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COVER: Nathali Santiago ('20) stops to pose at a cafe while she works on her online assignment.



# Chargers Win Third Straight NEAC President's Cup & Faculty Athletic Representatives Cup

**F**or the third straight year, Lancaster Bible College has been named the top overall school in the conference and is the winner of the President's Cup. The winner of the President's Cup is determined by utilizing the core values of NCAA Division III. In addition to calculating athletics success, which was the only factor taken into consideration when awarding the conference's Presidents' Cup in the past, the NEAC now also takes into account academics, sportsmanship and community service.

The Chargers also earned the Faculty Athletic Representatives' Cup for Academics for the third year in a row, a component of the NEAC President's Cup. The conference determines four individual cup winners in academics, athletics, sportsmanship and community service to encompass the NCAA Division III philosophy.

"I'm thankful for the commitment of our athletic director, Pete Beers, the athletic staff and all of our coaches for their role in winning the NEAC Presidents' Cup and Faculty Athletic Representatives' Cup for the third-straight year," said Dr. Peter W. Teague, president of Lancaster Bible College. "They are consistently pouring into our student athletes, and it shows on a day-to-day basis."







## The President Speaks

BY PETER W. TEAGUE, Ed.D.  
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## Our Best Days

**T**his is not the letter I thought I would be writing to you in this season. In fact, I thought my privilege of greeting you in the Echo had ended.

This fall of 2019, I expected to be in a very different role. It seems that God had a different idea of what that role would look like. He knew all along, and with that comes great comfort and assurance.

The college had anticipated the installation of a new president in August. In the Board of Trustees' wisdom and courage, a July decision was reached by mutual agreement not to proceed with the planned presidential transition. Additionally, the Board offered me the unique blessing of shepherding LBC for another year.

I covet your prayers now more than ever during this significant interruption to the presidential transition process. With changed expectations and relational misunderstanding on a large scale, it represents a major disruption in the life of our precious college. Having received literally hundreds of expressions of encouragement these last few weeks, many ask how I am doing. Please know that this season is not about me; it is about our beloved institution, her students, faculty and staff.





# Remain in Front of Us!

The Lord has been my counsel. The Lord has been my strength. The Lord has been my north star. I know of no other season quite like this where He alone has been the arbiter of my path in such a unique way. Psalm 138:8 says it this way in the Christian Standard Bible, **"The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me. LORD, your faithful love endures forever; do not abandon the work of your hands."**

He knew my purpose for this season. While the circumstances came as a great surprise to some and a shock to others, He knew. His throne room is calm. His plan is undeterred. His journey for LBC | Capital is right on schedule. Eighty-six years of His faithfulness confirms it. Indeed, we can sing with even greater conviction the words of our college hymn, "My Hope is in the Lord."

I do however confess to a sense of embarrassment. The accolades and celebrations bestowed throughout last year were overwhelming and so very often undeserved. As I stated then, and even more so now, God frequently made up the difference between my abilities and the tasks required. That is even more true today.

Even in the midst of this tumult, we cry out as a community in the spirit of Psalm 103:2, **"Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all of his benefits,"** for they are many and keep coming!

Among them, this June we saw the highest amount ever given in the Lancaster region to our Community Scholarship Fund: \$1,944,764. The total of funds God provided through His people last year ranked seventh among our top 10 giving years at \$5,179,458.

Our residence halls are filled to overflowing as we welcome the Class of 2023, one of the largest traditional undergraduate classes to ever enroll.

Our Olewine Dining Commons has undergone a major facelift in the environment and level of food service our students enjoy.

A student center has emerged from renovations made to the former academic administration building.

Two more significant buildings are in the planning phase to further enhance our Lancaster campus.

And as you'll read in this issue, LBC | Capital has won several accolades this year, prominent among them the NCAA's Division III North East Athletic Conference President's Cup for an unprecedented third consecutive year. The "shout outs" from a wide range of sources coupled with the wonderful highlights from our students in these pages show you why I am hopeful and believe with great fervency in my heart that our best days remain in front of us! I am so very grateful that you are on this journey with me, and LBC | Capital. To God be the glory. Please keep in touch!

Cordially in Christ,

*Peter W. League*

P.S. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at [president@lbc.edu](mailto:president@lbc.edu)





## JUDITH RAMSEY

FOUND HERSELF WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY FROM AN UNACCREDITED SCHOOL.

**T**hose degrees didn't prevent her from leading as an ordained elder at Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church in Washington, D.C. They didn't prevent her from being the president of the church's Ministerial Alliance ministry. Those unaccredited degrees didn't keep her from teaching in the church.

# After 30+ Years in the Federal Government, She's Earning a Bible Degree

By Jessica Whitmore

# Alma Ramsey

They did, however, leave Ramsey seeking a way to, in her words, "Go back to do this over." A do-over that seemed timely after working for 31 years in the federal service and a 2015 retirement from the Defense Intelligence Agency. "Just because we get older, doesn't mean it isn't God's purpose. My life isn't over," Ramsey says.

Instead, she saw retirement as another cycle and a chance to start over. "I see each new season of life is just another opportunity to start over through God's calling and purposes of life," Ramsey explains. She went on, saying, "We start life over all the time." Especially as women who are continually starting life over in the various seasons and cycles of life specific to women, mothers, grandmothers and retirees.

Her return to college was a combination of something she wanted to do and something she felt God leading her to do. Her return resulted in this 59-year-old graduating in May 2019 with a degree in biblical studies.

LBC wasn't the only place she considered or was even accepted to attend. Ramsey chose LBC, however, because of her home church's affiliation with the college, and LBC's accepted many of her previously earned credits, so she only needed to complete about 10 courses to graduate. She also liked that she could physically attend classes at the Washington D.C. location.

"Through my decision to attend LBC, I found a wonderful place to continue my Christian education and pursue God's purpose of my life," says Ramsey. She notes that she thoroughly enjoyed her LBC experience through the education and knowledge gained. She also enjoyed the closeness of the location, which allowed her

to become part of the committee that helped establish a student-led chapel service at the D.C. location.

She was already speaking in church before she attended LBC and understood the importance of knowing the Bible, "so you can see God in everything." However, it was through the courses that she learned to see things in a fresh way. For example, she took a course combining science and religion. Here, she learned to see more of how the two fields work together to prove the existence of God.

"I never focused on that before," she explains as she describes further how in nature the works of God, down to the DNA, are exciting and thought-provoking. "It has caused me to be more aware in my environment to help explain the existence of God," Ramsey shares.

Her courses and interactions at LBC also caused her to be more analytical in her faith. As a result, she now teaches the Word in a deeper way. "Some people just believe. Some need more explanations as they have more questions than answers at face value. Knowledge helps interpret and break down scripture for their understanding," she explains. "Gone are the days people believed just because you are a preacher or wear a collar."

Ramsey doesn't intend to stop her education just because she has earned her accredited bachelor's degree. She understands the importance of being a lifelong learner to be able to analyze further, define and interpret the Word of God and has dreams to earn her master's degree and - eventually - a Ph.D.

"You achieve and then pray, and God gives new dreams," she shares. "You start again with those dreams. When will you live your dreams?"

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-Judith Ramsey




# This First-Generation College Student is Earning Her Degree Online

By Kelsey Madas ('15)

**A**s the child of immigrants, **Nathali Santiago ('20)** knew the value of an education was immeasurable. In fact, she's a first-generation college student. Born and raised in the Bronx, New York to Rafael and Maria Nolasco, natives of the beautiful Dominican Republic, Santiago saw firsthand the hurdles her parents, who didn't have college degrees and were navigating the complexities of learning an entirely new culture and language, had to overcome. "Being a first-generation college student means that I am able to achieve a goal my parents strongly desired for their children because they didn't have the opportunity to do so," said Santiago.

So how did this New York native and now New Jersey transplant wind up pursuing her degree online through Lancaster Bible College? Initially, Santiago was enrolled in nursing school, thinking that perhaps a career in medicine was in her future. One of her great passions, aside from the Word of God, is service to those in need. She works at a social services organization called the Family Intervention Program in Westville, New Jersey since. "Our organization





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- Nathali Santiago

provides center based parenting, and in-home support to families with children under the age of six that are at risk of child abuse and neglect,” she explained. While she loves her job and feels passionate about empowering families, she still felt the urge to study the Bible in a deeper way. Then, she and her family came to Lancaster for a visit. “I was pursuing a career in nursing when the Lord spoke to me and changed my path,” she said.

They went to see a show at Sight & Sound Theatres, and while Santiago flipped through the show’s program, she noticed an ad for Lancaster Bible College that intrigued her. After the show

ended and the family headed back to their hotel, they passed the college’s Lancaster campus. “I knew in my heart I needed to apply,” she said.

Eventually, she did, and today, she’s earning her degree in biblical studies with a minor in human services online. While she lives and works in New Jersey, she deeply appreciates the fact that she’s able to access LBC’s high-quality biblical education wherever she is. “Because I have such a busy schedule, the online program works for me,” said Nathali. “It provides me the flexibility I need to manage my personal life, work and ministry. I decided to earn a degree in biblical studies because it is a calling from God. I want to learn in depth the scriptures so that

I can be fully equipped to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.”

While it’s tough to incorporate the not-so-simple task of earning a degree into Santiago’s already full schedule outside of work – she’s also a wife, mom and dedicated volunteer at her church – she says prioritizing school work and the flexibility of LBC’s online programs are making it possible. “Time management is key,” she explained. “Sometimes, it can be difficult to manage it all at once, but it is important to be responsible and punctual with given assignments.” Another factor that’s helped her stay focused on the end goal is investing in her relationship with God. “Above all, being consistent in prayer, reading and meditating on scriptures and congregating at my local church is what helps me stay balanced,” she said.

Another aspect of the program that attracted Santiago is the life experience credits offered to qualified students of which she was one. “Getting credit for my prior learning experience was so important to me,” she said, “I worked tirelessly in ministry and secular work, so I was thrilled to know that all my hard work was paying off.”

Her online education continues to pay off. She shared that the lessons she’s learned in the online space and through connecting with professors and staff have made a real impact on her day-to-day life. “The most impactful part of my education thus far is the genuine love and care from all staff at LBC,” she said. “I was never pressured to attend this college, and before I was a student, I was treated as one. I remember a staff member called me just to pray over the phone, and that made me want to attend this school so much more.” Her word of advice to prospective students? “If anyone is considering Lancaster Bible College, I say go for it! You are in for an experience of a lifetime. It really is your journey, their focus.”



## JACK Lachance

**J**ack Lachance ('19) knew he wanted to study criminal justice from a very young age. "I wanted a job where I would not be doing the same thing every day," says Lachance. "As I got older, I realized not only could I have that in a job, but I realized I could also help people."

Lachance's passion for helping people is clear in just the first minutes of meeting him, and it's why he views his career as a ministry. His heart for the criminal justice system stems from his childhood. "Growing up, there was law enforcement in and out of my house," explains Lachance. "Seeing officers deal with these situations really impacted me because I saw how using personal and social skills could diffuse a situation."

The way police officers impacted his own life inspired Lachance to become a police officer. "Christians should work in the criminal justice system because there is a lot of evil and unrest in this world. Having good Christian men and women show the love of Christ on a daily

He's Always Wanted  
to Be a Police Officer.  
Now, He's Becoming One.

By Sandra Barker ('19)



basis to these people can really make a difference," Lachance says.

By way of LBC's basketball coach, Lachance discovered the college's new criminal justice degree. He met with John Churchville, the director of the criminal justice program, and caught his vision for advocacy, law and justice in the name of Christ. That's when he knew LBC was the next right step in his journey.

"What struck me as distinctive about the criminal justice degree was all of the hands-on things we were going to do as a result of John Churchville's contacts," explains Lachance. "From the very beginning of the school year, we went to the Lancaster County prison, we talked to probation and parole officers and had k-9 units come in, we were able to speak with a detective and visit all different kinds of ministries."

Aside from the hands-on experience, another key aspect of his student experience was meeting with Churchville on a weekly basis to talk life, career goals and more. "First, he would ask me how I was doing, if there was anything he could do or pray about for me," says Lachance. "He would go on to ask me about my career and really invested in me."

Churchville even connected Lachance to an internship at a police department after his first year of college. One highlight of the internship was riding with the police officers every day. He remembers being alongside officers dispatched to a domestic case. "There were kids in the house, physical disturbances

and yelling," says LaChance. "It was a very emotional and charged situation."

The officers protected the children and split up the fight, but from this experience, "It helped me solidify my career," shares Lachance. "It struck me as something I want to do – being able to get kids out of situations like that."

Thanks to the specialized attention from Churchville and experience from the internship, Lachance is excited to pursue training from a police academy. This six-month program will test him physically, emotionally and mentally.

Lachance believes studying at LBC was essential before starting at the academy. "You need to make sure in this field not to lose yourself in all the evil that is in the world. Coming here, getting a biblical foundation and securing my faith was very important to me and will be very important to me moving forward in the field."

"Getting my degree at LBC gave me several years of experience, knowledge and resources that I could carry with me into the academy and better prepare me to be successful there," says Lachance. "I would not be where I am today if it was not for the education I received here, the contacts I made, and the morals instilled in me and the confidence it has given me to perform to the best that I can."

Learn more about our criminal justice program here:  
[lbc.edu/criminal-justice](http://lbc.edu/criminal-justice)

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- Jack Lachance



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# RUTH



AN ORIGINAL SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES® PRODUCTION



## Lancaster Bible College to Stage the Musical "RUTH"

*LBC Becomes First Organization to License an Original  
Sight & Sound Theatres Production*

Lancaster Bible College is proud to present the inspiring and captivating musical, "RUTH," based on the beloved Bible story this January and February. The show follows the improbable journey of Ruth and Naomi, two destitute widows whose faith in God and in each other ignites a chain of events that changes the course of history. LBC's performances of the show represent the first time the company has licensed an original Sight & Sound Theatres production for public use and will star a cast of LBC students and a live orchestra.

"It is an honor and privilege to perform one of Sight & Sound's incredible productions here at LBC," said Dr. Paul Thorlakson, chair of the Music, Worship & Performing Arts Department at the college. "This will be an incredible opportunity for our students and for the community to experience the unparalleled storytelling abilities of Sight & Sound Theatres." Josh Enck, President of Sight & Sound Theatres expressed, "We are grateful for community neighbors like Lancaster Bible College that share our passion for the Bible and the performing arts. We couldn't be more excited to see them bring "RUTH" to life on their stage."

### SEE THE SHOW

Get your tickets at [lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events)

- Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m.
- Friday, January 31 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, February 1 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, February 2 at 2 p.m.





# Fostering Hope

By Kelsey Madas ('15)

**J**anelle Weaver ('16), a graduate of Lancaster Bible College's social work program, had her first brush with social services at a young age. Beginning when she was nine years old, her mother and father became foster parents – sometimes called resource parents – and eventually, the family ended up adopting three of the children they housed. Weaver recalls attending her foster siblings' court hearings, dropping off the children to visit their biological siblings and answering the door as social workers stopped by. She even remembers accompanying her mother to pick up a newborn baby at the hospital in need of a foster family. All of this interaction with social services left an impression on the young Weaver. "I can recall thinking, 'Maybe someday I'll be a caseworker, too,'" she said. "These experiences provided me with a baseline knowledge about the foster care and adoptive system. It was my first real exposure to the realm of social work."

It was many years before a teenage Weaver enrolled in the college's social work degree, which was actually her backup plan. She'd hoped to study business, but the degree didn't exist at the college yet. So, she went with her number two option. Still, it seemed fate – or perhaps more appropriately, God – would see to it that she ended up studying at LBC.

Today, Weaver is a social worker who serves in the permanency department at the Lancaster Children & Youth Agency, advocating on behalf of children in foster care and reunification – a fitting role that brings that formative aspect of her life full-circle. It's also provided her with some unique insights into the system.



## Janelle Weaver

"My personal experiences with the child welfare system in Pennsylvania have helped me to have empathy toward foster families," explained Weaver. "I'm able to relate to some of what they are going through. For example, I have first-hand knowledge about the increased responsibility that can be placed on the older biological children in the home. I've seen how challenging it can be to navigate life as an interracial or transracial family and the unique dynamic that creates. I know how tough it can be when a family has to request to remove a child from their home – that's not something everyone can say." The empathy her experiences have lent her don't stop with the foster families' experiences. "It's also allowed me to have a unique perspective on biological families," she said. "I have a few memories of some positive interactions between my family and my siblings' biological families. But I also recall some very tough conversations we had to have about what was in my siblings' best interest. These experiences have helped me to recognize the importance of nurturing a positive relationship between biological and resource families when possible."

Working in child welfare can take a toll on employees, and the role social workers play is infamously draining. "Some of the things I encounter throughout my work can be particularly disturbing or upsetting, and those things can build up over time," she said. "But what keeps me going are the families and kids that I have the privilege to work with – I want to help them work through their challenges." This, she said, is one of the main reasons Christians shouldn't shy away from the field. "As social workers, we can tangibly live like Christ. Jesus made a point to minister to the poor, the orphan, the criminal, the lost and the broken. He associated Himself with individuals society has written off as burdensome, unwanted and unworthy. Social work

gives you a direct pathway to show Christ's love to this population and to help them regain a sense of dignity and worth through empowerment."

Weaver noted that her education at Lancaster Bible College uniquely prepared her for a career as a social worker. "One of the things I really appreciated about my education at LBC is that I was taught all of the values, competencies and skills of social work through a biblical lens," she explained. "It has provided me with a solid foundation to build upon in my graduate studies, and the program more than adequately prepared me to enter into an advanced standing clinically-focused program."

She also was quick to note that interacting with the professors at LBC had a deep impact on her. "I am thankful for the intentionality of the professors, specifically those within the social work department," said Weaver. "Each one of them truly embodies the tenets of social work in how they interact with their students. They contributed significantly to my personal, professional and spiritual growth." Weaver said she reaches out to her former professors to this day. "I stay in touch with them and come to them with questions – or call them when I just need to debrief and have a listening ear."

She also said that faith plays a special role in her job. While she is a government employee and cannot verbally share the Gospel, she's opted to live out the values of her faith in a way that points to Christ. "The most noticeable way I can share my faith at work is through my actions and how I treat others," explained Weaver. "I do my best to show God's love to others, to apologize and ask for forgiveness when I make mistakes and to maintain a positive outlook, despite challenging circumstances. I've received feedback from others that this does not go unnoticed and if I'm asked about it specifically, I tell people that my faith is where I draw my joy and strength from."

Do you want to study social work? Visit [lbc.edu/social-work](http://lbc.edu/social-work)



ABOVE: JANELLE WEAVER AND HER FAMILY PAUSE FOR A FAMILY PORTRAIT ON A TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY.

## Child Welfare Resources

Vulnerable children are everywhere, and you can help them. Here are some resources that point to helpful information and give you a way to report suspicious activity.

**Report Child Abuse or Neglect:  
Call 1-800-932-0313**

This number connects you to the ChildLine and Abuse Registry where you can report suspected child abuse or concerns about a child's well-being.

**Find Community Services for Crises, Emergencies & Food: Call 211**

Information about Child Protective Services in Pennsylvania: [keepkidssafe.pa.gov](http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov)

Information about Child Protective Services in the USA: [childwelfare.gov](http://childwelfare.gov)

# Finding Life After Loss

By David O'Connor

In the midst of fresh grief and turmoil unlike any he had ever known, **Ron Stimeare ('19)** prayed to the Lord for strength one morning more than seven years ago.

The day before, Ron's beloved wife of 32 years, Geri, woke up with leg pain and asked him to call an ambulance. He did, but by late that afternoon she had died of a rare and undetected disease called necrotizing fasciitis and was in heaven.

At the time, the Stimeares had seen both of their children get married and had just welcomed their first grandchild. After a long career with the United States Army and government – among other titles, he is a retired Army colonel – Ron and his wife thought they could finally settle down in one place and take it easy.

Now, faced with the sudden, terrible loss, Ron, even as a nearly life-long Christian, knew he had to lean on God in a way he never had before. "Lord, You have to step in here," he remembered praying less than 24 hours after losing his wife. "You have to fill this space that has just been vacated by Geri. I need You."

After he prayed, God gave him a sense of peace.

Months later, when spending time in deep prayer with the Lord and asking what was next, he heard God's quiet whisper: "I'm preparing you. I'm preparing you. I'm preparing you." And He still is, Ron says now. "If I have learned one thing, (it's that) God never wastes an experience," Ron says. "Everything in life can be used to bring Him honor and glory if we just allow Him to use us for his purposes and not our own."

And he now can see how God has used the last several years "to do a restart on me and wire-brush me down to bare metal, so He could begin to build me back up, this time on a firm foundation with Jesus Christ as my cornerstone." That process for the long-time military and business leader, who's now 60, includes his new

degree this past spring from LBC's Capital Seminary. Along with being a new graduate, the Eastern Pennsylvania native and Washington D.C.-area resident is a fresh witness to the wonderful work that the Lord can do in the midst of powerful grief.

He has retired from his government position, which has included serving as an expert in cyber warfare. But in the years since losing his wife, he has been busier than ever ministering to others facing grief and loss, addictions and other life struggles.

He joined and now leads the GriefShare ministry at his church, Grace Community Church in Fulton, Maryland. He also has been active in leading group Bible studies and ministering to inmates individually at two county prisons, to acute-care residents at a local nursing home and to patients in the surgical wing of a nearby hospital faithfully each week.

He has been told by others when they learn of his ministry that he is "being a pastor to those who cannot come to church." Several years ago, he joined a team and then led one the following year to help children of AIDS victims in Uganda on a missions trip. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, instructing at the graduate level on business leadership.

For years, Ron can see now, he often "would rush into things and then ask God to bless what I was doing," rather than seeking The Lord's direction first. He has learned to let God lead and is able to see first-hand how amazing God truly is and that his promises are very real, he says.

"What God has shown me is that He wants us to serve Him each and every day. It doesn't really matter if there's a paycheck associated with the job or not - I know He just wants me to serve Him," Ron continues. "He has just taught me to yield to Him each and every day, wake up each day, focus on Him and see how I might best be



# RON Stimeare

used by Him. And that has manifested itself in so many wonderful ways over the last seven years.”

After his wife died, Ron says, “I had to really ensure I believed what I believed; not what I was taught, or what other people said I had to believe. And that started me on a journey where I truly had to surrender it all to Him.” An outgoing, people-oriented man, Ron,

recovering from his loss, also must daily ask himself, “Do I really believe what it is that I share with other people about God’s love for them?”

He grew up near Chester, outside Philadelphia, and his parents (Bob and Lois)

came to faith in Christ when Ron was a toddler. Both now 88, his parents insisted on traveling the 130 miles from Eastern Pennsylvania to the nation’s capital this past spring to attend their son’s graduation from the Washington, D.C. location of the college.

His family, all believers on both his and his late wife’s sides, has played a big part in helping him these last several years, Ron also emphasizes: “I can’t tell you how important that was when my wife passed away. I guess you don’t appreciate what God has in your life until you really have to depend on it.”

He also has leaned more than ever on such Bible verses as Proverbs 3:5-6, along with Luke 9:23. The verse from Luke is when Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

# Finding Life After Loss

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Ron met his future wife in high school, and they were married in 1980. When they first met, she was the prettiest girl in their school, he recalls, "high-energy and extremely smart." It was her independent spirit, sense of hospitality and adaptability, however, that made her such a marvelous officer's wife for 30 years, he adds.

However, his season of struggles has not been limited to losing his wife in early 2012. Every few months for a few years afterward, Ron faced a new family challenge. His daughter was in a head-on auto accident with her infant daughter in the car – thankfully, they both recovered. His new daughter-in-law nearly lost her



unborn baby girl. His daughter had two miscarriages. His son lost his job, and his sister was in an auto accident that left her temporarily in a wheelchair.

"I wondered, what was God doing in all of that?" he says. But he came to know that "God was retraining me in the midst of those trials and tribulations and giving me the opportunity to first go to Him and lean on Him for everything. I had to believe it not just in my head, but I had to allow it to seep down into my soul."

He believes his own trials have made him more empathetic in his personal ministry, which also now includes premarital and peer counseling. When you face

trials in life, he notes, God can better use you to come alongside others "and almost have a new sense about you, and be drawn to them (hurting individuals), so you can be present with them and extend God's love to them in the midst of their grief, uncertainty or whatever struggle it happens to be."

Ron, who has a son, Scott, a daughter, Melissa Popowitch, and three grandchildren (with another on the way), took on a number of military and government leadership roles after earning his bachelor's degree from Penn State University in 1981.

He joined the Army upon graduation and eventually held various command positions, culminating as a brigade commander in the Middle East at the height of both U.S. wars there with his units deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. After leaving the Army in 2011, he worked for the Department of Defense in the area of cyber warfare for six years, retiring in 2017.

"Retiring" is, however, a relative term for Ron, who earlier had earned masters degrees in strategic studies and business, respectively, from the U.S. Army War College and Central Michigan University. When Ron felt led by the Lord to continue his studies and seek a Master of Arts in Christian care, along with a subsequent Masters of Divinity degree three or four years ago, the mix of traditional and online classes at LBC | Capital's location in Washington, D.C. greatly appealed to him. He also cites the help of professors such as Phil Bena in helping him along his academic journey.

"Here I was, after being a leader on various sports teams in high school and college, 30 years as an officer in the military and the last six years as a senior leader in the government of the United States of America, and the Lord had to now break me so He could teach me to first humble myself before Him, and follow Him, before He would allow me to lead spiritually, so that others might follow, as I then followed my Lord and Savior."

As 2019 winds down, Ron continues to see ministry doors open with amazing opportunities. Shortly, he will be joining a team going to Southeast Asia to help in the struggle against the dark world of human trafficking. He continues to teach at Johns Hopkins, and he intends to complete his chaplaincy training and licensure, as well as continue with the various church and community ministries God has so graciously been providing to him. "Some to lead, but in all, to follow," he adds.



# She Made Time to Earn a Degree. Here's Why You Should, Too.

By Jessica Whitmore

**A**drien Span-Gale ('18) attended Community College of Philadelphia for a few classes until an auto accident left her with memory loss and in need of two major surgeries. After having her second child, however, she knew it was the right time to return to college.

"I knew that I was getting older, and I always desired to acquire a bachelor's degree," Span-Gale explains. She heard about Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School through a friend. However, she thought she couldn't make time for working on her degree. She was raising two children, working full-time and supporting her husband's ministry where he is a pastor at Eternal Outreach Ministries in Philadelphia.

Instead, she found herself going to an open house for LBC's Philadelphia location. She left with a newfound determination where she told herself "you can make time for everything, and this is something you've always wanted." She returned to working on her degree in human services in 2012. While she was familiar with the field, her choice of study came from her own journey of being an advocate for her own family members, passionate about teaching children, having a heart to help others and being inspired by college professors in the field.

While she struggled with her confidence at times and questioned if she was "smart enough to work on her degree," she knew she wanted to help others further in her life and ministry roles. "In church and at work, I try to take every opportunity to make someone's life better; if it's through encouragement, empowerment or an impartation," she shares. "Most of all I try my best to show the love and attributes of Christ."

As she continued in her studies, she realized she uses the information learned from her courses and interactions at her credit union job while processing loans and conducting financial education programs. Her job in essence is her ministry. She also uses her skills and knowledge to help at her husband's church by referring individuals in need to appropriate social services and sitting in on counseling sessions.

While she was a student, Span-Gale balanced all her different roles by scheduling her days with specific tasks and asking for help, which meant sometimes she delegated responsibilities and projects, including cooking, to her husband, children and sister. She credits the understanding and support she received from her family and church while she worked on her degree.

Since she has attended courses at both a community college and a Bible college, she understands the differences and importance of the role of an education from a biblical institute of higher education.

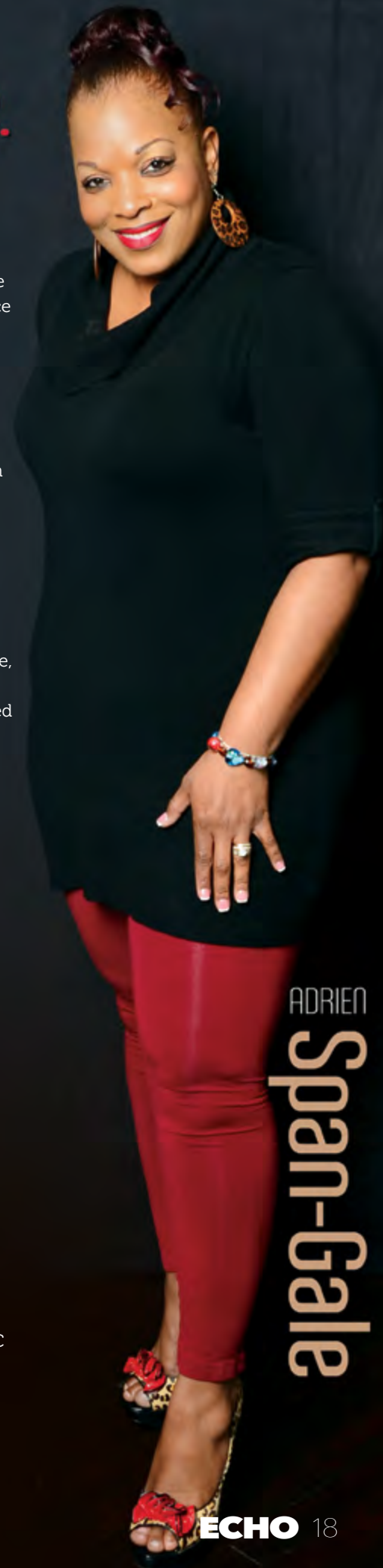
"Biblical higher education is important because you can always reference a problem, solution or trial," she shares. "In the Bible, we have many examples that can compare to our everyday life."

She highlights how she loved LBC's faith-based environment, small class sizes, learning about worldviews and taking religion classes. Her only regret was that some of the classes were not long enough for her. "I saw that you had your perspective, a Christian view and a worldview," she shares. "I loved how the professors equipped every student to be effective, efficient and operate in excellence. I thought I knew what I know. However, by attending LBC, it has opened my eyes, and I didn't know what I thought I knew. I now am able to see things much differently. I am reminded everyday by the people that I come in contact with that they continue to let me know that it's only because of God's grace and mercy that my life and situation could have been the same as the person that I'm assisting."

Her education also included an externship where she worked at a safehouse with women transitioning from prison back into society. "I met people from many walks of life, and this kept me humble because they became a constant reminder of it could have been me in their shoes," she says. "I acted as support to the women where I initiated case management, assisted with employment, conducted group sessions, empowered and encouraged the ladies."

As she takes away "nuggets from every LBC class" and uses them in her personal and professional life, she continues to dream of what's next.

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# Reaching Children with the Message of the Cross

By Kelsey Madas ('15)

**M**edrine Nabalema ('20) is earning her master's degree halfway across the globe in Kampala, Uganda - though it hardly seems necessary, given her already impressive resume. A longtime Sunday school teacher and children's committee members at her local church and, most notably, a senior partnership facilitator with Compassion International, she's got credentials to spare. So why earn a master's degree?

Nabalema is a high achiever with an unmitigated desire to share the gospel with children. "My passion is to reach out to every boy and girl with the message of salvation that message of God's love," she said in an interview with the college via email. She's halfway through completing her master of arts in contextualized pastoral ministry, only available through the college's partnership with the Pastors Discipleship Network, also located in Kampala, Uganda. Through this unique partnership, pastors and ministers in Africa can gain access to Lancaster Bible College's high-quality biblical education right where they are: working in local ministries, just like Nabalema. "The greatest task in my life is evangelizing and discipling children," explained Nabalema.

Perhaps the reason Nabalema feels so strongly about reaching children has something to do with her own story of coming to faith. The third of seven children, she had a happy childhood and said her parents placed a strong emphasis on church attendance. It was there, in Sunday school, where a 9-year old Nabalema first heard the message of the Bible explained to her in a way she understood. "My Sunday school teacher Aunt Beatrice taught us about God's love in John 3:16," she explained. "At first, I thought that I was a good and obedient child. However, when they explained what sin was, I realized that I was a sinner. I would sometimes take sugar without permission and sometimes disobey elders, and I knew that was wrong." While those examples seem insignificant and maybe even silly, that was all it took for young Nabalema to understand that if the wages of sin is death, even those things counted. But Aunt Beatrice did not leave the children without hope. "Aunt Beatrice further explained about God's plan for each one of us to be with God, that Jesus died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life," she said. "That Sunday, I gave my life to Jesus Christ."

Nabalema is a prime example of the impact - negative or positive - an adult can have in a child's life. She is quick to share the hope

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Nabalema





of the gospel with children who are eager to listen, all the while being quite cognizant that not all the children she meets would describe their childhood as happy. Many of the children she interacts with don't have much of a childhood. This makes her role all the more critical. "I always invite them to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior if they have never done so before," she said. At a recent event where Nabelma taught, she saw 44 children give their lives to Christ, a great encouragement to her.

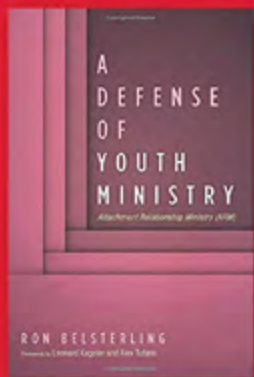
In her role as a senior partnership facilitator for Compassion International's Ugandan presence, she works closely with local churches - a natural fit for Nabalema. "It is a joy to be part of this process where children encounter the love of God through His people and become that which God created them to be," she said. "The biggest joy I have found in my role is ministering to children alongside the church and witnessing the success in their lives. It's like the before and after shots. Every single time I witness this, it is a blessing." While her job is brimming with hope, it can also be somber. "The most challenging part of my job is when I receive sad news about a child," she said. "That breaks my heart. The death or

disappearance of a child or when bad things happen to them - during those difficult moments, my strength comes from the Lord." But one thing keeps her going: "It's their testimonies that encourage me to keep serving. I am always filled with joy as I listen to their stories of redemption."

Nabelma first learned about PDN's partnership with LBC through a colleague and noted that all she's learned has been practical, helpful and transformative. "What I have received through my education at LBC has helped me immensely in the children's ministry programs I work with," she said. "My biblical narrative class has helped me appreciate the Bible like never before. The knowledge that the Bible is a single story has helped me to connect the story at an individual level. I have always treasured the Bible, and it is one of the gifts I share with the children in my life. These courses have helped me appreciate the Bible better, and my prayer is to walk in obedience of the Word and to see every boy and girl receive that precious book, read it, believe it and apply it to the glory of God."

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# Staff & Faculty Updates



**Dr. Ron Belsterling**, a professor in the Church & Ministry Leadership Department, presented on The State of Higher Ed Youth Ministry Programs in North America” at the 2019 ABHE Conference with colleagues from Denver and Asbury Seminaries. He also published his first full book, “A Defense of Youth Ministry: Attachment Relationship Ministry (ARM)” with strong endorsements from Walt Mueller and Duffy Robbins. Belsterling presented his ARM model this year via multiple podcasts and one seminar at a NEXT Conference in Princeton, NJ. He also led two other seminars in Princeton, one with his wife, Julie, on “Creating a Strong Marriage.”



Dr. Robert Bigley

**Dr. Robert Bigley**, a professor in the Music, Worship & Performing Arts Department, performed in Fulton Theatre’s production of “Mamma Mia!” this summer. This was his fourth production with the Fulton, having previously performed in “Newsies” and “Big, the Musical,” and serving as the chorus master for “Hunchback of Notre Dame” last summer. This production was particularly gratifying as he shared the stage with three current LBC musical theater majors, and one incoming LBC freshman - his daughter, Delaney Bigley.

**Dr. Jeremy Campbell** accepted a position as a professor in the Business Administration Department. Previously, he served as an adjunct professor for the college. Campbell received his Doctorate in Business Administration from Wilmington University.

**Erin Dimitriou-Smith** accepted a position as a part-time professor in the Business Administration Department, instructing marketing classes.



Keli Gentzler

**Keli Gentzler**, the program director of accelerated and online degrees in the Business Administration Department, received a master’s degree from Western Governors University in curriculum instruction and design.

**Dr. Stacey Martin**, an assistant professor in the Education Department, graduated with distinction in March 2019 with her Doctorate in Education from Capella University. Her capstone project was entitled, “Preparing Pre-service Teachers to Assist Students in Overcoming the Negative Educational Effects of Poverty.”

**Dr. Sophia A. Ogunlana ('06)** accepted the position of program director for the clinical mental health counseling program at the college’s Washington, D.C. location. She will be a part of the Counseling & Social Work Department. Ogunlana is a proud alumna of the former Capital Bible Seminary and has served as an adjunct professor with the college for four years. She has a long history of working as a licensed clinical professional counselor, researcher, author and educator. Ogunlana interned at the National Institute of Mental Health and co-authored chapters in, “Selecting and Surviving a Doctoral Program in Counseling.” She has a passion for collaborating with students and assisting them to reach their God-given purpose and potential.



Dr. Sophia A. Ogunlana

**Amanda Zuschmidt ('03)** an assistant professor in the Health & Physical Education Department, recently conducted an accreditation site visit at SUNY Canton in April 2019 for the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation and will be chairing an upcoming site visit to Wichita State University in September 2019.



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- Michael Weatherbe ('16),  
Master of Arts in Ministry

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# Hope is Not of this World

By Dr. Daniel Spanjer

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"Suicide is the second leading cause of death in America for people between the ages of 10 and 34..."  
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- National Institute of Mental Health

It seems strange to me that anxiety has become an epidemic in one of the most prosperous times in human history, in one of the world's wealthiest countries. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, suicide is the second leading cause of death in America for people between the ages of 10 and 34, and fourth among people between the ages of 35 and 54 in 2017 (30,866 that year for people between 10 and 54 years old.) In 2017, 14 out of every 100,000 people committed suicide, which placed the country 31st among all the nations of the world. This means that the suicide rate in America is more than double the rate of impoverished countries such as Iraq, Jordan, South Sudan and Djibouti. How can people who face more immediate threats such as starvation or war be less likely to commit suicide than those living in a land of plenty and peace?

Analysts have suggested a range of explanations for our heightened anxiety, including toxic media, an increased sense of global responsibility, pressures of digitized social relationships, even poor diets. Many, if not all of these, may, in fact, undermine people's mental health, but I have to wonder whether the cause our stress is more the result of an internal condition than of external pressures. Could it be that Americans have lost a sense of hope? We know that despite all of our comforts, we cannot stop death from coming, and so we become obsessed with fulfilling our desires in this life. You see, hopeless people are not free to live whatever life they have as a meaningful journey to their real home, but rather as a desperate balancing act on a tight-rope walk that goes nowhere.

Secular intellectuals have addressed this hazard of modern life by offering a version of hope that amounts to no more than self-fulfillment "Be yourself, chase your dreams and do not let anyone stop you." Our culture has reduced hope to a feeling of self-satisfaction that sacrifices human purpose to personal pleasure. This is not hope; it is narcissism parading as a virtue. Those who have abandoned belief in God may naturally tend to be this way, but it is distressing to see that the world is also beginning to win Christians over with its twisted thinking.  
Christians

increasingly comfort people by ensuring them that they will find happiness in this life. We are learning to recast the hope of the Gospel as self-fulfillment rather than the sacrifice of self to the love of God.

So what is hope? I just watched the Marvel blockbuster, "End Game." I will not give any spoilers for those who have not yet seen it, but the movie tasks its heroes with bringing everyone who died in the previous movie, "Infinity Wars," back to life. It is a gripping plot since it expresses human beings' desire to overcome death, but the goal of bringing friends and relatives back to life in this world is not hope. The wish to resurrect loved ones is wholesome but it amounts to little more than the Avengers fulfilling their own desires to not be alone again. I see the plot of the movie as a reversal of Lazarus' story in the Gospels. Christ raises Lazarus as a promise of the final resurrection after which Lazarus will never die. The Avengers will attempt to bring everyone back, then watch them die all over again when mortality inevitably has its way.

Now, doing good in this life is noble and right. It is not only our duty but a joy to meet someone's desire for food, shelter and love. But we do good in this world not for its own sake but to anticipate something far greater than satisfaction in this life. Our good deeds in this world are lesser truths that speak of the great truth - one day the King of Creation will make all things good according to His timing and His wisdom. Loving our neighbor in a world where death is final accomplishes nothing more than grant people temporary comfort, which may be a kindness of a sort, but it offers no hope. If this world is all there is, then goodness in our short lives really amounts to trying not to fall off a tight-rope that leads nowhere.

According to the Scriptures, hope is not merely a feeling that comforts us as we go nowhere, it is a way to live for a purpose. In His grace, Jesus walked that path ahead of us. Matthew records in the fourth chapter of his Gospel that Satan tempted Jesus at the beginning of His ministry to make life in this world the object of His hope. Satan offered the Messiah bread that would satisfy hunger. Christ refused the gift. Satan offered Jesus kingship over all the nations of the world; a position that would allow Him to end



all suffering. Satan even offered Christ the perfect display by which He might convince all of Jerusalem and Rome that He was the Messiah. Certainly, a leap from the top of the Temple would show everyone who He was. Jesus knew full well that by rejecting Satan's offer to rule the world, He consigned himself to suffer death by its hands. In John 18, Jesus gives us one explanation for why he refused the offer to assume sovereignty over the nations of the earth. This time He was not alone in a wilderness defeating Satan; He stood before a crowd that would call for his death. In verse 33, Pilate asks Jesus the most poignant question in history, "Are you King of the Jews?" Jesus shows us the architecture of hope in His reply: "My Kingdom is not of this World."

Jesus' response to Pilate marks the way of hope. It begins with recognizing that this life is not the end but only the anticipation of a future and perfect Kingdom. Notice that Jesus did not say to Pilate - "King? I am no King, just a humble shepherd and a kindly friend to sinners." Jesus was not a superhero who merely heals the sick in order to comfort people in this life. No, Jesus is the King who demands ultimate obedience and loyalty. He will not

believer a power to live through suffering and disappointment in a way the world cannot understand. Look, for example, to the martyrs whose faith helped topple Rome.

Christ, by His very life, offers an antidote to anxiety and depression now ripping through our culture like wildfire. Rather than accept kingship over the rust and moths of this world, He set His mind on the treasures of heaven so that He might travel over the cross, through the tomb and onto the throne at God's right hand. For us, Christ blazed the route of hope to teach us that it is neither a bypass nor a cul-de-sac. Many Christians in history have wanted their road to wind around the pain and pleasure of living with fallen people in fallen communities. But Christ did not route his journey around disappointment or joy. He suffered the loss of Lazarus, wept over broken relationships and took great pleasure in His disciples. In addition, Christ did not make this world His home. The way of hope did not turn off into a dead-end in first-century Jerusalem. Rather it runs through our broken relationships, hurting communities, the pleasures of blessing and death in this life to the perfect Kingdom of Christ yet to be revealed.

In short, there is only one trajectory for hope and that is through pain and death. Paul makes this clear in I Corinthians 15. "If," Paul says in verse 19, "we have hope in this life only, we are of all people the most to be pitied." What this life cannot offer us the resurrection does: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Thus we will be raised and "then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power." (vs. 20 and 24) The resurrection of which Paul speaks is not a matter of restoring our old desires and then having them fulfilled. Rather, through death and resurrection God transforms our desires so that they find satisfaction in His will alone. Christ has showed us that we will die so that we may truly live, while those in the world know only that they must live until they die.

I am continually amazed by the power of the hope that fellow believers possess. I have watched Christians give their entire lives to careers, families and ministries which they have in turn lost. I have cried with these believers and felt their suffering. But I have been overwhelmed by their hope. Recently I have spent time in prayer with a group of Christians during a very trying situation. They felt deep pain but located it along a road that leads to Christ's kingdom. The true beauty of their hope became most evident to me when they prayed that God would use their disappointment and suffering for the sanctification of their souls. You see, for Christians, this life is just the first part of our journey. We do not anxiously walk in the fear that we might fall off a pointless tight-rope, but rather we walk boldly in the reckless grace of Christ who will redeem our successes and failures for His glory in His perfect kingdom – that is hope. Come Lord Jesus, and quickly.

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to another, nor will He  
give his authority to man. The way  
of hope has a destination, it is not an  
aimless journey in which living is little more  
than simply not dying. However, although  
Christ is King, by His own admission, but His  
kingdom is not of this world. The destination  
of our journey is beyond this life, should He  
tarry. Like Abraham, we look "forward to the  
city that has foundations, whose designer  
and builder is God." (Hebrews 11:10) To  
believe this and to walk in this way grants the



# LBC Ties For 1st Place In The Wall Street Journal Rankings

For 'Right Choice' Category With Stanford University

Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School is topping lists in The Wall Street Journal's College Rankings once again. In the media outlet's 2019 rankings, Lancaster Bible College tied for first place in the Right Choice category with Stanford University.

## 2019 COLLEGE RANKINGS



The finalists for the Right Choice category were determined by a survey given to students that asked, "If you could start over, would you still choose this college?" Results are rated on a scale of zero to 10, with a score of 10 representing the strongest agreement. Both schools earned an overall score of 9.4 out of 10.

Also included on the prestigious list are two Ivy League institutions: Brown University and Harvard University.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology also made an appearance on the list.

Lancaster Bible College moved up in its rankings this year, taking second place in the same category in last year's rankings. The Bible college also landed at third place for Career Preparation in the 2018 rankings, a category not surveyed or included in this year's report.



# 2019 COLLEGE RANKINGS

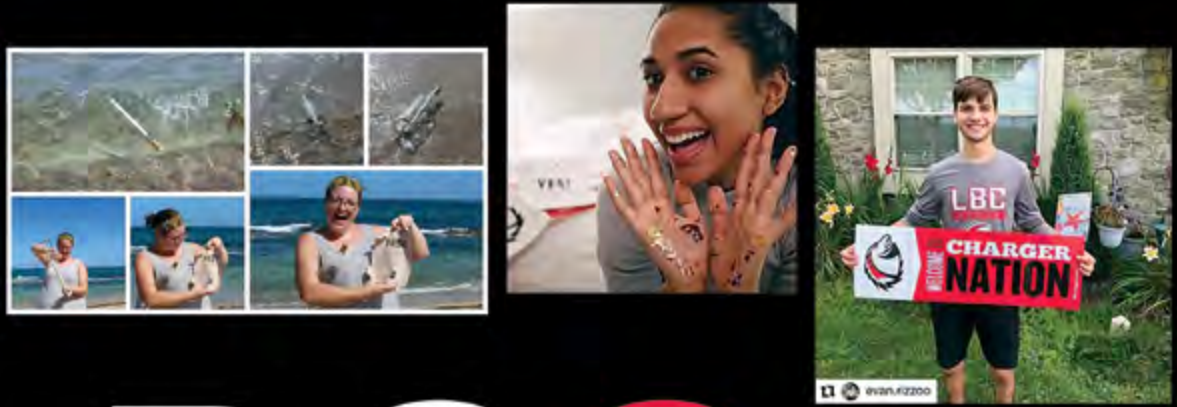


## Awards & Accolades

It was another banner year for Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School, with the college racking up even more top spots on impressive lists, rankings and getting recognition across the country. Here's a roundup of some of our most notable awards of 2019:

- **Top 10 in Best Online Bible Colleges** – In a ranking of the best online Bible colleges on BestColleges.com, Lancaster Bible College landed in the top 10.
- **The Best 4 Year College in Central PA** – At Central Penn Business Journal's 2019 Reader Rankings awards ceremony, LBC was named the best 4-year college/university in Central Pennsylvania.
- **Top 25 for Best Bachelor's in Ministry Programs** – The college was named in the top 25 on a list of the 25 Best Bachelor's in Ministry Degree Programs for 2019 according to BachelorsDegreeCenter.org.
- **#1 in the Wall Street Journal's 'Right Choice' Category** – LBC tied for first place in the Right Choice category with Stanford University.
- **#6 Fastest Online Ministry Degree** – BachelorsDegreeCenter.org placed LBC at number 6 on a list of the 10 Fastest Online Ministry Degree Bachelor's Programs.





# #LBCSaid

By Kelsey Madas ('15)

**S**ocial media contests are as much a part of the world of online communication as emojis. Everywhere you look, some company is giving away a luxury vacation, organic baby diapers and just about anything else you can imagine. So we thought we'd give it a try.

And while we aren't giving away cars, we decided to give away something a bit different: a \$2,000 scholarship. We encouraged new, traditional undergraduate students who'd been accepted to Lancaster Bible College to share the good news with their friends and families online for a chance to win this new scholarship. We were blown away by the creativity of the entrants – we saw everything from original songs composed in the college's honor, got photoshopped into a billboard in Times Square to people literally shouting the good news from the rooftops.

Want to see even more submissions? Search the hashtag #lbcsaidyes on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter for more delightful entries. And if you have an incoming freshman that wants to participate, tell them to join in on the fun! Post are judged based on creativity and should incorporate the student's acceptance letter in some way. Winners are selected by the college and will be contacted about how to claim their prize.





## FAST FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2023

Why don't we get to know our incoming freshmen through some hard data? Here are some interesting facts and figures about our future Chargers.

### Where They're From:

#### STATE STUDENTS

PA	159
MD	11
VA	10
NJ	10
NY	9
FL	7
DE	5
NC	4
CT	4
NH	2
MI	2
ME	2
GA	2
CO	2
WV	1
WI	1
TX	1
OH	1
MO	1
IN	1
DC	1
CA	1

### Top Majors (by enrollment)

- Education (38)
  - Business Admin (35)
  - Professional Counseling (24)
  - Youth & Young Adult Ministry (16)\*
- \* highest ministry major

# of Student Athletes: 89

Total Number of Traditional Undergrad Students this Fall:  
248 new students

# Yes

## Celebrating Our Incoming Freshman Class Online



# Alumni

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Ted & Grace Haas



## 1960s

**Ted ('61) and Grace (Lilley) Haas ('60)** became missionaries in Canada. Their family lived in Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories for 10 years and served the Gwich'in Indigenous people on the edge of the boreal forest. Eventually, they moved into pastoral work in Canadian Prairies and are now happily retired and spend their days volunteering.

Robert Arnold



Nancy Folk



**Arts Springer ('69)** accepted a role as the state coordinator and director for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Pennsylvania in May 2019. He is an ordained minister for the Grace Brethren denomination and pastored churches across the United States, helped to plant new churches and remains involved in the Christian counseling movement.

Arthur Woods



Russ E. Hobbs



## 1970s

**Charles Mcdowell ('74)** served as an elementary school teacher for many years. Now, he spends his time volunteering with his church's music ministries and helping to care for a friend several days a week who survived a brain aneurism.

Becca Worth



Tracy Brown

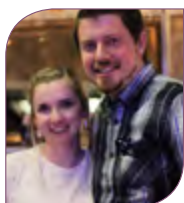


**Robert Arnold (CBS '78)** and his wife, Marcia, are in Thailand where he is serving as the interim country director of SIM International.

## 1980

**Kenneth Gilbert ('80)** is in his third year serving as associate pastor of Springwood Chapel in York, Pa. He has two grown daughters, Rebekah Rauch and Mary Gilbert, and two sweet granddaughters, Reagan and Samantha.

Lindsey Fenicle



**Nancy (George '85) Folk** had her book, "Fire Vision" published by WestBow Press recently. The book is about a young woman's reality being drastically altered when her true identity is revealed in a moment of stunning hostility. Unraveling the web of the past, she discovers core shaking truths and a new life in the least probable person and in God.

## 1990s

**Chris Hendrickson ('98)** was promoted to the director of Day Camp Sunshine, a ministry of The Deaconry Fellowship in Leberty Corner, N.J. He also serves as the director of the PETER Puppets, an evangelistic ministry of puppets to all ages sharing the gospel with Muppet style puppets.

## 2000s

**Arthur C. Woods ('00')** lives with his wife, Elizabeth and their two foster daughters in Pennsylvania. He is an advocate for vulnerable children and serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) with children from hard places. He is a speaker and writer and recently released a curriculum for adopted teenagers called, "Trusting The God of the Gospel." Arthur serves as a regional coordinator for the Christian Alliance for Orphans event, Orphan Sunday, and sits on the board of directors of Camp Orchard Hill. To learn more about his work, visit [arthurcwoods.com](http://arthurcwoods.com)

**Russ E. Hobbs ('03)** retired from his pastoral role at Coleman Memorial Chapel in February 2019, concluding 21 years of ministry. He plans to spend his retirement writing and serving as an adjunct professor at LBC.

**Bekah (Potter '04) Worth** and her husband, Steve, have been married for nine years and have two young children, Abigail and Elizabeth. The family has lived in Billings, Mont. for nearly six years where her husband works as a family resource specialist for therapeutic foster families. Bekah recently finished 12 years of serving in children's ministry to become a stay-at-home mom with their daughters.

**Tracy E. Brown ('04)** earned a Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary ('15) and a Doctor of Ministry from Lancaster Theology Seminary in 2019. He currently serves as the pastor of Assured Hope Community Church, a church plant located in Lancaster, Pa.

**Betty (Daniels '05) Strother** now resides in Columbia, Pa. with her husband and two young daughters.

**Terry Magee ('09)** recently published his second book, "Rebuilding: Prayer Lessons from the Life of Nehemiah," now available on Amazon. This book draws powerful examples from Nehemiah's life to teach people how to draw closer to God through prayer. The book was adapted from his master's thesis.

## 2010s

**Lindsey (Meckley '10) Fenicle** and **Jason Fenicle ('11)** were married in November 2018. Jason started a new position as a youth pastor in the northern region of Pennsylvania after eight years of working for Youth For Christ.

**Jessica (Martin '10) Herman** and her husband, Seth, welcomed



their first child, a son, Cohen, on February 15, 2019.

**Emily (Higgins '10) Streett** started a new role as the care ministries director at LCBC Church in April 2019 where she has been on staff for nine years.

**Zachary Kraehmer ('11)** and **Nicole (Karschner '11) Kraehmer** lived and worked in Lancaster for a few years and then moved to the northern region of Pennsylvania in 2014 and have two children, Zae and Kyas. They own and operate Express Employment Professionals of Lancaster County.

**Jessica Cotto ('12)** has been working as an employment recruiter and enjoys being able to help families change their lives. She obtained a master's degree in management and is looking forward to furthering her education in elementary education. She now resides in New Oxford, Pa. with her daughters, Adrianna and Aubrey.

**Jeremy Mueller ('14)** and his wife Svatia will be returning to her home country of the Czech Republic at the beginning of September, as long-term missionaries with SEND International. They will be focused on reaching university students in the capital city of Prague.

**Andy Styer ('14)** went on to complete a Master of Divinity through LAMP Theological Seminary and has accepted a call to pastor Kanawha Salines Presbyterian Church in historic Malden, W.V. in March. He had the privilege of preaching on the 200th anniversary of the founding of the church. Malden is the childhood home of Booker T. Washington,

and it is quite likely he was married in the church Andy pastors.

**Emily (Williamson '15) Decker** and her husband were married in December 2018.

**Zach Bashore ('14)** and **Esther (Sandau '15) Bashore** welcomed their first child, a daughter named Elliana, into their family on April 4, 2019.

**Gustavo Perez Sr. ('16)** is now the pastor of a Baptist church in Kansas, where he lives with his wife and four children.

**Kayla (Thornton '16) McCauley** recently accepted a position in June at Merakey as a family based therapist. Kayla is enjoying this position and being able to help others.

**Melissa (Futrell '17) Wieters** married Matthew Wieters on July 20, 2019 and the couple now resides in Shrewsbury, Pa. Melissa works as the volunteer services coordinator at Spiritrust Lutheran in Shrewsbury.

**Cora (George '17) Whitmoyer** became a substitute teacher and the headteacher of an infant class at a daycare following her 2017 graduation. In 2018, she married Cody Whitmoyer and they now reside in York County with their dog and newborn baby boy that arrived July 2019.

**Jenna (Sliwinski '17) Recalo** married former LBC student Nathan Recalo on July 14, 2018. Nathan owns a tile installation business while Jenna is working as a freelance writer and virtual assistant. They reside in Reading, Pa.



Jessica Herman



Andy Styer



Emily Decker



Zach & Esther Bashore



Gustavo Perez Sr.



Cora Whitmoyer



Jenna Recalo

## Meet the New Director of Alumni Estelle Soulard ('11,'17)

is a two-time graduate of LBC | Capital and the college's newly-appointed director of alumni. She began her role on August 19 and brings with her a wealth of diverse experience and enthusiasm. Most recently, she served in a fundraising role at HOPE International and before that she worked closely with LBC students as a resident director. Soulard spent most of her growing-up years in Attleboro, Massachusetts, but is excited to be back in Lancaster County, her second home. "I'm really looking forward to using a combination of my fundraising experience and my passion for college students in this role," she said. "As a resident director, I loved getting to know students - hearing their stories and seeing how God chose to grow and shape them during those formative years was a real privilege. I'm excited to once again have a front row seat to these things and to see how God will continue to use our alumni for His plans and purposes!"



# Upcoming Events

AT LBC | CAPITAL & THE TRUST PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

For more information regarding these events or to purchase tickets, visit [lbc.edu/events](http://lbc.edu/events)

To contact the LBC Box Office, call 717-560-8241 or email [events@lbc.edu](mailto:events@lbc.edu)

## 2019 EVENTS

Friday, September 27  
Saturday, September 28

### HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

Main Campus



Get ready for a weekend dedicated to celebrating all things LBC and family during September 27 and 28! With food, fellowship and time to rekindle friendships, we're setting this weekend aside to bring the LBC family back together and praise God for the work He has done.

Free

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

Friday, September 27 (Dinner: 6 PM | Show: 7:30 PM)  
Saturday, September 28 (Dinner: 12 PM | Show: 1:30 PM | Show Only: 7:30 PM)

### TRADITION: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MUSICAL THEATER AT LBC

Main Campus

Join us for a musical cabaret and dinner celebrating a decade of outstanding performances on LBC's stage. Hear all your favorites from family-friendly shows like *Singin' in the Rain*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sound of Music*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Mary Poppins* and more, performed by our talented students.

Price: \$10 - \$35

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

Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 PM

### GALA SEASON OPENER: MIKE BLOCK AND SANDEEP DAS

The Trust

Sandeep Das (tabla) and Mike Block (cello/vocals) are a dynamic cross-genre duo that originally met as members of Yo-Yo Ma's Grammy Award-winning Silkroad Ensemble. This energetic duo has been performing since 2013, sharing their music throughout America and India via tours and residencies, even on the stage of Carnegie Hall.

Price: \$25

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Homecoming & Family Weekend



Tradition: Celebrating 10 Years of Musical Theater at LBC





**Saturday, October 12 at 8:30 AM**

## **OPEN HOUSE FOR ADULT LEARNERS**

Washington DC

Join us during this event to learn more about LBC | Capital's accelerated undergraduate, graduate and seminary programs at our Washington DC location.

Free

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

**Friday, October 25**

## **OPEN HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Main Campus

This open house at LBC gives prospective students the chance to get a taste of student life on our Lancaster campus! Guests can choose to stay overnight in our dormitories, interact with current students and faculty, worship in chapel, tour the campus, learn more about our undergraduate programs and participate in other fun activities.

Free

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

**Sunday, November 3 at 7 PM**

## **LBC CHOIR CONCERT**

The Trust

Join the LBC Chorale, Chamber Singers and Women's Chorus for an evening of beautiful choral music, uniquely curated for The Trust's amazing acoustics.

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**Thursday, November 7**

## **COUNSELING & SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Main Campus

High School juniors and seniors who are highly interested in counseling and social work majors are invited to attend this special open house. Students will be able to sit in classes, hear from guest speakers and interact with current students in the major.

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

**Saturday, November 9 at 8:30 AM**

## **LEARNING TO LEAD: BIBLE STUDIES, TEACHING & MORE**

Main Campus

If you're interested in teaching and leading Bible studies, small groups, fellowship or any events where the Word is illuminated, this conference is for you. Hosted by eQuip, LBC's biblical enrichment program, you'll walk away with practical applications on biblical teaching.

Price: \$49

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

**Sunday, November 10 at 1 PM**

## **BRUNCH WITH BACH**

Main Campus

Enjoy a delightful brunch followed by an inspiring rendition of Bach's Magnificat and the Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, performed by Lancaster Bible College's orchestra and chorale.

Price: \$10 - \$25

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

Gala Season Opener:  
Mike Block & Sandeep Das



Open House for Adult Learners

Brunch with Bach



## Upcoming Events Continued

Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 PM  
Friday, November 22 at 7:30 PM

### SEEN BY KRISTEN BREWER

The Trust Performing Arts Center

SEEN is a set of songs that touch on key moments of women in the Bible who are in the lineage of Jesus Christ. From Eve to Mary, we witness fears and struggles much like all of us face. Through an experience with SEEN, you will deepen your understanding of God's love and greater purpose for you!

Price: \$20

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Saturday, November 30 at 11 AM & 1 PM  
Saturday, December 7 at 11 AM  
Saturday, December 14 at 11 AM & 1 PM  
Friday, December 20 at 11 AM & 1 PM  
Saturday, December 21 at 11 AM & 1 PM

### THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

The Trust Performing Arts Center

The Reverie Actor's Company presents a unique adaptation of C.S. Lewis's beloved story where all the roles are performed by two actors. Join the Pevensie children in their fantastic journey through the wardrobe where they meet all of your favorite characters from Narnia.

Price: \$8 - \$12

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Friday, December 6 at 7 PM  
Saturday, December 7 at 2 & 7 PM

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: IN THE MANGER

LBC | Capital – Lancaster Campus

Join us for our annual Christmas concert, beloved by friends of LBC and the community alike. Inspired by Max Lucado's advent devotional, LBC showcases the talents of their numerous student ensembles. Tickets go fast and usually sell out, so reserve yours early!

Pay What You Will

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Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM

### CALMUS: AN A CAPPELLA CHRISTMAS

The Trust Performing Arts Center

Join us for a concert by Calmus, the first prize winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition. Founded in 1999 in Germany, you won't want to miss this a cappella quintet's performance.

Price: \$30

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The Lion, The Witch,  
and The Wardrobe



Annual Christmas Concert:  
In The Manger



Calmus: An A Cappella  
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# New Degrees at LBC

By Kelsey Madas

**L**ancaster Bible College is proud to announce the addition of several new degrees that encompass multiple professional areas – all while maintaining curriculum rooted firmly in God's word.

The college launched a bachelor's degree in accounting, offered 100% online and on campus. This program is perfect for students who love to balance numbers and analyze data and might well be a natural fit for those completing their degrees online with bookkeeping or payroll experience. Another exciting addition is the arrival of an online and residential marketing degree, tailor-made for strategically minded students with a passion for business.

A bachelor's degree in healthcare management, available both online and on campus, was added as well. In this program, students will learn about the many facets of healthcare and prepare for a career in the field.

The college also added a new online degree in ministry leadership. Designed to allow students to continue to serve exactly where they already are, this unique online ministry degree is formatted to combine online learning with practical oversight and hands-on training from the ministry leaders they're serving under right now.

Want to see more degrees offered at LBC? Visit [lbc.edu](http://lbc.edu)



# Communication & Media Arts Department Formed

Two longstanding undergraduate majors with ties to the arts and creativity, communication and live production, are now situated in their own academic department. The newly formed Communication & Media Arts Department is chaired by media pro Ryan Geesaman, who previously served as the program coordinator for live production.

"It is my prayer that this department will serve our students well as they prepare for communication and media careers, as well as service to Christ," said Geesaman. "Bringing these two programs under the same roof only made sense, and we are looking forward to witnessing the collaborative work the students and faculty will create together.

## LBC & HACC Pen Dual Admissions Agreement

On April 30, LBC and HACC made official an articulation agreement to complete a dual admissions agreement between the two institutions. Per the agreement, students who have successfully completed an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree will be able to seamlessly transfer into an accelerated bachelor's degree at LBC, pending certain requirements are met. Students who transfer to LBC from HACC will also have their application fee waived and be granted status as a third-year or junior student. Additionally, qualifying HACC students will be eligible for a transfer scholarship.

TO THE RIGHT:  
HACC PRESIDENT DR.  
JOHN J. SYGIELSKI (LEFT)  
AND LBC PRESIDENT DR.  
PETER W. TEAGUE SIGN THE  
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT.



A photograph of two men walking away from the camera on a paved path. The man on the left is older, with white hair, wearing a red polo shirt and khaki pants. The man on the right is younger, wearing a red t-shirt, blue jeans, and a red backpack with a white cross on it. They are walking towards a large, multi-story building with a grey roof and white trim. The building has several windows and a circular window with a cross in the gable. The sky is blue and clear.

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