SPRING 2020 WAS A SEMESTER quite unlike any other. The COVID-19 crisis required immediate and decisive action to ensure the safety and health of our campus community. In a span of two weeks, Haslam shifted from offering a limited number of online courses to moving more than 400 classes to a remote learning format. Faculty and staff transitioned to working from off-campus. Our students quickly dispersed to their respective homes. Spring commencement became a virtual graduation ceremony, with Holly Sullivan from Amazon addressing our undergraduate seniors and Brian Foley from EY speaking to our graduate students. (Learn more about this process and the students’ experiences in the story on page 28, Haslam in the Time of COVID-19.)

Throughout these upheavals and uncertainties, the Volunteer Spirit was ever present—people came together quickly, with care for others foremost in their minds, to make and execute plans to benefit the community as a whole. This issue, compiled completely off campus, similarly focuses on individuals and groups who regularly shine a light for others. Our cover subject, Moll Anderson, contributes both her time and treasure to ensure that young single parents have a strong support group and chance to succeed in higher education (see page 14). Our leaders in philanthropy, Janet Kercheval and Mark Tasman, connect with the college in memory of their family and share their expertise with our students (pages 30 and 34, respectively). The Haslam Network features both upperclassmen mentoring younger students, and young alumni reaching out to current students through networking and support (page 36). Creative instruction (page 18) like that offered by Senior Lecturer Brian Stevens is paving the way for a fall semester that will likely feature a mixture of both in-person and online course work.

In our digital edition, you can log on to find photographer Charlie Brooks’ images of a quiet and empty campus, providing both a window into the beauty of a slower world and a physical campus that is missing its lifeblood. View and share his images at Haslam.utk.edu/magazine/summer-2020. The tenacity and resilience of our UT community remains as strong as ever. While fall semester will be different, in ways both known and unknown, we are committed to providing high quality education and thought leadership that improves the world; we will do so in ways that protect our students, faculty, and staff as they work to define all that is possible.

Thank you for your support of the Haslam College of Business and its endeavors. Stay safe and well.

With gratitude,

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