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Recovery, Repair, Reconstruction:

STRONGER THAN EVER

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LETTERS FROM CAREY



Dear Friends of Carey:

As I write, we have completed the 2016-2017 academic year, and what a year it was. While the January 21 tornado was the defining event, we are putting the devastation of that morning behind us, rebuilding, and looking to the future. One of our greatest concerns was the impact of the tornado on our enrollment. I am happy to say that the spring trimester enrollment was 54 students above the spring trimester a year ago, and we had the largest graduating class in the history of Carey. As we approach summer school, our enrollment continues to be above that of a year ago. We are so thankful for loyal students who endured the hardships caused by the tornado and persisted to complete the year.

Another sign of our students' resilience is the performance of our athletics teams, forensic team, and music and art students. All spring sports teams advanced to the national playoffs. Our baseball team won the first-round playoffs and participated in the NAIA College World Series for the first time since 1978. Men and women's tennis advanced to the second round of the national playoffs. Men and women's track and field, as well as women's golf, will participate in the national events. Art students have won in state competition, and the forensic team continues its tradition of winning. The 42nd season of Carey Dinner Theater will go on as usual this summer.

Carey students are participating in BSU summer missions and intercultural studies internships around the world.

Carey is rebuilding and will come back stronger than ever. Your prayers have sustained us, and your financial contributions will make it possible for us to rebuild. The School of Music, School of Physical Therapy, and College of Osteopathic Medicine are returning to campus within the next few days. A new building that will provide classrooms and offices is nearing completion. Ground will be broken for the new Ross and Johnson Halls and Tatum Court before you receive this magazine (the rendering for the new Tatum Court is on the cover of this magazine). Work is well under way for the pharmacy and academic classroom buildings on the Tradition campus.

The outpouring of support has been phenomenal, headed by the \$2 million dollar pledge from the Asbury Foundation. Your prayers have been felt on a daily basis. We give thanks to God for this marvelous support. With your continued support, we will come back stronger than ever.

God bless,

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

Tommy King



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Architect's rendering of Tatum Court Administration Building, which will be constructed over the next 12-18 months and will be located where Ross and Johnson Halls stood.

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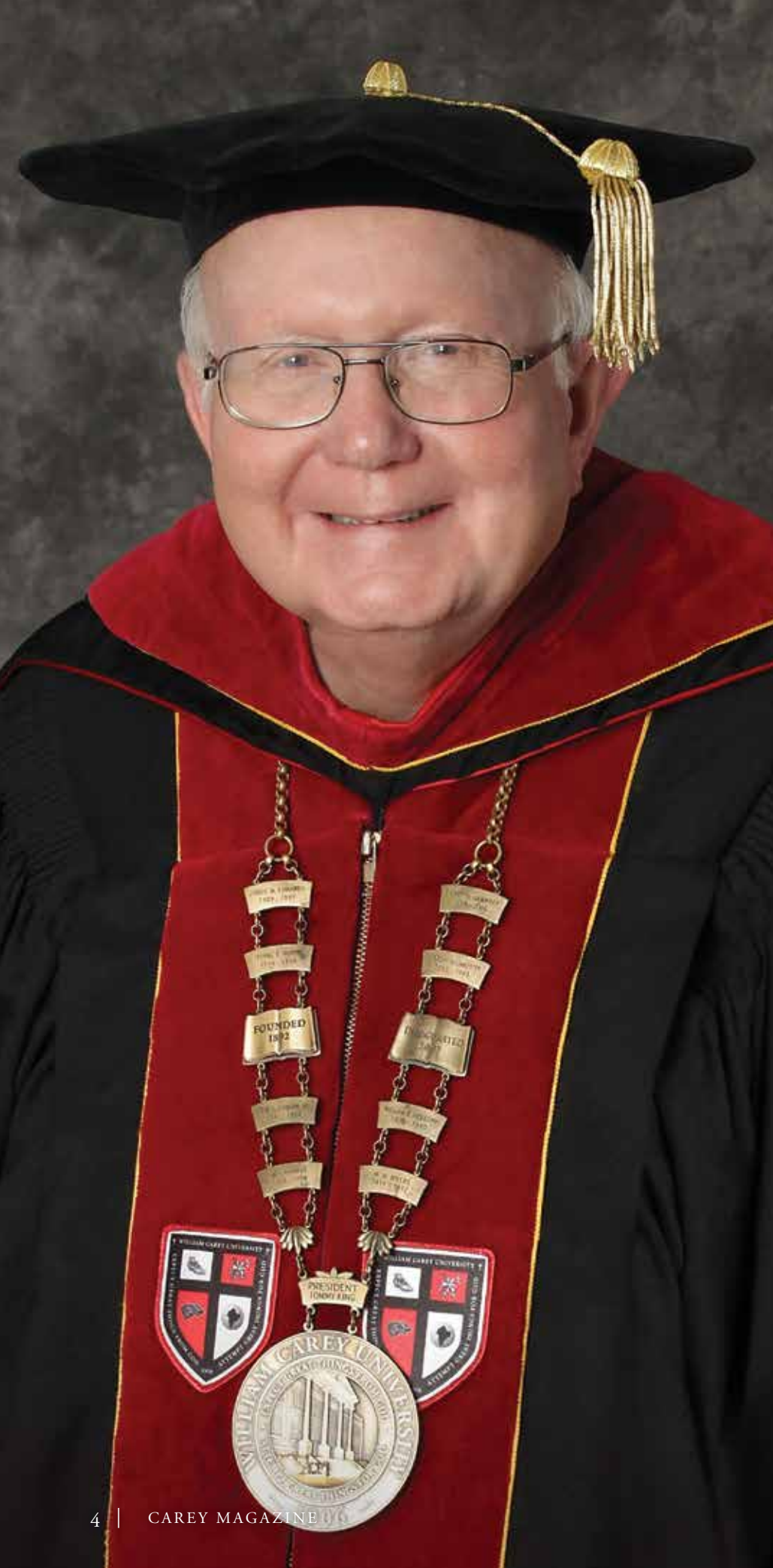
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*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

PSALM 46:1



10th ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KING'S INAUGURATION

UPON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KING'S INAUGURATION, REV. ROSSIE FRANCIS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAT DOWN WITH DR. KING TO REFLECT ON HIS DECADE OF SERVICE.



FRANCIS: *Dr. King, can you share your road to the presidency?*

KING: I never expected to be a college president. I was a pastor, mostly bivocational, and spent 30 years working in the public schools. When Dr. Kennedy invited me to come to Carey to teach and establish a master's degree program in psychology and counseling, I jumped at the opportunity. The graduate program was successful, and I was asked to take on additional roles. When Dr. Kennedy was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), I was asked to become executive vice president and support Dr. Kennedy. As his disease progressed, I gradually took on more and more of the daily operation of the university. With the death of Dr. Kennedy in September 2006, the board designated me as acting president, and in February 2007, I was named president. At that time, we were still in recovery after Hurricane Katrina, and I had been involved in negotiations with insurance and FEMA as well as in searching for property to rebuild the coast campus farther inland from the beach. This involvement, no doubt, played a role in my selection.

FRANCIS: What memories do you have of those early years?

KING: My greatest memory is of the support that I received from faculty, staff, administration, students and alumni as I learned how to be president. We spent four years operating the coast campus in temporary locations, lost nearly 40 percent of the coast enrollment, and struggled against the perception that we would not survive. Thanks to the remarkable support of the churches, schools, businesses and citizens of the coast, we were able to find property, build phase I of the new campus, and surpass the highest pre-Katrina enrollment. I also have both fond and sad memories of my good friend, Dr. Larry Kennedy, who served as president until his death. When he became president, his top priority was to erase the school debt, and he was able to accomplish this ahead of schedule. Being debt-free laid the foundation for us to do many of the things we have done.

FRANCIS: What do you consider your greatest accomplishments?

KING: Before speaking of accomplishments, I want to make it clear that everything has been a team effort. A man cannot accomplish much alone. A great team of administrators, staff, faculty, students and supporters has made it all possible.

The thing that I am most proud of has been refocusing the school on its Christian mission and fidelity to Scripture. When I became president, we had an average of 150 to 200 attendance for our weekly chapel service; now we have six to seven hundred. Each year, we adopt an annual theme that focuses our attention on an aspect of Christian teachings; the BSU and Christian Ministries programs are vibrant and growing; and we have built a chapel. The most memorable thing to me is that I baptized four international students, one from Germany, one from France, one from Russia, and a Muslim from Morocco.

Second would be the academic accomplishments. For the first time in the institution's history, we have received top tier rankings from *U. S. News* for the past five years. In addition we have been rated the "Best Buy" for regional colleges in the South based on quality of programs and cost. We have also received numerous high rankings for online programs and individual academic programs. The average ACT score of incoming freshmen has grown steadily. New programs, such as the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Ed.D. in Education, Ph.D. in education and nursing, Doctor of Physical Therapy and future

Doctor of Pharmacy, as well as growth in undergraduate programs, have strengthened the academic offerings.

Growth in our athletic program has been a joy. When I became president, we had seven competitive teams with just over 100 athletes. We now have 17 teams and expect to have 350 athletes for the coming year. We have established the Sports Hall of Fame, which has honored some of the most outstanding athletes that have ever played at Carey. Our teams have been recognized for their academic accomplishments as well as for their performance on the field.

Of course, campus expansion and beautification is an important accomplishment. In the past ten years, we have purchased 83 properties ranging in size from a small lot to the 35-acre Tradition campus. Obtaining property at Tradition and constructing phase I of that campus was a major accomplishment, and we just broke ground for two additional buildings at Tradition to house the pharmacy school and an additional building for pre-med and pre-pharmacy, as well as additional space for the nursing program. Nineteen new facilities and several renovations of old buildings on the Hattiesburg campus, additional athletic facilities, and parking lots have helped us to accommodate the growth in enrollment and programs. The building that I am most proud of is Bass Memorial Chapel, which gives our students a wonderful facility for worship and praise.

Finally, I would share the sentiments that William Carey expressed. "When I am gone do not speak of Dr. Carey but speak of Dr. Carey's Savior.

FRANCIS: What about the future?

KING: The future is as bright as the promises of God. During the next few months, we will repair and restore all the buildings on campus that were ravaged, but not destroyed, by the tornado. Then, over the next 14 months, we will rebuild Tatum Court, Ross Hall, and Johnson Hall and repair the business building. Over



Picking up the pieces: Carey builds a stronger future.

ENROLLMENT

Fall 2006: 2,508

Fall 2016: 4,496

* We have students from 38 states and 44 countries.

ENDOWMENT

2006: \$9,167,944

2017: \$17,552,142 (91.5% increase)

BUDGET

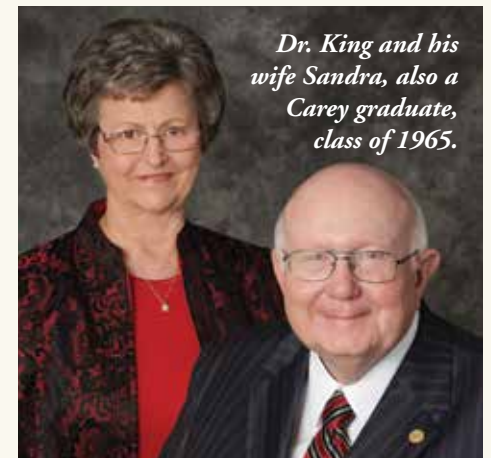
2006: \$22,845,952

2017: \$58,710,000 (157% increase)

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$60,000,000 annually

this same period, we will construct a facility at Tradition to house the school of pharmacy and an additional academic building to provide more space for the nursing program and for pre-professional students. Carey will continue to add programs to fill open niches and to meet the needs of Mississippi and our region. We will become regionally and nationally recognized for our unique programs such as the music therapy program and the Ph.D. in nursing. Of immense importance to the future of Carey is to grow our endowment. I am so pleased that we have been able to increase the endowment by 91 percent during the past 10 years in the face of economic challenges. I fully expect to be able to say that we have doubled the endowment by the time the fiscal year ends on June 30. We absolutely must continue to increase the general endowment and to continue to add endowed scholarships. We will continue to bring international students to experience the unique Carey culture and to demonstrate God's love. And, most of all, we will "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."



Dr. King and his wife Sandra, also a Carey graduate, class of 1965.



CAREY GRADUATION *Celebration*

CLASS OF 2017

RIGHT: 2017 graduates sing the alma mater for the first time as alumni of William Carey University.



BELOW: Chamapuwa Tinago of Zimbabwe is the third sister of the Tinago family to graduate from Carey. Chatinoda (left) graduated in 2010 and Chiwoneso in 2009. Chatinoda said the damage on campus from the January tornado was shocking, but it was good to see all the progress that has been made.



The graduates repeat the Osteopathic Oath affirming their loyalty to their profession, their patients, their colleagues and their college.

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



Graduation

95 STUDENTS, 49 MEN AND 46 WOMEN, GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ON MAY 20. THE DOCTORS WILL BEGIN RESIDENCIES IN 23 DIFFERENT STATES WITH 73 PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS GOING INTO THE FIELD OF PRIMARY CARE.



ABOVE: Rev. Rossie Francis, chairman of the WCU Board of Trustees, awards Dr. Rachel Harris her diploma.



ABOVE: The Big Red Book: The inaugural class of 2010 began the tradition in which students "sign in" at their White Coat Ceremony and "sign out" at graduation.

BELOW: Dr. David Buford is thankful for the support of his family throughout the long years of medical school.



Intercultural Studies *Internship*

"I love having the opportunity to live in another culture and make it my second home."

TREY TISDALE

IN 2017, CAREY WILL SEND 21 STUDENTS OUT ALL OVER THE WORLD TO COMPLETE INTERNSHIPS FOR THEIR INTERCULTURAL STUDIES MAJOR. STUDENTS WILL BE INTERNING AT HOME IN HATTIESBURG, AS WELL AS SOUTH CAROLINA, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, FLORIDA, AND WASHINGTON. STUDENTS WILL BE SERVING INTERNATIONALLY IN AUSTRALIA, JORDAN, JAPAN, MONTENEGRO, CAMBODIA, MYANMAR, POLAND, MALAYSIA, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. FOUR STUDENTS WILL ALSO COMPLETE 10-WEEK PASTORAL/YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS IN HATTIESBURG, SUMRALL, PURVIS AND CANADA.

Most of the internships are 10-weeks, but some extend to six months or a year. The intercultural studies major meets the growing need to prepare young marketplace professionals who are academically, spiritually, professionally, and emotionally prepared to go anywhere in the world and be successful.

Trey Tisdale of Ellisville is completing a six-month internship in Warsaw, Poland. He is an intercultural studies major with minors in English and coaching. Tisdale has previously served as a missionary in Asia, Mexico and Haiti. He said he wanted to

experience working in Europe and applied to the HandsOn program through the International Mission Board.

"I have looked forward to the opportunity to live in another country and spread the Gospel while there," he said.

He and a roommate share a flat on Nowy Swiat, one of the most popular streets in Warsaw. "Our flat is much like a studio apartment: one room is our living area and sleeping area, and we have a small kitchen and a bathroom. With two pullout couches as beds, I definitely miss my bed back home."

Tisdale said the language barrier is always a challenge when you live in another country, but he has been surprised at how many people there speak English. "It has been a blessing not to have to worry about the language barrier every day."

Another challenge is the distance from home when emergencies happen. Tisdale's grandfather passed away his second week in Warsaw, and he was unable to come back to the states to be with his family.

Tisdale recently took time to answer a few questions about his experience in Warsaw:

WHAT TYPE OF WORK ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR INTERNSHIP?

My role as a missionary here is to help teach English and invest in relationships with people. I work with Ted and Beverly Holmes who head up Warsaw Cross Culture Communities. Working in partnership with

Polish Baptist churches, the activities include English clubs, sports, Bible camps, and home group Bible studies in the community and on university campuses.

WHAT TYPE OF CAREER ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AND HOW WILL YOUR INTERNSHIP PREPARE YOU FOR THAT?

I had planned to work with international college students. During my time here, I have been working with middle school students and youth. On the first day of working with these kids, I knew this was the right place for me to be. God's light on my path has never been so bright.

WHAT ARE YOU ENJOYING ABOUT YOUR INTERNSHIP?

The friendships I have made here are amazing. It has been such a great experience getting to be part of the kids' lives. I love having the opportunity to live in another culture and make it my second home.

Since arriving in Warsaw in January, Tisdale's experiences have him considering a new career path. "God has placed something new on my heart. I had never thought about seminary as part of my future plans. I always thought I had to hurry and get to the mission field. I have started seriously considering seminary and am praying for God to reveal His answer to me."

Service dog gives visually impaired student *independence*

SIMON BOWMAN, A SENIOR FROM TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR, IS KNOWN AROUND CAREY'S CAMPUS FOR HIS FRIENDLY, OPEN ATTITUDE AND HIS CANINE COMPANION, KATNISS. HOWEVER, BOWMAN AND KATNISS DON'T HAVE A "NORMAL" OWNER-COMPANION RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE KATNISS IS A SERVICE ANIMAL AND BOWMAN IS LEGALLY BLIND.

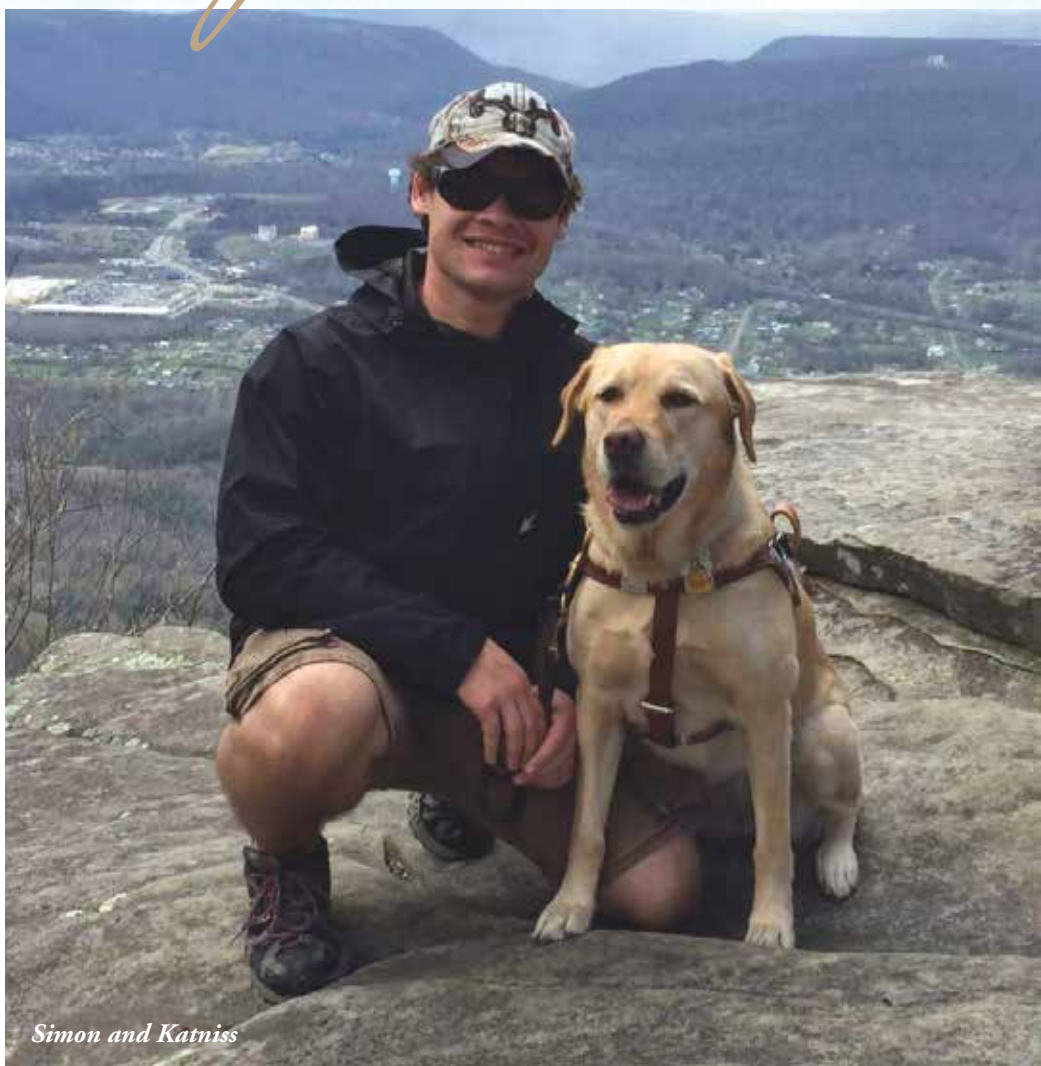
Bowman has a genetic condition that causes progressive vision loss. "Currently, my vision is like looking through one end of a straw to the other, so I have no peripheral vision as well as low vision," said Bowman.

Despite this, Bowman strives to have a normal life and be independent. With the assistance of Katniss and technology designed for those with low vision, Bowman is able to commute on foot and complete his assignments independently.

"When I was getting ready to go to college, the extra independence that a service dog would give me was important, so my family and I decided to try to get one," said Bowman.

To be considered for a service dog, applicants must submit an application and undergo an interview process to establish that they are a good candidate for a service dog.

"Whenever you think about somebody with a disability getting a service animal, you may think that the only requirement is a disability, but in reality, it's actually a long process. Before an organization will give you



Simon and Katniss

a service animal, they have to establish that you will be a good fit for a service animal in terms of the abilities you already have and your attitude," said Bowman. "Your service animal relies on you to protect it just as much as you rely on it, but that's not always how people think about it."

To prepare for her job as a service animal, Katniss, a golden retriever and Labrador retriever mix, was bred and trained at The Seeing Eye organization's headquarters in Morristown, New Jersey. Trainers at Seeing Eye taught Katniss how to resist distractions, exercise self-control,

*“Your service animal relies on you
to protect it just as much as you rely on it...”*

SIMON BOWMAN

isolate and avoid obstacles and other skills necessary for her job as a service animal.

Upon approval of his application almost four years ago, Bowman travelled to New Jersey to meet and train with Katniss for about a month. During this training period, Bowman and Katniss learned to work together efficiently. They even travelled to New York City together to ensure that Katniss would perform well in a high-stress, highly distracting environment.

“The whole process, from putting in my application to actually bringing Katniss home with me, took about a year,” said Bowman.

To prepare for the move to Carey’s campus, Bowman and Katniss explored campus together to determine the best paths to get to common destinations.



Simon (third from left) singing with the Carey Chorale at the Vespers service on December 6, 2016.

“Now that Katniss is familiar with Carey’s campus, sometimes I can just name the building and she will automatically know which path we need to take,” said Bowman. “I do want to say that although Katniss is trained to help me get from point A to point B safely--and she’s very good at her job--she isn’t perfect. A lot of people think that Katniss is a working machine. She trained hard for a long time, but she’s still a dog and like all dogs, like people, she’s not perfect. Sometimes she needs the freedom to just be a dog for a little while, so I remind myself often that she’s still a dog and needs time off the harness.”

In addition to the help that Katniss provides him, Bowman also utilizes special technological equipment and programs to help him achieve independence in his work. The technology he uses is capable of enlarging the font for both digital and print sources and providing audio voiceover for written sources.

“I still require assistance for in-class tests, but otherwise, I’m able to complete my assignments on my own,” said Bowman. “As of right now, I hope to receive my CPA certification after graduation so I can practice as an accountant. These technologies will allow me to complete my tasks in this field.”

Despite the challenges that low vision present, Bowman has taken on responsibilities around campus through his service as a first-floor resident assistant in Braswell Hall. As part of his RA responsibilities, Bowman is charged with helping his residents and keeping them safe, such as during the emergency the recent tornado presented.

“The tornado was a new experience for us, but Katniss and I were able to respond well. We managed to get all of our first-floor residents into the hallway,” said Bowman. “When the tornado was on top of us, Katniss wanted to hide, but I directed her to stay beside me. I petted her and she did great.”

After the tornado, students moved to the COM building. “There was debris and glass everywhere. I had to carry her so she wouldn’t be injured. Thankfully, one of my friends helped guide me and we made it safely.”

As a resident assistant, Bowman is required to host a resident assistant program every trimester. He used his first program as a resident to teach attendants about Katniss, service dogs and life with low vision.

“My residents have been really supportive. They even bought Katniss a t-shirt that has ‘RA’ printed on it,” said Bowman.

When asked how he deals with the challenges of life with vision problems, Bowman cites the support of his friends.

“When I transferred to Carey in the fall of 2015, I was looking for a smaller campus where I would be able to get to know people. I’ve been fortunate to find great friends at Carey who try to understand what it’s like and what I need,” said Bowman. “As challenging as it is, I’m grateful to have friends who look out for me and are willing to help.”

As a parting remark, Bowman said, “Even with the challenge of low vision, I try to be as normal as I can be. Whatever you set your mind to, there’s always a way; you just have to figure it out.”



School of Music: CHANGING KEYS

HARDY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH OPENED THE DOORS TO CAREY'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE JANUARY TORNADO, AND CLASSES, LESSONS, AND REHEARSALS HAVE CONTINUED THERE THROUGH THE SPRING TRIMESTER. THE FACILITIES ARE IDEALLY SUITED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE MUSIC SCHOOL.

MMI, THE CAFETERIA SERVICE FOR CAMPUS, EVEN BRINGS LUNCH TO THE CHURCH FOR THE MUSIC FACULTY AND STUDENTS.

THE SCHOOL IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE GOAL OF BECOMING AN "ALL STEINWAY SCHOOL" WITH THE RECENT DONATION OF A BEAUTIFUL SEVEN FOOT STEINWAY-MADE BOSTON GRAND PIANO BY DR. JAIME JIMÉNEZ, A RETINA SPECIALIST AT THE SOUTHERN EYE CENTER.



Assistant Professor of Music Jim Armstrong and Morgan Wilson, freshman music education major from Biloxi in a euphonium lesson in the chapel at Hardy Street Baptist Church



Orchestra members gather under the Carey banner at Hardy Street Baptist Church



ABOVE: Advanced conducting student Clint Belt, a senior church music major from Jacksonville, Florida, conducts the orchestra in a rehearsal of "It Is Well with My Soul" in the choir suite at Hardy Street Baptist Church.

MALONE
RECEIVES*Michael Iler*Memorial Music
Scholarship

Jacob Malone, a sophomore music education major from Wilmer, Alabama, received the Iler Scholarship, which is given annually to a worthy instrumental music student selected by the coordinator of instrumental activities and the other instrumental professors. The Iler Scholarship was established in memory of Carey student Michael Iler of Vancleave who died in March 2014 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident caused by an alleged drunk driver. Pictured are Wes Dykes, assistant professor and coordinator of instrumental music; Malone; and Jeremy Morgan, assistant professor of music.

To donate to the Iler Endowed Scholarship, visit wmcarey.edu/advancement or mail your gift to WCU Office for Advancement Box 141, 710 William Carey Parkway, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

McDaniel Crowned
MISS WILLIAM
CAREY UNIVERSITY

Anna McDaniel, Miss William Carey University, with Emma Rogers, first alternate (left) and Hattie Zukas, second alternate.

ANNA MCDANIEL, A FRESHMAN MASS COMMUNICATION MAJOR FROM TOOMSUBA, WAS CROWNED MISS WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY ON JANUARY 20.

"I feel extremely honored to have been crowned Miss WCU 2017 and am looking forward to what this year holds." McDaniel will compete in the Miss Mississippi pageant on June 21 in Vicksburg.

McDaniel was crowned the night before an EF3 tornado tore through the Carey campus in the early morning hours of January 21. She had returned home following the pageant, so she was not in her dorm when the storm hit. She said early that morning she began getting texts from friends about the damage to the campus.

"I am absolutely heartbroken that our beautiful campus was so wounded by the tornado, but I am also extremely thankful that no one was fatally injured," she said. "I love seeing how we are all pulling together in the recovery effort and have all become even closer as fellow Crusaders. I know that God has a sovereign plan and

has already positively impacted the world through this showing of His greatness. We have all been given a massive opportunity to show how we shine for Christ even through times of trouble. To God be the glory!"

Emma Rogers of Pensacola, Florida, was selected as first alternate, and Hattie Zukas of Phoenix, Arizona, was second alternate.

Rita Maria Griffis of Hattiesburg received the Amy E. Allen award for the highest GPA.

Emma Rogers received the Virginia Scott Spirit Award. The pageant contestants select the recipient of this award, which is named in memory of the director of the Miss Carey Pageant from 1972 until 1985.

Kennedi Sanders of Columbus received the evening gown award; Katelyn Perry of Gulfport received the talent award; and Mary Margaret Hyer of Hattiesburg received the interview award.

Other pageant winners crowned that evening were Miss Southern Magnolia, Mary Margaret Hyer of Hattiesburg; Miss Pearl River Valley, Katelyn Perry of Gulfport; and Miss Pine Belt, Lizzy Wicks of Ocean Springs.



Dr. Waddle is pictured above with the Carey volleyball team.

Ben Waddle

SPORTS FACILITY

CAREY DEDICATED THE BEN WADDLE SPORTS FACILITY RECENTLY, ONE OF THE FEW BUILDINGS THAT DID NOT INCUR ANY DAMAGE FROM THE JANUARY TORNADO. DR. BEN WADDLE HAS BEEN TEACHING AND COACHING AT CAREY FOR 50 YEARS AND HOPES THIS NEW VOLLEYBALL AND TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY WILL BRING MORE SUCCESS TO THESE PROGRAMS.

The new sports facility was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Waddle, who began his career at William Carey College in 1967 as the health and physical education department chair. He also served as athletic director from 1975-1983. Dr. Waddle continues to teach in the health, physical education and recreation department.

"Ben Waddle has been a part of Carey athletics for 50 years. His loyalty to Carey and his dedication to his students are examples for all to follow," said Dr. Tommy King. "We

"The addition of this facility will help not only on a day-to-day basis for training, but also in recruiting for years to come"

COACH BLAKE HEGSTROM

are proud to recognize his Christian commitment and character in this way."

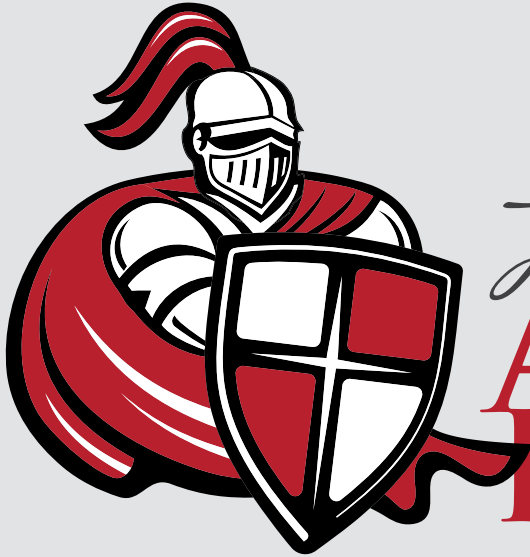
Waddle said he was shocked when he first learned the building would be named in his honor. "I never dreamed of such a high honor like this to be placed on me," he said. "All I wanted was to be successful in education and to help students prepare for a long, successful life."

The 13,299-square-foot facility will serve as home court for the new volleyball team, which played its first season in 2016. The JV basketball team, Carey band, and intramural sports also will use the building.

The track and field program, which began

competing in 2013, will now have a home field as well. "We are excited about having a first-class track facility on campus," said Coach Blake Hegstrom. "The addition of this facility will help not only on a day-to-day basis for training, but also in recruiting for years to come. As a coach, I couldn't be more proud of our facility, and I've seen an immediate positive impact on our student-athletes."

Hegstrom said having the track will also allow the team to host meets on campus. "We look forward to having the student body come support the track and field teams here at home."



Letter from the ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

TO THE CAREY FAITHFUL:

William Carey athletics have seen some changes recently. On January 20, 2017, everything was rolling along smoothly. Men and women's soccer had won conference championships in the fall, the men's basketball team was cruising along consistently ranked in the top 20 of the NAIA polls, and the spring sports were gearing up to get their seasons underway in the first part of February. As we all know, that night, everything changed.

The EF3 tornado destroyed the soccer

fields, wrecked the Clinton Gym, damaged the tennis courts, and mangled several lights at the Kennedy Sports Complex, home to baseball and softball.

Things looked bleak that day, but the Lord reassured us all with the verse that the Chapel Bible was turned to that morning, Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." On the Wednesday following the storm, the athletes returned to Hattiesburg and moved into our temporary home at Southern Miss, and we returned to practice with

a new focus and determination. Our coaches let it be known from the start that we would not use the tornado as a crutch, and our student-athletes responded with unprecedented success.

Men's basketball closed out the regular season with nine wins in their final eleven games despite not playing a true home game. The Carey men won the regular season title, were ranked 17th in the Final NAIA Coaches Top 25 poll, and qualified for the NAIA Men's Basketball National Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.

Carey softball opened the season with 19 wins in their first 21 games despite not playing a home game until March 10. The Lady Crusaders have been ranked as high as second in the NAIA Coaches Top 25 poll, and are currently ranked seventh with a 42-9 record. Last week the NAIA selected WCU as one of ten host sites for the Opening Round of the NAIA National Tournament.

WCU baseball has been on a roll as well. Head Coach Bobby Halford's Crusaders have been ranked in the NAIA Top 25 all season long. On March 3, Carey baseball was the first program to play a home game back on campus. They put on show, sweeping a three game series from Loyola, outscoring their conference foe 39 to 9. **In spite of all the difficulties caused by the EF3 tornado, the baseball team secured a spot in the World Series for the first time since 1978.** The NAIA selected WCU as one of nine host sites for the Opening Round of the NAIA National Tournament, the first time we have hosted opening rounds for both baseball and softball.

Women's golf finished the season ranked 11th in the final poll, was a runner up at the



*"The success of all our teams
has been incredible to see!"*

DJ PULLEY

BILOXI SHUCKERS

Donation

ON APRIL 24, BILOXI SHUCKERS GENERAL MANAGER CHUCK ARNOLD AND FIELD MANAGER MIKE GUERRERO PRESENTED WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER DICK VOGEL AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR D.J. PULLEY WITH A CHECK FOR \$6,090.



accomplish going forward.”

Arnold said, “We are honored to have played a small role in the recovery efforts at William Carey University. We want to thank our fans for their generous support of this great cause.”

The Biloxi Shuckers are committed to their community and are proactively seeking ways to improve the quality of life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Shuckers partner with non-profits, military, schools and youth athletic organizations to provide benevolent outreach. In addition to financial assistance, the Shuckers front office staff has volunteered 144 hours so far in the community this year.



2017 SSAC Championship and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament for the second straight season.

Carey men's outdoor track & field cruised to their second SSAC title in the last three years, and the men's indoor track & field squad finished eighth at the NAIA National Championship in March. Geoffrey Kipchumba added to his national title collection with two more indoor titles, totaling six for his career.

Both the Carey men and women's tennis team completed the SSAC championship sweep as they took both the regular season and tournament titles. The teams combined for a record of 32-8 despite having to practice and play all their matches away from campus.

The success of all our teams has been incredible to see! Since January 21, we have won 73 percent of all our games and three SSAC titles. I cannot say enough about our student athletes, our coaches, and our administration. Our student-athletes have been focused and driven since that dreadful day, and our coaches have continued to push and demand excellence at all times and in all areas.

We all can be proud of the hard work that everyone has put in. We hope that our success these last few months has let everyone know that William Carey is here, and is here to stay!

Athletic Director

D.J. Pulley

Carey Golfer Hits First HOLE-IN-ONE

Madison Seay aced hole #4 at Canebrake Country Club for her first hole-in-one on February 15. Seay, a junior from Pass Christian, hit the ball 135 yards with a nine iron. “After seven years of playing golf, I finally made a hole-in-one, and honestly,

it was worth the wait. I can't thank Coach Mixon and my teammates Aleesha Smith and Kennedy Windlan enough for their support and excitement during the moment. That meant more to me than anything,” said Seay. “We all made a promise at the beginning of the year that if anyone made a hole-in-one, everyone in the group had to jump in the lake. So, we did, even though it was 50 degrees outside!” Pictured are (from left) Coach Jeff Mixon, Seay, and Catherine Landry, a recruit from Slidell, Louisiana.



It's a small world

“THE OLDER I GET, THE SMALLER THE WORLD BECOMES,” SAID PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH ALLISON CHESTNUT, WHO IS IN HER 25TH YEAR OF TEACHING AT WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY. “I KNEW WHEN I BEGAN TEACHING AT CAREY THAT I HAD PENSACOLA CONNECTIONS WITH THE COLLEGE. REV. HARDY DENHAM AND MY PARENTS GREW UP TOGETHER AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA. DR. LARRY KENNEDY AND I BOTH GRADUATED FROM ESCAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL, BUT HE WAS SEVERAL YEARS AHEAD OF ME. AS FAR AS I KNEW, THOSE WERE MY ONLY TIES TO HOME.”

A few years passed, and the university hired Dr. Bitsy Browne Miller in the school of education. The Carey faculty dining room was the gathering place where colleagues from disciplines across campus could meet and develop friendships. “I think that’s where I first met Bitsy, eating lunch with Bonnie Holder and Beth Richmond. They introduced us,” said Chestnut. That’s where, in the course of casual conversation, Chestnut and Miller discovered they, too, had a Pensacola connection.

“I did my student teaching in Pensacola, at a little neighborhood school in Warrington, which is a subdivision of Pensacola. I was assigned to Navy Point Elementary, and my supervising teacher was a lovely woman, Louise Jordan,” explained Miller.

“That’s when I piped up, saying that I had been a student at Navy Point in the ‘60s,” Chestnut added. “In fact, I had been in Miss Jordan’s class and my mom was one

of the homeroom mothers. I usually stayed in trouble, so I felt sure if she had been student teaching in my class she would have remembered me.”

“You must have had a bout of good behavior back then,” Miller quipped. “I don’t remember anyone being a discipline problem when I was there.”

Although both women recognized names of teachers who were at Navy Point when Miller, then Miss Browne, worked there, neither could be certain their paths had crossed. Even looking through Chestnut’s elementary school yearbook couldn’t pinpoint 50-year-old memories.

After completing her student teaching in Pensacola, Miller graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she later also received her master’s and Ph.D. in education. She served in the Hattiesburg school system as teacher and then as principal before retiring and

beginning her tenure at Carey.

Chestnut finished public school in Pensacola, then graduated from Mississippi University for Women with the B.S. in religion and the M.A. in English before earning the Ph.D. in English from Louisiana State University. She taught at LSU, USM, and JCJC before joining the Carey English department.

“Our careers had many opportunities to cross, but as far as we know, we were on different paths,” Miller said. One afternoon during her education classes at Carey, Miller related the story about a surprise her cooperating teacher at Navy Point had planned. “During art, Miss Jordan had given each student a piece of muslin and instructed the class to write their names in cursive and then, using crayons, draw their self-portrait on the fabric,” said Miller.

“When the panels were complete, Miss Jordan sewed them together and made a

“Our careers had many opportunities to cross, but as far as we know, we were on different paths”

DR. BITSY BROWNE MILLER



FACULTY AWARDS & PUBLISHINGS

quilt top. The class then gave it to me on my last day of student teaching. You could have knocked me over with a feather. I still have it." Her students asked her to bring the quilt to campus, where it hung in Miller's WCU classroom.

"When Bitsy told me about the quilt, I just knew that had to be my class, but when she unfolded it at home, she didn't see my name. I wanted to see the quilt anyway, so she brought it to lunch and we unfolded it in the parking lot of the restaurant," Chestnut continued. "I knew every name on it, Jaye Roehm, Lisa Moon, Janice Jones. I even recognized Melinda Purcell's face: she was the best artist in the class. I knew all of them. It had to be my class."

"We stood in the parking lot and went over every single rectangle," said Miller. "No Chestnut. Then while we were folding it to put it back in its plastic bag, I saw that a couple of rectangles were stuck together. I guess the heat melted the crayon. Anyway, we carefully pulled the two apart and there she was."

"We squealed like two long lost sorority sisters. The people eating on the porch of the restaurant probably thought we were crazy," Chestnut said.

"You were quite the little artist," Miller teased.

"I wish I still looked that thin. That hair, though, would have to go."

Miller often uses the quilt in class. Sometimes she hangs it on the wall and asks if the students recognize anyone. Most of the time they shake their heads. When Miller points out the girl with the brown hair and cat glasses on the end, her students at first don't believe it's the same person. Then they are amazed: the world is small. Seemingly insignificant interactions can have lasting connections. "We just have to recognize them when they occur," Chestnut added.

"After all," says Miller, "who would ever think that a third grader and a student teacher would have much in common, much less be colleagues and friends? Sometimes it takes a lifetime to grow into those relationships."



DOUGLAS RECEIVED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Assistant Professor of Theatre and Communication Dewey Douglas recently received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes individuals who have excelled in their field for at least 20 years.



MURPHY HONORED AS STEINWAY TOP TEACHER

Assistant Professor of Music Brian Murphy received the Steinway Top Teacher Award during the

Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. Dr. Don Odom, dean of the Winters School of Music and Ministry Studies presented the award on behalf of Steinway. The university is currently in a campaign to become a member of the elite All-Steinway Schools roster, and the first All-Steinway School in Mississippi. The university is raising funds to purchase pianos designed by Steinway & Sons, widely viewed as the maker of the world's finest pianos. Schools in the All-Steinway roster are viewed as having the highest commitment to excellence by providing their students and faculty with the best equipment possible.



PREHN RECEIVES AWARD FOR NEONATAL RESEARCH POSTER

Dr. Judy Prehn, associate professor of physical therapy and clinical education director, received the

"Best Poster Award" at the 10th Annual World Conference on Pediatrics, Pediatric

Gastroenterology, and Nutrition held in Orlando, Florida. The poster subject was "Decreasing Sound and Vibration during Ground Transport of Infants with Very Low Birth Weight."



VALENTINE RECEIVES MASTER PRECEPTOR AWARD

Dr. Lee Valentine received the Master Preceptor Award from the American College of Osteopathic Family

Physicians as the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine nominee.

"Dr. Valentine's commitment to medical education is outstanding," said Dr. Jim Turner, WCUCOM dean. In addition to years of service as a preceptor, he also served as the founding chair of family medicine at WCUCOM and is the founding program director for the East Central Health Net Family Medicine Residency in Meridian, Mississippi.

The award recognizes preceptors for their sustained commitment to excellence in the training, education, and mentoring of osteopathic medical students in family medicine.

MCGILL PUBLISHED ARTICLE

Dr. Maude McGill, assistant professor of nursing, published an article in American Nurse Today, the official Journal of the American Nurses Association. The article is titled "How to Ease Conflict and Experience Greater Harmony at Work."

To make a donation to nursing, the medical school, physical therapy, music, or another fund, please visit www.wmcarey.edu/advancement or use our new mailing address: WCU Box 141, 710 William Carey Parkway, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

*Garry Breland
Upon the demolition of
Tatum Court
William Carey University
April 3, 2017*

*If these walls could talk—
English would not disclose
All they'd have to say, for
Hebrew, Greek, Spanish, French,
German, Latin, and Southern
Were all spoken here.*

*If these walls could talk—
The hallways would echo
With a century of lessons
Spanning the Progressive
To the Postmodern era,
Edwardian to Hipster.*

*If these walls could talk—
They would fearlessly
Teach one last lesson:
Never to be torn down
From hearts that beat,
Carey Strong for the ages.*

Dr. Garry Breland is the vice-president for academic affairs and a 1974 Carey alumnus.

Letters from STUDENTS & PARENTS

LETTER FROM A GRADUATE STUDENT:

Nason Lollar writes, "After hearing the description of the damage and the situation now, weeks after the storm, I was able to better appreciate the work all of you do for graduate students like me. You have had to work around cleanup, construction, and interruption of all of your daily services like phone, internet and water. Yet, through all of this, my progress on my research project has moved along at a steady pace. You all have had to sacrifice to keep up with deadlines and to grade work as it is turned in. From my perspective as an online graduate student, I have not noticed any drop off at all in services provided. I even was able to complete my Chapter 2 the week immediately after the tornado through the extra efforts of a library assistant on the Tradition campus. This is all thanks to the extraordinary efforts you and all of your colleagues have made to keep us on track. Thank you for your dedication to my (and many others') educational work."

INTERVIEW WITH A RESIDENTIAL STUDENT:

Emily Ennis, sophomore elementary education major from New Orleans and resident assistant in Bass Hall, is thankful for the personal and spiritual growth, the sense of community, and the friendships that have formed as a result of that terrifying night. She is particularly grateful for Caleigh Gillespie and Brianna Hawthorne, Bass Hall residents, who assisted in getting girls to safety in the brief moments between the warning and the tornado. Ashton Singletary, senior nursing major who lives in Byrd-Braswell, "met us in the COM building with her first aid kit and started checking on students. She was so great," Emily said. "She really helped us out. "It was amazing to see Mrs. Valerie Bridgeforth and Ms. Anna Sterling on campus, too. I couldn't believe they were there so early, helping get students from dorms to the safety of the COM building," Emily said. In spite of the chaos, fear, and terror of that morning, Emily is confident that God was with them in the midst of that storm, just as He promises to be in the verse that has become the theme since that day: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

LETTER FROM PARENT:

Dear WCU,

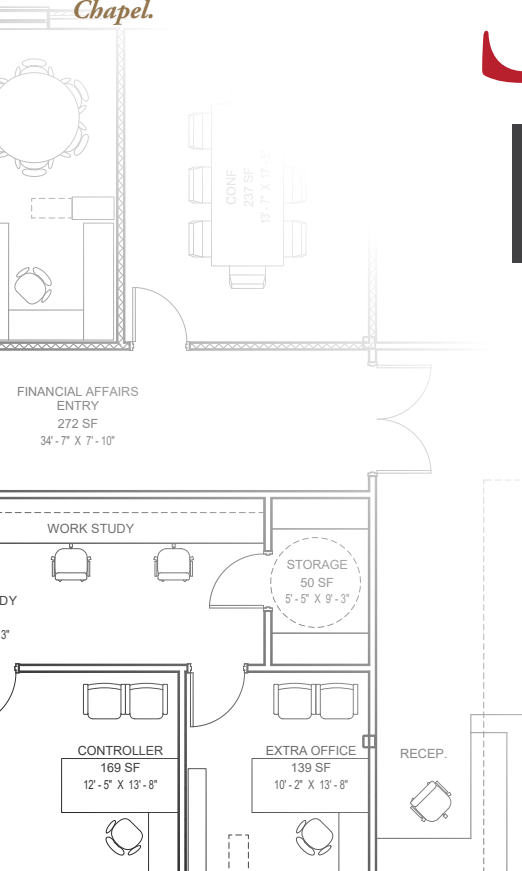
I take this opportunity to thank God for protecting and preserving the William Carey family on January 21, 2017. I also appreciate and thank the William Carey family for all the support they have accorded the students since then and for updating us parents. We cannot thank you enough. May God bless you and continue to raise your standard.

Glory to God and regards,
Esther Kimaiyo
WCU Parent

Recovery, Repair, and Reconstruction:

CAREY STRONG

Broken pieces of stained glass will be used to make the new stained glass window in Bass Memorial Chapel.



THE STORM LEFT A PATH OF DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE, BUT CAREY IS RECOVERING AND CONSTRUCTING A BETTER CAMPUS, A STRONGER UNIVERSITY, AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE. THE RECOVERY HAS COME IN STAGES. THE INITIAL EMERGENCY STAGE ENSURED THE PROTECTION OF OUR STUDENTS AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE WINTER TRIMESTER. CAMPUS WAS CLOSED, BUT THE UNIVERSITY REMAINED OPEN. STUDENTS MOVED OFF CAMPUS TO TEMPORARY HOUSING AT USM, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS RELOCATED TO USM AND HARDY STREET BAPTIST

CHURCH, AND CLASSES CONTINUED, MOSTLY IN AN ONLINE FORMAT. WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY SCHOOL COULD BE MOVED WITH CLASSES BACK IN SESSION ONLY FIVE DAYS AFTER THE TORNADO?

The second stage required a herculean effort to complete. Debris was removed and buildings were demolished, then seven dorms, the cafeteria, and several academic buildings were repaired and ready in less than a month so that the spring trimester could begin on time. Ross Hall, Johnson Hall, 512 Tuscan, Ross Anatomy Lab, and

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Recovery, Repair, and Reconstruction:

CAREYSTRONG



Tatum Court were damaged beyond repair and had to be demolished. Entombed within their debris were over a century of memories.

The third stage will be completed in summer 2017, so that normalcy can return to campus by the beginning of the fall. Every building that was damaged will have a new roof. The medical school, physical therapy school, and music programs will return to campus. When the new academic year begins, new medical students will enter a medical school with a larger anatomy lab that will look brand new, as if it had been untouched by the tornado. Bass Memorial Chapel will be restored to its former glory. Broken pieces of stained glass will be used to make the new stained glass window. The large stained-glass window in the back of the sanctuary will bear symbols of God's faithfulness through the storm, and the pulpit Bible will remain opened to Psalm 46 proclaiming that "God is our refuge and strength." The gym and its new annex will be open. The soccer, baseball, and softball fields will be fully restored. Thomas Fine Arts will welcome the music students to its



The anatomy lab of the COM was totally destroyed in the tornado. As you can see, the new lab is almost finished. The medical school will have completed their move back to campus in June.



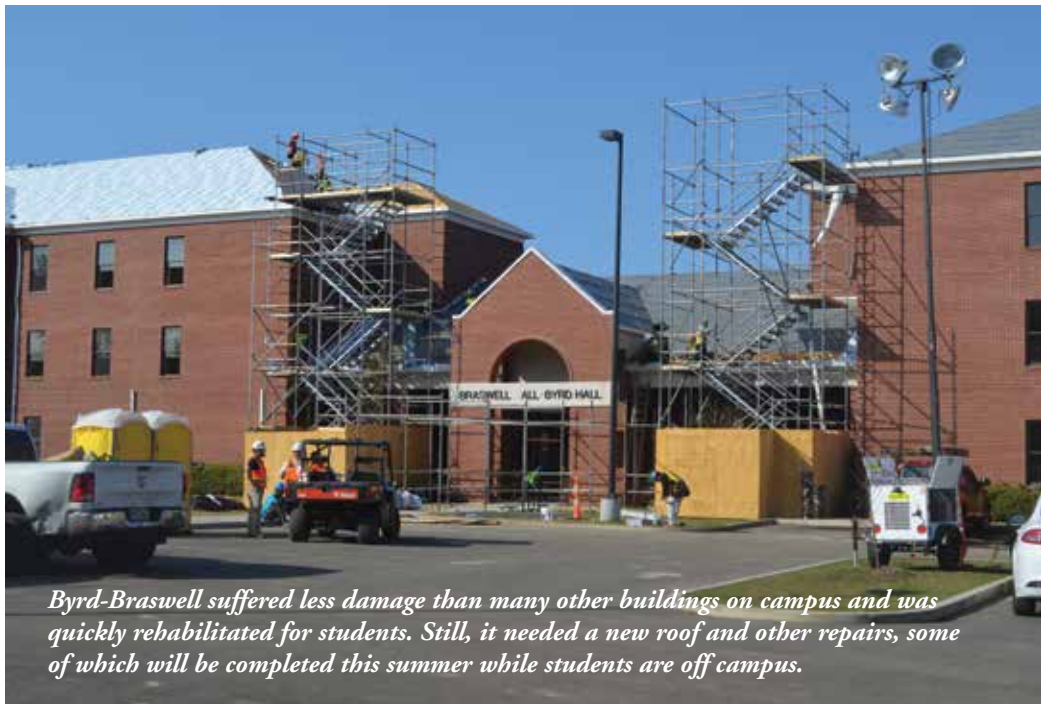
Clinton Gym was almost a total loss but will look better than ever, and the new gym addition will soon be completed.



ABOVE: *The Donna Duck Wheeler Alumni House suffered major damage in the tornado, including the loss of the majestic white columns adorning the front of the building.*



RIGHT: *Wheeler Alumni House is undergoing significant repairs and will soon be ready for the offices of admissions and alumni to move back in.*



Byrd-Braswell suffered less damage than many other buildings on campus and was quickly rehabilitated for students. Still, it needed a new roof and other repairs, some of which will be completed this summer while students are off campus.

halls and all students to its auditorium for chapel and other events. Green Science will be ready to receive its ever growing number of science, math, and psychology students. Tatum Theatre will be expanded to provide the classroom and workspace lost in Tatum Court. The precious collections in the Gillespie Museum and the Carey Center housed in Donnell Hall will once again be on display. Business and liberal arts faculty and classes will find a temporary home in the new multipurpose center next to the Ben Waddle Sports Facility. By the time school begins in the fall, every building will be repaired except for the business building.

The final stage will be completed in summer 2018. The business building sustained such extensive damage that it will take a year to complete its repairs. When business students reenter the building in fall 2018, the business building will appear as new as the day it was dedicated. The final stage, however, will primarily be characterized by new construction. Ross and Johnson Halls will be rebuilt, but at a different location. They will be constructed to the east of and perpendicular to Byrd-Braswell and Davis-Futral Halls, creating a six dorm residential complex. A new academic building will be built on the site of the old Ross Hall to permanently house history, English, Spanish, and mass communication. The most dramatic change to campus will be the construction of a new Tatum Court, which will bear a historical resemblance to the old Tatum Court. It will face south in a more central and prominent position on campus in front of Donnell Hall and on the site of the former Johnson Hall. A memorial to Tatum Court will be built in the Jackson-Williams Garden. Upon arrival on campus and passing the gym, the front of the new Tatum Court will be visible through the memorial of the old Tatum Court. At the completion of the final stage, Carey will have more than 42,000 additional square feet than

it had before the storm.

Carey's recovery and expansion has been made possible by the generous donors who have given over \$3.5 million. These donations not only rebuilt facilities and replaced equipment, they helped students

remain in college and complete the work God started in them, fulfilling God's promise to Timothy through Paul: "That the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work," our theme verse for 2016-17.

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Carey received a gift of \$2 million from the Asbury Foundation to help with recovery from the January 21 tornado that destroyed several buildings on the Hattiesburg campus and damaged many more. Recovery is underway, and students returned to campus in February.

"The Asbury gift will cover some of the rebuilding costs not covered by insurance," said Dr. Tommy King.

The Asbury Foundation has previously supported Carey's School of Nursing, the College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

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Chuck Scianna, commencement speaker at the Friday evening graduate ceremony on May 12, made the first major gift to Carey following the January 21 tornado.



KEITH'S SUPERSTORES

During the month of March, Keith's Superstores throughout the area held a fund-raising drive with a percentage of each gallon of gas sold benefitting Carey's tornado recovery fund. Receiving the \$28,120.72 donation is WCU President Dr. Tommy King (left) with Keith's Superstores President Keith Saucier, Sales and Marketing Director Melissa Saucier, and Director of Operations Brian Lee. Keith Saucier earned a degree in business administration from Carey in 1991. "For us, this is what a local business does," said Melissa Saucier. "You give back to your community." Saucier said the stores' loyal customers and 500 employees made the fund drive a success.

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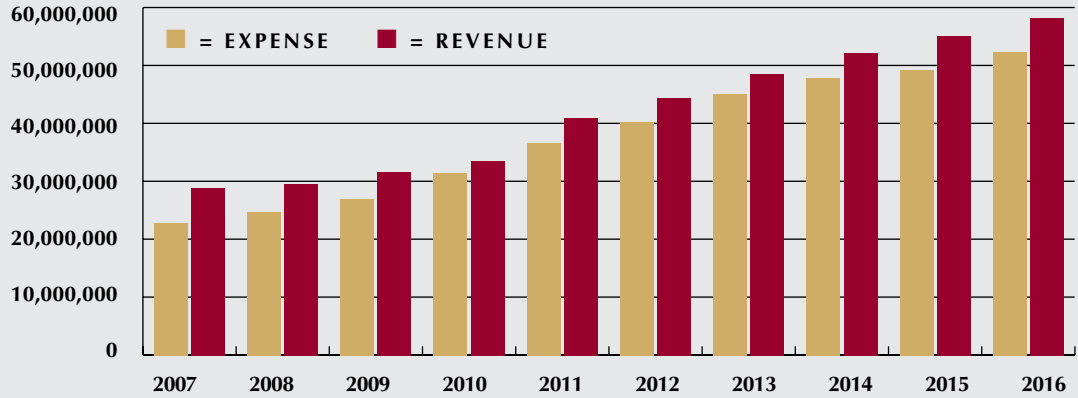
PRCC NURSING STUDENTS

The Mississippi Organization for Student Nurses at Pearl River Community College recently made a donation to Carey's School of Nursing to assist with tornado recovery efforts. The PRCC students raised \$575 with a bake sale, and the organization matched their contribution for a total of \$1,200 presented to the WCU School of Nursing.

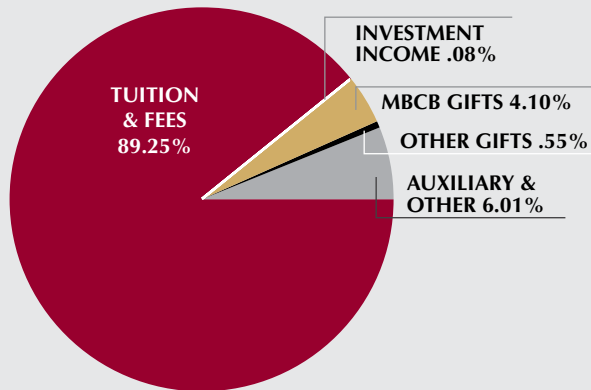
Dr. Janet Williams, WCU associate vice president for health programs receives the check from Dr. Karen Baxter, PRCC Associate Degree nursing program chair.

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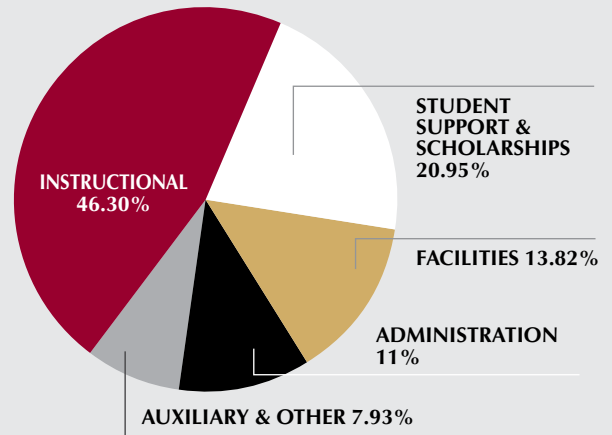
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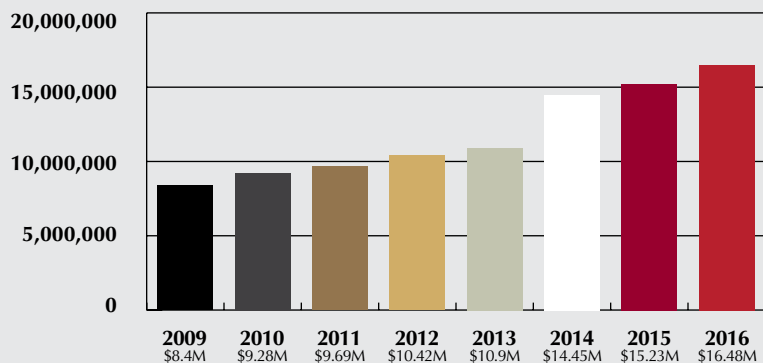
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ENDOWMENT GROWTH





TRADITION RECRUITMENT:

SUPER SATURDAY & MISSISSIPPI BICENTENNIAL

Students preregister at the Tradition Campus Super Saturday event on March 25.



KERRY CAMERON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR MARKETING AND ADMISSIONS, SAID, "WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AT TRADITION FOR SUPER SATURDAY. IT WENT VERY SMOOTHLY, AND OUR NEW STUDENTS WERE EXCITED TO MEET THEIR ADVISORS AND REGISTER FOR SUMMER AND FALL. IT'S ALWAYS A FUN DAY FOR EVERYONE!"

The Mississippi Bicentennial Celebration South provided the Tradition Campus with a great opportunity to connect with the community and prospective students.

Dr. Karla Pope, director of the department of criminal justice, said, "Participating in the Bicentennial Celebration was an honor. It provided us with the opportunity to talk with so many people, including almost 1,000 fourth graders, about William Carey's history in the state of Mississippi and the many wonderful programs of study the university offers."

Dean Jerry Bracey said, "We celebrated Mississippi's 200th birthday and shared William Carey with thousands of people. The historic event provided us the opportunity to showcase our academic programs, meet with prospective students, and show the coast just how wonderful Carey really is. Everyone had a great time at this joyful event and will remember it for years to come."



Jerry Bracey, dean of the Tradition Campus, is pictured recruiting a future Carey student at the Carey Tradition booth.



Master's in Criminal Justice RANKED #1 MOST AFFORDABLE

SR EDUCATION GROUP HAS RANKED CAREY'S AS THE #1 MOST AFFORDABLE ONLINE MASTER'S IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM IN THE NATION.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice began its inaugural class spring 2016 with eight master's candidates. The fully online program is taught by full-time and adjunct faculty members who are qualified practitioners in the field of criminal justice.

"I am thrilled to hear that our program has been ranked as the #1 most affordable online master's degree in criminal justice," said Dr. Karla Pope, chair of the department of criminal justice. "We are a practitioner-based program serving working professionals in the field of criminal justice as well as others interested in pursuing a graduate degree. We are honored to offer an affordable, quality opportunity for higher learning in criminal justice."

Pope said the master's program, which is based at the Tradition campus, was initiated in response to student request and in response to requests in the criminal justice community along the Gulf Coast.

The program has grown from eight students during the first term a year ago to 21 students during spring 2017 term. Of the initial eight students, four graduated in May while three are anticipated to graduate in August.

In order to be admitted to the program, students must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and maintained a minimum of 2.5 GPA during their last 64 hours. The students must also submit competitive GRE scores and letters of recommendation to complete the admission process.

Once admitted, students have a choice to pursue a master's degree with the thesis option or master's degree without the thesis option. Both tracks require 30 hours of criminal justice coursework beyond the bachelor's degree with the program being designed to be completed in five trimesters. The thesis-track students will complete 24 hours of required coursework plus six hours of thesis work while the non-thesis track students will complete 24 hours of required coursework plus six hours of electives and a comprehensive examination.

For more information about the Master's of Criminal Justice program, contact Dr. Karla Pope at (228) 702-1834 or email kpope@wmcarey.edu.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE Conference at Tradition Campus

CAREY'S DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RECENTLY HOSTED A TWO DAY CONFERENCE CONSISTING OF INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS INCLUDING: AERIAL SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN ESTABLISHING LANDING ZONES FOR MEDICAL HELICOPTERS, AND THE USE OF K9S IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. OCHSNER'S RESCUE 7 HELICOPTER TEAM AS WELL AS THE HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AVIATION UNIT AND K9 UNIT PROVIDED INSTRUCTION.

Approximately 30 high school, community college and university criminal justice students and instructors attended the conference. Participating institutions include Northwest Community College, Hinds Community College, Holmes Community College, Pearl River Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg High School Public Safety and Law program, and Stone County High School.



The first four students to complete the new Master of Criminal Justice program that started in 2016 graduated on May 13. Pictured are Dr. Karla Pope, chair of the criminal justice department; graduates Bradley A. Auringer, Lester M. Lamberth, Patrick J. Levine Sr., and faculty member James McGee. Graduate Rodrigue D. Hackett is not pictured.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Receives Improving Teacher Quality Grant

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RECEIVED A GRANT TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS IN SEVERAL COASTAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

WCU received the \$97,139 Improving Teacher Quality grant for the third year, and this is the second consecutive year the grant has been based on WCU's Tradition campus.

The purpose of the grant is to assist educational institutions with the recruitment and training of high-quality educators and educational administrators.

The WCU project is focused on assisting aspiring instructional leaders through a Teacher Leader Institute in partnership with Bay St. Louis-Waveland, Biloxi, Gulfport, Hancock County, Harrison County, Jackson County, Long Beach, Moss Point, Ocean Springs, Pascagoula, Pass Christian, and Stone County school districts.

The 2017 institute will provide opportunities for participants to analyze best practices and data specific to their core subjects and schools. This will help teachers improve their instructional practices to meet the rigorous levels required by new state standards. Participants also will prepare targeted and ongoing professional development for their schools, develop best practices, and learn instructional motivation techniques.

Twenty-five teachers from the partnering districts will have the opportunity to attend the institute. Grant funds will be used to pay their tuition for the institute and provide a stipend.

"We are incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to participate in such a practice-altering program as this," said Dr. Noal Cochran, director of education for the Tradition campus. "The fact this is the third consecutive year William Carey University has been awarded such a grant is a testimony to the work of the faculty, trainers, previous grant participants, assisting consultants and the support of Dr. Susan Lee at the State Institutions of Higher Learning."

In order to be considered for the grant, an institution must partner with a local education agency (LEA), such as a school district, and submit a project adequately addressing the College and Career Readiness Standards by assisting teachers in adopting the new standards. Priority consideration was given to projects partnering with high-need LEAs in addressing the needs of teachers and in developing sustainable, intensive and high-quality professional development activities.



Ground Breaking for the **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**



THE TRADITION CAMPUS RECENTLY HOSTED THE GROUND BREAKING FOR THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

"We have been looking forward to this day for a long, long time, and it's finally here," said Carey President Dr. Tommy King as he welcomed the crowd to the ceremony. "This project will certainly contribute to the

economy and the growth of this Gulf Coast region," said King.

The school is Mississippi's second pharmacy program and is expected to open in July 2018. The inaugural class will have 64 students.

Carey hired Dr. Michael Malloy as dean of the pharmacy school last summer. He has 29 years of experience in pharmacy education.

"My team and I are looking forward to helping fill the need of more pharmacists for the coast, south Mississippi and the state by establishing a first-class pharmacy program that will graduate practice ready graduates. This can only be done by working closely with all our partner institutions on the coast and south Mississippi and by establishing sustainable relationships with all the higher educational institutions in the state and region," said Malloy.





*From the 2016
season production
of Church
Basement Ladies:
A Second Helping.*

CAREY Dinner Theatre

to Open 42nd Season with Country Revue

CAREY DINNER THEATRE, MISSISSIPPI'S UNIQUE DINNER THEATRE, WILL CELEBRATE ITS 42ND SEASON WITH TWO MUSICALS IN JUNE AND JULY ON THE HATTIESBURG CAMPUS OF WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY.

The first show, *Country Is: The Music of Main Street*, is a musical revue conceived by Rick Seeber. *Country Is*, which runs June 15 through July 1, rediscovers the timeless classics of Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks, and others. This down-home country showcase includes "On the Road Again," "Nine to Five," "Crazy," "Amarillo By Morning,"

"Thank God I'm a Country Boy," "Boot Scootin' Boogie", and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" to name just a few. *Country Is* features the heartbeat of American country songs which defined hard-working, hard-playing people.

The second show is *8-Track, The Sounds of the 70's*, a revue which features the best of pop and easy listening music from the 1970s. *8-Track* runs July 11 through 22. Also conceived by Rick Seeber, *8-Track* features the music of The Carpenters, The Doobie Brothers, The Bee Gees, Barry Manilow, Marvin Gaye, KC and the Sunshine Band, and many more. The audience will enjoy the thumping rhythms and stunning

harmonies that were the best of seventies music. Audiences will be swaying in their seats to such favorites as "Everything is Beautiful", "American Pie", "Takin' It to the Streets", "Tie a Yellow Ribbon", "Don't Cry Out Loud", "Desperado", and "Shake, Shake, Shake".

Dinner is served at 7 p.m. in the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre, and the performance follows. The admission price of \$30 includes a buffet meal, the show and sales tax. The box office is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, beginning June 5. Call 601-318-6221 to make reservations or to be added to the mailing list.

BOOTSTRAPPER



*President Noonkester,
Bryan Brand, and Tony Pascale*

AS THE VIETNAM WAR CAME TO AN END IN THE MID-1970S, THE MILITARY INCURRED A MANPOWER OVERAGE. THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN COLLEGE COURSES AND ACCUMULATED THREE YEARS OF COLLEGE CREDIT FOUND THEMSELVES IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS SITUATION. THE BOOTSTRAPPER PROGRAM DEVELOPED OUT OF A NEED TO GET THESE TROOPS THE FINAL COURSES FOR THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREES.

Bryan Brand, a 1969 Carey alumnus and veteran himself, was Carey's director of admissions and heard about this program for military personnel. Brand knew that Carey could partner with the military and provide the college education these troops needed.

TONY PASCALE ('70) WAS THE FIRST BOOTSTRAPPER GRADUATE AT CAREY. HE LATER BECAME CAREY'S DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, THEN SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS FOR 20 YEARS. PASCALE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE GROWTH OF THE BOOTSTRAPPER PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE IN VIETNAM AND SUFFERS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THAT NOXIOUS HERBICIDE AND DEFOLIANT.

Brand, along with Carey Registrar Sarah Gray Burrus, began the program.

Burrus traveled extensively to military bases on recruiting trips. The men (and a few women) would bring her their education records. She would evaluate them on the spot, telling them exactly what they needed to graduate. Her thorough knowledge of Carey's catalog enabled her to provide them

with a time line of how long they would be at Carey, usually 12-18 months.

They came to Carey with military orders, and once here, Burrus would write up an official plan of study. They were serious students. "They meant business," Burrus said.

Burrus remembers John Sabatini ('74, '81) a Jewish bootstrapper who objected to

taking the required Survey of New Testament course. Dr. Joseph Ernest convinced him of the value of the course, and after studying the material, Sabatini came back and thanked Dr. Ernest for his motivational words and for what he had learned in the class.

TOM BOHON ('73)

Tom Bohon, from Kennewick, Washington, enlisted in the Air Force in 1966 and was trained as a computer/punch card accounting machine operator. After assignments in Hawaii, Washington and Texas, he was selected for participation in the Bootstrap Program.

Bohon majored in math and minored in accounting during his year at Carey. "I spent a lot of time working on homework," he said, "but we did have a chance to see some of the local area. New Orleans is still one of my favorite places.

My math education came in handy in my assignments as a software developer, ICBM launch officer, and finally Chief of the Survivability and Electronic Combat Branch, Modeling and Simulation Division, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center in Albuquerque, where I wrote computer simulations and analyzed the collected data. I am thankful for the excellent education I received at Carey from Dr. Gaston Smith and the rest of the math faculty."

For the past 20 years, Bohon has worked for the Sisters of Providence Hospital. He finds this job fulfilling because he sees it as an "extension of the atmosphere on the Carey campus—caring for others, respecting them and easing their way in life. These qualities are the core of the Providence experience, too, and which, unbeknownst to me until I began my Providence career, I had absorbed from my year at Carey," Bohon said.

ED NEWSOM ('74)

"We were a motivated lot," said Newsom. "Most of the 'strappers I knew were Army warrant officers or helicopter pilots. They had to get a degree or face RIF (reduction in force).

"My friend Joe Park and I were both of the same rank, education requirement, and career motivation. We heard of the Carey Bootstrap Program through the base education office, thanks to Tony Pascale's publicity of Carey's program. So, off we went, both families in a U-Haul truck to Hattiesburg from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. We didn't know what to expect, but Tony was good counsel.

After graduation, we returned to Langley. Joe Park was commissioned a second lieutenant, and I was promoted to master sergeant. Joe became a hospital administrator at several bases and retired as a major. I went on to several assignments, two of which were defense attaché offices in American Embassies in Zaire (now Congo) and South Africa. I retired as a chief master sergeant in 1989.

Carey and Tony Pascale had a profound impact on both our families and our careers. We are forever grateful," said Newsom.

FRANK VALENTINE ('74)

Valentine had an impressive military career both before and after earning his Bachelor of Science degree in math from Carey. He served a total of 33 years in the Army and retired a full colonel serving as Chief of Staff 5th Signal Command. He then served as president of Communications Electronics Consulting Service for 15 years and finally worked part time as an instructor teaching international students at the Army Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Valentine was stationed at Camp Shelby when he learned of the Bootstrapper Program. He sought and was granted acceptance as a math major. He names Dr. Gaston Smith as his favorite professor. "William Carey meant the world to me," said Valentine. "Without the degree, I would certainly have been rified during the army's reduction in force after Viet Nam."

In addition to two tours in Southeast Asia, Valentine served in Germany and Alaska and earned numerous military awards including the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

STEVE REYNOLDS ('75)

Pascale also recruited Steve Reynolds, who had already earned more than 110 credit hours, mostly through the University of Guam's on-base courses. After plowing through some proverbial red tape, he met Pascale, and they planned the remainder of his college career.

Reynolds recalls a fellow bootstrapper, an Army Captain, "loudly complaining about having to attend a class we called 'Bonehead English'. The captain said, 'I write all of our Battalion Correspondence'. That was enough to let me know he probably needed the class," said Reynolds.

The program tapered off when the military realized that it was more cost efficient to bring the courses to the students rather than sending the students to the colleges.

NATIONAL GUARD PROGRAM

In the 80s, the National Guard requested that Carey help with a similar education problem, officers without degrees. Tony Pascale and Joyce Norris, both of whom had worked in the Bootstrapper Program, took on the task. Using the same equivalency guidelines, they evaluated the educational and military training records and wrote degree plans. The difference this time is that the courses were delivered at bases across Mississippi.

"They were all business majors," said Joyce Norris. Jimmy McKay, still on faculty at Carey, was one of the instructors.

Sarah Burrus said, "They gave him a hard time." One graduate was transferred to North Dakota after graduation and entered an MBA program there. Burrus said, "He called me and said, 'I was the only one prepared for the graduate classes. Please pass that along to Mr. McKay for me'."

The program was strong until the beginning of the Gulf War when many National Guardsmen were called up for active duty.



Carey inducts nine into SPORTS HALL OF FAME

CAREY INDUCTED NINE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD APRIL 1. MARCO BRUGGNER, DAVE BUSH, ANGELA THOMAS COOPER, NEAL GREGG, GREG HATTEN, MAGHAN JAMES, CARL MERRITT AND DENNIS RAY SMITH MADE UP THE 2017 CLASS. JOHN CLEARMAN WAS PRESENTED THE LEGACY AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPPORT OF WCU ATHLETICS.

MARCO BRUGGNER, '94 TENNIS

Bruggner arrived at Carey from Switzerland in 1990 and played for Carey Hall of Famer Jack Jones. He won 70 percent of his matches and helped Carey to a Top 5 NAIA ranking for four straight years. Bruggner received the Prince Scholarship Award, was a two-time NAIA Scholar Athlete, as well as a two-time recipient of the Kappa Mu Epsilon mathematics award. He graduated with a 3.93 GPA, a degree in mathematics and minor in biology. He returned to Switzerland after graduation and is currently working for a software development company that specializes in banking software.

DAVE BUSH, '78 BASEBALL

Bush, a graduate of New Boston-Glenwood High School in Ohio, arrived at Carey in the spring of 1975 and played for Carey Hall of Famer John Stephenson.

Bush helped anchor a Crusader pitching staff that led to 168 wins over four seasons and a school record 53 wins in 1978. The legendary 1978 team won 28 straight games, captured the Southern States Athletic Conference Championship, and advanced to the NAIA World Series. Bush graduated from Carey with a degree in business administration in 1978 and has been involved in the banking industry for 39 years. He is currently the executive vice president and manager for the First Private Bank.

JOHN CLEARMAN, '72 LEGACY AWARD

A graduate of Sumrall High School and Pearl River Community College, Clearman graduated from Carey in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious education with a minor in social sciences. A lifelong farmer, he has served as a board member of the National Dairy Farmers Association, and in 1990, he became a life insurance broker, starting the Clearman Insurance Agency. Clearman has always given to his community; he was a founding member of Central Lamar Volunteer Fire Department and is a founding member of the Kids Hub Child Advocacy Center in Hattiesburg. He currently sponsors scholarships at both Carey and Pearl River Community College.

ANGELA THOMAS COOPER, '93 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cooper, a graduate of Leesville High School in Louisiana, played for former Carey women's basketball coach Katie Herrington at Jones County Junior College

before arriving at Carey in 1991 to play for Tracy English. Cooper helped lead the Lady Crusaders to a school record 28 wins in 1992-93, two Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championships, and the program's first appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. She holds the school record for most assists in a season with 265 and is the career holder for assists per game with 8.13. Cooper graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and recently earned a master's degree in accounting from the University of Phoenix. She is currently working as an accountant with Universal Aviation.

DR. NEAL GREGG, '98 BASEBALL

A graduate of Hattiesburg High School, Dr. Neal Gregg played first base for Head Coach Bobby Halford from 1994-98, hitting 33 home runs with 105 RBIs in his career at Carey. Following graduation, Gregg was drafted in the 21st round of the 1998 draft by the New York Yankees organization. His professional career included stints in Oneonta, N.Y.; Tampa, Fla.; Staten Island, N.Y., and Greensboro, N.C. After the conclusion of his playing career, he earned the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in 2005. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Ga., in 2010. Gregg is a board certified orthopaedic surgeon at Southern Bone and Joint Specialists, where part of his practice includes caring for student athletes at Carey and Hattiesburg High School.



Left to Right: Dave Bush, Marco Bruggner, Angela Cooper, Greg Hatten, Maghan James, Neal Gregg, John Clearman, Dennis Ray Smith, Carl Merritt

GREG HATTEN, '87 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hatten, a graduate of Hattiesburg High School, played for Hall of Famer Steve Knight from 1983 to 1987 and helped lead the Crusaders to an overall 89-42 record during his time at Carey. These very successful teams won four NAIA District 30 Championships, three Gulf Coast Athletic Conference titles, and made four consecutive appearances in the NAIA National Tournament. An excellent overall talent, Hatten is #8 on the WCU all-time scoring list with 1,645 total points and played only one season with the three-point line. During that season, he set a school record for 3-point shooting percentage, making 44.8 percent, a mark that held for more than 25 years until being broken just three seasons ago. He averaged 18.6 points per game his senior season and was a career 80 percent from the free throw line.

MAGHAN JAMES, '07 SOFTBALL

James, a graduate of Oak Grove High

School, played two years at Pearl River Community College before arriving at Carey to play for Head Coach Wendy Hogue in 2005. James hit .320 during her two years at Carey and was a two-time NAIA Scholar Athlete and All-GCAC selection. She earned her bachelor's degree in physical education and minored in biology. She returned to Pearl River as an assistant coach for the Lady Wildcat softball team, helping them to the 2010 MACJC State Title. James is the current dean of students at Pearl River Community College.

CARL MERRITT, '78 BASEBALL

A graduate of Valley High School in Lucasville, Ohio, Merritt played at Carey for Hall of Famer John Stephenson from 1975-1978 and helped anchor a Crusader pitching staff that won 168 games over four seasons and earned a school-record 53 wins in 1978. The legendary 1978 team won 28 straight games, captured the Southern States Athletic Conference Championship, and advanced to the NAIA World Series. Merritt, along

with his brothers Harold and Mark, wife and former Miss WCU Beverly, and son Ryan all graduated from Carey. After spending 21 years in coaching, Merritt moved into administration, and is now superintendent of the Poplarville School District.

DENNIS RAY SMITH, '70 BASEBALL

Smith, a graduate of Petal High School, arrived at Carey in 1967 after a year at Jones County Junior College, and joined the baseball team coached by John O'Keefe. Smith graduated with a degree in physical education and became the head baseball coach at Petal High School. He coached his alma mater for 10 years, while also coaching the semi-pro Hub City Wheels as well as American Legion Teams. In 1980, Smith responded to the call of the ministry and began his 34-year career in the ministry as the youth pastor at Cartersville Baptist Church. In 1982, he became the pastor at First Baptist Church in Pascagoula, retiring in 2014. He is currently the executive director of Trehorn Charitable Foundation.



Left to Right: Carey Provost Dr. Scott Hummel, Ron Herrod, Victor Maridueña, Larry Harrington, Debra Mercer, Matthew Olson, and Alumni Director Pam Shearer.

2017 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME *Inductees*

LARRY HARRINGTON, RON HERROD, VICTOR MARIDUEÑA AND DEBRA OWENS MERCER WERE INDUCTED INTO THE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME, AND MATTHEW OLSON WAS RECOGNIZED AS A DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNUS DURING THE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER MARCH 31 AT SOUTHERN OAKS HOUSE AND GARDENS.

LARRY HARRINGTON '06

Larry Harrington earned the Master of Business Administration from William Carey University in 2006. Prior to earning his degree from Carey, he received the Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering from the University of Southern Mississippi and the Master of Strategic Studies from the United States War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is a certified construction quality manager and has founded, owned and operated several companies throughout the United States and abroad.

Harrington is a highly decorated Army General with 32 years of military service. He has received numerous military awards over the course of his impressive career, including the

U.S. Army Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, the Combat Action Badge, the Airborne and Air Assault Badge, the Polish Army Zlotym Medalem (Gold Medal), and the French Army Medallion, as well as special recognitions from the Australian and Swedish Armies, from the Czech Republic Deputy Prime Minister of Defense, and from the government of Afghanistan. Following his three decades long military career, his service ultimately concluded having earned the rank of Assistant Adjutant General in the United States Army National Guard.

Harrington's military service took him around the world and exposed him to some of the most challenging environments. He commanded Task Force Storm in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, was a commander Task Force engineer, and was pivotal in rebuilding the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. He also served in leadership positions in units supporting NATO Forces Europe and was the facility manager, director of public works, at Camp Shelby.

Not only did Harrington lead a distinguished military career, he also earned recognition for his civic involvement. He

has served on the Board of the Mississippi Chapter of the Association of Builders and Contractors, was a Fellow at George Mason University Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security, and a board member of Soil and Water Conservation, as well as co-founder of Habitat for Humanity in Hattiesburg. He was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi's Sports Hall of Fame and was chosen for the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce Leaders Program. Harrington also served on the board of directors for the Salvation Army, YMCA, president of USM's M-Club, president of Oak Grove Sports Booster Club, and was elected commissioner of the Forrest and Lamar County Soil and Water Conservation District. Harrington has valiantly served not only his country, but also his community, and William Carey University is proud to honor such a deserving alumnus.

RON HERROD '65

Dr. Ron Herrod earned the Bachelor of Arts in religion from William Carey University, a Master of Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and went on to earn the Th.D. from Luther Rice Seminary. He is the president and founder of Ron Herrod

Evangelistic Ministries Association (RHEMA) International. His organization, now in its 22nd year of ministry, focuses on evangelism, mission projects, and training pastors and church leaders in developing countries in church planting and leadership. Herrod has been a vocational evangelist since 1995 and previously served as a pastor for 36 years. He also teaches and has authored several books.

He has served the Southern Baptist Convention in many capacities, including the International Mission Board, Louisiana College Board, Southern Seminary Board, as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference, president of the Tennessee Pastor's Conference, president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists and as the first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Herrod has received numerous awards and accolades for his work, including *Alumnus of the Year* from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2013, honorary doctorates from Emanuel Bible College and Seminary in Kota, India; the Baptist Seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Nimes Theological Institute in Nimes, France.

Herrod and his wife Emily married in 1963 and have three children and eleven grandchildren. They currently reside in East Tennessee. A cancer survivor, Herrod has devoted his life to ministry and training those called to serve. Because of his tireless service and dedication, RHEMA continues to grow worldwide and graduates of its programs are planting churches in India, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Nepal, Kenya and Liberia. He is proud of the tradition and testimony of William Carey University and truly embodies the Carey spirit of service to God and others.

VICTOR MARIDUEÑA '67

Victor Maridueña earned the Bachelor of Arts in sociology from William Carey College in 1967 and pursued post graduate studies in public administration at Queens College in New York. Maridueña has been honored to serve in the public sector for many decades and in several different capacities. He began his life of service in human resources administration in New York, then returned to his native Ecuador and has since served in numerous positions in the City of Guayaquil, including as city councilman. He has been appointed to various leadership and advisory positions for three Ecuadorian presidents. He also founded Fundación Niñez Internacional (International

Children's Foundation) in Ecuador in 2000 and served as president and CEO until 2009. He currently serves as the advisor on social action to the Municipality of Guayaquil.

In addition to his professional appointments, he has also served his community through volunteer work as the president of Sociedad Protectora de la Infancia (Children's Protective Society) and León Becerra Children's Hospital, on the board of the International Partnership for Service Learning and Leadership, and as a member of organizations such as the Human Rights Commission and Youth for Christ. Not only a servant leader, Maridueña is also an author, and his book "Servir es Vivir," published in 2014, is a testament to his love of ministry and service.

Maridueña is married to his beautiful wife, Nancy Farris Maridueña, also a 1967 graduate of William Carey, and they have a daughter, Elyssa Maridueña. The Maridueñas will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in October.

Throughout his years of service, Maridueña has received countless awards, including Outstanding Citizen of Guayas province, the Atahualpa Medal for Merit by the Armed Forces of the National Government of Ecuador, the Medal of Honor for Services to the Country, Man of the Year by the Association of Press Photographers, and was decorated by the Marines of the Country of Ecuador. With each of these recognitions, Maridueña proudly shares the impact his alma mater had in shaping who he is.

During his time at Carey, Maridueña experienced a touchstone moment that he believes prepared him for his life of service. The Baptist Student Union asked him to go along to a local jail to minister to inmates. Having done similar work in Ecuador, he agreed and was surprised and heartened by the positive impact their visits had on the inmates. "That was a life-lasting experience in human relations," he said. Events such as this spurred Maridueña to adopt a Carey theme as his own: "Not to be served, but to serve," which he has fulfilled to the utmost.

DEBRA OWENS MERCER '74 AND '79

Mercer earned the Bachelor of Music Education from Carey in 1974 and the Master of Music Education in 1979. Mercer began her decades-long teaching career in Hattiesburg, then in Louisville, Kentucky, as choral director at a large urban middle school. During her time there, the choir grew to the largest in

the state. While teaching full-time, she did post-graduate work in secondary guidance and administration.

After three successful years in Louisville, Mercer and her family moved to Northern Kentucky where she started the next phase of her career as a middle school counselor and then assistant principal at Beechwood High School. During her tenure there, Beechwood became a Blue Ribbon School, the highest honor a school can receive at the national level.

Over the next twenty years, she added administration certifications and gained recognition as a specialist in opening and restructuring middle schools. After becoming a high school principal, she was appointed to the Kentucky state high school restructuring committee and eventually returned to Louisville to join the staff of the lowest performing high school in the state where she spent her time doing professional development and rewriting curriculum for their magnet programs.

Mercer then became the principal of Conway Middle School, and while she was there, the school became the national example of student led conferences and led the state in reading.

Mercer's administrative roles have included training new principals, evaluating applicants for administrative positions, and facilitating and presenting district-wide professional development. She has served as an interim assistant principal in an urban all-boy middle school and is currently the interim principal of an English as a second language middle school. During her last three decades of teaching, Mercer has made presentations nationwide and served as a consultant for opening, leading, and reorganizing new middle and high schools.

Now semi-retired, she also volunteers for several organizations and travels extensively. Her favorite retirement activity is crossing the Atlantic on beautiful cruise ships for two weeks of wonderful port calls and total relaxation.

MATTHEW OLSON '08

Olson graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree from Carey in 2008 and then went on to earn the Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2012. While a student at Carey, he was presented the Jenkins Chastain Citizenship award, the highest honor for a Carey student. He served as senior pastor of Big Creek Baptist Church in Waynesboro for eleven years, as a Bible teacher at Wayne

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Academy from 2013 to 2014, currently serves as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Sharon in Laurel and is pursuing a doctorate at NOBTS.

Olson credits his time at Carey for the foundation for his ministry. "I was equipped in how to study the Word of God and deliver it faithfully to my congregation. I also developed a desire for learning because of the challenging nature of my classes and teachers. They pushed me to be the best student I could be in order to train others," he said. He began his pastorate while at Carey, and the educational component affected his ministry, as well as the ability to teach others, which was instilled in him by his professors. Olson's hope is to be found faithful and to lead his congregation well by teaching them the Word of God and living it out consistently.

In addition to his pastoral work, Olson has also travelled extensively to countries like India, Turkey, El Salvador and Mexico for mission work. He has also served as a missionary in various parts of the United States.

Olson served as a state board member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention from 2013 to 2016. He is also active at the associational and state levels of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. As a pastor, he believes part of his calling is to be involved within the community. In fulfillment of that calling, he has served on the board of several organizations and through his leadership, his church has been involved in projects to encourage and strengthen the Laurel area. Most recently, the church assisted with tornado cleanup and meal preparation for the communities around Carey's campus.

He and his family have been faithful Carey donors, especially in the building of the new chapel on campus, and have assisted with tuition for several students. He has spoken in chapel, for BSU functions and other events.

Matt and Christina ('08, '10) have two daughters. One of his biggest joys was found this fall in coaching his daughter's soccer team.

WILLIAM CAREY GRADUATES

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WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY HAS 29 GRADUATES ON THE NURSING STAFF AT BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH RECENTLY RECEIVED THE NATION'S TOP HONOR FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE. THE MAGNET DESIGNATION IS GRANTED BY THE CREDENTIALING CENTER OF THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION AND CONSIDERED WORLDWIDE AS THE 'ULTIMATE SEAL OF QUALITY.'

William Carey alums currently on the Baptist nursing staff include Erin Adcock, Brittany Anderton, Rose Anthony, Kody Beech, Paula Brumbeloe, Keisha Chaffee, Mark Cooper, Cassandra Courtney, Yolanda Davis, Deborah Doss, Corinne Felton, Ollie Heidelberg, Bertrina Vance Henry, Bethany Hill, Jamie Hill, Melissa Hill, Brenda Howie, Nicole Jager, Kizzy Brown King, Kurstin Lewis, Tina Magers, Roselynn Middleton, Andrea Moore, Walterine Nelson, Shaylia Standberry,

Ophelia Stewart, Brandi Wagner, and Grenisha Young.

Only seven percent of hospitals in America have earned Magnet recognition. Baptist is the only hospital in Mississippi to receive this designation.

The Magnet Recognition Program® is administered by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center (ANCC), an affiliate of the American Nurses Association, to hospitals satisfying a set of criteria designed to measure quality patient care and professional nursing practice.

ANCC defines a Magnet hospital as one where nursing care results in excellent patient outcomes and where nurses maintain high levels of job satisfaction. Magnet status includes various departments throughout the medical center being involved in the evaluation of outcomes and decision-making in patient care delivery. Further, it recognizes that the organization provides resources for nurses to continue life-long learning and shows a low staff nurse turnover rate.

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer, MBCB, and missionaries in the Baptist Building in Jackson gathered in August 2016 to honor Carey. But... "Where's the cake, Dr. Futral?"



Celebrate

William Carey Day

WILLIAM CAREY WAS BORN AUGUST 17, 1761, IN PAULERSPURY, ENGLAND. EACH YEAR ON OR NEAR HIS BIRTHDAY, WE ASK FRIENDS AND ALUMNI TO GATHER AND CELEBRATE HIS LEGACY. HE IS KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF MODERN MISSIONS," MAINLY FOR HIS RADICAL (AT THAT TIME) BELIEF THAT GOD WANTED CHRISTIANS TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO EVERYONE. WHEN HE EXPRESSED THIS BELIEF, HE WAS CHASTISED BY AN OLDER MINISTER WHO SAID, "SIT DOWN, YOUNG MAN! WHEN GOD PLEASES TO CONVERT THE HEATHEN, HE'LL DO IT WITHOUT YOU

OR ME!" I'M GLAD CAREY DID NOT "SIT DOWN." NEITHER WILL WE.

Our university took the name of this plodder, cobbler, linguist, translator, botanist, educator, and missionary, and we will honor him on this day.

Take a few minutes to gather with another Carey graduate or friend, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake, and reflect on what William Carey the man and William Carey the school mean to you and to the world.

Send us a photograph of your group so that we will have a record of your gathering and can include it in our publications.

We hope to report Carey Day gatherings from all around the globe, from Hattiesburg to Paulerspury to Serampore.



Worldwide CAREY DAY

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celebrating our
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Recap of Carey Homecoming 2017

ABOVE: *Crawfish Festival and Cookout at Baseball/Softball Complex*

RIGHT: *The Winters School of Music and Ministry Studies entertained alumni and guests with a Broadway Revue after the Alumni Awards Dinner at Southern Oaks on March 31. The students were under the direction of Music Professor Dr. Connie Roberts and performed well-known selections from Richard Rodgers' musicals including "The Sound of Music," "My Funny Valentine," "Getting to Know You," "Nothin' Like a Dame," "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and "So Long, Farewell."*





ABOVE: Rev. Step ('56) and Mrs. Pat ('55) Martin came to the Alumni Awards Dinner with their daughter and son-in-law (Teena and Bryan Ward), and granddaughter Jamie, a freshman at Carey.

RIGHT: Students enjoyed playing Inflatable Twister at the Crawfish Festival.

BELOW: 2017 Homecoming Queen Lindsay Knight enjoyed talking with alumni at the March 31 Awards Dinner at Southern Oaks.



The class of 1967 (and a few from earlier years) received medallions commemorating this significant milestone. Dr. King, Carey president, and Mrs. Pam Shearer, alumni director, presented the awards.

Class

80's

MANUEL (DON) BIADOG JR ('83) was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity in March by his alma mater, Baptist Missionary Association Bible College, Talisay City, Negros Occidental, Republic of the Philippines. Don has an earned doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary. Don also received the prestigious Outstanding Chaplain of the Year Award in April for being one of the highest performing military chaplains. The Military Bible Association selected him for his "powerful ministry to expand the impact of the Commanding Officer's religious and humanitarian impact on United States Marines."



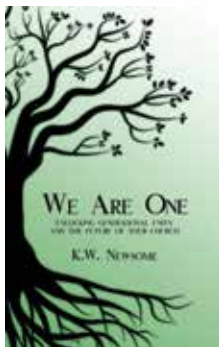
Dr. Douglas Lee (far right), President of Baptist Missionary Association Bible College and Chaplain Manuel (Don) Biadog, Jr, Command Chaplain, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

90's

LARON BRUMFIELD ('94), head basketball coach at Oak Grove High School, was honored by having the 2017 high school yearbook dedicated to him. Brumfield is a 2016 inductee into the Carey Sports Hall of Fame.

00's

KEVEN NEWSOME ('02) recently released his first non-fiction book. *We Are One* is designed to help churches become unified through generational unity. Keven is the author of three Christian fiction books, *Winter*, *Prophets*, and *Acolyte*, with a fourth and final installment to be released later this year.



GARETH BONNER ('07) was recently selected as teacher of the year at Presbyterian Christian School.

ALLEN BONNER ('08 & '11) was recently voted staff member of the year at Carey. Allen is the Counselor and Disability Services Coordinator and an Instructor of Psychology here at Carey. The Bonners are a "Carey family" with several alumni in their family including Gareth and Allen's wives Kimberly and Melissa and their father Dr. Garey Bonner Sr. ('77) who recently earned an executive master's in public health from USM.

CHIWO TINAGO ('09) is an assistant professor of health at West Chester University in Pennsylvania and also conducts maternal and child research in Zimbabwe.

CHATI TINAGO ('10) works as a brand manager for Unilever in Harare, Zimbabwe. Their younger sister Chamapuwa recently became the third Tinago sister to graduate from Carey.



10's

MATT GULLY ('13) of Bay Springs was recently named the director of the Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library System, which includes libraries in Crystal Springs, Georgetown, Hazlehurst, Fayette and Wesson. Matt majored in biblical studies at Carey and is now pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science degree at The University of Southern Mississippi. In addition to his duties at the library, Matt is also an ordained minister and serves in pulpit supply roles for local churches. Matt, who now lives and works in Hazlehurst, is an active member of the Pine Belt Alumni Chapter, which was organized in 2017.

NOTES

RANDI CLARK ('14) earned a scholarship from Merck Animal Health. Merck awarded only five \$5,000 scholarships to outstanding students across the country. Randi is a third-year student at the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Randi earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Carey in 2014 and completed an internship at Sanderson Farms in 2013. In addition to her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, she aspires to earn her master's degree in avian medicine from the University of Georgia before working in poultry production and allied health.

JONATHAN FULLER ('14) was featured recently in a Meridian Star article about the Family Medicine Residency program which was developed to draw residents into East Mississippi and West Alabama to practice in these underserved rural areas. Fuller, alumnus of the first WCUCOM class, helped start an in-patient program to follow patients as they receive healthcare.

ERIN PRICE ('15) AND MURPH LITTLE ('09) were married on March 10, 2017. Both are graduate students in the Master of Arts in English program at Carey. Erin is the graduate assistant in the alumni office, and Murph teaches English at Columbia Academy.



CAITLIN COOKSEY ('15) AND AUSTIN FARMER ('15) were married on December 17, 2016.



IAN TURNER ('16) was recently selected as a member of the U.S. Martial Arts Team. This team is a precursor to Team USA (Olympics). Based on his performance at the world championships, Ian will be competing for a spot of the first Team USA Karate Team for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, the first year Karate will be recognized as an Olympic sport. If you'd like more information, you can email him at ianturner15@yahoo.com.



TAYLOR CLIFTON ('17) AND CALEB RAWLS ('17) were married on April 29, 2017, at Macedonia Baptist Church. Caleb is the pastor at Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Laurel, and Taylor plans to attend medical school.



ALUMNI & FACULTY *Passings*

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March 4, 2017

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