



News From Lenoir-Rhyne University

Opal L. Moretz Service Award: Service to the Community Honoring Amy M. Ogle '98

Amy M. Ogle is a 1998 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University with a bachelor's degree in communication and broadcasting. During her time at LR, she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha women's fraternity and active in various theater productions.

"I was a member of the LR Playmakers, which had a huge impact on my time at LR," she said. "I developed a close group of friends in the theatre department and was in several productions, including 'Grapes of Wrath' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'"

Ogle serves as executive director of the Hickory Downtown Development Association. She manages the Main Street program initiatives and oversees the administration, programs and strategic plans of the organization. She has additional leadership experience in higher education, nonprofit and hospitality. She is an adjunct faculty member at Utica College, where she also earned her master's degree in cybersecurity and computer forensics in 2017. Ogle attributes her education and involvement at LR to the success in her professional roles.

"My liberal arts education at LR provided me with the ability to try out a variety of areas," she said "It did not pigeonhole me in one specific career path, which in the long run has been a blessing and a great teacher."

Ogle has a 4-year-old son, Gage. In her leisure time, she enjoys theater, running, art and making jewelry. She is also an alumna of ZTA and Alpha Phi Omega, an international service fraternity.

She encourages today's student to get used to being uncomfortable.

"My advice is to try things," Ogle said. "To move outside of your comfort zone. To know that your plans might shift and to go with the flow. There may be something out there that you never expected to find."

Amy M. Ogle, for recognition of your contributions to the community that have had a lasting impact through exceptional service, the Lenoir-Rhyne University Alumni Association is pleased to present you the **Opal L. Moretz Service Award: Service to the Community**. This award is

given in memory of Opal Ledford Moretz, a member of the Class of 1965 and former LR dean of students and volunteer director of church relations.

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About Lenoir-Rhyne University:

Founded in 1891, Lenoir-Rhyne University is a co-educational, private liberal arts institution with 50 undergraduate degree programs and over 30 graduate degree programs. LR enrolls more than 2,750 undergraduate and graduate students and has had 11 consecutive years of enrollment growth. LR's main campus is in Hickory, North Carolina, where both undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered. The University also offers graduate degree programs on its campuses in Asheville, North Carolina, and Columbia, South Carolina. The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary is also in Columbia. LR is affiliated with the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes students from all religious backgrounds. The website is www.lr.edu.