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Meet Our 2022 Leaders

by Kalyn Wolfe

For the first time in 60 years, two females will lead both sides. This year, Senior Vocal Performance Major Licee Freeman and Senior Theatre Major Katy Barnes have led the side after a year like no other.

Their Baby Purple year was the centennial.

"Our first year was the 100th year, and the third year was the conjoined sides during COVID, and this year is our rebuilding year," Freeman said. "It's definitely a lot and we're trying to manage it as well as we can. Trying to make it as normal as possible because neither the freshmen nor the sophomores have any idea what College Night is like normally."

Barnes adds, "We've been talking about it a lot, Licee and I have. We've never played College Night the same way. The centennial year, obviously that was like a huge deal. All of the stops were pulled. Everything was meticulously done. College Night 2020 was the closest thing to a regular college night, I'd assume. It was the last thing to happen before we got sent home. Last year was the combined show. Each year has been a different experience. It's been fun."

Even though Katy and Licee both attended the 2018 Show, "Code Purple," as prospective freshmen, the paths that got them here were very different.

"What drew me to the Purple Side was the diversity," Freeman said. "When I came on the prospective student night my senior year of high school, I saw the difference in the two teams. And it looked like a lot of fun on Purple Side, and I was like, 'yeah, that's the side for me.'"

Licee, originally from Huntsville, only knew a little bit about College Night before coming to Montevallo from the summers she spent attending the Young Musicians Camp.

"I had only a small idea of what College Night was about, and I thought I was going to be a Gold. But when I attended prospective night, I knew I was definitely purple."

For Katy, joining Purple Side was the first thing on the agenda.

"I came to Montevallo FOR College Night," Barnes said. "As soon as I got on campus, I wanted to get involved in everything I could, help the side, whatever I could do."



But there was also a fated feeling of continuing her family Legacy as well.

"Well, my dad, he's a vintage, and my mom's an old gold" Barnes said. "He took me to see my first College Night in 2005. It just looked like a really fun time. And according to my mom, I apparently came back that night and was like, 'I'm on Purple Side now.' I'm from Alabaster. Growing up around here, I've seen a couple of college nights, and every single time, Purple Side has completely wowed me."

Despite their immediate connection to the side, they didn't see being leader as the end game.

"It's so crazy, because I thought about it, and I wasn't sure if I really wanted to do it, because I really love being in the show," Freeman said. "But, I also love to have my hands in everything that I can. And to be a part of everything, making sure that everything goes well."

Freeman adds, "I take around 10, 11 classes almost every semester, so I definitely know how to manage my schedule on top of being involved in so many other things. I'm really good at managing my time. It's definitely prepared me."

Together, Licee and Katy have built a relationship that's based on decisiveness and clarity.

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"I think the really cool thing about Katy and I being leaders, is that we're always on the same page," Freeman said. "We've never had a disagreement about anything. We can look at each other and know that we're on the same page. I think that's just awesome."

There's still a touch of variety to help balance each other out.

"Licee is very organized, and really good at making sure everyone is listened to," Barnes said. "We have two different styles of humor, and two different personalities. I was talking to one of my friends, and I was like, 'Licee will get all of the 'cool people.' The cool people will be very much drawn to Licee, she will talk to them on that level, and I will get the introverted people. The way that we approach people. We can meet people at several different levels. We have different life experience, and we know how to make different types of rooms feel like safe places."

As the world around us continues to change, and we try to navigate what the 'new normal' might look like, there will be one tradition returning to Palmer Hall—a live audience of current students, alumni, family, and friends.

"Last year, we didn't have our audience, which was so sad, because that's where we get our energy from," Freeman said. "We're glad to have those things back for sure. The freshmen also don't know what having the alumni is like, and that's one of my favorite aspects of Purple Side. I can't wait for them to see how crazy the alumni are and how loving they are and it's truly like a family."

2021 was a year like no other. It was the 100th year of celebrating the creation of the Gold and Purple Sides, with an unprecedented combined show.

"I want people to remember how much fun they had," Barnes said. "I want people to think back on this year and be like, 'wow, there was a lot done that we hadn't done before,' and I don't want people to look back and say, 'that was handled terribly!' Instead, I want people to acknowledge, 'yes we had hard times, but it was good, because we were together.'"

From the first circling up, to the moment the SGA President reads the winning catchphrase Saturday night, Barnes and Freeman will forever represent a special sect of Purples that can say they didn't play the same game twice. 2022 will be the year that came 'after,' and the year of new beginnings.

"I want people to acknowledge and recognize what College Night is," Freeman said. "What it can do, and what it has done, for people. I think that's my main thing. There's still so many people who don't understand it and don't know what it's really like. I would just love to see them understand what it is, finally, and to enjoy it. It's my favorite thing. It's one of the things that's kept me here and I hope they get the same experience that I had."

Barnes adds, "My freshman year, someone told me that they would rather lose as a Purple than win as a Gold, and I thought about that all four years, playing the game," Barnes said. "I'd rather win as a Purple. I'd rather play as a Purple. And I can look back and say, 'I had the best time.'"

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Leader Quizzes

HELLO
my name is

Licee ✌️

Describe CN in one word:
Magical ✨

Favorite CN Show:
"Witch! Thinking One Hex of a Musical" or "Get Witch or Die Trying" or "Brew it for the Money" or "A Witch, a Troll and a Knight: Walk into a Bar"

What do you do when you see a Purple?
(Wrong Answers Only)
Mooooo 🐮

This or That?

Pep Rally **CN Mixer**

Sim Raising **Ribbon Hanging**

Sports ❤️ **Show**

Your Proudest Purple Moment:
Becoming leader!!!

PURPLE LEADER QUIZ
2022 EDITION

HELLO
my name is

Katy Barnes ✨

I chose Purple Side because...
The Family ❤️

Favorite cheer
Victory is mine! OR How Does it Feel

Draw a cow MOO!


Your Proudest Purple Moment:
Being on stage during the centennial

Describe CN in one word:
Magical ✨

Why is there NEVER a hole in our circle?
(Wrong answers only)
So we can all hold hands ✨

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The Vintage Purples Alumni Club would like to formally thank the individuals that gave of their time & talent to volunteer for the 2021-2022 year in our volunteer calls and tasks.

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COLLEGE NIGHT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19

10:30am Vintage Purples Alumni Club
Reunion, Brunch, Business Meeting,
& Pop-Up Shop
Farmer Hall

Noon UMNAA Homecoming Recognition
Luncheon
Anna Irving Dining Hall

2:00pm Purple vs Gold Basketball Game
Myrick Gym

7:00pm College Night Productions
Palmer Auditorium

**For Full Schedule
go to:**

montevallo.edu/hc-2022/

Potlucks of the Past, Potlucks of the Future

by Kay Butts-Prueett

The Peppy Purple Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner began in 2003 as an effort to add more Purple events to the calendar in the fall semester. It helped to drive the momentum through the end of the semester as well as providing a fun social opportunity where everyone could share their favorite foods. While it's not been a consistent event over the years, there have been plenty of alumni who reminisce about how much they enjoyed the potluck. With that in mind, the Vintage Purples Alumni Club (VPAC) decided to revive the event in 2019 to make it a mixer event between the alumni and active students.

Moving forward, the VPAC is looking into ways that we can revive this annual event to truly serve the Purple Side and the University of Montevallo.

Here are a few ideas that have been suggested so far:

- * *Encourage alumni to bring donations for the campus food and toiletry pantry so that we are doing an act of service for the campus community.*

- * *Invite family of alumni to the event to encourage a greater sense of community.*

- * *Invite siblings of active students to serve as a recruitment opportunity for Montevallo.*

- * *Add a "business card exchange" to the event so that active students can network with alumni who are working in their desired profession.*

We would love to hear your thoughts on these ideas and share any ideas of your own. You can share by emailing us at vintagepurples@gmail.com or join one of our upcoming volunteer calls. The volunteer call schedule can be found both on the calendar on the website www.vintagepurples.com or in the events tab of our Facebook group.

In the meantime, we hope that you'll keep Saturday, November 19, 2022 saved on your calendar to join us for the Peppy Purple Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner. We can't wait to taste your signature Thanksgiving dish!

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