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THE WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE



To All the World
Attempting Great Things

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LETTERS FROM CAREY



Dear alumni and supporters of Carey:

As I sit down to write this final presidential letter, I cannot help but think back over the years of my association with William Carey. I first came as a freshman in the fall of 1960, and the campus had one dirt road and just a handful of automobiles. However, for a poor boy from a small remote Mississippi town high school, it was impressive to come to a school with a separate library, science building, cafeteria and dormitories, and nearly 800 students. The intervening years have seen remarkable growth in enrollment and facilities. Growth in programs has met the expanding needs of our current students. It is satisfying to reflect on the way God has used Carey. One of the greatest indicators of support has been the growth of our endowment. In the last fifteen years, Carey's endowment has nearly quadrupled.

My latest campaign is to increase the endowment for "missionary kids" tuition. When I became president, the International Mission Board (IMB) provided a major allocation from an endowment they held for educating missionary kids. As the cost of tuition and other expenses have increased, the IMB grant has remained the same and their share of total cost has been reduced from some 60 percent of the total to less than 40 percent. Many Baptist colleges have eliminated free education for missionary kids. Carey continues to provide free tuition, fees and housing for these students. As the cost of education continues to rise and the IMB allocation stays frozen, it is imperative that we find ways to increase our local support for these worthy students. I am asking that all Carey supporters join in to increase our local endowment to support this worthy benefit. Those of us who support missions also want to support the families of missionaries. In addition, having these students on our campus enhances the exposure to different cultures for our own students. I intend to continue supporting this project, and I encourage you to make periodic gifts to the "MK endowment fund" as the Lord blesses you. It would be great if we would all note this on our calendar for August of each year and make this an annual offering. Large or small amounts will add up as we all pool our resources for this worthy cause. Also, consider putting this project in your estate or will.

I am so pleased with our new president. The board of trustees worked long and hard to find the right person for this time in the life of our university. Please support him with your prayers and financial support as you have the means to do so.

As Dr. Wheeler frequently said: "This is God's school and He will not let it fail."

Sincerely,

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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FAITH, HOPE, LOVE.
THE GREATEST IS
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Board of Trustees

NAMES NEXT PRESIDENT

Pictured are, from left: Honorable Charles Pickering, vice chairman of the WCU board; Dr. Ben Burnett, the next president of WCU; and Dr. Jimmy Stewart, chairman of the WCU board.

“Dr. Burnett has an exciting vision for William Carey and a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing higher education”

ODEAN BUSBY, CHAIRMAN OF THE
WCU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

DR. BEN BURNETT NAMED 10TH PRESIDENT OF WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY

The William Carey University Board of Trustees announced the retirement of longtime WCU President Dr. Tommy King and the selection of Dr. Ben Burnett as his successor. Dr. Burnett will assume his new duties as the university's 10th president on August 16, 2022.

William Carey employees were the first to hear the news in a June 20 message from Dr. Jimmy Stewart, chairman of the WCU Board of Trustees.

“The Board of Trustees is very thankful for Dr. King's long and successful tenure, and we are extremely pleased that the Lord very clearly led to the selection of Dr. Ben Burnett as his successor. We look forward to working with Dr. Burnett – as always, expecting great things from God and attempting great things for God,” Stewart said.

DR. BEN BURNETT: WCU'S NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Ben Burnett began his career in education in 1986 as assistant band director for Meridian High School. In 1988 he returned to Lamar County to become band director at his alma mater, Oak Grove High School. Burnett's Oak Grove band consistently rated superior and grew from 50 members to more than 220.

Burnett served as president of the Mississippi Bandmasters. He was the recipient of the A.E. McClain Outstanding Young Band Director award. In 2013, he was inducted to the Southeast Mississippi Band Directors' Association Hall of Fame.

In 1997, Burnett moved into administration as principal of Oak Grove Middle School, a post he held for 10 years. During this time, he was president of the Mississippi Association of Middle Level Education and Mississippi's Middle School Principal of the Year.

In August 2007, Burnett was elected superintendent of the Lamar County School District and was re-elected in 2011. During his tenure, Lamar County Schools moved to being rated an "A" school district by the Mississippi Department of Education. The district also received many state and federal grants in the areas of early childhood, school safety, dyslexia training and after-school tutoring.

Burnett retired from public education in June 2014 and accepted the position of dean of the William Carey University School of Education – which has an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduate and graduate-level education majors. In April 2020, he was named executive vice president of William Carey University.

DR. TOMMY KING: A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Burnett succeeds Dr. Tommy King, who became president of William Carey University in 2007 – but his service to WCU goes back six decades. He is a WCU alumnus, a campus leader during his student days, and the first Carey graduate to become president of the university. Before ascending to the presidency, he served as a WCU trustee, adjunct professor, department chair, and executive vice president.

King became president in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which destroyed WCU's first Gulf Coast campus. King chose the location

and directed the construction of the Tradition campus. At the same time, WCU applied to open the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine, which admitted its first class in 2010 at the Hattiesburg campus.

In January 2017, an EF3 tornado inflicted catastrophic damage to the Hattiesburg campus. Only one building was left unscathed. Six buildings were destroyed outright or damaged so badly they had to be demolished, including the original Tatum Court. King led the rebuilding effort and cut the ribbon on the final tornado recovery project, new Tatum Court, in July 2019.

King was instrumental in establishing the School of Pharmacy at the Tradition campus, a physical therapy doctoral program in Hattiesburg, and a new nursing school in Baton Rouge. He also led the way to the construction of a new 67,000-square-foot facility for the College of Health Sciences – the largest complex WCU has ever built. The most recent ribbon-

cutting was for the King Student Center, named in honor of Dr. King and his wife, Sandra.

Finally, during his tenure as president, King oversaw unprecedented growth in enrollment. The number of students has more than doubled, from 2,500 to more than 5,200. During the same time, the number of residential students in Hattiesburg has increased four-fold and six new dorms have been opened.

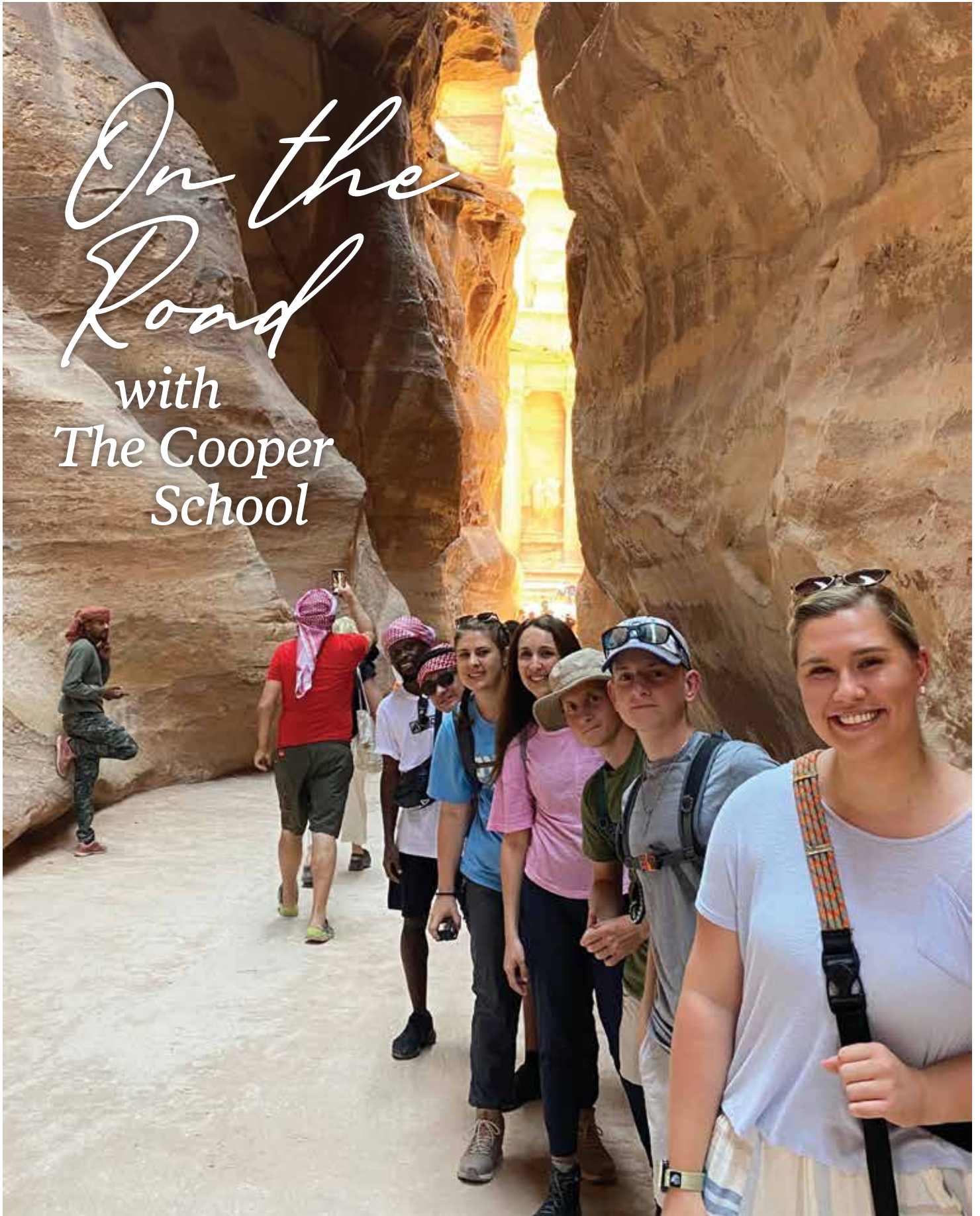
Dr. Stewart said King's leadership and accomplishments leave an indelible mark on the culture and success of the university.

"We are elated to be making this announcement. After a seven-month search and interview process, we are very pleased to find our new president right here on campus. Dr. Burnett has an exciting vision for William Carey and a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing higher education," said Odean Busby, chairman of the WCU Presidential Search Committee.



Retiring President Dr. Tommy King and incoming President Dr. Ben Burnett

On the Road
with
The Cooper School



AMMAN, JORDAN

By Savannah Peden,
Class of 2022

IN OCTOBER, THE COOPER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND MINISTRY SENT SEVEN STUDENTS TO AMMAN, JORDAN, FOR THEIR INTERCULTURAL FIELD EXPERIENCE. THE TRIP PROVIDES MINISTRY STUDENTS WITH A RICH, IN-DEPTH, CULTURAL EXPERIENCE THAT INTRODUCES MISSIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES AND METHODS NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN AN INTERCULTURAL SETTING.

During their trip, students spent time exploring the local Jordanian community and attending lectures on the history, architecture, and development of Amman. They visited the Arabic language school, the Consortium for Global Education (CGE) Jordan and spent time interacting with the native tongue and working with Syrian refugees.

The students spent the evening of their first night in the desert of Wadi Rum, ending with a hike to see hundreds of shooting stars in the open desert sky. The next morning, they had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see one of the Seven Wonders of the World – the ancient city of Petra.

In Petra, students met the Bedouin people, who are believed to be descendants of the Canaanites. The students traveled through Petra on camels, as a few people of the Nabatean tribe shared stories about their lives. Students also visited the Dead Sea, Jerash Roman ruins, Amman Citadel, and Mount Nebo.

The experience that students receive from these exposure trips is immeasurable. The Cooper School has established a unique

partnership with CGE Jordan. Our students begin their study of Arabic at William Carey University and then travel to Amman, where they finish their language studies in the heart of the Middle Eastern city.

With this program, the Cooper School is preparing its students to serve both locally and globally, all while giving them the tools to reach their professional goals. With each lecture, class, and program, we are equipping students to expect great things from God and to attempt great things in His name.

Savannah Crosby Peden of Sumrall is a May 2022 Cross-Cultural Business Management graduate and recipient of the 2022 Jenkins-Chastain Award. She served as SGA president in 2021-22 and currently works in the School of Education as a recruitment specialist.



*Students stand atop
Mushroom Rock in Jordan.*



*Cooper
School
Launches
Master's in*

Christian Theology

THE COOPER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND MINISTRY STUDIES LAUNCHED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY IN THE SPRING TRIMESTER. SIX STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INAUGURAL CLASS.

"This fully online degree equips graduates to communicate the great doctrines of our faith on the mission field, in churches, and at colleges or universities. Graduates are also prepared to write in the field of theology," said Dr. Brett Golson, vice president of Spiritual Development and Church Relations and dean of the Cooper School.

Christian Theology is the first master's degree ever offered by the Cooper School.

Courses include biblical, systematic, historical, missional, and practical theology. Students will also complete four reading colloquia, including theology of the early church and patristic period, medieval theology, theology of the Renaissance and Reformation, and theology from the modern period.

For more information, visit www.wmcarey.edu/ministry, or email Dr. Brett Golson at bgolson@wmcarey.edu



INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

The ICS major is the most flexible major offered in the Cooper School. Students may earn 12 of the program's 33 credit hours through practicums and internships, allowing them to double major in ICS and another discipline such as business, education, or a health profession without significantly increasing the length of time for the bachelor's degree. The double major allows students to be more marketable in whatever mission field they choose to pursue.

CROSS-CULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The CCBM major allows students to prepare for a future career in missions while earning a Bachelor of Science in business. The program is designed to prepare missionaries for home or overseas service in economic development, business management, and marketing. Upon completion of this program, students are equipped to join the workforce in the USA, enroll in an MBA program, continue on to seminary, or move overseas with a business platform.

Three students moved to Amman, Jordan, for six months to complete their Arabic language studies. Two WCU graduates of the Arabic language program now live in the Middle East; both are fluent in Arabic.

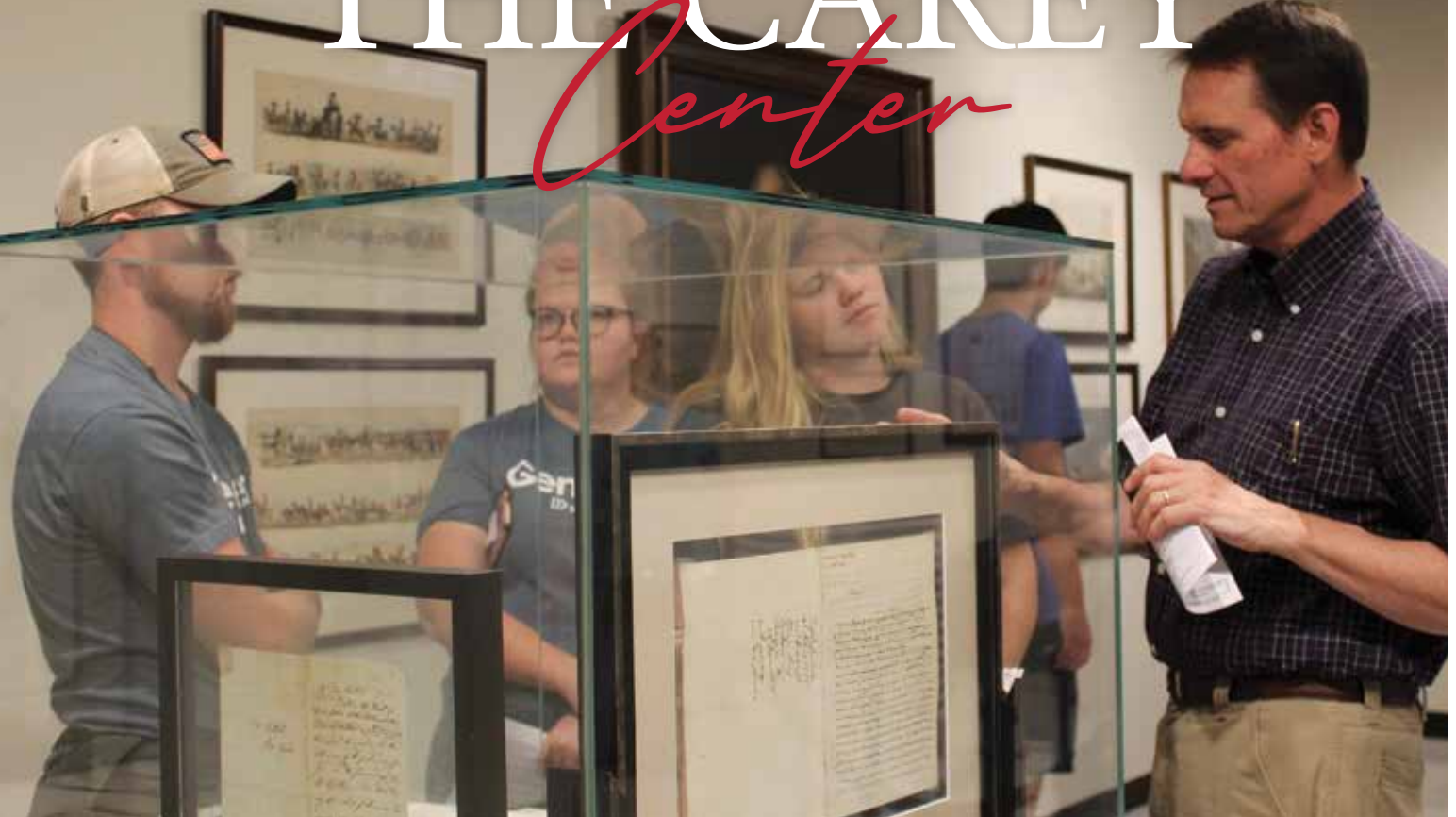


Seven students are completing internships in the Middle East, New Mexico, Malaysia, South Pacific Island, Botswana, and Colombia.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

The Christian Ministries major offers foundational courses to prepare students to fill ministry positions within local churches. Students are taught to faithfully exegete and communicate scripture, effectively apply biblical doctrines, compassionately minister to the needs of the congregation, and intentionally lead the church to fulfill the Great Commission both locally and globally.

THE CAREY *Center*



As the pandemic eased, the Center for Study of the Life and Work of William Carey re-opened its Museum Galleries in Fall 2021. The annual undergraduate course on The Life and Work of William Carey was held at the museum in January 2022.



ACQUISITIONS OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS RELATED TO WILLIAM CAREY AND THE SERAMPORE MISSION OCCURRED THROUGHOUT 2021. A FEW OF THE UNIQUE ITEMS ACQUIRED INCLUDED:

- Early 19th century sermons by Joshua Marshman, Robert Hall, and Thomas Chalmers.
- An 1808 Signature and Wax Seal by William Ward on a Security Bond for the Estate Thomas Johnson in India.
- An 1820 silver spoon created and minted in Serampore, India, where Carey lived from 1800-1834.
- Original early 19th century legal documents from William Carey's son, Jonathan, an attorney in Calcutta.
- Original documents from the Serampore Press signed by John Clark Marshman and his 1867 work, "The History of India."
- Original newspapers from Great Britain and New England from the 18th and early 19th centuries.
- Six original 1813 British Parliamentary bills recording debates about the legality of missionaries in India.

If you would like to schedule a tour of the Carey Center, please email bcrockett@wmcarey.edu.

NEW *Theatre* DEGREES



Joshua Luther of Memphis, Tenn., left, and Shelby Sheffield of Picayune have a mock sword fight as Corinne Fraley of Roslyn, Penn., and Billy Burkes of Hattiesburg watch in William Carey University's December 2021 production of "The Little Prince." The children's favorite was translated and adapted by Tim Matheny, chair of WCU Theatre & Communication, and his daughter, senior theatre major Caroline Matheny.

THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO NEW BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (BFA) PROGRAMS—ONE IN SCRIPT WRITING, ONE IN THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES.

"The last couple of years have been difficult for everyone. In theatre, the pandemic made performances a challenge, but we found ways to present plays virtually or with smaller, socially distanced audiences. We also used this unusual time to re-evaluate who we are and what makes us different," said Tim Matheny, chair of WCU Theatre & Communication.

"Both script writing and theatre for young audiences are already strengths in our productions. After some research, we also found these two areas are not taught in our state, and in only a few programs in our region."

SCRIPT WRITING

Focus is on creating dialogue for stage, film, TV, commercials, video games, podcasts, and more. Much of the entertainment industry ground to a halt during the pandemic, but in areas that could be presented remotely, the need for storytellers who could generate compelling dialogue only increased.

With that in mind, WCU theatre decided to offer this degree fully online – allowing students from across the country, or around the world, to develop their skills and prepare for a career in script writing.

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

Focus is on bringing the world of theatre to the next generation. Studies show the impact arts programs have on students – improving grades, heightening community awareness, and deepening empathic concern for others. Graduates of this program will have the skills to effectively serve in any children's theatre company or start their own.

For information, email thecom@wmcarey.edu.



2022 COMMENCEMENT

Commencement ceremonies were held in May for 953 students, the largest graduating class in the history of the university.





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Teacher Residency Program Receives \$1.9 Million Grant



ABOVE: *The WCU School of Education and its Mississippi Teacher Residency partners met March 4 at the Hattiesburg campus. They are, from left: Mary Rodgers, WCU's Mississippi Teacher Residency coordinator; Robert Williams, superintendent of Hattiesburg Public School District; Michael Battle, assistant superintendent of the Hattiesburg Public School District; Teresa Poole, dean of the WCU School of Education; Janet Collins of the Greenville Public School District; Katie Tonore, WCU chair of curriculum and instruction; and Gina Gallant, assistant superintendent of Forrest County School District.*

“We’re pleased to be one of the universities chosen to receive a Mississippi Teacher Residency grant from the State Department of Education. It’s a strong, new addition to William Carey’s teacher shortage initiatives because it gives students actual classroom experience in school districts where they are most needed,” said Dr. Teresa Poole, dean of the School of Education.

The MTR program offers people who already have a bachelor’s degree in any field the chance to earn a master’s

degree in elementary and special education. It’s a graduate program that combines college coursework and job-embedded training to prepare successful candidates for classroom careers in areas where the teacher shortage is critical.

Each MTR student will receive a full scholarship, including textbooks, support for required licensure examinations, one-on-one teacher mentors, and coursework support from university faculty.

For more information: Contact Dr. Mary Rodgers, mroddgers@wmcarey.edu.

One of the “Great Ladies of Carey” will be retiring this year.



Barbara Hamilton She’s still “Miss William Carey”

Barbara Loustalot Hamilton graduated from William Carey University in 1958 at the top of her class – a feat she accomplished in only three years. As a student, she served as president of the Baptist Student Union, an officer in the Student Government Association and other campus leadership positions. Hamilton was also selected as a “Favorite,” a “Beauty,” and “Miss William Carey.”

While still in college, she married Rev. Jackie Carroll Hamilton and assumed the role of a pastor’s wife with enthusiasm.

In 1959, Hamilton began a career in education as an English teacher at Ellisville High School. During 32 years in the classroom, she also taught at Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College, Mississippi State University and West Point High School, earning awards in English language, literature, and composition.

After Rev. Hamilton passed in 1999, Barbara Hamilton returned to William Carey. She spent a time writing grants for the Office of Development. Since 2003, she has been Executive Assistant to the President, representing Carey in the community and heading up special projects and events.

This spring, WCU conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on Hamilton in recognition of her long and dedicated service to the Carey family.

Hamilton planned to retire in August, but that date has been pushed back. At the request of Dr. Ben Burnett, the next president of William Carey University, she has agreed to stay on until December to assist with the transition.





Carey Athletics Wins SSAC Commissioner's Cup

"Carey Athletics may be the best kept secret in Mississippi"

By Stan Caldwell

THE SSAC ANNOUNCED THAT WCU HAS WON THE SSAC COMMISSIONER'S CUP FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR. IT IS THE SEVENTH TIME THE SCHOOL HAS EARNED THE HONOR SINCE JOINING THE CONFERENCE IN 2010 AND THE SIXTH STRAIGHT TIME IT HAS BEEN SO RECOGNIZED.

Now it's time for the rest of the world to get clued in on what the SSAC has come to learn the past dozen years. Carey athletics may be the best kept secret in Mississippi.

"We have had a great run the past eight years or so, but not many people know about us," said D.J. Pulley, director of athletics at WCU. "We've got national titles, runner-up finishes, a whole bunch of SSAC championships and lots of All-Americans.

"We're graduating 80 percent of our athletes, and for those who stay to complete their eligibility, it's close to 100 percent. Plus, we've had a bunch on All-Scholar teams, all while dealing with a tornado and a pandemic."

Carey would probably be looking at seven consecutive Cups, but the SSAC did not give out the award in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Now that things are somewhat back to normal, the Crusaders won the 2021-22 Overall Award by a comfortable 14.87 point margin over runner-up Loyola-New Orleans.

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Carey Athletics Wins SSAC Commissioner's Cup

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The SSAC uses a scoring formula that evaluates the percentage of potential points earned by each school in the sports it sponsors, and bonus points are awarded for sports sponsored and conference tournament titles won.

In 2021-22, the SSAC offered championships in 17 sports, and Carey finished first in six, winning in men's cross country, women's soccer, women's indoor track, men's outdoor track, men's tennis and women's tennis.

In addition, the Crusaders picked up bonus points for winning conference tournaments in men's and women's soccer, baseball and men's tennis.

Pulley attributes this success to the quality of coaches, many of whom have been around for decades.

"I think we have the best coaching staff in college athletics," said Pulley. "Most of us have been together for more than 10 years now, and that continuity and stability on the staff is why we are successful."

Indeed, the longevity on the Carey athletic staff is quite remarkable. Steve Knight has coached the Crusader men's basketball team for 40 seasons; baseball coach Bobby Halford has guided the Crusaders for 37 years; women's basketball coach Tracy English has 32 seasons at the helm; women's soccer coach Danny Owens just finished his 17th season; and golf coach Jeff Mixon and track coach Blake Hegstrom each have 10 years under their belt.

In addition, baseball assistant coach Ben Smith has served the Crusaders for 14 seasons; men's basketball assistant Eric Burt has been at Carey for 10 years; and softball head coach Craig Fletcher and assistant coach Rodney Williams each have eight years with the program.

That stability, though, means that the school faces some key personnel turnover in the near future. However, Halford believes the nature of the program now will make any transition smoother.

"We're year-to-year anyway, and that's the way I've always operated," said Halford. "We're trying to find players that best fit our school, that fit the way we do things. That won't change."

Pulley himself has been at Carey since arriving as a junior to join the Crusaders golf team in



2000 after two seasons at Pearl River Community College. He served as golf coach, sports information director and assistant basketball coach before assuming the job of athletic director in 2016.

"Our goals are simple," Pulley said. "We want to provide the best experience possible for our student-athletes, so they can succeed on the field, in the classroom and in life."

"We graduate 80 percent of our athletes, and our program GPA was 3.25. That is something that we are extremely proud of."

Pulley took over the AD's job from Knight, who held the position from 1987 to 2016. Under Knight's tenure, Carey made the critical decision to switch from the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference to the SSAC.

Knight said ending a 30-year association with the GCAC was painful, but the move has been

"the best thing we've ever done for our overall athletic program."

"A lot of people consider it the No. 1 NAIA conference in the country in a lot of sports," Knight said. "But once we got in and saw the level of competition, we knew we were going to have to up our game."

Mission accomplished.

Since joining the league in 2010, Carey has won two NAIA national championships, in women's soccer in 2018 and in men's indoor track in 2020, finished as runners-up nine times, along with 17 Final Fours and 119 NAIA championship appearances.

The Crusaders have won 44 SSAC championships in a variety of sports, 37 in the last six years in their 12 years as a member.

The Crusaders have been recognized individually for their success, as well as program-

wide. More than 200 Carey athletes have earned NAIA All-America honors, and the program boasts more than 50 SSAC Players of the Year and more than 600 All-SSAC honorees.

More significantly, WCU has had more than 250 NAIA Scholar-Athletes and placed more than 700 of its athletes on SSAC All-Academic teams.

The key to success has been a commitment to providing coaches with the tools to succeed. That was a big attraction for volleyball coach Kelsea Weldon, who came to Carey to build a program from scratch after a successful tenure at Oak Grove High School.

In just six seasons, Weldon has built the Crusaders into a serious contender in the SSAC, winning the regular season championship in 2020 and finishing second last fall, which resulted in a second straight NAIA Tournament bid.

“Even though I hadn’t been at the college level (as a coach), I had built a program at Oak Grove,” said Weldon. “I was able to take the experience I had as a player (at Southern Miss) and being from Southern California and build it to a championship level.”

Following the January 2017 tornado that damaged much of the campus, the school was able to raise enough funds to build a state-of-the-art volleyball arena, adjacent to the new track that had just opened on County Road, just south of the Larry Kennedy Sports Complex.

“For me, it showed that the college was not just adding a sport, but that they were getting behind it,” said Weldon.

“They were ready to support our program. They expected us to be successful, but they gave us the resources we needed to be successful. Even though it wasn’t built yet, I could bring our first recruiting class in and tell them, ‘we’ve got a

building coming.”

Volleyball is a key example of how the SSAC has propelled Carey athletics into new arenas. The volleyball program was added in 2016, and Weldon has seen the birth of a beach volleyball team that played its first full season in 2022, finishing 19-12 overall.

“It’s been fun pioneering beach volleyball for our conference,” said Weldon. “Right now, we don’t have enough members (in the SSAC) to play beach. However, since we’ve started, Mobile and Loyola have added beach, and we have two or three others that are looking into it.

“I believe once we get to six schools, then we can have beach in our conference. It gives the kids something to look forward to in the spring, and it keeps their skills sharp.”

As yet, Carey does not have a beach volleyball facility, so the Crusaders have played at the new beach arena at Southern Miss.

Adding sports means adding to the potential point total in the Commissioner’s Cup, and every point counts.

“We’re fortunate enough to have reached a point where we’re in the top half of the conference,” said Mixon, who guides both the men and women golfers at Carey.

“Dalton State has been the stalwart of the league, and we’ve been chasing them for a long time. We’ve finished second behind them four of the last five years, so that’s helped us get some points for the Commissioner’s Cup.”

And it also helps at the national level. SSAC teams have won 37 NAIA national championships, seven by the current membership, including the men’s basketball title won by Loyola in March, in which the Wolfpack defeated conference rival Faulkner in the finals.

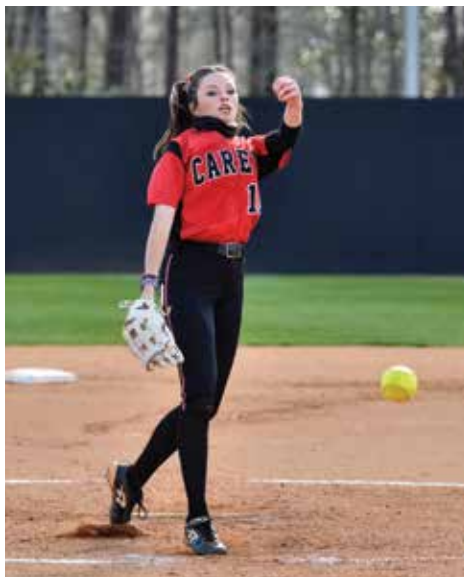
“It’s a very strong conference,” said Mixon. “At the national tournament a few weeks ago, the women from our league finished fourth, fifth and sixth in the team standings. And it’s that way in every sport.”

Mixon also pointed out that the strong competition the SSAC provides in all sports helps draw future Crusaders to the program.

“That’s the way we’re recruiting now,” said Mixon. “Used to, we were getting the first-come, first-served kids, but now we’re more selective about who we recruit, and we sell the competition to them that way.”

And once they get on campus, enjoy their careers and move on, they’ll carry with them life lessons that point the way for success in a number of important fields.

“We have professional athletes, doctors, nurses, lawyers, bankers, coaches, business owners and even college presidents who have worn the red and black,” said Pulley. “It really is a testament to our program and our university.”



DJ Pulley was named Athletic Director of the Year at the 2022 NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics) annual convention in Las Vegas.

WCU

Symphonic Winds

Perform at Mississippi
Bandmasters Clinic



The WCU Symphonic Winds performed at the Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Band Clinic – marking the first invitation for a music ensemble from William Carey University.

THE SYMPHONIC WINDS OF WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY PERFORMED DEC. 9 DURING THE ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION STATE BAND CLINIC IN NATCHEZ.

“We were humbled by the invitation. This was the first performance by a group from William Carey University and the first, or certainly one of the first, performances by a private Christian university. The Symphonic Winds played with great excellence and passion,” said Dr. Wes Dykes, dean of the WCU Winters School of Music and conductor of the WCU Symphonic Winds.

“For our performance, Dr. Dykes selected a series of works reflecting diverse compositional styles that listeners found both musically engaging and entertaining,” said Dr. Jeremy Morgan, chair of Instrumental Activities and Music Education.

“WCU’s program featured sophomore music education major Christian Chandler of Ocean Springs performing the first movement of Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto – as well as WCU instructor of music, Mr. Zachary Harris, appearing as a guest conductor.”

Three past presidents of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association work at William Carey University. Zachary Harris was president in 1995. WCU Executive Vice President Dr. Ben Burnett was president in 1997, and Graduate Recruiter Terry Ingram of the WCU School of Education served as the association’s president in 2001.

NEW DEGREE

The Winters School of Music launched a fully online Doctor of Arts in Music degree in spring 2022. The degree prepares musicians for careers in collegiate teaching or helps them in their current positions as music educators or worship leaders. Two emphasis choices are available – music education or worship ministry.

2021 Nursing
**GRADUATES
 SET
 BENCHMARK**
on Licensing Exam

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY'S 2021 NURSING GRADUATES ACHIEVED A 100 PERCENT "PASS RATE" ON THE NCLEX LICENSING EXAM – THE ONLY BACHELOR'S DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM IN THE STATE TO ACHIEVE THIS BENCHMARK. NOT ONLY DID ALL THE GRADUATES OF WCU'S HATTIESBURG AND TRADITION CAMPUSES PASS THE EXAM, BUT THEY ALSO PASSED ON THEIR FIRST ATTEMPT.

The Mississippi Board of Nursing released this news in February as part of an annual report based on data from NCLEX, the National Council Licensure Examination.

"I am exceedingly proud of our 2021 nursing graduates on their remarkable scores. The unstinting work of the faculty has given these graduates the highest possible academic and clinical skills. Dr. Alicia Newell, our dean of nursing, and her team have done an amazing job. We will continue to strive to assist in decreasing the nursing shortage with highly qualified graduates," said Dr. Janet Williams, associate vice president of health sciences.

With more than 500,000 registered nurses expected to retire in 2022, and demands of the pandemic on health care systems, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that 1.1 million nurses are needed now to ease existing nursing shortage.

"William Carey congratulates the College of Health Sciences for an outstanding achievement made possible by the diligence and hard work of its nursing students and faculty. The university has produced highly skilled nurses for decades and we're working to expand our ability to address the needs of our community, state, and region," said WCU President Dr. Tommy King.

In total, 72 students from WCU's Tradition and Hattiesburg campuses earned bachelor's degrees in nursing in 2021.



Meagan Montgomery, WCU director of undergraduate nursing, works with a student during a lab at the Hattiesburg campus.

WCU Baptist Student Union
STUDENT MISSIONS

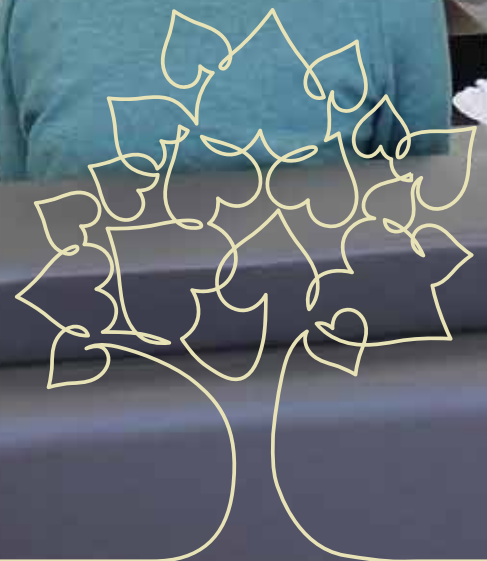


INTO ALL THE WORLD
and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
Mark 16:25

BSU

Growing a Servant's Heart

BSU students in the King Student Center on the Hattiesburg campus.



SERVING THE CAMPUS

The BSU hosts events each week for worship, discipleship, and outreach – connecting with students to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The past year has been a restoration time for ministry opportunities canceled during the pandemic. Here's what students say:

JACOB WISE: *“Our joy in Christ always increases when we worship together.”*

MATTIE HEISER: *“Reaching out to our campus means making myself available to the girls to see God’s kingdom grown. Whether that’s through bible study, coffee dates, or discipleship. I have a desire to see girls on this campus come to know Him personally and grow in a deeper relationship with Him!”*

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

This spring, the BSU partnered with United Christian Ministries of Hattiesburg to reach our local community. Each Thursday at 3 p.m., a group of students and BSU staff conducted a backyard Bible club at Pineview Apartments. The local children love this weekly time for after-school fun and scripture memory.



Spring Break mission trip to Baltimore

REACHING THE WORLD

Broken Wall Community Church serves west Baltimore through radical generosity and service. Since 2018, the WCU BSU has partnered with this church through an annual spring break mission trip. Though COVID prohibited teams from traveling, the BSU was able to partner again March 12-19 to send a team of 10 to help with inner-city ministry.

CODY COUNTS: *“Baltimore was my first mission trip and exposed me to a different context outside the American South and provided a great example of how to partner with different ministries. It allowed me to experience firsthand what it means to plant a church and reach a community for the sake of the gospel.”*

The trip included service at Broken Wall Community Church, Northbend Elementary/Middle School, The Well, Hope for All, The Church at Baltimore, and City of Refuge.

The WCU Baptist Student Union sent 12 student missionaries to eight countries this summer. Some are working with at-risk youth at camps, while others serve alongside church planters. Some are on college campuses in Southeast Asia, while others help with rural healthcare.



LAUREN POPE: *“I am excited to serve my first summer as a missionary in Colombia. Not only will I be able to serve the local church in my location, but I will have the opportunity to share life and to teach English in the community. My desire is that God would increase my love for Him and make my heart desire that the nations be glad in Him!”*

HELPING DURING DISASTERS

On Aug. 29, Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana. The storm caused massive power outages and flooding. On Sept. 4, Baptist Student Union staff and students were the first group to work with Samaritan’s Purse Disaster Relief in Hammond, La., and restored road access to several homes. A second team of students assisted Carterville Baptist Church and Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief the next weekend.

SEGER MORE: *“Words cannot describe the deep joy I received when helping spread the Gospel of Christ through the service of others. I will never forget the incredible gratitude displayed by the hurricane victims. It was an extremely moving and unforgettable experience.”*

NOAH CLARK: *“I have a heart to serve people in need. I enjoyed serving these people because they had no hope at the time. But we came in and gave them hope. To see the impact we had on them is truly a life-changing moment for me.”*

FACULTY NOTES



BRANDON KNIGHT

Dr. Brandon Knight, assistant professor of speech and communication, published a review of Voddie Baucham's

book, "Fault Lines," for the "Journal of Christian Teaching Practice." Knight also wrote "Voddie Baucham and the Gnostics Who Don't Know Love: Boundary Work and a Rhetorical Expose on Social Justice in Evangelicalism," published in the "Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion" and co-authored "The Relationship of Charismatic Leadership to Follower Organizational Commitment for Future Pastors: A Christian Perspective," published in the "Journal of Teaching Practice."



BRIAN MURPHY

In December, Dr. Brian Murphy was the recipient of the Steinway and Sons Top Teacher Award. He teaches piano and

music history, and collaborates with singers, instrumentalists, ensembles, and Carey Opera. Murphy completed a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at USM. He holds a double Master of Music in Collaborative Piano and Choral Conducting from Mercer and a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Mississippi College.



RYAN MCKENZIE

Athletic Director D.J. Pulley has named Ryan McKenzie as associate head coach for Carey Athletics track and field programs.

McKenzie has served as an assistant coach for seven seasons. Previously, McKenzie coached multiple Mississippi High School State Final qualifiers at Oak Grove High School and East Marion High School.



JENNA BARTON

Dr. Jenna Barton recently renewed her certification as a Certified Nurse Educator through the National League

for Nursing. This certification renewal marks continued expertise in nursing education. Barton has held certification since November 2017.



CHRIS BOYD

Dr. Chris Boyd is working on a nine-month graduate certificate program in Human Anatomy from Hardin-Simmons University. After

completion, he will be certified to teach human anatomy to physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, respiratory therapy, and exercise science students.



OLIVIA BURKETT

Dr. Olivia Burkett, professor of psychology, co-authored "An International Study on the Acceptability of

Three Interventions for Common Behavioral Challenges Experienced by Children with Autism-spectrum Disorder: Caregivers Perspectives" for the International Journal of Autism Related Disabilities.



READ DIKET

Dr. Read Diket, professor of art and education and chair of the art department, authored a chapter in "National Art Education Women's Caucus Lobby

Activism." Her chapter is titled, "Empathetic Leadership: Reflections of a Department Chair." She also authored "An Intersectional Model for Student Identity Possibilities: Strategic Approaches from within Education Leadership," a chapter in "Educational Administration and Leadership Identity: International Theories, Problems, and Challenges." Diket also presented in March as a distinguished fellow at the National Art Education Association's 75th Anniversary Project in New York.



DAVID DOLBOW

Dr. David Dolbow, associate professor of physical therapy, continues his research in spinal cord injury. He published eight peer-

reviewed journal articles on spinal cord injury last year and published a chapter of a textbook, "Spinal Cord Injury Medicine: Board Review."



JUDE HANEY

Dr. Jude Haney, director of WCU’s Health Information Management program, was named chair of the Mississippi Public Health Association Pine

Belt Chapter in February. MPHA is a community of advocates and professionals committed to keeping Mississippi healthy and safe by strengthening public health efforts in the state.



JESSICA JOHNSON

Dr. Jessica Johnson co-authored “Preparing Pharmacy Educators as Expedition Guides to Support Professional Identity Formation in

Pharmacy Education” in the “American Journal of Pharmacy Education.” She also co-authored “More than Our Enemy: Making Space for the Microbiome in Pharmacy Education” in “Innovations in Pharmacy.”



TOMMY KING

Dr. Tommy King is the recipient of three recent awards: 1) Bridgebuilder Award from the Mu Gamma Lambda chapter of

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity for his contributions to strengthening the community; 2) Leadership Award from the Historic Downtown Hattiesburg Association; and 3) Dan Merritt Courage Award, which honors a leader for taking a professional risk for the greater good of Mississippi public schools. This award was presented during the School of Education’s annual PREPS Conference, hosted by WCU’s Tradition campus.



KYLE CRAGER

Dr. Kyle Crager, associate professor of physical therapy, completed 70 hours of study and received a certification in medical

neuroscience from Duke University.



PAUL LESTER

Dr. Paul Lester, professor of pharmacy, developed a medication reconciliation program at Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula. He and his students

review medication lists pre- and post-hospital admission, optimize them, and counsel patients on their proper use. The aim of the program is to prevent re-admission to the hospital in a 30-day period by promoting health and proper medication use and prescribing.



DEE LUMPKIN

Mrs. Dee Lumpkin, systems & reference librarian, wrote a book review published in the January 2022 issue of Library Quarterly. She

reviewed the book, “Visual Research Methods: An Introduction for Library and Information Studies,” by Shailoo Bedi & Jenaya Webb.



NOEL MANN

In October 2021, Dr. Noel Mann, professor of chemistry and physical science, participated in the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, and won two

bronze medals for the 800- and 1500-meter races. In March 2022, he won three gold medals (400-, 800- and 1500-meters) in the Mississippi Senior Olympics.



THELMA ROBERSON

Dr. Thelma Roberson, assistant professor of education, mentored and co-presented with students at

the Mid-South Educational Research Association Conference in New Orleans. The presentations were titled “White Teachers in Predominately Black Schools in Mississippi: The Relationship Between Teachers’ Level of Cultural Connectivity and School Accountability Ratings,” “Teacher Expectations of Minority and Low-income Students,” and “School Guidance Counselors’ Knowledge of Available Resources for Students in Foster Care.”



PAUL ZEAGLER

Dr. Paul Zeagler, associate professor of physical therapy, was awarded his board certification in Geriatric Physical Therapy in

February 2022. His specialty certification makes him one of six board-certified clinical specialists on faculty, with board certifications in geriatrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, neurology, and sports medicine.

2022

Homecoming

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED HOMECOMING APRIL 1-2 AT ITS HATTIESBURG CAMPUS – THE FIRST IN-PERSON HOMECOMING SINCE 2019. THE

THEME WAS “LEARN FROM THE PAST, LIVE IN THE PRESENT, PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.”



HOMECOMING QUEEN

Brianna Aultman of Raymond was crowned 2022 Homecoming Queen. She graduated this spring with a degree in cross-cultural business management and a minor in psychology. She plans to pursue a master's degree in marriage and family counseling.





Save
the Date
FOR HOMECOMING
2023
APRIL 14-15



ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

TOP RIGHT: *Hall of Fame inductees from 2021 and 2022 were recognized together. In the front row are Dr. Loretta Eleuterius, Class of 2007, and Wendy Clark Hogue, Class of 1998. In the second row are Benjamin Austin, Class of 2015, who received the Young Alumni Award; Dr. David Millican, Class of 1958; and Dr. Scott Hummel, Class of 1987. Not pictured are Beverly Lawrence Merritt, Class of 1978, and Annie Lee, Class of 2002.*

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

LEFT: *This year's Sports Hall of Fame inductees are, front row, WCU President Dr. Tommy King (legacy), Rev. Jerry Mixon (legacy), and Ricky Cook (baseball). In the second row are Judy Barber (softball), Aimi Beresford (soccer), Whitney Stewart Long (soccer), and Shannon Steffen Veasey (soccer). In the third row are Carl Goody (soccer) and Jaeson Maravich (basketball).*



During a ceremony on April 2, the soccer playing field was officially named Danny Owens Field.

DANNY OWENS FIELD

Coach Owens has served as head women's soccer coach since 2004. In 2018, he led the Lady Crusaders to the school's first NAIA National Championship in 50 years. In the photo, WCU President Dr. Tommy King congratulates Coach Owens during the unveiling of a marker stone.

Scholarship Dinners

in Hattiesburg and Biloxi



WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY HOSTED ITS 10TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER NOV. 2 AT LAKE TERRACE CONVENTION CENTER IN HATTIESBURG. THE TRADITION CAMPUS DINNER WAS HELD ON APRIL 26 AT THE MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM IN BILOXI. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SOLD-OUT EVENT WAS "A TRIBUTE TO THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY," RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Dr. Ben Carson spoke at both dinners.

A pioneer in the field of neurosurgery, Carson became director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Children's Center at the age of 33. During his medical career, he received more than 60 honorary degrees and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Carson sought the nomination for president of the United States in early 2016 Republican primaries and served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 2017 to 2021.

Carson said he aspired to be a doctor from the time he was eight years old. His mother worked two or three jobs to support her family and encouraged her children to read. Carson said he didn't like it at first, but he discovered he could read about explorers, scientists, and surgeons. Reading improved his academic performance, and he won a scholarship to Yale University.

The evenings featured the announcement of two new scholarships: the Dr. Ben Carson Endowed Scholarship and the Dr. Ben Carson Endowed Pharmacy Scholarship. Sonya Djikeng and Julyanne Sanchez-Lopez received the scholarships.

A native of Cameroon, Djikeng grew up in Houston, Texas. She earned a bachelor's degree

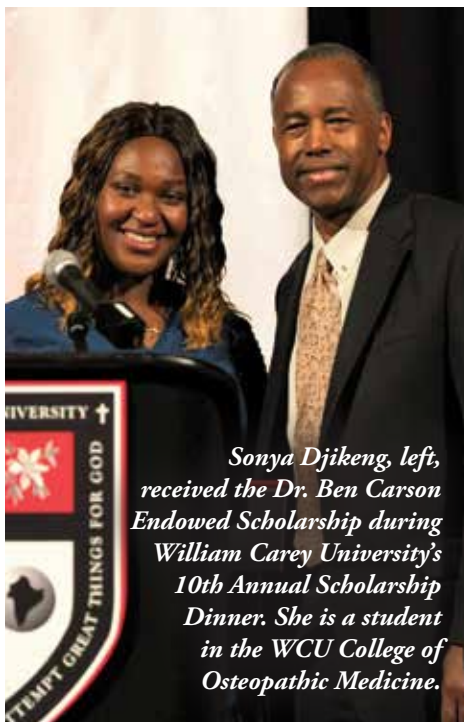
in biology from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in neuroscience from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"When I was about 12, my mom was in nursing school, so she was always studying. I would sit at the table, too, just to spend time with her. But I got interested in her textbooks and started reading them – they were super-interesting. In high school, I took a lot of science classes, like advanced placement biology, chemistry, and anatomy," Djikeng said.

"I want to practice medicine in rural areas. I love being in a city, but I've seen the other side. There are people who could die because the closest clinic or hospital is more than 30 minutes away. That situation needs to be fixed, and we can fix it."

Sanchez-Lopez was born and raised in Aguirre, Puerto Rico. She received her Associates Degree in Medical Sciences at the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico and pharmacy prerequisites at MGCC. She is a

proud mother of two and has worked more than ten years as an inventory specialist and lead pharmacy technician in retail pharmacy. She is currently finishing her first year of pharmacy school at William Carey University School of Pharmacy. She plans to use the skills and knowledge she gains there to better serve her community by working with other allied healthcare professionals in a clinical setting.



Sonya Djikeng, left, received the Dr. Ben Carson Endowed Scholarship during William Carey University's 10th Annual Scholarship Dinner. She is a student in the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Julyanne Sanchez-Lopez received the Carson Pharmacy Scholarship at the Biloxi dinner. She is a student in the School of Pharmacy at WCU Tradition and is pictured here with Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson.

For more information about giving opportunities at William Carey University, contact the WCU Office for Advancement at (601) 318-6192 or email advancement@wmcarey.edu.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS



THE NATHAN & PATRICIA BARBER *Endowed Scholarship*

and The Dr. Nathan and Mrs. Patricia Barber Lecture Hall

IN MARCH 2021, DR. PATRICK R. BARBER ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP TO HONOR HIS PARENTS FOR THE IMPACT THEY HAVE HAD ON HIS LIFE. THEIR COMMITMENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD IS AN INSPIRATION TO EVERYONE WHO KNOWS THEM. IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOLARSHIP, DR. BARBER CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S BUILDING CAMPAIGN TO NAME A LECTURE HALL IN HONOR OF HIS PARENTS.

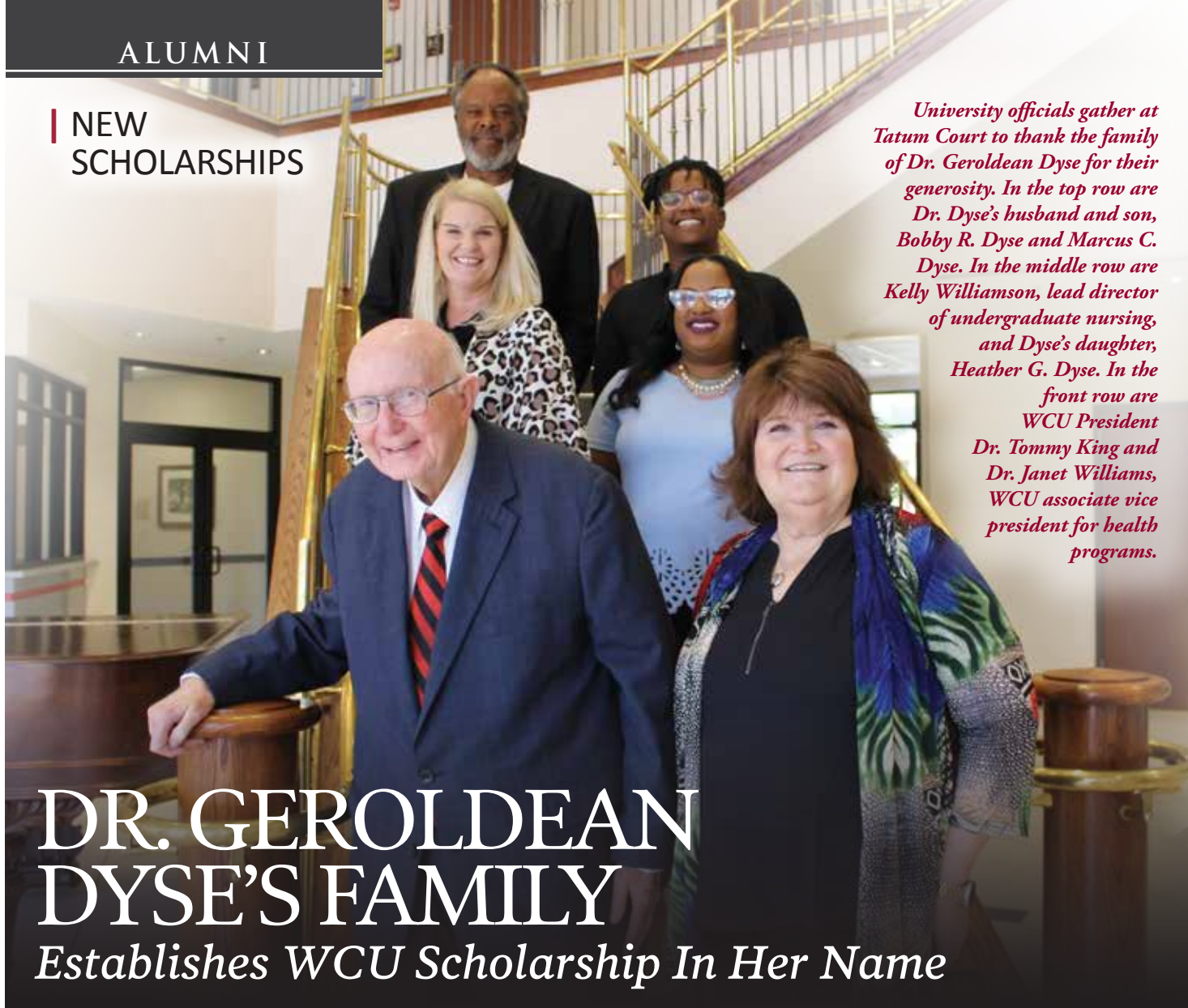
Dr. Nathan Barber recently retired after serving in full-time Southern Baptist ministry for over 60 years. In that time, he served as senior pastor, director of missions, hospital chaplain, and home hospice chaplain. He continues to serve first responders through Chaplain to Heroes, a ministry he founded. William Carey is a family tradition for the Barbers; Nathan and Patricia graduated together in 1967, and their other son Nathan, Jr. graduated in 1994.

Dr. Patrick R. Barber is a 2016 graduate of the William Carey University College of

Osteopathic Medicine. He currently serves as a family medicine doctor in Mobile and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Ascension Providence Hospital-Mobile and Merit Health Natchez.

The Nathan and Patricia Barber Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a medical student from Mississippi who plans to practice in primary care. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship, you may do so online at www.wmcarey.edu/give. If you have questions, please email Karen Golson at kgolson@wmcarey.edu or call 601-318-6256.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS



DR. GEROLDEAN DYSE'S FAMILY

Establishes WCU Scholarship In Her Name

University officials gather at Tatum Court to thank the family of Dr. Geroldean Dyse for their generosity. In the top row are Dr. Dyse's husband and son, Bobby R. Dyse and Marcus C. Dyse. In the middle row are Kelly Williamson, lead director of undergraduate nursing, and Dyse's daughter, Heather G. Dyse. In the front row are WCU President Dr. Tommy King and Dr. Janet Williams, WCU associate vice president for health programs.

The family of Dr. Geroldean Dyse has established a scholarship in her name. Dr. Dyse worked as a nurse and administrator in the healthcare industry for 48 years and devoted her life to helping others.



Dr. Geroldean Dyse

husband, Bobby R. Dyse.

“She was an extraordinary ambassador for healthcare and education. She understood that nursing students sometimes struggle with the cost of getting an education. She helped so many people, over so many years, so we wanted to help nursing students who share the same dream,” said her

Dr. Dyse started her career as a licensed practical nurse at Forrest General Hospital and a local nursing home facility. She later moved her nursing career closer to home in Perry County at the New Augusta Family Health Center. This community health center is one of more than 20 clinics within the Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (SeMRHI) network.

She worked at SeMRHI for 40 years as a nurse and chief operating officer before being named chief executive officer in 2011. She worked diligently at SeMRHI, serving others in the community, until her passing in 2022.

Dr. Dyse was a life-long learner, and education was important in the pursuit of her personal and professional goals. In the 1970s, she earned her LPN degree from Jones College and attended William Carey University. She also earned bachelor's and master's degrees in healthcare administration from the University of Phoenix.

In 2013, William Carey University conferred upon her an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree.

“We are very proud the Dyse family has chosen to help WCU students fulfill their dreams of becoming nurses. Scholarship assistance is the way many students achieve their goals, and it is a way to honor a loved one that can last for many years,” said Dr. Janet Williams, WCU associate vice president for health programs.

The Dr. Geroldean Dyse Scholarship will be awarded to students of WCU's Joseph & Nancy Fail School of Nursing who have a grade point average of at least 2.5.

To give to the scholarship, visit wmcarey.edu/give



| NEW SCHOLARSHIPS



THE DORIS POWE MILLICAN

Scholarship

The Doris Powe Millican Scholarship was established in her memory by her husband of 63 years, Dr. David Millican, and their children. Doris graduated from William Carey University in 1958. She then attended the University of Southern Mississippi for graduate studies and began her teaching career. She taught one year at Prichard Jr. High School and one year at Stonewall High School before moving to McComb where she retired from McComb High School after teaching there for nearly 26 years. In addition to her service as an educator, she served alongside her husband who was a career Southern Baptist pastor. Scholarships are awarded per academic year to a female student majoring in missions at William Carey University.

The Liz Corso Joachim

ENDOWED PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

**MRS. LIZ CORSO JOACHIM
ESTABLISHED THE FIRST SCHOOL
OF PHARMACY ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIP.**

Mrs. Joachim is a native of Biloxi and the owner of Corso, Inc. which has been in operation since 1924.

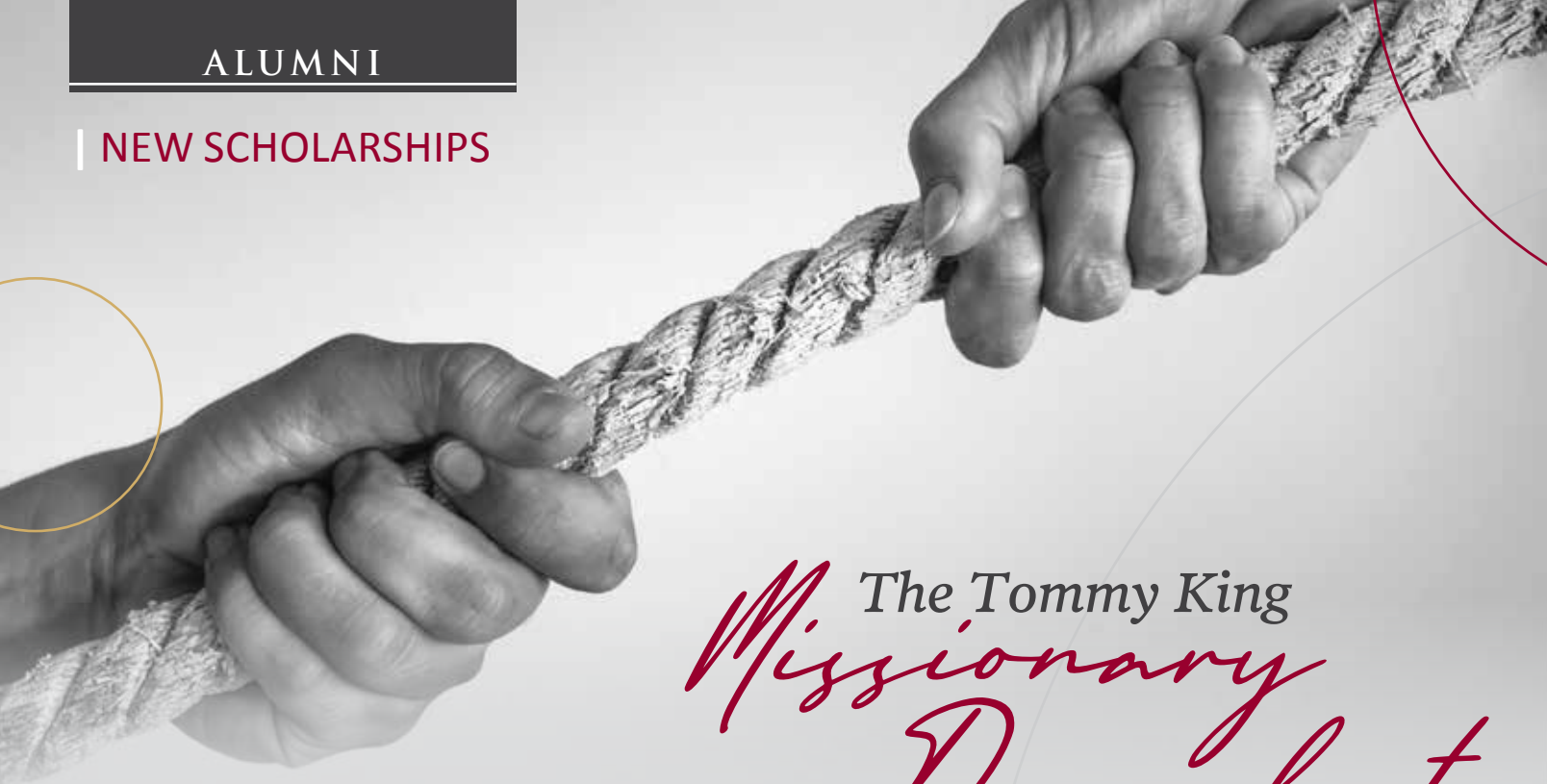
She is a strong advocate for education and strives to make a difference along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a School of Pharmacy student from the Mississippi Gulf Coast who has a demonstrated record of personal merit and need.



Mrs. Corso (center) is pictured with Jenifer Freridge, Tradition campus advancement officer, and Dr. Michael Malloy, dean of the School of Pharmacy

| NEW SCHOLARSHIPS



The Tommy King
*Missionary
 Dependent*
 SCHOLARSHIP

THE TOMMY KING MISSIONARY DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

William Carey University has a long history of cooperation and support for missionary endeavors across the globe. The university has prepared students for missions and ministry as well as supported the mission efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention.

“We have traditionally assisted missionary families in the difficult task of providing a college education for their children. SBC/IMB missionary families make tremendous sacrifices, and one of the most difficult challenges is the transition to college for their children,” said Dr. Tommy King.

The International Mission Board (IMB) contributes to the expense of these students, but it is far short of the full cost of their education. Carey covers the remaining cost. With recent increases in tuition as well as the number of MK students, we are establishing a scholarship fund that will allow us to continue offering the same level of support we have historically given.

The Tommy King Missionary Dependent Scholarship will, with your help, provide funds for these families who have sacrificed so much. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this scholarship. Your contribution will help students who have grown up overseas and whose parents are still bringing the good news to people who have never heard.

Be a part of “holding the ropes” for SBC/IMB missionary families.



PAUL CHITWOOD

*PHD, President,
 International Mission Board, SBC*

The IMB is blessed, but more importantly, the nations are blessed by the generosity extended through the scholarship for children of missionaries at William Carey University. For generations, our children have made tremendous sacrifice alongside their parents as they serve in some of the furthest reaches of our world. When they attend university a world away, a scholarship of this nature does more than make a quality education possible, it also provides an immeasurable sense of comfort to know the school where they entrusted their children has their care in mind. I give thanks for our many partners at WCU helping our missionary families reach the multitudes. (Rev. 7:9).



ZANE PRATT

*Vice President, Assessment/Deployment and
 Training, International Mission Board, SBC*

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of William Carey University toward our missionary kids. I can tell you from experience that putting kids through college while serving overseas is a major concern for international workers. Scholarship funds like this one are a huge blessing, and for many MKs, they represent the only way these kids could ever hope to go to college. This is a fantastic example of cooperation to meet the needs of our overseas workers so that they are free to concentrate on getting the gospel to the ends of the earth.



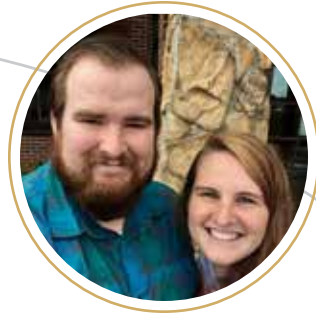
LEAH KENNEDY

“My name is Leah Kennedy and I am a missionary kid. I was born and raised in the Amazon region in Brazil and moved to Germany when I was 14 years old. Growing up overseas has been the biggest adventure of my life. When I first found out about William Carey University, I was in true awe of the endless opportunities in career paths. Most importantly, I had an immense peace knowing that my financial needs would be met. My family and I have trusted that the Lord would provide for us and He always has. My parents can rest knowing I am growing both spiritually and academically under a scholarship that transformed my future. Because of WCU’s Missionary Dependent Scholarship, my family is able to continue serving on the mission field without the financial burden of my college education.”



BAILEY AND BETSY ANDERSON

“Bailey and I both grew up in Southeast Asia as our parents served with the IMB. William Carey has been an incredible blessing to us with the variety of programs and quality of teaching. Because of the WCU Missionary Dependent Scholarship, we have been able to pursue the Lord through our time at William Carey without any financial burdens. We are so thankful for the quality of education we have received at Carey and the spiritual mentorship we experienced from faculty and staff as well as the local church. The Missionary Dependent Scholarship gave us access to countless opportunities and even allowed us serve overseas together through an internship in the Philippines, which taught us so much spiritually as well as practically.”



BEN AND ERIN AUSTIN

“The Missionary Dependent Scholarship allowed both my wife and me to attend WCU with no financial worries or struggles. The option of a free college tuition is what made us both choose WCU, and alleviated any collegiate financial burdens from our parents who were still on the mission field. Without this scholarship, I am not sure if Carey would have been an option, and my wife and I would have never met. We both continued with our graduate degrees here because of the excellent experience that we both had through William Carey University and the environment that it provided. This scholarship allowed us to follow God’s calling on our lives and pursue things greater than ourselves. Carey has become more than our university, it has become our family.”



JERRY AND PENNY PULLEN

“Our son Benjamin is currently completing his sophomore year at William Carey University as a Cross-Cultural Business major. This major is equipping him to live, work, and minister overseas. Our family has served with the International Mission Board for 22 years in Africa and Asia. Carey’s Missionary Dependent Scholarship that covers the entire cost of Benjamin’s college is an incredible blessing for us. Benjamin is thoroughly enjoying his time at Carey, and we are so grateful that he can receive a quality education without going into debt.”

Single and Recurring Gifts

Gifts of any amount are crucial to the growth and development of this scholarship. Donors may make single gifts by mail or through our online giving page at any time. To schedule recurring gifts contact the Office for Advancement.

Planned Gifts

Planned giving to William Carey University allows a donor to become part of the university’s Covenant Society. Many planned giving options are available, including wills, estate planning, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and real estate.

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Class NOTES

50s

ELMO MCLAURIN '58

Elmo serves as minister to senior adults at Bonsack Baptist Church in Roanoke. Previously, he served Oakland Baptist Church in Roanoke as minister of education for 20 years.

60s

PRICE HARRIS '63

Price was elected second vice president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He is an evangelist and member of Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport. He is pictured here (on the right) with Reggie Bridges and Steven Kelly, president and first vice president of LBC.



80s

LONNIE STEWART '80

Lonnie retired from the state of Alabama Forestry Commission/ Game and Fish dispatch center in Montgomery, Alabama. He currently works for a private security company as an officer. He is a member of Capitol Heights Baptist Church in Montgomery.

90s

JULIE HINTON '99, '00

Julie was recognized for 20 years of service at Forrest General Hospital. Julie said, "I am so grateful to work with so many wonderful people! My family, friends, co-workers, and patients are the most important part of this wonderful journey I've made. Many mentors have given their time to encourage and coach me along this remarkable journey. I am so grateful to each of them. I have the absolute best life, and I could not ask for a better life than to be able to say that we in the Cancer Registry, Research and Informatics make a difference. It's a privilege to go to work each day and treat the patients and their families with compassion and tenderness. That is my main goal and I enjoy every second that I am doing it."

00s

JOHN TWEEDDALE '01

John recently coedited the T&T Clark "Handbook of John Owen." John said, "In my teaching, research, and ministry, I continue to draw upon my experiences at WCU." John serves as vice president of academics and professor of theology at Reformation Bible College in Sanford, Florida.

KOURTNEY HOLLINGSWORTH '08, '16, '17

Kourtney has been selected to be a part of the newest class of George W. Bush National Leaders Program. She serves as the national youth coordinator and STEM lead in the Office of the Secretary at the United States Department of Agriculture, the Vice President's Initiative for the SpaceSTEM Task Force interagency working group, and as the co-chair of the Interagency Workforce Subcommittee for the Subcommittee on Advanced Manufacturing.



10s

MELANIE TAYLOR '11, '13

Melanie married Kenneth Parker '19 on November 6, 2021, at Indian Springs Baptist Church in Laurel. Melanie teaches 10th and 12th grade inclusion at Northeast Jones High School.



ZACH MURPHY '12, '14, '16

Zach has been named executive director/principal at Innova Preparatory School in Hattiesburg. Zach has previously served as a teacher, assistant principal, curriculum director, and principal within public, charter, and private school settings.



DEAN PACE '15, '18

At the age of 28, Dean became the youngest director of financial aid in Carey's history. He leads a team of 11 employees while also teaching Personal Finance. Dean is the upcoming president of the Pinebelt Kiwanis Club, a member of the ADP 2022 Leadership Pinebelt class, and serves on the Administrative Council and Academic Standing Committee at Carey.



ZACHARY BOST '17

Zachary has been appointed as the new superintendent of Kosciusko School District. He moves to Kosciusko from Petal, where he was principal of Petal High School.



MACK MCELVEEN '19

Mack graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May with his Master's in Biblical Languages.



MAGGIE MILLS '19, '21

In May, Maggie was recognized by Oak Grove Primary School as Teacher of the Year. She earned the BS in Elementary Education and the Masters in Teaching and Learning Globally. She also earned a BS with a double major in Intercultural Studies and Psychology.



20s

KATELYN WILLIAMS '20

Katelyn is married to Chael and is serving as the associate college minister at First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa. She is also working toward her M.Div. at NOBTS.



DELANEY DUKES '22

Delaney has begun a new position as reporter for WHPM and can be seen weeknights at 9 pm on Fox 23.



COOPER GRAFE '22

Cooper was selected as an intern in the Mississippi State Auditor's office. Cooper is pictured here (far left) with the inaugural class of 11 interns. The "Stay in the 'Sip" program is designed to keep our brightest young professionals in Mississippi.



Alumni & Faculty

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**KENNETH W.
JOHNSON '70**

Died October 8, 2020

**AMY "MISSY" SPIERS
LAMBERT '20**

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