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LETTERS FROM CAREY



This fall edition of the *Carey Magazine* is full of exciting news about William Carey University. We are well into the winter trimester, with record enrollment and expanded programs. We are also in the middle of *Carey 250*, our year-long observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of our namesake. Recent events have included a birthday party for William Carey and the visit of Rev. David Gamston, pastor of the Carey Baptist Church in Moulton, England, the first church that William Carey pastored in the late 1780s. A nine-foot statue of William Carey, entitled *Carey Turns to the World*, has been installed on our campus, and we co-hosted an IMB missionary appointment service with Temple Baptist Church.

We have hosted the first annual “Scholarship Endowment Dinner,” with Senator Trent Lott as the featured speaker. This dinner garnered over \$350,000 in scholarship funds and an additional \$75,000 to enhance student wellness. Although every gift is greatly appreciated, special thanks goes to the Asbury Foundation, Forrest General Hospital, and Columbus Communities. In addition to the endowed scholarship dinner, nearly \$100,000 has been raised for student scholarships through The Student Foundation and The Legacy Program. As the cost of education continues to increase and federal assistance declines, increased scholarship endowment is a critical need.

The future is very unsettled. It appears that any recovery in the economy is in the distant rather than the near future. Enrollment is beginning to be affected by the weak economy and job market. William Carey will “hunker down” and meet the challenge, but your support is more important than at any time. We need your prayers, referral of students, and financial support. We commit ourselves to wisely use every dollar that is given. May the God of all grace bless you with the fullness of blessings, both spiritual and temporal.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommie King". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.





William Carey University celebrated the 250th birthday of William Carey, the “Father of Modern Missions” and namesake of the institution, with an exquisite birthday cake.

The event was led by Dr. Myron Noonkester, dean of the Noonkester School of Arts and Letters and chair for department of history, and Dr. Bennie Crockett, professor of religion and philosophy and vice president for institutional effectiveness and long range planning. Dr. Noonkester and Dr. Crockett, co-directors for the Center for the Study of the Life

and Work of William Carey, D.D., recently purchased a lithograph of a painting of Carey, dated 1813, from a print shop in London. At the party, they unveiled their new treasure to WCU faculty, staff, students, and guests.

After a short lesson on the rare portrait, guests watched in awe as the 250 candles on the Carey-themed cake were lit and blown out, one section at a time. Everyone had a chance to admire the detailed cake, which included a portrait of Carey and other decorations representing his life, before enjoying the delicious

ABOVE: (left to right, front row) Rev. David Gamston, minister of Carey Baptist Church in Moulton, England; Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU; and Beth Gamston, Rev. Gamston’s wife, pose for a photo with the WCU soccer players from the U.K. at the tea time hosted in the Gamston’s honor.

masterpiece. In October, WCU hosted a reception to celebrate the opening of the “Carey 250 Exhibition” in the Lucile Parker Gallery. The show featured artwork inspired by the accomplishments and career of William Carey. There were 125 items of various media in the show.

“The exhibit included work from Carey teachers, students, and alumni, as well as pieces submitted by artists from all over the state,” said Tracy Williams, assistant professor of art and exhibit coordinator. “My favorite part about the show was the variety; there was a mix of paintings, photography, woodcarvings, three-dimensional pieces, and more, so there was something for everybody.”

Chatham Kemp, curator of the Lucile Parker Gallery and instructor of art at WCU, commented that she

Carey 250:

Celebrating the Life of William Carey



also loved the variety of work in the exhibit and the unique interpretations featured artists have of William Carey's life.

"It is interesting to see the different ways Carey's life is represented through artwork," said Kemp.

"The exhibit showed all aspects of Carey's life: as the cobbler, the botanist, the Bible translator, and the linguist."

Additional events are planned throughout the remainder of the academic year including a mission trip to India, a William Carey exhibition, a scholarly symposium, and homecoming activities.

Rev. David J. Gamston, minister of Carey Baptist Church in Moulton, England, was the guest speaker for William Carey University's Carey Lecture on Wednesday, October 12, in Smith Auditorium. A question and answer session followed the lecture in the Lucile Parker Gallery. Rev. Gamston

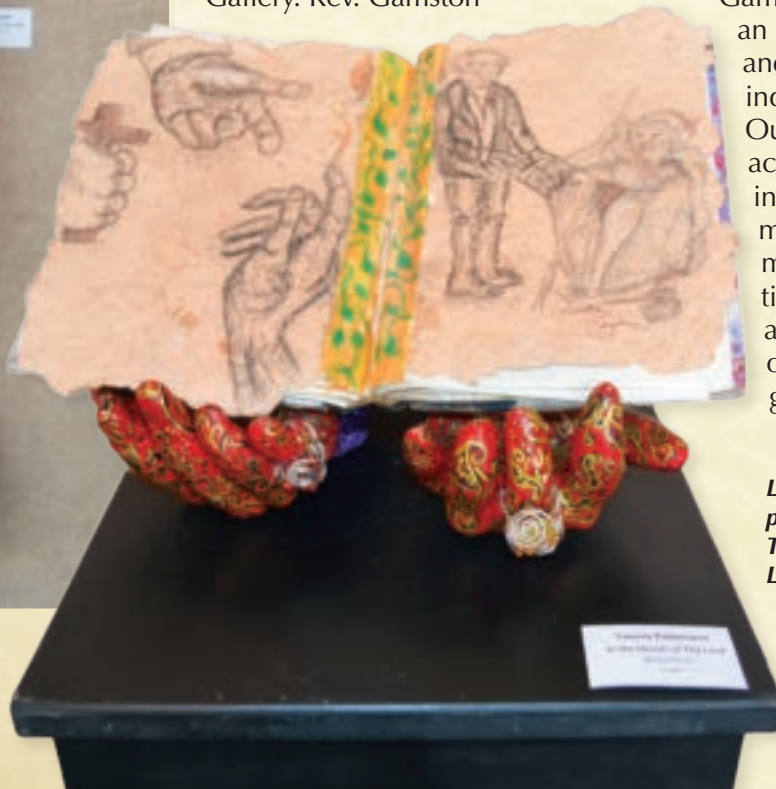
and his wife, Beth, also had the opportunity to participate in other activities including tea time with the WCU soccer players who are from the United Kingdom and a tour of Donnell Hall, which houses the Carey Center.

During the lecture, Rev. Gamston shared some of the legacy William Carey left behind in England at Carey Baptist Church. The church was the first church William Carey pastored, and it adjoined his cobbler shop. Today, Rev. Gamston continues to preach the same values in that same church, while embracing new ministry programs such as youth and adult outreach groups. A well-known Baptist minister since 1984, he trained for ministry at Bristol Baptist College and held pastorates at Blaby in Leicestershire, Stourbridge in the West Midlands, and Cheltenham in Gloucestershire before accepting his position at Moulton in 2000.

Before becoming a minister, Rev. Gamston was trained as an electric engineer and worked in the steel industry for 16 years. Outside of church activities, his passions include old British motorcycles, playing the mandolin, and spending time with his family. He and his wife Beth have one daughter and two grandchildren.



ABOVE: Nancy Barnard, a junior from Laurel, poses for a photo with her piece entitled "Sharing Christ with India."



LEFT: This mixed media piece, "In the Hands of Thy Lord," was created by Lauren Palmisano.



\$350,000 Raised

at First Endowed Scholarship Dinner

Featuring Senator Trent Lott

William Carey University held the first Endowed Scholarship Dinner featuring keynote speaker Senator Trent Lott at Southern Oaks House and Gardens on Thursday, September 1, in which \$350,000 for scholarships was raised.

Led by a welcome from Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, the evening consisted of lovely music, provided by Sarah Odom on the piano, rousing speeches, and

a steak dinner. Before dinner was served, Colonel Mark Prine, deputy commander of the 184 ESC at Camp Shelby, led the pledge of allegiance; Dr. Don Odom, dean of the Winters School of Music, led the national anthem; and The Honorable Charles Pickering Sr., retired federal judge and Board of Trustees member, gave the invocation.

During the dinner, guests were entertained with a special musical quartet performance, "A Tribute



to the 'Singing Senators.'" In 1995, Sen. Lott started the original "Singing Senators," a group of U.S. Senators singing together as a barbershop quartet. The group members changed over the years, but the quartet remained. Sen. Lott performed the "Tribute" performance with four Carey students: Gary McCullum of Laurel, Toney Keeler of Lumberton, Josh Willis of Cape Coral, Fla., and Brandon Wilson of Laurel.

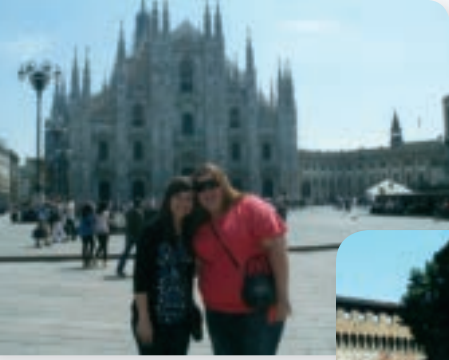
Chelsey Maywalt, a senior from Carriere and Student Government Association president, gave a testimony about how scholarships enabled her to pursue her education at Carey.

Following Maywalt's testimony, Colonel Stan Harris, Command Judge Advocate at Camp Shelby Joint

Forces Training Center, introduced his former employer and friend, Sen. Trent Lott. Lott challenged the guests to continue supporting Carey and the university's mission to prepare students in the areas of leadership, scholarship and service. Lott commended the university for its growth and continuing success in offering students a quality, Christian education.

After Dr. King presented Sen. Lott with a crystal award as a token of WCU's appreciation, the evening adjourned with closing remarks from Dr. Scott Hummel, vice president for advancement and church relations, and a benediction by Dr. Hugh Dickens, chairman of the Board of Trustees. A special scholarship was also established in honor of Senator Lott.





ABOVE:
Michelle Wade
and Jillayne
Campbell in
Milan, Italy.



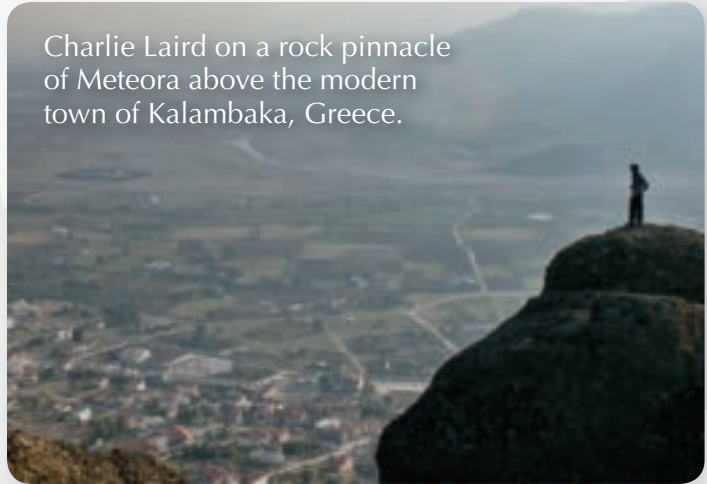
BELOW: Paul
Howayeck and
Stephen Ferrand
with sculpture of
Don Quixote in
Chile.



BELOW: Carpenter's Wood in Milan, Italy, L to R: Matt Ditsworth, Dr. Mark Malone, Melissa Shearer, Michelle Wade, Jillayne Campbell, Pastor Martin from Milan, Brett Sutherland '09, Caitlin McAdams, Sara Catherine Lumpkin, Timothy Tolar, Mrs. Kathy Vail, Dr. Allison Chestnut.



BELOW: Stacey Figueiredo, Quinton Soronen, Jay Holifield, and Cannie McLemore look over the Monastery of Varlaam at Meteora, Greece.



Charlie Laird on a rock pinnacle of Meteora above the modern town of Kalambaka, Greece.



ABOVE: Anton Hägglöf in Rwanda, where he interned for Digitech, a company specializing in energy infrastructure development.

Carey goes GLOBAL

RIGHT:
Melissa
Shearer with
Peruvian
child in
Lima, Peru.



BELOW: Thomas Lambert '11 and
Bryan Holyfield in Lima, Peru.



ABOVE: Kevin Shearer '80 translating for
WCU student Jarret Roberts in Lima, Peru.



ABOVE: Graduate student Amanda
Harrison '11 with Peruvian mother
and child in the mountains of Peru.



Make Plans for Homecoming 2012

April 19, 20, & 21



- 50 Year Reunion
- Mississippi Woman's College Reunion and Centennial Celebration
- Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet
- Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
- Spring Musical
- Spring Theatre Production
- Crawfish Boil
- Carey Carnival
- Crusader Baseball and Softball
- Alumni Athletic Games

Celebration of Freedom Service

held on September 11



Chaplain Major Terry Partin spoke about serving those who defend our freedom.

*W*illiam Carey University commemorated the tenth anniversary of 9/11 and honored those in service to our country with the Celebration of Freedom on Sunday, September 11.



Dr. Milton Wheeler, professor of history, spoke about the heroes of America's wars.

Led by Dr. Don Odom, dean of the Winters School of Music, the Celebration of Freedom honored military personnel, veterans, emergency response workers, and those who have sacrificed their lives for American freedom. The event featured choirs and orchestra from WCU, local churches, Hattiesburg High School, and Laurel High School, as well as the Sumrall High School Marching Band. Flags representing all branches of the military were presented by a military color guard from Camp Shelby, and veterans and current military personnel were recognized.

"The event brought a large crowd to our campus to enjoy the patriotic music and narration presented by William Carey music students, groups from surrounding schools, churches, and Camp Shelby," said Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU. "It was a very upbeat and positive celebration of God and our country."



Support William Carey University's *Student Foundation*

Last year 10 Carey students established the Student Foundation to raise money to help provide scholarships for other Carey students. As a result, Ashley Houston was awarded the first Student Foundation Scholarship. Please support the Student Foundation and help other students like Ashley fulfill their educational goals and dreams. Without scholarships many students would not be able to stay at Carey and receive a great Christian education.

You can give online at www.wmcarey.edu/GivingtoCarey or send your gift to William Carey University, 498 Tuscan Ave, Box 141, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

"My life has been inspired by the educational opportunities afforded me through the Student Foundation Scholarship and the caring faculty and staff of William Carey University.

I am forever changed as I have gained knowledge through my classes, internships, student teaching and on-campus employment. Each of these areas enabled me to take one step closer to fulfilling the plan God described in Jeremiah 29:11.

I am thankful for the resources available to William Carey students and know that these student services have helped me find my passion for a career in education. I am confident that William Carey University has helped prepare me to be successful in work and life."

*Ashley L. Houston
Elementary Education ('12)*



ASBURY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER *Dedicated at WCUCOM*



Hattiesburg Campus: Bronze Sculpture

William Carey University dedicated a larger than life-sized statue of William Carey on November 17. The sculpture portrays William Carey, the university's namesake and the "father of modern missions," abandoning his cobbler's bench to embark on his missionary journey to India in 1793. Crafted by Ben Watts of Columbia, the bronze statue is entitled "Carey Turns to the World." The 600-pound figure stands in front of the Sarah Gillespie Museum of Art on the Hattiesburg campus and was dedicated on the same day International Mission Board (IMB) president Dr. Tom Elliff spoke in chapel. These activities are a part of WCU's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Carey.



(front row, left to right) Dr. Hugh Dickens, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Everett Roark, assistant professor of biological sciences and microbiology; Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU; William K. Ray, president and chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation; Dr. Darrell Lovins, dean of the WCUCOM; and Jason DeFatta, a second year WCUCOM student and president of the COM Student Government Association, perform the official ribbon cutting for the Asbury Administrative Center as part of the Dedication Ceremony on September 14.

William Carey University hosted a dedication ceremony and open house for the Asbury Administrative Center, which is Phase III of the College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) complex, on Wednesday, September 14. The ceremony gave the students, faculty, staff and guests an opportunity to tour the building. The Asbury Administrative Center houses the offices of the WCUCOM deans and administrative staff.

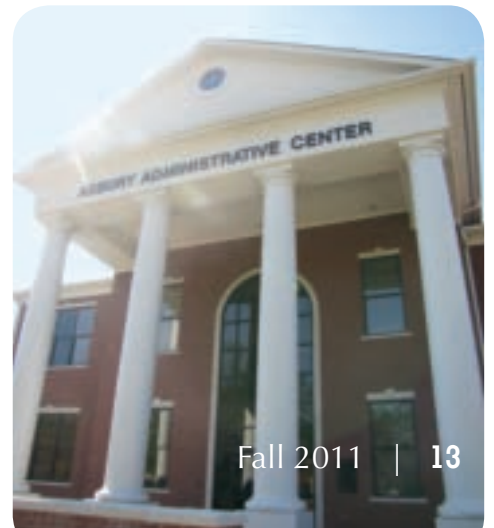
The dedication began with a welcome by Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, and a scripture and prayer by Dr. Scott Hummel, vice president for advancement and church relations. William K. Ray, president and chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation, made remarks about the Asbury Foundation, followed by an update on the Asbury Administrative Center by Dr. Darrell Lovins, dean of the WCUCOM.

Jason DeFatta, a second year WCUCOM student and president of the COM Student Government Association, expressed appreciation to the Asbury Foundation on behalf of medical students, and Dr. Everett Roark, assistant professor of biological sciences and microbiology, ended the ceremony with a prayer of

dedication. Dr. King, assisted by Dr. Hugh Dickens, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Roark, Mr. Ray, Dr. Lovins, and Mr. DeFatta, led the official cutting of the ribbon.



Jason DeFatta, a second year WCUCOM student, serves as president of the WCUCOM Student Government Association.





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Dinner Theatre



Carey Dinner Theatre presented two summer productions: the gospel musical "Peace in the Valley," June 16 - July 2, and the musical comedy spoof "Das Barbecü," July 12-23. "Peace in the Valley" tells the story of a small town church which faces the prospect of closing its doors because of financial difficulties. "Das Barbecü" is loosely based on Wagner's "Ring Cycle," but instead of Valhalla, the play takes place in Texas where the personalities and setting are just as grandiose as any opera.



Kenna Spiller of Petal Crowned Miss WCU 2012



Kenna Spiller, a freshman elementary education major from Petal, was crowned Miss William Carey University 2012 at the Miss WCU Scholarship Pageant on Thursday, October 20.

Spiller's platform is "Scoliosis Awareness," and her talent is vocal performance. She will compete in the Miss Mississippi Pageant to be held in Vicksburg in June 2012. The daughter of Jay and Carolyn Spiller, she is a Carey Scholar, plays the flute in the WCU orchestra, and works as an after-school counselor at the Petal Family YMCA. Her career ambition is to become a kindergarten teacher. She was crowned by Miss WCU 2011, Shelby Lynn Ryals of Sumrall.

Athletics

The 2011-12 William Carey University athletic season is in full swing. WCU men's soccer, ranked no. 7 in the NAIA, is 13-1-2 on the season and 8-0-2 in SSAC play while women's soccer is 7-7-2 and 5-4-2 in SSAC action. Both teams opened the Southern States Athletic Conference playoffs on November 5.

WCU men's cross country has made tremendous strides this season with strong performances from returner Channing Stringer, and newcomers Patrick Truett, and Manuel Grandos. Women's cross country continues to improve, with Kayla Byrd and Yaila Zotzmann leading the pack. The SSAC Men & Women's Cross Country Championship took place on November 5 at Choctaw Trails in Clinton, MS.

Carey men and women's golf teams have competed in two tournaments to begin the 2011-12 year. Women's golf finished third in the Badger Fall Invitational and sixth in the Commercial Bank & Trust Fall Classic. Newcomer Summer Struzinski has made an immediate impact for the Lady Crusaders, earning All-Tournament Honors in the Badger Fall Invitational. Carey men's golf is off to a solid start to the 2011-12 season. Reigning SSAC Newcomer of the Year Nic Ishee has been brilliant for the Crusaders to start the season with a 74.1 scoring average. The Carey men wrap up the fall portion of the schedule in the UM Fall Classic on October 31 through November 1.

Men and women's basketball both opened the season on November 4, 2011. The Lady Crusaders open the season in

Georgetown, Ky., in the Habitat Classic. The Crusaders will take on future SSAC member Coastal College of Georgia in the Q Kelly Classic in Mt. Vernon, Ga. WCU basketball has their first home game at Clinton Gym on November 22, 2011, against Blue Mountain College. The women's game is scheduled to tip off at 5:30 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to their busy fall competition and practice schedules, WCU athletes have been hard at work off the field. For the third straight year, Carey athletes have participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk held at the University of Southern Mississippi. Over 150 athletes raised more than \$2,000 to donate to the cause. Carey athletes also took part in the Gordan's Creek Cleanup sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Hattiesburg.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter Reinstated

William Carey University is proud to announce the inception of the Hattiesburg campus chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. William Carey FCA members have been part of several projects, including branding the William Carey FCA chapter, visiting rehab patients at Forrest General Hospital, and holding their first ever Hoops Rally on campus in partnership with the FCA Area Coordinator Mitch Williams. Several speakers from around the Pine Belt community, including WCU alumni and local community leaders, have come to weekly meetings to lead worship and fellowship. All students, student athletes, and alumni are encouraged to join. For any questions please contact Scotty Fletcher, advisor for Fellowship of Christian Athletes at (601)318-6588 or sfletcher@wmcarey.edu.



WCU Participates in *Cleanup Project at Gordon's Creek*

William Carey University participated in the Gordon's Creek Clean-Up on Saturday, October 8. The City of Hattiesburg and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) partnered together to clean up three miles of Gordon's Creek from Hardy Street to Leaf River, and more than 200 volunteers from around the community participated. WCU had 83 participants split into three teams, two teams of Carey athletes and one team of WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) students.

The event, lasting from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., involved each team gathering



as much debris as possible from their assigned part of the creek in order to win the title "Hattiesburg's X-Stream Team," and the orange team, made up of WCUCOM students, won this title.

The project was part of a master plan carried out by the Hattiesburg Historic Downtown Association. The



ABOVE: A volunteer team comprised of William Carey University athletes pick up debris during the Gordon's Creek Clean-Up.

LEFT: Students from William Carey University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) pose for a photo at the Gordon's Creek Clean-Up.

master plan's goal is to provide more pedestrian facilities and to improve the appearance of Gordon's Creek. Each volunteer received lunch, a t-shirt, and other items donated by local sponsors.

WCU Music Therapy Students Work with **Local Special-Needs Children**

Dr. Paul Cotten, professor of music and psychology at William Carey University, has established a program that allows Carey students in the music therapy program to provide music therapy experiences for local special-needs children from South

Forrest Attendance Center and Forrest County Agricultural High School each week. The students from South Forrest travel to the Carey campus for an hour session each week during which WCU freshman and sophomore music therapy students

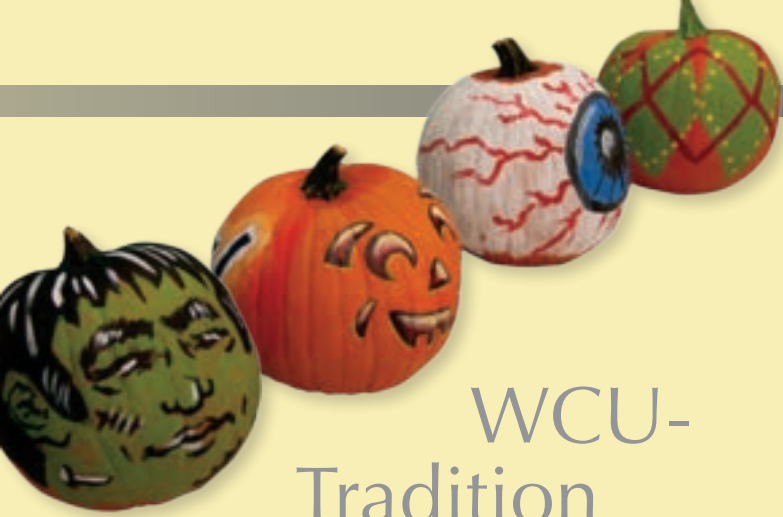
engage in group songs and activities.

Junior and senior music therapy students provide individual music therapy for the FCAHS students for an hour each week. Each of the students from FCAHS is paired with a Carey student for the year. After assessment of his or her child, each WCU student, in collaboration with their professors, develops a treatment program to address the child's special needs. Recognizing that music is a great medium to help children learn, the individualized program uses songs, music, and movement to teach social, motor, and educational skills. The program will continue throughout the academic year.

"Music is a great tool to develop and reinforce basic skills," Dr. Cotten said. "This program requires WCU music therapy majors to be proficient on guitar and piano and to be creative so that they can use the music and songs efficiently to teach things like parts of the body, right from left, and other skills."

A special education class from Forrest County Agricultural High School (FCAHS) poses with some of the WCU music therapy junior and senior students during one of their weekly classes.





WCU-
Tradition
Participates in
**Community
Fundraiser**

For the third consecutive year, students in the art department at William Carey University's Tradition campus used their talents to benefit the community. The students participated in the 39th Annual St. James Fall Festival on October 8-9 at St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport by painting and decorating pumpkins to be sold.

A local Winn Dixie donated the pumpkins, and St. James School donated the paint and supplies and delivered them to WCU. After WCU students painted them, the pumpkins were taken to the festival for the pumpkin patch and sold for approximately \$25 to \$30 a piece. The festival also featured a wide variety of food, children's activities, live entertainment, crafts, plants, a raffle, and a silent auction. All proceeds from the benefit went to St. James School.



Art students from William Carey University Tradition campus paint pumpkins for the 39th Annual St. James Fall Festival at St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport.

WCU-Tradition
Participates in

*Gulf Coast
Heart Walk*



Representatives from WCU-Tradition, along with their families, pose for a photo at the American Heart Association's 2011 Gulf Coast Heart Walk.

Faculty, staff, and students from WCU-Tradition participated in the American Heart Association's 2011 Gulf Coast Heart Walk in Gulfport on October 3. WCU-Tradition's goal was to raise \$2,500; participants not only reached, but surpassed, that goal by raising a total of \$3,000 through various activities including a bake sale and friendly competition between office staff and students.

"This was a very well organized community activity," said Jerry Bracey, administrative dean of WCU-Tradition. "The staff did an outstanding job working and raising money for this worthwhile cause."



WCU New Orleans Nursing Students *Volunteer to Help Children*

A team of senior students and faculty from WCU's nursing school on the New Orleans campus recently volunteered at CAMP NOLA KIDZ, a Christian day camp for children sponsored by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. During the camp, the team from Carey entertained 35 preschoolers with health-themed activities, including teaching them the "Happy Teeth-Brushing Song," handing out new toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste, and providing healthy snacks. The team was led by team leader Dr. Mari Wirfs, professor of nursing, Teresa Bovia, professor of nursing, and Dr. Patrick Brady, assistant professor of nursing.

Students from WCU New Orleans also served as camp nurses for the Fit as a Firefighter fitness and nutrition camp in Slidell, La. Fit as a Firefighter is an innovative health program for children ages 7 – 12.

During the camp, the children did various exercise activities including the New Orleans Saints junior training camp challenge. The nursing students supervised 80 children during this 40-hour camp, handling first aid and preventative health needs.





Artistic Staff AT CAREY

TOP LEFT: Housekeeper George Dixon
TOP MIDDLE: Drawing by George Dixon, part of "The Cat Daddy Collection"
TOP RIGHT: Drawing by George Dixon

Influenced by his art teacher at Forrest County Agricultural High School, Ben Jackson, maintenance supervisor at William Carey University, developed a love for art. Although he enjoys many types of media, working with ceramics became, and remains, his primary interest. After high school, Jackson began studying art education at the University of Southern Mississippi. He received his Bachelor of Art in Art Education and is certified to teach K-12 art classes.

While his full-time job at Carey does not directly relate to his field of study, Jackson says that his art training certainly comes into play with many of his campus duties. For example, Jackson readily assists with projects such as the installation of the new William Carey sculpture, and he created and installed the beautifully decorative street signs on the campus as well as the wrought iron fence around the perimeter of the campus. He was also very instrumental in decorating the Carey swan, which was transformed with peacock tail feathers and displayed among many other swans decorated by various businesses and organizations in Hattiesburg.

According to Jackson, Hattiesburg is "home," so when no teaching jobs became available after he earned his teaching certificate, he entered the workforce. He does, however, continue to sculpt and prefers hand-built

techniques, as opposed to working with a potter's wheel.

Another William Carey university staff member, Housekeeper George Dixon, possesses a talent for creating beautiful art. Dixon, who has been drawing with pencil, charcoal, and pastels for about 40 years, studied art at Jackson State University but exclaims that his talent is a gift from God.

His work is an expression of himself and his memories. "I like to draw things that were around in the 40's and 50's. Stuff you just don't see anymore," said Dixon of his work. "I draw from my mind." Dixon is currently working on a collection of such pieces that he refers to as "The Cat Daddy Collection," a reference to a nickname by which he is affectionately known.

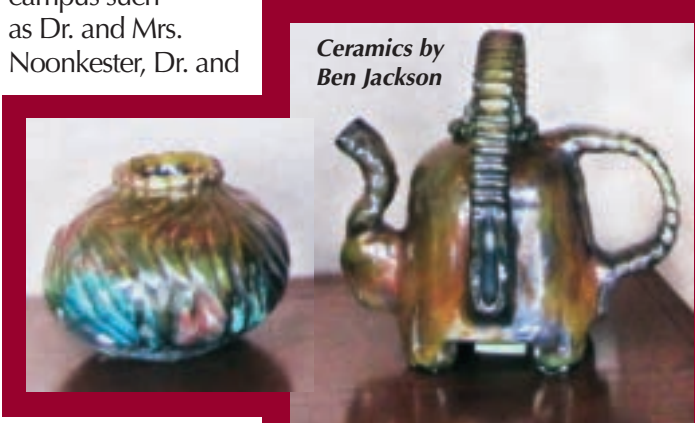
In addition to his still-life work, Dixon enjoys portrait drawing as well. He has completed portraits of many fixtures of the William Carey University campus such as Dr. and Mrs. Noonkester, Dr. and

Mrs. Wheeler, Dr. King, Dr. Waddle, and several of the athletic coaches. Dixon also draws for fellow church members and neighbors to commemorate special occasions. "Art brings you together," said Dixon. "If I can brighten a day, bring a smile to a face, then my living is not in vain."

A 12-year employee of William Carey University, Dixon says that he has truly enjoyed his time at Carey and believes that great things are ahead. "Faith without works is dead," said Dixon, and he believes in putting his faith to work. For Dixon, sharing his gift is one way that he can share his faith.

Works from both Dixon and Jackson were on display in an exhibit comprised of artwork from William Carey University faculty and staff in January.

Ceramics by Ben Jackson



Maintenance Supervisor Ben Jackson

Dean Jerry Bracey

Elected
to
Ministry
Board

Jerry Bracey, administrative dean of WCU-Tradition and instructor of business, has been elected to the Stepping Out Ministries Board of Directors. The faith-based organization organizes and implements a variety of ministry projects in Central and South America, as well as in the island nations of the Caribbean. Some of these projects include providing medical ministries for special needs children,



church planting and training, and supporting an agricultural project that will provide food for rural pastors, orphanages, and hospitals.

Dr. Howard Keever Speaks to Carey Scholars about Teaching in India

Dr. Howard Keever, professor of music at William Carey University, spoke to Carey Scholars during their monthly Honors Colloquium on October 14. Dr. Keever, who has been a faculty member at WCU since 1985, shared his experiences of teaching at Serampore College in Serampore, India, the college founded by William Carey. As the recipient of a rotary scholarship for faculty members, Dr. Keever was able to teach music in the theological college within Serampore College during the fall term of 2006. In addition to teaching, he was able to compile a hymnbook for the college and assist in the planning of a curriculum proposal for India's first bachelor of music degree in western music.

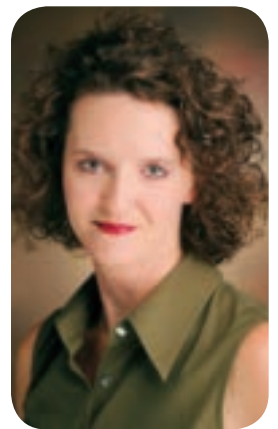
Instructor Caleb Smith has Article Published

Caleb Smith, an adjunct geography instructor at William Carey University, will have his article "Reflections in the Water: Society and Recreational Facilities, A Case Study of Public Swimming Pools in Mississippi" published in the "Southeastern Geographer" in January 2012.

The "Southeastern Geographer" is a biannual publication of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, published by University of North Carolina Press. Smith, a native of Meridian, obtained his bachelor's degree in secondary education at Mississippi State University and his master's in geography at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has been teaching at WCU for five years.

Dr. Lorie Watkins Fulton Chosen as Mississippi Humanities Council Humanity Teacher Award Recipient for WCU

William Carey University Associate Professor of English Dr. Lorie Watkins Fulton has been named as the 2011 Mississippi Humanities Teacher of the Year for WCU. She was selected by the Mississippi Humanities Council, which chooses one faculty member at each higher learning institution in the state.



She was chosen based on her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to WCU.

Dr. Fulton presented a speech entitled, "Writing in the 'Crooked Letter' State: A History of Mississippi's Literature" on Wednesday, October 19, in the Lucile Parker Gallery.

Turning a Dream into Reality:

A Chapel on the William Carey University Campus

A chapel on the Hattiesburg campus will testify to the Christian character and focus of a Carey education while providing a place to pray and worship and a venue for campus ministries. Brides and grooms will cherish the chapel's intimate wedding setting. Surprisingly, Carey is the only college campus in Mississippi without a chapel. Help make the chapel a reality by giving online at www.wmcarey.edu/GivingtoCarey or sending your gift to William Carey University, 498 Tuscan Avenue, Box 141, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. You can honor or memorialize a loved one with a gift to the chapel.

In October 2011, Rev. Jimmy '57 and Mrs. Shirley King, donated funds to purchase the pulpit furniture for the chapel at William Carey University. Rev. King, a retired pastor and veteran, completed his degree in Biblical studies with a minor in music at Carey before attending the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. After obtaining his degree from the Seminary, Rev. King pastored churches in Mississippi and Alabama and completed a counseling degree from the



University of Southern Mississippi. Rev. King's gift helps to bring the chapel one step closer to reality. Rev. Jimmy King is the brother of our President, Dr. Tommy King.





Carey's Great Revival of 1954



**Written by
Bob Turnage
'56**

“God works in mysterious ways”, is a quote we hear and use often, sometimes not fully aware of just how true it is. How else could such a diverse group of people, especially young males, come to this small Baptist

Woman’s College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi in 1954?

Coach Les DeVall was hired and told that he was to be the mastermind behind the setting up of a full athletic program. The school was going co-educational, and his job was to find students. Coach took warm bodies that no major college wanted to fill all positions. Somehow, he gathered a crew of about 50 guys who were looking

to play ball from various junior colleges and high schools.

Coach DeVall had been head coach at Hinds Jr. College in Raymond, Miss. With his experience, he recruited the quarterback, several linemen, a couple of good running backs, and various other individuals. He would casually comment that “you could really help us build



**L. C. DEVALL
Head Coach**

something,” and would tell the story of Carey.

The men’s dormitory was not complete, so the guys arriving early for football practice were temporarily housed in a section of the girls’ dorm. The girls were not due for two weeks, and the rooms had no furniture; consequently, the guys slept on mattresses on the floor. Just imagine

working out in the August sun for two hours twice a day, getting ready to play football, and then trying to get sore muscles down gently on a mattress on the floor. Even nonbelievers must have uttered sincere prayers at times.

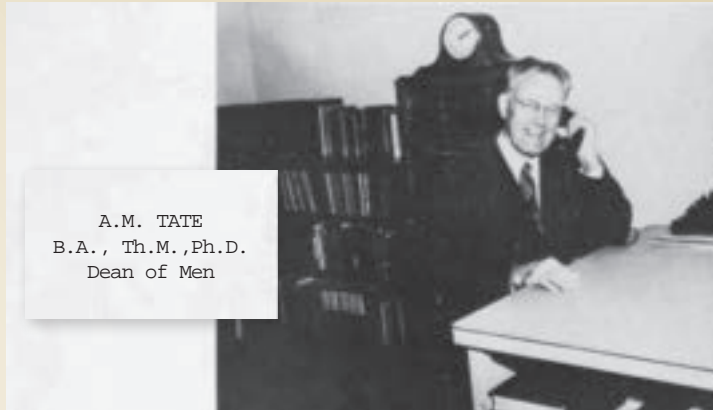
It was a trial for the guys and especially for Dr. Andy Tate and his wife who were “dorm parents.” Dr. Tate was a saintly older gentleman who was patient but obviously had no firsthand knowledge in dealing with male individuals who resembled troglodytes. He obviously wanted us to succeed, but he and God were working on a plan. The boys never suspected what was coming.

Finally the girls showed up but they were “weird.” They prayed a lot, sang a lot and smiled all the time. The comment was made among the guys, “we’ve got some changes to make around here.” No one knew, or even suspected, how true that statement would become.

All the males were growing accustomed to the lifestyle during the day but the nightlife began to cause alarm, as many were beer drinkers and some drank to excess. This did not bode well with Coach DeVall or the rules of the school, but fortunately, the football workouts and the heat curtailed nightly activities. An understanding was reached between the guys and the school.

Friendships were formed among groups of guys that would last a life time. Pranks were played on some of the preacher students, but they took it and smiled. They probably believed a miracle was coming so why get upset.

The football team began to win games to the surprise of Carey College's opponents, and the guys with the wobbly knees, twisted ankles and missing teeth were finally getting the respect of other teams. The Carey College Crusaders won 13 games and lost three in two years of football. When Carey beat Millsaps College in Jackson, headlines in the paper read "GIRL SCHOOL WINS." While it was football and other sports that got all the guys there, the men were about to discover a greater purpose. Some would delight in it and others would be indifferent or even hostile.



A.M. TATE
B.A., Th.M., Ph.D.
Dean of Men

God used sports as an instrument to get all of the men to Carey and together in one men's dormitory. Dr. Tate tolerated a certain amount of jocular, rogue behavior, and guys "yelling" at each other, but he patrolled the halls letting them know he was aware of the lifestyles represented therein. He also monitored the noise levels so those who were inclined could read, study or just sleep. He was harmless but constant, and most of the guys respected him and his firm faith.

One night a group literally staggered into the dorm and there was Dr. Tate. Rather than reporting them or getting them dismissed from school, he talked to them about the saving life of Jesus Christ. Enough of them believed to change the character of most of the guys. The athletes were not ashamed to pray,

go to chapel or hang out with the girls who had been praying for this to happen. More than a few later married and most have been lasting relationships. Coach DeVall took the floor during a chapel

program and confessed that he had been praying for something "like this" to unify the teams and the students. The quarterback of the team, whose conversations had been laced with obscenities, sat on another fellow's bed the next morning after his conversion, openly weeping and giving thanks and glory to God for redeeming him!

The Carey transfers from Hinds Junior College received an invitation to return to Hinds and speak at a chapel program after the experience at William Carey. They told the Hinds Jr. College students what had happened to them. After singing songs known to most students, the testimonies were given concerning the saving grace of Jesus Christ. One hundred and twenty five people came forward, either to receive the Lord or to rededicate their lives. It was an awesome display of God's power and love! All of the individuals giving a testimony of God's goodness were either former football players or former members of the Hind's track team.

Numerous Carey graduates have gone throughout the U.S. and foreign countries to work as missionaries, teachers, coaches, counselors, entertainers, law enforcement officers and businesspeople and have put their knowledge and ethics learned at William Carey to good use. Only God knows how many people have come to know Him through the works of the ones he transformed at William Carey College.



Carey's Family Tradition: *The Bonner Family*



ABOVE: Gabrielle ('04), Melissa ('07 & '09), Allen ('08 & '11), Kim ('07), Gareth ('07), and Joseph ('05) at Allen's graduation in 2011.

RIGHT: Gareth Bonner ('77) with grandson Banks Hill.



ABOVE: Gareth Bonner ('77), Gabrielle Bonner Hill ('04), Gareth Bonner ('07), and Allen Bonner ('08 & '11).

Waynesboro native Dr. Gareth Allen Bonner ('77)

completed his biology degree at Carey and started a tradition that would keep his family connected with the University for decades to come. Each of his three children, Gabrielle ('04), Gareth ('07), and Allen ('08 & '11), would follow Gareth to WCU and marry a Carey graduate. The Crusader blood runs deep in this family.

After completing his degree at Carey, Gareth graduated from the University of Mississippi

School of Dentistry and began his dental practice in Waynesboro. He is a member of the

American Dental Association and the Mississippi Dental Association (MDA), as well as a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. Through the MDA he has participated for 30 years in the Voluntary Continuing Education Program.

Gabrielle Bonner Hill ('04) received her degree in biology and chemistry from Carey. Gabrielle met her husband, Joseph Bancroft Hill, IV ('05), while at Carey. Joseph

majored in business administration and now works for Regions Bank in Huntsville, Ala., where the couple lives with their newborn and future Crusader, William Bancroft "Banks" Hill. Gabrielle recently graduated from the University of Alabama with a master's degree in chemistry.

Gareth Mallie Bonner ('07) completed his Bachelor of Arts in English and teaches seventh and eighth grade English at the Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg. While studying at Carey, Gareth met his wife, Kimberly Yonge Bonner ('07), who majored in education and teaches kindergarten and first grade at Oak Grove Primary School. Kim's father, Dr. Jim Roberson ('78), is a Carey alum, and her mother, Mrs. Sonja Roberson, worked in the financial aid office at Carey.

Gareth "Allen" Bonner, II ('08 & '11) received his undergraduate degree in biology and a graduate degree in counseling psychology

from Carey and now serves as the counselor and disability services coordinator for student services at WCU. Allen's wife, Melissa Overstreet Bonner ('07 & '09), received her undergraduate degree in biology and her graduate degree in education from Carey and now teaches at Forrest County Agricultural High School. She is currently working on a graduate degree in biology at Carey.

"My family has surely been blessed by having WCU placed in our paths," said Allen of his family's close ties to Carey. "The University has and will continue to impact our lives because of the values instilled in all of us by the Christian atmosphere and kind faculty and staff."

Carey's Family Tradition: The Cannon Family

Who would have known in the early 1970's when Ted Cannon ('76) entered William Carey College that a family tradition had been born? During Ted's time at Carey he was very active in campus life and athletics. Although he was on both the varsity basketball and baseball teams, Ted began his legacy on the baseball diamond. Ted passed down his ability and love for the sport to his sons, Trey Cannon ('02) and Neal Cannon ('05), who played 'Sader baseball in the tradition of their father.

After graduating with a degree in mathematics, Ted taught and coached baseball at Picayune High School from 1977 to 1979. He then began working for State Farm Insurance, where he remains as owner/agent until the present. Ted attributes his success as a State Farm Insurance Agent to the training he received at Carey. "I owe a large 'thank you' to all the professors who helped me earn my degree," says Ted. In 1976, he married Charlene Craft ('78), who also graduated from Carey with a Master of Education. Charlene is an assistant principal in the Petal School District.

Trey earned a degree in mathematics and went on to Mississippi State University and received a degree in mechanical engineering in 2004. He now works with South Mississippi Electric Power Association as a plant engineer. "The math degree that I earned while

playing baseball at William Carey was very instrumental in preparing me for engineering school at MSU. At MSU I was able to go right into the engineering curriculum and was more than prepared when it came to the math skills required in those courses," says Trey. Trey's wife, Karla Brown Cannon ('09), is also a William Carey graduate. She received a Master of Education and is a third grade teacher at Petal Elementary. They have one daughter, Mabry Alene, who is 15 months old.

Neal, who is also a State Farm Insurance owner/agent, lives in Hernando with his wife Julianne and their two year old daughter, Lorelee. Neal and Julianne are expecting their second child, a baby boy, in February. Neal transferred to Carey after graduating from Pearl River Community College and says it is one of the best decisions he ever made. He received his B.S. in Business Administration in August, 2005. "I had a great group of teachers in the business department such as Dr. Dale, Mr. McCay, and Mrs. Glaze that pushed me to be the best I could be, and they really helped prepare me for the business world," states Neal. "I am proud to say I graduated from such a great school and that my father and brother did as well!"

In the words of Trey Cannon, "I suppose you could call William Carey University a 'Cannon Family Tradition'."



Alumni spotlight:

Dorothy Roberts McEwen

Service to others has been the focal point of the life of William Carey alumna Dorothy Roberts McEwen ('78). Upon graduating from Carey, Dorothy taught music at W.L. Smith Elementary School in Petal for two years which confirmed her desire to make a lasting impact in the lives of her fellow human beings. In 1988, she received her Master of Social Work from the University of Southern Mississippi and has worked with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health since 1990 serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dorothy is a licensed certified social worker, certified public manager, licensed clinical intellectual and developmental disabilities therapist, and licensed mental health/intellectual and developmental disabilities administrator through the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Currently she is the facility director of the South Mississippi Regional Center (SMRC) in Long Beach. SMRC has twelve program sites, employs approximately 600 employees in the six southern-most counties and has an operational budget of approximately \$37 million dollars.

Dorothy says the reason she chose to attend William Carey was because there was a sense of support

and sincerity among the students, faculty and staff. She also says that the experiences she had at Carey gave her the foundation to grow as a person.



While at Carey, Dorothy was a member of the chorale and fondly remembers Dr. and Mrs. Donald Winters, Miss Josephine D'Arpa, and Dr. Ralph Noonkester as being tremendously influential in her life.

In 1976, Miss Bobbye Wood won the Miss William Carey College title and the Miss Mississippi title and went on to represent the State of Mississippi at the Miss America



pageant. Dorothy was first alternate at the Carey pageant and subsequently took over the title and duties of Miss William Carey.

An extraordinary woman from an extraordinary family, Dorothy, the mother of two daughters, Jessica age 26 and Lauren age 23, and her siblings were taught to live a life of service to others. She feels that William Carey University embodies that same philosophy. In addition to her service at SMRC, Dorothy is a member of the KIDS COUNT





"I look at the tremendous progress that Carey is making when I drive on campus, both in Hattiesburg and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and know that this school is graduating individuals with character, strength, and Christian values," said Dorothy of William Carey University. "Over the past few years, I had the opportunity to meet the current President, Dr. Tommy King, and found him to have a keen vision for the school. I believe William Carey University will continue to thrive and its graduates will live the motto of 'Expect Great Things from God... Attempt Great Things for God!'"

Dorothy's honors & awards include:

- 2010 Top 10 Finalist
Mississippi Business Women, Mississippi Business Journal
- 2009 Mississippi Business Journal "50 Leading Business Women"
- 2009 March of Dimes
(Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter) Spotlight on Success Honoree
- 2008 Graduate, FOCUS
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award, College of Health, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2002 Graduate, Leadership Gulf Coast
- 2001 NASW Mississippi Chapter Social Worker of the Year
- 2001 Outstanding Career Woman of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Lighthouse Professional Business Women.

Advisory Board and recently concluded terms with the Mississippi Humanities Council as well as the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. She is also working with the 2011 United Way of South Mississippi Campaign, acting as chair for the state division. She attends Old Town Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis where she serves as an elder and sings in the choir. The church, which is filled with wonderful members who live a life of service to the Bay St. Louis community, was turned into a makeshift relief headquarters after the wrath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This is the church her parents joined after her father retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Although her father is deceased,

her 87 year old mother, Mrs. Lucimarian Roberts, lives close by in Pass Christian. Her older brother, Lawrence E. Roberts, II, is a high school teacher in Houston, Texas, and her older sister, Sally-Ann Roberts Nabonne, has a morning TV show in New Orleans and once anchored on WDAM in Hattiesburg. Her younger sister, Robin Roberts, is an anchor on ABC's "Good Morning America."

In her spare time Dorothy designs and makes handcrafted jewelry, and Robin wears some of her necklaces on the show. While in New York with Robin this past summer, Dorothy and her mother recorded her mother's favorite hymns as a keepsake for their family.

Mississippi Woman's College Reunion

William Carey University has a long history of changes and growth that led to the institution becoming what it is today. The campus that is now WCU originally opened its doors in 1906 as South Mississippi College. A fire destroying the buildings forced the school to shut down, but in 1911, it re-opened as Mississippi Woman's College, and remained a woman's college until 1954, when it changed to co-educational status. In light of the change, the school was re-named William Carey College.

WCU hosted a reunion for the alumni of Mississippi Woman's College on October 21. In addition to graduates of MWC, those who graduated during the earlier years of William Carey College were in attendance. The reunion began with a luncheon, with entertainment provided by Carey's Songbirds, a new women's ensemble. Following



TOP: All of the guests at the 2011 Mississippi Woman's College reunion gather for a group photo in the glass room on WCU's campus on October 21.

MIDDLE: Betty Hart '52 (center) poses for a photo with the Carey Songbirds ensemble at the 2011 Mississippi Woman's College reunion on October 21. The Songbirds provided entertainment for the reunion luncheon.

BOTTOM: (left to right) Lynette Long Howell, class of '53, Hilda Owen, class of '52, Hugh Howell, Bill Mathis, class of '50, Elton Raby, and Joyce Raby, class of '53, smile for a photo at the 2011 Mississippi Woman's College reunion.



the luncheon, the alumni took a campus tour and visited Donnell Hall and the Sarah Gillespie Museum of Art.

The 2011-12 academic year marks the centennial anniversary of the founding of Mississippi Woman's College.

Carey Graduate Featured on History Channel



Carey graduate and Vietnam veteran Charles J. Brown ('73) was a featured veteran in the documentary series "Vietnam in HD,"

which aired on the History Channel November 8. The show features

firsthand accounts of 13 men and women whose lives were changed by their Vietnam experience and, for Charles, focuses on his combat experiences during his service in 1967.

A Hattiesburg native, Charles joined the U.S. Army straight out of high school. He was stationed overseas with the 101st Airborne Division, and soon after, served as Platoon Sergeant in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Even after suffering war-related injuries, Charles returned

to the front lines to fight in the battle of Dak To in 1967, during which he endangered his life to rescue wounded soldiers. He was awarded two Bronze Star medals and a Purple Heart medal for his leadership and courage. In 1994, he was honored as Hattiesburg's first Veteran of the Year.

A sneak preview of the documentary was held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center on October 25, and hundreds gathered to meet Charles and watch a showing of episode two of the six-part series.

1970's

Lonnie Wadsworth ('75), who earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, is pastoring at Evergreen United Methodist Church in Springville, Ala. He has recently been selected to serve as the Alabama department commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

1980's

Paulette Conolly-Bailey ('80), who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications, is currently the Deputy Director of sales and promotions for Radio Cayman. On September 13 through 16, she attended the NAB/RAB Radio Show in Chicago, Ill., and was given the opportunity to learn new strategies and learn what is on the rise for radio and network with other individuals working in the industry.



Eric Williams ('86) was awarded the 2011 National Black Nurse Association Trailblazer Award on July 16, 2011, in Indianapolis, Ind. He is currently employed at Santa Monica College, in Santa Monica, Cal.

1990's

Shelbie J. Pickering ('90) and Glen E. Craft of Ellisville were married on October 1, 2011, at Bayou View Baptist Church in Gulfport.

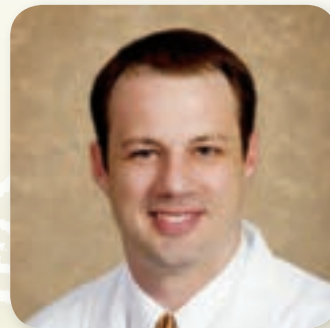


Debbie Dale ('94) was recently certified as a licensed administrator with the Mississippi Department of Health. She currently serves as staff development director at South Mississippi State Hospital (SMSH) in Purvis. She has been employed with SMSH since June of 2004.

Wendy Beeman Brady ('95) and her husband William are proud to announce the birth of their first child, William Thomas, who is the first grandson to Thomas Beeman ('66) and the late Sally Stumph Beeman ('67). Wendy and Will were married in 2004. Wendy, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Business, is currently employed with Stuart C. Irby Company as a regional credit manager.



Dr. Neal Gregg ('98), who earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology, is now a general orthopaedic surgeon employed with Southern Bone and Joint in Hattiesburg.



Alyssa Hurst Lee ('98 & '08) and husband Russ welcomed their son, Joseph Russell, born June 16, 2011. They currently reside in Huntsville, Ala.



2000's

Christopher Fox ('03) and Megan Devereaux were married on July 23, 2011, at Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg. Christopher, who received his Master of Science in Counseling Psychology, is employed by Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources.

Joseph Bancroft Hill IV ('05) and Gabrielle Bonner Hill ('04) welcomed their son and future Crusader William Bancroft "Banks" Hill on August 29, 2011. The family resides in Joseph's hometown of Decatur, Ala.



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Christy Fortenberry ('05) and John Wilson were married on October 8, 2011, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Bassfield. Christy, who earned her Master of Education in Elementary Education, is employed by the Lamar County School District.

Tiffany McCallum ('05 & '09) and Joshua Gordon were married on April 17, 2011, during a sunset ceremony at the McAlpine House in Magee. Tiffany, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and her Master of Education, is currently employed at Magee Elementary as a third grade teacher. The couple currently resides in Magee.



Tiffany McCallum Gordon ('05 & '09) and husband Joshua welcomed their first child, Preston Layton on June 14, 2011.



Denise Johnson ('07 & '10) and her husband Kevin announce the birth of a 6 pound, 2 ounce daughter, Kiley Marie, born January 19, 2011.



Christopher Estrade ('07) and his wife Olivia announce the birth of their first child, Jackson Christopher, born September 26, 2011. Chris, who earned his Master of Business Administration, serves as assistant vice president and branch manager of Hancock Bank's Diamondhead location.

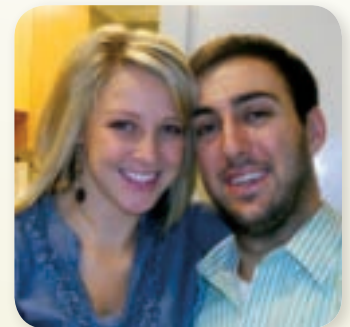


Matthew Bush ('09) earned his Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications and is currently employed with Forrest General Hospital as a marketing photographer.

2010's

Curtis Welsh ('10) and Rebecca Leigh Overby were married on April 16, 2011, at the Preserve Golf Club in Vancleave. Curtis, who earned his Master of Business Administration, completed the Department of Navy Acquisition Intern Program in May 2011 and has been promoted to contract specialist with the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast in Pascagoula.

Angela Loose ('11) and David Trisler ('09) are proud to announce their recent engagement. Angela, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology, is currently working to complete her Master of Science in Child and Adolescent Psychology at Carey, and David, who earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology, is a second-year student in the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Chastity McLemore ('11) earned her Master of Education and is currently a teacher at Biloxi High School. She is also a member of the Saintsations, the professional cheerleaders for the New Orleans Saints.



Alumni passings

Forever in our thoughts

Mrs. Mary Alice Braswell, Trustee
died on August 8, 2011

Alfred Ray Hill ('81 & '88)
died on October 22, 2011

Joyce Ann Bullock ('92)
died on July 11, 2011

Janice Lynn Brown ('96)
died on July 15, 2011

Kimberly Ann Harvison Brondum ('01)
died on August 1, 2011