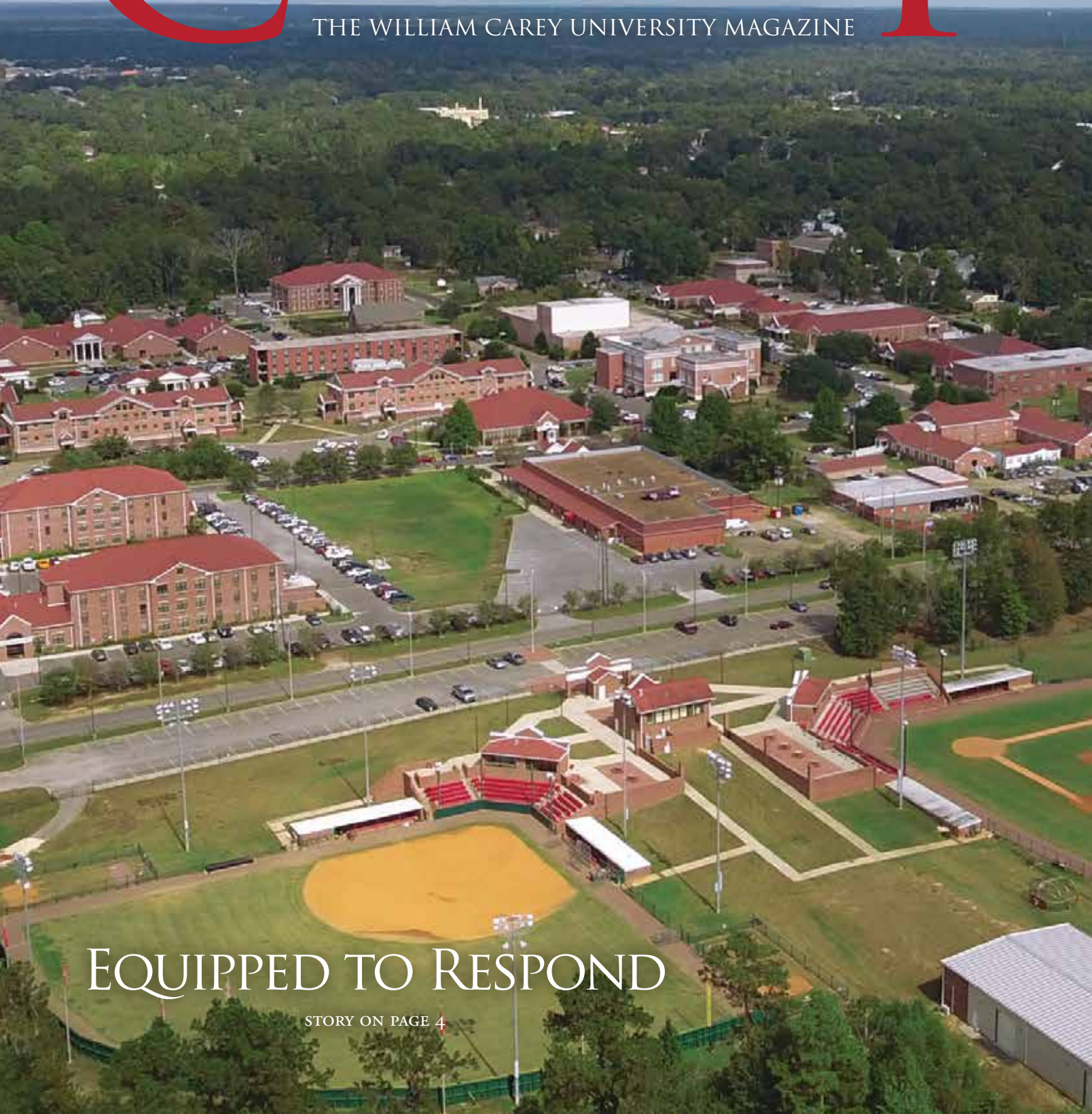


# CAREY

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# LETTERS FROM CAREY



To WCU Friends and Alumni:

In October of 1906, South Mississippi College opened on the site where William Carey University now stands, bringing higher education to the Pine Belt. This year marks the 110th anniversary of private higher education in Hattiesburg. During these years, Carey and its predecessors have made a lasting impact on the area by providing leadership for churches, teachers and administrators for schools, workers in business and the healthcare field, and has made an impressive contribution to the cultural and economic life of the region. The future is bright for your alma mater as we contemplate the additional opportunities that God presents to us.

After a disastrous fire destroyed South Mississippi College in 1910, the property was gifted by Mr. W. S. F. Tatum to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and in 1911, Mississippi Woman's College became the second college associated with Mississippi Baptists. During that period, the partnership between Carey and the Baptists of the state has produced leaders for churches, missionaries, and godly lay workers in God's vineyard.

As of the writing of this letter, our fall enrollment has reached 4,632. Carey has again been rated by *U. S. News & World Report* as the #2 "Best value in the South," our online programs have been rated #5 in the nation for quality and value by *Great Value Colleges*, and we have been selected as the safest campus in Mississippi by BackgroundChecks.org. In addition, we have received a perfect financial responsibility score from the U. S. Office of Education, the seventh consecutive year for this rating. Carey is one of only three schools in the state with a perfect score.

Now, what about the future? The opportunities are unlimited. The growth of healthcare programs makes Carey a leader in the medical field. Growth of the Christian Ministry degree has been remarkable. The upgrade of the Hattiesburg campus and the construction of a new campus on the Mississippi Gulf Coast makes Carey more attractive to serious young people. Your support is more important than ever. I trust that you will continue to pray for us, refer quality students to us, and support us financially as the Lord has blessed you.

God bless,

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

Tommy King, '64



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~ BENJIMEN SESSUMS



*Kathryn McMillan, Deputy Sheriff*

# Carey Grads are *The First* TO RESPOND

**WHEN AN EMERGENCY ARISES, WE TURN TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS FOR HELP. WHETHER WE NEED A FIREFIGHTER, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR A PARAMEDIC, CAREY HAS BOTH STUDENTS AND ALUMNI WHO SERVE IN THESE ROLES.**

“Police, fire and EMT work together in the toughest of times to help those in need in the community. When I think about the events of 9/11 or Katrina, I remember the dedication that the first responders demonstrated. We are truly brothers and sisters in service dealing with heartbreaking and terrifying events on a daily basis. We lean on each other because we know we are kindred spirits doing God’s work through serving our neighbors,” said Dr. Karla Pope, chair of the criminal justice department.

Let’s take an inside look at a few of our own Crusader family first responders.

**MICHAEL BRUMLEY**, a lieutenant with the Biloxi Police Department and 2015 graduate of the FBI National Academy, has been in law enforcement since 1997. He is also on the dive and rescue team for the department. Lt. Brumley has always valued



on-the-job-training, but since taking courses in the criminal justice program, he has seen the benefit of academic training in addition to the practical side of training. He began criminal justice studies with Dr. Pope at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, continuing in the program at Carey’s Tradition Campus, taking both on-line and night classes. He will complete his bachelor’s degree soon and enroll in the master’s program with Dr. Pope next year.

Michael and his wife Mary have one daughter, Minley, who is a sophomore at St.

Martin High School. They attend First Baptist Church of Biloxi. Michael enjoys helping with the Special Olympics Sailing Events in Biloxi every year.

**KEVIN CROZIER** earned the Bachelor of General Studies with a major in religion in 2000 and served as a bivocational pastor, fireman and sheriff’s deputy for several years in Marion County. For the past year, he has been serving full-time as associate pastor at Foxworth Baptist Church.

Kevin recently led sessions on church safety and security at Growing Church Conferences at First Baptist Church Columbia and First Baptist Church Biloxi. The security sessions focus on emergencies such as fire, storm, and medical, as well as domestic issues. The conference helps the church develop plans



and procedures for eventualities we all hope and pray never arise. Topics also include trends in security, statistics, and security applications specific to churches.

"As a first responder, I encountered a wide range of people, often at their worst, whether from fire or from a really poor decision. God opens doors in these situations to minister to people in need, through prayer or offering options. A first responder does not have to be a professional minister to reach out in this way. The opportunities are there," said Crozier.

Kevin and his wife April have four children ages 4-12. April teaches gifted students at West Marion Schools.



**KATHRYN MCMILLAN** is a deputy sheriff in Simpson County. After spending 20 years in the Air Force, she couldn't see herself just sitting around doing nothing when she could serve her community. In

addition to being a deputy sheriff, she's also an alderwoman and volunteer firefighter. She is currently enrolled in three on-line classes in the criminal justice program.

Kathryn and her family attend Harrisville Baptist Church. She has been on several mission trips. The most memorable was four years ago when she went to England



**ABOVE: August 2016 Carey criminal justice graduate Michelle Maddox points out that the program is not just for police officers. Many other careers are available to criminal justice grads. Careers in intelligence, crime scene analysis, criminology, and forensics are just some of the jobs open to graduates. As the number of jobs in the criminal justice field continues to rise, so too does the demand for highly trained and educated law enforcement, corrections, and court officers, as well as agents and administrators.**

during the summer Olympics. Her team passed out tracts and flyers and ministered to the homeless in London. "We probably learned more from the Christians there than they learned from us," she said. "Being a Christian is not easy in the secular society in London today."

Kat and her husband Eric are both retired military. Their daughter Kristen is a medic in the army, their son John is a college freshman, and their 12-year-old daughter Savannah has her sights on medical school.

**BENJIMEN SESSUMS** entered the world of first responders when his college roommate at Carey asked him to join an EMT class at the YMCA in Hattiesburg, even though they were both religion majors. The roommate dropped out, but Sessums completed the course and went on to work as an EMT as he continued to pastor bivocationally in Carthage, Mississippi. After completing paramedic training at Jones County Junior College, he began teaching in the EMT program there, while still working and pastoring.



When a full-time teaching position opened up at Jones, Sessums was offered the position because he was the only candidate with a college degree, despite having less experience than other candidates. He subsequently earned a master's degree in biology at Carey in 2013, the first student to earn that degree from Carey. He has been the emergency technology program director at JCJC since 2014 and also teaches anatomy and physiology. He is currently working on a Ph.D. at USM.

Sessums sees a need for integration of emergency services. He has trained in other parts of the United States and learned that an integrated system of law enforcement, fire, and paramedical services is much more effective than maintaining division among the entities. "We need to train together, practice together, and realize that our mission is the same: the safety and well-being of our community," said Sessums.

Sessums pastored in Carthage for nearly 10 years, making the 130-mile drive each week. For the past five years, he has pastored Carson Baptist Church in Jeff Davis County. He and his wife Jessica live in Petal and have two sons, Brannan (6) and Christopher (2).

*For more information on the criminal justice program contact Dr. Karla Pope at [kpope@wmcarey.edu](mailto:kpope@wmcarey.edu) or visit the website at [wmcarey.edu/departments/criminal-justice-program](http://wmcarey.edu/departments/criminal-justice-program).*



*...we like to support them any way we can."*

~ DALE McVEAY

### CAREY SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Carey recently invited the Forrest County Sheriff's Department, the Hattiesburg Police Department, local firefighters and medical first responders to eat lunch on campus.

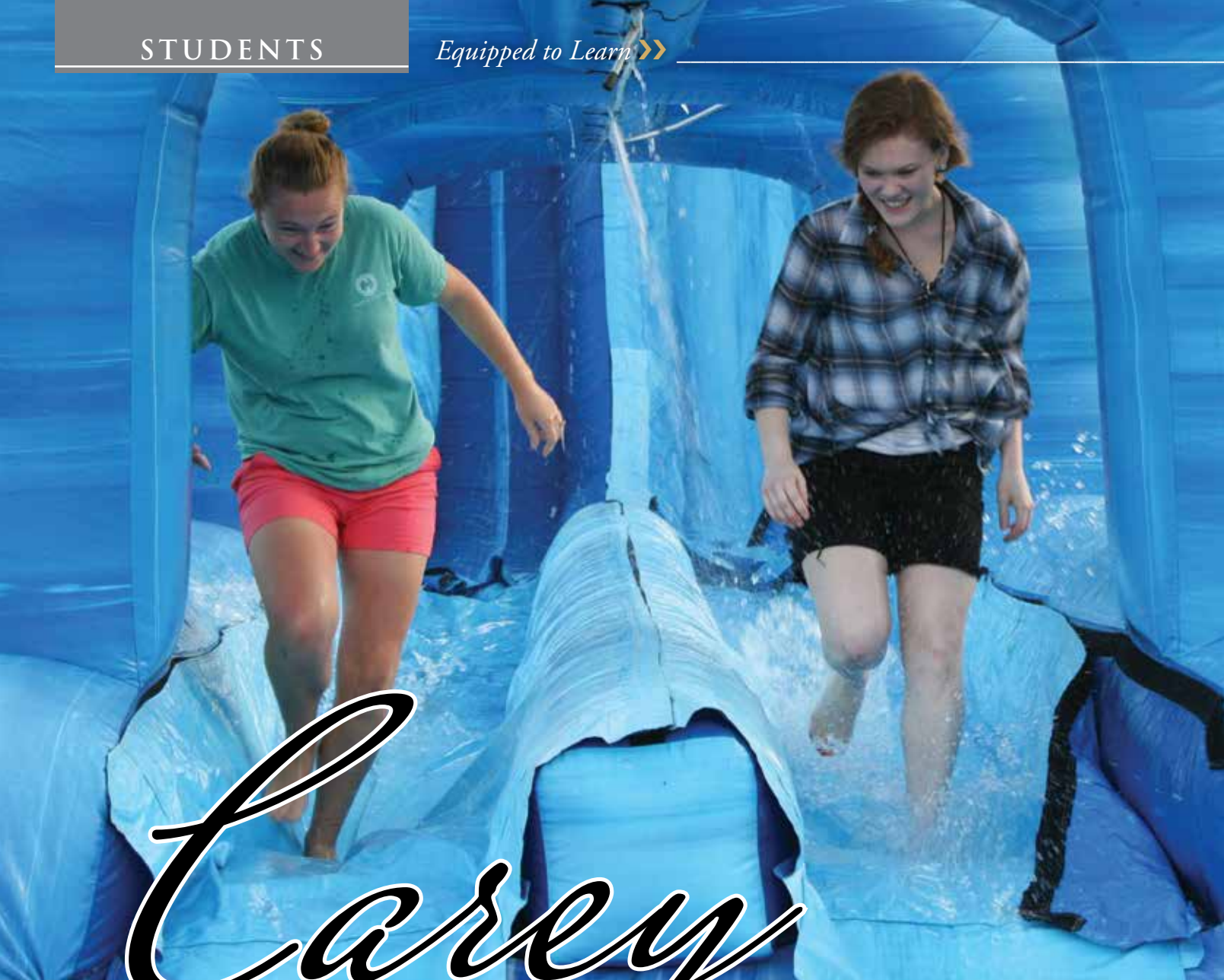
Food Coordinator Dale McVeay talked about the importance of good communication.

"It's great to have that one-on-one contact and to know these guys by name," McVeay said. "I'm very happy that they're here on campus. We welcome them every single day, we enjoy their presence, we think it's a good thing, and we like to support them any way we can."

Forrest County Sheriff Billy McGee attended the luncheon and spoke about the support given by the university.

"We're certainly appreciative of the university for inviting us out to lunch to show their appreciation for law enforcement and Forrest County," McGee said.

The on-site meals are just one way the university shows appreciation to local first responders. Benches were dedicated last year on both the Hattiesburg and Tradition campuses. In Hattiesburg, the benches honor the memory of fallen officers Benjamin Deen and Liquori Tate, and at Tradition, the bench is dedicated to all local law enforcement.



# Carey WOW

**NEARLY 200 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN CAREYWOW, A THREE-DAY WELCOME AND ORIENTATION WEEKEND DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE NEW STUDENTS TO LIFE AT CAREY AND TO BETTER PREPARE THEM FOR COLLEGE LIFE.**

"In three days we watch new students transition from being nervous, uncomfortable, and feeling unprepared for college life into knowing and loving the institution that so many consider to be

an extension of their family," said Valerie Bridgeforth, vice president for student support.

Mentor Luke Houston remembers his time as a new student at Carey. "I was in a new environment and unsure of myself. Now, as a mentor, I can relate to how new students feel and give them practical advice about how to adjust to college." Houston said he enjoyed meeting the new students and learning about what led them to decide to come to Carey.

Mikaela Green said she enjoyed being a mentor and getting to know the new students. "Being a part of their first moments on campus was super special. I love meeting people." Green said she wanted to become a mentor because she remembers how difficult her first week of college was. "I remember being confused and just wanting someone to understand," she said. She thought her experience could help her relate to students who are nervous or scared about leaving home.

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~ LUKE HOUSTON



CareyWOW

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## HUBSERVE

*During CareyWOW the students are divided into 16 groups that volunteer at various agencies in the city of Hattiesburg. "This year our CareyWOW teams helped by removing trash from city streets, cleaning at the local zoo and other community shelters, doing yard work, and other projects throughout the city of Hattiesburg," said Bridgeforth.*









# MASS *Communication*

*Dr. Ellzey shows mass communication students how to operate video equipment*

WE HAVE MORE CHOICES THAN EVER WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING NEWS, SO THE WAY REPORTERS GATHER AND PRESENT THE NEWS HAS CHANGED TO REFLECT THOSE CHOICES. TODAY'S NEWSPAPER REPORTER WILL NEED MORE THAN A NOTEPAD AND PEN TO COVER A STORY. RARELY DO A TELEVISION REPORTER AND A CAMERA PERSON SHOW UP TO CAPTURE AN EVENT. TODAY'S JOURNALISTS MUST BE PREPARED TO DOCUMENT AN EVENT AND PRESENT IT ON MULTIPLE PLATFORMS – PRINT, VIDEO, WEBSITE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA. NEWSPAPER REPORTERS NEED TO KNOW HOW TO TAKE PICTURES AND RECORD A BASIC VIDEO TO ACCOMPANY THEIR PRINTED

ARTICLE. TV REPORTERS OFTEN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEIR OWN VIDEO FOOTAGE AND WRITING THE STORY FOR THE STATION'S WEBSITE. AND OF COURSE, MOST REPORTERS POST UPDATES AND PHOTOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS SUCH AS FACEBOOK AND TWITTER.

"Employers are looking for people who can do everything – video, shoot, edit, and write for the website," said Dr. Marilyn Ellzey, who has taught mass communication courses at Carey since 2007. "We prepare our students to do whatever is asked of them."

Ellzey said the classes offered are not just about learning special software or technology because those things are constantly changing. "I teach sound principles that can be applied across media or across platforms,"

she said. "We want students to not just know how, we want them to know why too. One of the points of a liberal arts education is to provide a broad working base of knowledge." Once a student knows the fundamentals, Ellzey says, it is easier for them to learn a new technology. "You must be able to tell technology what you want it to do."

The mass communication major offers two concentrations: electronic media/news production and public relations. Ellzey said even in public relations it is rare now not to have a video producer or someone with video production skills on staff. "They want people that can do a variety of tasks."

Ellzey instructs students to watch the credits when they roll at the end of a show or movie. "I tell them it takes all those people to do all those jobs. There are always more people behind the scenes. Not everybody wants to be on camera."

Currently 18 students are working on

mass communication degrees. Ellzey said students from departments such as music, business, and theatre are minoring in mass communication. "Writing and production skills are good for anyone to have," she said.

Internships hone skills and prepare students for careers in their chosen field, and the department has a high success rate of placing students in jobs following their internship. Ellzey knows first-hand the importance of a good internship; her internship at WDAM led to a 10-year career as an anchor and reporter with the station. "I loved working at WDAM," she said. "It's a really good size market to get your feet wet." Her experience at WDAM also benefits her students, and Carey now has two alumni working at the station.

Ellzey encourages her students to do whatever they can to get hands-on experience during their internship. "Constantly ask if you can go with someone on assignment or help with a task. Say, 'Show me how to do that.'"

Stephen Moody, a 2016 graduate, took those words to heart during his internship at WDAM. "I worked hard to do everything I could," he said. He worked with different producers and took assignments in news and sports. "At the end of an internship you have all these skills in your bag that you can put on your resume."

Quentis Jones, a 2010 graduate, said an internship is important in helping launch your career. "That gets your foot in the door and is a chance to show how dedicated and hard-working you are."

His advice for students pursuing a mass communication degree: "Read. Educate yourself and try to learn a little bit about everything. Read, watch the news, seek advice from people in higher positions or other markets."

Ellzey said a career in media is one of the more challenging and competitive careers you can choose. "You must be willing to go the extra mile and be willing to do whatever it takes. Show dedication and willingness," she said. "You've got to work on it to be good at it."

Moody agreed it is a competitive field but said with hard work you can accomplish your goals. His advice for mass communication students: "Go for it. Take advantage of every opportunity that is given to you. If you work hard for it, there is no telling what position you can put yourself in."



*Quentis Jones at WDAM*

### QUENTIS JONES

*Hometown: Heidelberg*

*Graduation year: 2010*

Quentis Jones served as editor of his high school newspaper and wrote for Carey's student paper, "The Cobbler." He interned at WLBT and Fox 40 in Jackson and worked at WLOX in Biloxi following graduation. Jones joined the WDAM staff in 2012 and can be seen on the air most evenings during the 10 o'clock broadcast. He says he covers a little bit of everything – general assignments, politics, crime, education.

"You have to have a passion for writing and storytelling. I love to write; it's not about being on TV." He said getting to meet so many different people and telling their stories is rewarding. "I want to be a voice for the voiceless. A lot of people don't have access to leaders like we do."

Jones also describes his job as exhilarating. "There's something new every day," he said. "And you don't really understand how fast-paced it is. Deadlines get kind of crazy sometimes – rushing back, getting stuff on the air; sometimes it's intense."

### STEPHEN MOODY

*Hometown: Beaumont*

*Graduation year: 2016*

Stephen Moody is a recent Carey grad, but he has already been on the job at WDAM for a couple of years. He started in 2014 working in the production department at WDAM during his internship. As he gained more experience, he moved into reporting and was offered a job in January 2016. He gets an early start to the day since he is part of the morning show that airs from 5 to 7 a.m.

Moody says this line of work was something he was always interested in. "It was a calling, so it was a no-brainer for me to pursue a mass communication degree when I got to William Carey."

He says he might return to behind-the-scenes work at some point in his career, but he likes what he's doing now - traveling around the Pine Belt and talking to people. "I want to continue telling stories people want to hear. There's no better feeling."

One memorable story for him was covering the candlelight vigil for the two Hattiesburg officers killed in the line of duty in May 2015. "I will never forget talking with members of law enforcement members and seeing the emotion on their faces."



*Stephen Moody reporting an alert at WDAM*

# Carey SCHOLARS

**T**hirty-six incoming students qualified for the Presidential Honors Program this year, making it the largest class of Carey Scholars in school history. To qualify, students must earn a 29 or higher composite score on the ACT or a 1300 on the SAT (math and verbal only). The program promotes advanced academic pursuits, interdisciplinary study, critical thinking, and independent

research. It is customary for each class of scholars to travel to England to explore the midlands where William Carey lived and worked. The region also includes William Shakespeare country, and scholars have the opportunity to visit sites associated with Shakespeare as well as sites in London and Oxford. Students also participate in service projects on campus and in the community.

Dr. Jay Richardson, adviser for the Presidential Honors Program, said the Carey Scholars are a bellwether of the university's success. "The arrival on campus of a large class of exceptionally talented freshmen reflects the academic excellence of our university and the student body as a whole," he said. "That the incoming cohort of top-performing freshmen is the largest in

our history indicates the overall sterling quality of our programs and augurs well for the university's future. I'm proud to work with such impressive and gifted students, and I'm not just referring to the Carey Scholars."

Richardson said that while Carey's graduate programs and medical school continue to grow, the university remains committed to educating undergraduates. "The undergraduate programs are the core of our university, and the success of the honors program demonstrates that we've not lost sight of our primary focus, and that our undergraduate programs continue to flourish and, in fact, serve as the foundation for our expansion and growth in all directions."



## THIS YEAR'S CAREY SCHOLARS CLASS INCLUDES:

**(first row)** Rachel Solaas of Horn Lake; Mary Marlin of Columbus; Chloe Wicker of Pearl River, Louisiana; Jewel Lynne Shirley of Meridian; Michaela Ware of Vanleave;

**(second row)** Kaitlyn Ham of Brandon; Alex Green of Brandon; Abby Ham of Brandon; Katie Woods of Cantonment, Florida; Amy Pouncey of Mobile; Ashlyn Stringfellow of Lucedale; Tricia Shaw of Kiln; Julie Jackson of Milton, Florida;

**(third row)** adviser Dr. Jay Richardson; Braden Smith of Ridgeland; Brick Sager of Hermiston, Oregon; Ashley Walley of Richton; Madison Conner of Horn Lake; Jason Byrd of Hattiesburg; Leslie Villarreal of Houston;

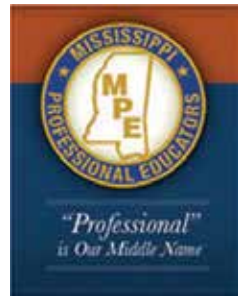
**(fourth row)** Hunter Brand of Meridian; Abigail Alldredge of Niceville, Florida; Madelyn Brewer of Hattiesburg; Laura Logsdon of Satsuma, Alabama; Marissa Felts of Moss Point; Cassidy Monk of Biloxi; Hayes Trexler of New Albany; Chase Anglin of Sumrall; Bradley Baughman of Tylertown;

**(back row)** Cooper Herrington of Madison; Micah Williams of Hickory; Nelson Conley of Senatobia; Steven Gallagher of Ocean Springs; Joshua Sands of Ocean Springs.

## Graduate Students Receive MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIPS

### SEVEN WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS (MPE).

The organization awards scholarships each year to MPE members who wish to pursue graduate or advanced studies at a college or university in Mississippi. "These scholarships enable our members to improve their practice, which benefits not only our members, but their students, as well," said Kelly Riley, MPE executive director. "Our scholarships are one of several ways we



support our members' continued growth as both professionals and lifelong learners. I love calling our members to share that they have been awarded a scholarship, as the excitement in their voices is so refreshing and encouraging."

Christy Lewis was one of the WCU students selected to receive a \$1,000 graduate scholarship this year. She is an elementary school science and math teacher and is pursuing a Specialist Degree in educational leadership. "There are not many scholarship opportunities available for graduate students, so I was very encouraged that MPE supports educators in this capacity as we continue our educational studies," she said. "This is just one of the many ways that MPE helps meet the needs of educators across our state."

Scholarship recipient Terri Thornton is an assistant principal at Madison Crossing Elementary School. She said Carey and Mississippi Professional Educators helped her reach one of her life goals. "My belief is that as long as you are living, you must keep learning. WCU has allowed me to further my education in spite of my busy schedule. By being awarded one of the MPE graduate scholarships, I was able to take an additional course this summer. It is because of great universities such as WCU and organizations

like MPE that allow many individuals to become life-long learners."

According to MPE, 29 members applied for graduate scholarships. Ten scholarships were awarded, with two awarded to the highest ranked applicants from each of Mississippi's four congressional districts, as well as two scholarships to the highest ranked applicants in the remaining pool of applications (the state at large).

Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of the WCU School of Education, said the university appreciates the support and professional resources MPE provides students and graduates. "With very little assistance for graduate course work available, we are happy that our graduate students have this opportunity to apply for financial help to further their education. We are also very proud that WCU is represented with such a large number of recipients."

### THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FROM CAREY:

- Meghan Cates is an assistant principal at Mooreville Elementary School and resides in Mooreville.
- Christy Lewis is a fourth-grade math and science teacher at Pearl Upper Elementary and resides in Brandon.
- Kristi McMillan is a fifth-grade math teacher at Pearl Upper Elementary and resides in Pearl.
- Katie Moore is a special education teacher at Greene County High School and resides in Leakesville.
- Jeannie Pruitt is an English and language arts teacher at Waynesboro Middle School and resides in Waynesboro.
- Allison Sabbatini is a third-grade math, science, and social studies teacher at South Jones Elementary School and resides in Laurel.
- Terri Thornton is an assistant principal at Madison Crossing Elementary School and resides in Canton.

*For more information about MPE, visit [www.mpe.org](http://www.mpe.org). For more information about graduate programs available at William Carey University, visit [www.wmcarey.edu](http://www.wmcarey.edu).*

## Carey Students Selected for MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP

William Carey University juniors Lane Williamson of Algoma and Hannah Elisabeth Gravley of Picayune have been selected to participate in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP). The scholarship program was created in 2007 to encourage Mississippi medical students to serve rural Mississippi and offers undergraduates Williamson and Gravley academic enrichment and rural clinical experience opportunities. Upon admission to either William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine or the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, they will be considered for an annual \$30,000 scholarship for the duration of their studies.

Carey graduate Anna Beth Bryant has been awarded the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship as she attends the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Upon completion of her training, Bryant and all MRPSP scholars must enter residency in family medicine, general internal medicine, medicine-pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, or pediatrics and must provide four years of service to a rural clinic-based practice.

# CAREY STEINWAY *project*

**T**he Winters School of Music and Ministry is in the midst of a campaign to become the first All-Steinway school in Mississippi. "We believe that we have a responsibility to provide our students with the best tools and resources for their education to help them achieve excellence in musicianship," said Dr. Don Odom, dean of the school. Steinway is the standard-bearer in excellence for pianos, and its reputation precedes it whenever Steinway is mentioned.

The faculty of the school of music and ministry has donated the funds to provide a practice room piano. An additional donor has graciously pledged to match this donation. Over the recent months, donations have been received for the purchase of three additional practice room pianos. "By the end of this school year, we hope to add five Steinway-designed practice room pianos," said Dr. Odom.

*For information on how you can support this effort, please contact Dr. Don Odom, dean, at [dodom@wmcarey.edu](mailto:dodom@wmcarey.edu) or 601-318-6178.*





**THE 30 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE NEW DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM AT CAREY RECEIVED THEIR WHITE COATS IN A CEREMONY ON AUGUST 27. THE PROGRAM IS PART OF CAREY'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FULFILL MEDICAL NEEDS IN MISSISSIPPI AND THE GULF COAST REGION.**

The program is currently approved to enroll 30 students and received 100 qualified applications. Students are required to earn a bachelor's degree prior to admission to the program and can complete the DPT in three years. The students accepted to the program represent the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana. One of the students from Louisiana lost all her belongings in the flooding just days before classes started in August, but with help from the Carey community and others, she was able to begin classes.

"We are thrilled with the quality of our inaugural class. They meet or exceed the national standards for physical therapists accepted to DPT programs," said Dr. Cynthia

Scott, DPT professor and program director. "In addition, they're a great group of people, displaying the seven core values of the physical therapy profession regularly."

The seven core values are accountability, altruism, compassion/caring, excellence, integrity, professional duty, and social responsibility.

The Thomas Building, formerly the business building, has been renovated to house the physical therapy program. The building includes one traditional classroom, two active learning classrooms, two physical therapy laboratory classrooms, faculty research space, and a student lounge.

In addition to classroom work, students must complete 33 weeks of full-time clinical experiences and at least 10 weeks of part-time integrated experiences. Clinical education provides exposure to a variety of practice settings in which students participate in patient care that enhances wellness, minimizes disability, and supports the participation of clients in activities that positively impact their quality of life. Graduates from the program will be prepared to work in many settings including hospitals, private practices, outpatient

clinics, home health agencies, schools, sports and fitness facilities, work settings and nursing homes.

The mission of the WCU physical therapy program is to prepare students "to become autonomous and competent entry-level physical therapy practitioners who value lifelong learning, responsible leadership, service in diverse low-resource settings, and engagement in local and global health and wellness issues."

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education has granted the program "Candidate for Accreditation" status. This means the program is progressing toward accreditation. Once all the accreditation criteria have been met, the program may be accredited when the first class graduates in 2019.





# NEW COM CLASS

CAREY RECENTLY WELCOMED ITS SEVENTH CLASS OF STUDENTS TO THE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE. THE STUDENTS ATTENDED A WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE AREA DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AND HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HATTIESBURG ON AUGUST 9 AT THE TRAIN DEPOT. THEY WERE PRESENTED THEIR WHITE COATS DURING THE ANNUAL CEREMONY HELD ON AUGUST 13.

This year's class of 108 students was selected from 2,738 applicants and includes 61 men and 47 women. The students represent 18 states with 37 students from Texas, 18 from Louisiana,

and 14 from Mississippi. With an overall grade point average of 3.47, the class has the highest GPA of any class to enter the medical school, according to Dr. Jim Weir, associate dean of student affairs.

## 2016 COM GRADUATION

Eighty-eight students graduated from the medical school this past spring, bringing the total number of graduates to 264. The COM graduates are in residency programs at medical centers and hospitals throughout the country. Fifty-three of the students have stayed in the state of Mississippi for residency training and 71 are in the gulf states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. Some of the students from the first class to graduate in 2014

will be finishing their residencies in the coming year and several plan to return home to Mississippi to practice. "This shows progress in fulfilling the school's goal to meet the need for primary care physicians in Mississippi and the surrounding area," said Dr. James Turner, dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine emphasizes training in primary care, lifelong learning, research and scholarly activity, and service. Using a community-based training model, the COM educates and trains graduates who are committed to serving the healthcare needs of all individuals, with special attention directed to the medically underserved and diverse populations.



*DJ Pulley has been named*  
**ATHLETIC**  
*Director*

DJ PULLEY HAS BEEN NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, REPLACING COACH STEVE KNIGHT; KNIGHT WILL REMAIN THE MEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH.

"The growth of Carey's athletic program has made it necessary for us to have a full-time athletic director," said Dr. King. "Coach Knight has served in the combined positions of men's basketball head coach and athletic director, but it is no longer possible for one person to handle both positions. It was Coach Knight's choice to stay with his first love, basketball. We look forward to continued growth in the athletic program at William Carey."

Pulley worked at Carey as sports information director and women's basketball assistant coach from 2004 to 2015, and as men's golf head coach from 2004 to 2012. From 2012 to 2015 he was responsible for processing student athlete eligibility for all sports in accordance with National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) guidelines. Since December 2015 he has worked as an agent with Farm Bureau in Petal. Pulley assumed the athletic director position on August 1.

"I am extremely humbled and excited for the privilege to serve as the athletic director of William Carey University. I would like to thank Dr. Tommy King for this amazing opportunity," said Pulley. "Taking over for Steve Knight will not be an easy task. He has guided the department to incredible heights, and I look forward to picking up the mantle and moving forward."

Knight has served as men's head basketball coach since 1982 and was named athletic director in 1987. During his tenure, the Carey athletic program has grown from five teams in 1987 to 17 in 2016. He was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

"Some may not understand my decision, as I know it is not the norm as a person evolves in their career. However, it's pretty simple. I started my career as a coach, and that is how I would like to end my career," said Knight. "I feel my calling has always been to help mold young men and provide a positive role model for them. I have enjoyed my time as an athletic director while working with so many wonderful coaches and administrators through the years."

Knight said he realized a couple of years ago that there would



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~ DJ PULLEY

come a day when the school would need a full-time athletic director. "That time has come, and I feel confident I am turning over a great program to DJ. We are currently one of the strongest in the country at the NAIA level, and certainly one of the premier programs in the SSAC, both in quality and depth of offerings. I am very proud of where we are right now, not only in athletics, but also as an institution. DJ will do a great job going forward and will need the same type of support that I received as AD. Thank you to all of our supporters through the years. We could not have done it without you."

2015-2016  
**Athletics**  
*Highlights*

*The Crusaders captured the 2016 Southern States Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup, which is awarded based on overall performance in both men's and women's sports.*

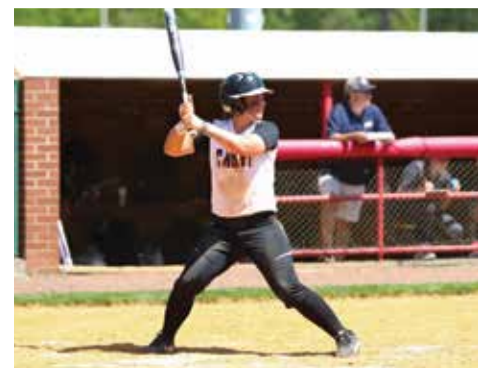
*Bonus points are earned for the number of conference sports sponsored and conference titles won, and Carey participated in 14 of 15 conference sports and captured four SSAC titles in 2015-16. Carey was also awarded the first ever SSAC Game Management Award, voted on by the head coaches in each conference sport.*

**SSAC TITLES**

Women's Soccer  
 Men's Basketball  
 Women's Golf  
 Softball

**SSAC COACHES OF THE YEAR**

Danny Owens (Women's Soccer)  
 Steve Knight (Men's Basketball)  
 Craig Fletcher (Softball)





## 2015-2016 *Highlights*

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

- 17-3-2
- Made it to round two of NAIA National Tournament

### MEN'S SOCCER

- 10-6-4
- Made it to semi-finals of SSAC Tournament

### BASEBALL

- Made it to Opening Road of Nationals Championship Game

### SOFTBALL

- Made it to Opening Road of Nationals

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Finished 6th at SSAC Championship

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Geoffrey Kipchumba SSAC and NAIA Individual Champion



### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

- Finished 3rd in SSAC
- Finished 52nd in Nationals

### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

- Finished 2nd in SSAC
- Finished 17th in Nationals

### MEN'S TENNIS

- 13-8
- Made it to Sweet 16 of Nationals

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

- 11-11
- Made it to Sweet 16 of Nationals



### WOMEN'S GOLF

- Won SSAC Championship
- Finished 13th in Nationals

### MEN'S GOLF

- Finished 5th in SSAC Conference Championship



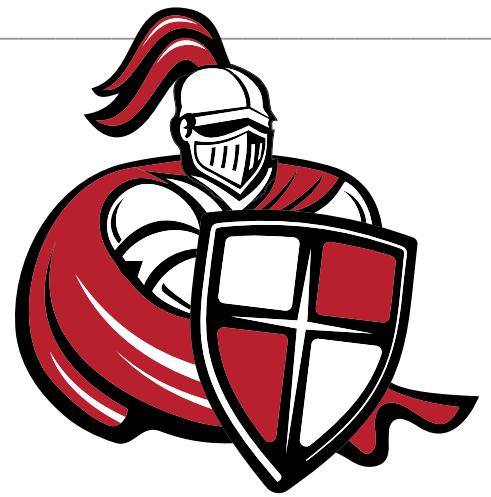
### MEN'S BASKETBALL

- 20-12
- SSAC Regular Champs
- Ranked 19th in Final NAIA Poll
- Qualified for NAIA National Tournament
- Finished 22nd ranked team in the nation

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Qualified for SSAC Tournament





# VOLLEYBALL TEAM'S *First Season*



this area," said Seymour. "I am excited to start a program at Carey and within a great athletic conference."

The team is one of 11 women's volleyball programs competing in the Southern States Athletic Conference, a Division I affiliate of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The volleyball season typically mirrors the football season, said Seymour, running from the third week of August to the second week of November. Carey's team faces opponents such as Coastal Georgia University, the University of Mobile and Faulkner University.

Carey's team will play in a new facility on Short Cedar Street, which is southeast of the Hattiesburg campus. The facility will house not only the team but also intramural sports and indoor rehearsal space for the Spirit of Carey marching band. A new track will also be constructed near the facility.

Seymour graduated from Carey with a master's degree in interscholastic athletic administration in August. In addition to her coaching duties, she also teaches courses in the health, physical education and recreation department.

**CAREY'S INAUGURAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM WON THEIR FIRST GAMES IN PROGRAM HISTORY ON SEPTEMBER 2, DEFEATING SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS AND XAVIER UNIVERSITY AND WON THEIR FIRST CONFERENCE MATCH AGAINST LOYOLA ON SEPTEMBER 9.**

Coach Kelsea Seymour started the team from scratch, beginning her duties in January, recruiting players from within Mississippi and from surrounding states. "Carey has made a commitment to the sport and put a lot of momentum into building a great program," said Seymour. "I am really looking forward to building the program from the ground up."

A native of southern California, Seymour has played volleyball since the eighth grade and was recruited as a junior in high school to play for the University of Southern Mississippi. As a setter and team leader at Southern Miss, she garnered multiple honors and helped lead the team to the Conference USA championship in 2009.

Seymour joined the Oak Grove staff in 2012 as a social studies teacher and as

the volleyball coach. She has coached the team to four district championships and was selected as the All-Star Match Volleyball Coach for the South in 2014. In August 2013, she became the owner and director of the Hub City Club, where she teaches girls ages 12-14 the skills and rules behind volleyball.

"Volleyball was very established where I grew up, so I have really enjoyed the opportunities to develop the game more in





# Summer MISSIONARIES



SOUTHEAST ASIA

TWELVE CAREY STUDENTS SERVED AS MISSIONARIES DURING THE SUMMER TO PLACES NEAR AND FAR. ENJOY A FEW OF THEIR STORIES.

### TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

“The month I spent in Southeast Asia began with ministry to career missionaries working in high security areas. My team worked with high school students while their parents had a retreat from the high stress of living and ministering in a part of the world that is hostile to Christians,” said Morgan Thornhill, sophomore biology major from Hattiesburg.

After serving missionaries for a week, Morgan traveled to a closed country to minister among an unreached people group, where she and her team worked side-by-side with locals to rebuild their homes. Morgan was on the “concrete team.” She helped mix and pour concrete for three weeks while building trust among the people, who are typically suspicious of outsiders. The team shared testimonies each day, and at the end of the third week, shared the gospel.

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CANADA



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TO CANADA

Generation Send is an extension of the Send Network from the North American Mission Board. The purpose of GenSend is to promote a missional lifestyle specifically in an urban context. Taylor Burks, a senior music major from Belmont, spent six weeks in Calgary, Alberta, surveying the area and connecting people with local church planters. "This program is geared to have a lasting effect on how members live for Christ and how they view the local church," said Burks. "Because of this, GenSend is so much more than just a six week internship. It truly changed how I view life and how I view Christ in my daily lifestyle."

TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mikaela Green, a sophomore business major and Carey scholar from Columbus, Mississippi, spent the summer in the Dominican Republic with Hope International Ministries doing children's ministry, medical missions, and evangelism. "I especially enjoyed ministering through evangelism and leading worship for the team," Green said. "It was a life changing experience, and I can't wait to go back."



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

TO CHILE

Alexandra Philipps spent the summer in Antofagasta, Chile working with Pastor Rene Yaitul and Iglesia Bautista Amisadai. She also helped strengthen the university's new partnership with Harvest Christian School in Antofagasta. Alexandra is a junior intercultural studies major from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

said. "It was an amazing experience where God showed up and showed out!" Abby is a sophomore Christian ministries major from Columbia, Mississippi.

TO THAILAND AND MYANMAR

Abby Magee spent time in Thailand and Myanmar serving alongside career missionaries, sharing the gospel by teaching English using bible stories. "I experienced ultimate joy in God every single day," she



MYANMAR



MYANMAR



WHEN THAT FINAL BELL OF THE SCHOOL YEAR RINGS, STUDYING IS THE LAST THING ON MANY STUDENTS' MINDS AS THEY HEAD INTO SUMMER VACATION. BUT NEARLY 80 STUDENTS SPENT THREE DAYS AT CAREY STUDYING, TAKING TESTS, AND LEARNING TIPS TO IMPROVE THEIR ACT SCORES.

ACT scores are a vital part of the enrollment criteria at colleges and universities and are also used when determining scholarship eligibility. "The value of the ACT is that it is the only test that puts money in your family's pocket," said Laurel School District Superintendent Dr. Chuck Benigno, who was one of the guest speakers during the camp.

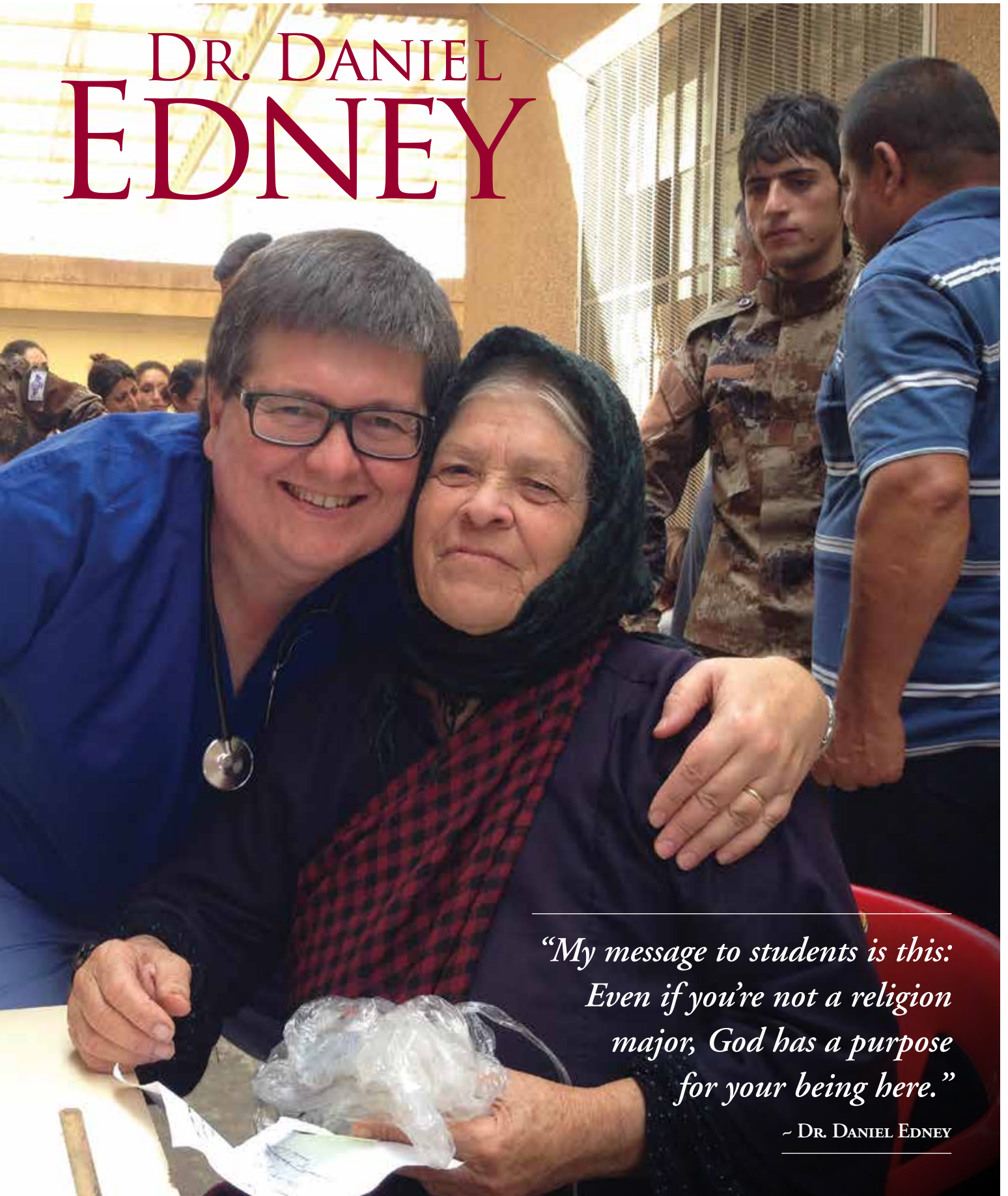
Students took a pre-test at the beginning of camp to determine which subjects they needed help with. The remainder of the camp was spent in sessions on each subject area (English, reading, science and math) and learning test-taking strategies. At the conclusion of camp, the students took a post-test to see if their scores improved. The students showed an average increase of three points, with the average test score increasing from 16 on the pre-test to 19 on the post-test. The goal is to help students reach a score of 21. In 2014, the national average ACT score was 21; the average Mississippi score was 19.

"I learned a lot of good test-taking strategies, not just for the ACT but for other tests. The strategies make the test seem so much easier than before," one student wrote on the camp evaluation. Other students said the camp helped them learn how to read graphs, how to stay focused, and how to manage their time when taking the test.

Forty-nine students attended the camp at the Hattiesburg campus June 1-3, and 30 attended the Tradition campus camp held June 6-9. WCU offers the camp each summer and tries to schedule the camp the week before the national exam so students can take the test while the information is fresh in their minds. There is no cost for the students to participate in the camp.

*Dr. Chuck Benigno, Laurel School Superintendent, and Essence Barlow, Hattiesburg High School student.*

# DR. DANIEL EDNEY



*“My message to students is this:  
Even if you’re not a religion  
major, God has a purpose  
for your being here.”*

~ DR. DANIEL EDNEY



Lossing his father as a young teen became a pivotal point in Dan Edney's life, and God used his father's death to call Edney into the field of medicine. He thought he would attend Mississippi College or Ole Miss. He did not know anything about William Carey until his pastor in Greenville talked to him about Carey and brought him for a campus tour. He knew then that God was leading him here, and he began taking classes through the Free Throw program (now called Step Ahead) the summer before his senior year of high school. He met his future wife Lori Fields at Carey, and they both graduated in 1983, Lori in music therapy and Dan in pre-med, majoring in chemistry and biology and minoring in English. As if that wasn't enough, he also finished with a 4.0 GPA. After teaching high school for a year, he began medical school at University Medical Center. He was in classes with students from Duke, Vanderbilt and other top schools in the nation, causing him to doubt his chances of making it in medical school. "God showed me," Dan said, "that I had as good an education as anyone else there." And Dr. Dan Edney proved it by graduating first in his class from UMC.

Edney wanted the best training possible because his calling was to return to Mississippi to practice medicine among the underserved population here, so he studied internal medicine at the prestigious University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Virginia. Again, he found himself among elite scholars from Harvard, Mayo and Yale. Once again, his Mississippi education and hard work came through, and he graduated first in his class.

Edney always knew that God had called

him to be a physician, but he didn't know exactly how that would look as his career developed. He knew there was a need for Christian physicians to live out their faith openly and for better care for the working poor. As he began to pray about the needs in his own community, not just for better medical care, but also the need of the people to hear the gospel, Christ's words in Matthew 25 began to work on his heart: "... inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." After praying with his wife and his pastor, Edney and First Baptist Church Vicksburg founded a clinic in the church basement, offering free basic healthcare to the working poor. The clinic has grown since its foundation 20 years ago. It is housed in its own building and includes dentistry and pharmacy services as well as spiritual counseling for each patient.

After 9/11, Edney felt God leading him to seek disaster response training. He has had many opportunities since that time to travel to places such as Indonesia after the tsunami, an experience he describes as life-changing. He has worked in Lebanon, Haiti and Iraq as well as Central America. He is an active participant in Baptist Global Response (BGR), a global Southern Baptist Relief and Development organization on the front lines of disaster relief all around the world.

Edney recently ended his term as president of the Mississippi State Medical Association, the first Carey graduate to hold this prestigious position. As president, he traveled the state as the organization's spokesperson and presiding officer, meeting with the governor and other state and local officials, fighting battles for our health and that of our children and grandchildren. Some

*Dr. Daniel Edney, immediate past president of the Mississippi State Medical Association and recent recipient of the 2016 Mississippi Business Journal "Healthcare Heroes Award"*



of the critical issues he sees for our state include:

- *Access to health care for the working poor*
- *Protecting our children from childhood illnesses*
- *Access to medical care in the delta and southwest part of the state*
- *Moving our state up from last place in ratio of doctors to patients*

"The State Medical Association fully supports WCUCOM because the COM is committed to alleviating the shortage of doctors in the state, particularly in the underserved areas of the delta," said Edney.

"I am always happy to point a young person to Carey. Carey made a difference in my life. It was the first place I had a real chance to grow spiritually. I remember experiencing revival on campus, being disciplined by older students and mentored by professors," said Edney. "God used Carey to take a low income, fatherless young man and make something of him. If not for William Carey University and God's calling and faithfulness, I would not be where I am today."

"My message to students is this: Even if you're not a religion major, God has a purpose for your being here."



# PHARMACY SCHOOL

## Dean Hired



**DR. MICHAEL MALLOY WAS HIRED ON JUNE 17 AS THE DEAN OF THE PROPOSED PHARMACY SCHOOL. DR. JANET WILLIAMS, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS, INTRODUCED MALLOY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE TRADITION CAMPUS.**

Malloy comes to Carey from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences where he has held several positions on the Worcester campus since 2000. Since 2005 he has served as dean and professor and also served as executive director of the Worcester campus from 2007 to 2010. From 2000 to 2005 he was professor and chair of the



Department of Pharmacy Practice. Before moving to Massachusetts, Dr. Malloy was a professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Auburn University from 1989 to 2000.

Malloy earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from State University of New York in Buffalo and completed his residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital/University of Florida in Gainesville. He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Miami and a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the University of Florida.

"We are very proud to welcome Dr. Michael Malloy as founding dean of our new School of Pharmacy," said Williams. "His

contribution will greatly enhance our efforts to bring resources and opportunities to South Mississippi."

Dr. Malloy said he appreciated the welcome he has received and looks forward to becoming a part of the campus and the community. "It's the people that make a difference," he said. He emphasized that pharmacy students are not the typical 18- or 19-year-old college students, and many of them have families that will relocate to the area with them.

Malloy said he has already been looking at the hospitals and other relevant places in the coastal communities that can benefit from and partner with the pharmacy school.

He said coming to Carey gives him "the opportunity to create a health care profession that can impact the entire coast. Because everyone goes to a pharmacy, everyone needs a pharmacist."

### SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Carey's pharmacy school will be the second school of pharmacy in Mississippi and will meet a major need in a state where pharmacists are in critical demand. The school will offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree and train students to become professionals capable of ensuring the effective and safe use of drugs in patient care.

"William Carey University has made great strides in filling unmet needs in the healthcare field," said Dr. King. "Our mission is to prepare individuals to work in underserved areas of the Gulf South and the nation."

A campaign is underway to raise the \$4 million start-up costs of the proposed school. An additional \$12-\$15 million will be needed in construction funds to build and equip the building. More than \$3.4 million has been raised to date, including a \$1 million gift from Joe F. Sanderson Jr. and his wife Kathy, as well as major gifts from Joe Canizaro, Trehern Charitable Foundation, Mississippi Power Company, Leo Seal Foundation, John "Shorty" Sneed, Chevron, Coast Electric Power Association and Merit Health Biloxi.

"Today's announcement would not be possible without the support provided by these donors and the Gulf Coast community," said King. "We appreciate their generosity as we work together to improve the health and wellness of the people of Mississippi."

Although additional start-up funds need to be raised, King said there are professors from around the country already showing interest in coming to the school. "We are stepping out on faith to go ahead and make this move now. We trust the people of the coast and others to support our efforts."

The pharmacy school is projected to open in 2018 with 60-70 students in the initial class. The school will employ 20-25 faculty and staff. King said the school will be the first professional school on the coast, and the benefits will reach far beyond the coast.

The School of Pharmacy will anchor the Health Care Industry Zone, a five-mile radius around the WCU Tradition campus established by the state legislature in 2012 to promote the growth of the health care industry along the Gulf Coast and in the entire state. The zone will encompass the Learning and Wellness Commons at Tradition, with the pharmacy school also serving as the base for a national diabetic research, treatment and prevention institute.

*Pictured here with Carey medical students, Dr. Italo Subbarao, senior associate dean and WCUCOM chief operating officer, and Dr. Jim Turner, dean of the WCUCOM, were recognized as Healthcare Heroes on September 29 in Jackson by the Mississippi Business Journal. Dr. Daniel Edney, although not present, was also recognized.*



# DR. LORIE WATKINS MASSEY

DR. LORIE WATKINS MASSEY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, JOINED FELLOW WILLIAM FAULKNER SCHOLARS FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION, "WILLIAM FAULKNER, HIS LIFE AND WRITINGS," AT THE MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL HELD IN AUGUST AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL. THE ANNUAL BOOK FESTIVAL ALSO INCLUDED LIVE MUSIC, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, AND VENDORS.

Earlier, in July, Dr. Massey took her Seminar in William Faulkner class to the Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference in Oxford. The conference focused on "Faulkner and the Native South," examining how Native American



history and culture influenced the works of Faulkner. The conference draws in internationally known Faulkner scholars as well as students and Faulkner fans alike.

Dr. Massey authored *William Faulkner, Gavin Stevens, and the Cavalier Tradition* in 2011, and has published essays in *The Faulkner Journal*, *The Hemingway Review*, *Southern Studies*, *African American Review*, *The Mississippi Quarterly*, *The Southern Literary Journal*, and *Modern Philology*. Her research and teaching includes Southern literature, African American literature, literary tourism, and American modernism. Currently, Dr. Massey is editing a volume on Mississippi's literary history for the University Press of Mississippi.

## THE FRANCES WINTERS

### *Hymnology Collection*

The William Carey University Library recently announced that the Frances Winters Hymnology Collection has been cataloged and is available for scholarly research at the Hattiesburg campus.

The collection contains 54 items, including sheet music and hymnals dating back to the 1800s, and has been gathered through donations from private sources.

"The collection will provide for scholarly research for professional church musicians and hymnologists," said Dr. Don Odom, dean of the Winters School of Music and Ministry.

"Scholars in the field will be able to search the collection for research on a variety of topics."

Frances Winters collected hymnological materials and taught

hymnology and other church music courses at Carey and also at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Her relationship with prominent hymnologists is reflected in her correspondence, some of which is also housed in Carey's archives, said Odom.

"Of particular interest in Baptist heritage life is that Frances Winters taught the foremost writers and educators of hymnology," said Odom. "She helped define the discipline of hymnological studies."

The catalog of the collection can be found online at [www.bit.ly/1Jb9iU](http://www.bit.ly/1Jb9iU). The collection, which is non-circulating, is available by request at the circulation desk of the Smith/Rouse Library.

*For more information, call (601) 318-6169 or email [askalibrarian@wmcarey.edu](mailto:askalibrarian@wmcarey.edu).*



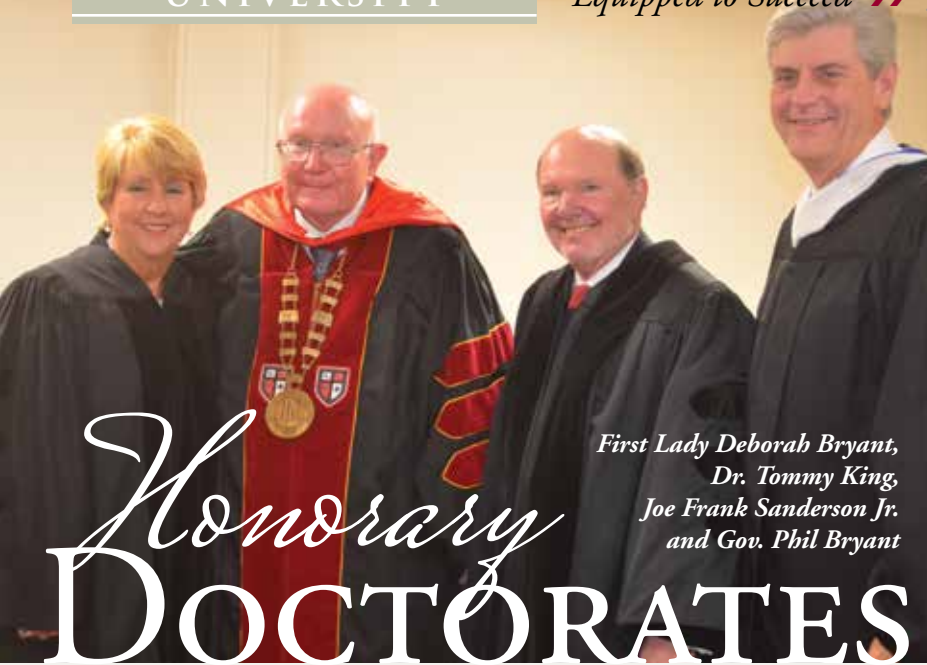


# 2016 COMMENCEMENT

*Sixth Consecutive Year with More  
Than 1,000 Graduates*







*First Lady Deborah Bryant,  
Dr. Tommy King,  
Joe Frank Sanderson Jr.  
and Gov. Phil Bryant*

# Honorary DOCTORATES

## FIRST LADY DEBORAH BRYANT AND PHILANTHROPIST JOE FRANK SANDERSON JR. AWARDED HONORARY DEGREES.

Carey awarded honorary degrees to First Lady Deborah Bryant and philanthropist Joe Frank Sanderson Jr. during commencement on May 13 at the Hattiesburg campus.

Bryant was presented the Doctor of Humane Letters for her outstanding work with children's literacy and her dedication to helping the people of Louisville, Mississippi, when a devastating tornado struck the town in 2014. Bryant was in Louisville when the tornado hit, and rather than return home, she chose to stay and help with relief efforts. During the first year of her husband's term as governor, Mrs. Bryant visited all 82 counties as part of her "Read across Mississippi" program to promote literacy and bring attention to reading disorders. During each visit, she spent time reading to school children. Bryant retired from St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson with more than 39 years of service. She is an ambassador for Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson, participates in multiple awareness campaigns for childhood diseases, and is involved in the governor's teen pregnancy task force. Bryant is also dedicated to the preservation of the 1842 Mississippi

governor's mansion and oversees the daily operation of the mansion.

Joe Frank Sanderson Jr. was awarded the Doctor of Business in recognition of his family's philanthropic work over many decades. Sanderson is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board for Sanderson Farms in Laurel. He and his wife, Kathy, recently contributed \$1.1 million to William Carey University, which is the largest gift by an individual in the institution's history. The Sandersons' gift will help defray the startup costs for a school of pharmacy at the Tradition campus in Biloxi. Sanderson is credited with saving the Magnolia Classic, the only Professional Golf Association tour event played in Mississippi. Sanderson Farms is the title sponsor for the tournament, which benefits Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson. In January 2015, the Sanderson Family Farms Championship made 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.

"William Carey depends on alumni and other supporters in order to provide strong academic and enrichment programs," said WCU President Tommy King. "Supporters like first Lady Bryant and Joe Frank and Kathy Sanderson are vital to the success of the University."

## Carey Ranks as a "BEST VALUE" and "SAFEST CAMPUS IN MISSISSIPPI" University

CAREY CONTINUES TO RANK AS ONE OF THE "BEST VALUE" REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTH, ACCORDING TO THE 2017 COLLEGE RANKINGS RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 13 BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT AND ALSO EARNED THE "SAFEST CAMPUS IN MISSISSIPPI" RANKING BY BACKGROUNDCHECKS.ORG

Backgroundchecks.org compiled data from several sources and determined that Carey ranks as the "Safest Campus" for 2016. "It's a true testament to a great administration, strong leadership, student and community involvement," said Jessica Pierce, a BackgroundChecks.org public safety analyst. "In a world full of bad news, it's great to have something positive for students, administration, and faculty; and it's something to be proud of."

Carey ranked second among regional universities in the South on the Best Value list. In addition to the school's academic quality, the rankings were determined using factors such as the 2015-2016 net cost of attendance for a student who received the average amount of need-based scholarships or grants, the percentage of all undergraduates receiving need-based awards, and the percentage of a school's total cost covered by these awards.

The rankings also recognize William Carey University as an "A-Plus School for B Students" and as a school with the "Least Debt" for its 2015 graduates. Overall, U.S. News & World Report recognized Carey as number 41 out of 140 schools in its list of "Best Regional Universities" in the South, which includes both public and private universities in the 12 Southern states.

The "A-Plus School for B Students" ranking takes into account the individuality of the student body and opportunities available for students who did not make high ACT or SAT scores or did not place in the top 25 percent of their high school class. The "Least Debt" ranking factors in the amount of loans students must take out to cover college costs and the percentage of graduates who graduated owing money and, by extrapolation, the percentage of students who graduated without debt.

"William Carey continues to receive recognition for the quality of its educational programs and the low cost of attendance," said President Tommy King. "We continue to focus on cost containment in order to make it possible for students to afford to attend Carey. We are pleased with our 2017 rankings."

*To view the full rankings and methodologies, visit [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges). For more information on William Carey University, visit [www.wmcarey.edu](http://www.wmcarey.edu).*

# Former Gov. William Winter Speaks at Annual William Carey University SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

*More than \$1 million raised for scholarships*

FORMER GOV. WILLIAM F. WINTER WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER HELD AUG. 16 AT SOUTHERN OAKS HOUSE AND GARDENS IN HATTIESBURG. THE EVENING INCLUDED A VIP RECEPTION, DINNER WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE CAREY CHORALE, SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS, AND WINTER'S ADDRESS. THE DINNER RAISED MORE THAN \$1 MILLION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAREY STUDENTS.

## WILLIAM F. WINTER

Winter's election to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1947 led to a political career spanning more than 40 years. He also served as state tax collector, state treasurer, and lieutenant governor before being elected as governor in 1980. Winter is best remembered for the passage of the Mississippi Education Reform Act and is sometimes referred to as the "father of public education in Mississippi."



Winter was a member of President Clinton's National Advisory Board on Race, and he was instrumental in founding the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. He was awarded the Profile in Courage Award by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

He has been chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Southern Growth Policies Board, the Commission on the Future of the South, the National Civic League, the Kettering Foundation, the Foundation for the Mid South, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.



*(from left) Monica Marlowe, WCU chief advancement officer; scholarship recipients Janell Goff, Taylor Clifton, Sofia Morales, Jonathan Watt; Stefan Sartori, coordinator of advancement services; and Dean Pace, annual fund director and special gifts officer.*

Winter is an attorney in the Jones Walker law firm in Jackson and is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law. He is married to the former Elise Varner; they have three daughters, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

The six scholarship dinners have raised more than \$3 million for student scholarships. More than 90 percent of Carey's students receive some type of financial assistance, and last year \$8.8 million in scholarships were awarded to Carey students. Each year a scholarship is created in honor of the guest speaker with scholarship awards presented to students during the dinner. The following students received scholarships this year:

- *David Kanga, a senior music education major from Jacksonville, Florida, received the Sen. Trent Lott Scholarship.*
- *Janell Goff, a sophomore business administration major from Moss Point, received the Gov. Phil Bryant Scholarship.*

- *Taylor Clifton, a senior biology major from Petal, received the Sen. Roger Wicker Scholarship.*
- *Jonathan Watt, a freshman from Semmes, Alabama, received the Chancellor Robert Khayat Scholarship.*
- *Sofia Morales, a sophomore intercultural studies major from Carriere, received the Honorable Charles Pickering Scholarship.*

"I am grateful for the generosity of my donor aiding in my education. Receiving a scholarship has made a huge difference for me," said Clifton. "Thank you, not only to my scholarship donor, but to all donors who make sacrifices for students they do not even know."

*For more information about the William Carey University annual scholarship dinner, contact Dr. Lynne Houston at [lhouston@wmcarey.edu](mailto:lhouston@wmcarey.edu) or at 601-318-6231.*



*“I think that this is a good way to say thanks and to give back, to see something grow here in my hometown.”*

~ SAM WHICHARD

# ENDOWED CHAIR OF NURSING

*at Tradition Campus  
in Memory of Mrs. Martha Whichard*

**SAM WHICHARD LOST HIS WIFE OF 41 YEARS TO CANCER. RECENTLY, HE LOST HIS OWN FIGHT WITH THE DISEASE. THE PROFESSIONAL CARE AND PERSONAL ATTENTION HE AND HIS WIFE RECEIVED HAS LED HIM TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION THAT WILL FURTHER HEALTHCARE EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI.**

He is honoring his wife’s memory by establishing the Martha Elizabeth Whichard Endowed Chair of Nursing at the William Carey University Tradition campus in Biloxi.

Whichard, a native of Gulfport and long-time Perkinston resident, said the people of the coastal counties benefit from an abundance of vibrant, growing education institutions such as William Carey University at Tradition, Tulane University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. “They all make a footprint, and it is evident there is a vision that I do not remember in my youth. I am particularly excited by the multiplicity of health programs intact or in development at WCU such as nursing, physical therapy, osteopathic medicine, and pharmacy. My gift in Martha’s name to WCU is small, but I know that it will be used effectively.”

Whichard believes there are two components to healthcare: professional expertise and empathy. He said professional expertise blossoms with knowledge and a magical empathy that healthcare workers share with those they serve. “Professional expertise is measured by a rigorous certification process. Empathy is measured by the heart,” he said.



*Sam Whichard (center) pictured with his attorney Kathy Brown van Zutphen (left) and Monica Marlowe, chief advancement officer for the university.*



"The level of care and concern we've gotten from the nurses has been amazing," he said. "They've had a huge impact on me and my wife. I think that this is a good way to say thanks and to give back, to see something grow here in my hometown."

Martha Whichard worked for the Stone County School District, and her husband describes her as "a champion for people with Down's Syndrome and autism." Mrs. Whichard passed away in 2009, but her enthusiasm and positive attitude are still remembered.

"I met Martha Whichard several years ago, and the impression she left on my life and my son's life will certainly not be forgotten," said Tonya Bolton, former Perkinson Elementary School principal. "I will never forget our first meeting. In walks a petite woman with a bright spark in her eyes. She greeted me with enthusiasm and wanted to get right to work. I did not know it at the time, but that was Martha - always ready to lend a hand and get to work on helping our students at Perkinson Elementary to succeed."

Over the years Whichard served as substitute teacher, volunteer, speech pathologist, mentor, parenting coach, and friend. Bolton said Whichard had a special relationship with children and that her classroom was the first and last place her son visited each day. "He always had a story to tell, and she was always eager to listen. Martha had a special way of bringing out the best in people, especially children and those with special needs."

Whichard often told Bolton, "Don't sweat the small stuff, life is too short to worry." Whichard kept that attitude throughout her illness. "She remained steadfast in her dedication to our students and our school," she said. "The world lost a beautiful soul when Martha transitioned on. Her spirit lives on in the lives of the students and people she influenced and will continue to impact through this endowment."

The endowment will help fund the nursing department chair position at the Tradition campus. "We are truly humbled that Sam chose William Carey University to establish this endowment. Martha's legacy of service to others will be remembered each year as students pursue their dream of a career in nursing," said Dr. Monica Marlowe, chief advancement officer for William Carey University. "We are honored to have this prestigious position named in Martha's memory as the first endowed chair on the Tradition Campus."

# First Baby DEDICATION in Bass Chapel

The first great-grandchild of Caroline and Ray Bass was dedicated in Bass Memorial Chapel on Sunday, June 5. The baby, Henry Christopher Payne, was born March 22, 2016, and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz.; he was 21" long. His parents are Christopher and Maurine Payne from Brandon. Henry wore a family dedication gown for the brief service which was conducted by Dr. Nathan Barber ('67) who baptized the mother, Maurine, at Immanuel Baptist Church when she was 13.





# CAREY'S 255<sup>TH</sup> Birthday

*ABOVE: Faculty and staff in Hattiesburg enjoyed Dr. Myron Noonkester's presentation of Dr. Carey as networker and Dr. Bennie Crockett's postcard collection from missionary George Howells.*

ON OR NEAR AUGUST 17, FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE DR. WILLIAM CAREY'S 255TH BIRTHDAY. SOME HAD COFFEE, SOME HAD CAKE AND ICE CREAM, AND MANY PRAYED FOR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK AROUND THE WORLD. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED HONOR THE MEMORY OF DR. CAREY: COBBLER, BOTANIST, LINGUIST, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, EDUCATOR AND MISSIONARY.



*ABOVE: Friends gathered for a birthday celebration at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer, is reflecting on the life and work of William Carey as he studies the statue "Carey Turns to the World." Dr. Futral is surrounded by former International Mission Board missionaries who are now on staff with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation (L to R: Lloyd Lunceford, Taiwan; Jennie Taylor, Thailand; Connie Robbins, Russia/European Peoples; Rebekah Ray Peavy, Ukraine; Mike Ray, Ukraine/Greece). They have their party streamers ready to go!*

**BELOW:** *The Hattiesburg Cultural Society Alumni Chapter collected school supplies for a first grade class at Rowan Elementary School and spoke to the class about William Carey, the man and the university. Teachers and children alike enjoyed the birthday and school supplies provided by the chapter members.*



**BELOW:** *The Carey Chorale took a break from rehearsal to enjoy birthday cake.*



**BELOW:** *Several members of the Sanctuary Choir at Main Street Baptist Church have Carey connections, and they gathered for fellowship and a photo on Dr. Carey's birthday. Front Row, L to R: Gerry Edwards; Sarah O'Neal; Dr. Stephen Lambert; Martha Tisdale; Roseanne Crockett; Jeanette Barham; Ethan Mannon. Back row L to R: J. R. Walley; Kim Walley; Dora Harbins; Emily Mooney; Janie Bower; Ted Bower.*



*These three Carey grads love working at WCUCOM and celebrated Carey's birthday together.*



**ABOVE:** *Trichi Murphy planned a great reception for the Covington County Alumni Chapter. Pictured are (L to R) Jackie McRaney, Jerry McRaney, Guest Speaker John Clearman, Cheree Bullock, Trichi Murphy, and Zachary Murphy.*



**ABOVE:** *38th Avenue Baptist Church prayed for missionaries on Dr. Carey's birthday.*

## School of Education

# POSTS RECORD ENROLLMENT

CAREY'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HAS REACHED ITS HIGHEST ENROLLMENT ON RECORD WITH 1,319 STUDENTS, EXCEEDING LAST FALL'S RECORD OF 1,270 STUDENTS.

Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of the School of Education, attributes the growth to the school working to meet the needs of educators throughout the state and the addition of online classes which makes it easier for busy students to pursue their degrees. The School of Education has also seen the number of students pursuing doctoral degrees increase from 19 last fall to 90 this year.

"I am very proud that we are able to have an increased enrollment enabling us to train more teachers for the schools of Mississippi," said Burnett. "Since 100 percent of the education faculty at WCU has experience in K-12 education, they are able to have a bigger impact on the teachers and leaders in today's schools."

In May, the School of Education was selected as the new headquarters for the Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS), which will give the faculty the opportunity to work with school districts across the state toward a common goal of improving education in Mississippi.

### NEW DEGREES

The school added Master in Education and Education Specialist degrees for teachers working with children who have emotional and behavioral disorders. "These degrees will fulfill a tremendous need in this critical shortage area of teaching," said Dr. Brenda Thomas, associate professor of education. The school also added early childhood education as a concentration area for students pursuing their undergraduate degree. There is a growing need in the state for preschool education and early intervention in the areas of reading, math, health and nutrition.

### SMART GRANT

The enrollment growth can also be attributed to the Science and Mathematics

Alternate Route Teacher (SMART) program, which began in 2015. The program is funded by a grant from the Robert M. Hearin Foundation and provides scholarships for non-education graduates wanting to enter the teaching field in the areas of mathematics and science. The program was initially funded for three years and has been extended for another year. The grant will fund approximately 20 scholarships each year; 33 students have received scholarships in the first two years of the grant.

### ONLINE EDUCATION

Providing online classes has also boosted the school's enrollment. Online options include a bachelor's degree in physical education, master's degrees in education with multiple specialty areas, a specialist's degree in instructional leadership, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership. Burnett said adding the new Doctor of Education in K-12 educational leadership program online has led to an increase in the number of students pursuing their doctoral degree. Additionally, numerous undergraduate and graduate programs are offered in hybrid formats, meaning some classes meet in person and some are online.

"Having our online programs ranked in the top 25 in the country by "U.S. News and World Report" has helped boost enrollment in our online offerings," Burnett said. "We are also happy to be able to take our programs online and face-to-face to school districts all across the state."

Best College Values ranked Carey #5 on the list of "Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in Elementary Education in 2016."

President Tommy King said Carey has long been known as a school that produces teachers. "Although we have expanded programs in recent years, teacher education still remains our largest school, and it is evident by these enrollment numbers that it will continue to produce quality teachers."

*For information about the School of Education and enrollment, visit [www.wmcarey.edu](http://www.wmcarey.edu) or call 601-318-6600.*



## Online Master's Degree in Elementary Ed #5 MOST AFFORDABLE

A REPORT FROM BEST COLLEGE VALUES RANKS CAREY AS NUMBER FIVE ON A NATIONAL LIST OF THE MOST AFFORDABLE ONLINE MASTER'S DEGREES IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

The objective of the master's degree in elementary education is to help teachers build their skills in order to create positive changes in their classrooms and school districts. "The classes are delivered in a fully online format that is perfect for working students who want to take their education to the next level," said Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of the WCU School of Education.

The master's degree in elementary education requires 30 hours of course work and may be completed in 15 months. Students may begin the program any term. The program engages students in the most current research, technology, and evidence-based best practices in working with children at all levels to reach their highest potential. Students will also have the opportunity to build a portfolio of materials to use in day-to-day instruction.

Students who complete a degree in elementary education can find work as elementary school teachers, curriculum directors, educational consultants, interventional specialists, educational researchers, community college instructors, and evaluation specialists.

Tuition for Carey's online master's in elementary education program is \$10,500, not including fees. Data for the Best Value ranking was derived from university websites and from U.S. News and World Report, which ranks Carey as the #25 best online graduate education program.

"It is our goal to provide quality programs that are affordable," said Carey President Tommy King. "This number five national ranking recognizes our efforts."

*For more information about William Carey University's online master's degree in elementary education, contact Terry Ingram at [tingram@wmcarey.edu](mailto:tingram@wmcarey.edu) or visit [www.wmcarey.edu/elearning](http://www.wmcarey.edu/elearning).*

# Carpenter's Wood in Washington, D.C.



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Director Kathy Gates Vail; Gary McCullum, Jr. ('15) of Laurel; Sarah Beth Sewell ('16) of Starkville; Matthew Ditsworth ('13) of Big Point; Dixie Windham ('13) of Hattiesburg; Richard Brett Sutherland ('09) of Petal; Sarah Pierce Odom ('79, '86) of Star; Dr. Mark Malone, professor of music and coordinator of music education, of Hattiesburg; Haley Jones ('16) of Carrier; Carlena Speed Foster ('08) of Sanford; Austin Williams ('16) of Ozona; Rebecca Ford, sophomore, of Camby, Indiana.

Alumni singers of the contemporary Christian vocal ensemble, Carpenter's Wood, sang a featured concert prior to the afternoon Evensong Mass at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Sunday, June 5, 2016. The concert, long a dream of Director Kathy Vail, associate professor of music at Carey, was based on the acceptance of an audition recording in 2015 and the issuance of an invitation to perform in mid-2016.

The ensemble, consisting of nine alumni, one current undergraduate, and one faculty member, rehearsed on Saturdays throughout the spring trimester to prepare for the performance, finalizing rehearsals on-site in the Marriott Hotel in Wardman Park. The group also sang two Sunday morning services at Friendship United Methodist Church, Friendship, Maryland, on June 5, and worked with Mississippi Senator Roger Wicker's office to present a concert June 6 on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

A group of students who wanted to sing more contemporary musical selections formed the ensemble in the late 1960s. Today the group performs in churches and schools throughout Mississippi as well as other states and has participated in several mission trips, including trips to Korea, India, and the Dominican Republic.

Dave Bush  
with Jim  
Maloney



## BASEBALL CAMP

CAREY ALUMNUS AND FOUR-YEAR LETTER WINNER IN BASEBALL, DAVE BUSH ('78), ATTENDED THE CINCINNATI REDS' FANTASY BASEBALL CAMP IN JANUARY. BUSH RECEIVED THE INVITATION FROM HIS PITCHING ROLE MODEL AND CINCINNATI REDS HALL OF FAME PITCHER, JIM MALONEY.

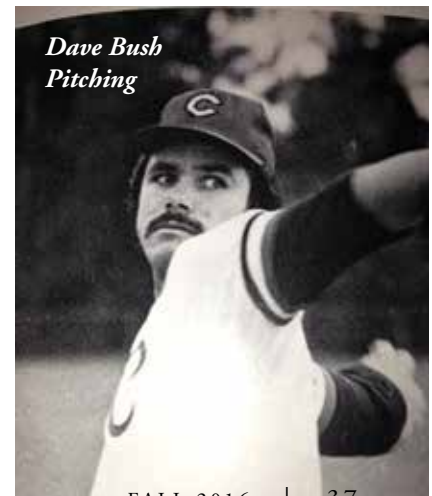
Fantasy camp is organized for men over 30 years of age who come and play for a week with and against some of the best former MLB players. "I owe a most special thanks to Dr. Michael Stonnington with Southern Bone and Joint Specialists," said Bush. "After being treated for an internal impingement of my throwing shoulder, I was able to reassume the pitching mound after 37 years and actually compete."

For Bush, baseball and Carey go hand in hand. "I am truly thankful for my comprehensive experience as a William Carey student, athlete, and supporting alumnus. I cherish the many lifelong, meaningful friendships which continue to develop.

William Carey University is a very special place, providing leadership and education in a Christian environment and making a distinguished, positive impact for our communities."



Dave Bush  
Pitching



## JUDGE PRENTISS G. HARRELL ('79)

AS A NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT, JUDGE PRENTISS HARRELL ENTERED CAREY LATER IN LIFE. THE FLEXIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE ALLOWED HIM TO CONTINUE HIS BUSINESS ENDEAVORS WHILE STUDYING DIVERSIFIED COURSE OFFERINGS THAT GENUINELY INTERESTED HIM, AND THE PROFESSORS TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN HIM. AFTER GRADUATING CAREY IN 1979, HE RECEIVED HIS JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE FROM MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW IN 1986.

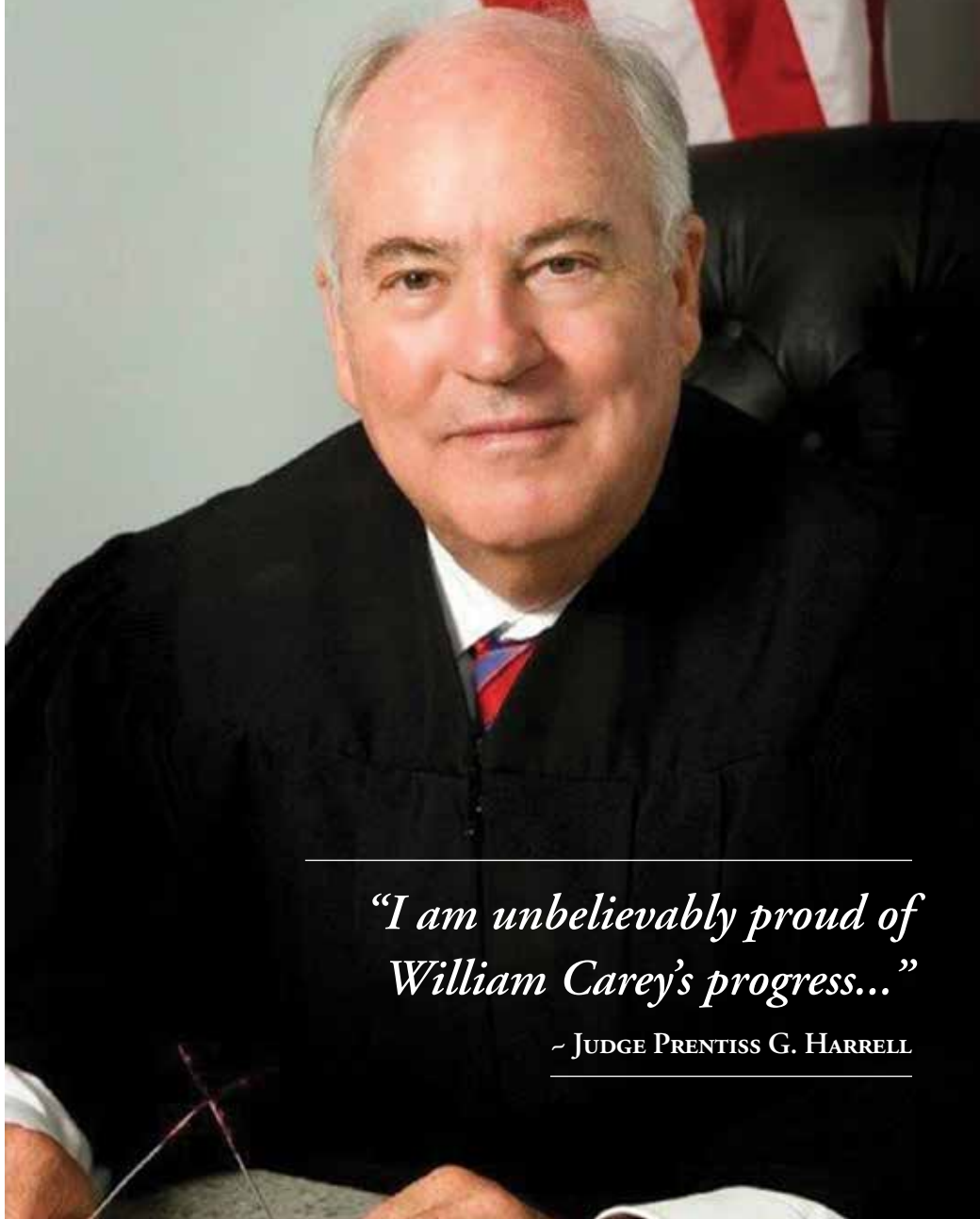
From 1987 until 2007 his primary area of practice was business law. Prentiss was first elected to public office in 1996 as county attorney for Lamar County, Mississippi. In 2007 he was elected as the circuit judge for the 15th Judicial District of Mississippi and re-elected in 2010. As circuit judge, he has handled numerous civil and criminal matters in the circuit courts of five counties.

Judge Harrell is the proud father of two children and six grandchildren. He teaches a co-educational intergenerational bible class at Main Street Baptist Church where he is a member. Class members comment on his in-depth, consistent preparation and his unique ability to present biblical truths.

When asked about special memories from his student days, Prentiss mentions his love for attending baseball games and his appreciation for the admissions department which made classes and schedules accessible to him as a non-traditional student pursuing a Business Administration degree. Judge Harrell also recalls his appreciation of Professor Jack Rogers' inspiring teaching of history which advanced his lifelong love of the subject.

Of his alma mater, Prentiss said, "I am unbelievably proud of William Carey's progress....It has come light years since I was a student. I am extremely impressed by the direction of the D.O. School under Dr. Turner's leadership." He also enjoyed his time as an adjunct professor of business law.

# Alumni SPOTLIGHT



*"I am unbelievably proud of  
William Carey's progress..."*

~ JUDGE PRENTISS G. HARRELL

# ClassNOTES

## 50's

**BILL ('57) AND MARY ('57) PAYNE** of Madison celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 25.

## 70's

**DR. LARRY LEFLORE ('71)** recently retired from Texas Woman's University after serving there for 11 years. His career in higher education spanned 45 years. He is enjoying spending time with his two grandchildren, Nylah and Elijah.

**GARY NICHOLS ('74)** and his wife Carolyn are retiring from First Baptist Milton, Florida. They will continue living in Milton.

**DANNY R. VON KANEL ('77)**, of Franklinton, Louisiana, was awarded the Natchitoches Rotary's Service Above Self award in May. Von Kanel was recognized for raising \$28,000.00 over a five-year period and for successfully directing the L.P. Vaughn School of Fine Arts for the past two years. The money was used to give scholarships to students who took one of 12 fine arts classes offered after school. Von Kanel is also a published author with many magazine articles and three books. He and his wife Beverly have two sons and six grandchildren and are members of Trinity Baptist Church in Franklinton.



## 80's

**DR. TERRY TINSLEY ('88)** has been appointed to the Board of Counseling by Virginia governor Terry McAuliffe. Tinsley serves as director of clinical services at Youth for Tomorrow in Bristow, Virginia, an organization providing a continuum of services for youth and families at risk.

## 90's

**JEANNA GRAVES ('94 & '11)** won the William Faulkner Literary Competition Award in One Act Playwriting for her play "Traffic Jam." Originally written at Carey in the MA program in English, the play was workshopped as part of the MFA program at Mississippi University for Women. The revised version was entered, and she received a cash prize at the awards banquet on September 23. "I am seriously grateful for this blessing from God, wonderfully educated by professors at WCU and MUW, and honored by the judges of the Faulkner Competition," said Graves.

## 00's

**SARAH MCLELLAND ('00)** has recently been presented the Mentor of the Year Award by Tulane Medical Health System during the May 2016 Nurse's Week. Sarah resides in New Orleans with her two dogs and two cats.

**KEVEN NEWSOME ('02)**, pastor of Kershaw Second Baptist Church in Kershaw, South Carolina, released *Acolyte*, the third book in his series which includes *Winter and Prophets*.



**J.J. THOMS ('05)** is the new president of the Petal location of Magnolia State Bank. J.J. has been in banking for 13 years and has spent the past six years at Citizens National Bank in Hattiesburg. He is a member of the ADP, serves as chair of the Scott Berry Golf Classic Committee and is a leader in Asbury United Methodist Church. Thoms and his wife Leigh Ann live in Petal and have three children, Trey (12), Claire (8) and Bo (7).

**MONICA ALEXANDER-FOXWORTH ('07)** enjoys teaching first grade at West Marion Primary. She and her husband Patrick have a one-year-old son named Paxton.



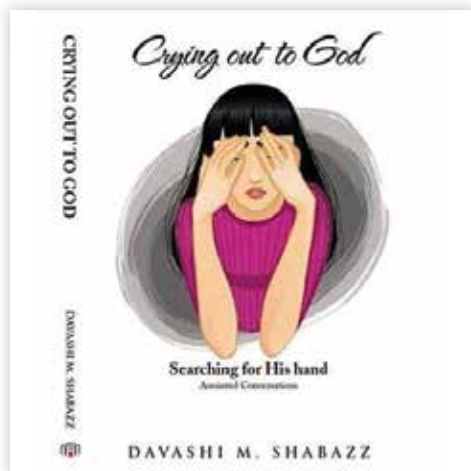
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## 00's

**DAVASHI SHABAZZ ('08)** has written a new book, *Crying out to God: Searching for His Hand*, available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The book's purpose is to encourage people to not give up and to be strong in the face of difficulties. Davashi lives in Mobile and works for Huntington Ingalls as a program cost control analyst and training coordinator for business management. He enjoys writing in his free time.



**KEVIN ('09) AND BRITTANY WILLIE** welcomed a baby boy, Lucas James Willie, into their family in February. Kevin recently began a new job as a credit analyst with Toyota Financial Services in Baton Rouge.

**LA TONZIA EVANS ('09 & '11)** recently accepted the English instructor position at Mississippi Valley State University. She is teaching freshman composition, tutoring in the writing center and working on research.

**KRISTINA DOUGLAS WHEAT ('09)** and her husband **WILL WHEAT ('11)** welcomed a beautiful daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Wheat, on April 29, 2016. Will has recently been named principal at Bassfield High School.



**MICHELLE SHEARER ('12)** recently accepted the position of women's housing director at Jones County Junior College. She has worked in student support at Jones for the past five years and completed her master's degree at Liberty University online in 2014.



## 10's

**DEMETREC COOLEY ('11)** recently accepted the call as worship leader at 38th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. He also teaches K-8 music at Earl Travillion Attendance Center. He is pictured here with the pastor, Dr. Kevin Shearer ('80).



**PAVEL URRUCHI ('11)**, the Hispanic pastor at Erlanger Baptist Church in Erlanger, Kentucky, has been chosen to serve on a task force with other Southern Baptist pastors by the North American Mission Board and Lifeway Christian Resources to encourage discipleship within the Southern Baptist Convention.

**CHELSEY MAYWALT ('12 & '13)** graduated from the Campbell University School of Law in May.

**ZACH MURPHY ('12, '14, '16)** and his wife, **TRICHI MURPHY ('06, '11 & '16)**, graduated together in May 2016 with their Specialist in Instructional Leadership degrees from Carey. The happily married couple excitedly looks forward to the completion and conferral of their doctorates from William Carey University in May of 2017.





**LORA BELL TONEY ('12 & '16)** recently began teaching music and social studies at Stone High School.



**MARIAN MAUSETH ('13)** married John Toler on August 3, 2016. She has recently been hired as a sixth grade teacher at G.W. Carver Elementary School in Bassfield, Mississippi.

**MANDY BAILEY ('13 & '15)** has been named principal of Dixie Attendance Center in the Forrest County School District. She looks forward to earning her Doctor of Education from William Carey University in 2017.

**DANYELE CHANCE ('14)** married Rease Patrick on June 11, 2016. The couple lives in Ellisville, and she teaches kindergarten at Glade Elementary School.

**DEANNA GRAVES ('14)** has written an award winning one act play. "Rhubarb" won the 2015 William Faulkner Writing Festival Award for one act plays and premiered at the 2015 festival. The play was presented again on September 23, 2016, by the Tallahatchie River Players in New Albany, Mississippi, as part of the William Faulkner Festival.

**MEGAN BOURNE HITT ('14 & '15)** has been hired at Park Place Christian Academy as an English teacher. She and her husband, Isaac, are residents of Ridgeland, Mississippi.



**MARY MICAH RAND ('15)** married Shane Nelson on September 5, 2016, at The Venue at Roseoak.

**BEN AUSTIN ('15 & '16)** and **ERIN DEMARS ('16)** Austin were married on May 26. Ben is teaching at Petal High School and Erin is pursuing a master's degree at Carey.



**REUBEN PEREZ MCCON ('16)** married Brittney Facey on September 24, 2016. Reuben's mother, Dr. Angela Jupiter-McCon ('14) is an associate professor of nursing in the Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing.

**RICKY SAIN ('16)** has joined a church planting team in Natick, Massachusetts. Ricky majored in intercultural studies and found his heart burdened for the area which is 97 percent unchurched. He and the staff are bivocational and work to establish relationships and earn the trust in the community by handing out coffee at train stops, hosting movie nights, and being present at local events. He attributes his experiences at Carey for much of the success he has seen since working with Milestone Church. "Carey has helped equip me for talking with people groups of all nationalities in hopes that they will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and take the gospel to their home countries," said Sain.



# ALUMNI & FACULTY *Passings*

**OIDA WILLIAMS ('53)**  
*Died August 14, 2016*

**DR. RAY STREBECK ('55 & '64)**  
*Died June 17, 2016*

**OLGA ANN HAGLER HOLCOMB ('56)**  
Former Miss William Carey 1956  
*Died August 7, 2016*

**WILLENE SANFORD SEAL ('58)**  
*Died August 16, 2016*

**JAMES EDGAR STUTTS ('61)**  
*Died May 7, 2016*

**RONALD HAZLETT '69**  
*Died June 20, 2016*

**WORTHY MCCLURE ('78)**  
*Died May 14, 2016*

**SONDRA JAMES ('91)**  
*Died June 29, 2016*

**DR. JOAN MCCONNELL**  
Former Dean of Nursing  
*Died August 2016*

**JAMES MCDADE ('79)**  
*Died October 1, 2016*

*Make plans  
to attend*

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