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THE WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE



“Not to be served...
but to serve.”

~ Matthew 20:28

Letters from CAREY



I was recently reflecting on the theme for our centennial celebration four years ago, “Celebrating our past; embracing our future.” I was astounded at how we have truly fulfilled the second part of that theme, “embracing our future.” This edition of the Carey Magazine chronicles achievements which we can celebrate, and it illustrates how we have accepted the challenge to embrace our future. The magazine records growth in enrollment, academic quality, facilities, programs, and commitment to our mission. The future is a moving target. We can never think that we have arrived but must continue to look to the future with optimism and faith that the God who has sustained us for more than a century will continue to walk with us.

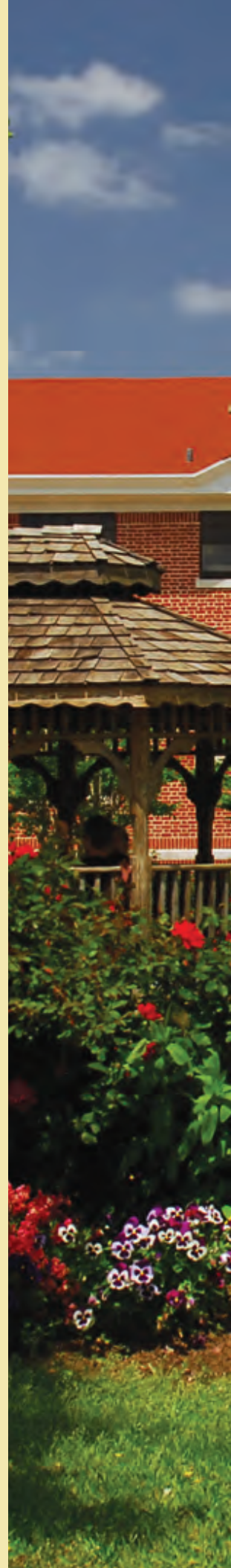
Now, what about “embracing our future”? As we step boldly into the future, Carey must continue to be identified as a distinctively Christian university. Our theme for the 2010-2011 academic year is “Not to be served...but to serve” (Matt. 20:28). In an increasingly secular culture where scandals are commonplace, we are trying to impress upon our students that they are not “entitled” to anything in life. They must develop their God-given gifts through hard work and dedication, and then they must give back to society in exchange for the opportunities which they have received.

Next to maintaining our Christian mission, our top priority needs to be building our scholarship and academic endowments. The cost of a college education has increased to the point where few students, even with financial aid and a job, can afford to pay. This is especially true for middle income families who do not qualify for federal grants. Increasing available scholarship support is absolutely essential for us to continue to attract outstanding students. We must also increase housing and other amenities for residential students. When fall enrollment was complete, only four beds remained for women students. We must find a way to construct additional women’s residential space very soon. We must also improve the living amenities for all students. Additional classroom space and modern laboratories must have immediate attention. Those who have visited the campus recently realize that we have used all the available space in the central campus; acquiring additional property adjacent to the campus is an absolute must. We have begun this process and will continue to monitor properties that become available to determine whether they fit our long range plan and whether we can afford to purchase them.

We must continue to look for ways to expand our offerings to meet legitimate needs around us. For this generation of students, it is important for us to provide an atmosphere conducive to academic excellence and Christian development. All of this costs money, and we are dependent upon our friends and supporters as never before. Your gift, large or small, will translate into preparing worthy young people who will go out to make our world a better place.

God Bless,

Tommy King



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William Carey University was named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, again.



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This is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. It marks the second consecutive year Carey has received the honor.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

"Congratulations to William Carey University and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," declared Patrick Corvington, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "Our nation's students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service."

The Honor Roll includes six colleges and universities that are recognized as presidential awardees, with an additional 115 named to the Distinction List and 621 schools named as Honor Roll members. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

William Carey University students are heavily engaged in community service. *During the 2008-2009 academic year, 1,557 Carey students volunteered over 22,000 hours.*

College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector. In 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the corporation.



NEW ORLEANS—The Student Nurses' Association (SNA) participates annually in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, which is the primary fundraising and public awareness event held by the Alzheimer's Association. Organized by the Northshore Chapter, the William Carey SNA members are pictured in Covington, Louisiana, during their walk in October 2009. New Orleans students intern at Christwood Retirement Community, Southeast Louisiana Hospital, Slidell Memorial Hospital, Northshore Regional Medical Center, and Children's Hospital in New Orleans.



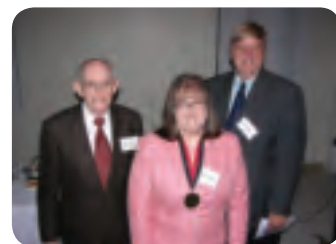
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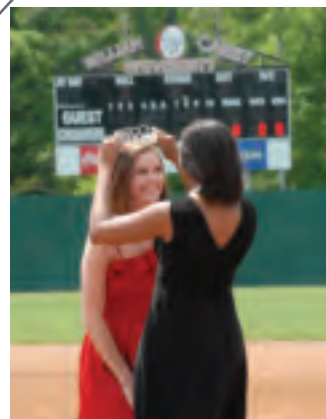
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one of the best
WCU celebrations.*



Send us your nominations!

*We need WCU Homecoming Award nominees.
Mail or email your nominations with
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Three years ago, William Carey University moved homecoming from January to April. The decision was made in order to have warmer weather and more outdoor activities. Homecoming 2010 proved to be one of the best Carey has had in many years.

Twenty-six alumni, ranging from 1954-1960, received a 50-year medallion and shared memories of Carey during the annual 50-Year Alumni Awards Banquet at noon on Friday. The annual Awards Ceremony, moved to Friday evening to accommodate a casual setting for Saturday, highlighted three alumni who received the Circle of Excellence award in their respected fields: Pam Harvey Orman ('82) for the School of Business, Ann Holladay Nelson ('86) for the School of Education, and Jerry Mixon ('66) for the School of Missions.

Alumni continued to arrive throughout the day on Saturday to take part in the multiple activities held on the Hattiesburg campus. In conjunction with Carey Carnival, the annual SGA crawfish boil proved to be successful and was enjoyed by all ages. Thanks to

Coca-Cola Bottling Company for providing the beverages and to B&L Boiled Crawfish for providing greatly seasoned crawfish, potatoes, and corn.

Maggie Moore was crowned Homecoming Queen 2010 prior to the double header softball game. Carey Crusader baseball and softball teams went undefeated for the homecoming games against LSU-Alexandria.

Soccer alumni came back to play Carey soccer students in afternoon games, and tennis alumni held their match against Carey tennis students on the new tennis courts.

Faculty, staff, and alumni gathered in the Common Grounds Coffee House to read their poetry while enjoying a freshly brewed cup of coffee or one of Common Grounds' signature shakes.

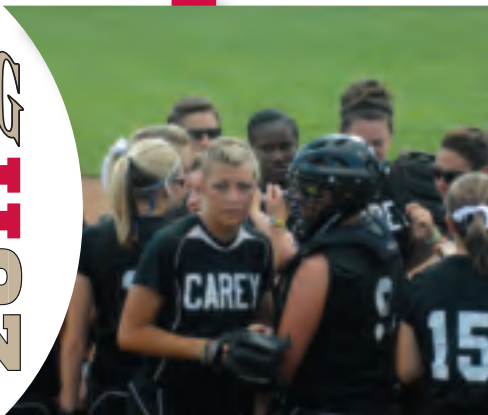
The weekend ended with a worshipful concert by Christian artists Big Daddy Weave with special guests Chris and Conrad. It was a great sight to see nearly 900 alumni, faculty, staff, students, as well as local and out-of-state visitors singing praises together to God.



We have reserved

April

15 & 16 2011





Dr. Mari Wirfs, professor of nursing at the WCU New Orleans campus, had the privilege of presenting her son, John Abernathy, with his white coat during the White Coat Ceremony.

For information about giving to the WCU-COM, assisting medical students, and naming opportunities, contact Dr. Scott Hummel at 601-318-6497 or shummel@wmcarey.edu. To give online, visit www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey.

exceptional



(left to right) Dr. Michael Murphy is pictured with David Trisler ('09) who was the first Carey graduate to be accepted to the WCU-COM.



Ribbon cutting on July 30, 2010 during the COM Academic Building dedication.

COM: WCU's INAUGURAL WHITE COATS

A very historic event occurred on July 30, 2010, as William Carey University hosted a dedication ceremony and open house on the Hattiesburg campus for the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), Academic Building (Phase I). The Medical Arts Building (Phase II) was dedicated on August 26, and the dedication for the Asbury Administration Building (Phase III) is scheduled for December. The \$11 million WCU-COM is one of 26 such institutions in the United States and the only one in the mid-south region.

The inaugural class of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCU-COM), consisting of 110 students, began orientation on August 16. The White Coat Ceremony to celebrate their entrance into the medical profession was held on August 21. A host of family, friends, and dignitaries witnessed the historic ceremony as faculty of the WCU-COM and members of the Osteopathic Medical profession from throughout the mid-south welcomed the students into the osteopathic profession. Each student was ceremonially "cloaked" with a white coat and took the osteopathic oath of commitment.

"This White Coat Ceremony is the culmination of nearly four years of intense work on the part of William Carey's board of trustees, administration, supporters, and faculty of the COM," stated Carey President Tommy King. "It is a great day for Carey, Hattiesburg, and the State of Mississippi."

First year classes will include gross anatomy with full dissection and neuro-anatomy, microanatomy, medical physiology, medical biochemistry/nutrition, genetics, immunology, physical diagnosis, osteopathic principles and practice, oral health, epidemiology, disaster medicine, and introduction to clinical community and behavioral medicine.

According to Dr. Scott Hummel, vice president for advancement, the COM has received a deferred gift that will over time endow a teaching chair and a scholarship: The Joel McKenzie Endowed Scholarship and the Lois S. McKenzie Endowed Professorship.

From the desk of Vice President and Dean of the WCU-COM:

The students selected are excellent. The inaugural class is composed of 110 students selected from a pool of more than 1,100 applications. Ninety five percent of the class is from the South, with 44 from Mississippi. The average age of the class is 25.7 years. Nine percent are graduates of WCU's new master of biomedical sciences degree program. Ten percent of the class are African Americans, a number that is significantly above the national average.

The academic and clinical buildings are new, state of the art buildings. The 27 full and part time faculty who were selected to teach our students are top notch, with an average of over 20 years of teaching experience. They understand the mission and vision of WCU-COM and are eager to solidify the curriculum and start the process of teaching students to be exceptional osteopathic physicians.

Dr. Michael Murphy

Carey Dinner Theatre CELEBRATES 35 SEASONS

"Make them laugh, make them cry . . . What do people go to the theatre for? An emotional exercise," said American actress Mary Pickford. If this is true, Carey Dinner Theatre (CDT) has made audiences laugh, cry, and sing along for 35 years. "Mississippi's unique dinner theatre," CDT presented its 35th season in June and July of 2010 with *Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical* and *Beguiled Again: The Songs of Rodgers and Hart*.

Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical focused on the legendary country music singer's love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family. Featured songs, among more than 30 in the show, included "Ring of Fire," "Daddy Sang Bass," "Jackson," "I Walk the Line," "Country Boy," "The Man in Black," and "Ragged Old Flag."

"Make them laugh, make them cry
What do people go to the theatre for?"



Beguiled Again can best be summed up by the words of Irving Berlin, "Tuneful and tasty, schmaltzy and smart, music by Rodgers, lyrics by Hart." *Beguiled Again* highlighted some of Rodgers and Hart's best works: "My Funny Valentine," "Blue Moon," "With A Song In My Heart," "Falling In Love With Love," and "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered."

From the aroma of the catered buffet, through the candlelit meal, to the thrill of the first chords of the overture, CDT offers patrons an all around entertainment experience for the senses.

In 1974, the William Carey College theatre department decided to try something different. Under the direction of Obra L. Quave, chair of the department of theatre, the faculty wanted to give young performers a professional, yet educationally sound opportunity to express their talents in a unique format. There was a desire to offer the public entertainment that the whole family could enjoy. Out of this need for family fare, CDT was born.

The original idea was presented to several Carey employees who gave their enthusiastic support. This group became the first advisory board, and they were assisted by other faculty and staff, along with Hattiesburg residents.

Students also caught the excitement. Two of these, Keith Thompson and Jay Rogers, were interested in writing and composing for musical theatre. This desire resulted in "It's Make Believe," a musical which was produced in the first season of what was then called Carey Summer Showcase (the name was changed to Carey Dinner Theatre in 1978). Thus in 1975, four performers, along with technicians, office personnel, and staff launched one of the state's most cherished summer traditions.

showcase

The 36th season of Carey Dinner Theatre will be performed in the new Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre, which was completed this fall.



From the beginning, it was agreed that the members of the CDT company would be paid, and not charged tuition. This was a radical idea at the time since many educational summer theatres charged tuition for students to participate. The stipends have been possible because of the people who have loyally supported CDT with contributions through the years.

Another distinctive from the beginning has been that student members serve during dinner. Thus, by the time the performance begins, each person in the audience has had some personal contact with at least one member of the company.

Selected from auditions held every March, college students from a wide area try out for performing, technical, and clerical positions. Over 50 schools, including Julliard, Wake Forest, Duke, and Eastman School of Music, as well as a large number of schools from the Deep South, have been represented by members of the CDT company.

CDT alumni, such as Philip Fortenberry and Keith Thompson, can be found on professional stages from Broadway to Las Vegas. Other CDT company members with professional theatre experience include Jennifer Bilbo and Kristina Lucka, who work at the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington D.C.; Taylor Ruckel who performs in New York City; and Michelle Baxter and Derrick Townsend, who both tour with cruise lines and national tours.

Through the years, CDT alumni have gone on to work in a wide variety of professions. From the first group of students in 1975 came a teacher, a social worker, a dentist, a nurse, a professional actor, and a professional musician.

Many students who have worked for CDT over several seasons comment that the audiences who attend the shows keep the actors' performances fresh. The uniqueness of the shows keeps the CDT experience fresh as well. Managing director Obra Quave, musical director Rudy Gatlin, choreographer Melissa Beauvais, and director Tim Matheny, chair of the department of theatre and communication at WCU, work for months before the dinner theatre season to choose musicals the public will enjoy. Whether it is a contemporary musical revue or an established musical comedy performed through the years, CDT has offered the public a myriad of wonderful shows and a rare opportunity to enjoy a quality production while in a relaxed environment.

For more information about giving to Carey Dinner Theatre and the new Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre, call 601-318-6497 or email shummel@wmcarey.edu. To give online, visit www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey.



2009-10: Another Championship Year for William Carey University Athletics

By DJ Pulley, Sports Information Director

In the fall, Carey men's soccer returned to the NAIA national tournament for the first time in eight years. The Crusaders reeled off a 13-4-3 record, finished with a share of the GCAC championship for the third consecutive season, and was ranked ninth in the final national poll. On the women's side, the Lady Crusaders posted a school record of 20 wins and captured their third straight GCAC championship. The Lady Crusaders advanced to the "sweet sixteen" in the NAIA national tournament for the second straight year, and Women's Soccer Head Coach Danny Owens became the school's all-time winningest coach.

Owens would not be the only coach to pass a career milestone, as legendary Men's Basketball Coach Steve Knight eclipsed the 500 wins plateau on February 4, 2010. Knight's Crusaders finished the season at 23-8 and advanced to the semifinals of the GCAC tournament. Knight now stands on the cusp of another significant milestone. Knight, who finished the 2009-10 season with 506 career wins, is only four shy of becoming Mississippi's all-time winningest coach at the same four-year university. Former Alcorn State Coach Davey L. Whitney is the state record holder at 509 wins.

Carey women's basketball had another solid season, which was highlighted by their trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, to take part in the Hoop & Surf Classic.

Carey baseball battled through an injury-ravaged season, but still managed to post their 25th straight winning season, finishing the 2010 campaign with a 31-27 record.

The 2009-10 season also saw the return of men and women's tennis to the intercollegiate athletic program, and as in years past, tennis did not disappoint. WCU women's tennis posted an 18-5

record and was ranked 20th in the final NAIA poll, while the men's tennis team finished with a 10-8 mark. Both teams advanced to finals of the GCAC tournament.



Crusader softball team, Coach Wendy Hogue (far left), Assistant Coach Craig Fletcher (back right), and avid Crusaders fan Farrell Stearns (center), a 1969 Carey graduate, are pictured after winning the GCAC tournament title.

Carey softball had a roller coaster season by their standards, but with their season on the line, the Lady Crusaders knew what to do. Facing the possibility of missing out on the national tournament for the first time in two seasons, the Lady Crusaders rolled through the GCAC tournament, taking three games on championship Saturday to capture the GCAC tournament title. Next up for the Carey team was a trip to Charleston, West Virginia, to take on Sunrise Conference Champions SUNY-Canton in the NAIA unaffiliated conference's tournament. WCU outscored SUNY-Canton 32-0 to advance to the NAIA national tournament for the third straight season. WCU made the most of their third trip to the national tournament by taking top honors in Pool E, which advanced them to the elite eight and on to the final

four for the first time in Carey's history. WCU's tournament run finally ended one game short of the championship round.

Men's golf got off to a sensational start to the 2009-10 season by finishing second in the Chick-fil-A intercollegiate tournament and closed with a strong fourth place finish in the NAIA unaffiliated conference tournament.

When the 2009-10 athletic season finally came to a close, it marked the end of William Carey's 29-year association with the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. During its time as members of the GCAC, WCU athletic teams captured 44 conference championships. On September 28, 2009, William Carey University, along with fellow GCAC members Belhaven University, University of Mobile, Spring Hill College, and Loyola University–New Orleans, accepted an invitation to join the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC). SSAC member institutions of higher learning are located in the southern states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee. There are more than 35,000 active students at its 16 schools and close to 3,500 student-athletes. SSAC schools have more than 125,000 alumni who

reside in this same southern-state region. The SSAC, which has offices in Norcross, Georgia, has won 14 national championships since 1999, with 114 NAIA All-Americans and 192 NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Along with the upcoming move to the SSAC, WCU will welcome to its intercollegiate athletic program men's cross country, women's cross country, and women's golf. WCU will now field twelve sports this year: baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's golf, women's golf, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's tennis, and women's tennis.

"We are excited to offer these three new sports. These additional sports will allow WCU to provide a more comprehensive athletic program and strengthen us as we transition to the Southern States Athletic Conference," said Athletic Director Steve Knight. Knight has named Ben Smith ('08) as head coach for both cross country teams and has named Jeff Mixon ('09) as the head coach for women's golf.

Stay up to date with WCU athletics at
www.careyathletics.com

2009-10 NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athletes

Women's Basketball

Britta Stephens Jayess, MS

Men's Golf

Stone Thames Laurel, MS
 Brett Holmes Petal, MS

Men's Soccer

Tito Salas Dallas, TX
 Joseph McNiell Belfast, Northern Ireland

Women's Soccer

Jeana Erickson Biloxi, MS
 Angela Loose Saucier, MS
 Barbra Jablanski St. Martin, MS
 Shayna Turner Long Beach, MS

Softball

Anna Ard Louisville, MS
 Missy Paulina La Place, LA
 Shayna Turner Long Beach, MS
 Jeana Erickson Biloxi, MS

2009-10 NAIA All-Americans

Men's Basketball

Brandon Cooks Thibodaux, LA

Men's Soccer

Carl Reynolds Brize Norton, UK
 Jonny Fairbairn Northumberland, UK
 Reece Wilson Surrey, UK

Women's Soccer

Aimi Beresford Normanton, UK
 Jeana Erickson Biloxi, MS

Softball

Jeana Erickson Biloxi, MS
 Tan Montgomery Tylertown, MS
 Judy Barber Petal, MS

Women's Tennis

Hollie Robinson Norwich, UK



Two Sides of a Coin

A resident of Laurel, **Dr. Read Diket**, professor of art and education at WCU, served as the primary speaker at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) Super Session that was held in Baltimore, Maryland in April. She discussed “No Child Left Behind” legislation and the National Assessment of Educational Progress Report.

Diket’s topic, “Two Sides of a Coin,” focused on how the law of the land and assessment work in government and how professionals and their national organization can influence current policy and future legislation.

“NAEA division chairs responded as panelists in the session, and it was clear that my presentation resounded in the positive notes of their commentary,” said Diket. Her work was presented to members of the National Assessment of

Educational Progress (NAEP)

and to legislators in Washington who were drafting the new

iteration of the Elementary and Secondary Act to be presented to Congress. The

NAEP, a division of the U. S.

Department of Education, conducts periodic assessment of student progress

throughout the United States.



Kathi Levin, a political strategist working with the Kennedy Center and member of NAEA, stressed the importance of Diket’s work on behalf of the arts in education “as critical to the field and of extreme urgency.” “Kathi invited me to speak directly to legislators in Washington about my findings,” said Diket.

One of the most accomplished and prolific statisticians in the field, Diket is the only art educator in the country to be NAEA trained and certified by the Department of Education for statistical analysis. Carey is under consideration for a \$10,000 grant from NAEA and a much larger grant from the NAEP in visual arts.

Diket is also the president of the NAEA Women’s Caucus, the oldest affiliate organization with the NAEA. She is the co-founder and director of the Center for Creative Scholars at Carey, a summer art program that offers creative students a chance to explore, evaluate, and further develop their creative talents through poetry, creative writing, art, drama, science, and photography.

Diket holds the Sarah Gillespie Endowed Chair in Art at Carey. She earned a bachelor’s degree in art education at the University of Mississippi, a master’s degree in art education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a doctorate degree that combined psychology, art history and criticism, and art education from the University of Georgia.

“I am developing political strategies and information strands nationally that will benefit Carey and other professionals throughout the U.S. who find arts in education as rewarding and important as I do.”

Laughter & Leadership: It's Contagious

The first thing you notice about **Dr. Paul Cotten** of Ellisville is his charming smile and contagious laugh. There is an easy air about him that naturally promotes friendship and provides comfort. People are drawn to his personality. He wields that friendly personality with influence, inspiring his students, friends, and others to reach out to those in need just as he has throughout his distinguished career.

A professor of psychology and music at William Carey University since 1989, Cotten came to Carey following an impressive career with Ellisville State School (ESS). The American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) describe Cotten as "a noted pioneer in the provision of services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Mississippi."

He became director of ESS in 1971 and served as director of the Division of Mental Retardation with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. The AAIDD named the Paul D. Cotten Leadership Award in his honor and made him the initial recipient in 1991. Given annually, the award goes to Mississippians who demonstrate exemplary leadership in the field of services for persons with intellectual

and developmental disabilities.

since he began working in mental health in 1958. Penny Young, a case manager at ESS and a member of the QLP Advisory Committee, said, "I am blessed to have met him. He is a giver of himself and his time so that others may have a better life."

In 1984, Cotten became director of the Boswell Regional Center until his retirement in 1992. The recipient of numerous awards and honors throughout his career, Cotten received Fellow Status in the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Today he is just as committed to issues that deal with the elderly.



and developmental disabilities.

The Paul Cotten Building, which houses the most severely impaired, was dedicated in 2004 to "honor Dr. Cotten's many contributions to mental health and his support of Ellisville State School."

Cotten fosters in his students a love for gerontology, psychology, and music therapy; he inspires them with his own selfless acts of reaching Mississippians in need. He is the director of the Quality of Life Project (QLP) which benefits elderly persons with special needs.

"The QLP is just another opportunity for gerontology and music therapy students at Carey to experience community service learning," said Cotten. Paul Laughlin, vice president and trust officer for Trustmark National Bank, said, "We look forward to seeing this program continue so that future clients can be ensured of a higher quality of life." A higher quality of life for those with disabilities has been Cotten's goal

A native of McComb, Cotten earned his undergraduate, graduate and doctorate degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. He completed post-doctoral work at Columbia University, the University of Alabama, and the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.

Cotten and his wife Lou Ann live in Ellisville, where they are active members of the First United Methodist Church. They have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

Cotten is a hero to people with disabilities and an advocate for fair treatment of them and their caregivers. Not only has he touched the lives of countless people, but through his teaching, the recognition of people with disabilities as individuals of worth will continue through his students.

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The words “history” and “**Dr. Milton Wheeler**” are synonymous when mentioned anywhere on the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey University. Students routinely leave his classrooms amazed at his expansive knowledge and fine detail for historical dates and events.

Since 1965, when Milton first met his wife Donna Duck of Bay Minette, Alabama, on the steps of Crawford House, his devotion has been to five loves: his God, his wife, history, baseball, and his alma mater. Wheeler had received full rides to several universities, including Columbia University, but he chose Carey for his education. “My father, a very important influence in my life, didn’t want to accept any scholarship from Carey because it was the Lord’s university, and one doesn’t take the Lord’s money,” said Wheeler. “In fact, we paid every penny of my expenses and even gave additional monies.”

This spirit of support for Carey continued. In 2006, Milton and Donna announced that Carey would be the beneficiary of a \$2.3 million gift. Milton was honored in 2006 for his enthusiastic support of Carey’s athletic programs by having the baseball field named in his honor. Milton Wheeler Field is a state-of-the-art baseball complex that honors his 30 years as athletic advisor and 42 years as a professor of history.

Wheeler started teaching at Carey in 1963 after earning his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He earned a doctorate degree in history from Tulane University.

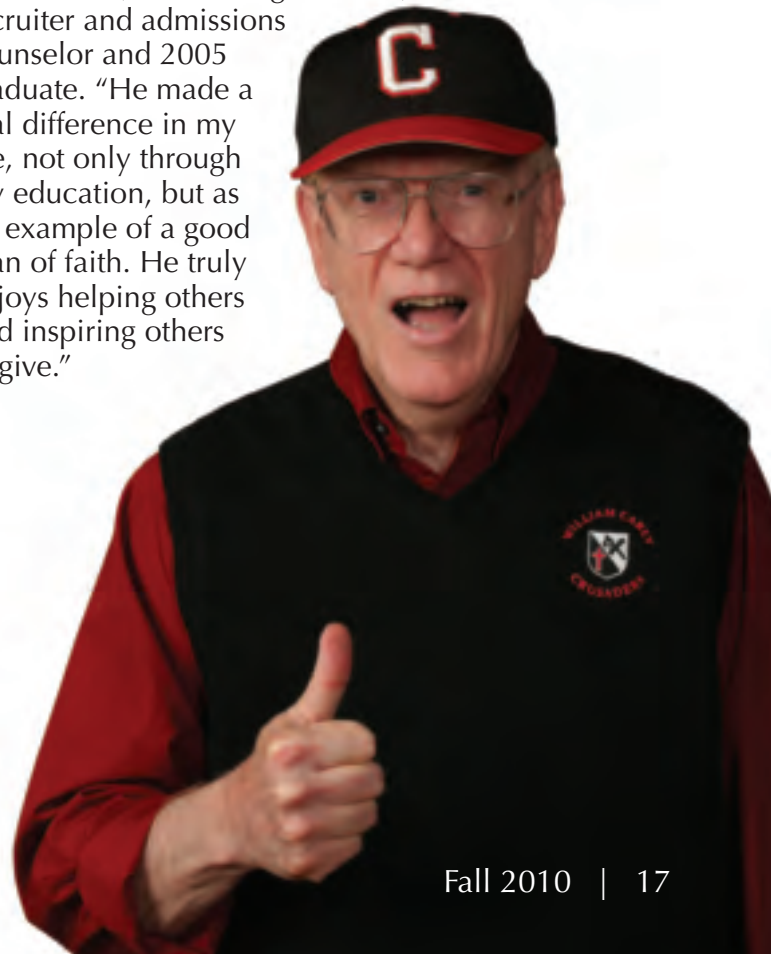
Dr. Wheeler’s contributions go beyond teaching and athletic support. He worked with Donna to complete a pictorial history of the university entitled “William Carey University: The First 100 Years,” began two scholarships honoring his mother and father, and routinely contributes to Carey Dinner Theatre. “When it comes to American and world

history, Dr. Wheeler is a wealth of knowledge,” said Tim Matheny, chair of the department of theatre and communication and a 1995 graduate. “Whenever we receive a check from him in support of Carey Dinner Theatre, he always makes a note connecting the check number to a historical date. If the check number is 1099, Dr. Wheeler will write ‘The First Crusade begins with the Siege of Jerusalem.’ It’s fascinating how his mind works.”

Known as an excellent tour guide and international trip planner, Wheeler leads trips around the world for students and others. During the summer, he led his 86th and 87th European tours to Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and Prague. In July and August, he led another tour to Ireland.

A respected and likable man, Dr. Wheeler’s laughter and friendly banter entertain his friends. Students often gather around him to talk about travel, history, and baseball. His kind voice resonates throughout his classroom and in the hearts of alumni for more than 47 years.

“I can’t imagine this university without Dr. Wheeler,” said Meagan Smith, recruiter and admissions counselor and 2005 graduate. “He made a real difference in my life, not only through my education, but as an example of a good man of faith. He truly enjoys helping others and inspiring others to give.”





CALLING ALL MUSIC ALUMNI

The Winters School of Music invites you to become a fan of their Facebook group (WCU Winters School of Music Alumni) in order to stay informed about campus events and reunions.

Have questions?
Call 601-318-6178

UPCOMING EVENT:

Carey Christmas Festival
December 10 @ 7 p.m.
December 11 @ 3 & 7 p.m.

Contact

The Winters School of Music Ticket Office for information (601-318-6175)



WINTERS SCHOOL OF MUSIC APPOINTS AN ALUMNUS AS DEAN

Dr. Don Odom was appointed dean of the Winters School of Music after a 25 year tenure at the Baptist College of Florida, serving as professor of church music and voice and chair of the division of music and worship.

Odom graduated from William Carey in 1978 with a bachelor of music degree in church music and in 1980 with a master of music degree in music history. In 1991, he received a doctor of musical arts degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Odom has served churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida.

"The opportunity to serve as dean of the Winters School of Music is an incredible honor," said Odom. "I had the great fortune to be taught by both Donald and Frances Winters (for whom the school is named). Their guidance and instruction early in my career as a worship minister and an educator is the basis for how I relate to students. 'Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God' really sums up my approach to training Carey musicians. Expect the best from students, and they will give their best."

He has been a frequent guest conductor and conference leader across the U.S. and Canada for a variety of ages and choral ensembles. Odom credits Mississippi Baptist Convention church music leaders for much of what he brings to the deanship of the Winters School of Music.

Odom added, "I look forward to being part of the growing Carey family. The growth of the university is exciting in so many ways. It is my goal that the Winters School of Music becomes the place to train church musicians for the 21st century. I look forward to the growth taking place in the music education area at Carey. Of course, Carey is a regional great in the area of music therapy. As we expand our instrumental music degree program and begin a musical theater program, look for Carey music graduates to continue to set the standard of excellence in their communities."

This summer, Odom took over for Dr. Mark Malone, who served as dean since 2006 and will now serve as professor of music and coordinator of music education.



Speech and Debate

Under the leadership of Jennifer Talbert, assistant professor of communication and speech and debate director, the WCU speech and debate team ended their 2009-10 season in third place at the Pi Kappa Delta national forensics invitation tournament in Minneapolis, Minn., and ranked fifth place in the nation. The team also placed seventh in individual events and third in debate, with Destin Morris placing first in novice individual debate. Schools from all across the nation competed at this tournament, making it one of the most difficult competitions the team attends all year. The team's success at this tournament was no small achievement considering William Carey's size compared to larger institutions.



2010 Jenkins-Chastain Citizenship Award



Recipients: Jessica Cofield and Justin Gunter, both of Wiggins, Miss., and Chatinoda Tinago of Zimbabwe. The award is the highest honor given by the university to recognize students who have made the most significant contribution to student and campus life.

DeLaune Publishes Textbook



LEFT TO RIGHT:
Sue DeLaune shows a copy of the textbook she authored to Barbara Hamilton, executive assistant to the president.

Sue DeLaune, assistant professor of nursing, is the lead author of the nursing textbook, *Fundamentals of Nursing: Standards and Practice*, published by Delmar Cengage.

DeLaune authored this fourth edition with P. K. Ladner, and the textbook is currently being used in nursing schools throughout the United States and Canada.

"When I first started teaching nursing fundamentals in 1984, I thought that the textbook being used could be improved," stated DeLaune. "I even told a colleague that someone needs to write a more user-friendly book for students."

Eight years later, DeLaune became that person. When she meets nursing educators around the United States, she is always amazed that they are teaching from her book. "The feedback from them is overwhelmingly positive," said DeLaune.

Other recent publications by DeLaune include the chapter "Pre and Post-Conferences as a Teaching Strategy" in *The Art and Science of Teaching Nursing*, 2010, and four chapters in *Contemporary Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing*, 2009.

A member of the faculty at WCU's New Orleans campus since 2004, DeLaune received her bachelor of science in nursing degree from Northwestern State University and a master of science in nursing degree at Louisiana State University. She chose to teach at Carey because of the small classes that allowed individual attention to students. "Students are so much more than a number, as it so often happens in large university settings where I've previously taught," said DeLaune.

DeLaune and her husband Jay, whom she calls her "best friend" and "cheerleader," have three daughters and sons-in-law and two granddaughters.



Dr. Cheryl Dale, dean of the School of Business, and Wendy Wells, May 2010 graduate, received the 2010 HEADWAE faculty member and student of the year.

Master of Arts in English

The department of language and literature has worked extensively to establish the curriculum for a new master of arts degree in English. Approval was granted for this 30-hour program to begin in the fall of 2010. The degree program offers extended hours in language and literature as well as composition theory and practice to students who are primarily interested in fields related to bibliography and research, history of the language, literary theory and criticism, literary history, cultural studies, and readings in diverse texts. Offering both thesis and nonthesis options, the M.A. program prepares students to write with a high degree of accuracy, effectiveness, and fluency. After completing the program, students will have the amount of hours needed to pursue a teaching career in a community college and/or further their studies in a doctoral program in English. "We are pleased to offer this new M.A. program in English at Carey; it's a fine addition to our already strong M.Ed. graduate options in English education and licensure and will prepare students for a variety of career and study options in higher education and/or professional schools," stated Dr. Thomas Richardson, chair of language and literature.

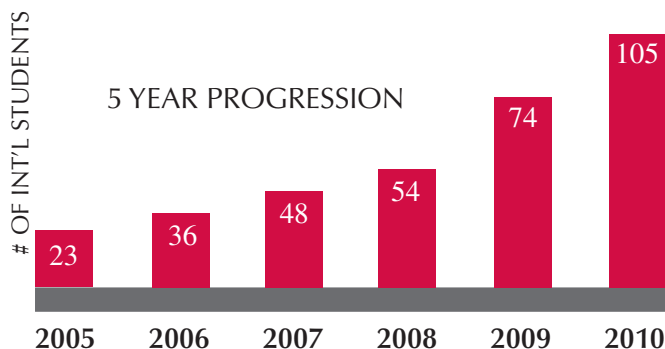
INTERNATIONAL Student Enrollment



Emerson Toledo, director of international admissions, reports an overall enrollment figure of 105 international students who represent 33 different countries. This is a 42% increase over fall 2009 enrollment figures and a 357% increase since the fall of 2005. It is also the first time in Carey's history that the number of international students has reached three figures.

Once an international student himself from the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Toledo recalls enrollment numbers from when he first began his international recruitment endeavors in mid 2005. "At that time, William Carey had only 23 international students enrolled, but gradual increases have occurred in the past five years. It is wonderful to be able to give our domestic students the opportunity to interact with students from over 30 nations from all around the globe."

In July at the National Association of Baptist Enrollment Professionals (NABEP) held at Mississippi College, Toledo was given the opportunity to present an informative session on international students and their enrollment process in an American institution of higher learning. Having gone through the admission and immigration process as an international student, Toledo knows firsthand all that is involved prior to an international student ever stepping foot on campus, not to mention the cultural differences and stages of adaptation one experiences after arriving in a foreign land.



Higher Education Administration Specialist Degree

Dr. Barry Morris, dean of the School of Education, announced a new specialist degree in higher education administration which began during the fall 2010 term. This 33-hour degree program is designed for professionals who are currently working or desire to work in community colleges and universities. The program will prepare students for leadership roles in human resources management, budgeting and finance, student affairs, and college administration.

With its flexible course offerings, the higher education administration program is designed for all students, especially the full-time working professionals who need courses offered online, during the evenings, and on Saturdays. Classes will be taught by professionals with real-world higher education administration experience.

For further information, contact Dr. Jalynn Roberts, higher education administration program coordinator, at jroberts@wmcarey.edu.

Master of Education in *Mathematics*

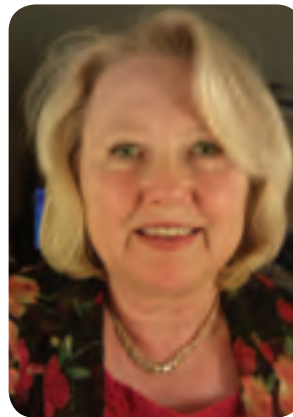
The mathematics department is now offering a master of education degree in mathematics. The program offers students an opportunity to specialize in teaching mathematics, to build upon their undergraduate studies and work experience, and to become strong professional leaders within the mathematics discipline.

Requirements for the degree include three professional education classes, 15 hours of graduate mathematics classes, and six elective hours that can be in mathematics or education.

For information visit William Carey's website at www.wmcarey.edu to view the catalog and schedule.



Dr. Patrick Brady, assistant professor of nursing in New Orleans, received the doctor of nursing practice degree from the University of South Alabama.



Jeanette Commagere, instructor of nursing and coordinator of the bachelor of science in nursing program on the Tradition campus, was accepted into the prestigious Harvard Macy Institute Program for Educators in Healthcare Professions. The program focuses on five major themes: learning and teaching, educational technology, curriculum, evaluation, and leadership.

Give GIVING TO CAREY Supports our Future Alumni

Katherina Daniels, B.S. in elementary education; Justin Gunter, B.A. in history; Laura Watkins, B.A. in English; Crystal Wright, B.S. in psychology; Erica Gillie, B.S. in elementary education; and Danielle Roberts, B.S. in elementary education were recognized during the May commencement ceremonies for achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA. Daniels received the Eloise Cook Scholarship, and both Daniels and Wright received the Elizabeth Thompson Cooper Scholarship. Gunter also received a Jenkins-Chastain Citizenship Award, the highest honor given by the university, and the Joe Roberts Memorial Forensics Society Award. Watkins and Roberts were honored as a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for the 2009-2010 academic year. Watkins also received the Outstanding English Major award and was the recipient of the Grace Caldwell Smith Scholarship.

Many Carey students receive scholarships that are established by alumni and friends of the university.

If you would like to add to your scholarship or establish one in honor of someone you know, contact Dr. Scott Hummel, vice president for advancement, at 601-318-6497 or shummel@wmcarey.edu.

CHINESE AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE



Three Chinese professors from Linyi Normal University in Linyi, Shandong Province, China, shared elements of Chinese culture through the classes they taught at Carey during the spring 2010 trimester. Yanhui Wang taught a course in Chinese culture and language, Yanqun Wang taught a martial arts class, and Xilong Liu taught a Chinese calligraphy course.



Liu and Meade pose in front of one of the calligraphy pieces during "An Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy" held in May in the Lucile Parker Art Gallery.

Liu, associate professor in calligraphy, is an accomplished artist, scholar, and teacher of calligraphy. Asian calligraphy uses Chinese characters and is practiced and revered in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. The East Asian calligraphic tradition originated and developed from China. Chatham Meade, Lucile Parker Art Gallery curator and instructor of art, said, "It was a great experience for the art majors to meet a calligrapher of Liu's caliber."

During their leisure time, Liu, Wang, and Wang stayed busy with many Carey professors and staff members taking them around the state of Mississippi to immerse them into local culture and to show them true southern hospitality. The cultural exchange was reciprocated when Yanhui Wang prepared traditional Chinese meals for several staff members while Liu hosted calligraphy courses for the public.

While Carey students were being introduced to Chinese culture, Linyi Normal University students had the opportunity to learn English and American culture. Mary Beth Breland ('74) and Martha Morris, visiting professors for William Carey, spent four months in China teaching students courses in oral English. They took various themes each week to introduce specific cultural topics to their students.

One week, Breland used American currency as one of the themes. "I gave a mini-lecture to introduce students to the values and vocabulary of American money," she explained. "My work teaching English went well. My students were eager to learn and participated in class activities enthusiastically."

Morris taught her students through cultural topics related to American foods, wedding and funeral traditions, famous landmarks, and other themed lessons. She enjoyed her time in China and her students "were respectful, diligent, hard-working during long hours of classes, and so responsive to all that we asked of them."

The exchange program offered students and professors a wonderful opportunity to learn the differences between each culture and learn how to appreciate the differences in order to better understand one another.

This fall WCU is hosting three new professors from Linyi Normal University. Yongyou Wang is teaching contemporary Chinese culture and language; Jingdong He is teaching martial arts; and Xingyu Xu is consulting with Carey's librarians to learn about American library systems.



Breland (seated) and Morris (standing) in China, holding the first assignment they were able to print out in English for the cultural exchange teaching program in the spring and summer of 2010.

On one of the many outings, Lorie Fulton, assistant professor of language and literature, and Tim Morris ('09), annual fund director and graduate student in English, escorted the three professors to Rowan Oak, the home of William Faulkner in Oxford, Mississippi.



Following our namesake William Carey as the “Father of Modern Missions,” the Baptist Student Union (BSU) encourages students to take part in North American Missions and International Missions. Assistant BSU Director Leah Urruchi led an 11-member mission team to Green River Community College outside of Seattle, Washington. The nine-day trip was coordinated with Veritas Church administrator Kristy Jennings, who began a campus outreach program called GRACE Club, a group similar to the BSU in Mississippi.

“There is little or no tolerance for any type of religious group or evangelicals (at the school),” said Urruchi. “Still we were able to begin spiritual conversations with other students through a tool called *Soularium*, which is a packet of information featuring photographs and questions through which Carey students could get to know their students. The packet made it easier for us to find out what each student believed about God and finally where they were spiritually, in hopes of sharing the gospel.”

The trip combined service and fun for the students, many of whom had never been to Washington State. The mission team consisted of Leah Urruchi and Carey students Corneshia Hicks, Brittany Cooper, Patrick Goode, Brittany Clark, Lee Cormier, Deanna McInnis, Lisa Hudson, Amber McIntyre, Katie Boyer, Maggie Chancellor, and Jason Hasselle.

AS SUMMER **MISSIONARIES**

WCU STUDENTS SERVE



(bottom left to right) Amber Fountain of Atmore, Ala. (Eastern Europe); Amanda Sumrall of Clinton (Colorado); Lisa Hudson of Jacksonville, Fla. (Seattle, Wash.); (middle left to right) Karen Holifield of Pascagoula (Southeast Asia); Camille Caver of Terry (Pacific Rim); Kimberly Chadwick of Hattiesburg (Japan); Dr. Tim Glaze, BSU director; (top left to right) Matt Gully of Louin (Chicago, Ill.); Stephanie Pendergrass of Hattiesburg (California); Nicole Gilcrease of Metarie, La. (Middle East); and Wayne Dowden of Decatur (Pacific Rim). Summer missionaries not pictured are Amanda Harrison of Daphne, Ala. (Mali); Tiffany Roberts of Raleigh (Mali); Danielle Roberts of Slidell, La. (Southeast Asia); Kat Kendall of Citronelle, Ala. (Phoenix, Az.); and Joel Moore of Hattiesburg (Pacific Rim).

Each year, the Baptist Student Union hosts a Missions Banquet for Carey students.

*Interested in attending this event on Monday, November 15, 2010?
Contact the Baptist Student Union at 601-318-6161.*

Research Opportunities

Hugh Broome, a chemistry major and Carey Scholar, participated in a ten-week Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) at the University of Southern Mississippi. SURE allows undergraduate students the opportunity to do research and gain graduate study experience while getting paid. Broome achieved eligibility by completing the second year of chemistry courses which included organic chemistry I and II and by maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA.

Broome's faculty research mentor at USM was Dr. Karl J. Wallace, whose area of emphasis is supramolecular chemistry. Broome assisted Wallace with research on how to chemically detect trace concentrations of elements for biological applications, chemical warfare agents (CWAs), and explosives like Trinitrotoluene (TNT).



Study in Pittsburgh

Senior chemistry major and Carey Scholar Berquin Feese participated in a research program, "Training and Experimentation in Computational Biology" (TECBio) at the University of Pittsburgh (UP) for ten weeks during the summer. Undergraduate researchers had the opportunity to attend weekly workshops led by faculty.

TECBio is a research intensive program designed for undergraduate students seriously contemplating research careers in the sciences. The principal component of this program is a state-of-the-art research project in cooperation with the ongoing research efforts within the Department of Computational and Systems Biology in the School of Medicine at UP.



STOVER: CONTINUING THE FAMILY LEGACY

By Jeanna Graves

After designing a scientific poster, Michele Leigh Stover had the privilege of presenting her work at the National American Chemical Society conference in San Francisco and presenting her research at the Mississippi Academy of Science.

Stover was accepted early into the physical chemistry program at the University of Alabama and started shortly after she graduated from Carey in May 2010. Stover's poster idea came out of a summer research program in which she participated in 2009. "I worked under Dr. David Dixon computationally studying the gas phase acidities of amino acids," said Stover. "I did not choose the project, but I did end up getting better results than even he expected." She and her partner, graduate student Virgil Jackson of UA, will have their work on this project published in a chemistry journal later this year.

While at the National American Chemical Society conference, professors and students walked around looking at the participants' research, and several stopped by Stover's poster. "They would talk to me about my research and then ask where I went to school," recalled Stover. "This gave me an opportunity to spread the word about WCU to different university students who had never heard of it before."

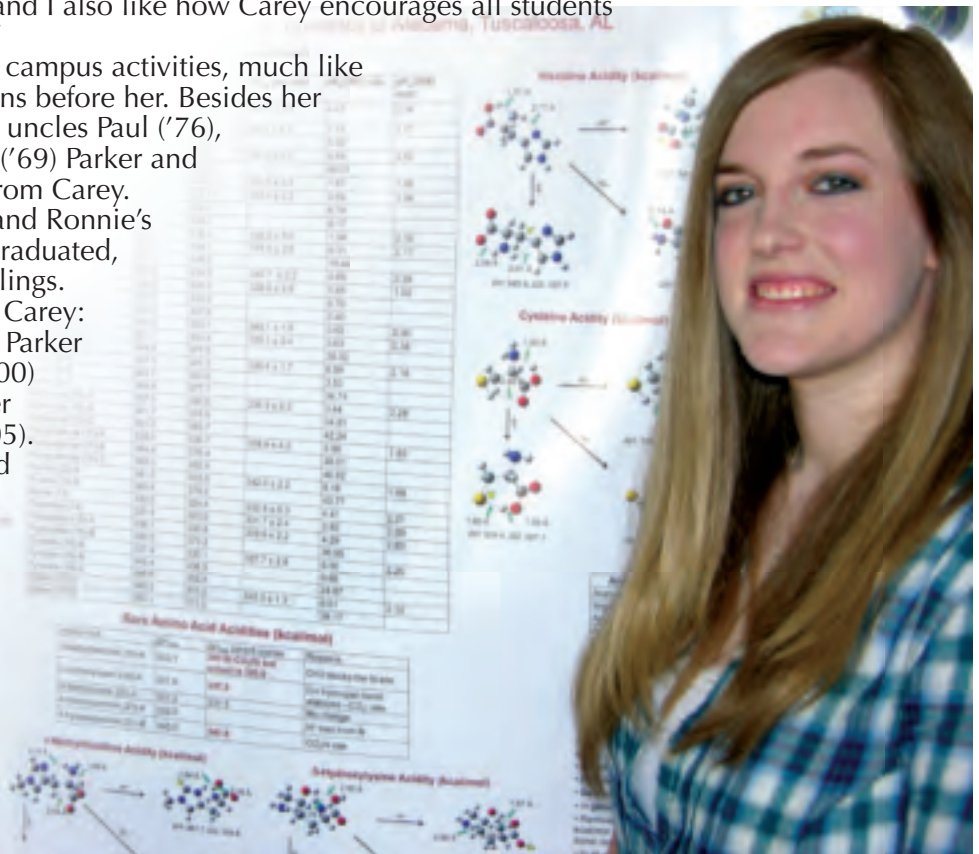
Stover's poster will be displayed on the chemistry side of Green Science Building. Stover commented, "This will be a great advertisement to visiting students trying to decide whether or not to attend Carey. They can see the research opportunities available to them at Carey without having to go to a bigger public university."

During her time as a Carey student, Stover worked with the USDA laboratory in Stoneville where she studied the energy content of different wheat and rye samples.

With more than 19 members of her immediate and extended family having made Carey their university of choice, Stover now knows why. "I've had some of the best teachers I have ever had in my life, and I also like how Carey encourages all students to get involved with campus affairs."

Stover loved being involved with campus activities, much like her mother, aunts, uncles, and cousins before her. Besides her mother Cecilia Parker ('76), Stover's uncles Paul ('76), Sam ('81), Donnie ('69) and Ronnie ('69) Parker and her aunt Cheryl ('72) all graduated from Carey. Paul's wife Lois Nelson Parker ('79) and Ronnie's wife Beth Colletti Parker ('73) both graduated, as well as Beth's father and three siblings. Several cousins also graduated from Carey: Ronnie and Beth's daughters Sharon Parker Sellers ('97) and Alicia Parker Ellis ('00) and Donnie's daughter Wendy Parker Blethen ('00) and Paul's son Ryan ('05).

Ronnie, Cheryl, Paul, Cecilia, and Donnie credit, in a 2006 interview, the size of the campus and Christian emphasis as the main attraction for the family. Ronnie agrees with his niece, "I think Carey is special because of the small classes, special teachers, personal attention to the student and emphasis on reaching potential. The teachers could go elsewhere to make more money, but this is their ministry—serving students."





THE COFIELD *factor*

By Jeanna Graves

A 2010 graduate, Jessica Cofield was named the 2011 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient and will study business administration at Cambridge University in England. This honor followed a proclamation by the Mississippi State House of Representatives honoring Cofield for her development and promotion of a bullying prevention bill.

The state proclamation honored the Wiggins native for her work to stop bullying in Mississippi schools and for the development of Senate Bill No. 2015, which prohibits bullying and harassing behavior in schools. Her promotion of this bill led to its successful passage during the 2010 regular session of the Mississippi Legislature. She tours her anti-bullying program, "The Cofield Factor Campaign" throughout Mississippi, and because of its popularity, she was also invited to schools in Louisiana and Arkansas.

The issue of bullying is a personal one for Cofield. In middle school, she witnessed the violence of bullying when her sister was caught in the middle of a cafeteria fight. She began using that personal experience as a foundation to build on throughout her life. Cofield understands that the victims of bullying cannot just get over it. "Bullying robs you of self-worth, self esteem, and can eventually lead to psychological damage, physical violence, and even suicide," said Cofield. When she started participating in pageants, anti-bullying was a natural platform for her to promote.

Cofield is the reigning Miss Riverland 2010 and competed at the Miss Mississippi Pageant where she received a nonfinalist talent award and the \$1000 Quality of Life Award (QLA) which is based on a contestant's service platform. Other honors include the 2010 Pine Belt Strong Woman Award in the Defender Category. In 2011 she will address the National Junior Auxiliary Convention in Memphis at their invitation. At Carey, Cofield served as Student Government Association President, was named the 2010 Miss WCU, and received the prestigious Jenkins Chastain Citizenship Award. Prior to her studies in England, Jessica is working as the assistant to the vice president for advancement and the director of alumni at WCU.

Cofield is the author of the illustrated children's book, *Don't Pick on Sam*, which offers useful and practical advice to school children on dealing with bullying.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship was established in 1947 and since then has afforded more than 40,000 academically gifted students opportunities to study abroad. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. Jessica is one of 29 William Carey students to receive a Rotary scholarship since its establishment.

THROUGH THE *eyes* OF A COACH

By DJ Pulley
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach
and Sports Information Director

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of coaching many outstanding student athletes, and as sports information director, I have met many more. I am proud of their on-field success, but I find more satisfaction from their performance in the classroom.

In the spring of 2007, Britta Stephens from Jayess, Miss., walked into our office wanting to play basketball. I remembered seeing Britta play in her high school days at North Pike. She was an outstanding player, who shot the ball extremely well and had a tremendous basketball IQ. Out of high school, Britta had stops at Delta State and Mississippi College before arriving at Carey in the fall of 2007.

Britta is a great basketball player. For three years, she was a rock in the starting line-up. She started all but three games during her career at Carey and played over 32 minutes per game. Her leadership and work ethic proved to be priceless as she emerged into the role of team captain. A college basketball season is a marathon—beginning in September with preseason conditioning, to the three hour practices in October, to the games from November to March, and then the post season workouts in late April. A college basketball season will put a tremendous strain on student athletes. Over the last three years, Britta could have taken the easy way out, but that is not who she is.

While some students tend to just slide through college hoping to complete their bachelor's degree in four years, Britta was on a different mission. In just three years, (her first year at WCU) Britta completed her requirements for a bachelor's degree in English, graduating summa cum laude. By the end of her senior year, Britta had obtained a master's degree in English education. With one year of eligibility remaining, she returned to play as a fifth year senior and completed a second master's degree in secondary education. During her final year at WCU, Britta taught English classes at Pearl River Community College.

As a coach, it is a bag of mixed emotions when your seniors finish. You are sad to see their playing days end but are overjoyed to see them complete their degrees and move on to the next phase of their lives. I often hear Coach English talk in team meetings about playing for the name on the front of the jersey. To think about who has worn that jersey before and to build on the legacy of Lady Crusader basketball, Britta showed us all what can be accomplished by hard work and determination. In the process, she earned the respect and admiration of all her teammates and coaches.

Britta Stephens completed her final season at WCU in the spring of 2010. Twice she was named as a NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athlete. She is currently the assistant women's basketball coach and English instructor at East Central Community College.

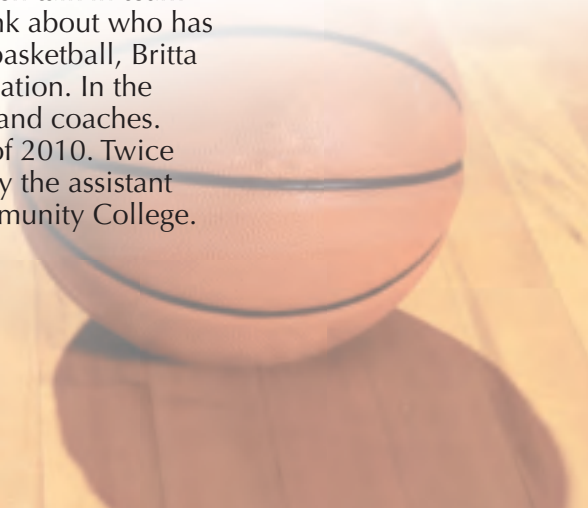




Photo by Richard Thompson

Carey Graduate Named

USA TODAY National Coach of the Year

by Jeanna Graves

No one can say Hattiesburg native Larry Knight is taking his good fortune for granted because all he feels is blessed and grateful, the same feelings he instills in his students and the baseball players he teaches and coaches at Sumrall High School.

"I have said many times that God has put me in the right place at the right time," said Knight. "Coaching and teaching go hand in hand. I really feel that you must get to know your student athletes and determine what makes each of them perform at his best. All kids are not the same, and you must coach them accordingly."

This understanding and determined attitude helped contribute to Knight being named the 2010 USA Today National Coach of the Year. His team won three straight Class 3A State Championships from 2008-2010. For the past two seasons, Sumrall has finished number one in the nation in the final MaxPreps High School Baseball Poll, which included a perfect 2009 season with a 36-0 record.

"I was deeply honored at receiving the National Coach of the Year Award," said Knight. "This was a direct reflection on all the hard work of my assistant coaches and players. Sumrall is a very unique school and town with tremendous support from people who make my job easy. My players were very excited about our finish."

A Carey graduate, Knight earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics in 1988 and a master of science degree in secondary education in 1990. He played on the Crusader baseball team while attending. "My educational experience at Carey was truly great," said Knight. "I was fortunate to have some very caring instructors who took the time to make sure I had a good understanding of the material. Dr. Gaston Smith was my main advisor and professor in mathematics. He did a tremendous job, not only in the classroom, but outside of it, preparing me to be able to teach the higher level math courses. Of course, the lifelong friends I made and the times we had, both on the baseball field and on campus, will always be looked upon as some of the best times of my life. I have always encouraged my students and players to take a good look at William Carey because of both the academic and spiritual needs that are met while on campus. I am extremely proud of the way the university has grown and the vision of Dr. King and the leaders on campus."

"Coaching is a very time consuming job where you are not rewarded financially but in many other areas," said Knight. "It is a joy to see my former players move on to become successful in life, whether it's in sports or the professional world. I have had an opportunity to help 42 players achieve athletic scholarships and seven who were drafted to the major leagues. My family has been very supportive of my career, and it has been very special coaching my son over the past three years."

Knight and his wife Pam have three sons: Austin (17), Alex (13), and Andrew (6). They are members of Temple Baptist Church West Campus where Knight serves as a deacon.

His future goals remain the same. "We work hard to be the very best we can be every day. I never allow my team to look back on their accomplishments and get overconfident. We know that since we are at the top, we actually must work harder to stay there. Our goal is to play for a state championship every season. We always look to God and give Him the glory along the way."



WCU SOCCER ALUMNUS PLAYS IN WORLD CUP

by Jeanna Graves



Photos by www.photosport.co.nz



An invitation to play in soccer's greatest championship, the World Cup, would make most players feel excitement, disbelief, unbelievable joy, but not New Zealand central midfielder and 2004 Carey alumnus Andrew Barron—he felt relief. “It was a bit of relief more than anything else,” said the Team Wellington member. “I have been on the New Zealand team for some four years now. I love representing my country, and to get the call to play on the greatest stage of all was an amazing feeling.” That amazing feeling grew immensely when Barron made headlines by becoming the only nonprofessional footballer to participate in the tournament.

Barron, who graduated from Carey with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, currently works as a senior operations administrator for Westpac Bank in New Zealand, following a stint with the New Zealand Stock Exchange. “My degree from Carey included finance, so that really built the foundation for my career away from soccer,” said Barron. He says that Westpac was “extremely supportive” of his World Cup opportunity, permitting him time away from the office. His talent on the field has made Barron one of the very few amateur All Whites (the team’s nickname because of their jersey colors) in recent years.

Although Barron credits Carey with helping him prepare for his future, he did not originally plan to attend. “I actually applied to another college, but things did not work out. My old assistant coach attended Carey, and he passed my details on to Coach Nigel Boulton; I ended up taking a soccer scholarship there.” He said that earning a scholarship in the United States was something of which he was most proud. “The soccer scholarship was a great option for me because I wanted a career in sports but also a degree to fall back on.”

“On the field, the soccer standard allowed me to develop as a player, and four years of NAIA definitely helped me get where I am today,” said Barron. “College soccer is a great place to hone your skills and learn about the game. It helps to have great coaches like Coach Boulton who can pass on their knowledge.”

“I had a great time at Carey and met some fantastic people and made lasting friendships,” said Barron.

“Andy was a class player,” said Nigel Boulton, men’s head soccer coach. “His technical ability was probably the best of any player I have coached at Carey. He strikes a ball very well, and everything is clean about his play. He reads the game. Everyone at Carey was delighted Andy was able to make the World Cup squad. He will help inspire the dreams of many current Carey players and hopefully all NAIA soccer players.”

After playing in the World Cup, Barron, age 30, decided to retire from the game of football, knowing that he had already achieved a milestone.





A *passion* FOR TEACHING

by Mik Fanguy

After graduating from William Carey in 1999 with a double major in English and history, I completed a double major master's degree in rhetoric and composition and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, becoming the first student to undertake this unconventional course of study and even helping to create the outline of coursework. From my experiences with tutoring international students at William Carey, I was certain that teaching was something I had a real passion for, particularly for nonnative speakers of English. I was also fortunate enough to receive practical guidance and sound advice about graduate school from so many of the outstanding professors at Carey.

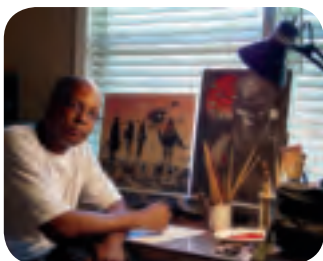
After completing my graduate degree at SIUC in 2001, I interviewed for a number of academic positions both in the U.S. and abroad. Despite offers from a number of universities, I took a position as a visiting professor at KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) University in Daejeon, South Korea. To be quite honest, I really did not expect to stay at KAIST for nine years; but once I arrived, I realized that KAIST and the city of Daejeon were truly special. The city has a wonderful mountainous terrain, which enables me to enjoy a variety of mountain sports, such as competitive mountain biking, snow skiing, and paragliding. As for KAIST itself, the university is known as South Korea's MIT and is ranked as Asia's top university in science and technology.

In addition to my teaching responsibilities at KAIST, I was appointed to an administrative position in the International Relations Office. In this position, I have initiated and created productive collaborative partnerships with American universities, such as Georgia Tech and MIT, in addition to recruiting international students. I am also working as a technical editor, preparing numerous papers for publication in international journals.

In terms of my personal life, I met my wife, Raisa Kharbash, here in Daejeon about five years ago, and we married in May of 2008 in St. Petersburg, Russia, where she is originally from. She works as a researcher for LG Chemicals, South Korea's best chemical company. Raisa and I enjoy traveling the world. In fact, during the last nine years, I've visited over 50 countries.

My time at William Carey was unforgettable, and I do stay in touch with a number of alumni, including some here in South Korea. I enjoy visiting Carey every year or two just to reconnect with the friends and faculty members who have inspired me and helped me become the person that I am. I am sincerely grateful for all the guidance and support I have received and continue to receive from William Carey University.

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FAITH IN DARKNESS

By Louis T. Cooley, Jr.

The bright sun soared at full blast in the peak of the day. Locked and loaded, we rolled outside of the wire as the engines of the transport vehicles roared down the streets of South Baghdad. Sitting beneath the gunner's hatch as he swiveled back and forth with his fifty, I caught glimpses of weeds, trees, and sand through the small glass windows in the back of the transport with my rifle in hand. Palm trees stood tall as if they seemed to be the ambassadors to the city. Cracked concrete sidewalks, littered with trash and debris, led our trail as we moved on. Iraqi police and military soldiers were on posts every few meters. People were doing their daily business: moms and daughters, sons and fathers paced the walkways of the stores and markets. Buildings were run down from years of war and neglect. Though this place seemed torn, it was living with an undeniable human spirit. An Iraqi military outpost could be seen on the left side of the road...we had arrived.

It was the end of my junior year when I began to execute the paintings for my book, *Tillian's War Journal, Faith in Darkness*. My current professor at the time was thrilled and curious about the project, so she supported my ambitions by allowing me to work on those paintings. The goal was to create conceptual art that would reveal the story through visual means, much the way movie artists express their vision for the director, with story boards, sketches, paintings, etc. To me, this book was my movie.

During my senior year at William Carey, I displayed the paintings I had finished for the book in the senior show. The paintings were well received, and I knew I had something unique.

Upon graduating from Carey in 2000, I decided to join the army to realize another dream. I had hoped that by joining, I would absorb the necessary experience needed to complete the writing of the book—then 9/11 hit when I was in basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Sitting on my duffle bag, my drill sergeant spilled the bad news to us all. "The World Trade Center was rammed with two planes and so was the Pentagon. We are going to war." Life would never be the same.

I was later sent to Fort Lewis, Wash. I experienced a practice deployment to northern Japan. By that time, war was declared on Iraq. My unit was on call for deployment. I, in turn, was given direct orders to be sent to South Korea, due to a possible nuclear uprising. I was assigned to the Honor Guard, infantry security force. Throughout my journey in the army, I wrote and wrote until slowly the manuscript had formed.

Back in the States, while living the life of a city artist in downtown Seattle, my apartment studio doubled for an art studio. I moonlighted as culinary line chef and when I was not cooking, I was submitting work to downtown art galleries.

Then there was Atlanta, Georgia. I packed my bags and headed south to participate in an artist convention. At that point living in downtown Atlanta, I decided to finish and publish the book. I later married and within four months, I was surprised with federal orders to pack up and ship out to Iraq. I had the book published on my way to Iraq, just in case I did not make it back.

Tillian's War Journal, Faith in Darkness is about an ancient prophecy in another world that has been foretold for generations. A babe was to be born who would destroy darkness through light. His faith would challenge his strength and endurance, which would inevitably bring him to the brink of his world's survival.

Now that I am back from the war in Iraq, I am working with my publishers on the second book, *Tillian's War Journal II, an Art Portfolio, the Making Of...* I have over 50 full color paintings and drawings on the chopping block in this upcoming book, which will showcase the conceptual art for the initial story. I currently reside in Atlanta, with my wife and my dog.



Tillian's War Journal,

Faith in Darkness is

sold in all major

online book stores.

Visit Louis' website at

www.visualqwest.com

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Class NOTES

ALUMNI SERVING CONVENTIONS AROUND THE UNITED STATES

Ron Herrod ('65) has served as president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists since 2008. He was elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the annual meeting in Orlando. He will continue to carry out his ministry as a full time evangelist and president of RHEMA, a missions ministry that trains national pastors in developing nations worldwide. This ministry of 16 years follows his 36 year career as a pastor. He and his wife Emily have been married 47 years and live in Sevierville, Tenn. They have three children and nine grandchildren.

David Lee ('71) has been the executive director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware since 2000. He is married to Sherry McClendon Lee ('71) who retired as English chair at Glen Burnie High School in Glen Burnie, Md. They have two sons, Jonathan and Jeremy. Jonathan lives in Las Vegas with his wife Wendy and their two children, Ashlyn and Michael. Jeremy and his wife Beth serve on staff at New Vision Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN, and they also have two children, Campbell and Hudson. David joined the BCMD after two decades of pastoring in Mississippi and Maryland. The Lee family lives in Millersville, Maryland.

Bob Mills ('71) was appointed to executive director of the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptist (KNCSB) on January 1, 2010 after having served KNCSB as the state director of missions since 1998. For the past decade, Bob has served as interim pastor for several KNCSB churches. Bob and his wife Lynne have three children: Emily Elizabeth (23), Brittney Lynne (21), and Jordan Wayne (18).

Randy Davis ('79) has been appointed as executive director treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He assumed this responsibility July 2010. Due to his newly elected position, Randy resigned as senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Sevierville, Tenn., where he served nine years. He and his wife Jeanne have two daughters. Wendy and her husband Kevin Walker live in Wake Forest, N.C., where Wendy is a teacher, and Kevin is in seminary at Southeastern. Beth and her husband Derrick Greene live in Brentwood, Tenn., where Beth is an HR Director at Lee Smith Publishers, and Derrick is employed with Regions Bank. Randy and Jeanne have one granddaughter, Madelyn Elizabeth (3).

ALUMNI *passings*

Bess Davis Walker Katz ('35)
died on June 20, 2010

Juanita Parish Alexander ('48)
died on June 6, 2010

Edward L. Deas ('58)
died on May 3, 2009

Willie L. "Bill" Grimsley ('59)
died on May 16, 2010

Willie Darnell Archie ('66)
died on May 10, 2010

David Bosarge (attended '69 & '70)
died on January 21, 2010

James Wallace "Wally" McLaughlin, Jr. ('72)
died on May 17, 2010

Frederick DeShon ('73)
died on April 27, 2010

Jackie Belding ('81)
died on December 1, 2009

Paul Hardy ('04)
died on August 26, 2010

Leslea Reid-Seay ('08)
died on June 23, 2010

*forever in
our thoughts...*

1950s

Gerald Buchanan ('57) and wife Dottie Renick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 2010. They lost their oldest daughter, Kay Buchanan Burlison of Colorado Springs, to sarcoma in early April. The Buchanans have two younger daughters, Donna Lucas of Bedford, Tex., and Cynthia Harfst of Starkville, and four grandchildren. Both Gerald and Dottie are retired and are long-time members of Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton.

1960s



Chaplain Colonel O. Errol Simmons ('61) retired from the Mississippi State Guard with ceremonies held at Camp McCain on April 9, 2010. He was awarded the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, Mississippi's highest noncombat military honor, during the ceremony. Chaplain Simmons was Command Chaplain of the State Guard. He continues to serve as a staff chaplain at Forrest General Hospital. He has also served as adjunct professor of biblical studies at Carey. He and his wife Mary Ishee Simmons ('61) live in Hattiesburg. Major General Norman Higgins ('73) is pictured with Simmons during the ceremony.

Linda Knoxine Jacobs Moulds ('65), of Hattiesburg, taught elementary education in Forrest County for 25 years. Knoxine had 30 years of experience before she retired in 1994. After retiring Knoxine was the caregiver to her husband and her mother, until they went to be with the Lord. She now spends time with family, is active at her church, and attends southern gospel concerts. She has two children: Barry Moulds and Kelly Martin, who is married with two sons.



Jerry Barlow ('67) has been a faculty member at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for 14 years and has served as dean of graduate studies since July 2003 and as professor of preaching and pastoral work since August 2002. He received the Marvin Jones Awards for Excellence as the Outstanding Faculty Churchman during the 2010 faculty awards ceremony at NOBTS. He and his wife Lynne celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in 2010. Their daughter Cathy and her husband Kirt Edmonston have two children: Sarah Jane (2.5) and Spencer (8 mo). Jerry also serves as interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., and has served as pastor and interim pastor for several churches in Louisiana and Mississippi. He has several publications, one of which he authored in 1998, *Studying and Serving with Success: Integrating Academics and Ministry*. Jerry has had extensive professional opportunities to be the presenter and seminar leader on topics for church pastors and deacons. He and his wife live in Covington, Louisiana.

1970s



Buster Taylor ('71) recently completed 30 years of service at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala. He began his ministry in 1979 serving as director of maintenance for two years and assistant director for eight years. He became the executive director in 1989. Buster and his wife, Mary, have two grown children: Joy, married to Lee Knight, and mother of their three grandchildren (Taylor Beth, Rivers, and Piper Joy); and David, married to Anna Aswell.

Jerry ('73) and Jackie Knight ('70) McRaney, of Collins, are the proud grandparents of twins: Trey Alton and Troy Liston Graves, born May 27, 2010. Their daughter Kristen McRaney Graves, of Collins, attended Carey in 1993. Kristen and her husband Neil have two additional children: Leah (13) and Clay (9). The McRaney's youngest daughter, Alana McRaney, who attended Carey in 2007, graduated from Mississippi State University in May 2010 with a B.A. in political science and history. She will serve as an intern (fall and winter 2010) in Washington, D.C., in the office of U.S. Congressman Gregg Harper.



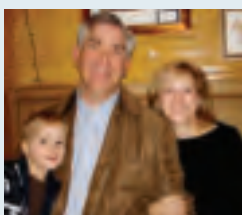
Verlee Bond Young, Wanda Tullos Manning, Cheryl Parker, Kathy Scott Parker, Joyce Yeatman Craft, and Jackie Cochran Lee gathered on June 4 for the Elvis Festival in Tupelo. The six ladies, along with a few others who were unable to make this trip, get together several times during the year and have maintained a close friendship ever since they all graduated in 1972 from William Carey.



Richard Vinci ('73) and **Don Biadog ('83)** met in August 2010 during the Naval Health Clinic New England change of command ceremony at Naval War College, Newport, R.I. Rear Admiral Vinci accepted the duty as chief of the Navy Dental Corps in August 2007, and in November 2007, he was commander of the Navy Medicine Support Command in Jacksonville, Fla. In September 2009, he became deputy chief for logistics and installations for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Don is the command chaplain of the Naval Station in Newport, R.I.

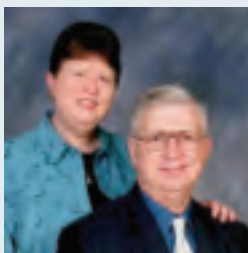
Gary Nichols ('74) retired in December 2009 from the position of associate director of the leadership and life development department with the Florida Baptist Convention after 26.5 years of service. In January 2010, he joined First Baptist Church, Milton, Fla., as the associate pastor/minister of education. He received his doctorate degree in education ministry in May 2010 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Carolyn live in Milton, Fla.

Bruce L. Worrell ('76) and his wife Gloria live in Baton Rouge, La. They have two grown children, Andrea and Rebekah, and two grandchildren, Krista and Leah. Gloria has worked for the past 24 years as the administrative assistant at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Bruce graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1979 with his master's degree in religious education and in 1980 with his master of divinity degree. He served as a pastor for 35 years in churches within Louisiana and Mississippi. He is a board certified chaplain and now serves as a full time senior staff chaplain and grief counselor at Baton Rouge General Hospital.



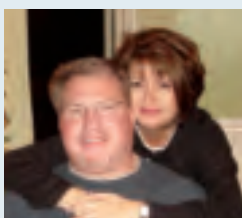
Mike ('77) and Patti Purdum ('77) Rehwinkel have relocated to Portland, Ore., after Mike was named CEO and President of Evraz, Inc., a major steel producer in North America. The Rehwinkels are pictured with their grandson Reed.

Argile Smith ('77), pastor of First Baptist Church of Biloxi, co-authored *Holy Gatherings* with Dr. Michael Sharp, professor of worship studies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The book is a leader's guide for engaging the congregation in corporate worship.



Ted ('79, MBA '97) and Janie Pittman ('77, MEd '80) Bower live in Hattiesburg where they are members of Main Street Baptist Church and are active in the sanctuary choir and handbell choir. Janie teaches preteen Sunday School. Ted has worked at South Mississippi Electric Power Association for 29 years as chief drafter and lead technical assistant for computer-aided drafting. He plans to retire in the fall of 2011. He enjoys woodworking and building furniture. Janie retired in May 2009 after teaching high school math for 32 years. She is an adjunct math instructor at WCU and also serves as a math consultant with JBHM Education Group. The couple has spent a lot of time remodeling their house.

1980s



Sharon Shirley Dye ('88) says, "I feel like I've been a teacher forever...and I love it!" Sharon has been in education for 22 years, with the last 10 serving as principal at Wrens Elementary School in Georgia where they are named Title I Distinguished School for having met adequate yearly progress eight years in a row. "My philosophy is a tapestry woven from experience. The classroom comes alive with self-discovery when there is active learning." Sharon and her husband Burton have two children, Jackson (14) and Lana (10). Sharon completed her master's degree in early childhood education in 1992 and her educational specialist degree in administration and supervision in 2000. In May 2009, she completed her doctorate degree in educational leadership from Georgia Southern University.

1990s

Stephen Hope Evans ('94) lives in Fort Worth, Tex., where he has taught choir for four years at Crossland Ninth Grade Center in the Granbury Independent School District. He is bi-vocational and has served a five-month interim at First United Methodist Church in Cleburne, Texas.



Randolph Costilow ('95) of Byram accepted a teaching position in Abu Dhabi, of the United Arab Emirates. He will teach English immersion classes to elementary Arabic students. He left in early August to fulfill a two-year teaching contract. In August, Costilow began his 15th year of teaching and has taught at Crystal Springs Middle School (Copiah County School District), Cornel Language School (Taichung, Taiwan), Gary Road Elementary and Intermediate Schools (Hinds County School District), and Lester Elementary (Jackson Public School District).

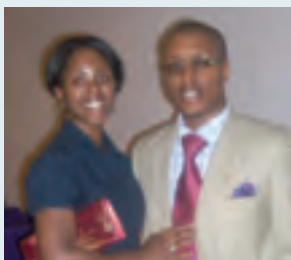
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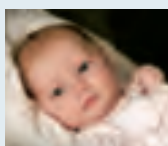
Valorie Lazenby Hilbun ('00) and her husband Bruce announce the birth of their son, Dean Taylor, born July 28, 2010. He was welcomed home by his older sister Allison (5), his older brother David (3), his grandparents Glenn and Jean Smith Willingham ('74) Lazenby of Lumberton and Dr. Robert and Gail Hilbun of Soso. Valorie and Bruce live in Madison, Alabama.



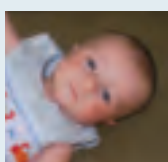
Michael ('02) and Becca Gosey ('03) Springstead announce the birth of their daughter Jennifer Mikaela, born April 22, 2010. The family lives in Fort Worth, Tex., where Michael is a student in the master of divinity program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Becca enjoys staying home with their daughter.



Jared Burns ('04) and his wife Melissa live in Lumberton where he is a musician at Rehoboth Word of Life Church. Melissa is an elementary education major at William Carey. Jared is a crew leader for the Census Bureau in Lamar County. In July, he entered the William Taft Law School in Santa Ana, Calif., to pursue his law degree online.



Laura Hudson ('04) and Lee Cameron announce the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Renee Cameron, born March 20, 2010. The family lives in Purvis where Laura works at Purvis Forest Products as the accounts receivable and credit manager.



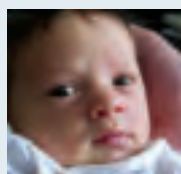
Sunny Salters ('04) and Bud McGehee announce the birth of their son Michael Silas born on February 28, 2010. Sunny graduated with her masters of education degree in 2009 from Belhaven College. She teaches 3rd grade at First Presbyterian Day School in Jackson. Bud is a project manager and estimator for Southern Rock, LLC. The family lives in Brandon.

Rachel Everett ('05) lives in Brandon where she is a music therapist at Mississippi State Hospital and serves as the clinical training director for students doing an internship in music therapy. She has been with the hospital since April 2006 where she started out as a mental health recreation therapist. She serves individuals from age 4 to 100 and uses music as a tool to help them cope with their mental illness, life issues, and as a communication for those who are nonverbal. She also works with the chemical dependant unit, where she gives individuals ways to use music in their recovery and to help prevent relapse. Rachel was selected as the licensed clinical employee of the month for July. "I attempt to help individuals' days go by with fun and enjoyment and in turn have fun myself! Who could have a more rewarding job?"

Terry L. Harris ('05) has been in the teaching profession for eight years. He teaches 8th grade world history and 12th grade American government at Bullock County High School in Union Springs, Ala. He is in the process of completing course work to become a principal and is completing his second master's degree from Auburn University-Montgomery in education leadership. Terry and his wife LaKecia celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on December 4, 2009. They have one son, Grant Parker, who is in the third grade.

Ryan Paul Parker ('05) graduated from Carey with a B.S. degree in psychology and B.A. degree in English education. He is the son of Paul ('76) and Lois Nelson Parker ('79). Ryan graduated summa cum laude from Duke University's Divinity School in May 2010 with a master of divinity degree. He is in the process of completing a two-year residency in clinical pastoral education at Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, N.C. Ryan also serves as pastor of Seaboard United Methodist Church and Concord United Methodist Church in rural Northampton County, N.C. He is a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the Mississippi Conference of the UMC.

Matthew ('05) and Sarah Pittman ('06) Robinson live in Columbia where Sarah is in her fifth year of teaching at Jefferson Middle School. She is enrolled in William Carey's new specialist degree program in higher education administration and plans to finish by May 2012. Matt left the teaching profession to become a full-time associate pastor, youth minister, and activities director at Improve Baptist Church. He has served as a part-time youth minister at IBC since December 2008 and was hired full time on June 1, 2010. Matt stated, "The Lord has truly blessed us, and all we hope and pray for is that we are the examples of His Kingdom that He has called us to be."



Allen "Trey" ('05) and Keisha Beasley ('04) Spangler announce the birth of their son, Nathan Mark, born on June 28, 2010. The family lives in Vancleave, where Trey is pastor of Graceland Baptist Church. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2009 and was ordained at Strong River Baptist Church in Pinola. Keisha enjoys staying home with their son.



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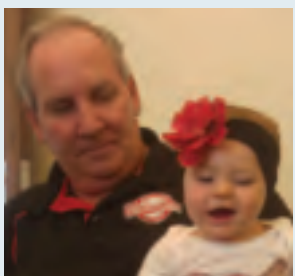
Brandon ('07) and Jancsi Ward ('07) Roney live in Eclectic, Ala. where Brandon is the youth and children's pastor at First Baptist Eclectic. Jancsi works part time at Worthy's Inc., a personal health care products company, while going to graduate school at Auburn University-Montgomery for a master of education degree. The photo was taken of Jancsi and Brandon when she was crowned as Mrs. Alabama America 2010 on June 26 in Birmingham. Brandon is the son of Rick ('79) and Diane Freeman ('83) Roney of Wetumpka, Ala.

Benjamin Walls ('08) and Kristin Elizabeth Neas were married on May 8, 2010, in Mount Dora, Fla. Ben is a customer service representative for Infinite Energy, Inc. The couple lives in Gainesville, Fla.

Cathy Creel ('09) was elected to the board of the Biloxi Main Street District Organization. Cathy is the assistant director of financial aid for the Tradition campus.



Kristina Douglas ('09) and William Wheat were married on June 19, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Waynesboro. William is a teacher and coach at East Marion High School and is currently working on his master of education degree at Carey. Kristina is a teacher at Presbyterian Christian Elementary School. The couple lives in Hattiesburg.



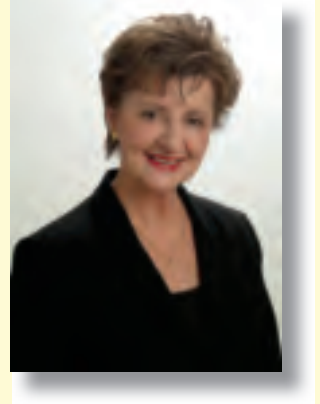
Leslie Halford Elliott ('09) and her husband Justin announce the birth of their daughter Ava Katherine born August 13, 2009. She was welcomed home by her proud grandparents Coach Bobby ('75) and Katherine Pittman ('80) Halford. Leslie works as an account manager for DocRx Dispensing in Hattiesburg, where she and her family live. Pictured are Coach Halford and Ava Katherine.

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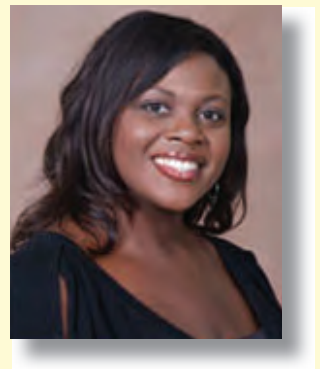
Melba Roper Brown graduated in 1964 with a bachelor of music degree and in 1979 with a master of music degree from Carey. She recently quasi-retired as the director of vocal studies and director of opera and became an adjunct professor of voice and director of chamber singers at the University of Mobile. Melba is active in church music and ministry, community music organizations, and adjudicator/clinician in vocal technique for church and school. She also speaks to young women and girls about sexual abstinence and ministers to homeless women.



Becky Ware Fox graduated with a bachelor of music degree from William Carey in 1974 and a master of music degree in 1977. She is the associate professor of music and director of piano studies at the University of Mobile. Becky has experienced various roles in church music and piano performances with the Mobile Piano Ensemble.



Allanda Small Campbell graduated from Carey with a bachelor of music degree in 1998. Prior to her position as assistant professor of music at the University of Mobile, Allanda performed supporting and lead roles in various operas, won many competitions, and placed first in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) regional competition.



Christopher Lovely graduated with a bachelor of music degree from Carey in 2002. After serving in various roles with church music, Chris now is the instructor of music at the University of Mobile.



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