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*Celebrating  
100 Years*

# LETTERS FROM CAREY



TO ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF CAREY:

I sit here at the close of a very busy day hoping that I can convey to you the spirit of excitement that permeates our Carey campus. In a single day we have had an outstanding lecture on the role of drama in communicating the Christian gospel throughout history, an opening reception for a wonderful art exhibit by two of our art students, the bid opening for a new men's residence hall, a women's soccer game (we won), a very fine concert by soprano Katrina Cox, a Carey grad and recipient of numerous awards from State University of New York, National Association of Teachers of Singing and many others, and a men's soccer game (we won). I am exhausted, but it was a remarkable day, in part because it is just an ordinary example of the extracurricular activities that make a Carey education superior.

As you receive this, we will have broken ground for a new men's residence hall, the fourth new dorm in the past six years. Plans are under way for the renovation of the old business building into a facility for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. The iconic Mary Ross Hospital building is being renovated into offices for the P. T. program and for a clinic to provide osteopathic medical care to our campus and community. An ongoing campaign to raise the funds for start-up costs of the P. T. program is in process. We need your assistance with this.

Increasing our endowment for scholarships is a critical need. After hearing about one of our students who was killed in a head-on collision, leaving his young widow seriously injured and wondering how she could complete her education, a former Carey student, Wayne Ross, launched an endowed scholarship fund to provide emergency assistance for students caught in serious situations which could disrupt their education. Wayne had to drop out of school when his father died and start to work to help support the family. He was successful and is now an admired Hattiesburg businessman and active member of Temple Baptist Church. Wayne stated, "I don't want other students to have to drop out of school when tragedy strikes." If you feel led of the Lord to support this fund, you may contact our advancement office at 601-318-6542 or send your donation marked "Emergency Scholarship Fund."

The hand of God is upon William Carey University. Your investment in the lives of students makes you a partner with God in this important work (I Cor. 3:9). Thank you for your loyal support.

God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Tommy King







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Leadership and Service*

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# *Khayat* featured at WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY

The annual William Carey University scholarship dinner, featuring University of Mississippi Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Robert C. Khayat as keynote speaker, was held on September 9 at Southern Oaks House and Gardens.

The theme for the scholarship dinner was "The Education of a Lifetime: Actions, Not Words," adapted from the title of Khayat's recently published autobiography and from the university's 2014-2015 theme.

The evening included a VIP reception, dinner with musical entertainment, a silent auction, scholarship presentations and the keynote address by Khayat. Musical entertainment was provided by the WCU Forever Plaid and Guitar quartets.

Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, welcomed dinner guests with an update on the health, growth and future of the university. Khayat was introduced by his friend and former law student, former Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

Khayat, who served as chancellor of Ole Miss from 1995-2009, brought stories from his personal life to illustrate his point that God is an omnipresent force, and always willing to help those who call upon His name. Khayat's speech, mixed with both humor and touching stories, told of his life's struggles and victories and how God had always been there to provide a helping hand. The former college football All-Star and National Football League player also mentioned how proud he was of WCU's growth in recent years.





*Dr. Khayat with Students*

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Dinner

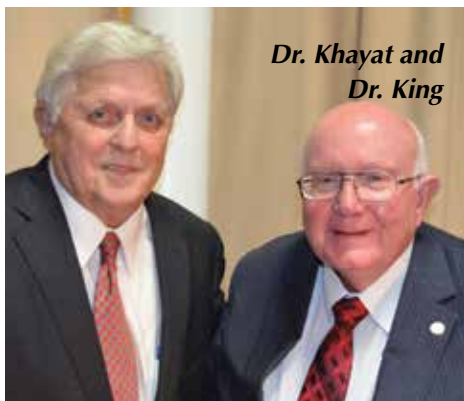
Kenna Spiller, a senior elementary education major, delivered a student testimonial. Spiller expressed her personal appreciation for scholarship support and thanked the faithful donors who make college education a possibility for many WCU students.

The Senator Trent Lott Scholarship, the Governor Phil Bryant Scholarship and the Senator Roger Wicker Scholarship, established in honor of previous dinner speakers, were also presented. Brooke Fessler, a sophomore from Biloxi, received the Lott Scholarship. Joey Holifield, a sophomore from Laurel, received the Bryant Scholarship. Ian Turner, a junior from Meridian, received the Wicker Scholarship. A similar scholarship will be established in Khayat's name.

The dinner, now in its fourth year, is held to raise money for institutional scholarships for WCU students, 90 percent of whom receive some type of financial aid. The total contributions for scholarships exceeded \$287,000,

bringing the total raised for the four years to \$1.4 million.

For information on ways to contribute to William Carey University, call (601) 318-6542 or visit [www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey](http://www.wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey).



*Dr. Khayat and Dr. King*



*Dr. Khayat and The Honorable Ronnie Musgrove*





*Students participate in Carey WOW Cookout.*

# WCU WELCOMES *New Students*

William Carey University welcomed new students during Carey WOW (Welcome and Orientation Weekend) held August 21-24.

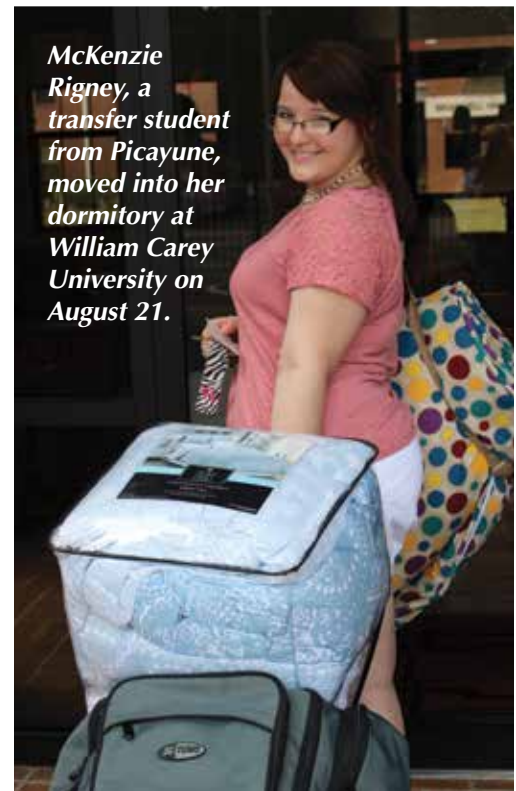
Some of the activities included a Crusader Ceremony, student luau, devotional times, nature walks and student and parent orientation sessions. Students were able to learn about the history of WCU, its culture and also its namesake through informative sessions led by university personnel. Other sessions included information on being financially smart as a student and exploring Hattiesburg and the local area.

Students competed in scavenger hunts, attended soccer games, enjoyed a cookout, and attended local churches with their new classmates.

"It was very fun and informed me about the university, while also helping me get familiar with my surroundings and meeting new people," said Austin Speights, 18, a freshman at WCU.



*McKenzie Rigney, a transfer student from Picayune, moved into her dormitory at William Carey University on August 21.*



*Faculty, staff, parents, and students participate in the Crusader Ceremony during orientation.*



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

## *Held for Tatum Court*

A centennial celebration was held on August 26 for Tatum Court, the administration building of William Carey University.

The Colonial-style building was completed in 1914 at a cost of \$312,982.09. The building was funded through a generous gift from W. S. F. Tatum, a wealthy local Methodist lumberman and early benefactor of WCU's predecessor, Mississippi Woman's College. In its original configuration, Tatum Court boasted the largest auditorium in Hattiesburg, along with classrooms, laboratories, a gymnasium, a library and a swimming pool on the ground floor. The building, which has been renovated five times since its completion 100 years ago, is now the oldest surviving building on the WCU campus.

During the celebration, Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, made remarks on the significance of the building as an icon not only for the university but also for the Hattiesburg

area. He also welcomed members of the Tatum family. Dr. Myron Noonkester, professor of history and dean of the Noonkester School of Arts and Letters, offered words of remembrance about the building and the significance it has had for his family and others.

William W. (Bill) Tatum Jr., the oldest surviving great-grandson of W. S. F. Tatum, gave a response from the Tatum family. He told of W. S. F. Tatum's life and personal motto, "Never Quit," and praised the WCU community for the growth of the university.

Dr. Bennie Crockett, vice president of institutional effectiveness, closed the celebration with a reading of Scripture from Ezra 5:4 and Luke 6:47-48. He also offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the building's rich service to the university and for the hands that made the building possible.



***Descendants of W. S. F. Tatum, Tatum Court's major benefactor, attended the centennial celebration for the building on August 26. Tatum Court, built in 1914, is the administration building of William Carey University. Pictured are (left to right) William W. (Bill) Tatum, Dr. Virginia Tatum, Dee Tatum, Toddy Tatum, Mrs. Fredrick Tatum, WCU President Dr. Tommy King and WCU Provost Dr. Scott Hummel.***





## *Dedication Held for* **NEW CHAPEL**

William Carey University held a dedication ceremony for the Bass Memorial Chapel on August 27. Completed earlier this year, the chapel is located behind Chain Garden on the university's Hattiesburg campus. It will seat approximately 100 people for various functions, such as small religious services, and will also be open daily for use by students, faculty and staff for meditation and reflection.

Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, welcomed guests and recognized those who made the construction of the chapel possible. He also welcomed members of the Bass family. The chapel is named for the late Caroline and Ray Bass, who gave the lead gift for the chapel's construction.

Dr. Scott Hummel, provost, gave an overview of the chapel design and discussed the significance of the stained glass windows and building design as well as the history of the construction. Ben Austin, president of WCU's Baptist Student Union, remarked on the significance of the building to the student body and offered words of appreciation to the Bass family and the other donors who made the building possible. Cassandra Bass Torbett, daughter of Caroline and Ray Bass, gave a response from the family.

Dr. Garry Breland, vice president for academic affairs, closed the program with a reading from 2 Chronicles 7:11-15 and a prayer of dedication.



***ABOVE: William Carey University's new Bass Memorial Chapel, located behind Chain Garden on the university's Hattiesburg campus, was dedicated on August 27.***



***LEFT: Members of the Bass family attended the dedication service. Pictured are (from left to right) Russell Torbett, Cassandra Bass Torbett, WCU President Dr. Tommy King, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bass.***





## *Dedication Held for* New School of Business

The university held a dedication ceremony for the new School of Business building on August 28. Completed in July, the building features state-of-the-art technology. Among the amenities in the building are a reception area, two lecture halls on the first floor and classrooms and a computer lab on the second floor, along with faculty and staff offices, study areas, a kitchen, lounges and conference rooms. Other features of the building include an expansive lobby with a grand staircase and an 8-foot European crystal chandelier that was donated to the university.

During the ceremony, Dr. Tommy King, WCU president, welcomed guests. Dr. Cheryl Dale, dean of the School of Business, related how the new building will positively impact business students for many years to come, and Michael Coelho, a senior business administration

major from Niceville, Fla., expressed appreciation on behalf of his classmates. Dr. Michael Madaris, assistant professor of business administration, brought Scripture readings from 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Ephesians 2:10 and Colossians 3:17 and prayed words of dedication.

The new building, which sits on Tuscan Avenue across from the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine complex, opened on August 25, the first day of fall classes.

***ABOVE: The new School of Business building at William Carey University was dedicated on August 28.***

***RIGHT: School of Business faculty attend the dedication of the new building.***





# William Carey University School of Music Hosts

## WORLD VOICE DAY

The William Carey University Winters School of Music hosted World Voice Day on April 16 on the Hattiesburg campus. This conference/workshop covered vocal health, vocal disease, vocal science and other related issues. The sessions featured one of the nation's leading pedagogical and voice experts Dr. Thomas Cleveland, director of vocology at the Vanderbilt Voice Center and professor of otolaryngology in the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, as well as Dr. John Schweinfurth, otolaryngologist at University of Mississippi Medical Center, and Anthony Bertelli, a product specialist from PENTAX Medical.

World Voice Day is a global event, celebrated on April 16 annually, involving otolaryngologists, head and neck surgeons, speech-language pathologists, voice teachers and other voice professionals promoting awareness of the importance of having a healthy voice. This recognition allows professionals to educate others on actions they can take to improve or maintain good vocal health.

A physicians-only session featured Dr. Cleveland, Dr. Schweinfurth, and Mr. Bertelli who presented an introduction to the capabilities of video stroboscopy equipment, including hands-on work with the equipment and strobe volunteers.

Other sessions included demonstrations of the practical use of the equipment in medicine, speech, pathology, and music; a question and answer session; a review and discussion of the vocal scans taken with the equipment; as well as discussions of the anatomy and physiology of the voice, interdisciplinary evaluation of voice problems, and an overview of voice disorders from different professionals' perspectives.

The final session, which was part of WCU's University Lecture Series, covered care of the voice and how to recognize,



**Dr. Thomas Cleveland, director of vocology at the Vanderbilt Voice Center and professor of otolaryngology in the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and Dr. Kimberle Moon, artist-in-residence and instructor of voice and vocal arts at William Carey University, during World Voice Day activities at WCU on April 16.**

avoid, and correct vocal misuse.

Keynote speaker Dr. Cleveland is widely known for his research and teaching/coaching in the care of the singing voice. He has lectured in Australia, Brazil, England, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, and all over the U.S. Dr. Cleveland also served as an expert coach for a master session of American Voices, a performance and performance-coaching event, alongside country star Alison Krauss at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California and conducted postgraduate research with Dr. Johan Sundberg at the Royal Institute of Technology, in Stockholm, Sweden, as a Fulbright Scholar.

# WINTERS SCHOOL OF Music UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 11 & 12 | White Christmas  |
| 13      | White Christmas, 2:00 p.m.   |
| 15 & 16 | White Christmas<br><i>Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center,<br/>Ocean Springs, MS</i> |

## FEBRUARY 2015

|   |   |
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| 5 | Walk with Me: The 16 <sup>th</sup> Street Bombing |
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## MARCH

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 20      | Forever Plaid   |
| 26 & 27 | Magic Flute   |
| 28      | Magic Flute, <i>Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs, MS, 2:00 p.m.</i> |

## APRIL

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| 2     | Faure Requiem, 6:00 p.m. |
| 9-11  | Carey Honor Band         |
| 15-19 | Choral Spring Tour       |

## MAY

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| 2 | Forever Plaid, <i>Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs, MS, 2:00 p.m.</i> |
| 3 | Forever Plaid, <i>Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs, MS, 2:00 p.m.</i> |

## JUNE

|       |                               |
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| 15-19 | My First String Camp at Carey |
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## JULY

|       |                      |
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| 20-24 | Musical Theatre Camp |
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*All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. See website for more information*





# WCU Awarded \$20,000

## FROM LOCAL FOUNDATION

The Greater Pinebelt Community Foundation has awarded William Carey University \$20,000 to benefit programs that assist adults with intellectual disabilities.

The \$20,000 grant is divided into two \$10,000 grants. One of the grants is for "Harnessing Adults' Full Potential Through Music Therapy," which provides music therapy services to adults with intellectual disabilities at day rehabilitation centers. The goal of the program is to increase acquisition of skill building and to promote activities for daily living.

Music therapy students work closely with Nicole Ribet, a music therapist with Ribet Rhythms Music Therapy Services and a 2013 graduate of WCU, to help individuals with development disabilities gain social skills and independence, said Jim Pierce, assistant professor of music therapy at WCU.

"Students can work with clients and interact with them, providing benefits to both parties," said Pierce. "These grants personify the good local communities can do when they work together."

The second \$10,000 grant will fund the WCU Quality of Life Project, which pairs students with adults with intellectual disabilities for recreational and educational projects. The project, now in its fourth year, allows for new experiences for both the client and the student, said Dr. Paul Cotten, project director.

Pennie Young, a case manager with Ellisville State School who has worked closely with Cotten on the project, said the grants make a world of difference in the lives of clients. Clients and students together attend multiple outings each year, to events such as Carey Dinner Theatre, local concerts and movies. The group also takes an out-of-town trip once a year, such as to Graceland and the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis or to the aquarium in New Orleans.

"Because of the efforts of the Foundation and of William Carey University, we can go on trips that enhance the quality of life of those we work with," said Young.

The grants are awarded from the



**Representatives from William Carey University, including Dr. Tommy King, president, receive a \$20,000 check from the Greater Pinebelt Community Foundation's Ann Morris Memorial Fund for programs that benefit adults with intellectual disabilities. Also pictured are representatives from Ellisville State School, from the Foundation, from Ribet Rhythms Music Therapy Services and from Trustmark Bank.**

Ann Morris Memorial Fund, which was set up to enrich the quality of life of intellectually challenged adults. The Foundation exists to strengthen communities by connecting charitably minded people to causes that matter the most to them.



## DELTA OMICRON, OMICRON SIGMA CHAPTER

# *Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

The Omicron Sigma Chapter of Delta Omicron, established in 1964, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity is a professional fraternity in the field of music with collegiate chapters established throughout the United States and abroad. The mission of Delta Omicron is to promote and support excellence in music and musicianship. An anniversary celebration was held on October 24 at the home of Ms. Josephine D'Arpa, one of the founding members of Omicron Sigma Chapter of Delta Omicron.





Student INTERNSHIPS

## ED ISAAC CERDA MONTALVO



Ed Isaac Cerda Montalvo, a graduate student in interscholastic athletic administration from Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico, has been interning for FC Dallas, an American professional soccer club based in Frisco, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. His responsibilities include videotaping practices, assisting the equipment manager, shadowing the technical director and director of operations and assisting with special projects. Cerda graduated from WCU with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation in May 2014 and was active with the men's soccer team as manager. "I'm honestly glad to be a part of this great team at FC Dallas, which has made me feel like home from the start ... and I'm thankful for a great soccer program at Carey, which taught me many things in life," said Cerda. The internship started in August and will conclude in December.

## MICHAEL COELHO



Michael Coelho, a senior business administration major from Niceville, Fla., has been interning for PriorityOne Bank in Hattiesburg.

Coelho was recommended for the internship by Dr. Cheryl Dale, dean of the School of Business, after proving himself to be an outstanding student. He is a member of the Carey baseball team, editor-in-chief and sports editor of The Cobbler student newspaper and a member of the first School of Business Leadership Institute. Coelho will finish his classwork at Carey in late 2014 and expects to graduate in May 2015. He is undecided on his plans post-graduation, but will likely attend graduate school. "My internship experience has been invaluable ... the ability to gain hands-on work experience in a competitive business environment has helped me gain relevant work experience and prepared me to enter the work force after graduation," said Coelho.

## RACHEL CHARPIE



Rachel Charpie, a senior music therapy major from Citronelle, Ala., is serving adults with intellectual disabilities at Bi-County Services in Bluffton, Ind. Charpie applied for the internship as part of the requirements for her music therapy degree at William Carey University. Charpie sees 50 clients each week in both group and individual sessions and uses her gifts and skills with guitar and other instruments to help the clients meet varied emotional and intellectual

goals. Charpie has always had a passion to help others, and she has always loved music. When she heard about Carey's music therapy program, she knew she had found a way to blend both passions together.

Charpie looks forward to finishing her internship and beginning the next step in God's plan for her life. After graduation in May 2015, she plans to serve as a missionary in Haiti for two years, working in an orphanage, using the gifts and skills God has given her to take His message of hope to the people of this island who captured her heart in previous short-term mission trips.

Cast members rehearse a scene from Carey Dinner Theatre production of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" which ran July 8-19 in the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre at William Carey University.

# CAREY Dinner Theatre

"The Spitfire Grill" and "Pump Boys and Dinettes" were the two shows of the 39th season of the Carey Dinner Theatre (CDT), held during June and July at the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre.

"Spitfire," the heartwarming journey of Percy, a young woman just released from prison, was written by James Valcq with lyrics and book by Fred Alley and is based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff. The story tells of Percy's new life in a small American town, with touching drama, family secrets, gossip and forgiveness in frequently funny and sometimes touching encounters.

"Pump Boys" is a country music-themed comedy set in a diner and gas station on Highway 57, halfway between Smyrna and Frog Level, Ga. It tells the story of four "good ole boys" and two sassy waitresses as they describe life on their stretch of highway. The comedy was conceived and written by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann.

The cast and crew for the shows included Jason Piglia of Picayune; Ben Salters of Ocean Springs; Joey Roderick

of Blue Ridge, Ga.; Kevar Maffitt of Olive Branch; Jordan Dobbins of Florence, Ala.; Olivia Broome of Carson; Tae Young Hong of Seoul, South Korea; Allison Gilliard of Tallahassee, Fla.; Rebecca Traylor of Vicksburg; Gabby D'Arcangelo of Olive Branch; Andrew Malone of Hattiesburg; Michaela Moore of Biloxi; Sean Murphy of Ocean Springs; Caitlyn Shows of Carriere; and Michele Walker of Madison.

Tim Matheny, chair of the WCU Department of Theatre and Communication, directed the shows with Melissa Beauvais, adjunct dance instructor, as choreographer. Musical director was Dr. Howard Keever, professor of music theory at WCU. The design team included Cody Stockstill of the Mississippi State University faculty; Chris Wooten; and Kelly James-Penot of The University of Southern Mississippi faculty. Jeanna Graves, administrative assistant for Theatre and Communication, was office manager. Obra Quave, professor emeritus of theatre, served as managing director. Katie Hardeman of Olive Branch served as box office



**(Left to right) Kevar Maffitt of Olive Branch; Michaela Moore of Biloxi; Jordan Dobbins of Florence, Ala.; Allison Gilliard of Tallahassee, Fla.; and (seated) Olivia Broome of Carson rehearse a scene from "The Spitfire Grill," Carey Dinner Theatre's first production of its 39th season.**

manager with Rebekah Romack of McComb and Abi Wiggins of Senatobia assisting.

Sponsors for the season included BancorpSouth, William Carey University and an anonymous friend of CDT.





# White Coat Ceremony

## Held for WCUCOM Class of 2018

The William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) held the fifth annual White Coat Ceremony for the medical school class of 2018 on August 16 in Smith Auditorium. The annual White Coat Ceremony welcomes new students into both the osteopathic medicine profession and WCU.

The new class consists of 108 students selected from an applicant pool of 2,442. The class includes 66 men and 42 women ranging in ages from 18-45. The average age in the new class is 25. The class has a total of 112 bachelor's degrees and 48 master's degrees, with some students holding multiple degrees.

The majority of the new students

are from the Gulf South region of the United States. Of the students, 28 are from Mississippi; 23 are from Louisiana; 15 are from Florida; 14 are from Texas; eight are from Arkansas; and six are from Alabama. There are two students each from California, Georgia and New York, and one student each from Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon and Tennessee.

During the ceremony, each student was cloaked with a white medical coat before taking the osteopathic oath of commitment in front of faculty members, family and guests. This meaningful ritual symbolizes the students' promise to accept the fundamental obligations in the practice

*The fifth annual White Coat Ceremony was held for the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine's Class of 2018 on August 16. The new class has 108 students, with the majority of those students coming from the Gulf South region of the United States.*

of osteopathic medicine: to be excellent in science, to be compassionate and to lead lives of uprightness and honor.

WCUCOM, the second medical school in Mississippi and the state's only osteopathic medical school, graduated its inaugural class and received full accreditation from the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation in 2014.

## ASBURY FOUNDATION Award Presented

Student Doctor Terry Fokakis, a second-year medical student at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine, was presented with the Asbury Award for Academic Excellence on August 16.

The annual award is given to a second-year medical student with the highest grade point average from the eight-county area served by the Asbury Foundation. Preference is given to a student who intends to practice in Mississippi. The award includes a medallion and a cash stipend and is presented at the White Coat Ceremony.

Fokakis, of Hattiesburg, has a Bachelor of Science in biology from Mississippi College and a Master of Science in biomedical sciences from Northwestern University. He is married to Kendra Fokakis and is the son of Dr. Arthur and Mary Virginia Fokakis. After graduation from the WCUCOM in 2017, Fokakis plans to practice medicine in Mississippi.

The award was presented to Fokakis by William K. "Bill" Ray, president and chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation, and by Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU.



*(Left to right) Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU; Fokakis; Dr. Italo Subbarao, associate dean of pre-clinical sciences for WCUCOM; Fokakis' wife, Kendra Fokakis; Fokakis' father, Dr. Arthur Fokakis; and William K. Ray, chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation.*

# Ross Excellence in Anatomy Award

*Presented to Gulfport WCUCOM Student*

Robert Rafael Sudduth of Gulfport, a second-year medical student at William Carey University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM), recently received The Randolph J. and Brenda H. Ross Excellence in Anatomy Award. Dr. Jim Turner, dean of WCUCOM, presented it to him during Honors Day Convocation on April 30. The award, established by Dr. Ross and his wife, is given to the WCUCOM student who has the highest grade point average in anatomy.

Dr. Ross is chairman of the Department of Surgery at Hattiesburg Clinic. The recipient of the award must be from Mississippi and plan to practice in Mississippi upon graduation. The award consists of an engraved medallion and a cash stipend which is credited to the student's tuition for his or her second year of medical school.

Dr. Ross has been a strong advocate for the WCUCOM since its inception. In 2007, the WCU Board of Trustees and Dr. Tommy King committed to open the WCUCOM to address the severe shortage of physicians in Mississippi and surrounding areas. It was recognized at that time that a medical school would positively impact the healthcare of rural Mississippians. In 2008, WCUCOM was officially established; in 2010, WCU welcomed the inaugural class; and on May 24, the first class graduated. WCUCOM is the state's second medical school and one of 29 institutions that offers a degree in osteopathic medicine in the U.S.



*(Left to right) Robert Rafael Sudduth of Gulfport, a second-year medical student at William Carey University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Randolph Ross, urologist and chairman of surgery at Hattiesburg Clinic, and his wife Brenda Ross, prior to WCU's Honors Convocation 2014. Sudduth was awarded The Randolph J. and Brenda H. Ross Excellence in Anatomy Award.*

## WCUCOM Student Receives HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) student Ryan Hagenson of Purvis recently received The Lois S. McKenzie Humanitarian Restricted Scholarship. Chosen by the dean of the WCUCOM, Dr. Jim Turner, the scholarship is awarded to a top second-year WCUCOM student from South Mississippi who shows an interest in practicing medicine in Mississippi and working with the elderly.

"Having been selected by Dr. Turner, I am honored to be selected to receive The Lois S. McKenzie Humanitarian Scholarship," Hagenson said. "As a second-year medical student in the top 50 percent of my class, I am also humbled and very appreciative of this generous donation towards helping student physicians achieve their dream of one day becoming practicing physicians."

Hagenson is an active member of the WCUCOM International and Medical Missions organization, the Student Osteopathic Medical Association, and the Christian Medical and Dental Association. He is a member of Oak Grove Methodist Church, where he serves on their Missions Committee and mentors college students. Hagenson is also active with Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International, headquartered in Hattiesburg, and has traveled with and supported this organization in providing construction assistance and medical care in Nicaragua and Honduras.

Joel McKenzie of Foxworth, Lois McKenzie's son, established the scholarship and presented it to Hagenson on December 12 in honor of his mother's 90th birthday. Hagenson is the second WCUCOM student to receive the McKenzie Scholarship.



*(Second to left) Joel McKenzie presents The Lois S. McKenzie Humanitarian Restricted Scholarship to (center) Ryan Hagenson, a second-year William Carey*

*University College of Osteopathic Medicine student from Purvis. Pictured with Mr. McKenzie and Hagenson are (left) Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, (right) Dr. Jim Turner, dean of the WCUCOM, and Dr. Scott Hummel, provost of WCU.*



# EMERGENCY

## Scholarship Fund

*Established at WCU*

The Emergency Scholarship Fund (ESF) has been established at William Carey University to assist students who may find the cost of college prohibitive following a family emergency.

The ESF was established through the efforts of Hattiesburg businessman Wayne Ross, owner of Commercial Stationery Company, and other donors. Its purpose is to respond to student needs in the event of an emergency, such as a sudden death in the family or family health-related issues. These matters often cause students to drop out of college, sometimes never to return, said Ross.

Ross has personal experience with family emergencies and unexpected costs. When he was a student at WCU in the early 1970s, his father passed away. The loss and unexpected financial burden caused him to drop out of college and rendered him unable to return.

"I had to leave school and go to work," he said. "I just couldn't go back."

With the establishment of the ESF, Ross hopes students can avoid dropping out because of a crisis. He is working to coordinate other donors and to build the endowment to a level that will provide maximum benefit to students in need.

"I think it is wonderful that we can have an endowment that will help meet the financial needs of students to continue their education," said Ross.

Many WCU students already benefit from the generosity of donors like Ross and others. Josiah Lawrence, a junior nursing major, found a home at WCU after his mother passed away from cancer.

"When my mother passed away, I did not know what to do," said Lawrence.



**Hattiesburg businessman Wayne Ross establishes the Emergency Scholarship Fund at WCU.**

"The scholarships and personal attention I received at Carey allowed me to go to college and stay in college."

Ross hopes the endowment will continue its growth and encourages other donors to give if they are able.

"It's the right thing to do ... helping others when they need it," he said.

The ESF will be available to both undergraduate and graduate students, including students from the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Applications for assistance will be reviewed and awards given through the Office of the President.

*To learn more about the ESF or to donate, contact the Office for Advancement at (601) 318-6542 or online at [www.wmcarey.edu/advancement](http://www.wmcarey.edu/advancement). For eligibility and requests for assistance, contact the Office of Financial Aid at (601) 318-6479.*



## Former Professors Honored with Legacy of Learning

William Carey University honored Dr. Dorman Laird, professor of religion from 1968-2007, and Dr. David Gruchy, professor of biology from 1966-1976, with a Legacy of Learning presentation at the Alumni Banquet in April 2014. The legacy scholarship program was established to recognize professors who leave a "Legacy of Learning" and administrators who leave a "Legacy of Leadership." These professors and administrators are honored with a legacy stone placed on the Carey campus.

*Donations may be made in Dr. Laird's and Dr. Gruchy's honor by giving online at [www.wmcarey.edu](http://www.wmcarey.edu) or by sending a check to William Carey University, Office for Advancement, Box 141, 498 Tuscan Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. For more information about the scholarship, contact the Office for Advancement at (601) 318-6542 or [advancement@wmcarey.edu](mailto:advancement@wmcarey.edu).*

## Tradition Hosts *College for Kids Day*

More than 30 children participated in a free Spring Break Camp at the Tradition Campus on Wednesday, April 16. Participants engaged in several activities including a tour of the campus butterfly garden; photography and crafts; story time; music appreciation; and a nursing simulation. The student government association also conducted anti-bullying skits. "The camp was created to allow children to experience several of the programs that are available at the Tradition Campus. Many of our faculty and staff helped with hands-on activities that were fun and educational," said Angela George, camp coordinator. The children also had a devotional time before being treated to hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Bernie Cousins of the School of Business. "The event was a huge success. We definitely plan to host more camps like this in the future," said George.



*Area students participate in College for Kids Day on the Tradition Campus.*

## Burrus and Stewart TO BE HONORED

Legacy of Learning Scholarships have been established for Mrs. Sarah Gray Emerson Burrus, former registrar, and Dr. Don Stewart, former professor of religion. Donations may be made in Mrs. Burrus' and Dr. Stewart's honor by giving online at [www.wmcarey.edu](http://www.wmcarey.edu) or by sending a check to William Carey University, Office for Advancement, Box 141, 498 Tuscan Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. For more information about the scholarships, contact the Office for Advancement at (601) 318-6542 or [advancement@wmcarey.edu](mailto:advancement@wmcarey.edu).

*Liz Joachim and  
Sharmaine Loper*

SCHOLARSHIP



## LIZ CORSO JOACHIM-CORSO, INC. *Scholarship Established*

WCU business major Sharmaine Loper is the first recipient of the Liz Corso Joachim-Corso, Inc. Endowed Scholarship. Biloxi businesswoman Liz Joachim established the scholarship this year to be awarded to a deserving Carey student attending the Tradition Campus. Joachim serves as president and consultant for Corso Inc. in Biloxi, a highly regarded vending and wholesale distribution center. Active in

her community, she also serves as the chairperson of the Tradition Campus Advancement Council. Sharmaine is a senior business major working a part-time internship to prepare for her career. The extra financial help she receives from this scholarship affords her the opportunity to complete her coursework while also gaining the valuable experience she needs to achieve success.

## WCU Hosts Criminal Justice Conference

William Carey University's Tradition campus brought students from all over Mississippi together by hosting a statewide Criminal Justice Conference in the spring. The conference, which was sponsored by WCU and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, included criminal justice majors from WCU, MGCCC, Southwest Community College, Itawamba Community College, Northwest Community College, Holmes Community College, Hinds Community College, Pearl River Community College and The University of Southern Mississippi.

The program included remarks from Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, followed by an overview of the WCU criminal justice program. The first general session was "Meth in Mississippi: Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics." In addition, the conference featured a Biloxi police motorcycle demo. Following the demo, the students participated in workshops

with the Harrison County Sheriff's Office K9 division and the Gulfport Police Department SWAT team, and attended a session on terrorism presented by Jim McGee. The conference concluded with a certificate presentation.

***Pictured is one of the students participating in a K9 demonstration with Harrison County Sheriff's Department at the statewide Criminal Justice Conference hosted by William Carey University's Tradition campus.***



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# William Carey University HONORS

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**U.S. News & World Report 2015 honors:**

- 1 Ranked 37 of 126 – **Best Regional Universities in the South**
- 2 A **Top Tier** Regional University in the South
- 3 Named a school with **Least Debt of Graduates** in Regional Univ./South
- 4 Ranked 3 of 15 – **Great Schools, Great Prices** in Regional Univ./South
- 5 An **A-Plus School for B Students** in Regional Univ./South
- 6 Ranked 135 – **Best Online Graduate Education Programs**



## WCU President Named Chairman-Elect of CGE



William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King has been named chairman-elect of the Consortium for Global Education, a nonprofit organization committed to quality programs of international education.

Dr. King's election occurred during the consortium's 27th annual meeting September 17-19 at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

The consortium, founded in 1987, works to internationalize higher education through student and faculty global participation. Members of the consortium are located in 22 states, with affiliate members representing key national universities throughout the world.

**ABOVE: Dr. Tommy King (right), president of William Carey University, poses with members of the executive committee of the Consortium for Global Education. Dr. King was named chairman-elect of CGE during the consortium's annual meeting September 17-19.**

## WCU Trustees Approve DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

The William Carey University Board of Trustees has approved a Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the university's Hattiesburg campus.

At their regular September 4 meeting, the Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation of WCU President Dr. Tommy King to initiate efforts to raise \$1.5 million in startup funds for the program.

Mississippi is the only state in the region with only one physical therapy school. The new program's initial class would include 30 students. The national average salary for physical therapists is \$79,860, with practitioners in Mississippi earning higher than this average.

Job Outlook, a publication of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, predicts the percentage of job growth in physical therapy to be 36 percent, which is above the predicted increase of 20 percent for medical fields.

"The presence of a physical therapy degree program will be another step in Hattiesburg's role as a regional leader in health care, and would provide another piece to the regional economy," said Dr. King.

# DR. BEN BURNETT NAMED DEAN

## *of the WCU School of Education*

Dr. Ben Burnett has been named the dean of the William Carey University School of Education.

Dr. Burnett served as superintendent of the Lamar County School District from 2008-2014, and has 28 years of experience in the public schools of Mississippi, with 26 of those years with Lamar County Schools. He was formerly director of bands and then principal of Oak Grove Middle School. He has also served as an adjunct professor for graduate courses at both Carey and The University of Southern Mississippi.



"Carey has a long tradition of training quality teachers, and we are currently the fourth-largest school of education in the state and the largest in a private school," said Dr. Tommy King, president. "We are so pleased to have Dr. Ben Burnett join our team as dean of the School of Education. His experience in the public schools, his knowledge of educational trends and his unquestioned integrity make him an ideal choice to continue the fine teacher education program that has been built by previous deans."

Dr. Burnett received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in music education and his Ph.D. in educational administration from USM. He is deeply involved in the community, serving as president of Pine Belt Superintendents, on the Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees,

on the gifted advisory board for USM, as an executive board member for PREPS of Mississippi, as a board member for Gulf Coast Education Initiative, and as a member of Mississippi School Public Relations Association. He was given the Mississippi School Board Association (MSBA) Beacon Award for Lamar County Schools in 2013, named Lamar Times Person of the Year in 2012, presented the MSBA Lantern Award for Lamar County Schools in 2009, 2010, and 2011, received the Mississippi Gifted Advocate Award in 2011, and was named Mississippi Middle School Principal of the Year, and Teacher of the Year for the Lamar County School District.

"I'm so excited to be able to remain in the field of education," said Dr. Burnett. "I wouldn't trade any of the positions I've held up to this point for anything in the world, and I'm so blessed to have had the opportunity to work in my home district for 26 years. I'm thrilled that I will be able to bring real world experience from the K-12 setting into the college classrooms."

Dr. Burnett is an active member of Heritage United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Denice, have a 15-year-old son, Lane. Denice is the director of student operations for the Lamar County Office of Special Education and Lane is a student at Oak Grove High School.

"I am looking forward to this new adventure, and I'm excited about a chance to teach more often," Dr. Burnett said. "I especially look forward to working with the faculty in WCU's School of Education, as they are a very strong team."

# WCU Receives

## National Ranking

### in Three Education Programs

William Carey University received special recognition by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) for three programs in the School of Education. The Second Annual Review of Teacher Preparation Programs evaluated 1,612 teacher preparation programs across the United States, including 20 graduate and undergraduate programs in Mississippi. Elementary, secondary and special education programs were fully evaluated.

Of the 1,612 programs reviewed, Carey ranked tenth in the nation in the Special Education preparation program. Elementary Education preparation ranked 71 and Secondary Education received a 399 rank. Of the 20 in-state programs evaluated, seven elementary and four secondary programs were strong enough to receive national ranking.

Dean of the School of Education Dr. Ben Burnett said, "I am very proud of the hard work of the School of Education faculty and the support from the university administration for the teacher education program here at William Carey University. We have bright and talented students and I know they will have an impact on the students of the future. This great ranking is just one measure of the progress our students and faculty are making together. We look forward to continuing this level of excellence in the future."

The NCTQ was founded in 2000 to restructure the teaching profession and to increase the quality of teacher preparation programs in the United States.

## WCU Graduates First Ph.D. Students

The first graduates of two of Carey's doctoral programs completed their degrees this year.

The first cohort for the Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration degree graduated in May. The speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Rodney Bennett, president of the University of Southern Mississippi. Three

students received the degree.

Twenty-one students graduated with the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Education and Administration in August. William K. "Bill" Ray, president and chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg, was the commencement speaker.



# WCUCOM Dean Appointed

to AOA Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation



Dr. James "Jim" Turner, dean of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM), was appointed team chair for the American

Osteopathic Association's (AOA) Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). The appointment to this position followed the announcement of the WCUCOM's official accreditation from COCA, which was complete after the inaugural WCUCOM graduation ceremony on May 24.

Dr. Turner was also recently appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to serve as a member of the Healthcare Solutions Institute's Board of Directors. The Mississippi Healthcare Solutions Institute, which was formed in 2013, serves as a public-private partnership to champion healthcare growth and development.

Dr. Turner has worked as an osteopathic family physician and emergency physician in Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, and West Virginia. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Medicine and is an inspector for the American Osteopathic Association for medical colleges and emergency medicine residencies. He relocated to Hattiesburg and joined the WCUCOM family in 2011 from Charleston, W.Va., where he worked in post-graduate education and developed an emergency medicine residency program. Dr. Turner is married to Dr. Sherry Turner, D.O., and has a daughter, Ashley.



## WCU Nursing Dean Appointed to State Board

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant recently appointed Dr. Janet Williams, dean of the William Carey University School of Nursing, to serve on the State Board of Nursing. She has served in the School of Nursing for over 20 years as a teacher and administrator, and most recently, as dean.

"This is a distinct honor for Dr. Williams and for WCU," said Dr. Tommy King. "The School of Nursing has made tremendous strides in recent years."

Dr. Williams was elected by her peers to serve as vice chair for the Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) Deans and Directors Committee for the Schools of Nursing in 2012, and served as chair for the committee in 2013. She received a BS in nursing from The University of Southern Mississippi, an MSN in adult health nursing from University of Alabama in Birmingham, an MBA from University of South Alabama, and a Ph.D. in educational

leadership from USM.

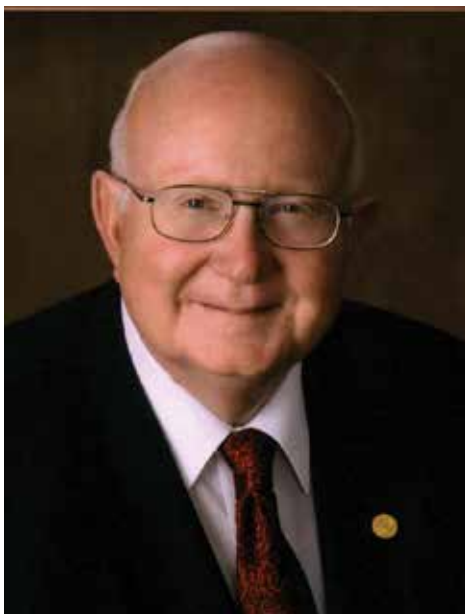
In 2011, she was given the Woman of Achievement Award in the education category by the Lighthouse Business and Professional Women (BPW) Organization. Lighthouse BPW represents successful women in every sector of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's business community. As an RN with licensure in Mississippi and Louisiana, she held various positions before coming to WCU in 1990. She worked as a critical care supervisor at the Doctor's Hospital in Mobile, as an instructor at Providence School of Nursing in Mobile, as a sales representative for Norwich Eaton Pharmaceuticals in Norwich, N.Y., as a critical care consultant and educator at University of South Alabama Medical Center, as director of education and quality assurance at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Gulfport, and as a staff nurse at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport.

# WCU PRESIDENT ELECTED

to International  
Baptist College  
Association Board

Dr. Tommy King, president of William Carey University, was elected to a four-year term on the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities (IABCU) board during the annual meeting June 1-3 in Charleston, S.C. The IABCU, which was formerly the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, is owned and operated by its 47 member schools located in 16 states and two foreign countries. The association includes 44 colleges and universities, two Bible schools, and one theological seminary.

IABCU offers its members programs such as the doctoral loan program for faculty and administrators and the tuition remission program for the dependent children of full-time teachers and administrators in Baptist colleges and universities. The association is headquartered in Nashville.



# Miss William Carey University *Sarah Beth Sewell*

Miss William Carey University 2014 Sarah Beth Sewell won two awards during the Miss Mississippi Pageant held July 9-12 in Vicksburg.

Sewell won the Non-Finalist Talent Award and the Alpha Talent Award. The Alpha Talent Award is given to a first-year contestant with the highest score in talent who did not win the preliminary.

For her talent, Sewell performed "Sempre Libera," an aria that concludes Act I of Giuseppe Verdi's opera, "La Traviata."

Sewell, 18, is a junior vocal performance major at WCU and a native of Starkville. She entered college when she was 16 years old and was crowned Miss WCU in February 2014.

Since winning her crown, Sewell, the daughter of Billy and Beth Sewell, has been busy advocating for her platform, "Spot a Spot: Save a Life ... Melanoma Awareness." The platform focuses on taking care of one's skin and knowing the causes and effects of melanoma. Sewell has appeared at several events and made media appearances to promote her platform.

Sewell's career goal is to be a professional classical singer as well as a vocal professor on the college level. During her collegiate career, Sewell has won first place at the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition and remained active with the Delta Omicron music fraternity and WCU musical groups Carpenter's Wood, the Chorale and Carey Company.

"Sarah Beth represents William Carey University with grace, beauty and honor," said Cindy Cofield, WCU director of alumni relations and Miss WCU pageant director. "Her talent is remarkable and the awards are well-deserved."



**Miss William Carey University 2014 Sarah Beth Sewell was awarded the Non-Finalist Talent and the Alpha Talent Award at the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg.**



# Life RECORDED:

## *WCU Employee Keeps Daily Diary*



***Can you remember what you did a year ago? What about 40 years ago?***

For Barbara Tillery, desktop publishing coordinator at William Carey University, those answers are only a few pages away.

Tillery has kept a daily diary since 1971. Each day, she meticulously crafts a record of her day and also reviews what she did on that date one year ago, five years ago, and 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

Tillery's writings began in 1968 at the age of 12 when she began keeping a diary. She wrote from January 1 until February 6, when she ended that day's entry mid-sentence.

On August 15, 1971, she started writing in the same volume as she began attending a boarding school for girls, and 43 years later, she hasn't missed a day since.

Her first diary, named "Arby," recounted Tillery's hobbies at the tender age of 12. She discussed her times ice skating and playing the viola and recorded her interests in her father's work as an obstetrician in her hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina. Now, her diary is filled with her current hobbies – square dancing, ballroom dancing, and head of the Committee to Light Mason Park in her home of Laurel – along with other recollections from her day.

Diary records are a family affair for Tillery, one of four generations in her family who have kept regular diaries. Her great-grandfather, Brevet Major Charles Dana Miller, was active in the Civil War and later wrote his memoirs

from his diaries which Tillery edited and published as "The Struggle for the Life of the Republic" in 2004 by Kent State University Press.

Miller's daughter (Tillery's grandmother Myrtle Upshaw) also kept abbreviated diaries until her death at age 98, but nothing as expansive as Tillery's collection. Tillery's collection of diaries includes 44 volumes, from "Arby" to her current diary, kept in a red volume purchased from Office Depot.

Tillery admits that her diary keeping may seem trivial to some, but for her, it's an important facet of her life.

"It helps me remember people, places, and events and to find connections and patterns emerging from my life that would otherwise escape me," she said. "My diaries are an irreplaceable treasure. I can't imagine living my life without them."

# McMullan Honored

## at Small Business LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

William Carey University and the Area Development Partnership (ADP) honored Wyche McMullan, owner of McMullan Motors, with the 2014 Small Business Leadership Award during the 22nd Annual Small Business Leadership Luncheon held May 7 at Southern Oaks House and Gardens. Brent Christensen, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority, served as keynote speaker for the event.

McMullan grew up in the automobile business, working as a young boy sweeping floors, washing cars, delivering parts, and working in sales. When he graduated from college, he began working at the dealership full-time with his father, Dillard McMullan.

McMullan has served in various capacities in local civic organizations, advertising associations, the ADP, the Forrest County Industrial Park Commission, and state organizations. An active member of First Presbyterian Church, he currently serves as an elder and co-teaches a Sunday school class with his wife, Eleanor. He and Eleanor have a daughter, Kristen; three sons, Kelly, Drew, and Jeff; and five grandchildren.

Previous recipients of the award



**Wyche McMullan is pictured with his wife, Eleanor, and family at the Small Business Leadership Award Luncheon.**

include Jack Simmons of Simmons Furniture Company in 1990, the inaugural year, and most recently, Tom White of 206 Front and Bianchi's Pizzeria. Other recipients include Karl Ficken with Willmut Gas Company, Phil Hanberry and Chris Hudson of Hanco Corporation, the Moore family of Moore Funeral Home, Dennis Pierce of Piercon, Inc., Wayne Ross of Commercial Stationery Company, Robert St. John of New South Restaurant Group, and the Dews family of C.L. Dews & Sons Foundry & Machine Company, Inc. Other winners include Gene Owens of Owens Business Machines, the Myrick family of Economy Supply Company, Steven L. Floyd of Steve Floyd Properties, Inc., Allen Anderson of Anderson Retail, Inc., Glenn E. Galey of The Galey Agency, Inc., Doug McLelland of McLelland Television Co., David Rumbarger of Area Development Partnership, Carl Amones of Amones Realty & Tax Services, Gwen James of Coldwell Bank and Don Nace, Inc., Realtors, Jan Lacy of Copy Cats Printing, and Robert E. Donnell, Jr. of Vital-Care Compounder.

Sponsors for the 2014 SBLAL were Bancorp South, Citizens National Bank, Community Bank, Hancock Bank, Magnolia State Bank, PriorityOne Bank, Regions Bank, The Citizens Bank, The First-A National Banking Association, Richton Bank and Trust Company, and Trustmark Banking and Financial

Solutions.

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 is (right) William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King presenting (left) Wyche McMullan, owner of McMullan Motors, with the 2014 Small Business Leadership Award during the 22nd Annual Small Business Leadership Award luncheon on May 7 at Southern Oaks House and Gardens. The luncheon is hosted by WCU and the Area Development Partnership.**



**Brent Christensen, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority, served as keynote speaker for the 22nd Annual Small Business Leadership Award Luncheon.**





## Softball takes on World Series

In late May, William Carey softball went on a run to remember in the 2014 NAIA World Series. After finishing second in the Southern States Athletic Conference tournament, WCU opened national tournament play at home hosting a four-team double elimination tournament at Joseph and Nancy Fail Field May 12-14. The Lady Crusaders left little to doubt as they roared through opening round tournament outscoring their opponents 30-0 to secure a spot in the 34th annual NAIA World Series on May 23-29.

In their World Series opener, WCU got off to a great start defeating No. 4 Olivet Nazarene 2-1. On day three, the Lady Crusaders stumbled, dropping a 2-1 decision against SSAC rival Auburn Montgomery to fall into the loser's bracket. With their backs against the wall, the Lady Crusaders proved they had what it took game after game.

In their first elimination on day four, the Lady Crusaders were down to their final three outs and trailed College of Idaho 5-2, but WCU rallied and won. On day five, WCU needed two wins to advance to the championship round, and after dispatching Oklahoma City 7-0, only No. 5 Reinhardt stood in the Lady Crusaders' way. WCU stormed to a 6-0 lead before the Lady Eagles rallied with six straight runs to tie the game and force extra innings. Neither team threatened in the seventh or the eighth inning, but in the ninth, a solo home run propelled WCU to the championship round.

### *The WCU softball team poses before they head to the World Series.*

Waiting for the Lady Crusaders in the finals was SSAC foe Auburn Montgomery. WCU needed to defeat AUM twice to capture the championship. In game one, Carey defeated AUM 7-4 to force the deciding game.

In the finals, the WCU bats went silent early on, and AUM's heated up as they notched four runs in the first inning and five in the sixth inning to open a 10-1 lead. Just like they had done time and time again, WCU refused to go away. The Lady Crusaders scored three runs and brought the tying run to the plate, but the dream wasn't meant to be, ending their fantastic run through the series.

Relanda McFarland, Hannah Cook-Kelley and Caroline Walker were named to the 2014 NAIA All-World Series team.

"What a great experience the World Series was! I can't say enough about the fight and resilience the team displayed. We were counted out on more than one occasion but the girls refused to throw in the towel. It was truly an honor to represent William Carey University on such a large stage," said then Head Coach Wendy Hogue.

WCU finished the 2014 season at 52-12.

### *Coach Wendy Hogue and her daughter Kinley pose with WCU Softball's NAIA World Series runner-up trophy.*

## *Eight WCU Sports Named NAIA Scholar-Teams*

Eight William Carey University sports were named 2013-2014 Scholar Teams by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), with softball earning the top spot among fellow NAIA programs.

The softball team was also the highest-ranking team for WCU with a 3.71 team grade point average. Other Scholar-Teams for WCU are women's tennis (3.49), women's cross country (3.27), women's soccer (3.19), women's basketball (3.08), men's soccer (3.01), men's tennis (3.00) and men's cross country (3.00).

"This has been an outstanding year for WCU Athletics, both on the field and in the classroom," said WCU President Dr. Tommy King. "Our joy over the performance of our athletes in conference and national competition is surpassed only by their remarkable academic record."

WCU also had 27 NAIA Daktronics Scholar-Athletes and 58 Southern States Athletic Conference Scholar-Athletes. Overall, WCU Athletics had a 3.09 GPA last season.

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale as defined by the institution. The team GPA includes all eligible varsity student-athletes.



# WCU Alumni Return to *Coach Soccer Camp*

A group of William Carey University alumni returned to their alma mater to help coach the Carolina Men's Soccer Residential Camp for boys, ages 15-18, June 17-20 on WCU's Hattiesburg campus. The camp was a satellite camp of the Carolina Soccer Camps at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Justin Maullin, head men's soccer coach at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and a 1996 graduate of William Carey University, led the camp, alongside other WCU alumni and coaches. The other alumni included Danny Owens (class of 1999), current WCU women's head soccer coach; Richard Beebe (2010), current WCU women's assistant soccer coach;

Donevin Esterhuizen (2002) of Ocean Springs, soccer coach with Gulf Coast United, and Phil Hindson (1999) of Gulfport, soccer coach at University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Abdoul Agne of Memphis, current WCU soccer player, and Carl Goody of New Market,

U.K., WCU men's graduate assistant soccer coach, also helped with the camp.

*Pictured are (right to left) Danny Owens (class of 1999), current WCU women's head soccer coach; Carl Goody of New Market, U.K., WCU men's graduate assistant soccer coach; Donevin Esterhuizen (2002) of Ocean Springs, soccer coach with Gulf Coast United; Justin Maullin (1996), head men's soccer coach at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro; Phil Hindson (1999) of Gulfport, soccer coach at University of North Carolina at Pembroke; and Abdoul Agne of Memphis, current WCU soccer player.*



# WCU's Knight Selected for Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

Steve Knight, athletic director and head men's basketball coach at William Carey University, is one of six who were selected for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015.

Knight is Mississippi's all-time winningest basketball coach at the same four-year institution with 590 wins. Last season, Knight guided the Crusaders to a 28-3 record and the 2014 Southern States Athletic Conference championship. He was also named Men's Basketball National Coach of

*Steve Knight, athletic director and head men's basketball coach at William Carey University, along with Brett Favre and Clarence Weatherspoon, is selected for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015.*

the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics/National Basketball Coaches' Association.

Knight is joined in the Class of 2015 by NFL superstar Brett Favre; NBA standout Clarence Weatherspoon;

two-time All-SEC running back Mike Dennis; Mississippi College and Saints champion Fred McAfee; and pioneer of Mississippi women's sports Gwen White. The induction ceremony for the 2015 class will be August 1, 2015.





# Remembering

**D**r. E. Milton Wheeler, a servant of God, husband, friend, teacher, Rotarian, and lover of people, athletics and knowledge, passed away after an extended illness on March 24, 2014.

Visitation for Dr. Wheeler was held on Sunday, March 30, in Bass Memorial Chapel on the William Carey University campus in Hattiesburg. Funeral services followed in Smith Auditorium of the Thomas Fine Arts Center. Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, officiated.

Dr. Wheeler devoted 55 years of his life to WCU, where he was a student and a professor. In addition to his role as professor of history, Dr. Wheeler served for seven years as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, for two years as vice president for student development and for five years as vice president for academic affairs. He was named outstanding faculty member numerous times and served for 36 years as the faculty athletic representative for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

He was born in Mobile, Ala., on July 23, 1939, and graduated from Vigor High School before beginning his studies

at then-William Carey College. While a student at Carey, Dr. Wheeler was editor of *The Cobbler* student newspaper and won a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to attend graduate school. He recalled in a 2006 interview that his favorite moment while a student at Carey was “being editor of *The Cobbler* and winning the prize for being the best newspaper among small colleges in the nation.”

Upon his graduation with summa cum laude honors from Carey in 1961, Dr. Wheeler enrolled at Tulane University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Tulane before beginning his 51-year-long career as a professor at Carey in September 1963.

It was at Carey that Dr. Wheeler met the love of his life, his “sweet Donna.” Donna Rose Duck, of Bay Minette, Ala., was known as the “best typist” on campus. Dr. Wheeler proposed to “sweet Donna” in 1965 on the steps of Crawford Hall at WCU. The couple married that same year and remained inseparable while serving the university in their typical “above-and-beyond” manner.

Dr. Wheeler’s love for his wife was evident to any person he met. Their 48-year-long marriage was a testament

to the institution of marriage itself. During Donna’s long battle with brain cancer, Dr. Wheeler never left her side, even though he was plagued by his own persistent health concerns. He doted on Donna with a special tenderness. Their bond of marriage was not broken upon Donna’s passing on Nov. 13, 2013; instead, it just evolved, with Dr. Wheeler and his “sweet Donna” now continuing their marriage in a place beyond time or pain.

Shortly before his death, Dr. Wheeler shared with friends and family that he “needed his passport because he was going to see his sweet Donna.” Surely, that heavenly passport was accepted and Donna was awaiting him with her trademark smile!

Both of the Wheelers were honored by Carey for leaving a “legacy of love” during 2006’s centennial celebrations. In addition to leaving behind lasting impressions of Christian character and kindness, the Wheelers donated approximately \$2.3 million to the place they both served for five decades.

In a 2006 interview, then-Carey student Mitchell Smith said of Dr. Wheeler: “He is a great friend to the



# Dr. Milton Wheeler

student body ... he always has time for his students ... he makes every student feel important" and summarized his feelings with "[Dr. Wheeler] is one of the greatest men I have had the privilege of knowing."

Dr. Wheeler's love of Carey Crusader baseball knew no bounds. A fan since his student days, he was a consistent and vocal supporter of not only the baseball team but all athletic teams at the university. Milton Wheeler Baseball Field, dedicated in 2006, is named in his honor. For his countless contributions to Carey Athletics, Dr. Wheeler was inducted into Carey's Athletic Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Dr. Wheeler's love for travel also knew no bounds. He led over a hundred trips to Europe, many tours of the Holy Land and many other tours that included Australia, New Zealand, the Orient, the United States, Russia and areas of Latin America. He was also a visiting lecturer in Russian universities and was supportive of the Kindness Foundation, which promotes study of the Bible in Russian schools.

Dr. Wheeler was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Petal, joining when

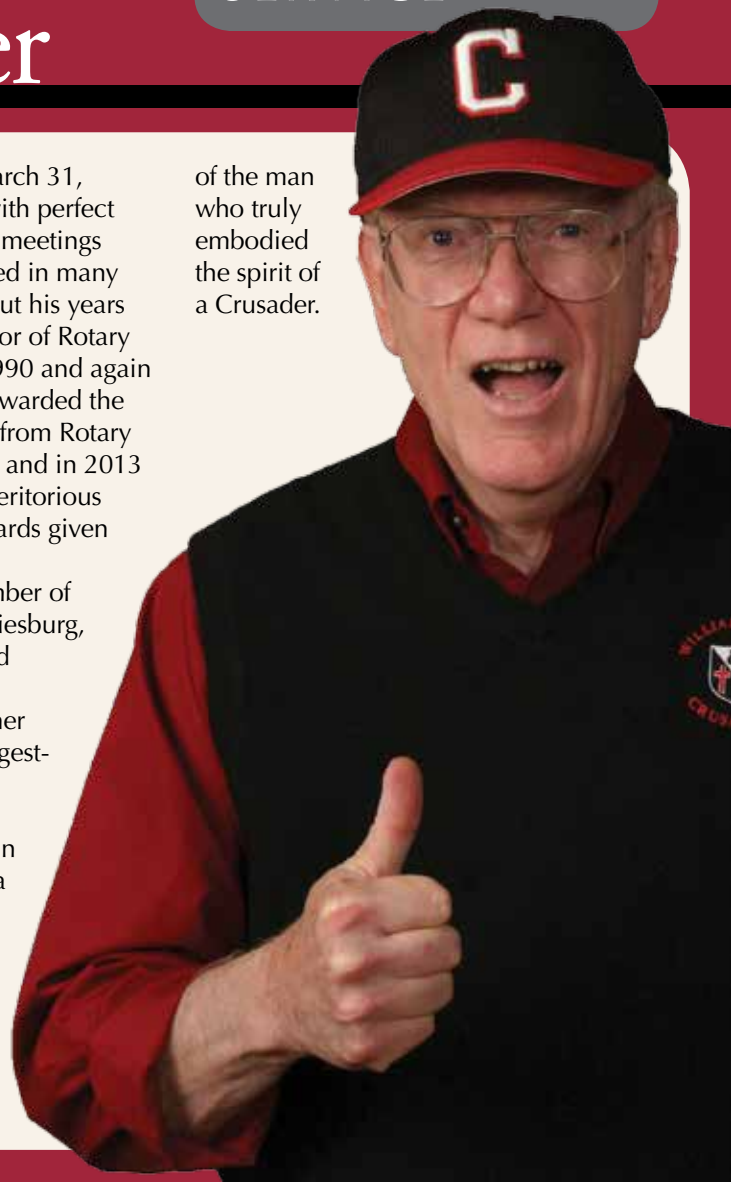
the club was formed on March 31, 1972. He was a Rotarian with perfect attendance, attending club meetings all over the world. He served in many offices and chairs throughout his years in Rotary, including governor of Rotary District 6840 from 1989-1990 and again from 2007-2008. He was awarded the Avenue of Service Citation from Rotary International in 1999-2000 and in 2013 received the Citation for Meritorious Service, one of only 50 awards given worldwide per year.

He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, where he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Dr. Wheeler was also the teacher on "Living Waters," the longest-running local television program, for 27 years.

Preceding Dr. Wheeler in death were his wife, Donna Duck Wheeler; and his parents, E. K. and Lucy Wheeler.

Alumni, students, faculty and staff of William Carey University will remember the legacy

of the man who truly embodied the spirit of a Crusader.



## *Men's soccer, BSU team up for* **MISSION WORK IN CHILE**

The Carey men's soccer team, along with members of the Baptist Student Union and other university personnel, embarked on a mission trip to Chile in early April. During their trip, the soccer team enjoyed success in two games against a local amateur All-Star team representing the city of Antofagasta and a game against Chilean D3 Champions Mejillones. These games were held as part of the BSU outreach and Christian ministry to the area.

Carey players and officials reached out by donating money to earthquake relief efforts in the hard-hit northern area about a two-hour drive from the team base in Antofagasta. The

players conducted clinics for local schools and recreational centers in the more impoverished areas of the city. There was also an opportunity for worship at the local Harvest Church, whose friendship and cooperation with WCU led to the invitation to Chile.

During the trip, an earthquake struck near the area. The quake registered 8.0 on the Richter Magnitude Scale, resulting in a tsunami. The Carey delegation was evacuated to higher ground, but were safe and resumed their activities unscathed.



## WCU PARTNERS WITH

*Youth Challenge Academy*

William Carey University continues to invest in the Mississippi Youth Challenge Academy at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.

The Academy's goal is to help at-risk teenagers and high school dropouts achieve their full potential in order to become productive members of society. University personnel have provided college-credit classes for the Academy since 1999, started by a collaboration between Dr. Tommy King and the late Brigadier General Dr. William Crowson, founding director of the Academy.

"The Academy was the first program in the U.S. to offer college credit," said Dr. King. "Now, most of them do."

Dr. King's interest in Youth

Challenge stemmed from his days in public education and from his friendship with Dr. Crowson. Their partnership resulted in the university offering college credit to cadets in the Academy who passed the General Educational Development, or GED, test.

Over time, the collaboration between the university and the Academy has strengthened. Now, WCU offers five college courses, or 15 credit hours, to qualifying cadets.

"The credit allows cadets going directly into the military to enter at a higher rank and for those Academy graduates who go on to college, it gives them a full semester of credit," said Dr. King.

Bill Curry, director of financial aid at WCU and coordinator of the college credit offerings for the Academy, said the benefits are much greater than just the college credit.

"We can convince these students they are worth something," he said. "We can give them a positive experience and encouragement."

Curry noted that many of the cadets in the Academy, who range between ages 16-18, are teenagers who have had issues but still have significant potential.

"We find that high ACT scores are normal and that these students tend to be highly intelligent," said Curry. "All Youth Challenge cadets are volunteers who are looking for ways to better themselves."

The university offers classes in general psychology, English mythology, drug and alcohol addiction, personal finance and general biology, said Curry.

"We find that these cadets open up to our instructors and very much enjoy the classes," he said.

Brandon Dillon, associate director of admissions at WCU and instructor of one of the psychology courses, said the cadets are eager to learn and show great promise.

"I find them wanting to learn," he said. "It's a great opportunity for us to

be motivational."

Taylorville native Austin Cassell, 17, is one of the Academy graduates who benefitted from WCU's partnership. Cassell earned 15 hours of college credit through WCU while at the Academy and then enrolled at WCU as a freshman. He has also joined the United States Army, where the college credit will allow him a fast track to promotion.

"I found the instructors helpful and willing to give us a constant reminder to better ourselves," he said. "I believe the opportunity to earn college credit taught me responsibility while also allowing me to move forward in my goals with the Army."

Cassell and two other Academy graduates are now enrolled as freshmen at WCU, said Curry.

"We have found that many of these cadets either join the military after they graduate the Academy or they enroll at Carey," said Curry. "They tend to become successful."

Dr. King said the college credit offerings have been a success for both the university and for the Academy.

"We've had a high of 50 students and have never fallen below 20 students for any class of the Academy, of which there are two annually, one beginning in January and the other beginning in July," he said.

Retired Colonel Steven McCoy, current director of the Academy, echoed Dr. King's remarks and said the credit offerings have been a boost for the Academy in general and an additional challenge and opportunity for those cadets who qualify.

"It's worked extremely well for us for over a decade," he said. "The credit offerings give our cadets a better range of options if they're enlisting in the military, and if not, it offers them an early start on college when many of these cadets didn't believe college was a viable option for them."



***Austin Cassell, of Taylorville, is a freshman at William Carey University and a graduate of the Mississippi Youth Challenge Academy at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Cassell earned 15 hours of college credit through WCU while at the Academy. He has also joined the United States Army, where the college credit will allow him a fast track to promotion.***





*Nursing student, David Caldwell, assists in the dental clinic with the mission team in Honduras.*



*Pictured are the William Carey University nursing students and assistant professor who partnered with the Talladega Baptist Medical Dental Missions International (BMDMI) team for an evangelistic mission trip to Jesus de Otoro, Honduras in May. They are: (front row, left to right) Rachel Browning of Hattiesburg; Chad Stricker of Picayune; (second row, left to right) Courtney McLeod of Grand Bay, Ala.; Madelynne Gaines of Gulfport; Ginji Anderson of Hattiesburg; Jordan Whittle of Hattiesburg; Alison Rudolph of Laurel; Brandy Stricker of Picayune; (back row, left to right) Trae Barker of Lucedale; Shane Nelson of Beaumont; Lauren McCormick of Picayune; Sarah Clark of Sumrall; Felicia Browning, assistant professor of nursing; Ashley Barding of Petal; and David Caldwell of Petal.*

## WCU Nursing Students do MISSION WORK IN HONDURAS

Fourteen students and one professor from William Carey University's Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing joined the Talladega Baptist Medical Dental Missions International (BMDMI) team for an evangelistic mission trip to Jesus de Otoro, Honduras in May. WCU's student nurses discovered a deep desire to learn more about cultures other than their own, cultivated lifelong skills and established new friendships from around the globe during the seven day journey.

During their stay in the village, 190 people made public decisions for Christ, 350 people rededicated their lives to Christ, and they helped plant a church that had its first service on June 1. Team members serving in the clothing closet gave away 7,135 outfits and 2,652 pairs of shoes, and \$3,000 worth of rice and beans were distributed to mothers with young children. Those serving in the vision clinic fitted 190 pairs of prescription glasses and over 200 pairs of reading glasses. They also gave away over 300 pairs of sunglasses for farm and field workers with visible cataracts.

The dental team saw 310 patients, assisting with 574 extractions, the medical and triage teams saw 2,374 patients, and the pharmacy filled 12,857 prescriptions. Members of the vet team saw 717 cows and 74 horses. In addition to the 10 daytime evangelistic services and four night-time services, the evangelism team had 600 participants in youth sports and children's church. They also gave out 600 hand puppets that were made and donated by First Baptist Church of Abbeville.

The team also saw a number of patients who needed more medical care than could be provided in the village, so they provided transportation and support for a number of people to receive further medical evaluations. The teams also provided for three villagers to receive surgery at the BMDMI hospital at Guiamaca, Honduras. The teams committed financial assistance for the care of 12 cases they sent for further treatment.

"We were so touched by the hospitality and generosity of the

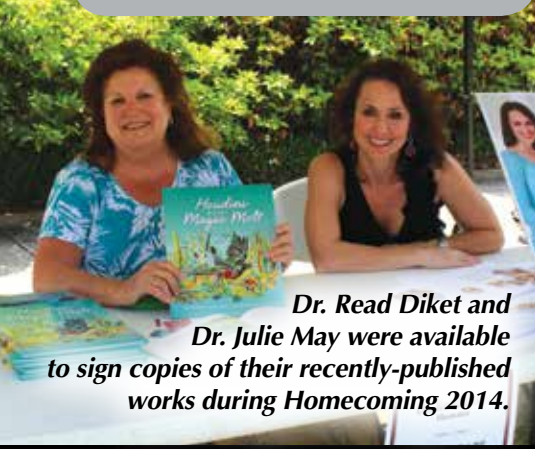
Honduran people," said Felicia Browning, assistant professor of nursing at WCU. "Their graciousness knew no bounds."

While the nursing students participated in all aspects of the mission trip, they also attended classes daily.

The team membership was made of people with many different skills and backgrounds, and varied in age from 14 - 74. They represented 29 churches from Alabama, Georgia, and Texas, as well as the 15 WCU representatives.

"Though weary emotionally, physically and spiritually, the Carey students constantly portrayed the spirit of William Carey through the love of Christ," Browning said. "Displays of Christianity and kindness know no language barrier."





Dr. Read Diket and Dr. Julie May were available to sign copies of their recently-published works during Homecoming 2014.



50 Year Reunion

# 2014 Homecoming Review



Children's Character Brunch



Crawfish Festival



Homecoming Queen



5K Run



Vow Renewal





## Poetry Reading

Members of the William Carey University community, including faculty, staff and students, read poetry and other works during the annual Poetry Read in the Common Grounds Coffee House.

## Book Signing

Members of the Carey community who recently published books participated in a book signing during Homecoming. Authors signing books included:

Dr. Walter Butler, *The Journey of Mankind*

Sharon Schamber-Jones, *Gordon's Creek Anthologies: A Compilation of Short Stories, Poetry, and Photos and Gordon's Creek Anthologies: Volume II*

Dr. Julie May, *The Culinary Capers of Canon & Lily: Canon Grows a Garden and Menu Musings of a Modern American Mom*

Dr. Read Diket, illustrator, *Houdini and the Magic Molt* (Scully, LaValle, Diket)

Several other faculty members have recently published books, but were unable to attend the book signing, including: Dr. Karen Juneau, Dr. Linda Mucha, and Dr. Walter Cooper.

## Crawfish Festival

The annual Crawfish Festival is a big part of Carey's Homecoming festivities. The event, held on the Ross-Johnson Lawn in front of Ross and Johnson Halls, draws in big crowds each year and 2014 was no exception. In addition to crawfish, many other options were available. The family atmosphere included items such as a dunking booth, a revolving stage featuring singers from the Winters School of Music, face painting, a Health Fair sponsored by the College of Osteopathic Medicine and many other activities.

## Children's Character Brunch

The Children's Character Brunch was sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Communication and featured "actors" masquerading as children's favorite characters. The yearly event provided a fun time for children and their parents to enjoy.

## Student Foundation 5K and Fun Run

The Student Foundation 5K and Fun Run appealed to everyone from casual walkers to fast-paced runners. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Foundation, which raises money for institutional student scholarships. Awards were given to the winners, but most importantly, it was a time to have fun while exercising.

## Homecoming Court

The 2014 Homecoming Queen, Subhechhha Sharma was crowned by Shweta Sotang.

## Shoe Leather Award

Robert and Nancy Hensarling were awarded the Shoe Leather Award for their unwavering service to the university. Dr. Tommy King presented the award to the Hensarlings at the Alumni Banquet.



## Vow Renewal

The newly-finished Bass Memorial Chapel was the site of a vow renewal ceremony during the 2014 Homecoming activities. Twelve couples from the Carey community renewed their vows during a service officiated by Dr. Tommy King, WCU president.



# WCU Inducts Five into Alumni Hall of Fame

The William Carey University Alumni Association inducted five outstanding graduates into its Hall of Fame at an awards dinner on April 25 at Southern Oaks House and Gardens. The alumni were Gerald C. "Jerry" Bracey ('87), Dr. Leo Day ('88), W. Michael Hannaford ('85), Dora Dunkley Harbin ('56), and L. Joseph Lee ('69).

Jerry Bracey, who received his B.S. in business in 1987 and his M.B.A. in 1997 from WCU, has been the administrative dean for the WCU Tradition campus since 1999. He is also an adjunct instructor in the WCU School of Business, and formerly served as a senior administrator for the command section at Keesler Technical Training Center. Dr. Leo Day, who received a B.M. from WCU in 1988, is dean of the School of Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Day formerly served on the faculty at both WCU and New Orleans Theological Baptist Seminary, has performed all over the world and has recorded two albums. W. Michael Hannaford, who received a B.M. from WCU in 1985, lives in Frisco, Texas, and serves as vice president of global product services for JCPenney. He formerly served as vice president of product integrity, and prior to his positions at JCPenney, served as vice president of product services for Kohl's. Dora Dunkley Harbin, who received her B.S. in chemistry from WCU in 1956, is a former head nurse



**Pictured are (left to right) L. Joseph Lee ('69), Gerald C. "Jerry" Bracey ('87), Dora Dunkley Harbin ('56), and W. Michael Hannaford ('85).**

who served as a missionary in Brazil from 1969-1998. She helped Brazilians to receive proper health care, served as a nurse to missionary families and wrote and coordinated human needs projects, ranging from \$30,000 to \$1.25 million. Formerly, she worked as a nurse in various hospitals and as a clinical instructor at Mather School of Nursing. L. Joseph Lee, who earned his B.S. in social science from WCU in 1969, is chief judge of the Mississippi Court of Appeals. He has also served as an adjunct instructor of business law at WCU, as an attorney in Jackson, and is a licensed funeral director who formerly owned Baldwin-Lee Funeral Homes in Jackson and Rankin County.

Prior to the presentation of the Hall of Fame inductees, Dr. Tommy King ('64), president of WCU, gave a state of the university address, and legacy stone presentations were made. WCU presented the Legacy of Learning designations to Dr. Dorman Laird, former professor of religion, and the late Dr. David Gruchy, former chair and professor of biology. The Legacy Scholarship

**Pictured is Dr. Leo Day ('88) receiving his award from Dr. Tommy King, president, during William Carey University's Alumni Hall of Fame dinner on April 25.**

Endowment honors faculty who have left a legacy of learning because they not only taught their subjects well, but invested in the lives of their students and made a lasting impact on them.

## Alumni Participate in

## CAREY EVENTS

This past summer, Carey alumni and friends participated in Mississippi in the Park, New York, and Mississippi in the Park, Atlanta. These events, sponsored by the Mississippi Society of New York and the Mississippi Society of Georgia, feature Mississippi universities, bands, and restaurants. The Atlanta trip included Mississippi Night at the Braves where the Atlanta Braves were hosting the Los Angeles Angels. After a reception in the Hank Aaron room, Carey alumni enjoyed the game and the Friday night fireworks show.

**Carey alumni and friends gather at the William Carey University tent in beautiful Chastain Park in Atlanta.**



# Camelot

The Winters School of Music presented the musical *Camelot* during Homecoming 2014 under the excellent direction of Dr. Connie Roberts, professor of music at WCU. Audiences enjoyed the classic tale with music and lyrics by Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner.

Ryan McNair, senior church music major from Pearl, played a heartfelt King Arthur, allowing the audience to see and feel his love for both Guinevere and Lancelot, as well as his conflict and broken heart over their betrayal.

Carissa Read, senior vocal performance major from Laurel and veteran to WCU theatre and musical productions, brought energy, wit, and passion to the role of Lady Guinevere. Through her thoughtful interpretation of dialogue and lyrics, the audience understood her love for both Arthur and Lancelot.

The third member of the triangle was played by Carlos Casilla, senior piano and vocal performance major from the Dominican Republic. Carlos's interpretation of Sir Lancelot provided the audience with comic relief, while letting them in on his prideful character, as he delivered his lines and lyrics, seemingly unaware of their comedic undertones.

The cast of approximately 30 students included a few faculty and staff members, including Dr. Mark Malone as Sir Pellinore and Mr. Obra Quave as Merlin. Mr. Wes Cameron, instructor of music, conducted the orchestra for all performances.

*Pictured is King Arthur, played by Ryan McNair of Pearl, confronting Guinevere, played by Carissa Read of Laurel.*

## WCU Holds Fourth Annual SPORTS HALL OF FAME DINNER

William Carey University inducted nine former athletes into the Sports Hall of Fame during the fourth annual Sports Hall of Fame dinner at Southern Oaks House and Gardens on April 26. The Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2014 athletes includes Jim Arnold ('70), men's baseball and basketball; Oleg Balejev ('99), men's soccer; Eldredge Boyd ('59), men's basketball; Oleg Chichkanov ('97), men's soccer; Bobby Eades ('69), men's baseball and basketball; Janice Butler McCullum ('83), women's basketball; Billy Salter ('58), men's baseball and basketball; Doyle Wheat ('58), men's baseball and basketball; and Dale Willis ('69), men's baseball.

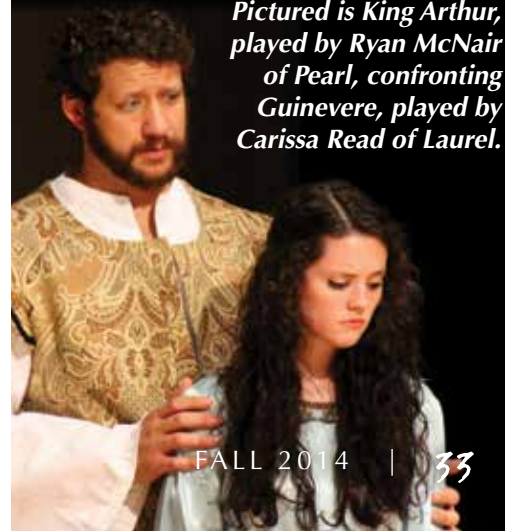
A tribute was given during the dinner to the late Dr. Milton Wheeler, who was inducted as an honorary Sports Hall of Fame member for his years of loyal dedication to Carey athletics. Dr. Wheeler, who served as a history professor at WCU for 55 years, was especially fond of baseball, and supported the university with generous gifts, one being for the baseball field. In 2006, the baseball field was dedicated to him and named in his honor. Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, presented Dr. Wheeler with a plaque for his induction just weeks before his death on March 24.

Coach Steve Knight, athletic director and head basketball coach, served as master of ceremonies for the induction banquet. He was recognized by WCU President Dr. Tommy King for being

**RIGHT: Dr. Tommy King, president of William Carey University, presents Coach Steve Knight, athletic director and head basketball coach, with a trophy to recognize his outstanding achievements at the Homecoming Sports Hall of Fame dinner at Southern Oaks House and Garden on April 26.**

**ABOVE: Nine former athletes were inducted into the William Carey University 2014 Sports Hall of Fame at the Fourth Annual Sports Hall of Fame dinner at Southern Oaks House and Garden on April 26. They are (front row, left to right) Doyle Wheat ('58), men's baseball and basketball; Billy Salter ('58), men's baseball and basketball; Eldredge Boyd ('59), men's basketball; (back row, left to right) Oleg Chichkanov ('97), men's soccer; Oleg Balejev ('99), men's soccer; Janice Butler McCullum ('83), women's basketball; Jim Arnold ('70), men's baseball and basketball; Dale Willis ('69), men's baseball; and Bobby Eades ('69), men's baseball and basketball. The late Dr. Milton Wheeler, former professor of history at WCU, was also inducted as a Sports Hall of Fame honorary member for his years of loyal support to all Carey athletics, especially baseball.**

named the 2013-14 NAIA Coach of the Year and for WCU's athletic program receiving the David M. Halbrook Award. The Halbrook Award is given annually by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities for the highest student-athlete graduation rate among private colleges and universities in the state of Mississippi. WCU had a 96 percent rate.





## WCU BSU *Travels to Brazil*

A group from William Carey University's Baptist Student Union participated in a mission trip to Brazil in June. While there, the group partnered with the International Mission Board (IMB) as part of "The Cross at the Cup" ministry. Student volunteers from all over the U.S. ministered to indigenous people groups and orphanages, as well as those in Brazil for the FIFA World Cup June 12 - July 13. The WCU BSU group also had an opportunity to attend some of the World Cup matches.

Dr. Tim Glaze, director of BSU, and Shane Thrash, assistant director of BSU, led the WCU group. The students who participated in the mission trip were Benjamin Austin of Zachary, La.; Doris Bynum of Hattiesburg; James Carson of Hattiesburg; Margaret Edney of Vicksburg; Macie Foreman of Rayne, La.; Andrew Glaze of Hattiesburg; Spencer Hollingsworth of Hattiesburg; Lauren Hummel of Hattiesburg; Hannah Hunter of Meridian; Jeremy Loris of Moss Point; Brooke Morgan of Hickory; Brooke Nicole Padgett of Purvis; Willa-Ann Renard of Rio de Janeiro, Okla.; and Richard Sain of Crestview, Fla.



**A group from William Carey University's Baptist Student Union participate in a mission trip to Brazil.**



## WCU Hosts INSTITUTE OF HEALTH CAREERS CAMP for JROTC Cadets

William Carey University hosted the Institute of Health Careers camp for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from Jackson Public Schools June 4-6.

The purpose of the camp, according to camp director Dr. Jessica Taylor, assistant professor of physiology for the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM), was to "increase knowledge and awareness of careers in the health care field."

The camp highlighted medicine and various specialties, including dentistry, nursing, physical and occupational therapy, pharmacy, exercise physiology and public health. Information on schooling, salary, a typical work day and other benefits was given to the students. A

special emphasis was placed on pursuing these careers in the military.

During the camp, students listened to speakers and participated in various activities, including helping to "save" a flat-lining patient in the simulation lab and playing "health care jeopardy."

"The hope is that by increasing knowledge of the pathway to these careers, there will be an increase in the number of students pursuing and working in these careers throughout Mississippi," said Dr. Taylor.

Approximately 50 cadets and their six commanding officers attended the camp. There were around 30 speakers and volunteers, including many WCUCOM faculty members and students.



## WCU Hosts Mississippi Woman's College Reunion

A reunion of alumni from Mississippi Woman's College, a predecessor to now-William Carey University, was held at the WCU Hattiesburg campus on October 24. During the reunion, guests enjoyed lunch, reminiscing about the Woman's College days and hearing an update on WCU's current status and future from Dr. Tommy King, president. After the luncheon, alumni

enjoyed a tour of the Bass Memorial Chapel.

Woman's College operated from 1911 until 1954 on the present Hattiesburg campus. It became William Carey College in 1954 when the college became co-educational. In 2006, the present name of William Carey University was adopted to reflect the institution's growth.

## Spotlights

## Russell Rainey



Carey alumnus Russell Rainey ('02 & '05) is the director at the Legacy Program at Pine Grove Behavioral Health and Addiction Services in Hattiesburg. He earned the Bachelor

of Arts in Biblical Studies in 2002 and the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology in 2004.

Pine Grove provides one of the nation's most comprehensive treatment campuses, with its work in the field of addiction known nationally and internationally. Rainey is responsible for clinical and therapy services for adults 55 years and older who suffer from substance abuse disorders. In addition, Rainey speaks to audiences nationally on the topic of addiction, treatment and the importance of spirituality in recovery. Prior to his role at Legacy, he served as clinical director of Pine Grove's Next Step Program, implementing therapeutic activities specifically for men with similar issues.

With the goal of providing hope to hurting people, Russell and his wife are also owners of March Christian Therapy, a private practice counseling agency located in downtown Hattiesburg. "The simplest and truest hallmark of any helping profession is love for other people," said Rainey.

Rainey lives in Petal with his wife Shannon and together they enjoy spoiling their three kids.

Russ speaks of his time at Carey, "There is no way to truly measure the impact and influence that Carey had in my life. My professors in the religion department always took time to challenge and encourage me, not only academically but also personally." Carey also offered me a chance to see and experience Christ in ways that I had not previously. For example, I learned that Jesus said if we remain in Him then we can do great things, and apart we can do nothing."

"I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences that I gained during my time at Carey, and how they continue to shape who I am."

## Justin Gunter



Justin Gunter ('10), has recently joined the Atlanta law firm of Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP as a litigation associate. Justin represents clients in commercial

matters in cases focusing on complex commercial disputes, and in litigation before federal courts, state courts and in arbitration proceedings.

As a history major at William Carey University, Justin served as the president of the speech and debate team, was a regional representative for Pi Kappa Delta, and was awarded the Jenkins Chastain Leadership Award—the university's highest honor. After graduation, he attended Vanderbilt University Law School where he was a managing editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review. At Vanderbilt, Justin received the Law and Business Certificate for completing a rigorous curriculum of coursework designed to equip students to meet the needs of sophisticated commercial clients. During law school, he served as a research assistant for Professor Randall Thomas, and upon graduation, Justin was admitted into the Vanderbilt Chapter of Order of the Coif.

The recipient of multiple Vanderbilt Law School scholastic excellence awards, Justin also received the Richard S. Nagareda Award for best-written work in the field of litigation and dispute resolution and the Vanderbilt Law Pro Bono Pledge Award.

Before joining the firm, Justin served as a law clerk for Judge Emmett Ripley Cox on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

## Randy &amp; Theresa Banks



William, better known as Randy, earned his MBA from Carey in 2008 after working his way through his B.S. in business administration at USM, graduating in 1997.

Theresa also held down a full time job as she earned her B.S. in business administration from USM the same year. "We understand the struggles that working students go through and the commitment that non-traditional students have," said Theresa.

"The William and Theresa Banks Endowed Scholarship is the result of much prayer and hard work. We knew we wanted to help deserving students, so we put the matter before God in prayer as we do with all of our decisions," explained Randy. "We asked for His guidance in finding the right place to set up a scholarship. In July of 2014, we felt led to establish the William and Theresa Banks Endowed Scholarship here at William Carey University."

Banks is the owner and president of Professional Security Corporation (PSC) and has been running the day-to-day operations since 1993. Prior to joining PSC, he served his country in the United States Army, retiring as a first sergeant in 1994 with over 20 years of service.

Theresa recently joined her husband at PSC full time. Prior to working there, she was in the banking industry for over 16 years.

The Banks have three children. William R. Banks Jr. and his wife Sheila live in San Diego with their son, William R. Banks III, Michael Banks and Ashly Kyzar live in Hattiesburg.



# Alumni Celebrate Worldwide Carey Day

## William Carey's 253<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

Alumni throughout the United States gathered to honor the birthday of the university namesake, Dr. William Carey. Alumni are encouraged to continue this celebration each year on or near the August 17 birthday of Dr. Carey. The informal gatherings offer alumni the opportunity to fellowship reminisce, and celebrate a common fondness of time spent at William Carey University.

Any alumnus who wishes to organize a gathering, large or small, for the week of August 17, 2015, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 601.318.6561 or alumni@wmcarey.edu.



- 1 Alumni and friends from 38th Avenue Baptist Church celebrate Carey Day.

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- 2 A group of alumni from Court Street United Methodist Church gather to celebrate Carey Day.

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- 3 Alumni gather in Jefferson, Texas in honor of Worldwide Carey Day.

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- 4 The Bullock family, shown here at the graduation of Byron Bullock, gather in honor of Carey Day.

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- 5 Hattiesburg Campus faculty and staff celebrate Carey Day.

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- 6 Carey soccer team celebrates Carey Day with 38th Avenue Baptist Church family.

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- 7 William Carey's tomb in Serampore Missions Burial Grounds.

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- 8 Main Street Baptist Church alumni celebrate Carey Day at Chesterfield's Restaurant in Hattiesburg.

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- 9 Hattiesburg area alumni celebrate Carey Day at WCU.

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- 10 1980's alumni, Marisa and Kevin Ramage, celebrate Carey Day.

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- 11 Serampore College remembers William Carey on the anniversary of his birthday.

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- 12 WCU Slidell campus honors Carey Day.

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- 13 South Alabama alumni meet in honor of Worldwide Carey Day.

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- 14 Carey alumni gather at the wedding of Samuel Starnes and Lauren Anderson in honor of Carey Day.

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- 15 Stone County alumni meet in Wiggins to celebrate Carey Day.

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- 16 Tradition Campus alumni meet in honor of Worldwide Carey Day.

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- 17 Alumni gather at the Tri-County Baptist Building to celebrate Carey Day.

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- 18 Vicksburg alumni meet at First Baptist Church Vicksburg in honor of Carey Day.

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- 19 "Carey in His Workshop." Picture courtesy of the Center for Study of the Life and Work of William Carey, D.D. (1761-1834)

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- 20 William Carey University celebrates Carey Day with a birthday cake.

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- 21 Alumni Chelsey Maywalt and Meagan Broom, celebrate Carey Day in Sumrall, Miss.

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- 22 WCU basketball alumni honor Carey Day with a day of golf.

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- 23 Alumni gather at Olive Garden to celebrate Carey Day.







# Then and Now: *Best Friends Forever...*

**B**est Friends Forever: Almost. Peggy Sue and Sylvia met on their very first day of college in August 1964. Their friendship has lasted through the years, and in 2014, numbered 50 years. There were other girls in their circle of friends, but the bond they formed was special.

Peggy Sue came to Carey from Mobile, while Sylvia came from northeast Mississippi. The atmosphere of this small college was one where both girls thrived. Carey had a tremendous influence on the lives of these two girls. Peggy Sue and Sylvia's personalities complimented each other. Sylvia was more outgoing, while Peggy Sue was the quieter one. Sylvia was a cheerleader and student government officer; Peggy Sue the yearbook editor and Homecoming Queen.

When filling out registration forms at the beginning of school, Sylvia had no clue about choosing a major. Peggy Sue told her to put down "elementary education" and she could change it later if she wanted to. Both of them graduated as elementary education majors and went on to have careers as elementary teachers.

In 1964, freshmen had "closed study" which required girls to be in the dorm, in their rooms from 8-10 p.m. "studying." As soon as this time ended, Peggy Sue and Sylvia met in one of their rooms, ready to visit and pop popcorn. When their supply of popcorn ran out, they sniffed up and down the hall until they found a friend willing to share hers.

Their junior year they became roommates. Many confidences were shared in the dorm, shaping their lives. Many times the talk was about boys. Sylvia was always willing to listen and give Peggy Sue "advice." They have fond memories of the times they double-dated.

Their junior year also brought exciting, fun experiences. Peggy Sue returned to campus with a bright red, white convertible-top Willis Jeepster. The minor problems it had added to the excitement. Sometimes the passenger door would fly open, and it had no air-conditioning, but Peggy Sue and Sylvia loved this car and had so much fun riding around campus. They didn't mind the attention it received from the boys either.

Both girls worked in the college library to help pay their way through college. "Reading the stacks" (placing books in correct numerical order) was one of their duties. If Sylvia found out something about one of Peggy Sue's boyfriends, "reading the stacks" was a great place to share this information. Sylvia figured out how to avoid being caught by the librarian.

Peggy Sue and Sylvia wanted to find husbands and live close to each other to raise their children; however, life did not turn out that way. Peggy Sue moved back to Mobile and started teaching. She met and married FBI Agent Jim Reed and lived in the Washington D.C. area for a number of years before



moving to Knoxville, Tenn.

They have two daughters and a son. Sylvia stayed in the Hattiesburg area and married USM baseball player Joel Williams. They lived in south Mississippi for a long time before moving to her family farm near West Point. They have a daughter and a son.

Through the years Peggy Sue and Sylvia have remained friends, writing letters before computers and email came along, occasionally talking by phone and visiting each other whenever possible. They attended their 25th college reunion at Carey together and have planned a special celebration this year in honor of their 50-year friendship.



# Class 80's

## Notes

### 50's

Rev. Billy Crosby ('56) and Rev. Wayne DuBose ('68) were bestowed the honor of becoming Co-Pastor Emeriti of Summer Grove Baptist Church. Both men have a long standing history with Summer Grove and have been instrumental in leading the church to be a landmark in Shreveport. Rev. DuBose was the senior pastor for 14 years and Rev. Crosby was the senior pastor for eight years and has been interim pastor twice for Summer Grove.

Rev. Step Martin ('56) and Rev. Billy Crosby ('56) received honorary Doctors of Divinity degrees from Louisiana Baptist University in Shreveport.

### 60's

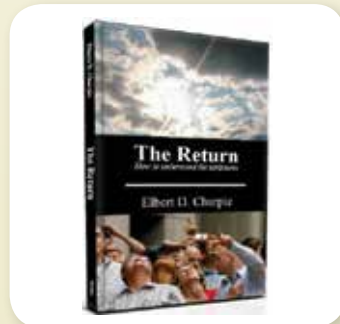
Sylvia B. Williams ('68) has authored several children's books including *Leontyne Price Opera Superstar*, Childrens Press, *Alex Haley I Have a Dream*, Abdo Publishing, and *Paul "Bear" Bryant: Football Legend*, Seacoast Publishing.

Dolores Pfaffendorf Zell-Williams ('69) was featured in *Beyond Julia's Daughters*, a book about women who have contributed to growth in South Florida. Zell-Williams has also worked closely with the Community Partnership for the Homeless for many years.

### 70's

Timothy Leggett ('75 & '80), is an associate professor of education at Arkansas Tech University. He has served as a presenter at several educational conferences throughout the state of Arkansas. His wife, Christine (Knight) ('71-'74), works for AmCare Senior Care as a consultant-caregiver. Their daughter, Candice, is pursuing a master's degree in special education and history at Texas State University. They have two grandchildren, Braedon and Madison.

Elbert "Beaver" Charpie ('79) has published the book, *The Return*. This book is a study on the return of Jesus Christ and His second coming.



Michael Davis ('81), has successfully defended his Ed.D. dissertation at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, titled *Intentional Practice of Shared Leadership in the Marketplace by Christian Leaders: A Multi-Case Study*. He is scheduled to have a peer-reviewed article published in the *Journal of Religious Leadership* in Spring 2015. Michael serves as an adjunct professor at Tennessee Temple University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a 1987 graduate of MTS (MAR) and a 2011 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with the D.Ed.Min.

Franklin Kirksey ('83) has finished his latest book titled *Don't Miss the Revival! Messages for Revival and Spiritual Awakening from Isaiah*.

Todd and Michelle Alan are filming a pilot program titled "Home Sweet Bus" on TLC, featuring them and their 10 children. They live in a large bus and travel throughout the U.S. singing and preaching as a Christian family. The program will show some of their ministry efforts. The family is currently in Uganda, helping to establish an orphanage. Todd and Michelle met while attending Carey.

### 90's

Eric Kravette ('92) was named chair of the 2014 board of directors of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Eric also serves on the Tradition Campus Advancement Council.

Jason Robertson ('94) has returned to Milldale Baptist Church in Zachary, La., as senior pastor after pastoring Murrieta Valley Church in Murrieta, Calif.



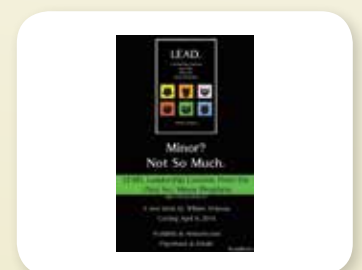
Nathan Barber ('94) announces the publication of his new book, *What Teachers Can Learn from Sports Coaches: A Playbook of Instructional Strategies*.

Jeff and Kim Reid Quin ('96) adopted a son, Aaron Reid Quin, on May 23, 2013. Aaron is 2 years old.



Kay Steabman ('98) has been appointed corporate director of Pediatric Nursing by National Nursing & Rehab.

William Attaway ('99) released his new book, *LEAD. Leadership Lessons from the (Not So) Minor Prophets* in April 2014.





## Class Notes

## 00's

Chaplain Jerry W. Mixon ('01) of the Mississippi State Guard was recently promoted to Major Chaplain. Mixon serves as brigade chaplain.

Michael ('02) and Melinda (Grice) ('02) Dukes announce the birth of their son, Cameron Seth Dukes, on February 7, 2014. Michael and Melinda reside in Picayune, and both work for the NASA Shared Services Center at Stennis Space Center.



Joe Brack ('02) was cast for a role in the play *Yentl*. The play will be held at Theater J in Washington D.C.



Jerome Taylor ('03) was called to be the lead pastor of Eastgate Baptist Church near Flint, Mich., in June of 2013. Jerome and Melinda celebrate the birth of their fourth child, Naomi Hope.



Mississippi Army National Guard Lt. Col. Richard L. Weaver ('04) serves as the director of plans, training, mobilization and security at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Camp Shelby maintains a close relationship with Columbus-based Stark Aerospace, a subsidiary of Israeli Aerospace Industries.



Matthew and Lisa Dickens ('04) welcomed baby girl Madelyn Dickens on June 24, 2014, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.



JimBo ('04) and Audrea Stewart are pictured with their three children, Tripp, Cash and Magnolia Grace. After serving in youth ministry for five and a half years in New Orleans and graduating with the Master of Divinity from NOBTS in 2012, the Stewarts relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., in March 2014. JimBo now serves as campus pastor at Hibernia at Hyde Park Baptist Church and Audrea stays home with their three children.



La'Keylah Lenoir White ('04) has been appointed as director of the Federal & State Programs Department for the City of Hattiesburg.

Dr. Joe Furr ('04), physician at New Wave Internal Medicine Clinic in Ocean Springs, and wife, Meghan, welcomed a baby girl, Greenleight Ruth, on November 3, 2013.

Larissa McDavid Bass ('05) and her husband Tony are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jeremiah Bo Bass. Bo was born on June 15, 2014, at Wesley Medical Center. Larissa enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to Bo and his big sister, Isabella.



Ashley Victoria Hudson, ('09) received the Juris Doctorate from University of Mississippi School of Law on May 10, 2014. Ashley plans to relocate to Southern California and practice entertainment law.



Ryan ('08) and Makayla ('13) Merritt are the parents of Lainey, Layton and Luke. Ryan is currently teaching physical education at Poplarville Upper Elementary, and Makayla is the director of clinical rotations at William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The proud grandparents are Carl and Beverly (Lawrence) Merritt, who both graduated from Carey in 1978.



Andrew Breland ('09) has helped found and is an influential part of the Mississippi Coast Film Office Group.

Crystal Carter ('09) earned the Master of Public Health in September 2013 from Capella University.

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Matthew and Gabrielle McQueen announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Grace McQueen. Ella Grace was born on December 12, 2013, at Forrest General Hospital. She is welcomed by brother Greyson and grandmother Judi Lightsey McQueen ('09).



## '10s

Cassie (Milam) ('11) and Travis Hegle announce the birth of their son, Logan. Cassie played the lead role in the WCU Theatre production "Wait Until Dark" in 2011. The Hegles are living in Waco, Texas.



Caleb Peyton ('13) is a second year medical student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Deanna Graves ('14) is the recipient of the William Faulkner Literary Award for Best One Act Play by The Tallahatchie River Fest Literary Association. Deanna is the application manager in the admissions office at William Carey University. Tallahatchie River Players will produce the play at the 2015 Tallahatchie River Fest. Entries came from 17 states as well as Brazil and New Zealand.



Louise Klasén ('14) completed her internship in music therapy at Southbury Training School in Southbury, Conn. She has worked as a full time music therapist in Fairfield, Conn. at the Jewish Home for the Elderly as well and Kokopelli School of Music and Arts. After returning to Sweden, Louise opened KeyChange Musikterapi in Linköping. Louise serves as acting president for the Swedish Academic Music Therapists organization.



## Forever in our thoughts

### Alumni passings

**Helen Fortenberry Wilson**  
attended 1938-1940  
passed away September 8, 2014

**Carroll Freeman ('48)**  
passed away September 25, 2014

**Helen Louise Hoffman ('49)**  
passed away March 2, 2014

**Kenneth Sumrall ('57)**  
passed away January 11, 2013

**Margie Fike Seale ('52)**  
passed away June 3, 2012

**Billie Jean Freeman**  
attended 1957  
passed away March 29, 2014

**Ernest Willie Foy ('59)**  
passed away June 7, 2014

**Georgiann Connell Holliman ('60)**  
former faculty member at WCU  
passed away June 10, 2014

**Carey Lee Counselman ('61)**  
passed away July 18, 2014

**O. Errol Simmons ('61)**  
passed away October 5, 2014

**E. Milton Wheeler ('61)**  
passed away March 24, 2014

**Jerry Evans ('65)**  
passed away July 15, 2013

**Nancy Ditsworth Roberts ('68)**  
passed away August 31, 2014

**Charles Alan Woodward ('69)**  
passed away August 20, 2014

**Ronnie Harrington ('78)**  
passed away May 9, 2014

**Jerry D. Sims ('78)**  
passed away July 23, 2014

**Clyniece Mayfield Breland ('80)**  
passed away March 2014

**Darleen Renick Dale ('80, '84)**  
passed away June 17, 2014

**Shelly Denise Jordan**  
attended 1991  
passed away April 15, 2014

**Jack Dean Burns, Jr.**  
attended 1994  
passed away February 25, 2014

**Bobby Chain**  
longtime friend of WCU  
passed away May 31, 2014

**Carmen Clara Corey ('95)**  
passed away April 12, 2014

**Joyce Berry ('00)**  
passed away August 15, 2014





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