



# Alumni Spotlight

## Timm '92 & Kristina Wenger '91, '98M



For **Timm '92 and Kristina Wenger '91, '98M**, co-owners and co-founders of Wanderlust Coffees and roasters of the MUAA Biemesderfer Breakfast Blend, their journey as Millersville University alumni has come full circle. "Our engagement photo was taken in front of the Biemesderfer building on campus. Now, more than 30 years later, we roast the MU Alumni Association's official coffee that is named for that building," says Timm.

Timm Wenger grew up in Manheim, Pennsylvania, in Lancaster County, and earned a bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in Spanish. "I chose MU because I could commute, but then ended up living on campus for three semesters to get more of the experience," he explains. While attending Millersville University, Timm was a DJ on WIXQ and was involved with Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF).

Kristina (Garrett) Wenger was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, lived in Guatemala as a child from age 2 through 12, and then moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where she has lived ever since. "I began my years at MU with an 'undeclared' major, and after a year of college (followed by a gap year to study and work overseas), I studied elementary education. I started teaching after graduation, and eventually got my master's degree in elementary education. I have used my degree to teach in a school, to homeschool, and to work for multiple educational organizations," she says. "As an undergrad, I was part of Millersville Christian Fellowship (freshman year) and Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship (the rest of my undergrad years). I also sang with the University Choir."

There were many professors whose classes made a long-lasting positive impact on Kristina during her studies at Millersville. "During my undergrad years, I loved Dr. Stephen Centola's teaching and took as many of his classes as I could fit in. My minor was English, mostly because I had taken so many of Dr. Centola's classes. I had so many fantastic teachers in the education department, it's impossible to name all of them. My undergrad profs worked so hard with me and did a beautiful job of preparing me to teach. I'm so grateful for their wisdom and insights. Dr. Dennis Denenberg taught two of my master's degree classes, and his push for creativity (and his immense love for both what and WHO is being taught) were a game changer in my classroom. I'm so grateful to have had those classes: they changed both how I teach and how I live," Kristina explains.

In 2020, Timm and Kristina established their business of Wanderlust Coffees. All of the coffees are organically grown and fairly traded, and air roasted in small batches in their Lancaster City microroastery. Timm explains, "We considered buying a friend's coffee roasting company, and when that didn't work out, we decided to start our own. One of the deciding factors was the inspiration to work with non-profit organizations to develop their own blends of coffee, as a way for us to contribute to worthy causes and provide a quality product at the same time... Part of our mission at Wanderlust Coffees is to provide quality specialty coffees to help support organizations that are doing good in this world. Proceeds from our non-profit blends benefit educational endeavors, community groups, and humanitarian causes." Currently, there are 15 non-profit organizations in the Wanderlust family, including the Millersville University Alumni Association. Timm credits his Millersville University experience as an inspiration for the non-profit partnership initiative. "My social work studies, shadowing, and internship helped me gain an understanding of and appreciation for the many non-profit organizations in our community. That influenced our decision to include the non-profit fundraising and awareness part of our coffee company."

Looking to the future, Timm and Kristina plan to build on the success of Wanderlust Coffees through new business opportunities. "I'm developing coffee-related products to sell, either in my Etsy shop or through Wanderlust Coffees. Currently in development: coffee bean flower earrings, bookmarks, stuffed coffee bean toys, coffee bag crafts, and framed burlap coffee bags," says Kristina. The Wengers are also exploring opportunities in the food service industry to serve Wanderlust Coffees. "We are exploring producing bottled cold brew drinks. We are also in search of cafes and restaurants to serve our coffee," says Timm.

To learn more about Wanderlust Coffees, visit [wanderlustcoffees.com](http://wanderlustcoffees.com). The MUAA Biemesderfer Breakfast Blend is available online at [wanderlustcoffees.com/mu](http://wanderlustcoffees.com/mu).



### Garrett-Wenger

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Garrett of 1145 Kenneth Drive, Lancaster, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristina L. Garrett, to Mr. Timothy L. Wenger.

The bride-elect was graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School in 1986 and will graduate from Millersville University in December. She is employed by Sight and Sound Entertainment Centre, Strasburg, and Provident Bookstores, Lancaster.

Mr. Wenger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wenger of 608 Fairview Road, Manheim. He was graduated from Manheim Central High School in 1987 and attends Millersville University. He is employed by Sight and Sound Entertainment Centre, Strasburg.

A January 5, 1992 wedding is planned.

Miss Garrett and Mr. Wenger