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LETTERS FROM CAREY



TO ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF CAREY:

I recently read a story of a young boy who heard that the circus was coming to his town. He had never seen a circus and immediately started begging his father to let him go. When the big day finally arrived, the father, not wanting to disappoint his son, reached down into his pocket and pulled out his last dollar and gave it to the boy. Leaping with excitement, the boy ran down to the middle of town and joined the crowd of people who were waiting for the pre-circus parade. When the parade came down the street, the little boy was overwhelmed with the band, the elephants and the circus clowns. As the last clown came along, he held up a sign that read "THE END." The lad ran out into the street and handed him the dollar.

How foolish it is to be content with preliminaries. Who would put down a great novel after reading only the preface? Who would listen to Handel's beautiful overture and leave without hearing the magnificent *Messiah*?

William Carey College's miraculous past is only a prelude to its fabulous future. I'm tremendously excited about the future of my Alma Mater, and I hope that every other alumnus feels as I do. But just as the glory of the past required sacrifice and dedication on the part of so many, the future can only be bought with the currency of commitment. Will we give our dollar and be content with what "has been" or will we commit ourselves to what "can be?"

As a twenty-nine year old alumnus, I wrote the above column at the request of Dr. Noonkester, and it was published in the Fall/Winter 1970 edition of *The Profile*, the predecessor of the *Carey Magazine*. I would not change a word of it.

We have achieved unimaginable things with your support, and all at Carey are genuinely grateful for that support. Your prayers, referrals of students, and financial support will allow us to continue to accomplish beyond our imagination. The words of William Carey sound as clearly as they did when first spoken: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

God bless.

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

Tommy King



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All normal inquiries regarding the operation of the university, including admissions, financial aid, educational programs, and other operational matters should be addressed directly to the university and **not** to the Commission. The Commission should be contacted **only** if there is evidence of significant non-compliance with the requirements or standards for accreditation.

CAREY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ADDS NEW

Doctoral Degree

The William Carey University School of Education will offer the doctor of education (Ed.D.) in educational leadership K-12 beginning in November 2015, pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The new degree will prepare candidates to become effective leaders in their school districts. The degree is offered primarily in an online format with 61 required course hours, including the dissertation.

The School of Education currently offers a specialist of education (Ed.S.) degree with a concentration on educational leadership that can lead directly into the new doctoral degree. In addition to the new doctorate, the School of Education offers an Ed.D. or doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in higher education administration, five Ed.S. concentrations, the master of education (M.Ed.) with 15 concentrations and numerous undergraduate education programs.

For more information on the new degree, contact Dr. Liesa Weaver, assistant professor of education and chair of educational leadership, at lweaver@wmcarey.edu. For more information about the School of Education, call (601) 316-6600 or visit www.wmcarey.edu.

Education Major Rumbut Completes Student Teaching In ITALY



Michael Rumbut is one of many William Carey University education majors currently refining their skills in the classroom while completing the necessary student teaching component of their education.

However, few student teachers go out of the state – and far fewer, or perhaps just one, out of the country – to complete their assignments.

Michael, a 13-year-veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Guard, is completing his student teaching assignments in Aviano, Italy, a

“comune” (the Italian equivalent of a city) of nearly 9,000 at the foot of the Dolomites mountain range in the northern part of the boot-shaped country.

Aviano is also home to the Aviano Air Base, an Italian Air Force-owned base that hosts the U.S. Air Force’s 31st Fighter Wing. The base is also where Aviano’s wife of four years, Ashley, is stationed.

Michael, 33, grew up in Gary, Ind., a suburb of Chicago, and has traveled far and wide in his travels

WCU Partners with STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON CEEDAR GRANT

William Carey University, along with two other universities in Mississippi, recently partnered with the State Department of Education to receive a grant from the CEEDAR Center, a national technical assistance center dedicated to support states in their efforts to develop teachers and leaders who can successfully prepare students with disabilities to achieve college and career-ready standards.

The CEEDAR (Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform) Center accomplishes its mission by offering intensive, targeted and universal

technical assistance grants. Mississippi will receive a targeted technical assistance grant as a result of the collaboration between the state’s education department, the University of Mississippi, Delta State University and Carey.

The targeted technical assistance grant will provide Mississippi off-site and online services and products in order to reform, restructure and improve professional learning systems, as well as consultative services. The ultimate goal of the assistance is to improve teacher preparation and certification programs for special education teachers.

with the military. His time in Biloxi saw his enrollment at the Carey Tradition campus in the pursuit of a degree in elementary education. He had just finished all of his education courses in 2012 when Ashley's military service relocated the couple to Guam, a U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean roughly 7,750 miles from Carey's Biloxi campus.

One year later, the Rumbuts relocated again, this time to Aviano.

"During my time overseas, I found it challenging to order and take the Praxis (teacher certification exams)," said Michael. "After I passed the exams, it was another year before I received approval from the Department of Defense to complete student teaching."

Michael teaches a class of 17 students at Aviano Elementary School, operated on the base as a Department of Defense School. Students at the school are dependents of active duty military, civilian and other Department of Defense employees.

In the classroom, Michael oversees instruction and activities. He teaches

the students several subjects, including mathematics, science, health, reading and grammar. His class also attends Spanish lessons for 45 minutes twice a week and enjoys activities such as art, music, physical education and "host nation" classes, which are taught by two Italian teachers and involve the students learning about Italy's customs and language.

"The experience is definitely unique," said Michael. "Dr. June Hornsby of the education faculty has been absolutely wonderful, while email and other online resources from Carey have made the experience fairly easy."

Michael said the only drawback to the experience has been a lack of face-to-face communication.

"The only downside has been that I don't get to meet with Dr. Hornsby and the other student teachers in person," he said.

"I hope to start my teaching career with the Department of Defense Schools in Aviano," he said. "It's a tough job to get, but I am confident."



Dr. Hornsby, who directs student teaching at Carey, said Michael is a student who goes above and beyond in his work.

"He has been successful, a conscientious and responsible student," said Dr. Hornsby. "It has been a joy working with him."

Carey Receives Teacher Quality Improvement Grant

The School of Education has been awarded a \$90,000 grant for teacher quality improvement under Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Title II grants, which are awarded in Mississippi by the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning, focus on preparing, training and recruiting high-quality teachers and principals. Twelve grants were awarded in the state this year.

In order to be considered for the Title II grants, an institution had to partner with a local education agency (LEA), such as a school district, and submit a project adequately addressing the College and Career Readiness Standards by assisting teachers in adopting the new standards. Priority consideration was given to projects partnering with high-

need LEAs in addressing the needs of teachers and in developing sustainable, intensive and high-quality professional development activities.

The Carey project is a Teacher Leader Institute partnering with school districts in Covington, Forrest, Lamar, Marion and Wayne counties, as well as Forrest County Agricultural High School and the Hattiesburg and Petal city districts. The Institute's goal is to increase student achievement through instructional leadership.

The Institute will meet from June 1-26 and will provide opportunities for participants to analyze data specific to their core subjects and schools in order to improve their instructional practices to the rigorous levels required by new state standards. Participants will also prepare

targeted and ongoing professional development for their schools.

Twenty teachers from the partnering districts will attend the Institute as students in the university's educational leadership program. Funds from the grant will be used to pay a stipend to the students as well as their tuition for the Institute.

"This is the first time we have been awarded such a grant, thanks to the hard work of the faculty, our assisting consultant and the support of Dr. Susan Lee at the State Institutions of Higher Learning," said Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of the School of Education. "The grant is also renewable, so we are hopeful this will become an ongoing project."

Carey Establishes College of Health Sciences

As a result of continued growth in health-related programs, the William Carey University Board of Trustees recently approved the creation of the College of Health Sciences.

The new academic unit will include several existing programs at the university, including the School of Nursing, the Department of Physical Therapy, the health information management program and the health education and administration program. Dr. Janet Williams, dean of Carey's nursing school, will serve as dean of the new college.

The establishment of the new college comes on the heels of growth in enrollment in the nursing school and the establishment of the doctoral program in physical therapy in 2014. The School of Nursing has seen an enrollment

increase of 18 percent since 2010 on the Mississippi campuses, located in Hattiesburg and Biloxi, with a continued increase expected for fall 2015. A satellite location in Slidell, La., is also seeing positive enrollment numbers.

In 2012, the nursing school introduced the administration and education doctoral program following the Washington, D.C.-based Institute of Medicine's recommendation that universities double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020. Two years later, Carey graduated 21 doctoral nursing students, a number more than triple the six doctoral nursing graduates throughout Mississippi in the previous year.

There are currently 72 students enrolled in the doctoral program, with 27 anticipated to graduate this year and another 40 in 2016. The health

information management program, which started in 2014 and offers a bachelor's degree, will also graduate its first class of 26 students in 2015. Another new program started in 2014, the Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in nursing dual degree, is also seeing growth.

Carey is also readying the physical therapy doctoral program for its first students. The program was established by the Carey Board of Trustees in 2014 and is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Fundraising is currently underway to provide for startup costs, including renovation of the program's classrooms in Thomas Business Building. A total of \$1 million has been raised out of a projected need of \$1.5 million.

Students will be eligible to begin pre-physical therapy studies in the fall. The first doctoral class consisting of 30 students is expected to be admitted in fall 2016. The physical therapy program will be the second of its kind in the state at a time when the need for physical therapists is growing at a rapid rate. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recently predicted the job growth in the near future in physical therapy to be 36 percent compared to a predicted increase of 20 percent for other medical fields.

Carey's new programs are designed to meet needs around the state, said Dr. Williams.

"We are interested in providing for students educationally sound and innovative methods to increase the educational level of health care workers in our state, which will subsequently have a positive effect on health care available to the citizens of our state," she said.

Carey has a rich history of providing for medical needs in Mississippi and neighboring states. In 1969, Carey acquired the Mather School of Nursing in New Orleans and was approved to offer the bachelor's degree in nursing for the first time at the Hattiesburg campus. The degree soon expanded to Carey's then-Gulf Coast campus in Gulfport, which was relocated to the Tradition Planned Community near Biloxi following Hurricane Katrina. The master's degree in nursing was added in



(left to right) Wanda Jones, director of continuing education, research and funding for the nursing school; Dr. Karen Sicard, associate dean of nursing for the Hattiesburg and Louisiana campuses; Dr. Cynthia Scott, program director for physical therapy; Dr. Janet Williams, dean of the new college and of the nursing school; Dr. Bobbie Loveless, associate dean of nursing for the Tradition campus; and Dr. Angela Garrett, program director for health information management.

2003. In 2007, the Carey Board of Trustees authorized construction of a College of Osteopathic Medicine, the second medical school in the state. The medical college opened in 2010 and graduated its first class of students in 2014.

With consistent growth and the founding of the College of Health Sciences, the future seems bright for Carey's health-related programs, especially as another new program emerges on the horizon. Carey administrators and the Office for Advancement are currently working to raise funds for a school of pharmacy at the Tradition campus. The proposed pharmacy school would be the second of its kind in the state and would help combat a critical shortage of pharmacists in Mississippi. Administrators anticipate a need for \$4 million in startup costs along with an additional \$12-15 million in construction funds for facilities for the school.

The largest gift in Carey history, \$1.1 million, was given to the institution by Joe F. Sanderson Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Sanderson Farms, and his wife Kathy, with \$1 million of the gift benefiting the pharmacy school and \$100,000 applied to the physical therapy program. Additional gifts, including a \$125,000 gift from the Leo W. Seal Family Foundation, have also been received for the pharmacy school.

A master's degree is also being planned for the health administration and education program, which helps health care workers who are licensed, registered or certified increase their educational level for teaching or becoming administrators.

"As a university, Carey is dedicated to meet the needs of those around us," said Dr. Williams. "We are very fortunate because we have a visionary president who encourages us to be innovative and meet those needs."

For more information about Carey's health-related programs, visit www.wmcarey.edu or call (601) 318-6478. To contribute to fundraising efforts for the pharmacy and physical therapy programs, visit www.wmcarey.edu/advancement or call (601) 318-6542.



Dr. Tommy King
and Dr. Janet Williams

NURSING SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AND NURSING DEAN OF THE YEAR

"S o never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself." This quote by Florence Nightingale embodies the quality of leadership Dean Janet Williams brings to the Fail School of Nursing. Her visionary leadership has brought unprecedented growth to the School of Nursing.

The Fail School of Nursing was named the School of Nursing of the Year and Dr. Williams was named School of Nursing Administrator of the Year by the Mississippi Nurses' Association during the annual Nightingale Awards Gala in Jackson on March 2.

The Nightingale Awards are sponsored by the association and the Mississippi Nurses' Foundation to honor outstanding nurses and health care professionals. The awards are known

as the "Academy Awards" of quality service in the nursing and health care industry.

The awards recognize the Fail School of Nursing's dedication to providing relevant educational programs which meet needs in the state and also recognize the school's strong admission growth. The nursing school, first approved to offer classes in 1969, has expanded significantly in recent years and operates on both the main campus in Hattiesburg, the Tradition campus in Biloxi and at a Slidell, La., satellite location.

The Nightingale Awards also recognize the vision of Dr. Williams and her ability to implement and manage impressive programs. Dr. Williams has been with the Fail School of Nursing for 25 years and has served for four years as dean. She was appointed in 2014 by Gov. Phil Bryant to serve on the Mississippi State Board of Nursing.



(front row, left to right) **Dr. Robert Bateman**, associate dean of research; **Dr. Italo Subbarao**, associate dean of pre-clinical sciences; second-year medical student and Student Government Association President **David Buford of Byram**; **Dr. James Turner**, dean of the medical college; **Sen. Billy Hudson**; **Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association Executive Director Dr. Ed Williams**; (second row, left to right) first-year medical student **Jared Mullins of Tupelo**; first-year medical student **Matthew Dowdy of Brandon**; first-year medical student **William Brown of Meridian**; second-year medical student **Sarah Pachmayr of Centreville**; **Dr. Jonathan Fuller**, a first-year resident in Meridian; and (third row, left to right) third-year medical student **Brian Allen of Starkville**; second-year medical student **Garner Bell of Hattiesburg**; second-year medical student **Craig Moffett of Golden**; **Dr. Jason Farrar**, first-year resident in Meridian; second-year medical student **Don Parish of Hattiesburg**; and first-year medical student **Elizabeth Fike of Raymond**.

LEGISLATURE HONORS College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Mississippi Legislature, in a concurrent resolution approved on March 9, recognized the work of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine and named the week of April 19-25 as National Osteopathic Medicine Week in Mississippi.

The resolution, sponsored by Senators John Polk of District 44 and Billy Hudson of District 45, recognizes Carey's medical college, the first school of osteopathic medicine in the state, and its work in educating future osteopathic physicians and in providing various services to the community. The resolution also recognizes the 440 osteopathic physicians currently practicing in Mississippi.

The resolution specifically mentions the medical college's new osteopathic manipulative treatment clinic, opened

January 26 on the Hattiesburg campus. The clinic serves Carey students, employees and their families and has introduced the principles of osteopathic medicine to the community.

The resolution also mentions the college's various outreach efforts, including holding health fairs at local events; leading activities in elementary schools for National Physiology Understanding Week; volunteering at health care clinics in impoverished areas of the Mississippi Delta; leading exercise classes and activities at local retirement homes; raising money and awareness for the American Heart Association; assisting with cleanup efforts at Gordon's Creek in Hattiesburg; and helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to outreach efforts, the resolution also recognizes the

attendance of medical college personnel and students at the recent Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition in Seattle, where Alexis Cates, a fourth-year student from Mandeville, La., was awarded the Nichols LEAD Scholar Award. The award, given by the American Osteopathic Foundation, was presented to Cates for leadership, excellence, achievement and dedication in the classroom and in the community.

Dr. James Turner, dean of the medical college, was on hand to receive the resolution, along with members of the student body and associate deans Dr. Robert Bateman and Dr. Italo Subbarao. Dr. Ed Williams, executive director of the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association, was also present.

Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment Clinic Opens at Carey

William Carey University students, employees and their families are benefitting from the services of an on-campus osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) clinic operated by faculty members from the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The clinic, located in Mary Ross Hall on the Hattiesburg campus, utilizes OMT procedures to diagnose, treat and prevent illness or injury. OMT involves hands-on care from osteopathic physicians, including the movement of muscles and joints using techniques including stretching and gentle pressure. The treatment, used to treat ailments such as back pain or migraines, can ease pain, promote healing and increase overall mobility.

Dr. James Turner, dean of Carey's medical college, said the goal in opening this clinic is to introduce osteopathic medicine and its techniques to the Carey community as part of the college's outreach efforts. The college's mission is to educate osteopathic physicians who will be committed to serving the health care needs of all individuals with special attention directed to the medically underserved populations of the state and region.

The new clinic, which opened January 26, is operated under the supervision of Dr. Richard Sloan, assistant professor of clinical sciences. Initially, the clinic will be open from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. each Monday. Future plans include expansion of operation times and patients treated.



(left to right) **Grant Guthrie**, Carey's vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer; **Dr. Darrell Lovins**, professor of clinical sciences; and **Dr. Robert Bateman Jr.**, associate dean for research in the Carey COM.

CAREY MEDICAL STUDENT WINS Scholar Award

Alexis Cates, a fourth-year student in the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine from Mandeville, La., was recently awarded the Nichols LEAD Scholar Award by the American Osteopathic Foundation.

The award, given to an osteopathic medical student whose leadership, excellence, achievement and dedication are proven in the classroom and community, includes a \$1,000 cash gift and honors Dr. Karen J. Nichols, the first female president of the American Osteopathic Association.

Cates was given the award for demonstrating a "passion for serving and leading others," according to Foundation officials. Cates has served as chairperson of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association Foundation (SOMA) and as a member of its national board of trustees, Carey chapter president and co-chair of its political affairs committee.

In awarding Cates, Foundation officials noted her work with SOMA, including getting the Carey chapter involved with

D.O. Day at Capitol Hill, a day for doctors of osteopathic medicine to visit legislators and discuss their concerns. Under her leadership, the chapter was also awarded the Golden Tibia Award recognizing it as chapter of the year.

Additionally, Cates was instrumental in leading the chapter's development of a program designed to increase the cardiovascular health, flexibility and balance of female senior citizens residing in Hattiesburg's Wesley Manor. Cates has also been actively involved in research, having served as first author on a paper titled "Impact of Dual Polarization Radar Technology and Twitter on the Hattiesburg, Mississippi Tornado," published in 2013 by the Disaster Medicine and Public Preparedness Journal.

As a fourth-year student, Cates is completing her coursework for the medical program and is currently working in pediatric surgery at the Children's Hospital in New Orleans.



Carey Medical Student Accepted Into Summer RESEARCH PROGRAM

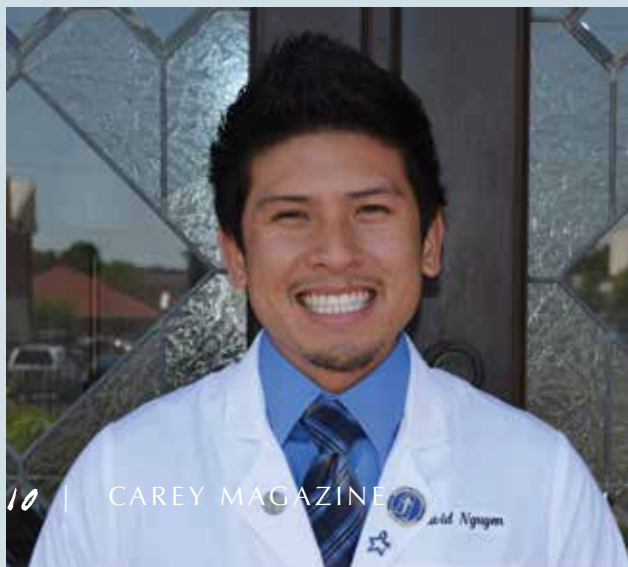
First-year medical student David Nguyen has been accepted into a summer research program at the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center, a research facility operated by the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

Nyugen, a native of Anaheim, Calif., will attend the eight-week 2015 Short-Term Summer Research Experiences in Cancer program from June 5 through July 31. During the program, Nyugen will work in the laboratories at the Scott Cancer Center and perform cutting-edge basic, translational and clinical research under the tutelage of Dr. John Estrada, director of education and community services for the Cancer Center.

Nyugen, who received an undergraduate degree in biological sciences from the University of California at Riverside and a master's degree in biomedical sciences from Mississippi College, will be the second Carey student to attend the research program. Last summer, Carey second-year medical student Don Parish of Auburn, Ala., attended the program and went on to present his work twice on a national scale.

The research program, founded in 1988, has involved more than 344 participants with over 30 obtaining medical degrees and 11 becoming clinical oncologists.

For more information on the program, visit www.medschool.lsuhsu.edu/cancer_center. For more information on the College of Osteopathic Medicine, visit www.wmcarey.edu/com.



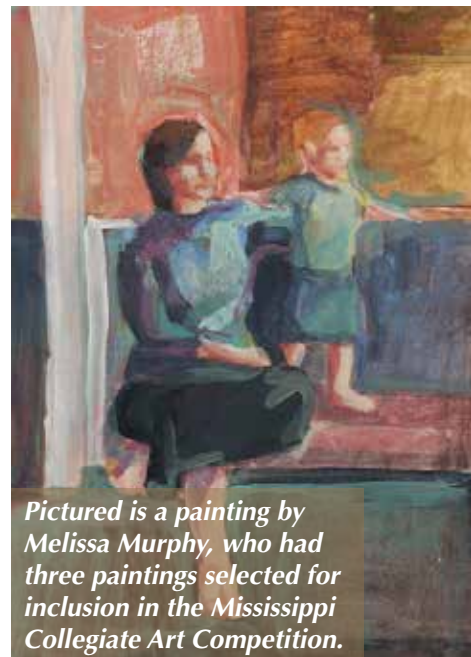
5 Students Earn Art Competition Honors

Five William Carey University art students earned honors in the Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition, an art contest held annually among both public and private universities and colleges throughout the state.

Carey students contributed 81 entries, including 56 from the Hattiesburg campus and 25 from the Tradition campus, to the contest, which garnered 709 entries from all of the competing institutions. A total of 138 pieces were selected by the judge, Jean Nunez Donegan of Nicholls State University, including seven pieces from Carey.

The selected pieces were exhibited at the Arts Center of Mississippi, located on East Pascagoula Street in downtown Jackson, beginning in February.

Carey students contributing selected pieces for the contest include senior art majors Amber Holifield of Collins, Joanna McKenzie of Monticello, Melissa Murphy of Bay Springs, Rick Wilemon of Hattiesburg and Tessa Stockstill of Biloxi. Three of Murphy's pieces were selected for the show with the other students each contributing one piece.



Pictured is a painting by Melissa Murphy, who had three paintings selected for inclusion in the Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition.

“I know that he will go on to great things.”

Theatre major Joey Roderick of Blue Ridge, Ga., did not originally come to Carey for sound design, but he designed, produced and created sound for the Carey theatre production “Scenes from Argonautika” and recently won the prestigious Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival national first place award for sound design.

“Actually I had no idea that sound design existed until I came to Carey,” said Roderick. “I was introduced to it my freshman year and I fell in love with it. I’ve been surrounded by music since I was a kid and would later record my own. I was always experimenting with sounds, so I felt very comfortable with this from the start.”

Roderick’s brother Michael is a Carey graduate. When Joey was looking for a university, his brother recommended the theatre program. After visiting for the first time, Joey “felt at home.”

Roderick said, “Always be open to whatever God presents you with in life. Explore the doors He opens and use the abilities He has given you. I’m blessed beyond measure to have received my award and fellowship, but I wouldn’t be

here if I didn’t take the opportunity given to me and put myself into it entirely.”

Roderick’s hard work helped him earn several prizes at the Kennedy Center including a two-week trip to Prague in the Czech Republic for an arts festival and a three-month summer intensive learning experience at the Eugene O’Neil Theatre Center in Waterford, Conn.

The theatre festival hosts a series of state and national festivals for each of the eight regions that makes up the United States. Mississippi competes in Region IV, which includes Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. Adjudicators attend performances throughout the academic year. They may choose to nominate student designers from these shows to advance to regionals. Students then present samples of their works at the regional festivals and winners are chosen based on their design work. The first place winners receive a trip to a week-long intensive workshop in their field of study in Washington, D.C.

Roderick is currently looking into employment and higher education opportunities.



“I plan to work after I graduate from Carey next year,” said Roderick. “I believe real world experience in sound will benefit me most at this point in my life. I can then decide if graduate school is the right choice for me. That is ... unless someone makes me an offer I can’t refuse.”

Carey Parker Gallery Hosts

Block Prints Exhibit



Dr. Ed Ford (left), assistant professor of graphic design and director of the Lucile Parker Gallery and artist Kreg Yingst

Award-winning artist Kreg Yingst exhibited his block prints at the Lucile Parker Gallery in December.

Yingst creates the prints, featuring images of blues legends from the South, by carving an image out of wood or linoleum. The carved image is inked using a roller, with the paper then placed on the surface and hand-cranked through a press or hand-burnished with a flat object, such as the back of the wooden spoon. Yingst says, “I’ve worked in this method for the past 20 years as it allows me the opportunity to fully exhaust my ideas and flesh out the subject matter.”

Yingst, originally trained as a painter, received his bachelor’s degree in painting from Trinity University in San Antonio, and his master’s degree in painting from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. His works have been displayed across the country, leading to prestigious awards such as the first place award in printmaking and drawing at the Atlanta Art Festival in 2007, 2010 and 2011.

TRADITION CAMPUS HOSTS *Senior Art Exhibit* OPENING RECEPTION



The William Carey University Tradition campus hosted "Identity," an exhibit of artwork by senior art students, January 22 through February 9. Pictured at the reception are the exhibiting senior art students: Hayley Benefield of Gulfport; Ashton Gibson of Gulfport; Jamie Suzanne Nash of Ocean Springs; LucyEllen Landry of Biloxi; Tracy Williams, chair of the Tradition campus art department; and Tessa Stockstill of Biloxi.



Carey Tradition Campus Student Receives **PEO SCHOLARSHIP**

Jasmine Clay-Mendez, a Tradition campus student from Pascagoula, received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), an international organization which gives scholarships to assist women in completing their educational goals. Clay-Mendez, a senior majoring in business administration, was selected to win the award from a group of several thousand candidates from both the United States and Canada.

Gillespie Museum Hosts **KATRINA RESTORATION EXHIBIT**



(left to right), *Iris Easterling, former curator; Jeanna Graves, theatre administrative assistant (and Easterling's restoration photographer) and Pam Shearer, Gillespie curator*

Almost ten years have passed since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast, but Iris Easterling's memory has not dimmed. At the opening receptions for the Katrina Restoration Art Exhibits, she recounts the story of the damage, rescue and restoration of the Sarah Gillespie Art Collection after the massive storm decimated the most comprehensive and extensive collection of 20th Century Mississippi art. The assistant professor of English emerita and former curator of the Gillespie Museum drove to the coast, dug through mud, found art restorers, wrote grants, catalogued, photographed, and coordinated rescue and restoration

efforts for years following the storm. Her efforts were rewarded with the beauty of the restored artwork now enjoyed in the museum.

The Collection, housed in the Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum on the Hattiesburg Campus, holds over 600 two-dimensional works by artists with Mississippi connections and includes work by artists from every section of the state and from every decade of the 20th century. The works are one of the hidden treasures on our campus, according to WCU President Dr. Tommy King, and are exhibited on a rotating basis to allow each to be exhibited over time.

CAREY THEATRE PRESENTS

Original Play and Latin Fable

The William Carey University Theatre presented "Aesop's Fables," an original play written by employees Jeanna Graves and Deanna Graves, from December 11-13 in the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre on the Hattiesburg campus. The play was based on 13 of Aesop's 284 morality stories and presented to children the morals of "Honesty is the best policy," "Don't judge a book by its cover," "There are two sides to every story" and "Real friends are faithful in good times and bad." Pictured are Billy Burkes of Lauderdale as the Country Mouse, Rebekah Romack of Poplarville as the City Mouse and Xavier Martin of Hattiesburg as the Dog in a scene from the play.



"Aesop's Fables"



"Bocon"

The William Carey University Theatre presented Lisa Loomer's "Bocon," an award-winning fable filled with humor and enchantment, on February 10 and February 14 in the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre. "Bocon" was a studio piece designed, directed and performed by Carey students and included both theatre majors and students from various levels of Spanish classes. The fable tells the story of 12-year-old Miguel, an irrepressible "bocon" (the Spanish word for big mouth), and his search for freedom during the turmoil in Central America in the late 1980s. Pictured are Billy Burkes of Lauderdale as Voice Keeper and Taylor Abbott of Hattiesburg as Miguel in a scene from the play.



Sarastro, played by senior Gary McCullum of Laurel, sings to Papamina, played by Dr. Susan Ruggiero, adjunct voice and flute instructor in Mozart's Magic Flute.



Senior Terrence McKenzie of Monticello as Monostatos in The Magic Flute

Senior Ben Salters and sophomore Lauren Clear. The two played the roles of Papageno and Papagena in the Magic Flute.



The School of Music ON THE ROAD

The Winters School of Music took a few of their shows on the road this year, performing White Christmas, Forever Plaid, and The Magic Flute both in Hattiesburg and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Music patrons in Hattiesburg and at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts and Education in Ocean Springs appreciated the music of Irving Berlin, quartet harmonies from the 40s and 50s as well as the delightful costumes and soaring arias of Mozart's comical opera.

CAREY MUSIC THERAPY PROGRAM

Celebrates 40 YEARS



Hannah Melancon Kennedy, music therapy intern in India.

Kennedy used music therapy techniques to treat patients suffering from diseases including terminal cancer and cerebral palsy.

The music therapy program has entered its fourth decade of providing a quality education to students interested in using their musical talents to enhance the lives of others.

The program, established in 1974, was an initiative of Dr. Donald Winters, then-dean of the School of Music. Dr. Paul Cotten, a noted music therapist, psychologist and director of Ellisville State School headed up the program, one of just a few in the United States at the time. The program now has over 30 students and is one of only 73 programs in the country with coveted AMTA-approved status.

Music therapy, often misunderstood, has scientifically-proven benefits, said Jim Pierce, assistant professor of music therapy and the current head of the program at Carey. Music therapists work with toddlers in pain, patients with cancer, dementia, brain injuries, Parkinson's disease, asthma, and even premature infants to improve their sleep patterns and increase their weight gain. "The possibilities can be endless," said Pierce.

Carey students work in local programs including "Harnessing Adults' Full Potential through Music Therapy" and the Children's Center



William Carey University music therapy students lead a dance and sing-along.

for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi providing services to adults and children.

The demand for Carey students to work in local programs is high, said Pierce.

"Our students are respected and very much desired by local organizations," he said. "They seek out areas to assist in the community... and we've found that local agencies are very anxious for us to engage with them."

In addition to assisting with local organizations, Carey students often intern in other areas. Hannah Melancon Kennedy, a senior music therapy major from Eunice, La., interned with Baptist Global Response in Bangalore, India, in the summer of 2013. During the internship, Kennedy used music therapy techniques to treat patients suffering from diseases including terminal cancer and cerebral palsy. Techniques employed in treating these patients included using music to calm 6-year-old Iver, suffering from Burkitt lymphoma; using shakers and rhythm sticks to soothe patients during

breathing treatments; and playing rhythmic beats to help physical therapy patients steady their breathing patterns.

Organizations interested in Carey music therapy students find those students having a balanced mix of academic training and skills. Students majoring in music therapy receive "almost a double major" in music and psychology, said Pierce.

"It's a difficult path," he said. "In addition to the music therapy classes, students have to

take courses like human anatomy and physiology, abnormal psychology and statistics."

Upon completion of the bachelor's degree program, students are eligible to take the national board certification examination and can receive the professional credential, MT-BC (music therapist/board certified). Various job outlook websites rank music therapy as a "hot career" and have indicated there are more jobs available than there are music therapists to fill them.

Our students are respected and very much desired by local organizations



Melissa Johnson (left), a senior William Carey University music therapy major from Byram, sings and strums guitar as an oncology patient at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg listens.

Many Carey music therapy alumni have gone on to successful careers. Helen Driskell Chetta, one of the first music therapy graduates, was a Rotary Scholar in England, received her master's degree in music therapy from Florida State University and has enjoyed a successful career. Additionally, Lori Parker, a 2000 graduate, and Nicole Ribet, a 2013 graduate, founded Ribet Rhythms Music Therapy Services, the first private practice of its kind in the state.

"Our program has always been recognized as a very good program, locally and on the national level," said Dr. Cotten. "It's been a pleasure to watch the program grow to its current status."

Pierce said he is optimistic about the future of the program.

"We have many good students and great connections in the community and on a national level," he said. "The program is a real success story."

To donate to the music therapy program, visit the website at wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey or mail your gift to WCU Box 141, 498 Tuscan Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

(center) Carylee Hammons, a registered music therapist and a former faculty member for the program; (left) Dr. Cotten; and Jim Pierce, assistant professor of music therapy.



Carey Faculty Member and Student HONORED BY HEADWAE

Dr. Brett Golson, assistant professor of religion, chair of the Department of Christian Ministries and director of bivocational ministries, and Mihaela Florescu, a senior from the eastern European country of Moldova, were recently recognized as the Carey HEADWAE faculty and student honorees.

An acronym for Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence, HEADWAE was established by the Mississippi Legislature in 1987 to honor individuals on campuses “who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.”

Dr. Golson and Florescu were among faculty members and students from 34 Mississippi public and private institutions recognized by the Mississippi Legislature at the State Capitol in Jackson on February 17.



Dr. Brett Golson and Mihaela Florescu

Dr. Golson joined the Carey faculty in 2012 after serving as senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Louisville. He served in the United States Marine Corps

and obtained his bachelor's degree in history and political science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor's degree in religion from Carey. He also holds master's degrees in divinity and theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also earned a doctorate in preaching.

Florescu is a biology major and chemistry minor at Carey. She moved to Mississippi to attend Jones County Junior College, where she graduated in 2013. After graduating with her bachelor's degree later this year, Florescu plans to attend medical school.

Carey Hosts MISSISSIPPI GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE ACTIVITY

The Mississippi Geographic Alliance, a partner of the National Geographic Society; held an interactive map activity at the William Carey University Hattiesburg campus on February 8. During the activity, a large map of Africa was placed across the floor of Clinton Gymnasium and the Alliance's Barbara Boone of Petal discussed the economies, governments and geographical features of individual countries. The activity was held for children of all ages as well as their parents and college students. Pictured indicating a country on the map with her foot is Dr. Bitsy Browne Miller (left of center), Carey assistant professor of education, as Erin DeMars (right of center), a junior nursing major from Senegal, looks on.



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Deanna Graves, admissions application manager at William Carey

Carey Employee Wins Literary Award

“Rhubarb,” Deanna Graves’ play inspired by her late grandfather, Houston Rainey of Moselle, was awarded the William Faulkner Literary Award for Best One Act Play at the Tallahatchie RiverFest Kickoff Community Luncheon in New Albany in September. The play was selected as the winner among entries from 17 states as well as Brazil and New Zealand.

The play will be produced by the Tallahatchie River Players and by WCU’s Serampore Players and Alpha Psi Omega.

“She was my waking world and my night’s rest. She was my partner in all things. I never thought I would be here without her.”

— Sam reminisces about his wife in “Rhubarb.”

Matheny Named WCU Humanities TEACHER OF THE YEAR



(left to right) Dr. Myron Noonkester, dean of the Noonkester School of Arts and Letters, Dr. Jeanne Gillespie, secretary of the Mississippi Humanities Council, and Tim Matheny, chair of the Department of Theatre and Communication and assistant professor of theatre

Tim Matheny, chair of the Department of Theatre and Communication and assistant professor of theatre at William Carey University, was recently named the university's 2014 Humanities Teacher of the Year.

As recipient of the award, Matheny presented a lecture entitled "The Power of Theatre: A Look into the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Theatre's Influence on Modern and Historical Societies" at WCU on October 23.

Matheny, of Petal, received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theatre and performance from William Carey College in 1995 and his Master of Fine Arts degree in theatre performance from the University of Louisville in 1999. He returned to WCU in 2000 to work as faculty, serving from 2000-2005. He spent three years working with the International Mission Board (IMB) in Russia and the Czech Republic before returning to WCU in 2008.

He is a seasoned performer and director, having worked with the popular Carey Dinner Theatre (CDT) since 1994. He has also worked with Mosaic Productions in Moscow, Russia; the Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera; and the Louisville Repertory Company. At WCU, he has directed *The Diviners*,

All My Sons and Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, as well as the CDT performances of *Route 66*, *The Taffetas* and *Cotton Patch Gospel*. His original play, *Beginnings*, co-written with Jeanna Graves, and his adaptations of *Hamlet*, *Macbeth* and *The Tempest* have premiered at WCU. In 2013, he directed a short play that was performed at the IMB's commissioning service in Hattiesburg.

Matheny has served on committees with the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and was named chair of the college/university division of the Mississippi Theatre Association in 2012. He is a member of Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society.

A faculty member from each higher learning institution in the state is selected for the Humanities Teacher of the Year honor each year by the Mississippi Humanities Council, a nonprofit corporation with the goal of sponsoring, supporting and conducting a wide range of programs designed to promote understanding of our cultural heritage, interpret our own experience, foster critical thinking, encourage reasonable public discourse, strengthen our sense of community and empower Mississippi's people with a vision for the future.



Student Selected for Business Honor Society Award

For Nistha Pradhan, Carey is more than just a school; it's home away from home. Lalitpur, Nepal is 8,340 miles from Hattiesburg. Nistha, a senior business administration major, is not the type of student to sit back and watch others get involved. She jumped right in to student life, joining Carey Connection, the student ambassador team, and many other campus and community activities while maintaining a 3.95 grade point average at WCU. She has also been honored with induction into Alpha Chi, a general scholarship honor society; Kappa Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honor society; and the School of Business Leadership Institute.

Her most recent honor is having been selected as one of only 20 students nationally to be named to the Sigma Beta Delta Fellowship Program. She has also been recognized as a lifetime member of Sigma Beta Delta, an international honor society for business, management and administration.

"Nistha is a diligent student who works hard to accomplish her goals," said Dr. Cheryl Dale, dean of the School of Business. "She has demonstrated leadership in the School of Business and academically ranks at the top of her class."

Carey Receives Significant Gift from CEO OF SANDERSON FARMS

“No one loves Mississippi more than Joe and Kathy Sanderson,” said WCU President Tommy King as he accepted the gift of \$1 million for the pharmacy school and \$100,000 for the physical therapy program.

Joe F. Sanderson Jr., chief executive officer and chairman of the board for Sanderson Farms in Laurel and his wife Kathy share the university’s dream for improving health care in a state where pharmacists and physical therapists are in critical demand.

When it became clear that Mississippi, and indeed the entire Gulf South region of the United States, needed more medical doctors, the university’s Board of Trustees and President Dr. Tommy King worked to open the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The medical college, the second medical school in the state, accepted its first class in 2010. The inaugural class of 94 doctors of osteopathic medicine graduated in May 2014 and now work in residency programs throughout the nation. The fifth class of medical students started their studies in August 2014.

And, in a state where a nursing shortage continues to be an issue, the institution’s School of Nursing has substantially expanded its offerings in recent years. A doctor of philosophy in nursing education and administration was added in 2012 and a master of science in nursing/master of business administration dual degree in 2014. The much-needed health information management program was also added in 2012.

THE SANDERSON FAMILY

The Sanderson family has a history of charitable giving that continues to the present generation. They previously donated \$105,000 to Carey for building, development and scholarship endowment and often provide assistance for causes in Mississippi.

The family’s charitable mindset is exemplified in Joe Sanderson Jr.’s rescue of the annual Professional Golf Association tour event in Mississippi. The event, which provides necessary resources for the Blair E. Batson Children’s Hospital in Jackson and has been held since 1968, was in serious trouble in recent years. In 2013, Sanderson persuaded the board of Sanderson Farms to become the event’s title sponsor.

In January 2015, the Sanderson Farms Championship announced a record donation of \$1,102,700 to the children’s hospital. The gift will be used to expand the hospital’s Children’s Heart Center, where congenital heart defects affecting nearly one out of every 100 babies born are diagnosed and treated.

At the time of the hospital donation, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant remarked of Sanderson, “Until Joe stepped forward, we were on the verge of losing something that this state has had since 1968 Joe is a humble man and he gives credit to others; but without Joe, we would not be here today.”

Sanderson Farms Inc., founded in 1947, is engaged in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of fresh and frozen chicken and other prepared food items. Employing more than 11,000 employees in operations spanning five states and 13 different cities, Sanderson Farms is the third-largest poultry producer in the United States. With company headquarters in Laurel, Sanderson Farms is the only Fortune 1000 company headquartered within the state of Mississippi.

As a company, Sanderson Farms is committed to adopting a fresh approach in everything that they do, not only where products are concerned, but also companywide. Though the company has grown in size, it still adheres to the same hometown values of honesty, integrity and innovation that were established when the Sanderson family founded the company in 1947 as a small feed, seed and farm supply business. Even today, after more than 65 years in the business, the company continues to be guided by chairman and CEO Joe F. Sanderson Jr., a third-generation Sanderson who is keenly tuned with his family’s legacy of unparalleled growth, quality products and responsiveness to customer needs.

For more information on contributing to Carey or about its programs, visit www.wmcarey.edu or call (601) 318-6051. For information on Sanderson Farms, visit www.sandersonfarms.com.

Joe F. Sanderson Jr., chief executive officer and chairman of the board for Sanderson Farms in Laurel, recently gave, with his wife Kathy, the largest gift by an individual in the institution’s history to William Carey University. The \$1.1 million gift will help defray startup costs for a school of pharmacy at the Tradition campus in Biloxi and for the doctor of physical therapy program at the Hattiesburg campus.



CAREY RECEIVES Seal Foundation Gift for Pharmacy School

The Leo W. Seal Family Foundation, headquartered in Bay St. Louis, has pledged \$125,000 for the establishment of the school of pharmacy at the William Carey University Tradition campus in Biloxi.

The pledge will be distributed to Carey over a five-year period, with \$50,000 already contributed, to defray startup costs for the pharmacy school. The school, the second of its kind in Mississippi, will have the mission of serving the entire Gulf Coast region. It will also anchor a Health Care Industry Zone, established by state law, within a five-mile radius of the campus on Highway 67.

Hank Zuber, District 113 state representative and co-author of the legislation creating the zone, was on hand for the Foundation's formal gift presentation on January 12 and noted the impact of the gift.

"I would like to thank the Foundation for the generous contribution," said



The Leo W. Seal Family Foundation recently pledged \$125,000 over a five-year period to William Carey University's effort to establish a school of pharmacy, the second such school in the state, on the Tradition campus in Biloxi. Pictured at the presentation on January 12 are (left to right) State Rep. Hank Zuber; Carey President Dr. King; and Foundation board member Clay Wagner.

Zuber. "They are taking the lead with this contribution in bringing the Coast back ... we are now one step closer to having the pharmacy school at Carey, which will be a game-changer for south Mississippi not only in terms of the school itself but possibilities including, but not limited to, high-tech spin-off

companies and ancillary businesses."

Foundation board member Clay Wagner said the Foundation was pleased to support such a worthy project.

"We are very, very excited to be able to participate in such an amazing project not only for the students on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, but also for the growth and development of our region," he said.

Carey President Dr. Tommy King expressed appreciation to the Foundation and noted the university's desire to serve the Gulf Coast and surrounding area.

"Carey has been on the coast for more than 35 years. Bringing the first professional school to the coastal region is just another example of our desire to serve this significant area of Mississippi and neighboring states," said Dr. King.

Carey Receives Gifts from Local Foundation



The university recently received gifts for the new Doctor of Physical Therapy program and the Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing from the South Mississippi Home Health Foundation. The Foundation, established in 1987, was formed by donations from Deaconess HomeCare and Hospice employees and by investment income. The gifts to Carey include \$40,000 to endow a nursing scholarship and \$100,000 to defray the startup costs of the new Doctor of Physical Therapy program, which is anticipated to begin enrolling its first pre-physical therapy students in August 2015. Pictured are (left to right) Carey President Dr. Tommy King and representatives from the Foundation board, including Mary Stainton, board president; Elaine Temple, board member; Pam Bourne, board accountant; Dr. Lynwood Wheeler, board member; and Howard Stroud, board legal advisor.



14 Inducted Into Sigma Tau Delta at WCU

Fourteen students were inducted into Alpha Gamma Gamma, the William Carey University chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta English honor society, on December 12.

Those inducted included Jonna Bonnette of Hattiesburg; Jessica Boyette of Biloxi; Ignacio Cerda of Seminary; DeAnna Edwards of Ovet; Mabry Ely of Raleigh; Joseph Goss of Picayune; Sean Laird of Gulfport; Ryan Lott of Pearl; Juliana Oswald of Hattiesburg; Houston Cole Saxon of Lumberton; Nigel Simmons of Picayune; Alyson Speights of Hattiesburg; Gunner Stewart of Petal; and Bethany Truhett of Meridian.

WCU has been affiliated with Sigma Tau Delta for over 20 years. The honor



society was founded in 1924 as “an order designed to promote the mastery of written expression, encourage worthwhile reading and foster a spirit of fellowship among those specializing in the English language and literature.” Admission to the chapter is open to undergraduate and graduate students with an overall “B” average in English courses and ranking in the highest 35 percent of the student’s class in general scholarship. The sponsor of the WCU chapter is Dr. Marsha Newman, associate professor of English.

(front row, left to right) **Haylee Pierce of Petal; Adrienne Madden of Purvis; Kaitlyn Pitts of Ellisville; Katie Sims of Purvis; Colleen Stewart of Laurel; Makayla Cooper of Columbia; Kasey McWilliams of Mendenhall;** (second row, left to right) **Dr. Garry Breland, vice president for academic affairs; Miguel Izquierdo Puertas of Burgos, Spain; Brent Manint of Tylertown; Leonard Sechi of Friedrichsdorf, Germany; Spencer Hollingsworth of Hattiesburg;** (third row, left to right) **Dr. Read Diket, co-advisor and chair of the Department of Art; Angelo Morales of Covington, La.; Dr. Tom Richardson, co-advisor and chair of the Department of Language and Literature; Dr. Randall Harris, co-advisor and professor of biomedical sciences;** (fourth row, left to right) **Dolores O’Mary, co-advisor and administrative assistant for the Department of Language and Literature; Lexi Davis of Hattiesburg, Alpha Chi vice president; and Erin Ford of Collins, Alpha Chi president. Not pictured are inductees Alyson Davis of Laurel; Malin Collin of Stromstad, Sweden; Tiffany DeVore of Picayune; and John Clark of Waynesboro.**

CAREY INDUCTS 16 STUDENTS INTO Alpha Chi Honor Society

Sixteen students were inducted into the Mississippi Beta chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society on April 15.

Membership into Alpha Chi is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior, senior and graduate class members. Carey students must have at least a 3.70 grade point average on the 4.0 scale to qualify for membership.

In addition to the student inductees, Dr. Garry Breland, Carey’s vice president for academic affairs, received an honorary membership into the honor society.

The chapter’s student officers for 2014-2015 are Erin Ford of Collins, president; Lexi Davis of Leakesville, vice president; and Kendal Banks of Wiggins, secretary. Advisors are Dr. Read Diket, chair of the Department of Art; Dr. Randall Harris, professor of biomedical sciences; Dolores O’Mary, administrative assistant for language and literature; Dr. Everett Roark, assistant professor of biomedical sciences; and Dr. Tom Richardson, chair of the Department of Language and Literature.

NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT Takes Office at Carey



The 2015-2016 Student Government Association at the Hattiesburg campus took office in an installation ceremony held on February 2. The SGA serves as the elected liaison between the student body and the university administration. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Sawyer Walters of Hattiesburg, representative; Kirestian White of Collins, commissioner of public relations; Andrew Coleman of Pascagoula, president; Mary Hannah Lott of Hattiesburg, vice president; McKayla Strebeck of Seminary, chief justice; (second row, left to right) Sean Laird of Gulfport, commissioner of entertainment; John Taylor Wesley of Columbia, treasurer and chief of staff; Lindsay Knight of Hattiesburg, secretary; Josiah Lawrence of Columbia, commissioner of elections; Zakary Ferand of Perkinston, justice; and Gabriel May of Columbia, representative. Not pictured is Chamapuwa Tinago of Harare, Zimbabwe, representative.



Carey Selected A TOP SCHOOL

By Military Journal

The university has been awarded the designation of a "Top School" in the 2015 Guide to Colleges & Universities released annually by *Military Advanced Education* (MAE), a journal of higher learning for members of the military.

The Guide, which measures best practices in military and veteran education, will be released in the December edition of MAE and will also be available online. The Guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 institutions, including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year and two-year colleges, and seeks to arm students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to those in uniform.

Institutions of higher learning were evaluated on their military culture, financial aid, flexibility, on-campus support and online support services. Each school's performance rating by category is represented by an easy-to-recognize dashboard, enabling prospective students to quickly target schools that excel in military education. Prospective students can then put those schools in context with academic and career considerations.

"We designed this database with the military student in mind. We want to help them make informed choices, so we are giving them access to all the survey questions and answers provided by the schools, as well as explanations about critical issues like activation and deployment policies, withdrawal policies, scholarship and financial aid information and important support information," said Kelly Fodel, editor of MAE.

Carey Presented with ENVIRONMENTAL Excellence Award

William Carey University has saved approximately \$405,000 through an energy conservation program and a partnership with Cenergistic, a national energy savings company, earning the university an Environmental Excellence Award presented by Dr. James Hutto, Cenergistic marketing consultant.

The energy conservation program has achieved 12 percent cost savings in 30 months. The program achieves its goals by examining all areas of energy use throughout

the university, including heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, natural gas and electrical use, water and sewer and other forms of use.

Conservation experts from Cenergistic have also worked with the university to help modify behaviors of staff, such as being more mindful of turning off lights and unplugging appliances when not in use, as well as assisting with utility rate structures, organizational development and construction management.

In order to implement and promote the energy conservation program, President Dr. Tommy King appointed Scotty Fletcher, former assistant men's basketball coach, as energy specialist. Fletcher worked with Cenergistic officials and with the university community to ensure that all energy is used as efficiently as possible. Both the Hattiesburg and Tradition campus in Biloxi have implemented the program.

Fletcher was able to track energy consumption by using energy accounting software. Current energy use is compared to a baseline period, allowing the calculation of the amount of energy that would have been used had conservation and management practices not been implemented.

Fletcher used this system to see the successes of the program as well as being able to correct areas needing attention.

"Reaching this level of savings at this stage of the program is a significant achievement,"

said Dr. William Spears, chairman and founder of Cenergistic. "William Carey University has done an excellent job of implementing Cenergistic's organizational behavior-based approach to energy conservation and maintaining productive efforts at all levels of the organization."

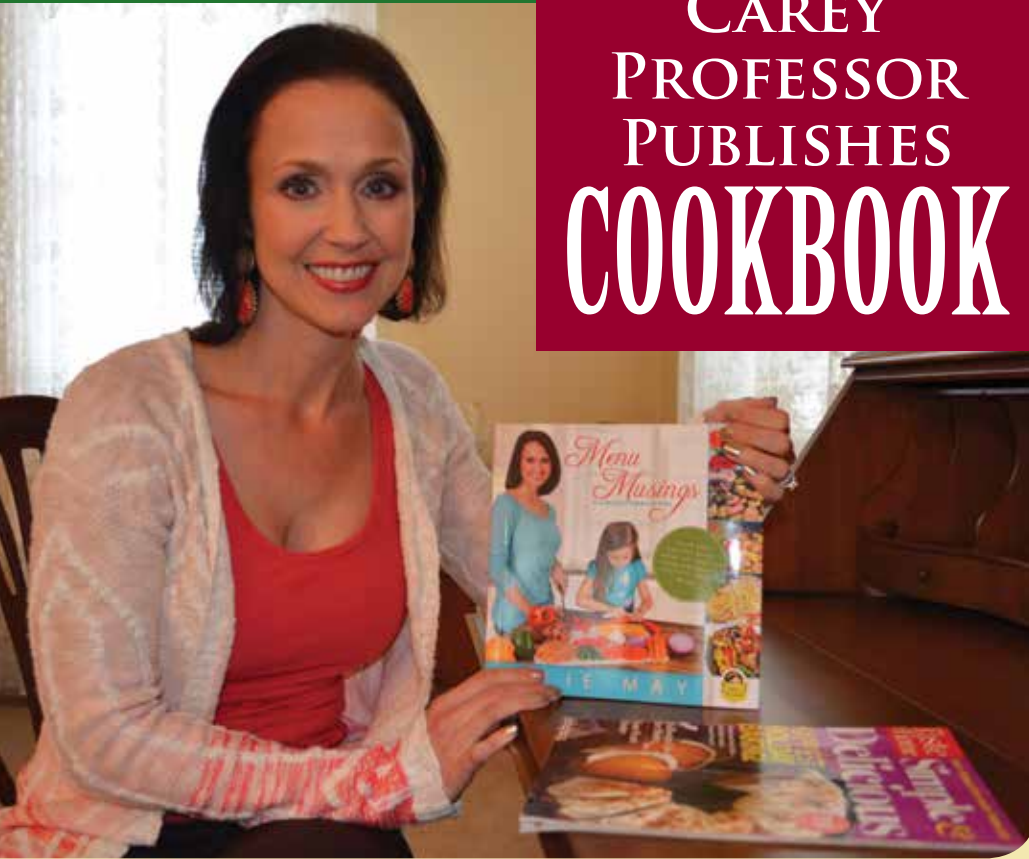
Spears added that a primary benefit of the Cenergistic program is that all costs come out of the existing utility budget, with savings projected to more than pay for the program. The additional savings can then be redirected to other parts of the university's budget.

"The administration and all staff members are to be commended for clearly fulfilling their commitment to being good stewards of the organization's energy dollars and the environment," said Spears.



(left to right) Dr. Tommy King, Scotty Fletcher and Dr. James Hutto

CAREY PROFESSOR PUBLISHES COOKBOOK



Dr. May started the blog in 2010 to share easy recipes with her busy friends. The blog is now the fastest-growing food blog in the country, according to Indigo River Publishing President Adam Tillinghast.

Her food blog has an international following with around eight million views and is known for her detailed recipes and step-by-step photographs and for her penchant for getting the entire family involved in the cooking process, especially children.

Dr. May said she authored the cookbook because of the tremendous success of her blog, a demand from her readers and her desire to get families to cook together.

Dr. May has been on the Carey faculty since 2005. She earned her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy at the Louisiana State University Medical Center in 1995 and a Ph.D. in biological sciences from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2004 with a concentration in cellular and molecular neuroscience, focusing on the molecular aspects of Alzheimer's disease, oxidative stress and aging.

She worked for a year in postdoctoral research at Pennington Biomedical Research in Baton Rouge, La., focusing on human clinical research and studying physiological changes due to obesity before joining the WCU faculty.

She resides in Hattiesburg with her husband, Gregg. She has four children and two stepsons.

The book may be purchased via www.menumusingsbook.com, via Dr. May's blog at www.menumusings.blogspot.com, or through Amazon.com.

"I grew up with my mother reading cookbooks at night," said Dr. Julie May, associate professor of biological sciences at William Carey University and a food blogger, as she explained the inspiration behind her new cookbook, *Menu Musings of a Modern American Mom*.

The full-color cookbook, published in October by Indigo River Publishing, contains 152 recipes, family favorites that prove to be quick and easy to follow. The book offers unique, interactive features, with each recipe

having its own QR code that can be scanned with a smartphone or tablet. The code redirects readers to Dr. May's blog, also known as *Menu Musings*, where they can see complete step-by-step photos and video. "For me," she says, "a cookbook needed to be more than just a listing of ingredients and a method...there needed to be stories of how the recipes got there, where the food came from and little tidbits of information for people to savor and enjoy."



Carey Hosts NASA DEVELOP RECRUITMENT EVENT

Personnel from the NASA DEVELOP National Program, an interdisciplinary research environment where applied science research projects are conducted under the guidance of NASA and partner science advisors, held a recruitment event for their internship program at the William Carey University Hattiesburg campus on January 22. Pictured are (left to right) NASA DEVELOP employees Georgina Crepps and Shelby Barrett, a Carey senior from Hattiesburg and a campus ambassador for the program, speaking to Carey student and current intern Brennan McDaniel of Oakdale, La., and interested Carey students Sawyer Walters of Hattiesburg and Nicoli Hutchinson of Picayune.

SIMS NAMED Miss William Carey University 2015



Katie Sims (right) and Sarah Beth Sewell



Chelsea Rick and
Trinity Iriel Wright



(left to right) Katie Sippel, Briana Exum, Katie Sims, Kaylee Miller and Rebecca Croker

Briana Exum, a sophomore business administration major from Aurora, Colo., was named first runner-up to Sims and preliminary evening gown winner. Second runner-up and preliminary interview winner was Kaylee Miller, a sophomore nursing major from Leakesville. Katie Sippel, a sophomore mathematics major from Mobile, Ala., was third runner-up and won the Amy E. Allen Cash Award for highest grade point average. The fourth runner-up was Rebecca Croker, a senior music education major from Vanleave.

Danielle Moore, a freshman biology major from Tylertown, won the Virginia Scott Spirit Award. Voted on by the contestants, this award recognizes contributions to the Miss WCU Scholarship Pageant by Virginia Scott, a former pageant director who produced three Miss Mississippi winners. Other pageant contestants included McKenzie Rigney of Picayune and Hannah Thompson of Hattiesburg.

During the pageant, Trinity Iriel Wright, the 1-year-old daughter of Brandon and Michlene Wright of Hattiesburg, was selected as the honorary Miss WCU. She was crowned by Chelsea Rick, Miss Mississippi 2013 and a student in the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine, and former honorary winners Elyse Bolling and Maddie Smith.

Musical entertainment for the pageant was provided by the WCU Jazz Ensemble and Carey Company. Emcees were Kenna Spiller, a senior elementary education major and Miss WCU 2012, and Rick.

Proceeds from the pageant were donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

Katie Sims, a sophomore business administration major from Purvis, was crowned Miss William Carey University 2015 at the annual Miss WCU Scholarship Pageant on November 20.

Sims, 19, was one of eight contestants competing for the title, which is a preliminary for the Miss Mississippi Pageant. Sims also won the preliminary talent award for her piano performance. The daughter of Allen and Karen Sims, Sims was crowned the pageant winner by Miss William Carey University 2014 Sarah Beth Sewell of Starkville.

Eborall *Featured in* SIXER MAGAZINE

Carey soccer player Danny Eborall made the cover of Sixer Magazine, a popular regional magazine in North Sheffield, England, this spring. Danny, proudly wearing the red and black, came to Carey after a year at Averett University and another at Lake Erie College.

Daniel, born in Hillsborough, England, says his father helped fuel his passion for football (soccer). "He worked with me one-on-one nearly every day growing up," said Danny.

As the Sixer article explains, Danny soon realized that his soccer dreams would never be fulfilled in England so he began searching for scholarships in America. After much research, Danny accepted a scholarship in Virginia.

He's thankful that his family was supportive because it isn't easy to move so far away from home at 19. "It was too good an opportunity to turn down, though, so we all knew I had to jump at this chance."

Danny says he wasn't really nervous about moving, but he was nervous about the hot weather in the south. "I just didn't know how the heat would affect my fitness and performance." But after playing the first game in 100 degree heat, he knew he'd be ok.

Danny explains to Sixer Magazine that athletics "plays a huge part in university life here. Crowds of students flock the stands to support players with banners, and the teams are made up of players from all over the world including Brazil, Germany, Spain,



Portugal, France, Algeria and Ivory Coast to name just a few."

Danny says that the locker rooms rival many elite teams' around Europe, with the difference that the professionals have it easy because "we've got classes, homework and exams to worry about as well!"

Halford's 1000th Win

Head Baseball Coach Bobby Halford picked up his 1000th career win on February 17, as his Crusaders swept a doubleheader with the College of Saint Joseph (Vt.) at Milton Wheeler Field.

Halford has skippered the Carey baseball team for 30 years and has won 61.6 percent of his contests and averaged 34 wins per season. He is currently eighth on the NAIA active wins list.

"I just feel blessed to be here, to be with this program all these years, and to be surrounded by all



of the good people who have made this possible" said Halford. "It's a team effort, all the way."

After the last strike was recorded, there was a brief ceremony as Carey Athletic Director Steve Knight presented Halford with a plaque recognizing the milestone.

Then the Crusaders plastered their coach with a celebratory shaving cream pie, in lieu of the usual

Gatorade bath, a nod to the frigid temperatures the night of the game.

CAREY WOMEN'S GOLFER BIGGS

*Selected for
NAIA Position*



Athletics

"I know Hope is very excited and honored to represent William Carey University and the Southern States Athletic Conference as a newly-selected member of the NAIA Association of Student-Athletes," said Carey Director of Athletics Steve Knight. "She will take this position very seriously and I am sure she will be one of the leaders within the ASA. We are very proud of all of her accomplishments at Carey, academically, athletically and as a leader on our campus."

Carey President Dr. Tommy King said Biggs' appointment is another indicator of Carey's prominent role in the NAIA.

"Having one of our outstanding athletes and students on this advisory council provides an opportunity for students to have input into decision-making," said Dr. King.

Biggs and her fellow student-athletes in the ASA will discuss in the coming year Champions of Character initiatives, the student-athlete experience and the health and safety of student-athletes.

"I am both humbled and honored to be selected as a representative for the ASA. Words do not adequately express my appreciation to have this opportunity to serve student-athletes on the national level," said Biggs. "I pray I can be a voice of impact, a heart of service and a true representative of the Champions of Character that the NAIA student-athletes embody. To have an opportunity to be a part of something that I am passionate about means the world to me."

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) recently announced that William Carey University junior women's golfer Hope Biggs of Clinton will serve as one of 27 members of the proposed Association of Student-Athletes (ASA).

The ASA is a new group soon to be added to the NAIA governance structure. It will be the association's first governance group made up entirely of students and will function as the advocacy arm of the student-athlete collective. The group includes at least one representative from every conference in the NAIA and a representative from every NAIA championship sport.

Biggs will represent the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC), in which Carey participates, and will also represent her sport of women's golf. She is currently an officer on the conference's inaugural Student Leadership Council and was nominated for the ASA position by SSAC Commissioner Mike Hall.

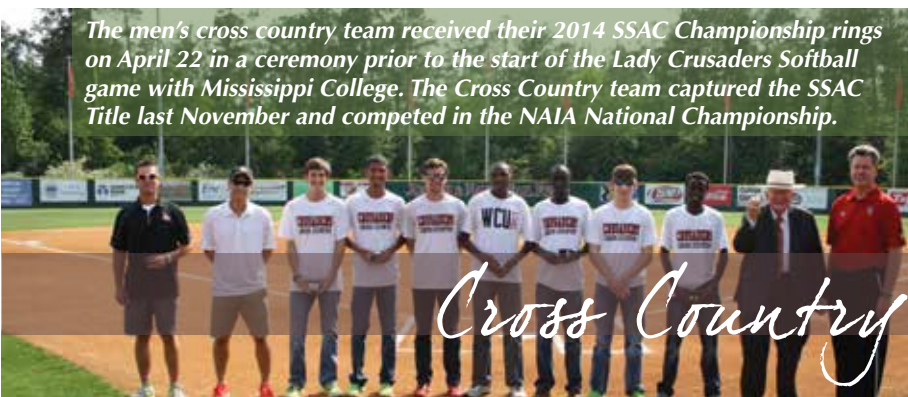
"We are honored to have Hope Biggs represent the Southern States Athletic Conference on the national stage," said Hall. "She has shown her natural leadership ability since being nominated for the SSAC Student Leadership Council, which led to her being chosen as an officer for that group this year."

Biggs' natural ability has led to her being seen as a leader on the golf course. She was selected as the Mississippi Junior Golf Association Girls Player of the Year for four straight years in high school and earned induction into the Central Hinds Academy Hall of Fame. In less than three years on the college golf scene, Biggs has captured two event titles and was named to the SSAC's All-Tournament and All-Academic Teams in 2014.

Her predilection for leadership roles has been evident off the course as well, as Biggs served as the president of the National Honor Society in high school and as the vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in college.



The men's track & field team captured the 2015 SSAC Championship on April 25 at the Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium in Gulf Shores. The Crusaders won all 13 running disciplines to take the title by a 103 point margin.



The men's cross country team received their 2014 SSAC Championship rings on April 22 in a ceremony prior to the start of the Lady Crusaders Softball game with Mississippi College. The Cross Country team captured the SSAC Title last November and competed in the NAIA National Championship.

Cross Country

Hummel Archery



Lauren Hummel, a junior biology major from Hattiesburg, won second place in the Mississippi Indoor Archery Championship held recently in Jackson. Students from five

colleges met in Jackson for the event. Scores were totaled and compared to archers across the country in a multitude of categories with the most common being recurve and compound. Hummel shot in the no sight division, one of the most difficult categories. Carey hopes to form an Archery Club soon under Hummel's capable leadership.

Carey Participates In Operation Christmas Child



During December, William Carey University donated 420 boxes to Operation Christmas Child, a yearly missions effort sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The Hattiesburg campus donated 307 boxes while the Tradition campus donated 113 boxes. Pictured are students from the Baptist Student Union as they pack shoeboxes during a November 17 packing party held at the Hattiesburg campus. The boxes include toiletry items such as toothbrushes and bar soap along with toys, school supplies and other items. The boxes are sent to children in various countries all over the world.

CAREY PARTICIPATES IN Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



William Carey University employees and students contributed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the first time in 30 years during the month of December. The annual Offering, sponsored by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, raises funds to support 4,800 missionaries and their 4,000 children during their quests to spread the gospel among 900 people groups throughout the world. Giving to the Offering will now be an annual tradition at the university. Pictured taking up the offering (with buckets, left and right) are Willa-Ann Renard and Ben Austin, both children of IMB missionaries supported by funds raised during the annual Offering.



CAREY DONATES BLANKETS TO ELDERLY

William Carey University donated 123 blankets for senior citizens in Hattiesburg through a project initiated by the Fall School of Nursing. The blankets were donated by students, faculty and staff with the goal of giving senior citizens not only a warm Christmas, but also an understanding of the true meaning of the holiday season. Pictured packing the blankets for transport are (from left to right) Lenell Ford, special assistant to the dean of nursing; Deborah Sills, administrative assistant for nursing; and Dr. Janet Williams, dean of nursing.

WCU School of Business DONATES CANNED FOOD

The School of Business donated 1,068 canned good items to the Edwards Street Fellowship Center in Hattiesburg. Students, faculty and staff contributed to the annual drive and the items donated were placed on a special canned goods Christmas tree prior to delivery to Edwards Street. Pictured are students in the School of Business with the special tree.



Carey Hosts International FOOD FAIR



Claresta Tasman (left), an international student from Paramaribo, Suriname, serves fellow students an Indonesian dish known as pisang molen during the William Carey University International Food Fair on October 16. This annual tradition, hosted by the Baptist Student Union and the International Student Organization, features international cuisine prepared by students, faculty and staff. This year, unique dishes from 15 countries were featured. A total of 35 countries are represented in the Carey student body.



Sorority HOLDS FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Gamma Chi, one of William Carey University's two sororities, held a faculty and staff appreciation luncheon on November 17. Members of the group served soups, salads and desserts to university personnel. Pictured enjoying the lunch are (clockwise) Shane Thrash, assistant director of the Baptist Student Union (BSU); Luran Burnham, graduate assistant for the BSU; Dr. Dennis Rau Jr., assistant professor of clinical sciences in the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM); Dr. John Jones, chair of osteopathic principles and practices in the WCUCOM; Lisa Madaris, post office clerk and financial affairs assistant; Dr. Mike Madaris, assistant professor of business administration; and Dr. Tim Glaze, director of the BSU.



MISSIONS

The Baptist Student Union packed over 700 bags of food for distribution throughout the city of Athens. The BSU sent a team to Greece in March as a part of Team Athens, an effort to give all people in Athens opportunities to respond to the Gospel and become disciples in healthy, reproducing local churches. During the trip, students, faculty and staff ministered to the local population and distributed groceries to those in need. Team members also traveled to historical sites. On Mars Hill they had an opportunity to pray over the city and watch the sun rise. The BSU has also traveled recently on mission trips to Brazil, Chile and China with future plans to travel to Peru. Other Carey groups also travel on mission trips, including a nursing group working with health-related efforts in Honduras and Carey faculty and students participating in missions through the Consortium for Global Education in Lebanon. To give to missions, visit our webpage at wmcarey.edu/givingtocarey or mail your gift to WCU Box 141, 498 Tuscan Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Carey Hosts "Drive to Inspire" Breast Cancer Awareness Car



The "Drive to Inspire" Breast Cancer Awareness Month car was parked in front of Wilkes Dining Hall in October. The pink 2015 Hyundai Sonata was sponsored by Forrest General Hospital, Mack Grubbs Hyundai, Carter's Jewelry and Comcast Spotlight and was parked at over 500 locations in south Mississippi throughout the month. The public was invited to sign the car in honor or in memory of a breast cancer patient or in support of research and awareness.

Women's TESTIMONY NIGHT



(left to right) Meg Edney of Vicksburg; Macie Foreman of Rayne, La.; Nicole Yates of Lucedale; Ashley Huntington of Slidell, La.; Brooke Morgan of Hickory; and Lana Pol of Pascagoula.

Ashley Huntington saw a need. Rather than hope that someone else would meet that need, she stepped up and organized an event to meet it. The Carey senior from Slidell, La., put together the Women's Testimony Night with the goal of helping female students "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ," the Apostle Paul's message in Ephesians 3:18.

The event, held in January in the Student Conference Center on the Hattiesburg campus, welcomed over 150 female students.

Three Carey students, including senior Lana Pol of Pascagoula, sophomore Meg Edney of Vicksburg and junior Nicole Yates of Lucedale, shared their testimonies of God's work in their lives. Also sharing her testimony was 2014 alumna Macie

Foreman of Rayne, La., who works with the Pine Belt Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

In addition to the testimonies, the evening's activities included door prizes, desserts and worship through music.

Baptist Friendship House DIRECTOR SPEAKS

Dr. Kay Bennett, executive director of the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans, spoke during the Carey Lecture on October 8.

In her current position, Dr. Bennett speaks and educates the public on issues regarding poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse and human trafficking. The topic of her Carey Lecture was trafficking, which is a major problem both in the United States and abroad. Statistics indicate that trafficking is a 32.6 billion dollar industry, the second-largest criminal industry in the United States and the largest criminal industry in the world.

Dr. Bennett shared with the audience her personal experiences with those who have been trafficked and the work the Friendship House is doing to help

those in that situation. She also shared ways the public can help fight human trafficking, which includes calling the National Human Trafficking Resource Center's hotline at (888) 373-7888 when trafficking is suspected.

A native of Kokomo, Dr. Bennett is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received her B.S. in counseling psychology. She received her master of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She was appointed as a missionary to Brantley Baptist Center in New Orleans in 1990 and in 1997 became a missionary to the Friendship House.

The Friendship House, established in 1944 and located on Elysian Fields Avenue, seeks to minister to the



Barbara Hamilton (left), executive assistant to the president, poses with Dr. Kay Bennett, executive director of the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans.

physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in New Orleans through love, action and truth. Various ministries are headquartered at the Friendship House. More information can be found by visiting www.baptistfriendshiphouse.org.

CAREY TRADITION Campus Hosts Police Officer Workshop

Thirty-two officers from the D'Iberville Police Department attended a search and seizure update workshop hosted by the criminal justice program at the William Carey University Tradition campus.

The workshop, held throughout a two-week span in December, allowed the officers to receive a partial fulfillment of their state-mandated in-service training hours, according to Dr. Karla Pope, chair of the criminal justice program.

"The workshops are designed to help the officers be better prepared to act and react in situations they encounter on the street," said Dr. Pope.

She added that the discussion-based classes allow officers to use their experiences and the experiences of their colleagues to better understand the application of constitutional protections in law enforcement.

"We enjoy hosting the officers on our campus because it is a way for William Carey to give back to the local community and keep the local police force current on any changes in the constitutional issues they need to be knowledgeable about every day," said Dr. Pope.

Carey Hosts South Mississippi Counselors' Meeting

The William Carey University Office of Admissions hosted the South Mississippi Counselors' Workshop and Luncheon at the Hattiesburg campus on February 19.

The inaugural event was held for local grade school counselors. Over 50 counselors from 30 schools attended the event, which included a tour of the Carey campus and the College of Osteopathic Medicine, a complimentary luncheon and an educational session led by Gail Simmons, director of career, counseling and support services for the Mississippi Department of Education.

The workshop provided training for the Mississippi Counselor Appraisal Rubric, or M-CAR, and information on educator evaluations.

Prior to Simmons' workshop, Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of the Carey School of Education, welcomed the group to campus and discussed his appreciation for the work of school counselors and the impact they make on students' lives daily.



Gail Simmons, director of career, counseling and support services for the Mississippi Department of Education

CAREY TRADITION CAMPUS

BEGINS FITNESS PROGRAM

A stereotypical New Year's resolution is becoming a reality at the Tradition campus in Biloxi as a new fitness and wellness program has been established to benefit campus employees and students.

The program, first implemented at the beginning of January, includes a commitment from select employees to meet a walking goal of 10,000 steps per day. The Student Government Association plans to host a 5K race in the fall to promote student wellness.



(left to right) Heather Sours, student account representative; Cathy Creel, assistant director of financial aid; Monica Marlowe, chief advancement officer; Shanna Murray-Luke, assistant director of student services and student marketing; Becky Robertson, assistant registrar; and Vivian Clark, administrative receptionist.

The trend to a more fit university community started at Carey's main campus in Hattiesburg. A walking club, consisting of employees and students,

meets several times a week. Employees at both campuses also receive weekly emails with healthy living tips, including recipes.

For its wellness efforts, Carey has been named a "Fit Friendly" worksite by the American Heart Association. The university's efforts come at a time when Gallup

has ranked Mississippi as the most obese state in the United States with an obesity rate of 35.4 percent in 2013.

ALUMNI *Spotlights*

Jason Carlisle '72



Jason laughs as he tells me that his first furlough was in 1959. He started his missionary career very early! His parents were missionaries to Uruguay, and Jason was born in Texas on one of their furloughs. Jason and his wife Susan '73 met at William Carey. Susan already had a call to missions and when

Jason wanted to marry her, she asked, "Are you willing to be a missionary?" He struggled with that question. He was a product of the 60s counterculture and, having grown up on the field, certainly did not idealize the missionary life as many do.

At Southern Seminary, he encountered Dr. Jack Glaze (Dr. Tim Glaze's father) at a missions conference, and his counsel led Jason and Susan to pursue appointment with the IMB to Uruguay.

While in Uruguay, Jason worked with the missionary agency COMIBAM (Congreso Misionero Iberoamericano) whose vision is to see believers from Spain, Portugal, and all of Latin America taking the gospel to all people groups. Then in 1998, he began mobilizing Hispanic Southern Baptists in the United States to take the gospel to unengaged or unreached people groups (UUPGs) around the world.

Jason is excited about recent breakthroughs in Hispanic mobilization. Through networks of Hispanic churches and volunteers, Southern Baptists have sent the first wave of Hispanic volunteers to Indonesia and Myanmar and are seeing the first baptisms as a result. A team of Cuban volunteers will soon travel to a Muslim country in Africa to train national believers to plant churches among their own people groups. Three Hispanic couples will soon be deployed to UUPGs in Columbia, Ecuador, and Peru.

Jason and Susan have three children. Mauricio is married to Geraldine and also works in mobilization. Eva is married to Matt and works with special needs children in Barcelona, Spain. Nathan lives in Richmond and works with arts and crafts.

Dr. Randy Davis '79



Christian influences, complete obedience to the Lord and navigating out of his comfort zone have been the keys to success for Dr. Randy Davis ('79), a pastor for more than 34 years and the current executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Satsuma, Ala. native arrived at Carey in the mid-1970s and found a father figure and strong influence in Bible professor Dr. William Clawson.

In the middle of his sophomore year, a time when some college students are still deciding on a major, Dr. Davis married his wife, Jeanne, and accepted his first pastoral work in Leakesville. After his graduation from Carey, Dr. Davis was called to pastor First Baptist Church in Vancleave, an experience he calls a "13-year-honeymoon."

"It was a wonderful time in that church on the Coast," he said. "Both of our children (Wendy and Beth) were born while we lived there."

Dr. Davis earned his master's degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctorate in ministry from the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies. In addition to the churches in Leakesville and Vancleave, he also pastored First Baptist Church in Morristown, Tenn., and First Baptist Church in Sevierville, Tenn., before accepting his current position.

"I have always had a pastor's heart and intended to pastor a local church until I could simply no more physically do it," he said. "But God had different plans and I was called to serve in my current position ... it was a definite call from the Lord or I never would have left the wonderful church in Sevierville in the shadow of the Smoky Mountains."

In his current role, Dr. Davis serves as the "chief encouragement officer" of the 3,200 Southern Baptist churches and their ministry partners across Tennessee.

"The keys to anything that looks like success in my life have been Jesus and Jeanne," he said. "I have a Lord who gives love and strength and a wife who is as loving and incredibly encouraging as she is beautiful."

Carey Graduate Dr. Adam Breerwood Named PRCC President-Elect



A two-time William Carey University graduate and a recent inductee into the university's Alumni Hall of Fame has been named president-elect of Pearl River Community College, which has its main campus in Poplarville and extension centers in both Hattiesburg and Waveland.

Dr. Adam Breerwood, who received his bachelor's degree in social science from Carey in 1997 and his master's degree in education from Carey in 1999, was named president-elect by the PRCC Board of Trustees during their monthly meeting in April. Dr. Breerwood will take office upon the retirement of Dr. William Lewis, president of the college since July 2000.

Dr. Breerwood, 40, joined the PRCC staff in 1997 and has served since then in roles including dean of student services, director of recruitment and orientation, head soccer coach, assistant baseball coach and as a faculty member. He currently serves the college as vice president of the Poplarville campus and the Hancock Center in Waveland. He received his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2003 and has been recognized for his leadership by publications such as the Mississippi Business Journal, which named him one of Mississippi's top 40 business leaders under the age of 40 in 2013.

He has also been recognized by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2013 and has been inducted into PRCC's Sports Hall of Fame for his collegiate career in baseball. He is a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Economic Council's "Leadership Mississippi" and has been active in the Rotary Club of Poplarville for the past 15 years, serving as president in 2013.

"Dr. Breerwood has demonstrated the leadership abilities that the board feels are necessary to assure that Pearl River Community College continues to grow and be successful," said Dale Purvis, chairman of the PRCC Trustees, in a statement released by the college. "Electing him to this position assures the college of a smooth transition when Dr. Lewis retires."

Dr. Breerwood was inducted into the Carey Alumni Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities in March 2015. Upon his induction, Dr. Breerwood attributed his passion for success and his commitment to excellence to his educational experience at Carey and the guidance he received academically, physically and ethically from faculty and staff members.

"Mentors at Carey taught me to bring a positive attitude and high expectations to my environment each day," he said.

Dr. Breerwood noted in his acceptance speech for the Hall of Fame honor that he takes his Carey experiences with him daily and applies them as the foundation for his approach to the students and operations of PRCC.

WCU ALUMNI CHAPTERS

William Carey University Office of Alumni Relations is looking to establish alumni chapters throughout Mississippi or anywhere there are five or more alumni residing in the same city, state, geographical area, or in the same constituent group. If you are interested in establishing a chapter in your area, please contact Cindy Cofield, director of alumni relations at ccofield@wmcarey.edu or 601.318.6561.

If you are interested in joining one of the existing chapters, please contact the representatives listed below:

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Mr. and Mrs.
WCU in Parade



Authors for Book Signing



Student Activities Homecoming
Celebration



Miss WCU Katie Sims

2015 Homecoming Review



Homecoming Court



Dr. and Mrs. King with
Mary Morton



Crawfish Boil Crowd



Alumni Chapel Service

Alumni



50 Year Recipients



Carmen Simmons and Emily Mooney



Coach Knight and Daughter Lindsay



Alumni Banquet



Poetry Reading



Homecoming Parade



Falesca Montgomery, Jeannie Bolton and Kathy Hopkins



Character Brunch



Monica Marlowe, Dr. Don Stewart and Mona Stewart



Sports Hall of Fame Recipients Current and Past

WCU Inducts Four into Alumni Hall of Fame

William Carey University inducted four graduates, Dr. Adam Breerwood, Vermester Jackson Bester, Carl Merritt Jr. and Dr. Eric Joseph Williams, into the Alumni Hall of Fame during a Homecoming awards banquet at Southern Oaks House and Gardens in Hattiesburg on Friday, March 27.

Dr. Breerwood is a two-time graduate of Carey, earning a bachelor's degree in social science in 1997 and a master's degree in education in 1999. He earned his doctoral degree in higher education administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2003. He currently serves as vice president for the Poplarville campus and Hancock Center of Pearl River Community College, and in April was named president-elect by the PRCC Board of Trustees (see full article on page 31). His numerous honors include being recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal as one of Mississippi's top 40 business leaders under the age of 40 in 2013. He has also been named by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2013 and was a graduate of the Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi class of 2010. A former baseball player at both PRCC and Carey, Dr. Breerwood was inducted into the PRCC Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

Bester was one of the first two African-American students admitted to Carey in 1965. She graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and started a 35-year-career with the Hattiesburg Public School District. During those years, she served as a teacher, department chair and academic coach. In 1978, she earned a master's degree from USM. She has also taught math at



(left to right) Dr. Williams, Merritt, Carey President Dr. Tommy King, Dr. Breerwood and Bester.

McKinney Independent School District and as an adjunct instructor at USM. Since retiring from Hattiesburg schools, Bester has served as an independent math consultant and currently consults for four Mississippi school districts. During her teaching career, Bester was selected as Teacher of the Year for both Hattiesburg High School and Mary Bethune Alternative School. She has also been awarded the Euro award honoring integration pioneers and the Teacher of the Year Award by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Mu Gamma Lambda Chapter.

Merritt earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Carey in 1978, the master of administration and supervision degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1985 and the specialist's degree in education from Carey in 1990. He has been superintendent of the Poplarville School District since 2007 and previously served as assistant superintendent and principal of Poplarville High School. He is currently secretary of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents and was named president-elect for 2015-2016. During his tenure as principal, Poplarville High received the rating of Level 5, the highest possible rating for high schools in Mississippi. The school was also recognized as a Blue

Ribbon School, one of the highest honors a high school can receive, prompting Merritt's recognition by then-U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. Merritt is also a board member for the Pearl River County Crime Stoppers.

Dr. Williams earned the bachelor's degree in nursing from Carey in 1986 and later earned a master's degree in nursing with a focus in adult health from the University of South Alabama College of Nursing. Currently, he serves as the assistant director and

faculty leader of health sciences and as a professor of nursing at Santa Monica College in California. In 2007, Williams earned a doctoral degree in nursing practice from the Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. He is the first vice president of the National Black Nurses' Association Board of Directors and has served as president of the Council of Black Nurses in Los Angeles and the New Orleans Black Nurses' Association. Williams has presented locally and nationally on a variety of health-related topics and has been featured on CNN for a segment on health care reform, along with being featured in the publication *Minority Nurse*.

Prior to the presentation of the Hall of Fame inductees, Dr. Tommy King, president of Carey, gave a State of the University address. Pam Shearer, annual fund director, presented Legacy Awards in honor of Sarah Gray Burrus, registrar from 1959-1997; Georgiann Holliman, instructor of English from 1966-1988; Dr. Don Stewart, professor of religion from 1963-1978; and Dr. David Yang, professor of education from 1956-1967. The Legacy Awards honor faculty and staff members who have left a legacy of leadership or learning because of their investment in students' lives.

Carey Inducts Eight Into SPORTS HALL OF FAME

William Carey University added eight inductees to the Sports Hall of Fame during the fifth annual induction ceremony and dinner at Southern Oaks House and Gardens in Hattiesburg on Saturday, March 28.

The inductees included Steve Knight, Bobby Halford, Dan Jennings, Forrest Stevenson, Howard Moore, Janet McNease Green, Rickey Coleman and Rick Ferrell.

Knight, director of athletics and head men's basketball coach at Carey, played baseball and basketball of the University of Southern Mississippi from 1974-1978 before playing two seasons with the Seattle Mariners. In 1981, he became a graduate assistant coach for basketball and baseball at Carey and was named head coach of the men's basketball team in 1982. In 33 seasons as head coach, he has won 610 games and multiple conference and district championships. He is the state's all-time winningest basketball coach at a four-year institution. Knight has also been selected to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015.

Halford, head baseball coach at Carey, played baseball for then-William Carey College in the early 1970s. In 1976, he was named assistant baseball coach and head coach for women's basketball. Halford led the Lady Crusaders for 10 seasons and captured a conference championship. He was named head baseball coach in 1986 and in 30 seasons has won numerous conference and district championships. In February 2015, Halford secured his 1000th career win and is currently number eight on the NAIA wins list.

Jennings played baseball at Carey and graduated in 1984. He signed as an undrafted free agent with the New York Yankees in 1985 and played Class A ball with the Greensboro Bats before becoming head coach at Davidson High School from 1985-1987. He returned to professional baseball in 1986 as an associate scout for

the Cincinnati Reds. In 1988, Jennings became an area scout for the Seattle Mariners. In 1995, he was named the director of scouting for the Tampa Bay Rays before joining the Miami Marlins in 2002 as a scout. He was named assistant general manager of the Marlins in 2007 and was promoted to general manager in 2013.

Stevenson played baseball and men's basketball at Carey. On the baseball team, he served as starting catcher and started every game on the 1969 NAIA national championship team as a freshman. In 1972, he was named team captain and All-District. After graduating from Carey in 1972 with a degree in physical education, Stevenson began working with Norfolk and Western Railway. He was the first certified professional environmental auditor in West Virginia prior to his retirement in 2010.

Moore was a member of the first men's basketball team at Carey. He played on the team from 1954-1958. After graduating from Carey in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in education, Moore worked at Hattiesburg High School. He taught math and served as a coach for basketball and tennis for 34 years prior to his retirement.

Green was a star basketball player at Bassfield High School in the early 1970s, where she played for Coach Willis Lott and helped lead the Lady Yellowjackets to the 1975 Class BB state title. She played on the inaugural women's basketball team at Carey. A four-year starter, Green led the team in rebounding in 1976 and had the highest free throw percentage in both 1976 and 1977. She graduated from Carey in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in math and earned her master's degree in 1982. She taught math and computer applications at



(front row, left to right) **Rick Ferrell; Janet McNease Green; Howard Moore;** (second row, left to right) **Bobby Halford; Forrest Stevenson; Rickey Coleman; Dan Jennings; and Steve Knight.**

Bassfield High School for 25 years before retiring in 2005.

Coleman played baseball at Carey from 1979-1982, hitting .331 with 14 home runs, 21 doubles, nine triples, 84 RBIs and a recorded 81 stolen bases. He was named All-Conference and All-District and was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American. After Carey, he was drafted in 1982 by the San Diego Padres and played five years in the minors reaching triple A. After leaving the minors, Coleman worked for 20 years with the Cook County Juvenile System in Illinois and currently works with the Illinois Work Well Program.

Ferrell played men's basketball at Carey from 1967-1971, averaging 18 points per game and serving as co-captain his senior year. He is 10th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,469 points. After graduating from Carey with a degree in physical education and a minor in psychology, Ferrell returned to his home of Portsmouth, Ohio, where he coached high school basketball. He retired in 2001 but remains active in his community in activities ranging from coaching Little League to volunteering with the Special Olympics.

Prior to the inductions, Jim Smith, president of Grand Bank in Hattiesburg, a 1971 graduate of Carey and a former Crusaders baseball player and Sports Hall of Fame Member, gave attendees highlights of Carey's recent athletic accomplishments along with news about the university's academic programs and growth.

Class Notes

60's

Dr. Hugh E. Bateman ('61) was recently honored by alumni of The University of Mississippi by the creation of an endowment in his honor to be awarded to a rising senior who plans to attend medical school. Dr. Bateman served as the director of pre-med advising for students at Ole Miss from 1973 through 1989. In addition, he was the faculty advisor for the campus chapter of the pre-med fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and the editor of the national pre-med magazine, The Scalpel.

70's

OmniBank, a community bank in Bay Springs, appointed Gary Gordon ('77 & '81) to its Board of Directors in the fall of 2014. Gordon currently serves as a petroleum marketer for Denson Oil Company in Bay Springs and as a member of the Board of Trustees of William Carey University.



Kathy Combest ('79) was recently inducted into the All Sports Association Hall of Fame in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Combest, a longtime Baker High School coach and the current Crestview High School volleyball and girls basketball coach, is also a member of the William Carey Sports Hall of Fame as a basketball player.

80's

Michael Davis ('81) recently accepted the position of associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Bremen, Georgia.

Kathryn "Ka" Russum ('81) has been added to the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, a charitable organization established to support the Mississippi Nurses Association and its members with nursing scholarships, continued education support, nursing research, fundraising and health promotion. She is currently the director of education at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg where she is responsible for the organization's general orientation, competency, training and e-learning.



Rev. Jeffery N. Murphy ('84), is serving as a director of the Association of Professional Chaplains. Murphy, a board certified chaplain since 1993, has served as staff chaplain at the University of Mississippi Medical Center since 2003.

90's

Lori Harper ('93 & '97) was listed in the Mississippi Business Journal as one of 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi in 2014. vice president of Supply Chain Management at Ingalls Shipbuilding. Harper serves as vice-president of supply chain management at Ingalls Shipbuilding.

Brad Hodges ('99) has been named the new discipleship pastor at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Christina Michelle Hatten Sumrall ('99) was crowned Queen Elk XLIX by the Krewe of Elks during the Carnival Ball at the Hattiesburg Elks Lodge in February. She is currently employed by Pearl River Community College as an academic counselor and teaches speech communication online as an adjunct professor.



00's

Andrea Hepburn Adams ('01) recently completed her Doctor of Ministry degree at Liberty University Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia. Andrea graduated with high distinction and received the Frank J. Schmitt Doctor of Ministry Award. She has accepted a new job as an adjunct professor of practical studies at Liberty.

Josh ('02) and Kelly James Penot ('02) welcomed Harrison Clint Penot on August 28, 2014. Harrison is pictured with sister Morgan, 3 years old.



Bethany Boone McNease ('03) was listed in the Mississippi Business Journal as one of 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi in 2014. McNease serves as controller of Bassfield pipeline construction company M.G. Dyess, Inc.

Michael ('04) and Jennifer Shearon ('95) Johnson had their story, "On Purpose" released in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Joy of Adoption* on March 31, 2015. "On Purpose" gives a "brief glimpse into how God continues to amaze us with His plan for our family through adoption."

Howard Nobles Jr. ('08) recently joined Sumrall Medical Center as a nurse practitioner. Nobles is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.



Joseph ('05) and Gabrielle Bonner Hill ('04) welcomed their second child, Jude Taylor, May 1, 2014. He was received at home by his older brother, Banks.



Gareth Bonner ('07) and Kimberly Yonge Bonner ('07) adopted their three children from Hungary in June 2014. Pictured here are Annie Kate, Kimberly, Matthew, Vivian, and Gareth Bonner. Learn more about their adoption journey at www.thebonneradoptionjourney.blogspot.com.



Lacy Kendrick Burk ('12) was recognized with a consumer/peer leadership award for her work as a national mental health advocate at the Voice Awards in Hollywood. She is currently the executive director of Youth M.O.V.E. (Motivating Others through Voices of Experience) National, a youth-led, non-profit organization that advocates for and supports youth voice through a network of 77 chapters of nearly 900 young people across 30 states.

Nicole Ribet ('13) was awarded the Lifestrong Grant by Singing Rivers Hospital in Gulfport.

Jera Dykes ('13) and Jacob Havard ('10) married on March 28, 2015.



'10's

Emily Martin ('11) and Justin Elliott, (attended '07-'08) married on September 6, 2014.



Nafiyah Younes ('12) and Vincent Kirkland ('10) married on March 7, 2015.



Ame' Karoly ('11) earned the Master of Arts in Global Communications, specialty in social change and advocacy from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in November 2014. Karoly was also named to the Dean's List for academic excellence. She has recently accepted the position of client care specialist at the Delois Smith Allstar Team in Hattiesburg.

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Alumni passings

Dr. Al Foy, former professor and chair of education

passed away January 24, 2015

Dr. John E. Green, former trustee

passed away March 17, 2015

Travis Dale Pittman, CPA, former professor

passed away February 19, 2011

Dr. Joel Dillard Ray, Sr., former professor of religion

passed away December 6, 2014

Tommie Jean Wallace, former trustee

passed away May 3, 2015

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Abby Hellen Holcomb Jones ('35)

passed away October 22, 2014

50's

Margaret Evans Pittman ('53)

passed away November 20, 2012

Robert O. Harris ('56)

passed away in March 2015

JoAnn Odom Wingate ('58)

passed away February 13, 2015

60's

Phyllis Nell Lane ('60)

passed away January 10, 2015

Rev. Charles Ray Dampeer ('61)

passed away December 6, 2014

Virginia "Ginger" Kathleen Perego ('62)

passed away May 4, 2015

Dorothy Hewitt Speights ('66)

passed away September 20, 2014

James A. Williamson ('67)

passed away November 24th of 2014

70's

Kathy McCarty Flynt ('73)

passed away May 4, 2015

John Sabatini ('74)

passed away November 11, 2014

80's

Beverly Lane Wigington ('80)

passed away May 26, 2014

Mary Elizabeth "Prissy" Carey Sellers ('83)

passed away December 4, 2014

Charlotte Williams Godchaux ('84)

passed away January 8, 2015

Barbara C. Johnson ('88), former professor for School of Nursing

passed away January 29, 2015

90's

Eric Scott Houston, former William Carey student

passed away January 25, 2015



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- The Grind Coffee & Nosh, Biloxi
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