

PIONEERS  
**NEVER**  
SETTLE

TAKE RISKS.  
ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS.  
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**TRANSYLVANIA**  
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Transylvania University prepares us for something greater than ourselves.

WE DREAM.

WE LEAD.

WE SERVE.

WE INNOVATE.

WE TACKLE ENORMOUS CHALLENGES.

We succeed because Transylvania gives us the freedom to discover what really motivates us—our true passion—and the opportunities on and off campus to push ourselves and our abilities.

We succeed because we develop the tools and the confidence to be courageous.

And because ...

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**Johns Hopkins University**  
**Smithsonian Institution** | Chief of Exhibit Planning  
 Westinghouse Electric | President and CEO    Bullhorn Creative | Graphic Designer    **Cambridge University**    Lexington VAMC | Chief of Emergency Medicine

**Stanford Medical School**    **National Security Council** | Technical Information Specialist  
 The Washington Post | Graphics Reporter    **U.S. Equestrian Federation** | Director of Sponsorship Sales    **Centers for Disease Control** | Public Health Veterinarian and Health Scientist

**U.S. Department of Defense** | Analyst    **Harvard Law School**    Shepherd Therapeutics | Founder and CEO    **Vanderbilt University**

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**Walt Disney** | Principal Project Engineer    **Penn State University**    Domino's | VP of Franchise Development and Recruiting    **Columbia University**

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 Clemson University    **PGA Tour** | Senior Director Corporate Communications    **London School of Economics and Political Science**

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 Harvard College Women's Center | Director    **Sea World Parks & Entertainment** | Aviculturist    **Xavier University**

**Vantiv** | Vice President of Cyber Security    **Oxford University**    **NASA** | Technical Advisor    Enuma | Educational Game Design Consultant  
 Bank of America | Senior Vice President    **New York University**



Faculty and lab experiences made Manpreet Sira competitive for research internships at the University of Cincinnati and in Dresden, Germany. She could study art in Florence, Italy, and discover the doctor she'd like to be while job shadowing in Corbin, Ky.

“Transylvania has so many ways for us to go out into the world and make our mark on it and leave a legacy.”

**Manpreet Sira '17**

STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

\*57% of graduates are employed and 38% are enrolled in graduate school

Tim Meko is finding new ways to tell visual stories that explain the news with maps, graphics and interactive data visualization in one of America's most innovative newsrooms.

He designed his own major at Transy, blending creative coding and art with communications courses.

"More than anything, Transy taught me how to learn. That's a skill I use absolutely every single day, as I switch from mapping the Rohingya crisis in Burma to diagramming how climate change and wildfires can lead to mudslides in California."

## Tim Meko '06

GRAPHICS REPORTER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

READ MORE ABOUT TIM'S STORY

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# WHAT PARADIGM WILL YOU SHIFT?

Some people call it thinking outside the box, bucking the system, disrupting the status quo.

Fact is, Pioneers learn to think structurally, to see the big picture, to identify the problem, then analyze and innovate solutions.

Pioneers find new ways of getting there.



Erica Horn is fighting hunger by harvesting excess produce and reducing waste—over 1 million pounds since 2010.

## Erica Horn '83

CO-FOUNDER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF GLEANKY, ATTORNEY AND CPA, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF TAX SERVICES AT DEAN DORTON



See the last page for more.

A consumer tech pioneer at Microsoft, Sony and now BMW, Steve Banfield is an ongoing multi-industry disrupter. He earned an MBA at Harvard after his B.A. at Transy in computer science, business and political science. He's a 100 Doors mentor.

## Steve Banfield '90

CEO OF REACHNOW IN SEATTLE



# HOW WILL YOU FIX BROKEN SYSTEMS?

Cole Rucker is revolutionizing mental health care for teens by flipping the old compliance-based approach on its head and treating adolescents as equal partners in their care.



“At Transy we always had this great history to fall back on, a solid academic foundation to stand on, yet we were encouraged to be innovative, to look at things differently and to take chances.”

**Cole Rucker '85**

CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF PARADIGM MALIBU IN MALIBU, CALIF.



“Besides the great education I received, what sticks with me the most is how much professors gave back and invested in their students—that whole attitude of helping others and being there for each other.”

**Shericka Smith '05**

KENTUCKY'S SCHOOL SOCIAL  
WORKER OF THE YEAR

# HOW WILL YOU TRANSCEND A DIAGNOSIS?

Diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, David Hysong (French major, Harvard Divinity School grad and undercover investigator) interrupted his Navy SEAL training to create a start-up biotech company.

Looking beyond his own case, the liberal arts MacGyver saw that 250 rare cancers make up 42% of cancer diagnoses but receive little investment for therapies. He founded Shepherd Therapeutics as a company to focus not on a cure for a specific cancer, but a platform-agnostic approach to finding cures for all rare cancers.

READ MORE ABOUT DAVID'S STORY

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"I had no idea that the ability to think outside the box creatively would help me build a biotech company."

David Hysong '09

FOUNDER, CEO AND PATIENT OF  
SHEPHERD THERAPEUTICS  
NASHVILLE AND BOSTON



Justin Wright, from Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School in Birmingham, Ala., uses the power of the arts and spoken word for social justice. At Transy he found powerful connections between his major areas, theater and anthropology, deepened his voice as a poet and established his presence as a community artist and activist.

## Justin Wright '17

AFFRILACHIAN POET AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES SCHOLAR AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS



# HOW WILL YOU TAKE A STAND?



At Transy, Amelia Martin Adams could major in accounting, study art and architecture, take advantage of our pre-law resources in her senior year and be admitted to the University of Kentucky College of Law. She says she found her voice at Transy. Now she's a judicial law clerk to Chief Judge Tracey N. Wise of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky—"ensuring equal justice under the law."

## Amelia Martin Adams '06

LEXINGTON'S "TOP YOUNG LAWYER"



In addition to his work in legal services and immigration advocacy, Joshua Santana co-founded Central Music Academy, providing free music lessons to students who can't afford them. Growing up in Spanish Harlem, he learned how music and education could change the trajectory of a young life. He's a 100 Doors mentor.

## Joshua Santana '70

SANTANA LAW OFFICE, PSC

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ARE ADMITTED

# WHAT DISCOVERIES WILL YOU MAKE?

Jane Grande-Allen is engineering solutions to diseases of the heart, heart valves and blood vessels in children and adults. An honored teacher and mentor who has received multiple awards for research and innovation, Grande-Allen is the Isabel C. Cameron Professor and Department Chair in Bioengineering at Rice University. At Transy she majored in mathematics and biology.

"What has stayed with me about my professors at Transy is how they would dive deep into the essential nature of a topic, ask us all questions, discuss applications, literally and figuratively take us outside for perspective, and invite us to come by and continue the conversation any time. These experiences profoundly shaped who I am as a teacher now."

## Jane Grande-Allen '91

ISABEL C. CAMERON PROFESSOR  
AND DEPARTMENT CHAIR IN  
BIOENGINEERING AT RICE UNIVERSITY

READ MORE ABOUT JANE'S STORY

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PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS  
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Les Johnson is a physicist, science-fiction author and NASA engineer and principal investigator of the Near-Earth Asteroid Scout mission (launching next year). He's a 100 Doors mentor.

## Les Johnson '84

NASA MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER



As a postdoc at UC San Diego, Joshua Schwartz is building stem cell models of brain development to facilitate diagnosis and treatment for those along the autism spectrum. These preclinical resources will be made available to the research community as part of a collaboration between leaders in academia, biotechnology and government.

## Joshua Schwartz '10

POSTDOC AT UC SAN DIEGO, PH.D. FROM JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE FELLOW AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN KOREA



# GO FORTH AND BE BRILLIANT\*

Pioneers are known to employers and top graduate programs as the complete package: creative, tenacious and possessing the essential toolkit of academic excellence, soft skills and real-world experience.

As students we research, debate, present, create and collaborate on a national and international level.



"If you work hard, you try hard and you want it hard enough, Transylvania opens whatever doors you could possibly want to be opened."

## Jared Brewer '16

**BIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE DOUBLE MAJOR FROM BARBOURVILLE, KY., JAMES B. DUKE FELLOW PURSUING A PH.D. IN MOLECULAR GENETICS AND MICROBIOLOGY AT DUKE UNIVERSITY, 100 DOORS MENTOR**

\*A phrase familiar to students of Sharon Brown, professor of exercise science, who involves students in research that takes them all over the world.



## WHO'S GOT YOUR BACK?

From CEOs, artists and judges to scientists, entrepreneurs and grad students in elite programs, Transy's impressive alumni are ready to guide you.

Through our mentoring program, 100 Doors to Success, you'll be paired with alumni who are ready to help you connect with the "real" world long before you need to declare a major.

*It's not just what you know, it's who you know.*

Here's just a sampling of our mentors—

### Michael Finley '90

- PHYSICS, MATH, COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR
- FOUNDER, ANSWEROCKET (ATLANTA, GA.)

### Ann Withers '04

- STUDIO ART AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR
- TECHNICAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

### Mohamad Yatim '01

- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR
- PORTFOLIO MANAGER, GLOBAL SECTOR HEAD OF CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY, VAFRA INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP (NEW YORK, N.Y.)



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STUDY WHAT YOU LOVE.

ACCOMPLISH YOUR HIGHEST GOALS.



“Transy is the vehicle.”

Chanslor Gallenstein '16

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS  
MAJOR FROM MAYSVILLE, KY., AND  
STUDENT AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

