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*Breaking  
Ground*

on Four Major Buildings This Year

# LETTERS FROM CAREY



To Friends and Supporters of Carey:

As I write this letter, I have just come from the last of four May graduation ceremonies in which we graduated a record 755 students. To think of all those young people going out into the world with a foundation influenced by the Christian values that we hold at Carey is a source of gratification. With the erosion of the values that made this nation great, it is important for institutions like William Carey to insist on honesty, integrity, faith, and commitment.

I am so pleased with the progress that we have made in the past year. Students and faculty have received recognition far beyond what one would expect of a small private school. I am so proud of the student body, faculty, staff, and trustees who are committed to providing a quality education within a Christian environment.

We are nearing completion of three capital projects. The renovation of the community landmark at the corner of Tuscan Avenue and Cherry Street will be complete by the end of May. Upgrades to the soccer complex and expansion of the Jack Jones Field House will be completed in early June. The new women's residence hall will be completed for occupancy in August. When you read this, we will have broken ground on the chapel and an addition to the medical complex. We expect to accept bids on a new business building by the end of the summer and anticipate breaking ground on a new gym by early fall. All of these accomplishments are possible because of the faithfulness of our supporters.

Our greatest need is to increase our endowment, which will allow us to continue offering scholarships to prospective students. A short time ago, I had a visit from a Carey alumnus who is employed by the Baptist International Mission Board. Before leaving he said, "When I was a student here, in my last semester I came up short of funds, and the school found \$400 to help me pay my bill so I could go on and graduate. Now I want to pay that back," and he handed me a check for \$400. I thought about the impact it would make if every Carey alumnus who received financial support while at Carey would "pay back" by contributing to the endowment so that we can continue to provide financial support for students of today and the future.

Our theme this year has been "Let Us Move on to Maturity," and in many ways, our students, and indeed, the institution, have grown intellectually, physically, and spiritually. Thank you for providing the support that has made this possible.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Tommy King

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## WCU Student Encourages Fellow Oklahomans to

# Join Him at Carey



*Pictured are (left to right) Brandon Crow, Ryan Crow, Joshua Haymes, and Hailey Crow.*

Changing directions is not uncommon for today's university students, but for religion major Joshua Haymes, his time at William Carey University has brought quite a lot of change—positive change. The Oklahoma native arrived at Carey almost by chance, and now he tells others from his home state about the wonderful opportunity and wholesome atmosphere he has grown to love at WCU.

While visiting a friend in Picayune, near where his father had previously served as pastor, Josh's friend encouraged him to visit Carey and audition for a theatre scholarship. Having participated in high school theatre programs and wanting to pursue a career in theatre, Josh came to the school, auditioned, and received a scholarship that enticed him to leave Oklahoma to study in Hattiesburg.

When he began at Carey, Josh admits that his focus was not initially on his studies—or his faith. Having grown up in the home of a pastor, he knew about religion, but up to this point, he had never committed his life to Christ. "I grew up in church, prayed a prayer at 10," said Josh, "but I lived two separate lives." Josh went on to say that the rebellion against his faith culminated during his freshman year

at Carey. His Baptist Student Union (BSU) friends and mentors on campus reached out to him during this difficult time, and Josh had a life-changing salvation experience.

"After he made me into a new creation according to Romans 12, God started reorienting every part of my life," said Josh. "It was awesome." As part of this reorientation, Josh changed his major to religion and changed his focus to international missions, a passion shared by the namesake of William Carey University.

Josh continues to involve himself in BSU activities. He serves on the BSU lead team and takes every opportunity to lead worship and share the Gospel with others. He has traveled with a mission team to Chile and has two upcoming trips planned for missionary work in Asia. "The BSU has had a huge impact on me, giving me experience with ministry, getting me involved with something that is bigger than I am," said Josh.

In addition to his friends in BSU, Josh says he values the friendships that he has established campus wide. "I'm involved with every intramural sport there is," he said, and his involvement in campus activities has given him an opportunity to share his testimony with his peers.

During this past academic year, Josh led his roommate to Christ, an experience he described as the "greatest of the year."

The summer after his freshman year, Josh returned home to Tulsa, Okla., for the summer and reunited with a childhood friend, Brandon Crow, who also felt the call to missions. "I encouraged him to come to Carey," said Josh, "but he was unsure. Two days before I left to come back to school, though, he decided to come, packed up, and came to Mississippi!" Josh said the admissions process went very smoothly for Brandon and his classes began soon after he arrived. The following summer when Josh and Brandon returned home, they convinced Brandon's brother and sister, Ryan and Haley, to apply to Carey, and they, too, have come to WCU.

Josh continues to spread the good news of William Carey University in Oklahoma, and next year, Josh's brother, his brother's girlfriend, and another family friend plan to enroll in Carey. "Besides getting a great education, the environment at Carey is incredible," said Josh. "I've met some of the best people here, people who actually care. The teachers are not here just to give you an education, but to make you into a better person."

# WCU Named Star Chapter

by Alpha Chi National Honor Society

William Carey University's chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society was recently named a Star Chapter. Only 15 percent of the more than 300 Alpha Chi chapters receive this honor. In addition to individual academic standards, Alpha Chi members must meet group requirements to be recognized.

Membership into Alpha Chi is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior, senior, and graduate class members, and WCU students must have at least a 3.7 Grade Point Average on the 4.0 scale to qualify for membership.

Among the requirements for becoming a Star Chapter, groups must send at least one sponsor and one student member to the annual regional/national convention and at least one of those students must



*WCU inducted 36 new members into its Alpha Chi National College Honor Society on April 24, 2013.*

present during the event. Members must also host at least one scholarly program on campus during the academic year.

Dr. Read Diket, professor of art and education and director of the Center

for Creative Scholars, serves as Alpha Chi advisor, and Dr. Randall Harris, professor of biology, and Dolores O'Mary, administrative assistant for language and literature, serve as co-advisors.

## Music Students Take Top Honors at National Singing Competition



Two music students received high honors at the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Conference and Competition for the Southern region held at Louisiana State University. Brandon Hayes, a senior from Collins, took first place in the musical theatre category and second place in the graduate men's category. Emma Oberdick won first place in the freshman women's category. The students were accompanied by Kathy Vail, associate professor of music, and coached by Dr. Connie Roberts, professor of music. Pictured are (left to right, seated) Brandon Hayes and Emma Oberdick with (left to right, standing) Ms. Vail and Dr. Roberts.

## WCU Music Student Wins Vocal Competition

*Brandy Cramer, a senior vocal performance major from Gulfport, won a competition with the Gulf Coast Chorus and Symphony. She won a cash scholarship and the opportunity to sing the mezzo soprano solos in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" with the Gulf Coast Chorus and Symphony in Gulfport.*



*Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Marcus Steele, Physical Science Technician Jason Corbitt, Dr. Gretchen Sassenrath, Tyree Ratcliff, Alcorn State University Extension Program Regional Coordinator Rockiell Woods, Neal Duffy, Jon Clement, and Jimmy Day.*

## WCU Chemistry Students Participate in Video Project

Four Carey students and one alumnus participated in a project titled "Energy Content of Agricultural Products" with Annenberg Learner of the Annenberg Foundation. Annenberg Learner funds and distributes educational video programs with coordinated web and print materials for the professional development of K-12 teachers in the U.S.

Participants were Johnathan Hugh Broome ('11), currently in his second year as a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Southern Mississippi; senior biology and chemistry major Jonathan Clement; junior chemistry major Tyree Ratcliff; senior biology and chemistry major Laila Younes; and senior biology and chemistry major Talal Younes.

Dr. Marcus Steele, chair of the department of chemistry and physics, supervised the students' project, and the goal was to determine the total energy Mississippi produces through traditional crops such as cotton,

corn, rice, and sweet potatoes that could be used for bio fuel. Neal Duffy, producer/editor for Science Media Group at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and Jimmy Day, freelance photographer, filmed the clips that will be used in the Annenberg Learner video for high school science students.

USDA-ARS Scientist Dr. Gretchen Sassenrath, along with Duffy and Day, interviewed Dr. Steele and the participating students on their research, including Jon Clement as he demonstrated how the students measured energy content of sweet potatoes using the calorimeter.

"The Carey students are so bright and were so much fun to work with," Dr. Sassenrath said. "They have learned quite a bit about biochemistry as well as a lot of practical information from this project, and it provides a wonderful opportunity for them to pass on their knowledge to high school students."

## Chemistry Major Selected for Research Project at Vanderbilt



Senior chemistry major Tyree Ratcliff has been selected to participate in the 2013 Vanderbilt Summer Undergraduate Research in Chemical Biology program in Nashville, Tenn., from May 27 to August 2. Tyree was one of the 10 chosen out of 500 applicants for the program. The ten-week, hands-on course is designed to introduce chemistry, biochemistry,

and biology students to the research processes and the interdisciplinary nature of contemporary research. The students will participate in a mini-symposium on drug discovery, attend seminars given by Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology faculty, and participate in weekly discussions on various topics.

Tyree will work directly with Dr. Jens Meiler, associate professor of chemistry at Vanderbilt, on a current project involving structural and chemical biology. Dr. Meiler's laboratory develops computational methods to investigate proteins and their interactions with small molecule substrates, therapeutics, or probes.

"I am honored that I was selected for this distinguished program," Tyree said. "This will be the third summer research program I have participated in. I spent one summer working with the USDA and another at Kent State University in Ohio. I am grateful for the experience these research programs have given me and look forward to working with Dr. Meiler this summer."

## WCU Student Named Outstanding Intern

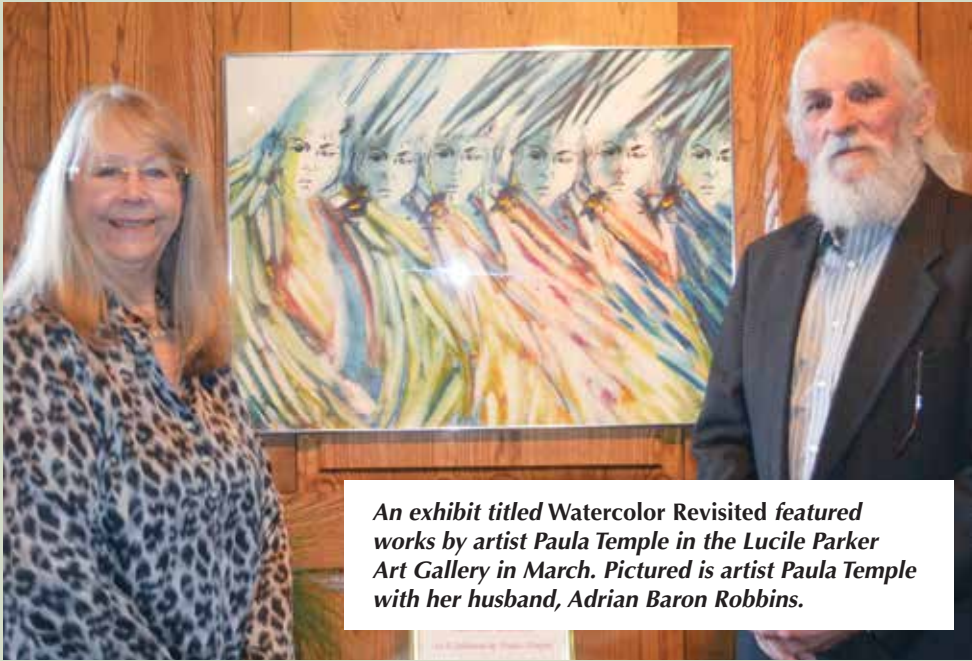


Senior elementary education major Hanna Moore was recently named a 2013 Outstanding Teacher Intern by the Mississippi Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (MACTE). During a ceremony at the Mississippi Department of Education building in Jackson, she was honored alongside other

outstanding teacher interns.

Hanna completed her student teaching at Runnelstown Elementary School. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA, is a Carey Scholar, and is a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

# WCU Art Exhibits



An exhibit titled *Watercolor Revisited* featured works by artist Paula Temple in the Lucile Parker Art Gallery in March. Pictured is artist Paula Temple with her husband, Adrian Baron Robbins.

This work (right), titled "Adam and Eve with the Animals," was part of an exhibit of folk art in fiber from the San Blas Islands titled *From Eden to Eternity: Interpretations of Bible Stories in Reversed Embroidery from the Molos Collection of Sandra and Bob Bowden*. The molos, which traditionally form part of the costume of a Kuna woman, were on display in the Lucile Parker Art Gallery in October.



An exhibit titled *Transformation: Three Women, the Alchemy of Friendship: Clay, Paper, and Fiber* in The Lucile Parker Art Gallery in January featured works by artists Claudia Cartee, Barbara-Ann Carver-Hunt, and Amanda Lovitt-Call.



Michael Patrick, 3, plays with one of the toys crafted by Harry Griffith, a professional toymaker and owner of Woodstock Toys in Columbia, Miss., during the opening reception for an exhibit displaying the toys at the Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art in December.



William Carey University students Nancy Barnard (right) and Katy Scott (left) pose with Chatham Meade Kemp, assistant professor of art, in front of their artwork at the opening reception of the Senior Art Student Exhibit in April in the Lucile Parker Art Gallery.

## Music Professor Dr. Mark Malone Named Finalist for *Mississippi Blues Project*



Dr. Mark Malone, professor of music, recently presented an inter-disciplinary session entitled "The Mississippi Blues Trail and Beyond" at the 2013 Hawaii University

International Conference (HUIC) of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Convention in Honolulu in January. Dr. Malone was chosen as a finalist at the conference and will present his session at the National Association for Music Education (NAFME) Conference later this year.

Dr. Malone's invitation to present at the HUIC Convention followed a juried process in which a project description and an abstract were submitted to a committee of peers in a double-blind

screening. His session featured the historical, sociological, political, and geographical development of blues music in Mississippi. Attendees listened to recordings of blues musicians and reviewed lesson-plans demonstrating how to teach the subject to elementary students.

Dr. Malone currently serves as curriculum designer for the Mississippi Arts Commission's Mississippi Blues Project. The project, made possible by a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts, involves the production of six blues units for fourth grade students. In an effort to preserve the heritage of the Magnolia State, the blues curriculum contains the following units: Understanding Blues Music, The Meaning of the Blues, Cotton's Effect on the Blues, Transportation and the Blues, Politics/Civil Rights and the Blues, and Media and the Blues. All materials may be accessed at [www.msbluestrail.com](http://www.msbluestrail.com).



## WCU Staff Member's Paper **Published in Academic Journal**

Pam Shearer, administrative assistant for the office for advancement and curator of the Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art, recently had her paper titled "Take the Key and Lock her Up: Symbols of Control in Gabriel García Márquez's 'Big Mama's Funeral'" published in *The Researcher: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 26, No. 1.

Mrs. Shearer, who is a 2012 WCU Master of Arts graduate, presented the paper at the South Central Modern Language Association annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, in November 2012 and at the annual Mississippi Philological Association Conference hosted by the William Carey University Department of Language and Literature in February.

## Assistant Professor Cheryl Maqueda **Receives Top Honor**

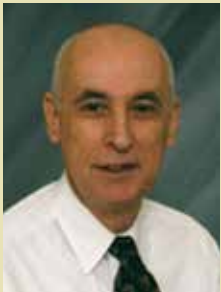


Cheryl Maqueda, assistant professor of Spanish, was recently honored as the Mississippi Foreign Language Association (MFLA) Teacher of Excellence. She was also re-elected as president of the Mississippi chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) in November. Mrs. Maqueda and Beth Pierce, adjunct instructor of French, presented a workshop entitled "Culture Sparks" at the 2012 MFLA meeting, and it has been accepted for inclusion in the program at the 2013 AATSP Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in July.

Mrs. Maqueda also represented Mississippi at the regional South Conference on Language Teaching held in Birmingham in March.



## WCUCOM Professor to Review for Health Care Research Program



Dr. Clarke Millette, WCUCOM professor of biomedical science, has been named a reviewer for the Patient Center Oriented

Research Initiative and selected as a member of the editorial board for the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*. He joined the WCUCOM faculty in April 2010 and teaches classes in histology and medical biochemistry, as well as participating in courses in physiology and neuroscience. Dr. Millette has been published in many scholarly journals and publications, including *Journal of Biotechnical Research*, *Journal of Cellular Biochemistry*, *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, and annuals of the New York Academy of Science.

## WCUCOM Professor *Named to Editorial Board*



Dr. Italo Subbarao, associate professor of medicine and associate dean of planning, assessment, and competency development for WCUCOM, was

recently named to the editorial board for *The Journal of American Osteopathic Association* (JAOA). The JAOA is the official scientific publication of the American Osteopathic Association, as well as the scholarly, peer-reviewed publication of the osteopathic medical profession.

"It is a great honor to be on this board," said Dr. Subbarao. "For many years this journal has been the scholarly authority for osteopathic medicine. I am deeply gratified by the opportunity to serve in this capacity, promoting the growth of the profession."

Dr. Subbarao graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine before completing a fellowship at John Hopkins University. His fellowship training in emergency medicine and disaster and humanitarian

assistance led him to serve as the director of the Public Health Readiness Office at the American Medical Association (AMA) Center for Public Health Preparedness and Disaster Response, located in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Subbarao, who came to the WCUCOM in 2012, is no stranger to scholarly writing. During the tenure of his career with AMA, he served as deputy editor for the AMA's publication *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*. He has also had over 60 articles published, edited several journals and books, and continues to stay deeply involved in scholarship and research.

"I was offered the job at the WCUCOM, and the associate dean post was a great opportunity for me and my family," Dr. Subbarao said. "Since I arrived at WCU, my focus has been on providing the best quality of education for our medical students and promoting research in the field of osteopathic medicine. As a member of the journal's editorial board, I look forward to supporting the WCUCOM's efforts in promoting scholarly research and expanding opportunities for growth for this young school."

## WCUCOM Student Named PAUL AMBROSE SCHOLAR

Joshua Stake, a second-year medical student at WCUCOM, has been accepted as a 2013 Paul Ambrose Scholar. He was selected for this highly competitive and impressive award from among a national pool of medical students with interests in public health and prevention. As part of the program, Stake will attend a leadership symposium in Washington, D.C., and conduct a community-based health education project. Dr. Italo Subbarao, associate professor of medicine and

associate dean of planning, assessment, and competency development, will accompany him as his mentor. Stake's project is focused on implementing best practices to help prevent childhood obesity in the Hattiesburg community.

The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program exposes health professions students to influential public health professionals and prepares them to be leaders in addressing population health challenges at the national and community level.



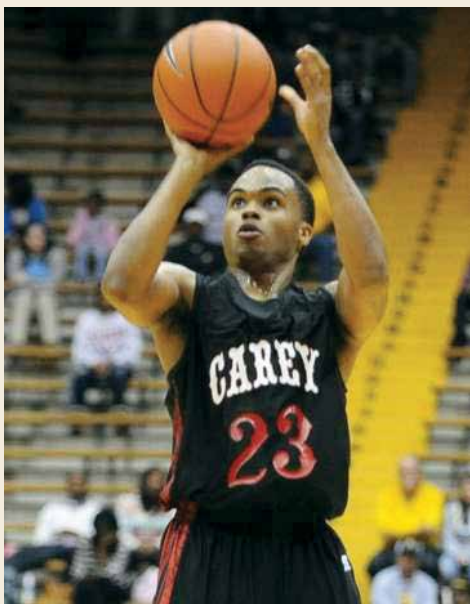


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# ATHLETICS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

WCU men's basketball put together a season to remember in 2012-13. Powered by NAIA All-Americans



Jeremiah Dunnings and Daron Bell, WCU posted a 25-6 record and returned to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in 16 years. Carey finished the season ranked 12th in the final NAIA Coaches Top 25 poll and captured the SSAC West Division title.

### CRUSADER GOLF

WCU men's and women's golf teams have a new home, Canebrake Country Club. The 18-hole championship course, designed by Jerry Pate, is the top club in

the region.

"We feel that Carey has the opportunity to be one of the premier NAIA golf programs in the country," said Canebrake General Manager Joe Langford. "Giving them a home for practice and play will help Carey with training and recruiting efforts while at the same time providing the country club more exposure."

WCU hosted the first annual Carey Collegiate Classic in March. The WCU women's team recorded a second place



finish while the WCU men finished third. Fifteen schools competed in the inaugural event. Prior to the event, WCU hosted the College Am with over 70 participants. As part of the day's activities, the field recognized the contributions of the Harvey family, whose son Jason is a former member of the WCU golf team. The Harvey family, owners of Big Star Supermarket, the tournament's title sponsor, established a scholarship endowment for a deserving golf team member in Jason's honor. The Harvey's golf endowment is the second endowment for the Crusaders' golf team. The Dr. Jerry & Vicki Mixon Golf Endowment was established last fall.

Several former Carey golfers have moved into the golf industry in various roles:

Drew Goff ('09), assistant professional, New Orleans Country Club, New Orleans

Michael Watts ('09), head professional, Abita Springs Golf Club, Abita Springs, La.

Matt Hungerman ('10), assistant professional, Covington Country Club, Covington, La.

Gavin Vegas ('12), head professional, Covington Country Club, Covington, La.

Nic Ishee ('13), assistant professional, Laurel Country Club, Laurel, Miss.

Michael Wilkinson ('13), assistant professional, Canebrake Country Club, Hattiesburg

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

WCU women's tennis capped off a sensational season with a runner-up finish in the 2013 NAIA Women's Tennis National Championship led by NAIA All-Americans Carola Orna and Maja Vuzem. The Lady Crusaders were ranked in the top 10 for the entire season and spent three weeks as the number one team in the country. In the national tournament, WCU picked up wins over Oklahoma Baptist, number four seed Savannah College of Arts and Design, and the tournament's top seed, Xavier (La.) to advance to the finals. In the finals WCU dropped a highly competitive contest against SSAC rival AUM.

## TRACK AND FIELD

In their first season of competition, WCU qualified participants in both

men's and women's track and field for the 2013 NAIA National Championship in Marion, Indiana, on May 23-26. On the men's side, Joash Osoro qualified in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter run. Osoro, the SSAC Runner of the Year and a first team All-American in cross country, won

both events at the SSAC Championship. On the women's side, Tisa Smith qualified in the 100 meter hurdles, long jump, and triple jump. Smith will also join teammates Ashton Scarborough, Olivia Shook, and Asa Evans in the 4x100 meter relay.



## ASHLEE ARNAU

Ashlee Arnau, a WCU cheerleader and soccer player, nailed the half-court shot with the soccer-style-flip throw (pictured left) at halftime of the men's basketball final home game against SSAC rival Auburn-Montgomery in February. Ashlee had been trying to sink the amazing half-court shot at every home game since Christmas, and she finally succeeded during her last chance of the season. As a result of the YouTube video, which had over 12 million hits, Ashlee appeared on the Today Show and several other syndicated programs, and the shot was the Shot of the Week on ESPN. The over-night sensation garnered significant positive publicity for Carey.



*SBC President*

# Dr. Fred Luter, Jr.

## *Speaks at Chapel*

Dr. Fred Luter, Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at William Carey University's chapel service in Smith Auditorium in February.

Dr. Luter spoke with passion about the importance of renewing one's mind in order to stand strong against temptations, make wise decisions, and always remember what Christ accomplished on the cross.

Dr. Luter was elected as the Southern Baptist Convention's first African-American vice president in 2011, and he made history again when he became the SBC's first African-American president in 2012. In addition to his duties as president, Dr. Luter serves as senior pastor of the 7,000-member Franklin Avenue Baptist Church (FABC) in his hometown of New Orleans. Dr. Luter gave his life to the Lord in 1977 after a serious motorcycle accident awakened him to follow God's calling. Every Saturday at noon he preached to anyone who would listen on the corner of Galvez and Caffin Avenue until he was invited to preach his first church sermon in 1983 at the Law Street Baptist Church. Soon after, he was preaching regularly at Greater Liberty Baptist Church.

He became pastor of FABC in 1986, and by 1989, the church had grown from 65 to over 300 members. After Hurricane Katrina destroyed the church building in 2005, Dr. Luter set up branches of FABC in Baton Rouge, La., and Houston, Texas, where some of his congregation relocated. For the three years following Katrina, Dr. Luter rebuilt the New Orleans church. In 2008, he joyfully welcomed his members back to their newly built sanctuary.

Dr. Luter and his wife Elizabeth have been married for 32 years and have two children, Chip and Kimberly.



WCU Professor  
Emeritus Obra Quave

# Receives Theatre Award



Obra Quave, professor emeritus of theatre and director of Carey Dinner Theatre, was recently awarded the 2013 Mississippi Theatre

Association (MTA) Cowboy Maloney Award by the MTA Board of Directors. The award is presented to an individual who has added significantly to the successful operation of MTA through positive image, regional recognition, long tenure, program establishment, and/or administrative service. Mr. Quave was presented the award during the MTA Theatre Festival and Convention held at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss.

In 2012, WCU presented a Legacy of Learning award to Mr. Quave, who retired from WCU in 2002 after a 42-year career as chair of the drama and theatre department. WCU also awarded him an honorary doctorate in 2007.

During Mr. Quave's tenure as department chair, Carey theatre received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, the first time a Mississippi collegiate theatre has received this honor. Mr. Quave continues to direct a major production in the WCU theatre each year, and in 2012, he helped staff the Mississippi Theatre Festival's Dramafest, which hosted more than 2,000 high school theatre students on the Hattiesburg campus.

## Dr. Breland Visits **LOTTIE MOON'S CHURCH** in China

Dr. Mary Beth Breland visited Lottie Moon's church during her recent trip to teach at LinYi University in China. Lottie Moon, a Southern Baptist missionary, left her family and friends to serve in China. Though she faced many hardships, she impacted the Chinese people by adopting their customs and language while sharing her faith. Her legacy lives on through the annual mission's offering collected each year at Christmas.

Dr. Breland and her sister Rachel Barr, who also taught in China this past spring, were outside the church when some congregants invited them inside. "Choir practice was just beginning when we went in," said Dr. Breland. "We sat on a back pew and watched and listened for about an hour. They were obviously happy to have us there. It was an incredible and emotional experience."



## WCU Art Instructor Receives

# Mississippi Art Commission Grant



Dr. Read Diket, professor of art and education and director of the Center for Creative Scholars, has written and received a grant from the National Art Education Foundation. The grant will help promote the teaching of art, encourage research and experimentation in art education, and cover institutes, conferences, and programs on art education. The team, for which she is the lead writer, has a manuscript in process with Studies in Art Education.

## WCU Instructor Publishes *Collection of Local Stories*

Sharon Schamber-Jones, instructor of business, has published a book titled *Gordon's Creek Anthologies: A Compilation of Short Stories, Poetry, and Photos*. The book was published by Gordon's Creek Press, which Ms. Schamber-Jones and her late husband, Bert Schamber, created in the early 1990's. The couple also developed a forum, Gordon's Creek Yacht Club, as a platform for Hattiesburg natives to share their stories.

"The book is a light-hearted look at the lives of people of who grew up in Hattiesburg, recognizing the town as a



very special place," Ms. Schamber-Jones said. "These adventures and stories come from a span of over 70 years."

Ms. Schamber-Jones, pictured above with Sherry Laughlin, director of libraries, began collecting stories and writing for this book in May of 2012

and is currently collecting stories for a second volume. The collection, which was edited by Dr. Allison Chestnut, professor of language and literature, features works by Ms. Schamber-Jones and many other local authors.

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## WCU Professor Named Delta Sigma Pi Lifetime Achievement Honoree

Dr. Philip Turnquist, associate professor of business on William Carey University's Tradition Campus, has been named the 2013 Delta Sigma Pi lifetime achievement honoree. Dr. Turnquist was initiated into Delta Sigma Pi at Indiana State University in 1987. As a professor at several universities, he has helped many chapters of the fraternity, earning Chapter Advisor of the Year in 1995 and District Director of the Year in 2002. Dr. Turnquist will be honored at the Delta Sigma Pi Grand Banquet on August 10, 2013, in Seattle.

Dr. Turnquist earned a B.A. in history from Drake University and an M.B.A. in management from the University of South Alabama before going on to

complete his Doctorate of Business Administration in management from Mississippi State University. Before embarking on his career in education, he served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1968-1971, earning a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal as captain. He then went on to teach at Troy State University and Indiana State University before coming to WCU in 2001.

In 1997, Dr. Turnquist was elected to the first of three terms as a Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation trustee and he was elected as a trustee emeritus after the completion of his eligibility. In 2002, he was recognized as Delta Sigma Pi's

National District Director of the Year. In 2005, Dr. Turnquist continued to serve as district director, this time for the Gamma Tau chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi. In addition to his academic involvement, Dr. Turnquist has given consistently to the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation and has received many recognitions including 2007 Centennial Society, 10K Club Centennial Founder, and Centurion for over \$100,000 of lifetime giving. He also established and personally funded the Dr. Philip H. Turnquist Southern Province Scholarship Fund.



William Carey University has been recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for its commitment to a better environment and greenhouse gas reduction as a participant in the ENERGY STAR Low Carbon IT Campaign. Pictured is (left to right) Scotty Fletcher, energy specialist and assistant coach for the men's basketball team, presenting the ENERGY STAR certificate to Grant Guthrie, vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer, and Bob Blevins, director of facilities, grounds, and maintenance. William Carey University was recognized, along with other organizations, at the ENERGY STAR awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in March.

## TOM WHITE HONORED *with Small Business Leadership Award*

William Carey University and the Area Development Partnership honored Tom White, owner of 206 Front and Bianchi's Pizzeria in downtown Hattiesburg, with the 2013 Small Business Leadership Award during the 21st Annual Small Business Leadership Luncheon held in May at Southern Oaks House and Gardens in Hattiesburg.

Tom White came to Hattiesburg as a freshman at the University of Southern Mississippi. Inspired by the architecture of downtown and his immigrant Italian ancestry, 206 Front opened in July 2002 followed five years later by Bianchi's Pizzeria. Mr. White and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Townes and Dom, and a daughter, Ella.

Mr. White is a fan and supporter of the athletic and arts programs at USM and WCU. He employs many students from both schools and features musicians and visual art by students at his businesses. Mr. White said that he is grateful to the Hattiesburg community for allowing him to make this his personal and professional home.

The SBLA recognizes the important contributions of small businesses to the economic, social, and cultural life of the community and the particular achievements of one individual or family. SBLA nominees must meet several criteria including employing 100 or fewer employees, operating locally except for marketing, exhibiting Judeo-Christian ethics, being financially sound and participating in community service.



*Pictured are (left to right) Joe and Jutta White, parents of the award recipient; Tom White, and his wife, Julie Hammond White.*

**COACH Steve Knight**  
*Named Athletic Director of the Year*

WCU Athletic Director and Men's Head Basketball Coach Steve Knight has been named Athletic Director of the Year for the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC). The SSAC is the largest conference in the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association and includes schools stretching from South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. William Carey University has been a member of the SSAC for just over two years.



## Carey Breaking Ground



**Business Building**



**WCUCOM Research Facility**



**Gymnasium**

William Carey University plans to break ground on four major building projects this year. President Tommy King said the school's prudent use of financial resources and continuous enrollment growth help to make these projects possible. "Grant Guthrie [chief financial officer] and I made the commitment some years ago that when we build a new budget, we base it on the previous year's enrollment, without building in any increase," Dr. King said. "Any increase that we have provides unbudgeted money . . . [and] each year we've allowed the money to accumulate."

The university's growth will also provide funds to cover the costs of a new \$2 million wing to the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The wing will function as a new anatomy lab and storage space. Dr. King said he expects workers to break ground on the new wing soon.

WCU also plans to break ground in the fall on a new \$12 million gymnasium, located directly south of Milton Wheeler Field. The new gymnasium, to be funded by private bonds, will be more than 40,000 square feet — six times larger than the current gym, according to Bob Blevins, director of facilities, grounds, and maintenance. Blevins added there will be more than 3,000 seats available for sporting events — more than tripling the current gym's seating capacity. Access to the gym will be established by a street linking County Drive with the south side of campus.

Additionally, WCU has begun the construction of a chapel adjacent to the Chain Garden on the Hattiesburg campus. The



# Dr. Scott Hummel

Named Executive Vice President and Provost

Dr. Scott Hummel has been appointed executive vice president and provost at William Carey University. He has served as the vice president for advancement and church relations, professor of religion, and director of the Carey Scholars program since 2008. Dr. Hummel helped build the honors program and leads the Carey Scholars to England every other year. He traveled to China to help establish WCU's exchange relationship with Linyi University and has led mission trips with Carey students to India and Peru.



Dr. Hummel earned the Bachelor of Arts in biblical studies from Carey and received both the Greek and Hebrew awards and the Jenkins-Chastain Citizenship Award. The Petal Rotary Club sponsored Hummel as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, which allowed him to study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1988-1989. In 1991, he received the Master of Divinity in biblical languages, and in 1996 he received the Doctor of Philosophy in biblical backgrounds and archaeology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Before coming to Carey, Dr. Hummel served as associate professor of biblical studies and chair of the department of biblical studies and Christian ministries for 10 years at Le Tourneau University in Longview, Texas.

Dr. Hummel is the president-elect of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, and serves on the boards of R3SM and the United Way of Southeast Mississippi. He is currently the interim pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wayne County. Dr. Hummel has been married to Starr for 22 years and they have three daughters: Lauren, a student at Carey, Rachel, and Julia.



## on Four Major Buildings This Year

chapel will seat approximately 100 people and should open by early 2014. A campaign is underway to fund the chapel project, and naming opportunities are available.

The fourth project will be a new school of business building located on Tuscan Avenue. The 21,000-square-foot facility will be 2,000 feet larger than the current building and will feature needed technology upgrades. It is scheduled for occupancy in fall 2014.

For more information about contributing to these projects and securing naming opportunities, please contact the Office for Advancement at 601-318-6107.



## WCU Remembers First Lady Naomi Noonkester

*Mrs. Mary Naomi Hopkins Noonkester was a dedicated homemaker and first lady of William Carey University for the 33 years her husband, the late Dr. Ralph Noonkester, served as president. During Dr. Noonkester's tenure as president, from 1956-1989, Mrs. Noonkester was active at Carey, attending numerous public events and serving as hostess for receptions and gatherings. She also held the position of registrar at Mississippi Women's College in the early 1950s during the transition to William Carey College.*

*Mrs. Noonkester graduated from Marion High School and from Marion College in Marion, Va., and earned the Bachelor of Sacred Music from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1950. After she and Dr. Noonkester married and later moved to Hattiesburg in 1952, she worked briefly for the Mississippi Central Railroad. Mrs. Noonkester was always devoted to her husband, his career, and their family, but she made many contributions in her own right. She was active in charitable organizations and a notable preschool Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg for over 30 years.*

*Mrs. Noonkester is survived by her children, Dr. Lila D. Noonkester and Dr. Myron C. Noonkester. Her son is the dean of The Ralph and Naomi Noonkester School of Arts and Letters, which was named for Mrs. Noonkester and her husband in 2007, and her daughter chairs the department of music at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C.. William Carey University will be forever impacted by the graceful legacy of Mrs. Naomi Noonkester.*



MRS. J. RALPH NOONKESTER



The Noonkester family in 1965.

### The Lady Behind the Scene

Who is the most underpaid staff member on campus? Her name is Mary Naomi Hopkins Noonkester and her presence, though felt more often than seen, is all around us. It is characteristic of her that during thirty years as the wife of our president, she has never had a maid. Many are the maintenance work-study students who have been thankful that she weeded the flower beds, mopped the porch and swept the sidewalk before they got around to it. But that is not all. Mrs. Noonkester frequently serves as hostess for collegiate events where she must always be enthusiastic and serene. What is equally difficult, she must accept her husband's absence at accreditation meetings and boy scout fund raisers. And rarely does she hear two simple, but meaningful words. But she is going to hear them now. Mrs. Noonkester, for your perseverance, thoughtfulness, and courage, and in spite of your lack of pay, we, the students of William Carey College say "THANK YOU!"



A message to Mrs. Noonkester in the 1986 yearbook.

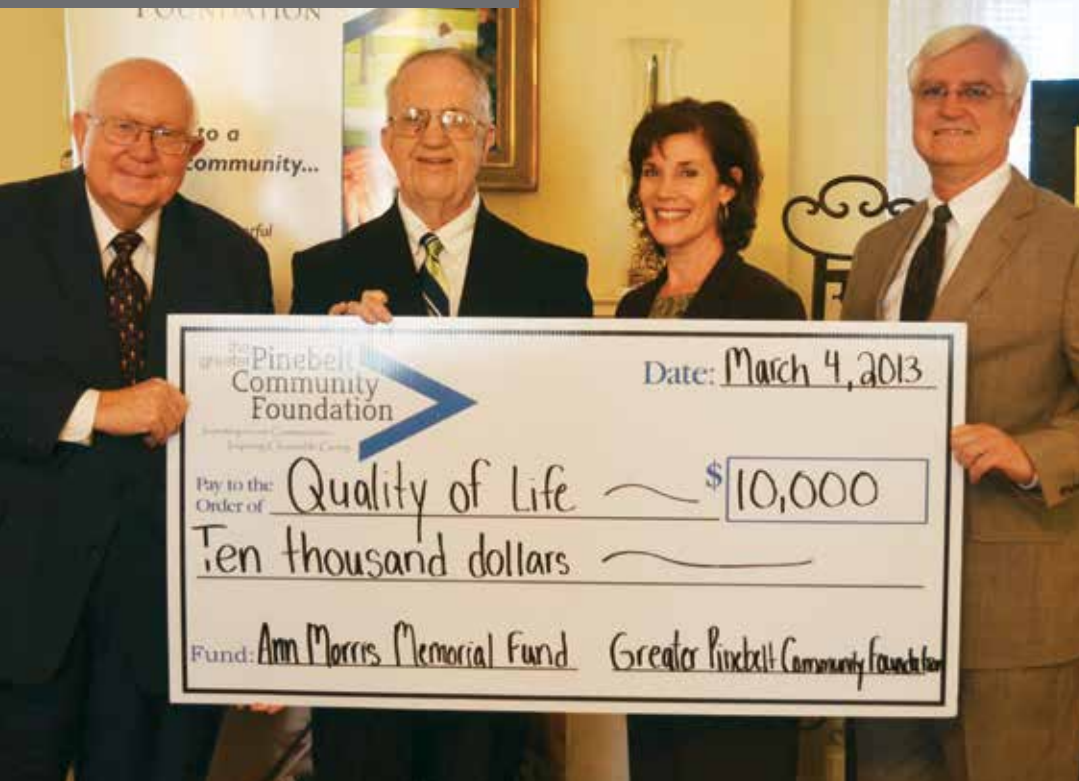
# Legacy of Leadership

William Carey University has been blessed with many great professors and leaders who have left legacies of learning and leadership. Two important women leaders from our past will be recognized with the Legacy of Leadership designation and engraved stones in a campus flower bed.

Jewel Hannah Conniff will be remembered for her 15 years of service as BSU director, and Sarah Rouse will be remembered for her service as dean of women and dean of students during the 10 years her husband was president of Mississippi Woman's College.

By giving to the Legacy of Leadership scholarships, you will honor Mrs. Conniff and Dr. Rouse and help students continue their education. If you wish to honor these outstanding women, you may make a donation to one or both of these scholarships. You may contribute online at [www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey](http://www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey) and designate your contribution to the Jewel Hannah Conniff Legacy or the Sarah Rouse Legacy. You may also contribute by mailing your check to William Carey University Office for Advancement, WCU Box 141, 498 Tuscan Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. For more information, call 601.318.6107.





Greater PineBelt Community Foundation  
Awards Grant To WCU's  
*Quality Of Life Project*

The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation's Ann Morris Memorial Fund recently awarded \$10,000 to the William Carey University Quality of Life Project, which pairs music therapy students with adults with intellectual developmental disabilities in activities designed to enrich their lives. The project has been in operation since August 2009.

Dr. Paul Cotten, professor of psychology and executive director of the program, said that the Quality of Life program serves a diversified group, and WCU students have one-on-one experiences working with these adults. "Some adult individuals with developmental disabilities do not get a chance to get out of their living quarters and go on outings. Our

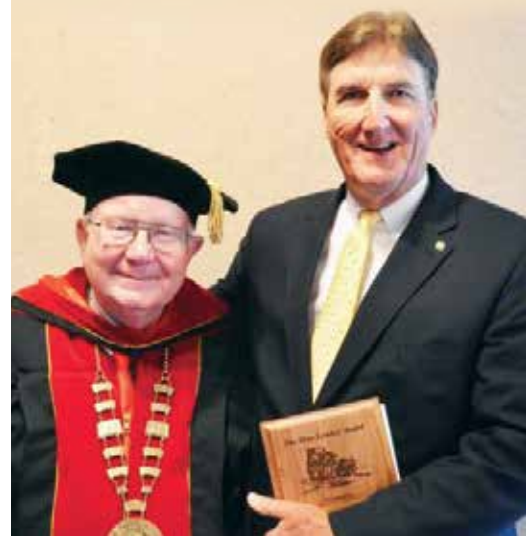
program's mission is to enrich the lives of such individuals," said Dr. Cotten. "The grant will help us charter buses for outings and provide funding for several educational and recreational trips."

The Ann Morris Memorial Fund was set up to assist area organizations who work to enrich the quality of life of intellectually challenged adults. "Our grant review process helps us to invest in productive and contributing nonprofit organizations in our local communities," said Theresa Erickson, executive director of the PineBelt Foundation. "The Quality of Life program at William Carey has contributed greatly to the well-being of many individuals in our community. We know this funding will help them continue their progressive mission."

*Jim Smith '71  
Received  
Award at*

**Honors Day  
Convocation**

William Carey University held Honors Convocation on April 24, 2013, in Smith Auditorium. During convocation, Jim Smith, president of Grand Bank in Petal, was presented the Shoe Leather Award, which is given for extraordinary service to the university. Mr. Smith, who played baseball and basketball at WCU, graduated with a degree in physical education in 1971. After playing semiprofessional baseball and minor league football, he was drafted into the military. Years later he took banking and finance classes at both The University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt, which led him to his current position as president of Grand Bank in Petal, his hometown. He was recently nominated for the Mississippi Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Smith continues to support his alma mater and recently served as guest speaker during a Carey Scholar Honors Colloquium.



# WCUCOM Students Volunteer at Wesley Manor

The William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) is participating in a new volunteer project: leading residents of the Wesley Manor Retirement Community of Hattiesburg

in an exercise program. Twice a month, WCUCOM SOMA members lead residents through a 30-minute routine.

In October, Greta Gania, the community relations and volunteer projects committee chairman for SOMA, worked with Dr. Jessica

Taylor, human physiology professor at WCUCOM, to develop a regimen that targets cardiovascular conditioning, vestibular balance training and muscle strengthening. The Wesley Manor exercise program is a 30-minute circuit and is led by SOMA members who are supervised by a Mississippi licensed physician from the WCUCOM faculty. Since the program's inception, five WCUCOM faculty members have joined more than 20 rotating SOMA members to lead an average of 12 Wesley Manor residents through the upbeat routine.

"We are so pleased to have WCUCOM students host an exercise class for our residents," said Linda Eaton, social director for the Wesley Manor Retirement Community.

Several of the residents who attend regularly said that since they know the routine there is no reason for them not to do it every day. They enjoy the camaraderie of their neighbors, friends, and students, and the class makes exercising much more fun.



## WCU Honored by the American Heart Association

William Carey University received an award from the American Heart Association for making Mississippi a healthier place. Executive Vice-President Dr. Scott Hummel, pictured with Student Activities Director Emily Sheckells, accepted the award on behalf of a group of students who raised \$9,000 for the American Heart Association.

"William Carey is very proud to be associated with the American Heart Association," Dr. Hummel said. "We raised nearly \$9,000 this past year, and we're very pleased with that, but not pleased enough. We're going to beat it next year."

The American Heart Association of Hattiesburg's goal is to educate citizens about the benefits of living a heart healthy lifestyle.





## WCU Reaches Out to Hattiesburg Tornado Victims

In the aftermath of the tornado that came through Hattiesburg in February, Carey students, faculty, staff, and alumni committed time and energy to support those affected by the storm. Groups of students worked to clear debris from the University of Southern Mississippi campus and many area neighborhoods. Additionally, the alumni relations office and other on-campus organizations held drives for food and household items that were distributed through the Salvation Army.

“Carey definitely stepped up to help our community,” said Emily Sheckells, director of student activities, “even in the midst of finals!”





Alumni Spotlight:  
**CHIEF JUSTICE  
 LOUIS GUIROLA**

**T**he Honorable Louis Guirola, Jr., '73, Chief United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, as a first generation Cuban American. The family moved to Mississippi when his father's job search led the family to Pascagoula from Miami.

Guirola chose Carey in part because of its proximity to home but mainly because of the intimate atmosphere fostered by the school's small size. He found it easy to meet people at Carey. Guirola majored in social science and minored in educational psychology. He also played basketball and baseball in college and was co-captain of the baseball team. He was vice president of the Mississippi Student Education Association while a student here and later served as president of the William Carey College Coast Alumni Association. He was recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2004. While studying law at the University of Mississippi, he served as clerk of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and as chairman of Trial Division of the Moot Court Board. He earned the Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi in 1979, graduating 10th in the class.

He is thankful that Carey provided him with a "blue-ribbon" education and praises the school's academic distinction. Guirola says, "Carey not only prepared me well for law school and life, it gave me the opportunity to develop relationships, taught me to communicate and relate, and to live and get along." The judge's hero at Carey was Dr. Milton Wheeler. Guirola explains that Dr. Wheeler was easy to listen to and always gave good advice to students.

Before becoming a judge, Guirola worked as an agent for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and as the captain of the Criminal Investigation Department in Harrison County. Guirola has experience as adjunct professor of history at William Carey and criminal justice at USM. He has also served as guest lecturer and instructor for various conferences both at home and abroad.

Judge Guirola's advice to today's students emphasizes communication skills. He exhorts students to learn to excel at oral and written communication. "Read the classics," he advises, "for there is no better way to understand human behavior. We must not allow the ability to express ideas coherently fall to the wayside in this technologically-focused world." He encourages students to study and learn, of course, but also to savor this time of life.

Judge Guirola has been married for 31 years and has three adult daughters. The oldest earned the Master of Arts from USM this year, the second is a student at Gulf Coast Community College, and the youngest is a junior at Ole Miss.

# 2013

## William Carey University Homecoming



**H**omecoming weekend brought approximately 400 alumni back to campus on April 11-13. The festivities opened with a Tatum Theatre production of *Tartuffe* on Thursday. From athletic events to a crawfish festival, the weekend offered a myriad of activities for alumni to enjoy the nostalgia of campus life. Former homecoming queens returned to be recognized at the homecoming court presentation, and former yearbook and Cobbler staffs met to celebrate their reunion. Friday noon ushered in a delightful gathering of alumni celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation from WCU, while honoring the memory of Dr. Andy Tate, dean of men from 1953-1957, with a Legacy of Leadership presentation. On Friday evening, five distinguished alumni were inducted into the WCU Alumni Hall of Fame, after which a performance of *Music, Music, Music* was held in Smith Auditorium. Saturday reunions included the African American Cultural Society Alumni Chapter, the Winters School of Music alumni, and the Cobbler and Crusader staff. The character brunch, crawfish festival, baseball, soccer, poetry read, and batting contest offered alumni and students the opportunity to enjoy a day of family fun. The homecoming celebration concluded with a banquet honoring eight outstanding alumni who were inducted into the WCU Sports Hall of Fame.



# Alumni



Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

The William Carey University Alumni Association recently inducted five outstanding graduates into its Hall of Fame. The alumni were R.T. Buckley ('61), Ramona Fant ('60), Kourtney Hollingsworth ('08), Martha Hutson ('70), and Ric Shrubbs ('94).

R.T. Buckley ('61) received his B.A. in speech and theatre from Carey before earning the Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1967. He has served as minister of youth at Shiloh Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and as pastor of First Baptist Church in Renner, Texas. In 1967, he became a career missionary with the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, where he served until 2002. He was instrumental in a church planting movement among tribal groups in South Asia and training pastors and evangelists for ministry, and his work led to the establishment of more than 200 churches in the region. In addition, he and his late wife, Fran, contributed to the leadership training of the current leaders of the tribal convention in South Asia.

Ramona Fant ('60), also known as Mona Faith, received the B.S. in chemistry from Carey. She hosts and is the executive producer of the multi-award winning syndicated radio show, "Faith for Living with Mona Faith," which airs on the home of Grand Ole Opry, WSM 650 AM, and other stations. She has written and co-written over 300 songs and made guest appearances at the Grand Ole Opry, CMT's Starfest, as well as numerous festivals and TV and radio shows. Married to Rev. Gene Fant, Sr., ('59), she has sung for many church-related events around the country. She is an active member of BMI, Nashville Songwriters Association, and the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. Mona and Gene, Sr., have two sons, Dr. Gene Fant, Jr., vice president for academics at Union University, and Stephen Fant, director of safety and health for the U.S. Army-worldwide.

Kourtney Hollingsworth ('08) received the M.B.A. from WCU before serving the State of Mississippi as regional broadband coordinator and as state housing coordinator and investigator for the Mississippi Center for Legal Services. She has also served as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the Fair Housing Equal Opportunity/Fair Housing Initiatives Program's grantee executive director and as housing counselor and financial advisor. A Congressional Rainey Scholar, Kourtney has served as AmeriCorps regional director for Boy Scouts of America. She has been involved in her community, serving as co-chair for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Young Professionals, a member of Delta Sigma Theta, youth director for the NAACP, member of the FDIC Alliance for Economic Inclusion Committee, and a member of Brown Missionary Baptist Church.

Martha Hutson ('70) received the B.A. in history from Carey before completing her master's in history from the University of Southern Mississippi. An educator at heart, she serves as assistant professor and as the director of the secondary education social studies program at Mississippi College. She also taught social studies for 28 years in grades 7-12 and served as an adjunct instructor at Hinds Community College. She serves on the board of directors of the Mississippi

Historical Society and the Mississippi Geographic Alliance. She has written lessons for the Mississippi Humanities Council and its traveling Smithsonian exhibits. She received a Phil Hardin Foundation grant in 2009 to participate in an EarthWatch Institute project in the Amazon Rainforest of Ecuador and completed training at the National Geographic Society. She is an active member of Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, Miss.

Ric Shrubbs ('94) received the M.B.A. from Carey and his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi. He serves as president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College and has held positions as vice president of academic and student affairs at Terra Community College, dean at Southern State Community College, associate professor at Milwaukee School of Engineering, and instructor of English at Pearl River Community College. Ric received a Fulbright Scholar grant to exchange students and agriculture faculty with Russia. He serves on three national boards for higher education and has presented training sessions related to higher education throughout America, as well as the U.K., Hungary, and Puerto Rico. Ric is an evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission for the Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality, Academic Quality Improvement Program, and Pathways.



*Pictured are (left to right) Julie Knippers Shrubbs, representing her husband Ric Shrubbs ('94), Kourtney Hollingsworth ('08), R. T. Buckley ('61), Ramona Fant ('60), and Martha Hutson ('70).*



# WCU Sports Hall of Fame Induction

**W**illiam Carey University inducted seven former athletes and one former coach into the Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2013. Inductees include women's basketball All-American Tommiesene Beasley ('84), men's basketball standout James McDade ('79), baseball standout Ricky McMullen ('79), current Baylor Head Coach and former Carey Softball Coach Glenn Moore, NAIA All-American men's soccer standout and current WCU women's soccer coach Danny Owens ('99), baseball standout Robbie Parker ('79), women's tennis standout Nancy Gartin Sterling ('79), and three-time NAIA All-American men's tennis player Marco Zannoni ('94).



*Pictured are (front row, left to right) Brian Moore, representing his uncle Coach Glenn Moore, Marco Zannoni ('94); Danny Owens ('99); Nancy Gartin Sterling ('79); (back row, left to right) Robbie Parker ('79); Tommiesene Beasley ('84); James McDade ('79), and Ricky McMullen ('79).*

Tommiesene Beasley ('84) is a licensed school social worker for Harrison County Schools and served as assistant coach for Harrison Central High School Red Rebelettes from 1996-2001. Ranked fourth on the all-time scoring list with 1,654 points in three seasons, she is the only Carey women's basketball player to have over 1,000 rebounds in a career, and her 12.55 rebounds per game is a WCU record. Tommie was named NAIA National Player of the Week and NAIA First Team All-American in 1984. She was also a member of the WABA Dallas Diamonds World Champions from 1984-85.

James McDade ('79) teaches business management and law classes for University

of California, L.A. James holds the single season school record for field goals made (298) and field goals attempted (571) and holds the WCU career record for field goals made (861) and field goals attempted (1,688). He is the school record holder for most points in a game (54) and ranks fourth on the all-time scoring list with 1,967 points. After WCU, James returned home to California and has worked as a mortgage banker, real estate agent, and lawyer. He holds the M.B.A. from UCLA and the University of Singapore.

Ricky McMullen ('79) works in trucking in New Orleans, La. He holds the NAIA record for most triples in a season and helped get WCU to the NAIA World Series and number 1 ranking in the NAIA Polls in 1978. He was also a 1978 NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. McMullen was drafted in the third round of the 1979 MLB June amateur draft by the Oakland A's and drafted in the first round of the 1980 MLB January draft-secondary with the Padres organization before being traded to the New York Mets. He advanced to Triple A with the Mets organization in 1983.

Former Carey Softball Coach Glenn Moore is now the head coach for Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Prior to coming to WCU, Moore was a football and baseball player at Southwest Mississippi Community College and played tight-end at Northwestern State University. After college, Moore served as an assistant softball coach at Northwestern State before returning to his hometown of Liberty to coach at Amite County School. Glenn served as head coach for the Lady Crusaders 1995-1996 and in 1996, guided WCU to a 22-17 record and runner-up finish in the GCAC Tournament.

Danny Owens ('99) is the head women's soccer coach at WCU. As a WCU soccer player, he was named All-GCAC and All-Region XIII, as well as NAIA First Team All-American in 1999. Owens served as team captain during his senior season and helped get WCU to three national tournament appearances and two final four appearances. He ranks third on the all-time scoring list. He took over as head coach

of the Lady Crusaders in 2005 when he returned to get his master's and has guided WCU to three GCAC Championships and four NAIA National Tournament appearances.

Robbie Parker ('79) works for Mississippi Power. He helped get WCU to the NAIA World Series in 1978 and number 1 ranking in the NAIA polls. He was NAIA Second Team All-American in 1978 hitting .363 with 20 home runs and 89 RBI's, a WCU record. Parker set a school record of 41 home runs during his three year career and held the single season record of 20 home runs until 2004. Parker was drafted to the Boston Red Sox in the 15th round of the 1978 MLB June amateur draft. During his second season in the minors, he helped the Winterhaven Red Sox get to the Florida State League Championship.

Nancy Gartin Sterling ('79) is a physical education teacher at Lamar Elementary School in Meridian. Prior to coming to WCU, she helped Meridian Community College make the 1975-76 state tennis championship without losing a single set at #1 singles. She posted a 34-9 regular tennis season record at WCU in #1 singles and 23-9 record in #1 doubles. From 1976-1977, she helped WCU get to the Mississippi AIAW Small College Championship. She also helped WCU get to the AIAW Division II National Tournaments in 1976-77 and 1977-78. During her senior season, Nancy posted a 2-1 record for the women's team at #3 singles.

Marco Zannoni ('94) is sales director for Rapelli Corporation, located in Ticino, Switzerland. He was named NAIA First Team All-American tennis player in 1991 and 1993, NAIA Second Team All-American in 1992, and NAIA Scholar Athlete in 1992 and 1993. Marco competed in four national tournaments, advancing to round 16 in singles twice, to the quarterfinals once, and in doubles, advancing to the round of 16 once. He was also a recipient of the Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award in 1993. He also earned the Master of International Business from the University of South Carolina.

Then &amp; Now:

# Carey Couples



Jimmy Harrington, '70, a religious education major, and June (Wainwright) Harrington, '70, an elementary education major, began dating in 1968 while students at Carey. Jimmy pastored several churches before moving to Amory where he is the associational missions director for Monroe County. June taught elementary school before retiring in 2010. Pictured are June and Jimmy in front of the "new" Wilkes Dining Hall in 1968 and at Callaway Gardens in 2012.



Gene Clinton Fant, '59, and Ramona Faith Hankins (aka Mona Faith), '60, have many memories of their Carey Campus "courtship days" which largely consisted of private walks, activities at Carey, periodic barbeque meals at the Choctaw Restaurant, and many dates in their home town of Laurel, Miss. After their marriage in November 1959, Gene served as pastor for 43 years in California, Mississippi, Virginia, and New York, and presently serves as an interim pastor in Tennessee. Mona enjoys a career as a song writer, performer, and host/producer of her award winning radio show, Faith for Living, and was recently inducted into the William Carey University Alumni Hall of Fame.



John Wiederecht, '69, arrived at Carey in September 1966, transferring from Tulane University. An out-of-town student from New Orleans, John found there wasn't much to do in Hattiesburg. He joined the Serampore Players during the casting of *Le Arc*. There he met a tall brunette, Jane Pierce from Oakman, Ala., who was doing costumes and makeup, and eventually asked her out for a date. Over the next couple of years, Jane and John continued to date after Jane transferred to the University of Alabama. At that time, a student at WCC was supposed to get permission to marry. Without gaining permission, John and Jane were married in February 1969. After their marriage was discovered, John was called in for counseling by the Dean of Men, Davis Carney Martin. Expecting a confrontation, he was surprised when the dean congratulated him and wished them the best. Making their home in Jasper, Ala., Jane is now retired after a long and happy career as an elementary school teacher and John retired as Chief Warrant Officer 4 after almost 40 years in the US Army Reserve. He served during four major conflicts: Desert Storm/Shield, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq. Jane devotes her time to quilting and gardening, and John took a civilian position working for the Army. They have one son, Pierce.

# Friends Then & Now:

Excited about renewing the bond of friendship, a group of Carey grads met about six months ago after not seeing each other for 40 years. This group of women who worked from 1967 until 1972 for Sarah Gray Burrus, former WCU registrar, call themselves "Sarah's Girls." They now meet every six weeks for lunch in Hattiesburg, with WCU Homecoming providing the venue for their latest meeting. Guided by Carey Connection member Molly Wilkinson, a mass communication major from Pascagoula, the group toured the campus and noted the changes that have occurred in the last 43 years.



*Pictured are Melva Rimer Bailey ('70), June Wainwright Harrington ('70), Nancy Lindley Shows ('72), Ann Miller Stiles ('71), Susan Edwards, and Emily Mooney ('70).*



*Pictured are Emily Mooney ('70), Melva Rimer Bailey ('70), June Wainwright Harrington ('70), Joyce Yeatman Craft ('72), and Nancy Lindley Shows ('72).*

## WCU Holds First Class Ring Ceremony



The Office of Alumni Relations teamed with Balfour and Barnes and Noble at William Carey University to host the first Crusader Ring Ceremony in the Lucile Parker Gallery on April 24, 2013. WCU President Dr. Tommy King presented each senior with his or her class ring. Pictured are Dr. King and Dr. Scott Hummel, executive vice president and provost, with WCU seniors who participated in the event. This meaningful ceremony will be a continuing tradition at WCU.

# Class Notes

## 50's

Doyle Wheat ('58) received a certificate of appreciation and commendation on behalf of Senator Chris McDaniel ('94) and Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves for 35 years of military service, 30 years of service as a public school educator, and more than 20 years of service at the National Resources Conservation Service. His wife, Dave Ann Wheat ('58), joined him for the presentation on Thursday, February 7, at the Capitol.



## 60's

Gerald ('63) and Margaret ('66) Ferguson recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.



Charles ('63) and Ginny ('64) Harvey are proud to have their granddaughter, Katy White, as a member of the Carey softball team.

Dr. George Berger ('64) recently celebrated 50 years as an ordained minister. He was recognized, along with his wife, JoAnn Berger ('63), at the couple's home church, 38th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

Ronald Waters ('68) recently celebrated 45 years as a science teacher at J.H. Workman Middle School in Pensacola, Fla. He began with the school in 1968 at age 22.



## 70's

Brenda Perrott Williamson ('75) lives in Hattiesburg with her husband, David, and their cat, Wilde Oscar. Brenda was first reader and proofreader on her husband's three newest books that came out in 2012.

Randy Weeks ('77) manages a mental health crisis unit in Grenada. In his spare time he writes a religion column for three Mississippi newspapers: *The Clarion-Ledger*, *The Greenwood Commonwealth*, and *The Oxford Eagle*.

## 80's

Michael L. Davis ('81) received the Doctor of Educational Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2011. He is currently the associate/education pastor at Valley View Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Chaplain Don Biadog Jr. ('83) was among the officiates at the service for retired U.S. Navy SEAL Senior Chief Petty Officer Tyrone Woods, who died in the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012.

Scott V. Fetzer ('83) is the owner of Fetzer's Antiques in Aspen, Colo., where he has lived since 1989. Recently, Scott was hired by Sotheby's Real Estate to work in the farm and ranch division.



## 90's

Dr. Ric Shrubbs ('94), president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to exchange students and agriculture faculty with Russia to advance subsistence farming techniques in Russia during the 2013 academic year. Shrubbs is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2013-2014.



Suzanne Allmon ('96), an Oak Grove High School drama teacher, received the 2013 Alan R. Baron Excellence in Teaching Award. The award was named for the late Alan R. Barton, president of Mississippi Power Company from 1980-89.

Dr. Rhonda Smith ('96 & '97) and Steven Tilly were married May 11, 2012. Dr. Tilly serves as a full-time English instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and occasionally teaches education courses as an adjunct for Carey. The couple lives in Florence.



Karen Cole Toralba ('97 & '98) and her husband, Ramon, announce the birth of their daughter, Lailani. The Toralba's call her Lali, and her name is Polynesian and means "heavenly garland of flowers." Lali was born February 9, 2013, and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.



Dr. Adam Breerwood ('99) has been selected as one of Mississippi's Top 40 Under 40. Breerwood serves as vice president for the Poplarville campus and Hancock Center of Pearl River Community College.



## 00's

Steven A. West (00' & 04') accepted a position with Sony Playstation in Foster City, Calif.

Cynthia Dobbs ('01) married Shawn Sutton on January 22, 2011, at Cedar Lake Christian Assembly in Biloxi, Miss. Cynthia Dobbs Sutton has been promoted to events and public relations manager at the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce-Main Street Tourism Bureau.



Cecilia Dobbs ('01) and Danny Walton were married on September 22, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Bellagio.



Dale R. Clancy ('03) received the Master of Divinity in chaplaincy from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary on September 03, 2012.

Robyn Killebrew ('03) has been named head coach of the South All-Stars by the Mississippi Association of Coaches. Robyn currently resides in Pass Christian, Miss.

David Jerome Taylor ('03) serves as the interim pastor at First Southern Baptist Church of Wickenburg, Ariz. David met his wife, Melinda Ulmer, at William Carey. The Taylors were married on May 22, 2004, and have three children, Abigail, 7, Jackson, 5, and Hannah, 3. David attends Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, working toward the Master of Divinity.



# Class Notes continued

Allen "Trey" ('05) and Keisha ('04) Spangler recently moved to Silver Creek, Miss., where Trey serves as pastor at Calvary Baptist Church. Trey and Keisha have two children, Annie, 1, and Nathan, 2.



Kevin Boone ('08) created a World War II Monopoly game to teach his World Geography class more about World War II. The game is now produced by USAopoly and on shelves at the New Orleans World War II Museum.



Emerson ('06 & '08) and Ginger ('99 & '08) Toledo announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan Emerson. Jonathan Emerson was born March 5, 2013, and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. Emerson is the logistics manager for key accounts at WNC Satcom Group, and Ginger enjoys staying home with their son. The family lives in Petal.



Kourtney W. Hollingsworth ('08) was featured as one of the leading business women in the state in the "Mississippi Business Journal: 50 Leading Business Women in 2012." Hollingsworth oversees 11 counties in the Governor's Broadband Initiative Project and is currently working toward the Doctor of Business Administration.

Jaime Kathryn Parker ('08) received her doctorate in counselor education from The University of New Orleans in December of 2012. Jamie resides in Ocean Springs with her husband, Robert Parker, and their daughter Kate, 2. She is employed by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast.



Liam ('10) and Jessica Cofield ('10) Openshaw announce the birth of their son, Liam Michael, on January 3, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.



## 10's

Heather Bryant ('10) and her husband, James T., announce the birth of their twin girls, Elizabeth Joy and Isabella Chrystene Bryant, born October 15, 2012, at River Oaks Baby Suites in Flowood, Miss. Elizabeth Joy weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz., and Isabella Chrystene weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. Joy and Bella were welcomed home by their big brother, Thomas. The Bryants currently reside in Pinola, Miss.

Johshonda Robertson ('10) was honored at Lamar County School District's Excellence in Education Reception on April 22. Robertson was a member of the grant writing team that won over \$40,000 of technology equipment and programming in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Grant Contest for the K-8 campus. Robertson is pictured on the right.





Carley Alexander ('12) and her husband, Austin, announce the birth of Anna Massey Ruth Alexander. Anna Massey was born September 23, 2012, and weighed 9 lbs. Anna Massey was welcomed home by big sister Addison Reese, 4, and big brother, Andrew, 2.



Garrett Braley ('12) and Torrie Atkins were married on November 17, 2012, at The Venue in Hattiesburg. Torrie, an elementary education major at Carey, is employed by Oak Grove Primary School in Hattiesburg. Garrett is employed by Regions Bank in Hattiesburg and Bethlehem Community Church in Laurel.



# Alumni passings

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**Delta S. Freathy '34**  
died December 10, 2012

**Ray Douthit '73**  
died January 21, 2013

**Elizabeth Anne  
Cooper Price '37**  
died November 26, 2012

**Shirley Peters '73**  
died May 8, 2012

**Elizabeth Edge '39**  
died October 17, 2004

**Nolan Ray Mapp '77**  
died March 25, 2013

**Elise Sumrall Platt '40**  
died April 20, 2013

**Jane Lee Luft Rey '86**  
Died March 10, 2013

**Margaret Anne Elizabeth  
Evans Pittman '53**  
died November 20, 2012

**Linda Diane Payson '99**  
died September 19, 2012

**Gene Shirley '59**  
died November 9, 2012

**Jason Lee '05**  
died January 1, 2013

**George Rosetti '61**  
died September 19, 2012

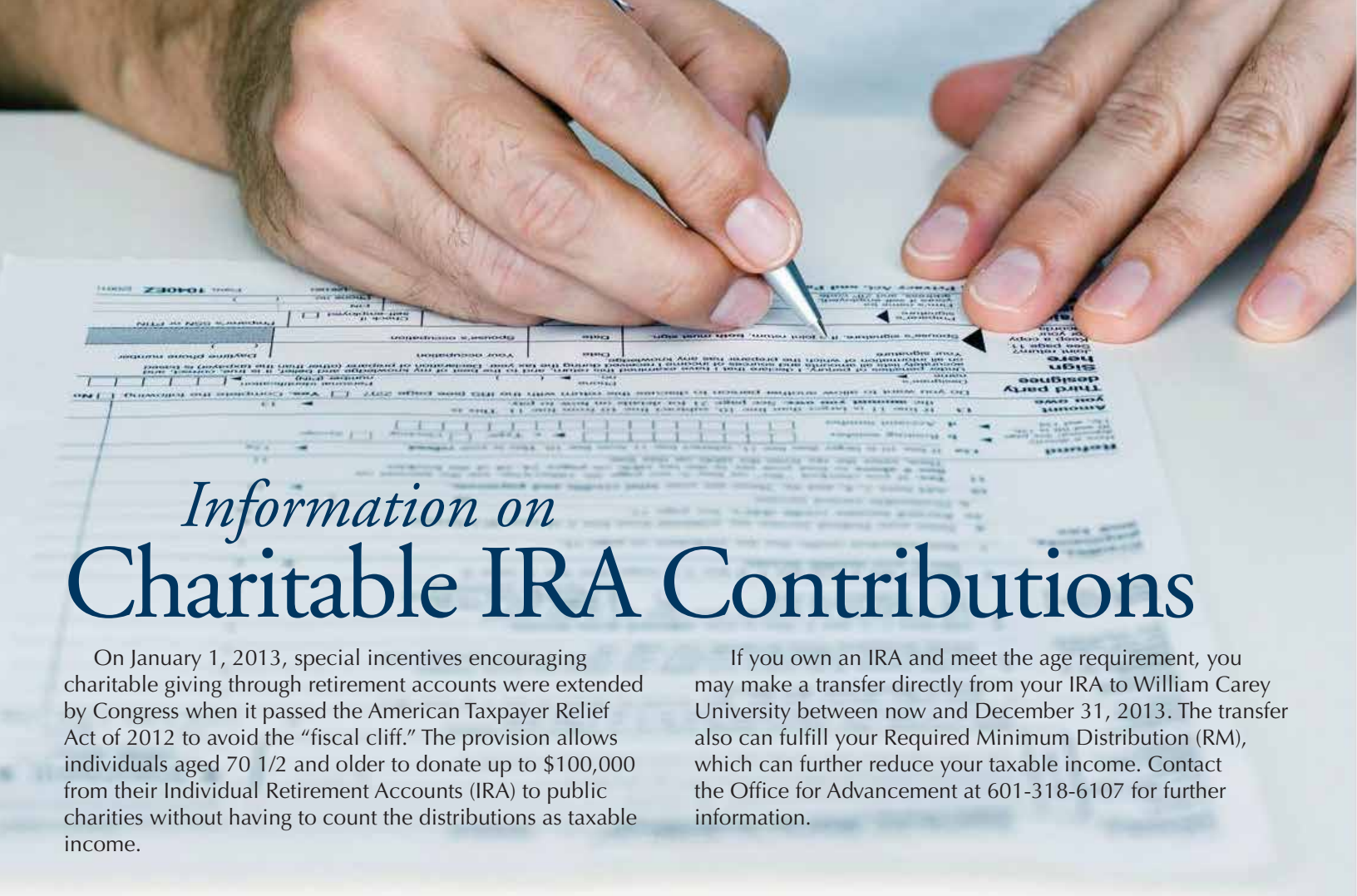
**Mary Naomi Hopkins  
Noonkester, Registrar  
and First Lady '56-'89**  
died February 4, 2013

**Robert "Bob" Cuccaro '62**  
died March 9, 2013

**Leliar "Lee Ann"  
Williams Bethley**  
died March 3, 2013

**Odus Jackson '63**  
died April 13, 2011

**Walter Franklin Lay '65**  
died February 3, 2013



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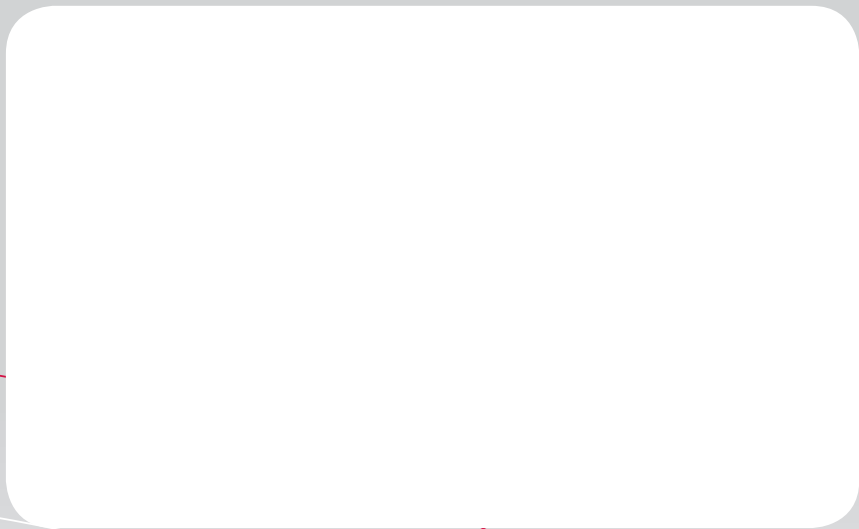
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