

History 101

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The story of Berry High School/Academy and the amazing impact the school continues to have on the lives of its former students will be the focus of an upcoming history book being written by Dr. Jennifer Dickey (77A, 80C).

The book was first envisioned by the Berry High School Breakfast Club, a group of alumni who meet monthly to reconnect with memories and friends and to promote the school's legacy. Berry President Steve Briggs commissioned the project, which is being managed by Historic Berry with the support of the alumni relations office.

Jennifer teaches public history at Kennesaw State University and works with Berry as a historic preservation consultant. She is uniquely qualified to author this important publication due to her history at Berry and her writing skills. She grew up on Berry's campus and attended Berry's nursery school, middle school, high school and college. She also is a former director of Historic Berry and

Oak Hill and has spent much of her career researching Berry and the Berry student experience throughout the decades.

Jennifer said that the stories of high school/academy alumni will permeate the book.

"I've been encouraging everyone to send their stories to me if they have something in writing that they would like to share," she said. "While I can't necessarily use everything provided in the book, the stories will certainly inform the book and will be available for reference in the Berry archives after I turn over all the materials I have collected while working on this project."

Materials may be sent to Jennifer at jdickey@berry.edu.

The Berry High School Breakfast Club meets the second Saturday of each month – normally at WinShape Retreat on the Berry Mountain Campus or the Berry Alumni Center. All are welcome. For more information, e-mail alumni@berry.edu or call 800-782-0130.