



# Educating the Next Generation

Inside: Insights from the 2016 PA Teacher of the Year & Alumna Becca Foxwell ('10)

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Lancaster Bible College exists to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

**VISION**

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# A Steadfast Mission

As we mark the beginning of this new academic year with record undergraduate enrollment and the highest level of online credits ever in our Accelerated Undergraduate Degree program, we stand resolute and focused on God's Word as we have done since our founding in 1933.

Our mission is "...to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society."

More than wishful thinking or a pitch to prospective students and donors, our mission statement is the compass that guides our decisions, safeguards us from the ever-shifting winds of culture's whims, and keeps us on course. We look at our mission often and work hard at mission clarity because we have seen the results in other institutions of higher education that have drifted from their original course.

At LBC, our true north is found at the very center of our mission statement in the word biblical. Unlike magnetic north, which shifts with interfering forces, true north is fixed and reliable. The Bible, as the psalmist writes in Psalm 119:89: "...is firmly fixed in the heavens." It has a trustworthy permanence in an era of temporary.

That is why we trust the Bible to guide us correctly in all circumstances and in everything we teach and do. That is why our college verse is "The Word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

Ultimately, we believe the Bible is the Word of God, not that it simply contains it, but that it is the very Word of God, expressed through the Holy Spirit divinely inspired and consistent in truth. It is in the Bible that God makes Himself known to us, and we are fully committed to the truth of

God-breathed Scriptures as the ultimate source of wisdom in all matters of faith and practice as seen in our Statement of Faith and our Student and Employee Handbooks.

Our commitment to integrated biblical truth with grace is central to our identity in an age of theological shifting and confusion. It governs everything about our college: our academic programs, our faculty, campus activities, lifestyle standards, admissions and hiring decisions. That steadfast resolve shapes our worldview, our perspective on all reality — what is true, what is good, what is right.

At LBC, we embrace a biblical worldview where transcendent truths - laws of the universe if you will - exist and that such truth is defined by the Bible.

Our practices are actively submitted to the Bible. As an academic institution striving for excellence, each course we offer maintains a commitment to that perspective. Biblical integration demonstrates how the irrepressible truths of the Bible guide our thinking.

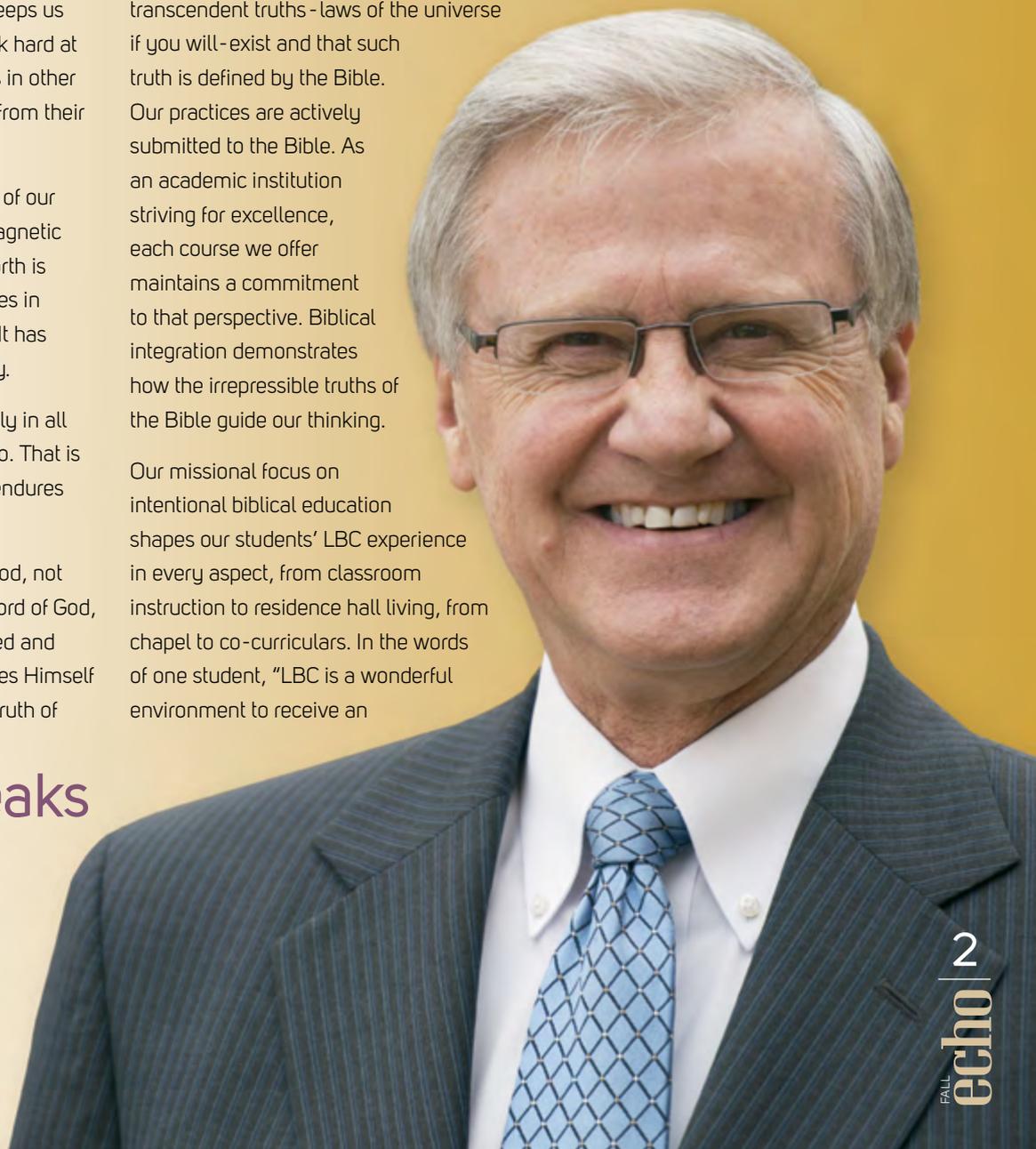
Our missional focus on intentional biblical education shapes our students' LBC experience in every aspect, from classroom instruction to residence hall living, from chapel to co-curriculars. In the words of one student, "LBC is a wonderful environment to receive an

## The President Speaks

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## The President Speaks CONTINUED

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education, a spiritual education.” Another wrote, “The staff truly love on you, the professors genuinely care about you, and the students here are really intentional.”

While LBC is rated 39 out of 91 Best Colleges in Pennsylvania for 2016 and we are the second largest independent, non-denominational accredited Bible college in the United States, we will have missed the mark if we do not teach the Scriptures with accuracy and practice.

You see, we trust the scripture because in it we find God’s revelation of Himself and when we give ourselves to the principles revealed, we are in actuality submitting to God. Only the truth of the scriptures can educate in such a way that integrates faith, emotion, and intellect. The truth nurtures a devoted heart, a courageous mind, and a purposeful soul.

When it comes to truth and perspective, our culture believes that truth is, at best, unknowable and that its interpretation resides with the individual. Lacking transcendent, empowering truths and shared beliefs, our culture is crumbling under a mentality that exalts individual and group rights above all else which ultimately leaves us in a shackled chaos. We believe we know where to look for the solution.

Only God’s Word offers an accurate perspective on who we are, where we come from, why we exist,

what went wrong, the source of evil and suffering, and how the world can be set right again. It is our true north. It pulls no punches. It does not sugar coat. It offers timeless truth, and grace. Psalm 119:89 says, “Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.”

As we think and live a biblical worldview amid a culture of daily-evolving relativism, our hope is anchored in God’s truth.

As we have done since our founding in 1933, our faculty will teach that the Word of God is the ultimate source of wisdom for life and how to do life well with God. While the pendulum of change appears to be swinging in many other institutions of higher education, we have no pendulum. We have a plumb line steadfast and true: the Word of God. “Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens,” and by Your grace living out Your expressed will we will “...think and live a biblical worldview and proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.”

Please keep in touch!

Cordially in Christ,

*Peter W. Teague*  
Peter W. Teague, Ed.D.  
President



*COVER: Brianne Lieb ('17), an early childhood education major, reviews reading materials with Lilliane Rineer, age 8.*



# Taking Sportsmanship to the Next Level

LBC Athletics Awarded for Outstanding On-Field Conduct

By Zachary Freeman, Assistant Athletics Director

**T**he Lancaster Bible College Athletic Department put a bow on its historic 2015-16 academic year in early August as the Chargers were named the winner of the Direct Reports' Cup for Sportsmanship from the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) for the second straight year.

The Direct Reports' Cup is one of the four sub-cups, along with the President's Cup, that the NEAC awards every year. The Direct Reports' Cup is awarded by tabulating the votes from every coach from the 13 other NEAC schools. Coaches vote at the end of their respective season on the team with the best sportsmanship and this year, LBC was named the winner. The other sub-cups feature recognition for community service, academic success and athletic performance.

In addition to winning the Direct Reports' Cup, the Chargers also finished fifth in the Athletic Directors' Cup for Athletic Performance and tied for third in the Faculty Athletic Representatives' Cup for Academic Success. LBC also earned solid marks in the Senior Woman Administrators' Cup for Community Service.

LBC also came close to earning yet another coveted award: The Presidents' Cup. This winner is determined by combining the place finishes for each school in each sub-cup. LBC's combined score of 20.5 earned the Chargers a third place finish, the highest in school history. Morrisville State College won the Presidents' Cup with a score of 17, while Wells College finished second with a score of 20.

In winning the Direct Reports' Cup for Sportsmanship, the Chargers were ranked first in seven of the 13 sports in which they participate. "It is tremendous that our teams continue to shape a culture that reflects the mission of this institution," said Josh Beers, the senior vice president of student experience at LBC.

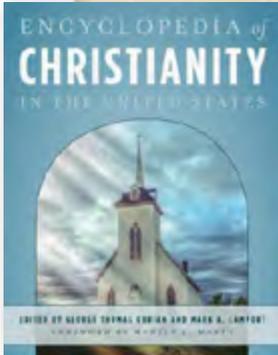
Beers is the Direct Report for LBC, meaning that he, along with Dr. Peter W. Teague and director of athletics, Pete Beers, make up the leadership for LBC within the NEAC. Beers said he is proud of each team and the way they represent the college before, during and after the game. "I'm proud of the way our teams respect officials, opposing teams and other college's facilities throughout the entire season," he explained.

Pete Beers agreed, saying, "We have student-athletes who are passionate about competing, but have a great respect for their opponents as well. Our hope as administrators is that our student-athletes recognize this and take it with them in their future endeavors."

He also noted that it was affirming to be awarded for their sportsmanship and explained, "One of our department's core values is respect, so to be recognized by our peers for being respectful is very fulfilling and shows we are doing things well."

The NEAC established this approach to awarding its Presidents' Cup in 2014-15 in an effort to truly reflect the core values of NCAA Division III. This unique approach to determine the NEAC Presidents' Cup winner is the first model of its kind across all 43 NCAA Division III conferences.





Three of LBC's faculty, **Dr. Joseph Kim**, assistant professor of Bible & Theology, **Dr. Daniel Spanjer**, professor of arts & sciences, and **Dr. Dale Mort**, professor and associate vice president for institutional effectiveness, contributed over six entries each to the Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States recently published by Rowman & Littlefield. This five-volume reference work includes biographies of major figures in the Christian church in the United States, influential religious documents and Supreme Court decisions, information on theology and theologians, denominations, faith-based organizations and more. Some of the entries written by LBC's faculty include: biographies of Edward Beecher, Samuel Cooper, David C. Cook, Clyde Narramore, and Max Lucado, and histories of Crossworld, the Chicago School of Theology, Moody Radio and Bible Study Fellowship.

- **David Coryell**, an adjunct professor in our Church & Ministry Leadership department, is slated to become the next Global Director for Christian Endeavor in December 2016. Found in over thirty countries, Christian Endeavor is an organization that exists to inspire, equip and encourage churches to biblically develop youth as Christ-centered leaders. Coryell's role will include overseeing the organization's development and expansion in both the United States and abroad.



- **Ling Dinse** has been invited to present at the 2016 National Association of Social Work, Pennsylvania's annual conference that centers on the topic of racial reconciliation. Dinse, a professor in LBC's Counseling & Social Work department, said her presentation will focus on exploring ways to bridge the gap of the racial divide in America from both a professional and personal perspective.



- **Dr. Krystal Folkestad Grant**, LBC's assistant professor of music composition, was a finalist for the Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra Composition Contest in July 2015. Her composition, "Ascent from Mourning," received this honor that recognizes her as a compelling, innovative

musician whose work is attractive to professional instrumental performers. The Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra was created to encourage women to become involved in jazz performance and composition and to foster community interest in and appreciation of jazz as an art form.

- **Stephen Grusendorf**, an adjunct professor in the Church & Ministry Leadership department, successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation for Capital Seminary and Graduate School, a division of LBC. His dissertation was titled: "A Correlational Study of the Communication Styles and Use of Power among Lead Pastors." Grusendorf also recently had an article titled, "Bourdieu's Field, Capital, and Habitus in Religion," published in the Journal for the Sociological Integration of Religion & Society in the spring of 2016. The piece focuses on Pierre Bourdieu's highly sophisticated articulation of how power was developed, kept, and transferred within society.



- **Mark Sooy**, an adjunct professor in our Bible & Theology department had an article titled, "Dispensationalism and Christian Worldview: Compatible and Complementary," published in the Journal of Grace Theology in the spring of 2016.

# LBC's Newest Team Members

Here's a closer look at some of the new faculty and staff at LBC.

**Audrey Barto** is now a professor of math in our Arts & Sciences department. She has taught at LBC for several years in an adjunct capacity and now joins the faculty as the college's first full-time hire in the area of mathematics. Barto is slated to complete her master's degree in mathematics from Emporia State University this fall.

**Dr. Vickie Byler**, who holds her doctor of education from the United States Sports Academy, joins the faculty of LBC once more as a professor of health and physical education. Byler previously worked at LBC in the late 1990's and early 2000's as the athletic director and professor. The college is pleased to welcome her back in this full-time role.

**Keli Gentzler** is a new professor and the third full-time faculty hire in LBC's growing business administration program. As a former adjunct professor, Gentzler's expertise was instrumental in the design of many of the business courses developed to date. A graduate of James Madison University with degrees in international business and French, she brings with her over 14 years of industry experience from her work with numerous high-profile companies like Armstrong and Case New Holland.

**Dr. Tanya Solomon** is the new faculty and student support services manager at LBC's Center for Urban Theological Studies in Philadelphia. Solomon earned her doctor of philosophy in education degree from the University of Michigan and has served on the staff of PCUTS for several years. In addition to being a full-time faculty member, her new role with the college will focus on providing resources to our Philadelphia students outside the classroom, along with professional development and training for faculty.



**Dr. Tanya Solomon**

## Remembering Stan Deen

9/11/1937 – 7/22/2016

On July 22, the Lancaster Bible College community lost an incredible colleague, mentor, teacher and friend. Stan Deen passed away peacefully in his home after spending the day doing what he loved most: teaching and directing young artists in a local summer theatrical production. Deen was instrumental in the early days of LBC's musical theatre program, developing courses that would shape the artistry of many of the talented young people who have graced our stage and his fingerprints are all over the acting portion of our program. In fact, he was an adjunct professor for LBC just this past year. Many in LBC's community were dear friends of Stan Deen, but in reality, if you met him just once, he would consider you a friend. Deen loved the Lord and loved his students. We will miss him greatly, but we will continue to spread his passion for performing to our students. Deen was a blessing to the Worship & Performing Arts department and many others, and we will miss him greatly.



**Stan Deen**

## LBC Goes Live with Online Radio Station

LBC is pleased to announce that its new radio station is now live online – a first in the college's 83 year history. The station is hosted on LBC's website and can be streamed almost anywhere in the world and features a wide variety of contemporary Christian music, courtesy of local Christian music station, WJTL, which is sharing its music library with the college. The on-air setup is also modeled after WJTL's Manheim studio and has the ability to broadcast over WJTL's airwaves for special occasions.

"The idea behind setting up the station this way was to foster a sense of collaboration between students and the professionals working in the field," said Dr. Michael Freeman, director of the communication major. "In the future, our hope is that students interested in radio and broadcasting will take advantage of their intimate knowledge of the tech and apply for internships and volunteer at WJTL – and other radio stations – to hone their skills."

Starting in the fall semester of 2016, students have begun enrolling in radio productions classes to learn the basics of broadcast, use the equipment and produce their own shows. In fact, long-time WJTL disc jockey and radio personality Kristi Leigh is teaching some of the first courses on radio. "I grew up listening to the Christian music and programming on WJTL. It became my discipleship, my passion and my career," said Leigh, "I'm eager for students to catch the vision of the impact they can have in this field."

To hear all original content produced by our students, tune in here:

[lbc.edu/communication](http://lbc.edu/communication)

Studio B



## Campus Updates & Additions

2016 has been quite the year for Lancaster Bible College, especially in regards to changes to the Lancaster campus. The changes didn't stop with the opening of the Charles Frey Academic Center last March. This spring, we said a fond farewell to Brubaker Hall and welcomed a new promenade with open vistas from the Good Shepherd Chapel to the Teague Learning Commons and more lawn space for recreation. The Horst Athletic Center received some new updates as well: a fresh coat of paint and a prominently displayed Charger logo on the edifice of the building, along with a brand new gym floor. LBC also now has a new gate to greet guests at the front of campus, three slick vans outfitted with our logos – veritable moving billboards for LBC – and Miller Hall got a new paint job to create a more welcoming environment for our students. Come and check out the changes for yourself when you visit Lancaster campus! To see an aerial tour of our campus, go to [bit.ly/lbcaerial](http://bit.ly/lbcaerial)



# Caring For Our Students

At LBC, we truly believe in the power of living out the gospel through life on life learning. During his 17 year presidency, Dr. Peter W. Teague has had a vision to bring retired servants of God from different areas of ministry to serve at LBC on a part-time basis, effectively reaching our external constituencies and influencing our students. That's why we now have several staff members whose express purpose it is to care for the souls of our students through mentorship and one-on-one interaction. These former pastors and ministry leaders who stepped out of retirement to spend time with our students are collectively referred to as Student Support Servants.



**We're pleased to announce the addition of Zofia Beers** to this team in the role of student caregiver, focusing on mentoring relationships with our female students - and yes, she is the mother of the two Beers men who serve at LBC: Josh Beers, senior vice president of student experience and Pete Beers, athletic director. Beers, a self-proclaimed people lover,

comes to us with many years of experience in volunteer work and church ministry and said she is thrilled to begin her work here. "My goal is to reach the students and help them to rely on the Lord for the answers they're looking for," said Beers. "My ministry model is that it's not about me, it's about the Lord. Everything I do is about the Lord."

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVANTS SHARE STORIES OF GOD'S WORK IN STUDENTS' LIVES

Our Student Support Servants have had the chance to get to know our students and walk alongside them. Here, they share of few favorite moments with students they have come to love.



**DR. DAN A. WHITE**  
Pastor at Large

I began serving as a pastor at large at LBC in September 2014. The first year was a steep learning curve for me while I got to know students, faculty and staff. Several of the students I met that first year still keep in contact with me over the phone and through Facebook. Though they have graduated and moved on, the relationship God gave us continues to this day.

During that first year, I also came into contact with three young men going in to pastoral ministry. Since that was my own calling for nearly 40 years, I naturally gravitated toward them. In various ways and over time, each of them asked if we could take our relationship up a notch and spend more one-on-one time talking about what the call to serve Christ's church means. We will work together until they graduate, and then, we will most assuredly keep in touch as they move on, building on the strong foundation they have received here at LBC and through the opportunity I have had to be involved in their lives.



**REV. BOB REID**  
Pastor at Large

My entire pastoral ministry career has been involved in some way with students. I began as a youth pastor at Calvary Church and continued to engage with youth as a senior pastor at Calvary Monument Bible Church.

When I stepped into a new phase of life, I was concerned that my involvement with students would diminish. Serving at LBC as pastor at large eliminated that concern. There are ample opportunities to interact with students by sharing a meal or a cup of coffee, having students in our home, serving as an advisor for a student group and mentoring numerous students. Josh and Danie Krug were two students I got to know very well through my time at LBC. I was privileged enough to conduct their premarital counseling and then participate in their wedding. After 5 years, I am still connecting with former students as LBC alumni. It is a privilege and a joy to serve in such a role.



**REV. JIM WICKLIFFE, SR**  
Pastor at Large

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as a pastor at large. We are given the opportunity to influence students, one on one, with the power of the Scriptures. It is done while praying with the students, eating with them, crying with them, laughing with them and discipling them. I have one story I'd like to share about a young man named David.

When I first met David, everything just seemed to click. Both our childhoods were not good. I watched his heart melt as he listened to chapel speakers. Compassion-filled words boldly shot from his mouth as he shared the Gospel on the streets in Lancaster city. While preaching at the rescue mission, his face glowed as the Holy Spirit worked in the needy hearts of those listening. David loves the passage of Psalm 63, which says, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you... because your steadfast love is better than life."

I think David is learning that God has given us an inexhaustible capacity to satisfy all of our deepest spiritual desires. But last year, we hit a bump in the road and God had a lesson for David to learn. As David told me about his summer, I realized that God had buried this lesson deep in his heart. He was thrown into a leadership position at the camp where he was serving, and it was there that God gave him strength in character to shine for His glory. This is why I serve these students. There's nothing quite like watching them grasp what it means to follow Jesus.



**DR. GEORGE L. NICHOLS, JR**  
Pastor at Large

I served as a pastor for 52 years. When I resigned the full-time pastorate in 2012, I joined my church's pulpit committee to help them find a candidate. When I called Dr. Teague to ask for his recommendations, he invited me to become a pastor at large at LBC. What a tremendous privilege and thrill it was to assume this position!

I have served the college for the past four years in this position and I am blessed beyond measure to spend time with the wonderful students of LBC. I've had the joy of praying with students, mentoring them and sharing a lifetime of ministry and lessons learned with them. Aside from our ministry role with the students, we also minister to the staff, faculty and local pastors. We like to joke that we eat lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day, but it's during this time that we're really able to commune with the students. During my five decades of pastoral ministry, I always loved mentoring young people – and now, this position is the fulfillment of my heart.

To be able to pray with the students, encourage them, counsel them and serve as pastor to them is so rewarding. The notes and cards I receive expressing their appreciation for my ministry to them is a real encouragement to me, and I've kept in touch with a number of students who have graduated. I am encouraged that our students realize that they are the future leaders of the church. And what a comfort it is to know that they will be well-prepared for that responsibility because of LBC!

## Dr. Sandy Outlar

Ambassador to Christian Schools



For the past six years, Dr. Sandy Outlar has served at LBC as an ambassador to help cultivate relationships in the Christian school community through collaborative ministry. He has provided a number of seminars and workshops at LBC to aid development directors, administrators and board members in their efforts to build the kingdom of God through Christian schools. For the majority of his ministry career, Outlar devoted his time and service to Christian schools in the mid-Atlantic region, most recently serving as headmaster at Lancaster Christian School where he engineered the merger with Living Word Academy to become Lancaster County Christian School. Now semi-retired, Outlar's passion for Christian education continues to be evident through his work at LBC.

Lancaster Bible College has been privileged to provide him with a home base at our Lancaster campus to continue his ministry. "My desire," said Outlar, "is to be an encouragement to administrators and board so that the name of Christ will be lifted up and children can see Him and grow in his grace and knowledge through the wonderful ministry of Christian education."



# The Compassion Experience at LBC

This summer, Compassion International's Compassion Experience came to our Lancaster site. The Compassion Experience is a mobile, immersive experience that simulates the living conditions of children sponsored through the program. Both the public and LBC students were invited to interact with the powerful display through Weekend of Welcome, LBC's new student orientation. For LBC students, the display was also personal – Lancaster Bible College is the first and only college to include sponsorship as a part of every new undergraduate student's experience, and this exhibit gave them the chance to peek into the lives of their sponsored children and to see what Compassion International is all about: releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.



THE COMPASSION EXPERIENCE



# THE 3 R's



Essential Question:

What are the 3  
foundational R's of  
an effective classroom?



We will use a gesture for...  
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# A Day of



# Learning

2016 PA Teacher of the Year Speaks  
to LBC Education Students

By Julia Hershey ('98), M.Ed.  
Chair of the Education Department & Assistant Professor

On Monday, April 4, 2016 Rebecca Foxwell ('10), the 2016 PA Teacher of the Year award recipient and LBC alumna, presented two seminars to the undergraduate education students at Lancaster Bible College. The morning session was entitled "A Peek into My Classroom: Utilizing Best Practices" and the afternoon session was entitled "Making Math Meaningful." Over 50 students attended the sessions and were impacted by this passionate, gifted educator.

Foxwell engaged these preservice teachers using a wide range of strategies including gestures, motions, songs, movement and cooperative learning. As one student shared, "She basically brought us into her classroom. She pretended we were the class to show what it would be like. That was awesome." The students deepened their understanding of education as they learned about the three foundational R's of an effective classroom - Rules, Routines, and Relationships - and strategies to engage all learners.

Students commented that they were challenged in many ways. "I was challenged by her consistent excitement and her willingness to be goofy so that students are engaged at all times," said one student. "I was challenged to be a more energetic teacher, incorporate fun into learning, and give students more responsibility in the classroom," added another. During the afternoon math session, Foxwell introduced the students to math related children's literature books, had the students playing math games and discussed the conceptual understanding of math. One student's comments captured the day well. She said, "I took all of it to heart and I want my classroom to be very similar to hers. I was so encouraged and my brain was spinning with ideas. I loved it all."

What a privilege it was to have Foxwell on our campus to pour her knowledge and passion into the heads and hearts of our preservice teachers. Current professors – Dr. Diane Dick, Dr. Bob Dodson, Julia Hershey and Stacey Martin – were encouraged as well as past professors – Dr. Penny Clawson, Anna Alshouse and Joye Outlar. The day was an overwhelming success with students still talking about what they saw and learned.



# More than Content



By Julia Hershey ('98), M.Ed.  
Chair of the Education Department & Assistant Professor

The debate over what should be taught in schools has raged on for centuries. Government officials, textbook publishers, principals, and even classroom teachers have wrestled with each other and within themselves about answers to this question. Unfortunately, the debate will never

be fully quelled or end as ideas continue to change, outcomes shift and societal needs progress. This current educational age tasks schools with preparing students to be college and career ready. What does readiness for college and career look like? If a student is able to diagram a sentence, dissect a pig,

read Romeo and Juliet and pass standardized tests will he be ready to succeed at a job or in college? In his book "Getting Ready for College, Careers, and the Common Core," David Conley outlines what he believes to be the key behaviors of readiness for a student's next step. He breaks the behaviors into four

areas: key content strategies, key content knowledge, key learning skills and techniques and key transition knowledge and skills. Notice that traditional school-related content knowledge accounts for only a small portion of what a student needs to obtain. The other key areas focus on knowledge application and life skills that help students to be strategic in their learning and capable to function in the world.

Although these four areas are important to a student's success, two mindsets are more basic and undergird Conley's key behaviors. The first mindset is grit. Psychologist Angela Duckworth has spent considerable time researching what makes people successful and she has concluded that successful people exhibit grit. Duckworth, featured in a popular TED talk, defines grit as "passion and perseverance for very long term goals." What does a gritty person look like? Perhaps it is someone who has overcome a tremendous obstacle as did each of the Lost Boys of Sudan who traveled thousands of miles from southern Sudan to Kenya and Ethiopia to reach freedom. Or it is someone who triumphs every day in the face of physical difficulties the way that Joni Erickson Tada has. Even the Little-Engine-that-Could was gritty, displaying a passion and perseverance to get up that hill. Grit is the stamina to keep going; it is a marathon attitude instead of a sprint mentality. This gritty mindset is a mark of the Christian life. Hebrews exhorts believers to run with perseverance. Galatians urges to not become weary; to not give up.

In a fast paced, impulsive, need-now world, it is good to remind ourselves that life requires grit, and we need to develop this mindset in the next generation.

Closely aligned with the concept of grit is the idea championed by Carol Dweck called Growth Mindset. In her book by the same name, Dweck states that one can improve with effort and that effort, not innate ability, determines success. Society, and even education, has propagated a myth: effort can be a waste of time. Some students tend to believe that if they have to put effort into something, they should not be doing it – or, maybe that they will never be good at it. This person may give up if the task is too challenging, if the endeavor requires too much, or if the reward is not immediate. Dweck challenges this myth by stating that through effort, one gets better and can improve. Effort, in fact, is healthy.

She roots her understanding in the belief that intelligence, rather than remaining static, can in fact be developed. Contrasting the fixed mindset with growth mindset leads Dweck to make a powerful point. A fixed mindset "avoids challenges, gives up easily, sees effort as fruitless, ignores useful negative feedback, feels threatened by the success of others, and holds a deterministic view of the world." On the other hand, a growth mindset "embraces challenges, persists in the face of setbacks, sees effort as the path to mastery, learns from criticism, finds inspiration in the success of others, and gains a

greater sense of free will". Students, - and in fact, all people - would benefit from adopting a growth mindset. The hand we were dealt in terms of gifts, talents and abilities does not represent the only cards we can play. We can grow; in fact we are called to grow. As Paul writes to the church in Corinth, we grow from one degree of glory to another as we behold the glory of God.

 **Grit is the stamina to keep going; it is the marathon attitude instead of a sprint mentality.**

So should school textbooks be replaced with self-help books, how-to-guides, and inspirational videos? Perhaps, but content knowledge will always be a part of education. However, educators might supplement their teaching material with a focus on skill development, strategic thinking, and gritty, growth mindsets. Learning is not just about the what – what content should I learn? - but learning also encompasses the how – how can I use this knowledge? How do I navigate this situation? Key behaviors and mindsets can help enhance people's learning whether they are getting ready for college, working in a career, or teaching the next generation.

# First, the Bad News

BY D. BRUCE LOCKERBIE,  
CHAIRMAN & CEO OF PAIDEIA, INC.

THIS AUGUST, D. BRUCE LOCKERBIE, A LONG-TIME TEACHER, PROFESSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, ADDRESSED THE FACULTY OF LBC DURING A WORKSHOP. HERE, HE SHARES HIS INSIGHTS INTO STATE OF BIBLICAL EDUCATION.

I begin this preparation for the new academic year with bad news, hoping to remedy its message with subsequent good news. First, the bad news: in 2016, we face the declining state of biblical knowledge and Bible teaching at home, church, and in our schools, colleges and seminaries.



Let's begin at home: personal prayer and Bible reading, the cornerstone of one's own sustaining and developing faith, require discipline to set aside time each day for fellowship with God and the nourishment of his Word - a discipline today "more honored in the breach than in the observance." With this loss in our own devotional lives, family worship around the dinner table has all but disappeared - as has the dinner table itself! - and with it, a period of common reading and common prayer among members of the family -in-residence.

How about the North American evangelical congregation - largely comprised of persons who have not held a Bible in hand since last Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning - if then? Some churches ignore the public reading of Scripture altogether ("Takes up too much time, you know!") or read only a few verses without any context, or debase that reading by having it offered by someone unprepared who therefore stumbles through the text.

Other churches deliberately limit the Bible's authority to a catch-as-catch-can possibility. As the invited preacher, I arrived just as a seminary intern was preparing the pulpit Bible for the public reading. I asked, "Do you say something directing the congregation to what you are about to read?" "Yes," the seminarian replied, "I say 'Listen for the Word of God.'" I asked, "Would you mind saying, 'Listen to the Word

of God?'" The intern made a nasty face and responded with supercilious contempt, "Oh, you're one of *those!*"

Yes, I confess that I'm one of *those* believing that the Word of God is organic, dynamic, alive and deserves

group able and willing to adhere to a disciplined confession of biblical authenticity.

This same diagnosis of biblical ignorance holds in many Christian schools, liberal arts colleges and even



reading with verve and intonation and oracular drama; but I also believe that the Word of God is to be found in the pages of Scripture and read from those pages.

By relegating the Scriptures at home and in contemporary evangelical worship, we are depriving generations of professing Christians of a basic source and resources for their faith. No wonder George Barna, David Kinnaman and Josh McDowell find such disparity between the majority of Americans claiming to be born again and the shrinking minority of that same

some seminaries. My 61 years in the vocation of Christian schooling started in 1956, when every undergraduate in that Christian college enrolled in a Bible course every semester; so both the physics and phys ed majors graduated with a minimum of eight courses in biblical studies. What is that requirement today, and why has it been diminished at all? Because of a deserving yet unbalanced quest for academic respectability. I am not opposed to the legitimacy of academic respectability, but that commendable goal must not come after squandering our heritage. To attain an enviable record of placing one's graduates in professional schools, some evangelical liberal arts colleges have already conceded to pre-professional admissions committees. After all, the

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“ We face the declining state of biblical knowledge and Bible teaching at home, church, and in our schools, colleges and seminaries. ”



## Enough bad news for now! What can we do about this sorry state of biblical illiteracy in our homes, churches, and in many of our schools?

argument goes, we have chapel services and prayer groups on campus. I warn you as the corps of classroom teachers that the first sign of incipient skepticism leading to institutional apostasy is a diminished curriculum in biblical studies.

But this bad news is worse for some of your first-year students and the Christian secondary schools from which they enter. As you will soon discover, "Pearly Gates Christian School" (my fictitious but not so fictitious model) has not steeped them in Scripture. Instead, pedagogical and curricular fallacies prevail, beginning with the assumption that, if you love Jesus, you can teach the Bible. From there follows - oddly enough - a notion that (1) older students already know the basic Bible stories and will be bored by having to study them again; and (2) a fanciful delusion that a two-semester survey of the Old and New Testaments in 9th grade earns the scholarly right in grades 10-12 to muse on apologetics, comparative religion, or systematic theology according to the sponsoring denomination ("taught at a seminary level, you know!" as one profoundly silly Bible department chair assured me). No member of the upper grades has needed an open Bible since

the last class in 9th grade. I alert you to this shameful fact, that some of your students who come to LBC from public schools - where the teaching of the Bible has been banned for a half-century - are no less well-informed about the Bible than are your Christian school alumni.

Enough bad news for now! What can we do about this sorry state of biblical illiteracy in our homes, churches, and in many of our schools? It avails nothing for me to kvetch over the losses sustained since "the good old days." We need action based on sound strategy and a plan, starting with each person's commitment to the centrality of the Bible to the mission, vision, and plan of this college, and its delivery to your current students. We need to reclaim the purpose for a biblical higher education and reassert standards for integrity and scholarship in the academic teaching and studying of the Bible as essential to that purpose. We need to teach every student in every Bible course - but with special focus upon pastoral and other ministerial majors - the art of hermeneutics before homiletics, interpretation before sermonizing: less emphasis on techniques of church growth and more emphasis on growth in the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God's Word. We need to influence the standards for ordination and qualifications for Bible teaching in churches, schools, colleges, and seminaries; we need to promote biblical exposition from the pulpit and inductive study in the home; we need to recall the insistence

of Paul of Tarsus, that "knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

We also need to urge the hierarchy of the Association of Christian Schools International, Middle Atlantic Christian Schools Association and Christian Schools International to insist, require, demand, even compel Christian schools to teach the Bible as rigorously and comprehensively as is mandated for any other K-12 subject matter - or forfeit their accreditation! But beyond the scope of courses in biblical studies, we all need to be accountable for the art and skill of "intentional biblical worldview pedagogy," meaning that every other academic discipline is presented through the lens of our biblical worldview, leading to a full and natural integration of faith and knowledge, offered with tact and grace and discernment derived from the Holy Spirit's gift of understanding.

Then we must reach out to and beyond our alumni to others within our institutional sphere of influence, drawing them repeatedly to opportunities for encouragement and refreshment in their preaching and teaching, in their design and manufacturing, in their sales and marketing of the goods and services they promote, in their political and economic decisions - all through the lens and from the platform of an enlightening biblical worldview. We need to teach and demonstrate the essentials of thinking and acting like a Christian."

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# Are You Ready for College?

## Four Questions to Ask Yourself – Or Your Student – Before Heading Off to College

BY JOSH BEERS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT EXPERIENCE

*Twenty five years ago, I set out for college 1,100 miles from home, scared out of my mind, yet believing I was ready to conquer the world. My college journey was one of the most transformational experiences of my life. It was during that time that I grew into a man under the mentoring and teaching of faculty and coaches who poured into my life and pointed me toward Christ. As I reflect on the decision process that I went through as a high school student preparing for college, I realized that the answers to these four questions were crucial to my journey leading up to leaving for college and during it.*

1

### ARE YOU READY TO WORK HARD?

As a young boy, my dad sought to instill a strong work ethic in our family. His words echo in my mind still today: "If you know how to work, you will always be able to find a job." College is a place where work ethic should be cultivated. Academic challenges, along with balancing a busy schedule, are great preparation for life on the other side of college. I am also a strong believer that students should work while in college – including doing jobs they don't enjoy. Washing dishes and mopping floors were great reminders to me to take my education seriously so I could someday work a job that I loved.

2

### ARE YOU READY TO MAKE YOUR FAITH YOUR OWN?

I thought I knew what I believed as I began college, but here's the truth: my college days forced me to decide if my faith was truly my own or if it was just my parents' faith. In college, I grew in an environment that was similar to my upbringing. But, most of all, I was challenged to put my faith into action. This allowed me to experience my faith actively rather than just with mental assent.





3

**ARE YOU READY TO EMBARK ON A LIFETIME OF LEARNING?**

This was perhaps the greatest takeaway for me from college. Due to some amazing professors and mentors, I have embarked on a lifetime of learning that was ignited in my college years. My professors who challenged me to think and gave me an insatiable desire to learn were one of the greatest gifts of my college education.

4

**ARE YOU READY TO LEARN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**

College is so much more than just learning in the classroom. In fact, one could argue that as much learning takes place outside the classroom as inside the classroom. Living with roommates and doing your laundry are just two of a myriad of responsibilities that you gain in college. Growing and learning opportunities abound in music, drama, intramural sports, clubs and service opportunities inside and outside the college. Look for opportunities to travel locally and globally to expand your worldview.

*For me, the greatest joy of my life is to invest in students to help them answer these and other questions that serve as the springboard for their professional careers and service to God and others.*



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President's Report

# Faithful

Kuzonza S. Barnes received her Bachelor of Science in Urban Leadership Ministry at our Philadelphia site last May.

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# President's Report



# Faith

Adjective: Steadfast in

ful  
affection or allegiance

Dear Friend,

**A**s we enter our 84<sup>th</sup> year, LBC is as committed as ever to integrating rigorous scholarship and academic excellence with biblical truth and Christian faith so our students will think and live a biblical worldview and proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

The mission of LBC is extremely challenging, yet incredibly important. We are preparing well-educated, committed Christians to serve the Lord lovingly, joyfully, courageously, and diligently in a world with enormous spiritual, material, and physical needs.

As I think of our future, I often reflect on this question: what if the way we ensure our future is not necessarily by becoming bigger, more powerful, and richer, but by becoming better servants who embody day by day what Jesus Christ has done in and for the world? This is not an apologetic for the LBC of yesteryear, rather the focus that will guide and sustain us into tomorrow.

Quite frankly, that is my vision for LBC. Our students need a Lancaster Bible College centered on Jesus Christ, grounded in God's Word and committed to excellence in all it does. Furthermore, our world needs LBC graduates who are exemplary in character, scholarship and leadership.

The Church needs the influence and contribution of LBC because our graduates have been taught the truth of the scripture – and live the truth of the scripture. The title of this President's Report sums it up in one word: **Faithful**.

This past year has been an intense time of planning and collaborating, allowing us to dream about what can happen in the bigger picture across all of LBC. I am so grateful to our Board of Trustees and Corporation members who lend their time, talent, and treasure to this great enterprise.

The pages of this report show how much God has accomplished through our Corporation, Board of Trustees, faculty and staff in just one year: records in enrollment and generosity, exceptional academic scholarship, and breathtaking campus improvements with the Charles Frey Academic Center as the centerpiece. With all of this remarkable blessing, I remain convinced the best is yet to come – if we remain faithful.

Cordially in Christ,

*Peter W. Teague*

Peter W. Teague, Ed.D.  
President

**A**s a trustee of LBC for the past 18 years, Ruth Shertzer has seen the college grow and change before her eyes. Her relationship with the institution began back in the '70s when she began attending LBC's Evening Institute with her husband. "It became our 'date night' each Tuesday evening," said Shertzer, "I enjoyed the classes, especially the ones on the New Testament books. I learned so much, but most important [to me] was the practical application we were encouraged to make in our lives. It became a highlight for me to attend class." She might not have guessed that two college degrees and two decades later, God would allow her to have a part in overseeing many crucial parts of LBC's history.

In 1998, Shertzer was asked to join LBC's board of trustees to add the perspective of another educator.

"When I was asked to consider becoming a trustee I felt I did not have much to offer," she explained. "However, after praying about it - and with the encouragement of my husband - I consented." Her obedience to God in this seemingly small opportunity has resulted in a fruitful ministry that spans decades. "It has been a blessing to me and a joy to serve the Lord in this way," she said.

Shertzer has had a hand in some instrumental changes that have taken place in the college's history, including a presidential transition, watching the Lord provide the funds for the construction of the Teague Learning Commons, participating in two self-study processes for reaccreditation, and her continued involvement in LBC's education committee, which helps to maintain a high standard of education and robust curriculum.

Through it all, Shertzer has been obedient to God's call on her life, and the college has been greatly blessed by her selfless service. Shertzer gives all the praise to God. "It has been a blessing and joy to see how God has directed the ministry of the college," she said. "It is because of people being faithful in prayer for the college and the hard work and dedication of the administration, faculty and staff. I find it a pleasure to serve the Lord by being a part of the board of trustees." LBC is grateful for Shertzer's unwavering obedience and faithfulness to God and her willing service to the college.



RUTH SHERTZER:  
**Obedient to the Call**

## President's Report

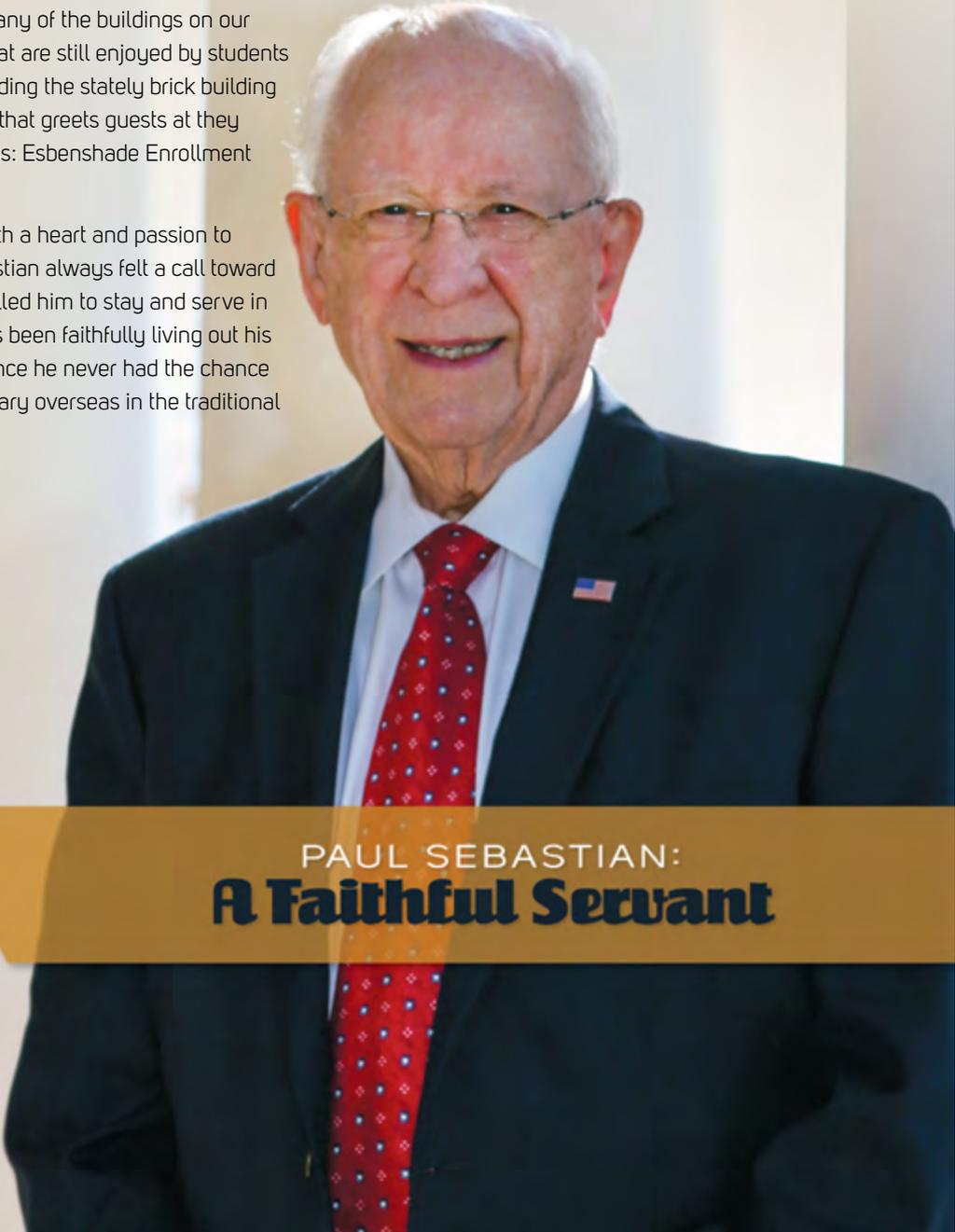
**P**aul Sebastian ('52) first learned about LBC from the founder himself: Henry J. Heydt. Sebastian, then a mechanical engineering major at Penn State University, met Heydt at an InterVarsity Bible study held on the college's campus where Heydt was the guest speaker. The two struck up a long-lasting friendship. In fact, the former president even officiated Sebastian's wedding to Jean Esbenshade – of the very same Esbenshade family who donated their farm to become our campus – the next year. Since that time, Sebastian's involvement with the college has blossomed and grown into something much more than perhaps even he could have anticipated.

Sebastian has been a trustee at LBC for 41 years. During his time with the college, his roles have included everything from student, alumnus, professor, corporation member, and finally, trustee. He even designed many of the buildings on our Lancaster campus that are still enjoyed by students and staff today, including the stately brick building with tall white pillars that greets guests at they drive onto our campus: Esbenshade Enrollment Management Center.

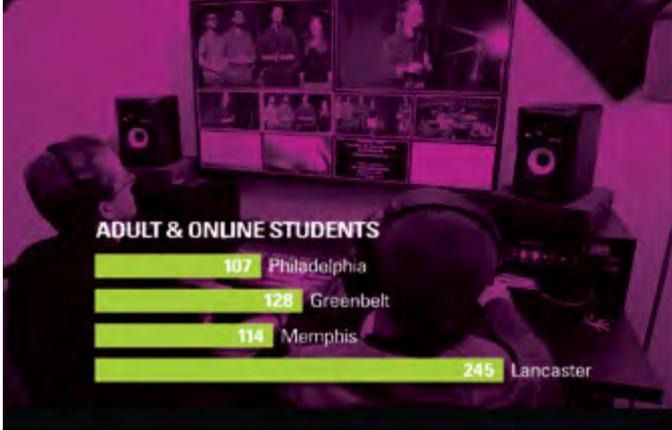
A military veteran with a heart and passion to serve the Lord, Sebastian always felt a call toward missions, but God called him to stay and serve in Lancaster, where he's been faithfully living out his calling ever since. Since he never had the chance to serve as a missionary overseas in the traditional

sense, he taught LBC students the skills they might need in the mission field, equipping them with practical building skills they could use anywhere God led them.

Sebastian has been a part of many of the college's most important milestones: four changes in presidential leadership, accreditation, new degrees, and significant campus expansion (aided by his design expertise), he's overseen additions and much, much more. Through it all, he's been endlessly faithful, both to the Lord and to the college. However, Sebastian says that all of these accomplishments and achievements pale in comparison to this one thing: "The greatest reward [has been] seeing the thousands of students over the years graduate and serve the Lord."

A portrait of Paul Sebastian, an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, out-of-focus interior space with light-colored walls and a window.

PAUL SEBASTIAN:  
**A Faithful Servant**



Faithful

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

In the 2015-16 year, LBC received a number of unsolicited accolades for best Christian college or university status. Here's a look at some of the top honors:

- Social Work Degree Guide named LBC's social work program at number 4 on a list of the Top 25 Christian Colleges for a Social Work Degree Program in 2015.
- Central Penn Business Journal put our college at number 13 on a list of Pennsylvania colleges ranked by enrollment.
- Christian Universities Online placed LBC at number 18 on its list of the 50 Best Value Christian Colleges and Universities of 2016 and number 36 on its list of 50 Most Beautiful Bible Colleges 2017.
- Best Value Schools ranked Lancaster Bible College at number 24 out of 30 for the 30 Best Value Colleges and Universities in Pennsylvania of 2015.
- Lancaster Bible College was ranked 39 out of the 91 best colleges in Pennsylvania by NICHE, a college review website.
- The college was listed at 42 on Sports Management Degree Guide's list of the 50 Most Affordable Selective Colleges for Sports Management in 2015.



  
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**7%**  
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**4.2%**  
Debt Default Rate for LBC Students:



**1,485**  
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE  
ENROLLMENT

**1,960**  
TOTAL ENROLLMENT

**80%**  
RETENTION OF OUR STUDENTS



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## President's Report

2015-2016

Revenue	\$35,520,540
Expenses	\$34,247,497
Total Assets	\$83,258,620
Total Amount of Aid Invested in Our Students	\$5,974,594
Average Amount of Aid Given to Each Student	\$5,016
Number of Students who Received Institutional Aid	1,191
Endowment Total	\$12,888,371
Total Assets Managed by the Eden Bridge Foundation	\$40,000,000
Total Amount of Funds Raised	\$7,438,706
Total Raised for Scholarship	\$2,134,475
Number of Unique Donors	2,343
New Donors	584
Number of Unique Gifts	5,411

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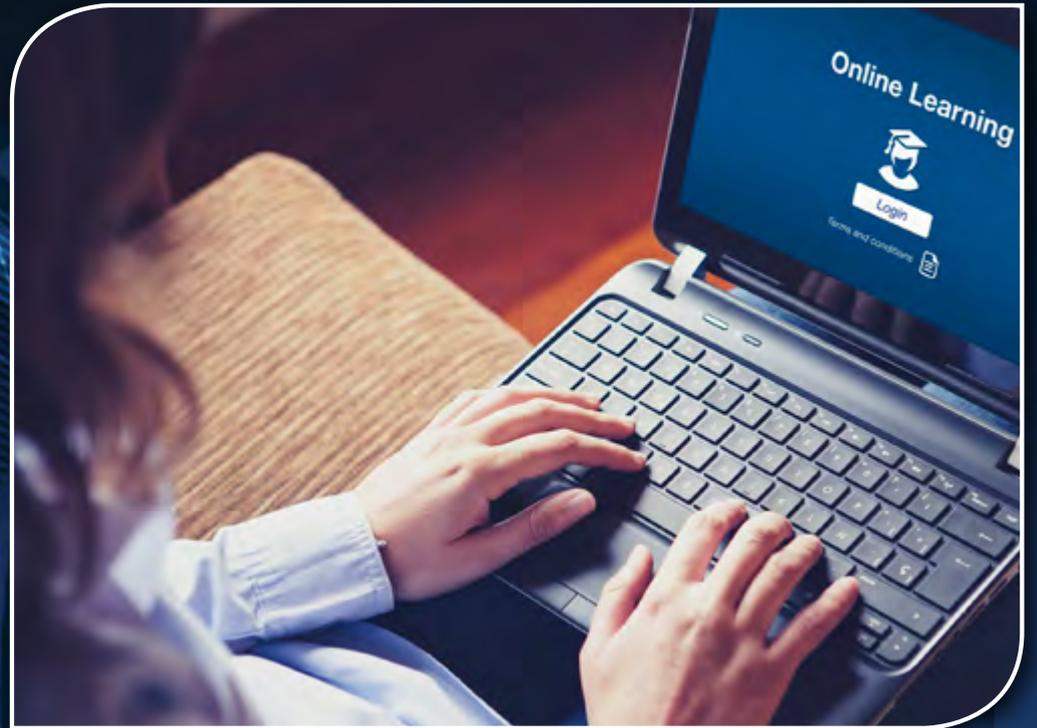
This year's celebration of our Homecoming & Family Weekend was a rousing success! With over 800 guests who visited our campus throughout the course of the weekend, a fireworks display, performances of the college's fall musical "Godspell," food booths, inflatables, men and women's soccer games, and of course, the crowning of our newest homecoming king and queen, it was certainly a weekend to remember. Remember to save the date for next year's celebration – September 29 and 30, 2017! We're glad we saw you this year – and we can't wait to see you again next year!



# The Future of Online Education

IS NEITHER ONLINE NOR EDUCATION

By DR. CHRIS VANBUSKIRK, Director of Digital Learning



In 1999, Donna Abernathy, editor of Training and Development Magazine said, "Online education is not the next big thing; it is the now big thing." The 17 years since have not only proved that true, but trends in technology and connectivity have forever altered the face of education. Given that reality, how can we say that the future is neither online nor education?

The "online" segment of online education harkens back to the late 1990's as personal computers and internet access became more commonplace. This increased access led to the rise of educational providers like University of Phoenix, Liberty University and others. However, consider the tidal wave of change since then. Computers were large towers with CD ROMs and floppy discs. Online courses were largely print and audio based with little or no interactivity. Internet access utilized a modem and dial-up connection. Students read a book and took a test or wrote a paper.

Today, however, the capability of technology is exploding. Students can put on virtual glasses and stand in the Colosseum in Rome or walk the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Interactivity means a professor in a classroom in Lancaster can talk with a student in China while studying an ancient manuscript located in the Vatican. In addition, there is the whole explosion of mobile devices. Learners today access course materials on their phones and tablets while riding on the subway or curled up in their favorite coffee shop.

The future of Lancaster Bible College will be characterized by instructional practice that effectively uses technology to strengthen a student's learning experience. High-quality educational resources will emphasize multimedia and interactive content. Courses will provide access to challenging content, feedback through formative assessment, opportunities for learning anytime and anywhere and provide individualized instruction to ensure that all students attain their full potential. All of these things and more focus on the student's journey to reach their God-given calling. It is because of this that the future is digital and not just online.

Likewise, education is being replaced, even at an institution of higher education like Lancaster Bible College - with learning. Is there a difference? Perhaps it's just semantics, but replacing "education" with "learning" follows the industry (and institutional) practice of focusing on our students. Every academic department in the college exists to enhance the student experience. When we apply this focus to distance and alternative education, it provides us with clarity and cohesion and serves as a reminder of Whom we serve and why we do what we do. Over a hundred years ago, John Gregory identified teaching as the "communication of knowledge." This focus is less on delivery and more on acquisition. And it means that in order to put the "learning" in digital learning, some educational transformation must take place.

Digital learning is nothing more than an extension of Paul's message on Mars Hill where he took a familiar illustration and used it to share the Good News. Two millennia later, fulfilling the Great Commission to teach is the heartbeat of digital learning. The times, as they say, are a-changing, but the mission has not. And that's why we believe the future is digital learning.

# Education without Borders

How an LBC Partnership is Bringing Quality Higher Education to African Pastors



*Richmond Wandera, founder and director of Pastor's Discipleship Network and student in our doctoral program.*

Last year, LBC began an important and transformative partnership with a growing ministry equipping African pastors: the Pastor's Discipleship Network in Uganda. This ministry, headed up by current doctoral student and former Compassion child, Richmond Wandera, focuses on equipping African pastors to strengthen the African church. A true grassroots effort, the ministry has touched nearly 4,000 lives since its inception and continues to grow and expand its reach across the country and continent.

With its mission closely aligned to our own, LBC first decided to offer our Master's of Arts in ministry degree to these eager-to-learn pastors - completely online - in March of 2015, largely due to the ongoing efforts of Wandera to bring quality training to leaders in the African church. Now, nearly two years later, the first group of African students is set to graduate in May 2017.

"We have dreamed as a ministry of a day when every district in the country has a trained teacher who is rooted in the Word to provide oversight and guidance to the Church issues in that area," said Wandera. "[With the help of LBC], that day is not far away."

Wandera's enthusiasm is shared by others. "It's such a joy to see the growth that these students are experiencing because of the high-quality education they're receiving through LBC," said Robert Blanks, the partnership liaison for Lancaster Bible College and the Pastor's Discipleship Network and assistant professor. "This program is addressing a great need that many pastors in Africa face." According to Blanks, who himself spent many years serving as a missionary in Mozambique, some of the educational models used in Africa only focus on rote memorization, missing out of some of the key elements of holistic learning. "That's what's so exciting about this partnership," continued Blanks, "It's providing these students with a life-transforming education that helps them to think critically about the content they're learning and gives them the tools they need to understand and apply it in life and ministry."



*Robert Blanks, the partnership liaison for LBC and PDN.*





It's important to note that this is all made possible by something we often take for granted: the internet. Most of our college's sites are blanketed in high-speed Wi-Fi, but this isn't always the case in remote areas of other countries. Access to the internet is limited in Uganda and getting online often requires payment. But students in Uganda find ways to get their work done offline, working on assignments during their commutes to work and ministry, working off of laptops on buses, cafes and in their homes.

However, the simple fact that the education we offer at LBC is now accessible to students halfway around the world who might otherwise have no formal pastoral or ministry training is perfectly in line with the mission of the college – a fact not lost on the students who receive it.

"As a Christian, this program has challenged my understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ - being a Christian from the core to the crust." said Mark Wamala, a pastor and Ugandan student earning his master's degree through LBC's partnership with PDN. "As a student, my study skills have increased. I am able to read... books, analyze the flow of thoughts of writers and make personal conclusions in the light of God's word. As a pastor, I have found the materials to [be] user-friendly. I refer to them in my preaching and teaching in the church, in schools and in conferences." Wamala emphasized the importance of his online education, saying, "I can keep studying while I'm on missions."

That's always been a central goal of LBC's graduate education: to empower students to earn their degree without uprooting their lives. And now, thanks to many years of hard work and a collaborative effort between two organizations, LBC is able to share that life-changing education halfway across the world with just the click of a button.



# William Illingworth

## Named the Winner of Schoology's Administrator of the Year Award

In January of 2015, LBC began using a new online learning platform, eCampus, which is powered by Schoology. This year at Schoology's annual user conference, Schoology NEXT, William Illingworth ('14), an instructional technologist at LBC, was awarded the Higher Education Administrator of the Year Award.

As an instructional technologist, Illingworth serves our faculty and students by integrating and enhancing technology tools in education. He also serves as our learning management system administrator.

The selection process for the award involved writing a short essay that demonstrated how the administrator was elevating achievement (Schoology's theme of the year) at their institution. The submissions were evaluated by a committee at Schoology who then selected the final winner. This award recognizes the efforts that Illingworth has made for LBC as he works with Schoology's product team and our staff to build eCampus.



# Faith in the Public Square

BY DR. DANIEL SPANJER, Chair of the Arts & Sciences Department

In John chapter 8, Jesus entered into a dangerous controversy. He was teaching in the temple after a short respite with His disciples when suddenly, a group of scribes and Pharisees interrupted him by pushing forward a woman who had committed adultery. “Teacher,” they asked, “This woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women,

government, for all intents and purposes, squelched Judaism. In fact, Jews found Roman control of Judea’s civil law so oppressive that they would fight a deadly revolution forty years after Jesus taught in the temple that would result in the final destruction of that temple. In John 8, the Jewish leaders thrust Jesus between the demands of Jewish religion and Roman law and culture.

The scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who would force Him to side with either Moses or Caesar. According to Mosaic law, Jewish leaders must punish what it deems a crime; in this case, Jewish law demanded the stoning of adulteresses. However, since Rome ruled Judea, it alone claimed the right to enforce civil law. Knowing this, the Pharisees presented Jesus with a difficult decision: Would he defer to Roman law and thereby render Moses’ law void or would he enforce the Mosaic law and suffer punishment for violating Roman authority?

The conundrum into which the Jewish leaders forced Jesus is not entirely unlike the one American Christians find themselves wrestling with today. Although Americans are certainly not called upon to stone sinners, still secular society pressures Christians to decide between obeying its rules or the Bible. Public shaming, incendiary protests and even laws encroach on areas of religious belief and practice once protected in American society so that Christians have to either curtail their involvement in the public square or compromise their faith. From being forced to participate in homosexual weddings to having tax money used to support abortion, the secular culture is forcing Christians to choose between God and Caesar. In his contest with the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus offers His people useful instruction which may serve as a corrective to errors Christians often make when engaging secular culture.

American Christians have generally chosen one of two responses to secular society’s demands that they must abandon religious belief in order to participate in the public square. First, many American Christians have sought to separate themselves from secular society based on a clear statement of proper Christian belief and action. These Fundamentalist Christians, as they are traditionally described, see secular society as a danger to their clearly stated religious convictions. In an effort to avoid compromising their beliefs, they have set out to reclaim culture in a war of values that has now dragged on for nearly sixty years. Although they have remained steadfast and overt about their commitment to God’s laws they have suffered serious losses against secular culture. Fundamentalists who may once have hoped to prohibit alcoholic consumption now fight to keep males out of girls’ restrooms. Yet, for all the failures of their strategy, Fundamentalists have been steadfast witnesses to God’s laws and character. They have understood that compromising Biblical morality endangers not only the Church but the American republic as well.

A new group of Evangelicals have taken up a second response to secular society which seeks to abandon the culture war metaphor. In hopes of creating dialogue and authentic relationships with nonbelievers, these New Evangelicals choose to lead with compassion rather than clearly stated convictions about God’s laws. Thus, this group takes no public stance against homosexual marriage, for example, in hopes of winning the public over with compassion. Although this strategy has born real fruit in individual relationships, the reticence to clearly state God’s laws has only accelerated the liberal shift of both American culture and even American churches. Compassion for alternative sexual relationships and the fluidity of gender identity seems to communicate



so what do you say?” Teaching in the temple, the capital building of Jewish society, culture and religion, the scribes and Pharisees had placed Jesus squarely in the middle of the growing tension between Jerusalem and Rome.

In the first century A.D., Rome ruled over Palestine. Less than seventy years before Jesus began his ministry, Roman power ended the Jews’ second independent state that was once ruled by the Hasmonean Kings. Although Rome allowed Jews to practice their religion, they now had no power to enforce the civil laws of the Torah, which could not be separated from the Judaic religion. For Jews, the civil law controls the arena of religious life, meaning that the Roman

a lack of conviction that only validates secular trends in politics, law, art and culture. One who supports gay marriage in the public arena to foster relationships has little justification in preaching against it from the pulpit.

In John 8, Jesus could have used either the Fundamentalist or the New Evangelical strategy to answer both the Pharisees and Rome. He had the opportunity to stand against the pagan cultural forces of Rome and confirm the relevance of the Mosaic law to sin in His day. He also could have reached out to the adulteress with compassion in an effort to win her over and to make himself less odious to Roman culture. According to John's narrative, Jesus did neither by doing both. He looked at the Pharisees and made one of the most profound moral statements to be found anywhere in world literature – "You who have not sinned, cast the first stone." With these words, Jesus led with a compassion clearly founded on God's law.

Imagine what the prostitute must have heard when Jesus uttered these words. "Do you mean to say that the sins of Pharisees are as bad as mine?" Indeed, religious leaders break God's commandments the same as adulterers. Not only did His words indicate that He would not stone her, they also raised her from guilt and shame, from social isolation and ignominy. Jesus does not use the woman as a pawn in a culture war meant to drive Rome from Jerusalem, or sin from society. He led with love, but he did not stop there.

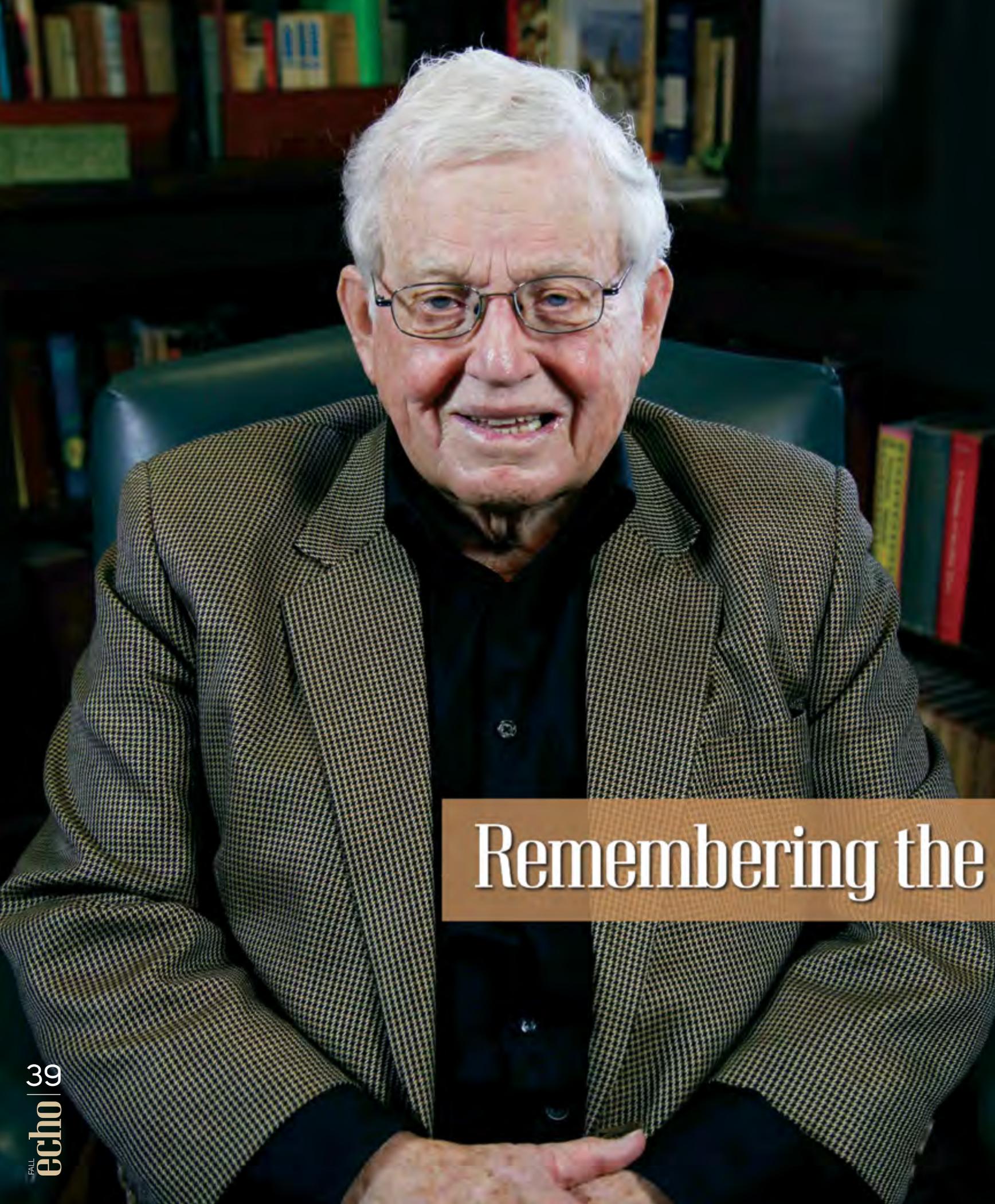
Jesus did not chiefly concern himself with creating a good relationship with the secular society around Him nor with the woman whom he had just encouraged. In an effort to run from the culture war which has proven so flawed in the past sixty years, Christians must not simply respond to rampant sin and egregious violations of God's glorious character with a sympathetic, "Hey, we all sin, so we won't judge." Raising the issues of the Pharisees' guilt put the woman's sin in perspective but doing so did not stop Jesus from addressing her sins directly. You are forgiven, Jesus said, "And from now on, sin no more." Jesus extends incredible grace to the woman but in no way exhibits tolerance. He tells her clearly that she must desist from her sinful lifestyle.

Christ reminds His followers that He would have them love their neighbors as themselves. The Church must reach out in love to sinners of all kinds without exception: single mothers who have had abortions, homosexuals, transgendered people, fornicators, thieves, murderers and liars. Christ spared no personal cost to give grace to the fallen. Yet, the Church must not empty its loving message and ministry of God's character and law. The second part of the Greatest Commandment follows

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from the first: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength." The Church must have a passion for God's glorious character and be unashamed to declare His laws. Christ's response to the Pharisees, Rome and the adulterer show us that Christians must never empty their love for neighbor of a passion for God's laws, nor preach God's law without extending His infinite grace.





# Remembering the

It is with profound sorrow in our hearts that we pay tribute to Charles Frey, a man whose life has touched deeply many at Lancaster Bible College. Psalm 116:15 tells us, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

How each one of us will miss Charles' soft-spoken voice, incisive questions, and gentle encouragement. He leaves behind gaps in our lives – in the hearts of Bea and his four children and their spouses and his grandchildren and great grandchildren; in gatherings of friends old and new; in the communities of his church and the ministries dear to his heart. He was an extremely modest man, the kind of person who commands respect from everyone but never demands it.

It was not even eight months ago, March 31, that we dedicated our new Charles Frey Academic Center on the campus of Lancaster Bible College and had the privilege of honoring Charles for his lead gift. Dr. Ravi Zacharias was with us that evening. We remember Charles was not comfortable being the center of attention, but oh, how he enjoyed being with the family and friends who were so important to him.

We loved Charles – and Charles loved God. His was a simple eloquence expressed through quiet decisions, consistent choices and deep convictions. One of the hardest working men I have ever known, Charles discovered through a lifetime of labor the joy of giving. He said, almost in wonderment, "I spent all my years making money, and I wasn't as happy then as I am now giving it away."

By some, the victory has to be won over poverty, but Charles Frey won the victory over an environment of plenty. He believed that life consisted not in the "abundance of things that a man possesseth" but in the abundance of things which possess a man, and those of us who knew him will ever be indebted to him and changed by his life.

Charles' faith made an indelible impact on all who came in contact with him. His conversations were seasoned with truth and grace. His commitment to God's Word translated into everyday life as he raised a family, led a business and gave back to the Lord's work.

Charles was elected to our Board of Trustees in 1990 and became an honorary trustee in 2003. Along the way he faithfully attended meetings, carefully and selectively dispensed advice, generously shared resources, and established himself as a valued counselor. We will miss him more than we can say.

Billy Graham once said, "Our days are numbered. One of the primary goals in our lives should be to prepare for our last day. The legacy we leave is not just in our possessions, but in the quality of our lives." How well that describes Charles. Among my treasured keepsakes are some of Charles' handwritten notes. One line reads, "I want to do something that lasts after my life." That, my friends, is the legacy of Charles Frey.

If we were to only say Charles Frey was a great man we would miss the point of his life. The reason he was a great man is because he was rooted in a great Savior and had a great love for Jesus Christ.

So we rejoice in the midst of our sorrow because we know we will see Charles again. 1 Corinthians 2:9 reminds us, "But just as it is written, 'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.'" Charles is home – with Jesus, enjoying all that God has prepared for him.

# Legacy of Charles F. Frey



One of his greatest delights became giving to advance God's kingdom, literally transforming the ministries he invested in. And in true Charles fashion, his giving was deliberate and intentional, an outgrowth of his commitment to his church, his community, evangelism and biblical higher education. When asked why he gave to support students, he said, "If I gave to support maybe ten students this year, and if I do that next year, and the next year, when I do that for ten years, how many people do I have witnessing on the mission field? And that is fantastic!"

April 28, 1926 – October 12, 2016

By Dr. Peter W. Teague, President

# Earn This

By Dr. Harold Kime ('70), Distinguished Professor



*This article is a summary of our May 2016 commencement address, written and delivered by distinguished professor Dr. Harold Kime. The reader should note that during both the opening and closing remarks, the audience was shown video clips from the movie, "Saving Private Ryan."*

**F**ilm is a powerful medium with scenes that make lasting impressions in our minds. The scene we've just watched, for me is one such scene: the death of Captain John H. Miller from the movie, "Saving Private Ryan."

After surviving the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944, Miller and a squad of soldiers were dispatched to find Private First Class James Francis Ryan, whose three brothers had recently died in World War II. Their job was to find Private Ryan and return him to safety. This job would cost Captain Miller and most of his squad their lives. As Miller lies dying at the bridge at Ramelle, he leans forward and whispers in Ryan's ear, "James, earn this... earn it."

Every time I watch this scene and hear those words, my heart throbs with the reminder of my own obligation to repay God in some small measure for what he has provided for me in Christ. I identify with Private Ryan, who from that moment onward felt the burden of that final order from his captain and rescuer. Yet, this afternoon as I speak to you, I see the scene differently. Today, I see myself identifying more with Captain Miller. I, like him, would whisper in your ears, "Earn this." You, like Private Ryan, have your whole life before you; and I want you to feel the obligation that is now yours because of what you have been given through the sacrifice of so many. As you leave this auditorium, throughout all your journeys in this life, I want you to hear the echo of those few short word, "Earn this... earn it."

Now, you might ask me, "Haven't I already earned this? Haven't I worked hard in my studies, earning every grade? Haven't I spent the last four years of my life so that I might have this education? Haven't I paid thousands of dollars for this education? How can you ask me to do more to earn this?"

True, you have spent energy, time and money in acquiring this education. But, you haven't earned it yet. You've only begun to pay for what you've received. I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's words to the believers at Corinth. He said, "If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much that we should reap material things from you?" Paul describes his teaching ministry this way, "We speak about these things, not with words taught us by human wisdom but with words taught us by the Spirit. And so we explain spiritual truths to spiritual people." The teaching you've received here at LBC is much more than what you can pay for with material things. You have received priceless spiritual things. You have learned about the very mysteries of God. You have been transformed not only in mind, but also in heart and soul. Such things cannot be bought with material things. No, no, you have not yet earned it.

Now, not only have you not paid in full for this spiritual education, but beyond that, this education has left you obligated. You see, you've been entrusted with divine truth. As Peter states, you are now "stewards of God's manifold grace." Paul says that you are "stewards of the mysteries of God." And he reminds us that "it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." Indeed, Jesus himself said, "To whom much is given, much will be required." You are not now free to leave these halls and live your life as

you please. You, like the graduates of West Point, leave with an obligation to serve. You are now commissioned officers in God's army. You are obligated to earn this through duty, honor and service. Many of those graduating cadets gave their lives in service for their country. Are you ready to give your life in service for the Kingdom of God?

Don't you understand that this spiritual education is not designed so that you might benefit yourself but so that that you might benefit others? So many students attend college so that they can get better jobs, earn more money and live the good life. Yet, as God's stewards, you have been set over his household to give others their food at the right time. Your education has prepared you to serve, and therefore, obligates you to serve others, and through such service to serve God. For this, Jesus says that you will receive his personal commendation, "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes." This will not be the case, if you choose to live for yourself. Listen to Jesus' warning. "He will cut them in pieces and send them away."

Today, you have a choice to make. Either you will choose to use this education in the service of others, or you will use this education to serve yourself. Be aware of the consequences of your choice. I beg of you, do not sacrifice the blessings of your eternal future on the altar of this present life. Choose to live as God's faithful stewards. Earn this.

So you see, you have received what is priceless, which you have not yet paid for in full, and this priceless treasure is a trust from God, which leaves you obligated. But, there is yet another reason for you to feel that you must earn this. You are indebted because of the sacrifice of so many who dedicated their lives to provide you with this education. No doubt, Private Ryan was moved by the fact that the words, "Earn this," came from the dying breath of Captain Miller. Ryan's life was secured through Miller's death and the deaths of those who served under him. For you, your future has been secured by Jesus Christ and by those seated here before you, who have sacrificed their own lives so that you might live. The Apostle Paul understood just how indebted you

are. He wrote, "He, [Jesus], died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him, who, for their sake, died and was raised."

In addition to my Savior, I am indebted to men like Tom Figart, Ron Gibson, Earl Osborne, Tom Edgar and Homer Heater, my teachers. These are the men who chose a life of sacrifice so that I might gain the priceless treasures of God. Who sacrificed for you? Remember the sacrifice of those who have taught you, lest you forget the debt that you own them.

In the movie, Captain Miller kept his civilian background secret from those in his squad. This mystery so intrigued the men that they started a pool, betting on who would figure out his occupation in civilian life. He promised that if the pool reached \$500, he would tell them. What a surprise when he revealed that he was a high school English teacher. How amazing! I too am a teacher, and those here on the stage with me are also teachers. Yet, we so often don't reveal to our students who we really are. So often, teachers come across to their students as bigger than life figures, with whom they find it hard to identify. So, as I now come to the end of my full-time ministry here at LBC, I'd like to share with you some of my own secrets and why it is that I feel so indebted to earn what has been given to me.

I was raised in a Christian home and as a young boy professed faith in Jesus Christ. However, in my teenage years I strayed far from the Lord. I was a prodigal son whose life was consumed with my own interests and pleasures. Then, in the summer of 1967, I had my own Damascus road experience, where God confronted me with his claims on my life. I found myself in just a few short weeks driving onto the campus of Lancaster School of the Bible, the place where God would begin his work of fashioning me into a servant for his purposes. He continued molding and shaping me at Washington Bible College and then at Capital Bible Seminary. All along the way, choice servants of God were pouring their lives into mine. My sense of indebtedness grew with every new awareness of God, every new understanding of his wonderful truth and every new recognition of the dedication of my teachers.

Then, in the fall of 1976, the student became the teacher. I joined the faculty of my alma mater, now known by the name of Lancaster Bible College. There, I was surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses who had trained and mentored me. Now it was my turn. Now I was the teacher. Was I intimidated? Certainly. Yet, I was compelled by that sense of indebtedness. I could not let my Savior down. I would not let my mentors down, who had entrusted to me those divine treasures that had been entrusted to them.

For 40 years, I have worked at repaying what was given to me. I'm sure that my life would have turned out very differently had I not had that confrontation with Jesus Christ and the privilege of sitting under the instruction of godly teachers. There is a good chance I would have made more money, most likely lived in more luxury and my retirement account would probably be much larger. But I would never have learned what I learned about God. I would never have experienced his blessings. I would never have understood what Jesus meant when he said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Now, as I come to the end of this ministry, I find myself wondering, like Private Ryan, if I have done enough. Have I earned it? Have I been faithful to the trust given to me? Have I lived up to the sacrifice of so many?

Do you sense the obligation that is now yours? Do you understand just how priceless is the treasure in your hearts and minds? Do you realize that you are stewards of God, called to serve? Do you feel a debt of love toward those who have sacrificed so that you might be here today? My dear students, let me lean forward and whisper in your ears, "Earn this... earn it." May the Lord bless you as you do so.



# Ruth Douglas

LBC'S 2016 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

By Rodney L. Carter Jr., Director of Alumni

What a privilege it was to name Ruth Douglas ('58) as our 2016 Alumna of the Year! Each year, we select just one alumnus or alumna as the recipient of this prestigious award. Eligibility is based on the fulfillment of five principles we look for in the lives and service of our alumni:

1. Significant contribution to one's own profession or vocation,
2. Cultivation of an evident pursuit of Christ-centered thinking and lifestyle,
3. Dedication to developing the mind of Christ in others,
4. Belief in the mission and purpose of Lancaster Bible College, and
5. Service to LBC.

Douglas has truly embodied all five of these characteristics in her life and ministry. A missionary and nurse among Native Americans in the Southwest for 58 years, Douglas is now more than 80

years old and is still actively serving as a missionary to Native Americans in New Mexico at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch with United Indian Missions. But her story didn't begin there.

When Douglas decided to put her faith in Christ and serve Him with her whole life, she was met with opposition from her family. Despite that opposition, she remained steadfast in her desire to study God's word. God provided her with the resources and support she needed to attend Lancaster School of the Bible – now of course, known as Lancaster Bible College – which was then located at the Convention Hall on West Orange and Pine Streets in downtown Lancaster.

"God really used my training at Lancaster School of the Bible when I would teach Bible clubs," said Douglas, reflecting on her studies at LBC. He used it beyond that time, too. Douglas' passion to follow God's calling on her life and to reach the

lost carried into her life of ministry on the mission field. Loss of connection with her family, serving as a single missionary and at times, seeing only slow growth in those she discipled, did not dim the light of Christ in her life. "My training at Lancaster School of the Bible equipped me to reach 1,000 Indian children for Christ every summer at our ministry ranch," she said.

Even today, almost six decades after her graduation, she's still excited to share about her time as a student at Lancaster School of the Bible and proudly displays her framed diploma from Lancaster School of the Bible. To honor Douglas and her legacy of service, she joined us back on campus after many years and was celebrated as the 2016 Alumna of the Year during Homecoming Chapel before our faculty and staff, students, parents and alumni. To learn more about Douglas' compelling story and to see our interview with her, go to [bit.ly/alumnaoftheyear](http://bit.ly/alumnaoftheyear).



## MEET THE 2016 **Students of the Year**

*Each year, there are just two students selected for the honor of this prestigious award. This award represents quite the accomplishment on the part of our students: in order to qualify for the award, an LBC student must be a junior or a senior in one of our bachelor's level programs and hold at least a 2.5 GPA. Then, students who meet these criteria are voted on and selected by the staff and faculty for their all-around involvement in Lancaster Bible College, devotion to Christ and their excellence in academics, character, and leadership. Now, meet this year's winners!*

**Name: Kun Hee (Charity) Kim**  
**Major: Music Performance: Vocal**  
**Hometown: Chengdu, Sichuan, China**

A senior in the Worship & Performing Arts department, Kun Hee (Charity) Kim was chosen to be Lancaster Bible College's Female Student of the Year. During her time at LBC, Kim has excelled academically (she holds a 3.78 GPA), invested herself in discipling other young ladies on the campus and has immersed herself in all LBC has to offer. Kim has been a Resident Assistant in our dormitories, participated in LBC's musicals and leads a worship team in chapel. Above all of her accomplishments, Kim is devoted to Jesus and it's evident in the way she conducts herself and cares for others.

**Name: Derek Bigley**  
**Major: Communication**  
**Hometown: Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

A senior in the communication program, Derek Bigley was chosen this year's Male Student of the Year. Bigley has been very active in his time at LBC, forming and leading an ultimate frisbee club, taking on leadership roles within Residence Life and making appearances on both the court and the stage. Overall, Bigley embodies what it looks like to be an LBC student who is transformed by the Word of God.



## Remembering Mim Herr

November 29, 1926 – September 4, 2016

By Dr. Peter W. Teague, President

**M**iriam Esther Hershey Herr was a woman of noble character, a life radiant by the presence of the Lord. Her warmth and genuine faith made an indelible impact on all who came in contact with her. Her conversations were seasoned with grace, gentleness, and love. Mim actively put into practice her love for God and others until the very end. Her love for God was translated into her love and support of her husband, Jim, their family, church, employees and community.

Mim used her gifts and experiences as a wife, mother of five, grandmother to 20 grandchildren, and great-grandmother to 29 to honor God and advance His kingdom. In her down-to-earth, unassuming manner, she showed us how important it is to love Him and to trust Him in all circumstances. She lived confidently, a woman well acquainted with God's character and the specifics of His Word.

It is impossible to think of Mim without thinking of Jim. Everyone who knew her knows how much she admired, loved, and supported her husband. The two were inseparable as side-by-side they built and led a business based on biblical principles. She was no stranger to hard work and tenaciously did what was necessary, from packing chips to keeping the books, all the while running a busy household with five children.

Mim had a razor-sharp mind and a gift for gracious hospitality. She lived a uniquely fulfilled life by serving and caring for others. She always conducted herself with wisdom, not trying to draw attention to herself.

She was a true friend to all who knew her, thinking the best of others without criticism or judgment, never gossiping or complaining, and loving each one of us for just who we are. She delighted in sharing her faith with others and advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

*Mim and her husband, James S. Herr, founded Herr Foods, Inc., and were an integral part of Lancaster Bible College since 1978 when Jim became a Corporation member. He later served on the Board of Trustees for 30 years. The Herrs' love for LBC made a difference in the lives of countless students preparing for ministry. They were channels of God's grace to many people and the ripples of their lives and ministry will continue long into the future.*

## 1970s

**Charles Harsh ('72)** currently works at a Goodyear tire store and is active in his home church, Lakeside Independent Baptist Church.

**Reverend Peter Hook ('74)** has recently retired from working in financial services.

director and also serves the Niagara Frontier Coalition for Men's Ministry, which exists to serve pastors and train leaders. He and his wife, Darlene, live in western New York with their four children, two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren.

## 2000s

**Hilary Lear ('01)** is currently serving as the varsity girls' volleyball coach at Grace Academy for the fall 2016 season. She also coached the girl's middle school volleyball team for Grace Academy in 2015 when the team had an undefeated season and captured the 2015 Mason Dixon Christian Conference championship title. Previously, Lear served as the assistant girls' varsity volleyball coach at Broadfording Christian Academy.

## 1980s



**Robert Yost, CBS ('82)** announced the coming release of his new book, "The Pastor's Library: An Annotated Bibliography of Biblical and Theological Resources for Ministry," which is set to be published in early 2017. Yost currently serves as a research professor at Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary located in Charlotte, N.C. where he presides as the vice president of academic affairs emeritus.



## 1990s

**Ron Anderson ('90)** returned as a guest speaker to Grace Chapel in Shamokin, Pa. in celebration of the church's 65th anniversary. A former pastor of Grace Chapel, Anderson accepted a pastorate position at the church just two years after graduating from LBC. He served the Shamokin-based congregation for eight years before moving on in 2000 to become senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Altoona, Pa.

**Lauren (Otto '08) Beer** married Craig Beer in April 2016 in Lancaster, Pa. The couple currently lives in Palmyra, Pa. where Lauren serves as the early childhood director at Hershey Free Church.

**Wayne Burroughs ('93)** joined the staff of Man in the Mirror in 2015. Burroughs is the area

**Stacy Gillin ('04)** and William Polacek became engaged in the fall of 2016. Gillin graduated from LBC with a bachelor's degree in professional counseling and biblical studies and is currently working as a counselor for U.S. military veterans in Pittsburgh, Pa.

## 2010s



**Rebekah (Smith '13) York** married Troy York in June of 2016 in Kenduskeag, Maine. Rebekah is a music teacher at Bangor Christian School in Bangor, Maine.



**Ricky McCarl ('15)** graduated from Biblical Theological Seminary in 2015 and was ordained as a transitional deacon for Reformed Episcopal Church in June of 2016. McCarl will be teaching at St. Stephen's Classical Christian Academy in Eldersburg, Md. while he prepares to become ordained as a priest in 2017.



**Danielle (Brown '16) Ginder** married Jeremy Ginder on May 22 at Rissers Mennonite Church in Elizabethtown, Pa. Danielle graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work and

currently works at Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services.

**Kenton Hock ('16)** recently accepted a position at Center for Parent/Youth Understanding as their creative media assistant. Kenton began serving at CPYU through an internship as a student at LBC and transitioned into a full-time position at the organization in August 2016. Kenton and his fiancée, Kelsey, are excited for the opportunity to serve and are busy preparing for their December 2016 wedding.

### RESTING IN HIS PRESENCE

**Barbara Fisher ('62)** went home to be with the Lord on June 3 at the age of 74. Fisher was a member of Calvary Church of Lancaster where she played the flute and assisted in the primary department. She enjoyed caring for her family, cooking and entertaining friends. Fisher excelled at showing hospitality and put her gifts to good use at the Armstrong Manor where both she and her husband worked. She graduated from Lancaster Bible College in 1962 and was actively involved with Bible Club Ministries in Wheatley, Ontario in Canada and served with Child Evangelism Fellowship as a summer Bible teacher. She is survived by Levi, her husband of 51 years, her two sons, three grandsons, and her brother.

**Holly Girard ('96)** passed away on June 15 at the age of 73 with her family by her side. An avid attendee of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Girard was a woman of great faith. She enrolled at LBC as an adult and proudly graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in Bible, furthering her love and knowledge of God's Word. She loved to spend time with her family and to quilt, and was a member of the Sons of Norway, the Silver Threads

and the Quilters Guild. Girard is survived by her husband, Sam, with whom she celebrated 54 years of marriage, and her four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her two brothers and sister.

## alumni

Share your update by emailing [alumni@lbc.edu](mailto:alumni@lbc.edu) or online at [LBCAlumniandFriends.com](http://LBCAlumniandFriends.com). Photos are encouraged. Minimum resolution of 800 x 600 pixels at 72 dpi. We want to hear from you!

### Note from the Director of Alumni

Dear Alumni,

What a joy it was to reconnect with so many of you who attended this year's Homecoming & Family Weekend! The entire Office of Alumni Relations sends a big thank you to those who came and helped to make the weekend such memorable one. Seeing you again and listening to the stories of God's continuing work in your lives truly blesses us.

But our connection with you doesn't end with Homecoming & Family Weekend - we want to stay touch with you throughout the year. There are a number of ways for you to get involved and hear about what's happening at LBC, like attending alumni events on campus and in the community, submitting your updates to be published in the Echo, or by serving on our Alumni Association Committee. The Office of Alumni Relations has many different ways for you to continue your involvement in LBC after your graduation. If you're interested in participating any of these opportunities, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

And if you're ever in the Lancaster area, please let me know! I would love to connect with you over a complimentary ice cream treat from our creamery in the Charles Frey Academic Center.

P.S. Keep your eyes peeled for more fun events from the Office of Alumni - we've got a few things up our sleeves.

In His Service,

Rodney L. Carter, Jr. ('15)  
Director of Alumni  
[alumni@lbc.edu](mailto:alumni@lbc.edu)



## Upcoming Events AT LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE

For more information contact the LBC box office at 717.560.8241 or [events@lbc.edu](mailto:events@lbc.edu) (unless another contact is listed). To register or purchase tickets for an event visit [lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events).



Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### THE VOICES OF CHRISTMAS: A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

From our family to yours, start your holiday season at LBC with the sounds of hope, peace and joy! Join us in the Good Shepherd Chapel this December for this spectacular concert. Tickets for this event are complimentary and required to attend. Visit [lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events) for more information.



*Samantha Ingram ('20), a student in LBC's musical theatre program, is playing the title role of Dolly in Hello, Dolly!*



January 20 at 12:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
January 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
January 27 at 7 p.m.  
January 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### WINTER MUSICAL: "HELLO, DOLLY!"

This upbeat, Tony award-winning Broadway classic comes to life on LBC's stage. You'll hear renditions of all the classics you love from the show like, "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," and "It Takes a Woman." Grab your tickets, put on your Sunday clothes and we'll see you at the show!

General Admission: \$20  
Students (with a valid ID): \$10

Saturday, April 1

### CONNECT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE: Foundations in Ministry



Come and hear from Dr. Richard Rhoads and experienced workshop leaders during this conference designed specifically to encourage and educate children's ministry workers. Registration opens January 16. For more information, call 717.560.8221.

Early Bird Registration (January 16 – March 20): \$20 per person or \$15 per person for groups of 10 or more registering at the same time.

Registration after March 20: \$25 per person.  
No group rates.



Thursday, April 6  
Masterclass at 3 p.m.  
Concert at 7 p.m.

### **MASTER CLASS & CONCERT WITH ANOTHY EVANS**

A season two contestant of NBC's "The Voice," Anthony Evans is a musical force to be reckoned with. Come and enjoy his rich, soulful music in this concert made possible by the Melva S. McIlwaine concert and masterclass endowment.



Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m.  
**WORSHIP TOGETHER**

Join us for an evening of praise, scriptural reflection, music and prayer in LBC's Good Shepherd Chapel. This is a complimentary event and tickets are not required to attend.



Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

### **WIND ENSEMBLE AND JAZZ BAND**

Join us in the Good Shepherd Chapel for a complimentary evening of fun, inspiring, toe-tapping and soul-stirring music from our Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. Tickets are not required to attend.



Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m.  
Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

### **STAINED GLASS CONCERTS FEATURING LBC CHORALE**

Hear LBC's Chorale perform timeless pieces of classical music at these complimentary concerts held at The Trust Performing Arts Center. Tickets are not required to attend.

## Worship & Performing Arts Camps AT LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE



Tuesday through Saturday, June 13-17

### TOTAL PERCUSSION CAMP

Our Total Percussion Seminar is designed for student percussionists and features hands-on and small group instruction on the drum set, mallet percussion, orchestral percussion, world drumming and audition preparation. The camp also includes full ensemble rehearsals, including drumline techniques and percussion ensemble. The workshops are held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and include lunches, clinic materials and door prizes. The students will perform in a showcase performance open to the public at the end of the workshop.



Monday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 28

### MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP I

In partnership with Servant Stage Theatre Company, LBC is pleased to offer two musical theatre camps for students ages 10-18. From the duo that wrote the songs and lyrics for the Broadway musical "Mary Poppins," "HONK! JR." is a heartwarming story that is sure to delight audiences of all ages with its sparkling wit, unique charm and memorable score. Witty and hilarious,

but also deeply moving, "HONK! JR." will move you to equal amounts of laughter and tears. Students will rehearse and perform a full-length student production and participate in daily workshops and masterclasses with a camp staff of experienced theatre professionals. Register online: [servantstagecompany.com/camps](http://servantstagecompany.com/camps)

Cost: \$225 (includes all activities, materials, and handouts)

Early Bird Registration: \$200 (register before January 31st)

Late Registration: \$250 (after April 30th)



Monday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 26

### MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP II

"Bye Bye Birdie" is one of the most captivating musical shows of our time. It is a satire crafted with the fondest affection and told through musical theatre classics like, "Put On a Happy Face," "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Kids," "The Telephone Hour," and "Honestly Sincere." This show is the tops for imagination and good old-fashioned fun! Students will rehearse and perform a full-length student production and participate in daily workshops and masterclasses with a camp staff of experienced theatre professionals. Register online: [servantstagecompany.com/camps](http://servantstagecompany.com/camps)

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# Inaugural Events at the CHARLES FREY ACADEMIC CENTER

Tuesday, February 21 from 7 - 9 p.m.

*Counseling & Social Work Department*

## TRAUMA-ORIENTED PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Join us for this powerful seminar that addresses the need for effective psychotherapeutic intervention for the survivors of human trafficking. Human trafficking trauma specialist and LBC alumna Danielle Brodhecker ('15) will educate attendees on the unique challenges surrounding trauma therapy with this population. While this seminar is open to all, continuing education credits are available for social workers, professional counselors and psychologists. Light refreshments will be provided and registration is required to attend.



Tuesday, March 7 from 7 - 9:30 p.m.

*Bible & Theology Department*

## KEEPING TOPICAL SERMONS THEOLOGICAL WITH DR. TIMOTHY WARREN

The Bible & Theology department is pleased to welcome guest speaker Dr. Timothy Warren, senior professor of pastoral ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary, to lecture on the topic, "Keeping Topical Sermons Theological." Following his talk, Warren will interact with attendees in a question and answer session. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required for this complimentary event.



Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

*Arts & Sciences Department*

## CHRISTIANS IN THE BROADCAST WORLD

Come and hear from broadcast professionals about the challenges and triumphs of being a Christian working in radio and television. Joining us for the evening are Adrienne Garvey, former producer at WGAL, an award-winning local television news station, and Kristi Leigh, a long-time DJ at local Christian radio station WJTL. They'll share insights from their experiences as professionals in the broadcast world and as educators preparing the next generation of students for communication careers. This event is complimentary and registration is required.

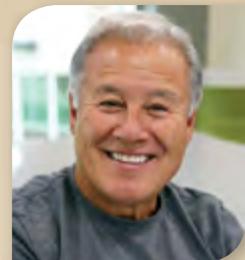


Wednesday, April 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*Church & Ministry Leadership Department*

## CARING FOR THE SOUL OF A LEADER WITH WAYNE CORDEIRO

Long-time pastor and prolific author Wayne Cordeiro has a deep seated passion for discipleship and the care of leader's souls. Join us at The Trust Performing Arts Center for a time of reflection and restoration as Cordeiro shares his heart for ministry leaders. Registration is required and the cost to attend is \$5 per person.



# Athletic Events

AT LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE



Saturday, May 6

## SHADEY'S RUGGED RUN

Lots of mud! Lots of fun! To register, visit [shadeysruggedrun.com](http://shadeysruggedrun.com)



Saturday, May 27

## TOUCH A TRUCK

Come to our campus to see, touch and learn about fire trucks, earth movers and more! With a host of family-friendly activities for everyone to enjoy and all proceeds benefiting LBC Athletics and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania, you won't want to miss it. Learn more by visiting [lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events).



Monday, May 8

## CHARGER CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Unlike most tournaments, final scores don't determine the winner here. Whether you win or lose the Charger Challenge Golf Tournament, you're helping to raise funds for LBC's athletic programs and scholarship program. Now that's a win-win. Learn more and sign up at [lbc.edu/golf](http://lbc.edu/golf).



Summer 2017

## ATHLETIC CAMPS

Sharpen your skills in soccer, volleyball, lacrosse or basketball at LBC's athletic camps! Our sports camps offer student athletes the chance to have one-on-one interaction with college coaches, get a taste of student life at LBC and much more. Learn more by visiting [bccchargers.com](http://bccchargers.com).

# Academic Calendar

Wednesday, November 23 through  
Sunday, November 27

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

Friday, December 16

## LANCASTER GRADUATION

Tuesday, February 14 through  
Thursday, February 16, 2017

## MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Join us as we celebrate God's work around the globe through our annual Missions Conference. Come and hear from missionaries, interact with sending agencies and be inspired by moving stories.

Saturday, February 18

## IGNITE CONFERENCE *(Formerly Vision Conference)*

Attention all middle and high school students: you won't want to miss the Ignite Conference! Join us for a day full of inspiring speakers, corporate worship and time for prayer and reflection. Held in cooperation with Calvary Church on the campus of LBC, this one-day event is sure to be the highlight of your year. Register to attend by visiting [ignitethisgeneration.org](http://ignitethisgeneration.org)



# THE TRUST

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

For tickets and to see the full season of events, visit [lancastrust.com/events](http://lancastrust.com/events) or call 717.208.7835.  
Located at 37 North Market Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Events begin at 7:30 pm unless otherwise stated.



**Tuesday, December 6**

## NEW YORK POLYPHONY

Welcome Christmas at The Trust with an unforgettable evening with the Grammy-nominated vocal quartet, New York Polyphony, who make their second appearance at The Trust.

General Admission: \$35  
Seniors and Veterans: \$28  
Students (with a valid ID): \$17.50

**Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17**

## BOYD MEETS GIRL

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with the husband and wife duo Boyd Meets Girl, starring classical guitarist Rupert Boyd and cellist Laura Metcalf.

General Admission: \$25  
Seniors and Veterans: \$20  
Students (with a valid ID): \$12.50



**Thursday, March 23**

## THE SOUND ACCORD

This Chamber folk sextet draws upon eclectic strengths and skills to create innovative arrangements of melodies both old and new.

General Admission: \$20  
Seniors and Veterans: \$16  
Students (with a valid ID): \$10



**Sunday, April 30**

## DAVID KIM & FRIENDS

Come to The Trust to hear music from David Kim, concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, with award-winning local pianist, Christopher Shih, and section leaders of the Philadelphia Orchestra. This memorable evening will also feature Shubert's Trout Quintet.

General Admission: \$25  
Seniors and Veterans: \$20  
Students (with a valid ID): \$12.5



**TRUST Conversations**

For tickets and more event information, visit [lancastrust.com](http://lancastrust.com) or call 717.208.7835.

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**Tuesday, February 7**

**EDUCATING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

Nicole Baker Fulgham, Ph.D.,  
The Expectations Project

General Admission: \$10  
Seniors and Veterans: \$8  
Students (with a valid ID): \$5



**Tuesday, April 11**

**JANE AUSTEN FOR DUMMIES, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN**

Karen Swallow Prior, Ph.D.,  
Professor of English at  
Liberty University

General Admission: \$10  
Seniors and Veterans: \$8  
Students (with a valid ID): \$5



**TRUST Community**

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**Sunday, December 4**

**VOICES OF HOPE**

You won't want to miss this benefit concert featuring world-class opera stars performing your holiday favorites. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family.

Tickets: \$50

**Friday, January 20**

**KĒNÒR**

For one night only, Kēnòr will perform acoustic selections inspired by classical, jazz and rock styles, marked by expressiveness and rhythmic complexity.

Tickets: Pay what you will

**TRUST Theater**

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**October 28 and 29**

**December 7 and 8**

**JEREMY KENDALL:  
THIS WONDERFUL LIFE**

Enjoy this one-man play based on the iconic 1946 holiday favorite film, "It's a Wonderful Life." This production brings to life over 32 familiar characters in an amazing display of physical and verbal virtuosity.

General Admission: \$20  
Seniors and Veterans: \$16  
Students (with a valid ID): \$10

**December 17 and 18**

**JOY TO THE WORLD:  
A SERVANT STAGE CHRISTMAS**

Celebrate Christmas with Servant Stage in an original musical revue featuring beautiful arrangements of classic Christmas songs and traditional carols.

Tickets: Pay what you will

**April 8**

**JANE AUSTEN OUT LOUD**

Join us for a staged reading of a beloved Jane Austen classic, 200 years after her passing.

Tickets: Pay what you will

# The Books you Read and the People you Meet...

By Tracey Jones, LBC Trustee

My involvement with LBC began when I was planning my father's memorial service. Yes, it was a sad time, but I was also happy knowing that he was with his Heavenly Father. My dad, Charlie "Tremendous" Jones, was larger than life, but he was able to focus on his eternal life due to alumni from Lancaster Bible College. That was a huge blessing to him and part of why LBC is important to me.

Charlie also famously said, "You will be the same person you are today in five years except for the books you read and the people you meet." How true! When I cut the ribbon at the opening of the Charlie & Gloria Jones Library in the Teague Learning Commons, I knew lives would be changed because of the library and building design. I was honored to be the chair of the capital campaign for the Teague Learning Commons.

As my involvement grew with LBC to now not only being a Trustee but also a doctorate student, I see lives changing. The books students are reading and the people (professors and students) they are meeting impact their lives every day and for eternity.

Today, I am honored once again to be the chair of the campaign for the Charles Frey Academic Center—the building where I take my doctorate courses. As I am continually learning, I see how my personal mission, the mission of my company Tremendous Leadership, and the mission of LBC intersect. As a student, business leader and trustee, I am serving Christ in the Church and society. So are the other students at LBC. We are serving locally, regionally and around the world.

Join me and others in supporting the Charles Frey Academic Center. Join us in shaping the head, heart and hands of our students for global impact.

Learn more about the importance of the Charles Frey Academic Center. Schedule a tour by calling Ann at **717.560.8211** or visit [alumniandfriends.lbc.edu/charlesfreyacademiccenter](http://alumniandfriends.lbc.edu/charlesfreyacademiccenter)



*Pictured here are Tracey Jones and some of her family members, posing in front of a portrait of Charlie "Tremendous" Jones, located in the Teague Learning Commons.*





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