory's history, no one had served as counselor at that level for so long.

Hauk recently published 'Emory as Place' and for years hosted community walking tours of campus.

## Thirty Million Dollar Gift to Emory's Goizueta Business School

**T**he Goizueta Foundation has committed \$30 million to Emory University's Goizueta Business School — the largest gift in the school's 100-year history.

The foundation was established by the business school's namesake, Roberto C. Goizueta, who was one of the great business leaders of the 20th century, having led The Coca-Cola Company to unprecedented prosperity during his 16-year tenure.

The gift will support investments in three key areas reflecting his vision and legacy: establishing the Roberto C. Goizueta Global Classroom, the Roberto C. Goizueta Innovation Center and the Roberto C. Goizueta Institute for Business and Society. These investments will provide an even stronger foundation for Goizueta students in crucial areas of business education, giving them a greater competitive edge in the job market.

The gift is the largest given to the business school and continues the Goizueta Business School's fundraising momentum during James' tenure. In the last five years, the total number of alumni gifts has steadily increased and the total amount of all gifts over that time period now exceeds \$70 million.

*Note: Erika James, Goizueta Business School dean, was named on February 26 as the next dean of Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, effective July 1. James served as dean at Emory since 2014.*



## Dr. James T. Laney to Receive Peace Award for Diplomacy with Korea

**F**ormer Emory University President James T. Laney received the World Methodist Council's 2019 Peace Award. Since 1977, the World Methodist Council, representing 80 million Methodists globally, has honored individuals who contribute to peace, reconciliation, and justice. The award acknowledges Dr. Laney's efforts to promote peace between North and South Korea.

Dr. Laney's legacy is etched in the history of Emory University. From 1969 to 1977, he served as dean of the Candler School of Theology. In 1978, he became president of Emory University, a position he held for 16 years. With the help of a \$105 million gift from the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Foundation in 1979, Dr. Laney steered the university into the first ranks of research universities, a status recognized by the 1995 invitation to join the Association of American Universities, an organization comprised of 65 leading North American research universities.

A central part of President Laney's vision for Emory was—and remains—a commitment to doctoral education. In 2009, The James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies (Laney Graduate School) was named in his honor.

Dr. Laney's ties to Korea began when he served there with the United States Army Counter-Intelligence Corps shortly after World War II. Having witnessed the hardships experienced by Korean citizens in the postwar era, Laney was inspired to return to the country as a Methodist missionary from 1959 to 1964.

In 1993, then President Bill Clinton named Laney United States Ambassador to South Korea, a post he filled for nearly two-and-a-half years. During his term, he worked with President Clinton and former President Jimmy Carter to avert military action over North Korea's nuclear ambitions. For several years, he co-chaired the Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on Korea and he was a keynote speaker at the Roundtable Meeting for Peace on the Korean Peninsula held at The Carter Center in Atlanta in 2018.

The award was presented at a ceremony on Nov. 21, at the sanctuary of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.





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# From Earth Fare to Innovation

The former Earth Fare grocery store in Emory Point (now called “The Point”) was recently renovated and reopened as a student innovation center, The Hatchery.

Emory’s new student innovation and creativity space, named by students, opened its doors in mid-February.

Emphasizing creativity, collaboration, communication and problem solving, the 15,000-square-foot center advances Emory’s strategic framework’s promise to create a compelling student experience while it expands Emory’s innovation ecosystem.

Designed to be highly configurable, The Hatchery offers a unique experience that will fuel student creativity in a variety of ways.

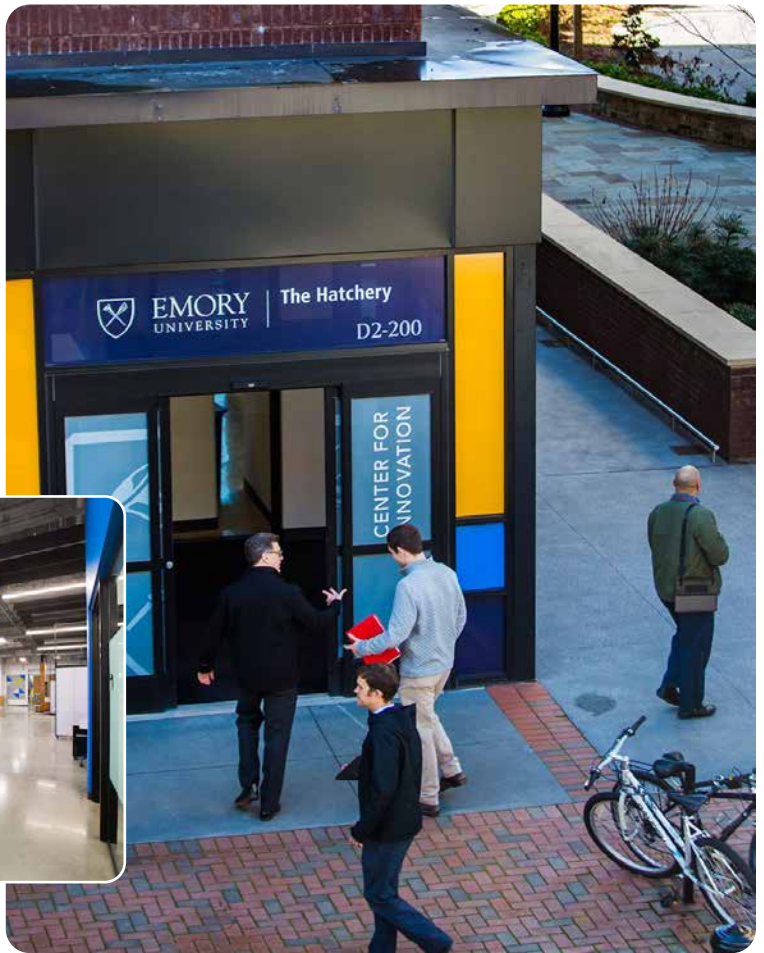
With access to collaboration areas, a makerspace, presentation and event spaces as well as classrooms, students are welcome anywhere that best fits their needs on a day.

The center’s early days will be exploratory so that visitors can share their input and feedback. Students can expect to sample short courses, brainstorming sessions, workshops, team meetings and opportunities for making broader connections through networking.

Based on recommendations and new ideas, the programming will evolve over time. By encouraging students to tackle challenges outside their coursework, The Hatchery adds experiential learning to the mix.

Faculty will be part of the collective energy, working alongside students and providing guidance when needed. Change makers from Atlanta and elsewhere, including alumni, will share their experiences and constitute the center’s larger network.

The Hatchery, unlike many other higher education innovation centers, deliberately taps into the liberal arts experience, where students are exposed



to new ideas that spark curiosity and inspire them to take intellectual risks in pursuit of knowledge.

Given this wide approach, the center is more than an incubator. It bridges students to already successful programs and resources by amplifying and expanding those programs and bringing them into the center.

*The Hatchery will maintain full Monday–Friday business hours, building toward a robust schedule of evening and weekend programming this spring.*



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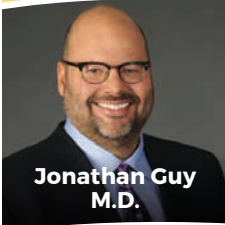


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