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Dr. Sarah Payne assists double-major Annette Londoño prepare for an experiment in the chemistry lab. Read about Dr. Payne's commitment to liberal arts, STEM, and a Christian worldview on page 19

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VIEW FROM THE HILL

Another class has graduated and entered the world with a superior education undergirded by the Judeo-Christian ethic. If any group is capable of “conquering the world,” it is the Class of 2018 -- that is, until the Class of 2019 hits the streets.

Year-after-year, Louisiana College does its part to affect the world for good and for God as graduates equipped with a liberal arts education built upon a Christian worldview venture out to make their mark.

In this issue of “COLUMNS,” our curricula are noted for their emphases on the Arts. This is significant as our world becomes more complex and segmented. The article “STEM Becomes STEAM at LC” details the utter necessity of integrating the Arts with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. But we do not stop there. The Christian component that is the very fabric of Louisiana College pulls together every academic effort and aptly equips students for an ever-changing culture.

It is interesting how the more our society “advances,” the more needful proven methodologies are required. Whereas some may deem such methods old-fashioned, this quote from G.K. Chesterton puts it all in perspective:

“‘Modern conditions’ are treated as fixed, though the very word ‘modern’ implies that they are fugitive. ‘Old ideas’ are treated as impossible, though their very antiquity often proves their permanence.”

In short, the tried-and-true still should be tried -- because it is true. This is our foundational commitment as we implement our Vision of Preparing Graduates and Transforming Lives.

Keep Pressing On!



Rick Brewer, PhD, MBA
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STEM BECOMES STEAM AT LOUISIANA COLLEGE

BY NORM MILLER

It seems the academy is awakening once again to the integral role the Arts have in STEM and in evoking a holistic approach to higher education.

“An emerging body of evidence suggests that integrating STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine) with the humanities and arts in higher education is associated with positive learning outcomes that may help students enter the workforce, live enriched lives, and become active and informed citizens, says a new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Colleges and universities should consider developing, implementing, and evaluating programs that integrate these fields, said the committee that conducted the study and wrote the report.”

The paragraph above originates from www8.nationalacademies.org. But the “new report” is essentially old news to Louisiana College. Why? Because, LC already integrates the liberal arts with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. That’s how STEM becomes STEAM at LC.

The report continued, saying that such integrated studies “help students make connections among these disciplines in an effort to enrich and improve learning. The movement toward integration is occurring in part as a response to a higher education system that has become increasingly specialized and isolated by discipline.”

David Skorton, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and chair of the report’s study committee, said: “Public discourse has increasingly reflected a tension about whether higher education should be focused primarily on developing practical workforce

skills or more broadly on fostering an enlightened, engaged citizenry. But evidence suggests that integrating the STEM fields with the arts and humanities is linked to learning outcomes that support both of those goals, and that serve students well in many aspects of life.”

There it is, the impetus for Louisiana College’s curricula and advantage of studying where a student is prepared for more than a career, but for life as well.

Though STEAM has variant definitions, Ruth Catchen states it this way in her e-STEAM journal article: “STEAM is more than a concept or method. It surpasses words on a page. It must be visceral and physical. Its essence is experiential as those memories become burned in our minds and hearts. It is not important if you are right-brained or left brained or somewhere in between. Having learning experiences that involve a variety of the senses will be memorable. It creates the opportunity to take those experiences and learn from them and apply them to something new. That is how innovation and creativity happen.”

Catchen is developing STEAM-mates, an online and iPad integrated application to develop STEM skills through the Arts. She is the artist-In-Residence at Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy in Colorado Springs, where she develops curriculum to integrate the Arts into STEM curricula.

Though it is encouraging to see these STEM-to-STEAM progressions, conceptually these developments are nothing new to higher education institutions that always have embraced and propagated the liberal arts.



Devyn Allen and Lexie Barkley work diligently in their Organic Chemistry class. Addyson Baden photo



Ryan Morris, Class of 2018 and summa cum laude grad, will enter LSU-S Medical School this fall. Addyson Baden photo

Catchen continues: “Having the Arts for the Art’s sake is valid, and yet the Arts can teach and enlighten. Their influence can be both subtle and pervasive. STEAM is not arts and crafts, although many think STEAM means you make stuff. The substance of STEAM has more depth. It is integrated and cross-curricular. Most important is to take off the labels and educate to educate, not to do well on a test or a particular protocol, but to become a whole person.”

A whole person. Is the integration of the Arts into STEM enough to develop a “whole person”?

There are many fine liberal arts institutions across the country, but few with our DVP -- differentiating value proposition -- which is a liberal arts education built upon a Christian worldview. While we applaud the Arts in STEAM, our conviction is that a “whole person” is more likely to be developed most fully by experiencing LC’s DVP.

This conviction comes from holy writ itself, the most precious of all books in any academy: the Bible. Colossians 2:3 states that in Christ Jesus are found all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge. What good is knowledge without the wisdom to use it? And what better source to gain knowledge and wisdom than from the procurator of it all?

Yes, all truth is God’s truth. We believe that.

STEAM at LC

“As a comprehensive liberal arts institution, Louisiana College remains focused on critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and problem solving. Properly developed, these skills will help students to marshal cogent arguments, and provide the abilities needed to lead in the marketplace,” said Dr. Rick Brewer, president of LC.

“Higher education should not give students all the answers, but help them develop the acumen to discover the right questions to ask,” he continued. “A student with that kind of education, infused with the Judeo-Christian ethic we stand upon, is the kind of person who can navigate the changes and challenges of the 21st century and be successful.”

In our last “COLUMNS” issue, we featured an interview with Associate Professor of Engineering Dr. Natalie Maxey, who soundly articulated the intersection of STEAM and curricula built upon a Christian worldview.

Maxey noted the “tension in our culture between science and faith that is increasing at an alarming rate...While I personally believe there is no reason there should be any conflict between these fields, it’s important to be intentional about training scientists and engineers who are equipped and able to work in that tension.”

Maxey recounted her remarks from the interview; and two other professors -- Dr. Amanda Dubois and Dr. Amy Stallings -- offered their STEM-to-STEAM perspectives at an Alexandria Rotary Club luncheon and with our Board of Trustees.

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“IT’S A HORRIBLE IRONY THAT AT THE VERY MOMENT THE WORLD HAS BECOME MORE COMPLEX, WE’RE ENCOURAGING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED IN ONE TASK. WHILE THE TECH BOOM IS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPIKE IN STUDENTS MAJORING IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH, MANY TECH CEOs STILL BELIEVE EMPLOYEES TRAINED IN THE LIBERAL ARTS ADD VALUE TO THEIR COMPANIES. IN 2010, STEVE JOBS FAMOUSLY MUSED THAT FOR TECHNOLOGY TO BE TRULY BRILLIANT, IT MUST BE COUPLED WITH ARTISTRY. ‘IT’S IN APPLE’S DNA THAT TECHNOLOGY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH,’ HE SAID. ‘IT’S TECHNOLOGY MARRIED WITH LIBERAL ARTS, MARRIED WITH THE HUMANITIES, THAT YIELDS THE RESULTS THAT MAKE OUR HEARTS SING.’” - WWW.FASTCOMPANY.COM

Dr. Amanda Dubois

Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Dubois noted the success of LC's programs, partially evidenced by 18 of 26 students who scored above average on the MCAT, with 23 of the 26 now in med school.

"When we talk of our extremely high acceptance rates into dental school, or occupational therapy school, or physical therapy school, those numbers can seem really impressive. And if I gave you the list of students who are in graduate schools pursuing Masters and PhDs, all that would seem impressive," Dubois said.

"But the real strength comes in the design of our program. Every science class is taught by full-time professors with a PhD in their respective fields. Many of us have actually worked in research for years, and some in industry. We have real life experiences to share with students."

"Another advantage is there are no graduate assistants teaching any class, it's always us and these are small classes," said Dubois, who prefers smaller classes "so that I will actually be able to do the thing that we're supposed to do, which is get to know the students."

When the students reach upper-level classes "we know them, we know their strengths, we see their weaknesses, we find the gaps in their knowledge and encourage them to fill that space with experiences and understandings that will help prepare them for the MCAT or GRE."

Dubois said that LC students are so well trained that "other programs want them to fill their classes."

These are the advantages of majoring in the sciences at a liberal arts college like LC. "Students have rigorous programs in the context of small environments with people who know them and are encouraging them," Dubois said.

LC also has the advantage of "Christ at the center of our conversation in class, and the center of our material and our lives. We talk about the diversity of creation while emphasizing our role in the stewardship of creation. We remind students that we bear the image of our Creator. And, hopefully, all this knowledge will prepare them one day to run an experiment or treat a patient successfully, all through the eyes of a Christ follower."

Dr. Amy Stallings

Associate Professor of Allied Health Dr. Stallings is Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant program, and is an LC alumna.

"If you've been treated with physical therapy in the last few years, you've probably encountered one of our graduates. We have a 100 percent employment rate since the graduation of our first cohort in 2010, and 100 percent of our graduates who sought employment have been employed. We're really proud of that statistic," she said.

"In Louisiana, PTAs have a broad scope of work," Stallings said. "They work in a variety of settings -- in out-patient clinics, in patient facilities, acute care, home health, and even in school settings. We've been very blessed to partner with several local physical therapy clinics, and they provide excellent clinical experiences for our students."

Stallings said LC's PTA program "directly supports the Vision of LC to Prepare Graduates and Transform Lives. Our learning environment provides graduates with valuable training to become effective members of a health care team who view their work as a ministry."

"Although our students don't always agree, there is some benefit in rigor in academic programs," Stallings noted. "In the last two years, we have a 100 percent pass rate on the National PTA Licensure Exam."

Saying she "never imagined" she would have the privilege of returning to LC "to merge my faith and the profession that I love. But I've been given that opportunity to invest in students and to prepare them for a career they can view as a ministry, to serve others and meet not just their patients' physical needs, but their emotional and spiritual needs as well."

Louisiana College is "blessed to have professors such as these three," Brewer said. "But the truth is we have many more than three. Our faculty are among the best I have ever known, and that quality comes in part from their commitment to STEAM and a deep understanding of its advantages over mere STEM studies. Thanks to vision, hard work, and an unwavering conviction regarding the liberal arts, Louisiana College is full STEAM ahead."

12 GEOS WITH LIBERAL ARTS/STEAM STUDIES

Kenneth Chenault

American Express

Major: History, Bowdoin College

John Mackey

Whole Foods

Major: Philosophy and Religion,
The University of Texas at Austin

Edward Lampert

Sears Holdings

Major: Economics, Yale University

Howard Shultz

Starbucks

Major: Communications, Northern Michigan University

W. Edward Walter

Host Hotels & Resorts

Major: Political Science, Colgate University

Patrick M. Byrne

Overstock.com

Major: Philosophy and Asian Studies, Dartmouth

Michael J. Kasbar

World Fuel Services

Major: Environmental Scienc,
State University of New York at Plattsburgh

Denise M. Morrison

Campbells Soup Company

Major: Economics and Psychology, Boston College

Steve Ells

Chipotle

Major: Art History, University of Colorado (Boulder)

Christopher Connor

Shermin-Williams

Major: Sociology, Ohio State University

Richard Anderson

Delta

Major: Political Science, University of Houston

Bob Iger

The Walt Disney Company

Major: Television and Radio, Ithaca College

The Hearn Twin Oaks

by Norm Miller



On January 26, 2018, Louisiana College dedicated the Hearn Twin Oaks in honor of George E. Hearn, who from 1965 to 2000 was a professor of psychology at LC. Featuring speakers Mayor Clarence Fields of Pineville, LC President Dr. Rick Brewer, and others, the blustery day drew numerous friends of the Hearn. Mrs. Gloria Hearn donated the trees and two engraved granite benches situated near the oak saplings.

In this interview with COLUMNS, Mrs. Hearn reflected on that day and the man who was honored.

Q: What do you remember most about the tree planting and dedication?

A: On dedication day I recalled the many years my husband spent at LC. And I was thinking about the significance of LC. It has a unique mission, and I've grown to realize how very important it is to have a school like Louisiana College.

Q: What do you mean by "a school like Louisiana College?"

A: I mean that there's a Christian atmosphere that permeates here; and the beauty, it radiates the love of God even in the beauty of this land. That's why it's so important to have this property so beautiful, and to have the right kind of faculty and administration. We've had great administrators back through the years, but we really needed someone like Dr. Brewer to come in and get us going again.

Q: How much did your husband love LC?

A: Oh my goodness, he loved LC. He loved the Lord first. George was educated really well with five degrees and he handled five languages, too. He could have gone to a lot of other places, but being a minister, and with a background of what he had experienced as a young man, he realized the importance of students having the right kind of guidance and direction in making choic-

es for the rest of their lives. He had many opportunities teach at other schools, but there's no school like LC. He loved LC.

Q: Were you involved in life at LC when your husband was a professor?

A: Absolutely. When we came here, we had a very strong faculty women's club that all the faculty wives and any females connected with the college were a part of. We did activities that were beneficial and helpful to the college. We handled the homecoming brunch. White Parlor was just stunning in how it looked, and everyone would come early to visit and have a good time. It was so fine. We had a lot of formal events, too, in the earlier days. We had meals together, wonderful faculty Christmas parties, and a summer picnic that was spectacular every year.

Q: What was the spiritual emphasis here during Professor Hearn's tenure?

A: Back in those days, well, we came together and we prayed. Everybody on the faculty was active in a church. Once in a while we'd have a Methodist, but most of them were Baptist. We supported each other in knowing the children and doing things with them and encouraging them. The faculty was especially sensitive to the needs of our own children.

Q: What does it mean to you to have these trees here?

A: Oh, I just am thrilled because these live oak trees are so sturdy, so strong. They have such a meaning of strength that is characteristic of Louisiana College and the Christian life and the Bible and our commitment to the Lord. Just to look around here at this beautiful facility and the grounds, it makes me think, realize afresh, the rich, full abundant life that God has for us, each one of us, if we'll just allow him to work in us through the Holy Spirit and the study of God's word.

Hope Amid Horror: LC remembers the Holocaust

by Norm Miller

Forgetting the Holocaust: a Sobering Survey

Reported by the Washington Post in April 2018, the statistics below are from a survey of almost 1,400 people taken by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

41% of all respondents, and 66 percent of Millennials could not identify Auschwitz as a concentration camp or extermination camp.

22% of Millennials haven't heard of the Holocaust or are not sure whether they've heard of it; 11% of US adults surveyed said the same.

68% said anti-Semitism is present in America today.

51% said there are "many" or "a great deal of" neo-Nazis in the U.S.

93% percent said that all students should learn about the Holocaust in school.

58% said they believe something like the Holocaust could happen again.

100% of Louisiana College says
NEVER AGAIN!



Dr. Rick Brewer leads in prayer at Holocaust remembrance event.

In April 1945, American soldiers found Nazi concentration camps and uncovered unspeakable horror. Jews and other peoples were murdered in a mass genocide on a scale the world had not seen in the 20th Century.

In April 2017, Louisiana College memorialized the Holocaust in an event called "Hope Amid the Horror: Remembering the Holocaust" that drew about 300 people from campus and the community.

Produced by LC's Division of History and Political Science, the commemoration featured video clips, readings from the writings of survivors, and historical commentary from Rabbi Arni Task and Attorney Steven Oxenhandler, guest speakers.

Even in the midst of the inhumane forced labor at the camps, systematic extermination in gas chambers, and disease-ridden conditions, Jewish people held out hope.

“While most people rightly view the Holocaust as a period and series of incidents involving great suffering, it was also a time of great courage displayed by Jews and non-Jews, alike. The courage demonstrated by many remarkable people gave hope during and after the Holocaust in order to ensure such suffering will never occur in the future,” Oxenhandler said.

“I touched the table where decisions for the ‘Final Solution’ were made,” said Rabbi Task, who has visited numerous significant WWII sites, including five Nazi death camps and a huge pit, where hundreds of Jews were buried.

The Einsatzgruppen, or killing squads, followed the German Army through Poland, Lithuania, and Estonia, finding and murdering Jews, Task said.

“In only two days, the Einsatzgruppen murdered 33,000,” Task added. “Someone decided that these people were not worthy of life, and it all started with words, Hitler’s ‘Mein Kampf.’”

Oxenhandler emigrated from the US to Israel as a young man for the express purpose of joining the IDF, and he proudly recalled “The Way of the Righteous” in Israel, which is an outdoor memorial to those who aided Jews persecuted by Hitler’s henchmen.

The original source material and the guest speakers demonstrated “how faith, the endurance of the human spirit, and our determination not to remember the invaluable lessons that must guide leaders in the world today,” said Dr. Henry Robertson, associate professor of history. “Their words told the true story of the unspeakable suffering and wrenching horrors.”

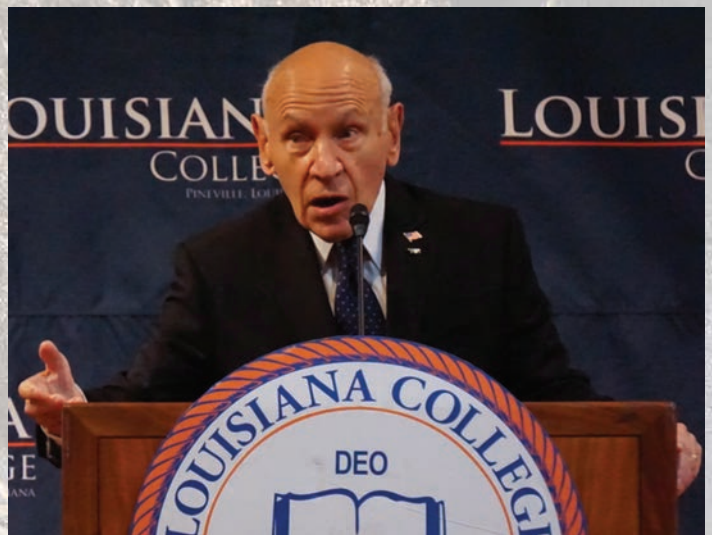
The program was an “excellent opportunity to pause and recall the dark events of 73 years ago when Americans came face-to-face with the worst evils of the Nazi regime,” said LC President Dr. Rick Brewer. “Men, women, and children were sent to their deaths with a hatred that needs to be identified as evil racism all these decades later. The strength of the survivors is an aspect that must be remembered with equal examination as we ponder history. We must never forget and always stand up to this kind of evil which has no place in the civilized world.”

“Do we bear any responsibility for our fellow human beings created in the image of God?” Task asked. “Yes, we have the responsibility to make the world a safe place, where all God’s creatures can live peacefully and safely and live out the life they were meant to enjoy, and make their contribution to the world in which we all live.”

Top: The courage demonstrated by many remarkable people gave hope during and after the Holocaust in order to ensure such suffering will never occur in the future,” Oxenhandler said.

Middle: “I touched the table where the decisions for the ‘Final Solution’ were made,” said Rabbi Task.

Bottom: A group of LC students prays with Rabbi Task



Louisiana College Holds 163rd Commencement

by Norm Miller



*Louisiana College held its 163rd Commencement at the Rapides Parish Coliseum while Guinn Auditorium was being remodeled.
Samantha Etherington photo*

Louisiana College conferred 155 undergraduate and 46 graduate degrees during its 163rd commencement May 5.

Keynoted by US Senator Dr. Bill Cassidy, the event held at Rapides Parish Coliseum featured remarks from LC President Dr. Rick Brewer, chairman of the board of trustees Johnny Hoychick, and six graduating students.

“We are preparing students not to just get a degree,” Brewer said. “We are not just preparing you for careers. Our job as faculty and administrators has been to prepare you for life.”

“Education that instructs the mind without deepening the soul is not true learning,” he added. “Louisiana College’s goal is to graduate students to make a difference for the common good as a redemptive voice in the world. Our graduates are hopeful realists who recognize the brokenness of the world, but believe God has called them to work for its healing and restoration.”

Senator Cassidy challenged students to remain true to virtue and not sacrifice or compromise their ethics or commitment to family.

“You hear stories all the time of those who have become quite successful,” he said. “But to achieve the pinnacle of success they feel as if they had to sacrifice too much. The truth is, they have indeed sacrificed too much. They have sacrificed their spiritual values, their family, and other things.

“You must keep your life balanced. You must place your faith in God and your family,” he added. “In so doing, when you do achieve that pinnacle of success it will mean so much more. There will be those alongside to share it with you ... It also will make reaching that pinnacle so much better and your success so much sweeter.”

Remarks from the six students were characterized by gratitude for their professors who cared as much about students’ spiritual development as academic success. Every student expressed appreciation for the grace of God.

“I have grown astronomically as a student, Christian man, as well as a person overall,” said Ryan Morris, biology major and summa cum laude graduate.

“Through my time spent with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, I learned how to use football as a platform of worship, and I learned how to play in a manner that is God glorifying, which will transfer into a career in medicine for me.

Morris said that LC’s “biblical worldview and a Christian perspective goes beyond the class, noting they are “tools that I use and will use daily when analyzing information and making decisions.”

A moment of sadness punctuated the event when Brewer acknowledged the untimely March 31 death of a student from Mansfield, Louisiana.

“Clavoisiea Quatrell Dupree left us far sooner than any of us would ever have thought,” Brewer said. “While we remain saddened by this, we are heartened to honor the accomplishments and memory of this young man as we express our continued condolences to members of his family and present to them the diploma that Clavoisiea earned.”

Brewer handed the credential to Dupree’s parents, Charles and Tanya Davis, who were standing nearby on the platform.

LC’s former interim president Argile Smith, along with vice president for Academic Affairs Cheryl Clark, and Executive Vice President and CFO Randall Hargis each were given distinguished service awards from the board of trustees.

Hoychick said he spoke for the board, noting that Smith, Clark, and Hargis were “pivotal in helping the school through this difficult time” before Brewer was elected president, and have “helped this school to be where it is today.”



Top right: Dr. Rick Brewer presents a diploma to Tayler Thibodeaux, who graduated cum laude with a double major in biology and chemistry. Brian Blackwell photo

Bottom right: Charles and Tanya Davis of Mansfield stand by the empty adorned chair that honored their deceased son, LC graduating senior Clavoisiea Dupree, who died at home unexpectedly March 31. Brian Blackwell photo

Board of Visitors fall banquet yields encouraging stats and heart-warming testimonies

by Norm Miller



Dr. Blaine Broussard ('05) and Christine Beall Broussard ('06) share a light-hearted moment with Dr. Brewer.

Louisiana College's Board of Visitors fall banquet featured personal testimonies, scenes from "The Music Man" re-enacted by the students who presented the play during the spring semester, and comments from President Brewer and others.

Reports of campus upgrades, landscaping awards, and continuing enrollment increases that portend another fall of enrolling more than 300 first-time freshmen were noted by Dr. Brewer, president.

"This campus is being transformed. It's a major turnaround," said Brewer, who attributed the good news to "one of the best faculty you will find anywhere in America. They see their role as a mentor -- not as the sage on the stage but a guide by the side."

Brewer also touted the turnaround in LC's Nursing program and credited dean of the school, Dr. Marilyn Cooksey, with putting the program back on the right track.

Vital to that turnaround was The Rapides Foundation, whose generosity provided assistance to help senior Nursing students prepare for upcoming required tests, Brewer noted, and that

helped LC lunch a Master's in Social Work.

"I think it is important that we bring our faith right into the middle of our social ills," Brewer said, adding that LC will continue to add academic programs, "the key to growth."

Brewer introduced the CEOs of both local hospitals who are members of the Board of Visitors.

Nancy Helyer of Christus Cabrini said she is a member primarily from a business perspective. "We need nurses and well trained social workers, and Louisiana College provides excellent students."

"At Christus Cabrini, our mission is to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, as we are looking for employees who want to do that in their daily work," she said, noting that the values and missions of LC and the hospital are aligned.

Helyer said joining the BOV "was a really good fit" for her and her husband because they always have been givers to higher education.

LC ACCEPTS CLT ENTRANCE EXAM

Jason Cobb of Rapides Hospital said, “Medicine and education go hand-in-hand, and it’s very important that we hire skilled people.” He added that LC has provided “great and wonderful” graduates who are nurses, accountants, and social workers.

Because he “loves academia,” Cobb joined the BOV. “I worked my way through school, and I was blessed to have people help me with my education. So, I just want to give back.”

Brewer introduced alumnus Wade Cline (’84), a successful Houston area attorney who supports several students.

“Giving back is very important to us,” Cline said referring also to Lainie, his wife. But his LC support that began early in his career “started going elsewhere” because of certain changes at LC, he said.

“We continued to hope that someone could give us a reason as to why we should support Louisiana College again, and it was hard to find that reason for quite some time,” he said.

Cline credited Vice President for Advancement Byron McGee and a phone call that introduced Cline to President Brewer.

This provided the Clines a reason to start contributing to LC again. After spending time with Dr. Brewer, Cline discovered that Dr. Brewer “understands the great responsibility of Christian stewardship that has been placed on his shoulders, and how people from all over Louisiana and other states just love Louisiana College. So many were like Lainie and me, who wanted to fall back in love with Louisiana College and to support it. Thanks to Dr. Brewer and his leadership team, we’ve been able to do that.”

Cline said he and Lainie want to give “because we want to help students such as we were.”

The most important job of anyone at the BOV banquet, Cline said, is to “find the gifts that God has given us and discover how we can use those in his world. That is what I think Louisiana College is doing for its students, and that’s why Lainie and I support Louisiana College.”

Since its inception in September of 2015, 178 people from all walks of life have joined the BOV, and their combined total annual giving is \$235,000. Qualified students are awarded \$500 per semester from this fund, of which every penny goes entirely to student scholarships.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Visitors, please email Byron.McGee@lacollege.edu.

Louisiana College now accepts the Classic Learning Test as an alternative to the ACT and SAT for certain students. And LC is slated as a test site for the April 17 Classic Learning Test (CLT).

Louisiana’s TOPS program still requires the ACT or SAT, however.

“Louisiana College is very pleased to announce our acceptance of the CLT as an option to other college entrance exams,” said Dr. Rick Brewer, president of LC.

“We are particularly pleased to see many prestigious institutions from across the United States such as Hillsdale College, The King’s College, and Houston Baptist University among the dozens now accepting the Classic Learning Test.”

Many of these institutions offer academic scholarships for students who test well on the CLT, and Louisiana College will be no exception, Brewer said.

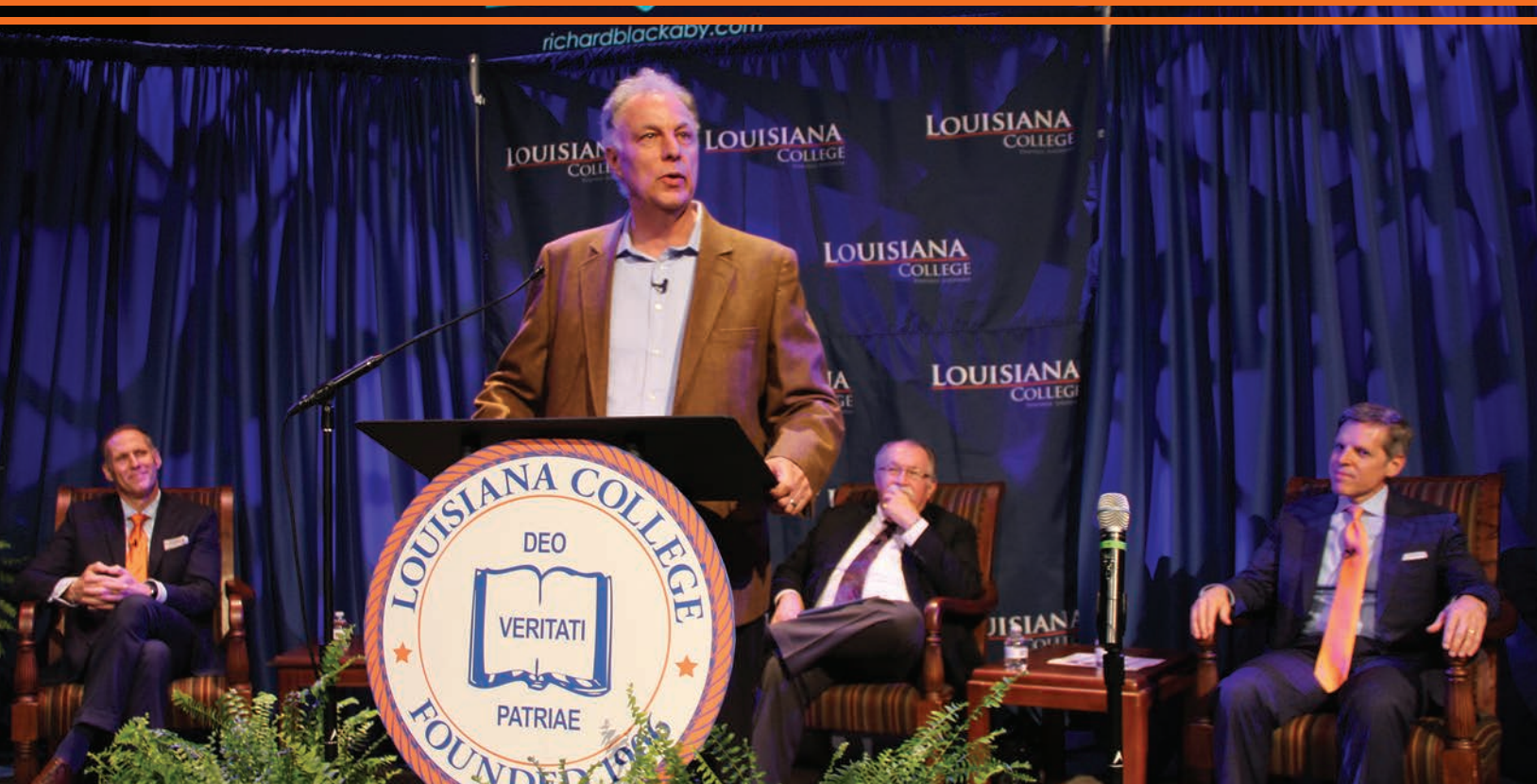
The CLT is “accessible to students from any educational background that elevates the good, the true, and the beautiful,” states CLTexam.com. “The ancient Greek philosophers stressed the same basic ideas about education that homeschool parents and classical school educators affirm today. How students learn to think, what they read, and how they live are all intricately connected. Many homeschooled students who have taken the exam have earned high scores.”

A website article of the notable “First Things” cites the CLT as resembling “other standardized tests, except that it breaks the area of verbal reasoning (which other tests treat as one) down into four sub-areas: Philosophy/Religion, Natural Science, Literature, and Historical/Founding Documents. Those areas reflect the contents of a classical Christian curriculum.

Whereas the SAT and ACT adopt a value-neutral approach, often because of ‘bias’ fears, the CLT selects passages deeply and frankly value-heavy, ones that ask students to grapple with strong and often difficult moral implications.”

“As a liberal arts college built upon a Christian worldview, we are encouraged by the CLT because it accentuates our curricular emphases,” Brewer said. “As such it helps underscore our vision of preparing graduates and transforming lives.”

Extensive information regarding the CLT may be accessed at www.cltexam.com.



Dr. Henry Blackaby keynoted LC's inaugural *God in the Workplace* Conference. Seated are the other speakers (left to right) -- Dallas Hixson, Doug Hunter, and Jeff Draughon. Victor G. Villavieja photo

GOD IN THE WORKPLACE

BY NORM MILLER

Louisiana College's inaugural "God in the Workplace" conference March 19-20 featured Dr. Richard Blackaby, who stressed the "necessity of Christians to integrate their faith and their occupation to help bring spiritual change in God's name."

Blackaby is noted internationally for his books, blog, and conferences on several facets of the Christian life that include the intersection of a Christian's faith and occupation.

Additional keynoters included Doug Hunter of Doug Hunter, LLC, and two local businessmen: Dallas Hixson of Hixson Automotive Group, and Jeff Draughon of Draughon and Bollinger, LLC.

Blackaby addressed students in LC's March 20 chapel service, calling them to emulate Gideon and be the mighty warriors that God envisions.

"Sermons alone will not transform a broken nation into a blessed one," he said. "God is always calling professionals, business people, men and women who aren't preachers. Many times, when God gets something done, it's not because someone preaches from a pulpit but because someone puts his life in God's hands and lets Him drive."

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he was hiding in a hole in the ground, in a winepress. Gideon was afraid of the marauding Midianites, but the angel still referred to him as "mighty warrior." Gideon was not a valiant warrior at that point, but he became one.

"I realized that whenever God looks at people, He sees what they could be. God was telling Gideon that he was meant to be a mighty warrior," Blackaby explained. "When God looks at you,

he doesn't see your past. He doesn't see the mistakes you've made. When God looks at you, He sees the person he wants you to be."

Blackaby urged students to overachieve, to do more for others than what their conscience asked them to do. "Get out of the hole! Become the valid warrior that God knows you are!" Blackaby emphasized. "Hopefully, one day you will look back at your life and see that only God could have done that."

In a plenary session the previous evening, Blackaby delivered similar encouragements as were noted in chapel. The other keynoters added to his remarks.

"For me, God in the workplace is just an extension of my relationship with Jesus. It's not necessarily forced or intentional; it's just being who I am in Him, and it flows over to what I do," Draughon said.

"With God removed from our society in so many ways, it is with great pleasure I speak about what God has done in my life and in our business," Hixson said. "Christ is a part of every meeting, every decision, and I am convinced Christ has blessed us." Hixson hoped that sharing his experiences "will encourage others to invite Christ into their businesses."

It was Billy Graham who foresaw that the "next great move of God would be in the marketplace. Now is the best time to move ahead and fulfill that vision," Hunter said, because "the largest unreached people group" is at work from 9 to 5, and that's where "God's ambassadors are already well-placed to introduce others to Jesus Christ."

Concepts that highlighted the conference acknowledged God as owner of everything, including a Christian's business, and

that “Christians are called to be stewards of what is entrusted to them by God,” Brewer said. “Other emphases for business leaders include the non-negotiable of integrity, a commitment to excellence, the importance of community, and the understanding that the most essential endeavor for Christians is to help build the Kingdom of God wherever they find themselves.”

Advice in the Classroom

Conference keynoters also addressed a classroom of business majors.

“The young people who are graduating these days will bring in the next revolution, the next spiritual revival that will bring people to Christ,” Hixson said. But that requires commitment and consistency unto God’s commands for his followers.

“I don’t want to live a compartmentalized life,” said Hixson, who lives his faith in every aspect of life. He advised the business majors to “mix business with your faith, because you can do both and come out okay. You don’t have to be a business owner to exercise your faith at work.”

Hixson noted that many people, their families included, have committed their lives to Christ through direct and indirect involvement with Hixson Automotive Group.

Jeff Draughon gave students three points: 1) Know who you are; 2) Know what you believe; and 3) Know where you are going.

The most important identity is with Jesus Christ, Draughon said. “Know who you are and whose you are. Wherever Christians go, they represent the body of Christ.”

It is important to see God not at the top of one’s list of priorities, but to “see God as the hub in the center of life. Like spokes on a wheel, everything one does and says comes from that hub.”

Having a biblical worldview is vital because “the world will tell you what to believe, so Christians need to know what they believe and why they believe it. They need a strong spiritual perspective to defend the faith.”

Working harder than others while exhibiting and following the Golden Rule is tantamount to being like Christ in the workplace, Draughon advised.

“If you don’t know where you’re going, any road will take you there,” said Draughon, who told students to formulate personal vision and mission statements, as well as set goals at specific intervals of life. “Write out your goals,” he said, “because an unwritten goal is merely a wish.”

Doug Hunter recounted part of his spiritual journey. “As much as I wanted to be a pastor, God called me into business and showed me the unique opportunities to share my faith and live my faith in front of folks who’ll never go to church, and who won’t expect it, and in front of those who think business people are not honest and are just out to get them. And they don’t really have any idea that the best way to do business is to do it as a follower of Jesus Christ.”

While working as an elevator salesman, Hunter said the company adopted a Bible verse that would point to eternity and be a witness to customers. John 12:32, “If I be lifted up from the Earth, I will draw all men unto myself.” Hunter said this verse made witnessing for Christ easy in that all employees had to do was lift up Jesus, and “he would draw people unto himself.”

“By the time I sold that business, everyone of our business neighbors had come to faith in Christ because they watched how we did business,” said Hunter, who concluded by advising students that “the best business guide is the Bible, and the best career planner is God himself.”

LC President Dr. Rick Brewer said, “When Jesus called the 12 disciples, many of them owned and operated businesses as tradesmen and commercial fishermen. And Jesus is still calling business people to follow him as disciples regardless of their occupation.”



Top: Dr. Richard Blackaby chats with attendees at the North Rapides Business and Industry luncheon.

Middle: Dallas Hixson shares insights for integrating faith with one’s occupation as he addresses LC business majors.

Bottom: Doug Hunter explained to students that the greatest mission field is located in America’s office buildings.

LOUISIANA COLLEGE WILDCATS

WHERE MY STORY BEGAN

HOMECOMING 2018

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Homecoming Chapel

11:00 am, Guinn Auditorium

Hear the 2018 Distinguished Alumni address the LC student body at Chapel

Homecoming Hoedown with Students and Alumni

7:00 pm, Lynn Alumni Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Homecoming Golf Tournament

11:30 am, OakWing Golf Club

*Lunch at Noon.....Shot Gun Start at 1:00 pm
\$70 per person or \$280 per team includes lunch*

Dinner for 1958 Rice Bowl Championship Football Team

5:00 pm, Lynn Alumni Center

LC Chorale Reunion Concert

7:00 pm, Guinn Auditorium

(Rehearsal starts at 3 pm)

Pep Rally and Bonfire

9:00 pm, Lynn Alumni Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Tennis Exhibition featuring 1978 Tennis Team

9:00 am, LC Tennis Courts

Reception for Class of 1968

9:00 am, Formal Lounge

Registration for Banquet and other activities

10:00 am, Granberry Atrium Area

Reception Honoring our Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Inductees

10:45 am, Formal Lounge

Homecoming Celebration Banquet

11:30 am, Granberry Conference Center

Join us to celebrate this year's class of Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame

Homecoming Parade around the circle.

3:00 pm

Tailgating with the LC Student Body and Alumni

4:00 pm, Tailgating Area Wildcat Stadium

Introduction of the 1958 Rice Bowl Team, Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Inductees

5:40 pm, Wildcat Stadium

Homecoming Game: LC Wildcats Vs. Belhaven

6:00 pm, Wildcat Stadium

Homecoming Court presented and Queen to be crowned at Halftime.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

We have blocked hotel rooms for Homecoming Weekend at the Holiday Inn Alexandria – Downtown. The hotel is located at 701 4th Street right across the Main Street Bridge from Pineville with easy access to the college. The owner is a member of our Board of Visitors and is a big supporter of the college. You can make reservations online at their website: Holiday Inn Alexandria – Downtown or call 318-541-8333. The Room Code is LCH for the special rate of \$99 per night. The last day to use the special code is October 15. Take advantage of this great offer before it is too late!

Louisiana College Athletic Hall of Fame 2018



Coach Mike Byrnes, Class of 1980



Tillisha Givens Wenslow, Class of 2013

2018 Distinguished Alumni



Dr. John Robert Clement, Class of 1973



Martha Bess Ray Clement, Class of 1974



Jimmie Harlow Durr, Jr., Class of 1965

FAITH IS EVERYTHING FOR COACH MASON

BY MYSHERIE JOHNSON | WILDCATS MEDIA



Coach Mason's Wildcats hosted several games at the Rapides Parish Coliseum during the 2017-18 season.

Brad Welborn photo

Coming to Louisiana College was an answer to prayer for Reni (*rainy*) Mason.

"I don't believe anything happens by chance," Mason said. "I had asked the Lord for the desire of my heart, and that was to be a head college basketball coach. I believe out of my faithfulness to the Lord, I believe out of the work that the Lord had for me to do in my life, I believe he chose Louisiana College for me. I arrived here by God's divine intervention."

Succeeding long-time men's basketball coach Gene Rushing, Mason came to LC in 2015 after a 7-year stint at Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport, his hometown. "My work at Evangel Christian Academy was not a coincidence, but once again the Lord's will."

A graduate of the University of New Orleans with a B.S. in General Studies, Mason also played basketball at Louisiana Tech. He was general manager and assistant coach of the Dodge City Legend (USBL) in Dodge City, Kansas; worked

with, and played for Dale Osborne, assistant coach with the Portland Trailblazers; was assistant to Tic Price, head coach at Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas; and assisted Tim Floyd, head coach at University of Texas-El Paso.

Handed the responsibility for all 18 sports and their head coaches, Mason was promoted to athletic director in April 2017 by President Brewer, who stated in the related press conference: "God takes men of integrity, conscience, character, and conviction and raises them to levels of influence. Reni is such a man, who will bring new opportunities for us to improve in many categories."

Mason also is a member of the President's Leadership Team.

"Coach Mason's leadership on the court and in conference room is far more than about sports," Brewer said. "Reni exhibits wisdom beyond his years as we discuss a variety of decisions and solutions for the college overall. He also lives out his faith for all to see, especially our student-athletes."

A faith-filled history

Mason has always gone to church and has a Southern Baptist background. "I went to church more as an obligation as a young man because that's what we would do on Sundays. We got up and went to church. My grandfather would come by and pick me up for Sunday school" he said. "I formed my connection with Jesus because of religion, but I really did not receive the Lord in my heart until I was 21."

Having experienced different trials at college, Mason said he understood that there had to be "something different" in his life. And Mason remembers that was connected to the day he became a Christ follower. The song "Encourage Yourself" by The Tri-City Singers got his attention. "There would be no preaching or anything, only music. I will never forget it," he said.

"Sometimes you have to encourage yourself" are the lyrics that jolted Mason and moved him to "accept Christ in a new way that night, meaning I began to learn Jesus for myself, not what someone had told me. I had an experience with Jesus, and I remember it: October 23, 1991, in New Orleans, Louisiana."

A faith-filled reality

"Faith is everything. I believe that first and foremost I'm a Christian. I believe everything I do, say, and I'm about has to be about God, and then I believe everything else lines up under that," Mason said. "It would be very difficult for me to be in an environment where I couldn't share my witness because I believe God expects that of me. He expects me to share the Gospel with my student athletes, and with hurting people -- they are everywhere, so I take that very seriously."

As a student in public school, Mason never had a teacher or professor integrate faith and learning. "It's important that more people share the Gospel so that others will not be afraid to share the Gospel."

"My faith is important to me. I just think it's how I live," Mason added. "As genuine as God is in my life, it becomes a part of what I do. I don't believe it's something I must set out to do, only who I am. I ask every morning for God to give me wisdom, discernment and understanding of who's going to come in my path, and that's how I integrate faith into my daily job."

"My job has a practical side, watching budgets, schedules, and all these things that create a great working environment. But I don't believe I would have the insight, wisdom, or know-how without the Holy Spirit."

Mason expects his athletes to be at every chapel service and encourages them to attend a local church. If they do miss chapel or church, Mason said, "I view it as a loss because when you fail to go hear the Word of God there's something you miss. That's what I try to impress upon them."

Louisiana College offers students an education "informed by the Christian faith" in a supportive environment, Mason said, where students "are encouraged to develop an active Christian commitment."

Reflecting on Mason's interview, Brewer acknowledged there were other viable candidates in the mix. "But after the interview, Reni asked if he could pray for LC and the decision regarding our next head basketball coach. When he did that, I knew we had found the right man."



Reni congratulates Stephanie, his wife, as she receives her Master's in Teaching diploma at LC's 2018 Commencement. Norm Miller photo

Preview Day sets a record

By Victor G. Villavieja



On Preview Day, prospective students and parents toured the campus and met with faculty and others to discuss academics and campus life. Norm Miller photo

Louisiana College's Preview Day drew more than 140 high school students, the most to attend in known school history.

The 59 percent increase above last year's event continues a three-year growth trend.

"We have grown 24 percent in student enrollment in two years, and the good word is getting out," Louisiana College President Dr. Rick Brewer said.

LC's Martin Performing Arts Center was standing-room-only as Brewer welcomed the crowd and explained how the school is equipping students for success in the 21st century marketplace.

"We are preparing graduates to implement change," he said. "The students receive an education that enables them to develop critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and problem-solving skills while growing in their relationship with God."

The exponential growth is attributed to what some say is a new atmosphere on campus "that allows you to cultivate a better relationship with God." That's how Stephen Magee, a local 17-year-old homeschooled student, describes it.

"We can actually grow in our walk with God as we continue to gain in school knowledge. Living with other Christians, but also with students with different mindsets, would allow me to shape a strong worldview. I think LC would guide me to learn who I am in Christ, because I will have to face new challenges. Here, we can walk with God and grow as we face new problems," Magee said.

Maya Carrier, a homeschooled student from Duson, La., who wants to major in history, also described LC as welcoming: "I want to get a good education, but I also want to enjoy my years in

college. I think at LC I could have a college experience to reminiscence about as an adult. I am looking for a good atmosphere to thrive in."

Preview Day featured a guided tour around the 81-acre campus. Visitors also met with LC's coaching staff, faculty members, current LC students, as well as gathered information on academic programs, scholarships, and financial aid.

Nathan Thompson, who has already decided to attend LC, had his mother Paige Hamilton in-tow. Both were pleased with their visit.

"It seems that all students get individual attention from their professors and people working in administration," Hamilton said. "You can feel the family-like atmosphere. You can tell that the school is concerned with students, about their spiritual life and their academic results. It feels like a big family, like home."

Louisiana College's enrollment has been growing ever since Brewer's arrival in April 2015. Spring 2018 total enrollment broke with the norm of past years and showed an 18 percent increase in enrollment compared to a year ago.

"Our 2020 Vision is a strategic plan to reach 1,500 in enrollment by the year 2020," Brewer said. "But day-in and day-out, our guiding Vision is seen is Preparing Graduates and Transforming Lives. That is our overarching commitment to students and their parents."

"We are grateful for the prospective students who attended Preview Day," Brewer added, "and we trust they will choose LC for their college education."

PAYNE OFFERS CHEMISTRY AND CHRISTIANITY IN CAVANAUGH

BY CHLOE WARREN, WILDCATS MEDIA

The unique mission of Louisiana College to integrate faith and learning is foundational to the college's 1906 launch, and is exemplified by Dr. Sarah Payne, associate professor of chemistry and director of the C. S. Lewis Honors Scholars Program

As a young girl, Payne committed her life to Jesus Christ.

"The summer before my freshman year while at church camp, I made a public profession of my need for a Savior and faith in Christ. I was baptized at the Lake James Christian Assembly in Angola, Indiana," she said.

This faith carved the way for the rest of Payne's life as she moved through college and careers.

Payne earned a BS in Chemistry at Milligan College in Elizabethton, Tennessee. As a Christian liberal arts college, Milligan exposed her to classrooms that incorporated faith in the subjects taught.

"I am grateful for my time at Milligan, its Christian Education, and emphasis on integrative learning through its humanities curricula," Payne said. "My coursework was intentionally and intensively linked to each other and to truly knowing God. Two things stand out: One, God is a creator and God created us in his image and therefore we as humans in our different, unique, and holy giftings are creators by His design; two, humanity is fallen and we are deeply in need of Christ our Savior."

Payne graduated from the University of Virginia with a PhD in analytical chemistry and began working for a National Science Foundation (NSF) Center called Center for Chemistry of the Universe and the Department of Chemistry at UVA as the Education and Public Outreach Coordinator.

Because budget cuts eliminated Payne's position there, she applied for several jobs, one of which was as at Louisiana College.

Reflecting on her interview at LC, Payne said she "still remembers Dr. Elliott saying that he had been praying and fasting for the right candidate. This struck a chord within me, making me grateful to interview with a division chair who truly loved the Lord."

Since 2011, Payne has helped her students at LC learn chemistry while they learn about the Creator of scientific facts, thus allowing Payne to share the importance of knowledge and of giving that knowledge meaning.

"Knowledge without meaning is hollow, a chasing after the wind," Payne said. "Faith in Christ gives meaning to all learning. It answers the whys and how-comes of life. It is the skeleton upon which knowledge can be adhered."

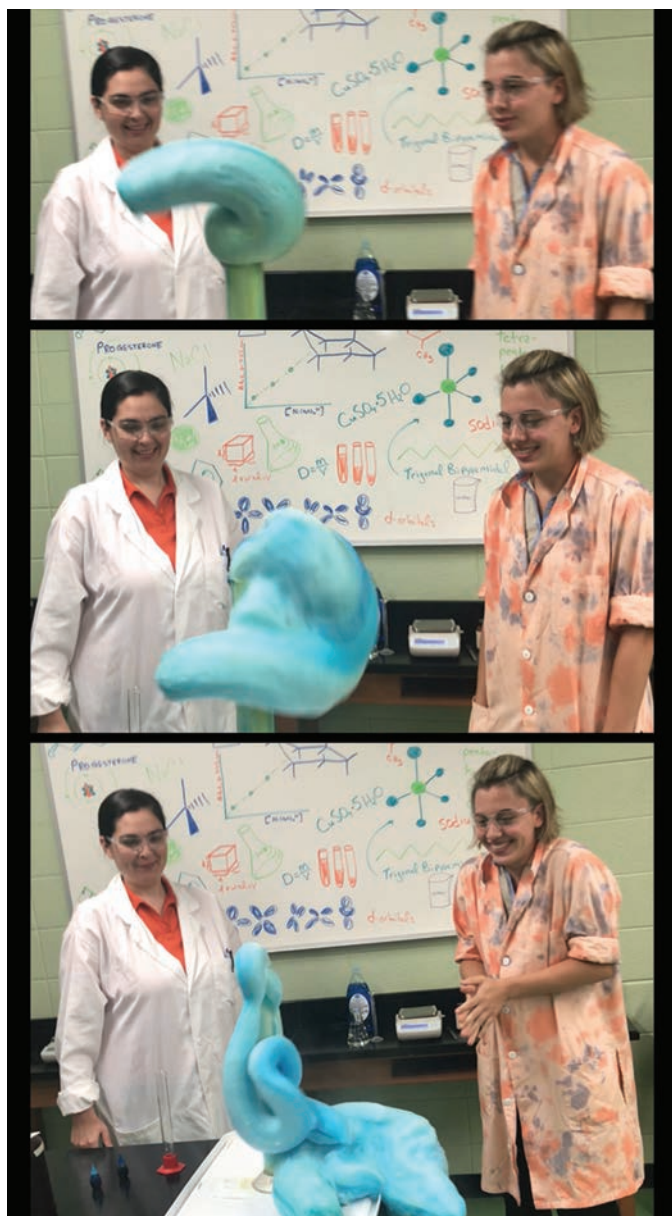
Because curricula for general chemistry often leaves out the philosophy of origins and focuses solely on the facts, the challenge to integrate faith and learning remains. One of the ways Payne works to incorporate thinking about the creation of these laws of science is to push students to research the order of this designed system.

An example of this is the relationship between hydrogen and oxygen, she noted. No chemical laws would have to be obeyed if that relationship was random; rather, the predictability of their bond points to a sovereign creator and designer of this world.

"Whether it's working with us one-on-one or staying up late to have study sessions, Dr. Payne's love for the Lord and desire to serve Him by serving us is a big testimony to her faith," freshman Emma Hixson said.

Hixson has grown as a student in Payne's class, and is thankful for the academic challenges Payne presents: "Dr. Payne has taught me pretty much everything I know about chemistry. She prays for us before tests and adds scripture to the front page. It sends us into the test with better mindsets and a little less stress."

In delivering her content, Payne is aware of the task at-hand to help students see the wonder of the created order.



Dr. Payne and student Annette Londono share an exothermic demonstration commonly known as making elephant toothpaste.
Norm Miller photos

"Students learn better in an environment where the professor is known to care about them," said Dr. Wade Warren, professor of biology. "Dr. Payne is a model for this kind of education. Her commitment to Christ drives her, and the quality she requires from herself and her students happens because of her intentions to love those around her."

LC President Dr. Rick Brewer echoed Warren's comments, adding: "Dr. Payne is among the many at Louisiana College who understand how science taught from a Christian worldview gives purpose to what would otherwise be sterile facts. God created this universe, and that includes the earth and those who inhabit this planet. This is a conviction not only of Sarah's, but is a precept foundational to all instruction at Louisiana College."



Alums and former athletes provided the sign that honors Coach Allgood at the Wildcats Baseball venue.

COACH BILLY ALLGOOD: THE LEGEND

BY KATHY HEGWOOD OVERTURF '80
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

The name Billy Allgood became synonymous with Louisiana College Athletics since his arrival on campus in 1959. During his tenure at LC, he coached baseball, basketball, and football, and also was the athletic director. He was a trainer, a bus driver, Mr. fix-it, the architect, and builder of the baseball field that now bears his name. If there was something to do, he did it.

He coached basketball for 26 years, and one of his most memorable victories was the upset of Coach Don Haskins and UTEP in 1977. In his 30 years of coaching Wildcat baseball, there were many outstanding wins but none bigger than the 7-5 victory over defending national champion LSU in 1994.

He is a member of the University of Southern Mississippi Hall of Fame, the LC Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. He is nationally recognized as one of the best basketball minds of his era.

Even with all of his accolades, his story was never about him. It was always about the student-athlete. He recruited only quality men, whose character of far outweighed their athletic abilities.

Allgood's proudest accomplishment was to see his student-athletes graduate. His office wall in H.O. West Fieldhouse was adorned with pictures of young men who played for him throughout the years and had completed their college degree.

Coach Allgood gave much of his life to LC, and the time he invested left its mark on many. Several players spoke to his influence on their lives.

Glenn Graff '60 – “In August of 1959, a new sheriff came to town. Coach Allgood arrived on campus as the new basketball coach. He told us we may get out-coached or be less talented than our opponents, but we would never get out-worked or be unprepared. Because of that attitude, he taught us principles of not only how to win, but how to be successful in life.”

David Mitchell '69 – “I will always be grateful to Coach for the opportunity to play college basketball and get a quality education. The experience allowed me to meet my wonderful wife, play ball with some great guys, and interact with Christian teachers and students.”

J. Larry Ladner '60 - “Larry Perkins '67 – “I appreciate him taking those of us who had no scholarship offers and made us into a winning team through lots of hard work.”

Gene Rushing '70 – “I was given the honor and privilege to coach at my alma mater because of Billy Allgood. I will be forever grateful for that opportunity.”

Current Athletic Director/Head Men's Basketball Coach Reni Mason, said, “I have enjoyed my private conversations with Coach Allgood. We talked about basketball, family, and most importantly, God. He has encouraged me since the day I set foot on campus. It has been an honor for me to get to know him.” Coach Billy Allgood deserves the title “The Legend” at LC. His legacy will live on at the college every time an athlete steps onto the turf at Billy Allgood Field. It will also live on in the hearts and minds of the men he coached and mentored, and through the non-athlete Wildcats who love him also.

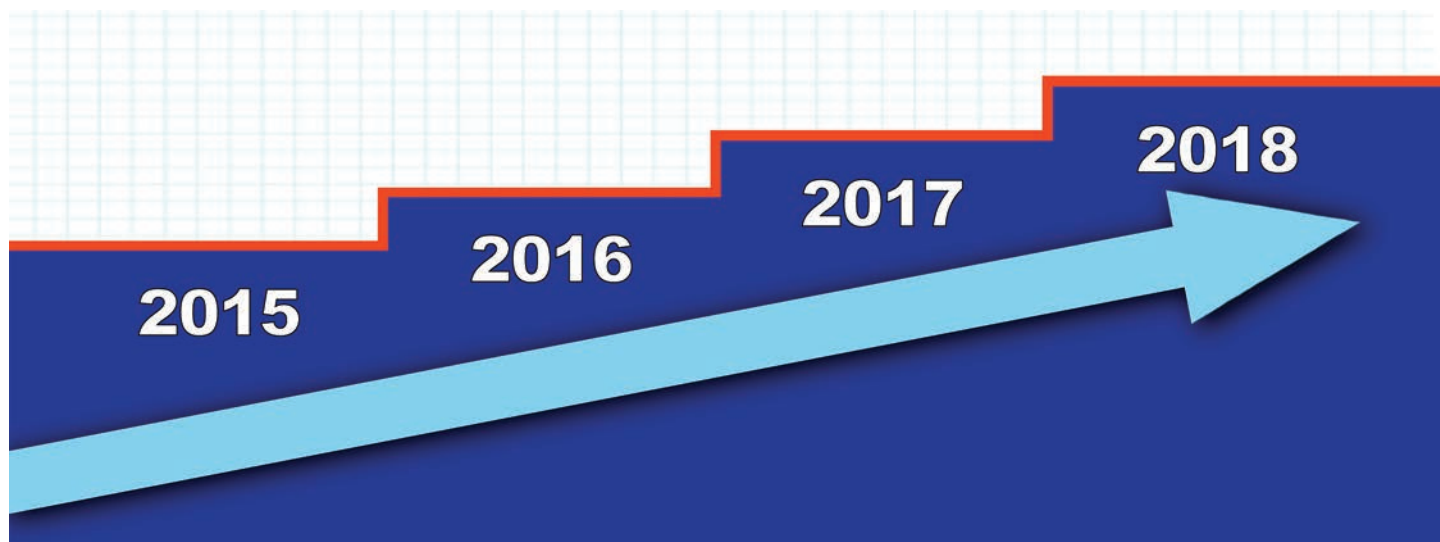
Coach J. Larry Ladner sums it up best with this statement: “Coach Allgood epitomizes the term ‘coach.’ He instilled in my teammates and me how to win through toughness, competitiveness, and endurance. Our '59-'60 team was blessed to have laid the foundation for ‘The Billy Allgood Era’ at LC. Coach Allgood, you instilled a spirit in us that has lasted a lifetime.”



Former LC athletes gathered at a Wildcats basketball game at the Rapides Parish Coliseum last fall to honor Coach Allgood.

ENROLLMENT IS UP AGAIN

BY NORM MILLER



A two-year trend of enrollment growth continues at Louisiana College, which reports an 18 percent head count increase since the 2017 spring semester.

Spring enrollment reflects a 53 percent increase in graduate students and an eight percent increase in traditional undergraduate students. High school dual enrollment also doubled.

The continuing increases have reversed a 5-year downward spiral in enrollment that began in 2010.

“There is no magical formula here,” said Dr. Rick Brewer, president of the college. “Success still requires a vision and the hard work to fulfill it.”

Particularly gratifying for Brewer is the number of transfer students. “These students have essentially recruited us and have left other good schools for what we have to offer. Some of them considered enrolling at LC last fall but attended elsewhere, yet they have come back saying that they should have begun here initially.”

Brewer noted that the struggles LC endured prior to his unanimous election by trustees in 2015 are continually overshadowed by the innovative strategies developed in, and implemented by, the college’s President’s Leadership Team.

“These enrollment successes require a team that’s ‘all in,’” said Brewer, noting that LC’s leadership and faculty continually demonstrate the teamwork needed to achieve great goals. “Louisiana College has scores of leaders who work behind the scenes. They do the heavy lifting, and they deserve rightful credit for their successful efforts.”

Brewer attributed continued growth to increased academic offerings for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as a growing online studies presence. Several new scholarship opportunities have enhanced enrollment, as well as flat rate tuition inclusive of fees launched last fall.

“We are seeing a renaissance for which we are grateful. Such renewal underscores the validity of our Vision to Prepare Graduates and Transform Lives,” Brewer said.

Leaders in the Alexandria/Pineville area recognize the strides LC has made and have offered the following remarks:

Alexandria Mayor Jacques M. Roy

“Dr. Brewer and Louisiana College have been moving the needle positively, and we are so proud to have such a wonderful, faith-centered liberal arts institution here at home. LC is recognized worldwide and we are delighted to share in its accomplishments by directly benefitting from them.”

Alumnus Rick Ranson,

Manager, Economic Development - North for CLECO

“It is exciting to hear that, once again, enrollment at Louisiana College has increased. This is a result of the exceptional leadership of Dr. Brewer and the dedication of the outstanding faculty and staff. As an economic development professional, I know the importance of providing a qualified workforce for our employers. I am happy that my alma mater is doing its part in preparing the next generation of leaders.”

Jim Clinton, CLEDA President and CEO

“The news of Louisiana College’s continued enrollment surge comes as no surprise to the business and economic development communities. LC is now fully engaged as a higher education leader throughout Central Louisiana. Dr. Brewer’s willingness to partner with the business community and with other higher education institutions is evidence of his vision, leadership and hard work.”

Pineville Mayor Clarence R. Fields

“There are many reasons we value a close relationship with Louisiana College. One is that we hang our economic development hat on LC. As the college goes, so goes Pineville. Our local retailers know when school is in session and when it is out for the summer, and that’s one of the reasons why we promote LC in every way we can across Louisiana.”

Dr. B. David Brooks,

Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria

“The resurgence underway at Louisiana College is being noticed, experienced, and applauded by many. Not only is LC Preparing Graduates and Transforming Lives, but the college also is investing in and revitalizing our community. What is happening



Jenkins Center

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in the heart and through the hands of LC is making a healthy spiritual, emotional, mental, social, and financial impact in CENLA and beyond. May God continue to bless and strengthen Dr. Brewer and the entire LC family as they devote their lives to God's purposes and plans for the college."

Blake Chatelain, Red River Bank President and CEO

"It is exciting to see the momentum at Louisiana College. A vibrant, growing college is such a positive force that is preparing the leaders of tomorrow for our community. Congratulations to the Louisiana College team."

Alumnus Mike Johnson of Johnson, Siebeneicher, and Ingram Law Firm

"Growth at Louisiana College has a direct and positive effect upon Central Louisiana. When we see increases in students, we see stability in the local economy. Most importantly we see an increase in the number of employable and educated young adults from my alma mater who are on a track to graduate with not only academic qualifications but with a solid moral and spiritual quality that improves the workforce and future for our community."

Alumnus Dr. Wade Warren, Professor of Biology

"One of the best indicators for trends in student population in the Biology Department at Louisiana College is the roster of students enrolled in our first general biology course for science majors, BI 113. This course had an enrollment of 36 in the fall of 2015, 54 in the fall of 2016 and 60 in the fall of 2017. The science composite ACT score for the class also rose during that time by 0.92, nearly a full point. Both the numbers and academic quality of the students have risen during the last two years. We are thrilled with these trends."

Dr. Lillian Purdy, Professor of English, Bridge Program Director

"Part of LC's success comes by helping others to be successful. Last summer we hosted our first Summer Bridge Program, which assists students with low ACT scores, specifically in English and math. Students accomplished a 97 percent pass rate and a fall-to-spring retention rate of 75 percent. It has been exciting to watch their successes in the classroom, athletics, music programs, and campus life."

Alumna Dr. Cathy Eschete, Assistant Professor, School of Education

"Our tremendous growth in enrollment, the financial contributions from donors, the lively atmosphere of campus, and the outstanding students that are coming to Louisiana College are confirmation that God is at work on this campus. As a faculty member, I consider it an honor and a privilege to be a part of this transformation that is taking place at Louisiana College. It is truly an exciting place to be."

Brewer said, "I treasure the relationships among all these stalwarts of our campus and community. They are among the many people contributing to our success, and that group includes our alumni and friends, as well as the members of Louisiana Baptist Churches. All are crucial to our efforts, and we could not be more thankful for every one of them."

Louisiana College President Dr. Rick Brewer announced the formation of the Wayne and Martha Jenkins Center for Evangelism and Missions January 23 at the Louisiana Baptist Convention's annual evangelism conference, or E-CON, where Wayne's lifetime of Christian service was celebrated.

Keith Manuel -- Evangelism Associate for the LBC -- preceded Brewer, noting that Wayne had completed 33 years of mission trips to Brazil that garnered more than 100,000 conversions to Christ and planted 65 churches.

"We are your legacy," Manuel stated as he gestured to the LBC staff, who had assisted Wayne and were assembled on the platform. Wayne served as the LBC's Director of Evangelism -- Church Growth Team since 1990.

The impetus for LC honoring the Jenkins originated at the LBC. Manuel brought the idea to Brewer, who conceived of the Center as a starting place but did not rule out a scholarship in honor of Wayne and Martha at some time in the future.

Brewer said the new Center would complement the Missions & Ministries degree recently launched at LC. "This will be a place that will forever in perpetuity honor the legacy of ministry of Wayne and Martha Jenkins," said Brewer, that will equip "evangelists and missionaries, and those who will be transformational leaders."

Cheers and amens began to fill the room as Brewer read the inscription on a plaque he presented to the Jenkins, and the moment concluded with a standing ovation. The plaque states:

On the occasion of your retirement and years of faithful service to the Lord, the Evangelism & Church Growth Team, along with Louisiana Baptist churches and individuals, in partnership with Louisiana College establish the Dr. Wayne and Martha Jenkins Center for Evangelism and Missions on this the 23rd day of January, 2017.

"The Wayne and Martha Jenkins Center for Evangelism and Missions will be a resource of information and inspiration for Louisiana College students and Louisiana Baptist churches interested in training and mobilizing for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad," Brewer said in a later interview.

"The Center will sponsor events and activities directly related to evangelism and missions, including evangelism endeavors and mission trips undertaken by students and faculty, and will forge and enhance an ongoing partnership with the Louisiana Baptist Convention's evangelism and missions initiatives," Brewer said.

"The life lived by Wayne and Martha Jenkins in sacrificial service to our Lord and others is the life Louisiana College encourages and equips our students to live. We are therefore deeply pleased and highly honored for the Jenkins to lend their name to the campus resource we happily call The Wayne and Martha Jenkins Center for Evangelism and Missions."

“FIND YOUR IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST” REVIVAL SPEAKER ADVISED

BY VICTOR VILLAVIEJA



D.A. Horton, pastor of Reach Fellowship in North Long Beach, Calif., led Louisiana College’s revival March 6-8, urging students to find their identity in Christ.

Horton, an evangelist for the Urban Youth Workers Institute, warned that searching elsewhere would lead to a dissatisfying life.

“This new generation of believers struggles with the issue of identity. They are trying to find themselves, and they are trying to find who they are, and

sometimes they root their identity in their experience and in their preferences,” Horton explained.

“I help them understand that their identity can be found in the finished work of Jesus,” he continued. “It allows them to live out[side] this cloud of uncertainty.”

Horton underscored that “Jesus meets us wherever we are,” contrasting that biblical truth with the endless search people make in trying to find themselves in possessions, or status, or accomplishments.

The three services, held at the Martin Performing Arts Center, were based on different focal passages, but each emphasized God’s immeasurable capacity to forgive and wash away human sin.

“You can never ‘out-sin’ the bloodshed of Jesus Christ,” said Loui-

siana College freshman Maddie Starns. “We really need to focus on that in this generation. If you are a true Christian, show that to other people. Lead with your example. Today, the Holy Spirit definitely moved people, and I believe that their lives are going to be different from now on.”

Horton used Matthew 5:8-12 to expose the hypocrisy in trying to “play the part” of a Christian without actually being pure of heart.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven,” he recited.

“Pride takes its best pose as humility. Pride is false humility manifested through a life of someone who doesn’t know God, and then tries to play the role of someone who is meek,” Horton stated on Wednesday’s gathering. “Meekness doesn’t naturally come from your flesh. The source of meekness is God.”

LC freshman Aaron Howe told the Baptist Message the three-day event helped refresh his personal relationship with Christ.

“This whole revival has been a blessing to me. D.A. Horton relays the Gospel in a way we can understand it better. As Christians we don’t need to hide our sins from God, we need to be honest. There is this reliance with God that we have to make sure we express every time we come in contact with Him. This revival has taught me that I have to show people that I am relying on God, not just in myself.”

Horton praised an international faith, a religion that does not know races, ethnicities, or social status, pointing out how difficult is to be a Christian in certain countries, citing in particular the persecution many face around the world because of their faith – even to the point of death.

Horton closed by urging students to live for those brothers and sisters in need as a way of honoring their Lord and Savior.



The plaid-clad D.A. Horton always attracted students before and after each of the three LC spring revival services. Norm Miller photo

FOOD AND HERBS TO PROMOTE WELLNESS: THE KITCHEN PANTRY AS MEDICINE CABINET

BY MYSHERIE JOHNSON | WILDCATS MEDIA

Louisiana College's Division of Nursing featured author Sue C. DeLaune, MN, RN, CNE, in a March 14 lecture that highlighted how foods and herbs can promote wellness.

With the entire Nursing staff and student class participating, DeLaune promoted the use of certain herbs and foods to heal ailments and promote a healthier lifestyle. The practice of using plants, herbs and spices as treatments is called Complimentary Alternative Medicine, or CAM for short.

"It's the first event like this ever held at LC," said Assistant Nursing Professor Stacy Mayeux of the lecture titled: "The Kitchen and Pantry as Medicine Cabinets."

"I'm excited to have a speaker who is nationally known and is an expert on the topic of food and herbs to promote wellness," Mayeux added.

Expressing his gratitude for the Martin Lecture Series endowment that underwrote the event, Louisiana College President Dr. Rick Brewer said, "The Martin family's generosity set a welcome precedent for this kind of innovative presentation. We appreciate partnering with the Martins for several reasons, perhaps the greatest of which is that such a partnership has a direct and positive affect on our student body, and eventually upon the community our students will serve."

Dean of the School of Nursing Dr. Marilyn Cooksey said the Martin Lecture Series has certain parameters in nutrition and medicine. "I knew Sue was knowledgeable in these topics, so I thought it would be great for her to share that knowledge with us." With more than 40 years in Nursing, DeLaune enthusiastically displayed her wealth of experience through an entertaining style of teaching that actively engaged learners in the session.

Certified as a medical herbalist through the Rosemary Gladstar herbal training program, DeLaune is a registered nurse who relates her knowledge of complementary therapies through many avenues, including numerous healthcare presentations for professionals across the United States. She also wrote a chapter about "Complementary and Alternative Modalities" in her book "Fundamentals of Nursing: Standards & Practice."

"I knew that there were other ways to heal, and I certainly do not discount traditional medicine," DeLaune said. "But it is not effective for those chronic long-term issues. Some medications cause such terrible side-effects, so why not try to find a more natural way?"

She advised CAM users to research before using CAM to ensure there are no medicinal incompatibilities with prescribed medications. CAM is not broadly accepted throughout the medical and pharmaceutical communities. The reason? "Money. You can't regulate plants but you can regulate pharmaceuticals." DeLaune said. Nursing student Ricki Sharma added, "Turmeric is the main ingredient in Indian food, that's for sure. Turmeric is a detoxifier. It helps with joint and muscle pain, and also helps skin to have a natural glow."



Sue C. DeLaune, MN, RN, CNE, (right) spent one-on-one time with LC Nursing students, sharing insights on how certain herbs and foods promote health and wellness. Norm Miller photo

"I loved it! It was very informative, and it changed my opinion of alternative medicine," said Nursing Professor JoAnn Brown. DeLaune said she did not have a personal pharmacy for ailments like nausea, earaches, toothaches, and back pain. "But I've got onions in my kitchen; I have lavender oil and cloves." LC's on-campus Nurse Janet Sanders thought the lecture "was an excellent presentation of what we have in our pantry that actually promotes our health and well-being. So, look in your pantry."

DRY PRONG RESIDENT WINS FULL SCHOLARSHIP



LC was pleased that KALB-TV covered the annual Smith Scholarship competition and interviewed Alena Noakes.

Louisiana College held its annual Smith Scholarship competition in January and awarded the top prize of a full scholarship to Alena Noakes, a senior at Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts in Natchitoches.

Alena was selected from among 25 highly qualified competitors, all of whom were considered based on their academic achievement of a 28 ACT score, as well as their leadership qualities and Christian character.

"It was a very tough year; they were an incredible group of students," said Dr. Cathy Eschete, Director of Field Experience and assistant professor in LC's School of Education.

The contestants were "academically gifted, just well rounded. Very involved in their schools, in community service, just an outstanding group of students. They all interviewed well so it was a tough decision for us today," Eschete said.

Alena said she was surprised to hear her name announced as the winner. "It was really shocking because I didn't expect it. I've worked really hard, but everyone here was so unique -- it wasn't something I expected to happen to me. I met some really awesome people here and they all deserve it, they all deserve the recognition."

The other competitors who choose to attend LC this fall will receive an annual scholarship of \$8,500 and will join the CS Lewis Honors Scholars program.

"We are very thankful for the students who honored us by entering the competition," said LC President Dr. Rick Brewer. "What a privilege it is for us to be considered worthy by these young accomplished scholars."

Brewer was gratified that Alena attends LSMSA, a school that emphasizes the importance of the Arts. "STEM must become STEAM is more than a catchy quip we often repeat. At Louisiana College it is reality. We believe the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math all are undergirded and enhanced by the Arts, which hones the skills of analytical reasoning, critical thinking, and problem solving. The STEAM reality at LC will help Alena feel right at home as she continues her academic preparation."

Justin Noakes, Alena's father, said he and his wife Sydni are "most happy that Alena will be close to home and will pursue her degree with like-minded students. He also said his daughter "will thrive in an environment of good Christian people" and that he is "happy with what Dr. Brewer is doing at LC." Justin is an alum of LC, as is his wife, his father, and son Lane. Son Clayton is a student at LC.

An endowment donation from Tom and Beverly Durham to honor Mrs. Durham's mother, Elizabeth Smith, founded the Smith Scholarship in the early 1970s. LC Board of Visitors member Andrew Cutrer represented the Durham family at the event.

"The Durhams established this scholarship many years ago based on their love for their alma mater and a deep commitment to Christian higher education," said Cutrer, a 1995 LC alumnus and senior vice president for Human Resources at Red River Bank. "The Smith Scholarship has changed the lives of many individuals by giving them an opportunity to attend this wonderful college."

Cutrer said LC is a "special place ... ordained by God. We must never forget that. We are proud of the work that Dr. Brewer and his staff are doing here at LC. Good things are happening here, and it is apparent in the attitude and spirit on this campus and in the community."



Kathy Hegwood Overturf,
Director of Alumni Services



From the Alumni Director

What a wonderful year we've had here at Louisiana College. The fall and spring semesters are done, graduation complete with my newest class of alumni, and now it's time to finalize details for fall 2018 events. This year has kept me hopping all over the state with alumni chapter meetings in Shreveport, Monroe/West Monroe, Alexandria/Pineville, Baton Rouge and Lake Charles. We will be meeting in Lafayette and the Northshore/New Orleans area in September. Be on the lookout for the dates and details of all of our alumni gatherings in the coming year.

The biggest alumni gathering of the year is Homecoming 2018. "Louisiana College - Where My Story Began" is this year's theme. Oh the thousands of stories that could be told and will be told over the next few months and years to come. I know my own personal journey kicked off right here on this hill in Pineville and I will forever be grateful. The dates for Homecoming this year are October 25-27, 2018.

Friday, the 26th is our annual Homecoming golf tournament to be held at Oakwing Golf Club once again. Last year's tournament was the biggest and the best and we are looking to raise the bar even higher this year so get your team ready. Another Friday highlight will be the reunion concert of the LC Chorale in the newly refurbished Guinn Auditorium. We are looking for tremendous participation for this event from former singers and faculty members. I am so excited about participating with my former chorale mates.

On Saturday, the 27th, we will be honoring the 1958 Rice Bowl Championship Football Team and the 1978 Tennis Team. The classes of '58 and '68 will be honored at a Saturday morning reception and our annual luncheon will feature our Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame inductees for this year. The afternoon will include the Homecoming parade, tailgating, football game and the presentation of the queen and her court at halftime. It is going to be a busy weekend packed full of activities for young and old.

I will ask that you continue to pray for our Alma Mater, the

administration, faculty, staff and students. You play a vital role in the continued success of Louisiana College. Alumni are LC's most passionate recruiters and donors. We ask that you continue to send us quality students, join the Board of Visitors, be a part of the Legacy Society and give back financially to the place "Where Your Story Began."

May God bless you all with a great summer! I look forward to seeing you on the road at an Alumni gathering and back on "Holy Hill" for Homecoming 2018.

- Kathy Hegwood Overturf '80

Upcoming Events of Interest for Alumni

Reunion Concert of Hosanna
July 22nd, Kingsville Baptist Church in Pineville

NELA Alumni Chapter Meeting
August 28th, at the home of Jeff and Kim Glover in West Monroe

First Home Football Game
honoring Coach Vance Morris, September 15th

ArkLaTex Alumni Chapter Meeting
October 2nd, Brookwood Baptist Church, Shreveport

Founders Day at LC honoring Dr. C.J. (Prof)
October 4th

October 25th-27th Homecoming Weekend
Louisiana College - Where My Story Began

There will be other dates and activities added as they are confirmed, so be on the lookout for times, places and opportunities to reconnect with your Alma Mater. If you have questions or need more information, please give me a call at (318) 487-7301 or email me: kathy.overturf@lacollege.edu.

Dee ('48) and **Elaine Posey Perkins** celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on March 14, 2018. The couple met while students at Louisiana College where Elaine was a campus beauty and for Dee – it was love at first sight. Dee and Elaine have 4 sons and 6 grandchildren. They reside in Southlake, Texas.

Una Lee Dunn Cammack ('56) a retired educator lives in Pineville with her daughter, **Carla Jo Cammack ('80)** is a CPA and has a tax service in their home. Her son, **Bradley N. Cammack ('84)** is also a CPA and Finance Supervisor for the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in Monroe.

Dr. Neal Carlson ('56) is an internet pastor who for 55 years has presented Dial A Devotion, a 3 minute message that is changed daily. The "Package" has changed but NOT the message. You can hear the inspirational message by dialing 805-995-2127.

Dewey ('56) and **Bobbie Dunn ('57)** of Nashville, Tennessee have been on over 100 mission trips, most of them overseas. Dr. Dunn is a gastroenterologist who still practices medicine full time at the VA Hospital in Nashville. Last summer they were part of a mission team who served the Dominican Republic and Paraguay. Both Dr. Dunn and Bobbie are leaders at Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville.

They were as different as night and day but God put them together for a reason and it has been a wonderful journey. They have 2 daughters, Penni and Jana and 2 adopted grandchildren, Joshua and Josey. Larry is a successful State Farm Agent in Kilgore, Texas where the couple lives. They are active at First Baptist Church, Kilgore.

Ken DeWeese ('69) won the 750th game of his collegiate coaching career last spring. He is the head basketball coach at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor where he has served for the past 20 seasons.



Sandy ('69) and **Ralph "Chip" Turner ('70)** moved "home" three years ago from Fort Worth, Texas where they had been for 16 years. Son, **Chris ('96)** and his family recently moved to Baton Rouge and is serving at Parkview Baptist Church. He and wife, Patti have 3 children. Their oldest son Caleb is finishing technical training in California for the Air Force Reserve. He will return to Cenla to finish his education at Louisiana College. Son Cory and wife Keri live in Gonzales. They have 5 children. We are loving our retirement years and spend lots of time travelling.

Dan Wimberly ('69) has retired after 20 years as a history professor at

Oklahoma Wesleyan University. He recently authored a book, *Cherokee in Controversy – The Life of Jesse Bushyhead*. Jesse was a pioneer Cherokee Baptist missionary in early Oklahoma. The work focuses on his religious and political life. Dan makes his home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dr. Anthony Ahaev ('70) has completed 27 years of service with the California Southern Baptist Convention. His primary responsibilities are to formulate, articulate and implement strategies to start new churches, as well as recruiting and supervising office staff and manage field staff. He was born in Germany to Russian parents and grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina. After immigrating to the United States, he was saved, baptized and licensed to preach at the Russian Baptist Church of Erie, Pennsylvania and ordained at the First Baptist Church of Winnfield, LA. He is fluent in English, Russian and Spanish. He has served as a pastor of Anglo, Hispanic and Slavic churches while also serving as interim pastor for African-American, Hispanic and Slavic churches. He is married to Victoria and they have one daughter, one son and 2 grandchildren.

Don M. Jones ('71) was inducted into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in April 2017 and the Louisiana College Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2017. Jones was head football coach at 8 Louisiana high schools and had a career record of 233-150-3. He is now athletic director and head football coach at Berwick Junior High.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Patsy Speir Causey ('57) is a retired educator and lives in Baton Rouge. She is active in First Baptist Church.

Tommy Walter Haralson ('64) is retired and lives in Birmingham, Alabama. He attends Mt. Hebron Baptist Church.



Dr. Larry Fields ('65), Carole Burley Webber ('64) and Beverly Wiggins Varnado ('64) got a chance to reconnect at their Ferriday High School Class of '61 reunion on April 20, 2018. They graduated from high school and college together.

Larry ('67) and **Judy Perkins ('68)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 6, 2018. It is a love story that started on campus at LC... Walden Gym to be exact. Judy was a music major and Larry a basketball player.



Gene Pepiton ('71) and his wife, **Sharon** ('71) live in Wichita Falls, Texas. Gene retired effective January 31, 2018 as Director of Missions for the Wichita Archer Clay Baptist Association in Wichita Falls. They were honored by the Baptist General Convention and the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention for his 30 years and 1 month ministry.

Hank ('72) and **Phyllis Ford** ('70) are living in Salem, Oregon. Hank is a retired (not really) pastor and Phyllis was a long time educator. They have been in the Northwest United States since seminary days and have made their home there. They have been married 47 years and have one daughter and three grandchildren. **Morris Goins** ('74) has served churches in Louisiana, Ohio and Texas. Morris was selected to be the Director of Missions for the Vernon Baptist Association in September 2016. Morris and his wife, Nola live in Leesville. They are the parents of one daughter, have one grandchild and 2 great grandchildren.

Morris Goins ('74) has served churches in Louisiana, Ohio and Texas. Morris was selected to be the Director of Missions for the Vernon Baptist Association in September 2016. Morris and his wife, Nola live in Leesville. They are the parents of one daughter, have one grandchild and 2 great grandchildren.



This group of LC Forever Friends have met for 9 years in a row. They were in Bossier City for 3 nights this summer - eating out, shopping a little but mostly catching up, telling stories, looking at pictures and laughing!

Back Row: **Denise Robison Cook** ('74), **Leslie Dickey Allen** ('73), **Margret Morgan Hope** ('75), **Joy Hornsby Lopez** ('73), **Martha Miller Hall** ('75), **Bonnie Brunson** ('80) Front Row: **Deborah Kirby McCraw** ('73), **Rita Morgan Huffman** ('72), **Mary Vance Smith** ('73), **Hilda Coleman Lott** ('73), **Bonnie Ludwig Nolan** ('72), **Barbara Johnson Dillahunty** ('73), **Susan Hamby** ('73), **Lynn Rorhbaugh Porter** ('74), and **Clint Frye** (72).

Monty McLaurin ('74) will serve as President of Ballad Health's northwest Tennessee market, which includes 8 hospitals. He currently serves his community in Kingsport, Tennessee as chairman-elect of the 2018 Kingsport Chamber of Commerce board of directors, is a member of the Kingsport Rotary Club, the PEAK Advisory Board and the Healthy Kingsport Advisory Board. He and his wife, Debi are members of the Kingsport Christ Fellowship Church. They have four children.

Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III ('75) was honored by the African American National Heritage Society and Museum at a banquet on February 23, 2018. He was chosen by the Museum's Board of Directors for his significant contributions to the community, the museum, the state and the nation. Frank is the Senior Associate Dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. Bush School Dean Mark Welsh remarked that "Frank absolutely deserves this recognition. He has been an important voice in the local community and in academic affairs within the Texas A&M System as well as nationally. We are very proud that he is continuing that leadership at the Bush School. And most importantly, from my perspective, he is a wonderful man and an inspirational role model for all of us lucky enough to call him friend."



Becky Brown, ('76) In addition to continuing to serve full time with Little Brown Light Ministries, my church family of FBC Richland, Mississippi elected me as part time Minister of Missions effective October 1, 2017. I am still writing, still teaching, still summer camping, still singing, still playing guitar in the praise band at church and still kicking! #whaddyahmeanretire?



Dr. David A. Cavanaugh ('78) was recognized at the 43rd annual meeting of the Louisiana Association of Neurological Surgeons for his contribution to neurosurgery in the state. Dr. Bharat Guthikonda, president of the state society, presented the award to Dr. Cavanaugh at the opening banquet for the meeting in Shreveport. Each year, the group honors one of its members for their work to advance the practice of neurosurgery in their local community, the state and nationally. Dr. Cavanaugh presented a paper on the status of total cervical disc replacement in the United States at the meeting. Dr. Cavanaugh is a published author in book chapters and peer-reviewed neurosurgical journals. He is a past president of the state society and spoke



to the group about how relationships shape one's life from early education to practicing neurosurgery. He is with the Spine Institute of Louisiana and currently serves as medical director for Specialist Hospital in Shreveport. He is the sponsoring physician for ThinkFirst of the Ark-La-Tex, a chapter of the National Injury Prevention Foundation. He has practiced neurosurgery in the Shreveport Bossier area for over 30 years.

Dr. Dennis ('78) and Robbin Loewer Phelps' ('79) family has expanded from one grandchild to five in one sweeping bang of the gavel! Our daughter and husband, Kristen and Jarod Williams, adopted a sibling group of 4 precious children. The adoption was finalized in December 2017 in Conway, AR. The new grands join our 3-year old grandchild as the new "little sister." Christmas was a tremendous time of celebration! Our son and wife, David and Emily Phelps, relocated to Chicago last summer where Emily is completing her first year of med school. David continues to teach middle school math in an urban environment, after earning his master's degree and teaching three years in New York City. Since 2006 Dennis has served as Professor of Preaching/Alumni-Church Minister Relations Director at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Currently he is the interim preaching pastor at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Slidell, LA. He is also President of the international preaching guild (Evangelical Homiletics Society) and on the Alumni Executive Board at LA College. **Robbin** continues to serve as Executive Assistant to the President at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. They make their home in Slidell, LA.

Kenneth R. Hudson ('80) and his wife Arlene retired from the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home after 13 years serving as house parents. They now reside in Port Barre, Kenneth's hometown.

Brig. General Howard Palmer ('80) retired on January 27, 2018 in a ceremony presided by Texas State Guard Interim Commander, Maj. General Robert Bodisch, Sr. Maj. General Bodisch presented Brig. General Palmer with the Texas Superior Service Medal for his 38 years of dedicated service to the United States and the State of Texas. Palmer was also given a Brevet promotion to Major General. Howard is married to the former **Beth Poole ('82)** and live in Denton, Texas.

Max Ellzey ('81) is a business professor at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California. He and his family live in Culver City, California and are active in the First Southern Baptist Church of Culver City.

Paula Mabry Halle ('81) and Alexandria Pineville Travel were named the Best of Cenla for 2017 in the travel agency/agent category. These awards are voted on by the community every year.

Jennifer Wilbourne Miller ('81) teaches Special Education at Franklin High School in El Paso, Texas.



Pam Allgood Hancock ('83) was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the LSU Foundation.

Pam is on the staff at the School of Law at LSU.

Greg Methvin ('87) lives in Frisco, Texas and has been the Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Frisco since March 2015.

Ricky ('88) and Dana Harville Simmons ('89) are carrying on the LC family tradition with their son **Wade**, who is a freshman and plays football. Ricky's parents **Allen ('60) and Dorothy Allen Simmons ('58)** and Dana's dad **Andy Harville ('65)** are all LC graduates while her mom **Kay Harville** worked in the Nursing Department at LC for 12 years. The LC Legacy continues!

Dr. Collin Wimberly ('89) has been named pastor of Trinity Heights in Shreveport, Louisiana. Collin and **Gina ('89)** have 9 children, 6 chickens, 4 dogs, a horse and a cat.



Cynthia Firmin ('91) represented the LC Music Department as Harry Thompson, long time Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, donated a portion of his vast music library to the college. The collection included The Dictionary of Music, Music in the Baroque Era, and The Complete Book of Classical Music among many others. He also donated a large collection of church hymnals from across the decades. While a resident of Alexandria, Bro. Harry was a member of the LC Singers, a community choir that met in the Guinn Auditorium once a week. He and his wife, Mara Beth now reside in Natchitoches.



Rick Goudeau ('94) LMFT, LPC is a faith-based Christian Counselor working with outpatient services at Carrollton Springs Mental Health Hospital in Plano, Texas. He is a member of Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church and lives in Allen, Texas.

Dr. Jonathan Hunter ('95) was installed as the 70th President of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians on August 5, 2017. In addition to private practice at the Brian Clinic



in Alexandria, Dr. Hunter serves as Medical Director of St. Joseph Hospice, Lagniappe Home Care and as the Rapides Parish Coroner. Dr. Hunter has proudly served his country as a Major in the Louisiana Army National Guard where he has been awarded numerous prestigious medals of Honor providing medical care to our soldiers. He balances service to medicine, country and community with commitments to family and faith as a member of Journey Church. He is married and has two daughters, Grayson and Avery.

Kimberly Lowery Wagner ('95) is an RN Manager for Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. She lives in Alexandria and attends Calvary Baptist Church.

Greg Verret ('00) has been named the director of Treasury Services in the Division of Business Affairs at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. He will oversee all finance and accounting operations and endowment management for the University's affiliated entities, including the UNC Charlotte Foundation, the UNC Charlotte Athletic Foundation, the UNC Charlotte Investment Fund, the Facilities Development Corporation and Ventureprise. Verret began his career with UNC Charlotte in 2012 as a business process analyst. Prior to UNC Charlotte, Greg worked for Bank of America Corporation and KPMG.

Dr. Bakari Beckwith ('01) received the prestigious Duke Endowment Scholarship to attend the Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina this past spring. Dr. Beckwith founded and serves as Senior Pastor at Victory Temple Church in Winnsboro, LA. He and his wife, Yolanda have three children, Kaidyn, Jackson and Dailen.

Kory L. Gill, D.O. ('01) is a specialist in primary care sports medicine at Central Texas Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics in Bryan, Texas. Dr. Gill serves on the staff of Texas A&M Athletics, teaches at the Texas A&M College of Medicine and is director of the Texas A&M Family Medicine Residency Sports Medicine program. He and his wife April ('03) have two children.

Will Stone ('01) was named account executive for the Louisiana territory by Troxell. Will helps school districts with their audio/visual and technology needs.

Jenifer Wagley ('01) was one of ten community development leaders to receive the prestigious Michael Rubinger Community Fellowship award, which is a program that invests in nonprofit talent from across the country. Each fellow is awarded \$40,000 which will support a special project of their choice that addresses critical demands in rural and urban America – from economic development and financial literacy to affordable housing and community development. The ultimate goal is to find innovative solutions that improve quality of life. Jenifer's area of focus for her fellowship year is the Avenue Community Development Center in Houston, Texas focusing on leadership development.

Lee Morrow ('04), head basketball coach, led his Claiborne Christian Lady Eagles to the Sweet 16 and the Eagles to the state tournament in Lake Charles. The Lady Eagles fell short in the championship game but had a great season. Claiborne Christian is located in West Monroe.

Sean Shields ('04) head women's basketball coach at Loranger High School led the Lady Wolves to the 3A State Championship at the Sweet 16 held in Alexandria.

Justin Charles ('05) has just completed his first year as head

football coach at Louisiana College. He had served as an assistant for 11 years, the past few as defensive coordinator. Justin and his wife Aimee have 2 children.



Clay Matchett ('05) lives in Alexandria and is enjoying life with his two sons Nathan (6) and Easton (4). They both attend Peabody Montessori. Nathan received the Outstanding Student of Character Award for this school year.

Dr. Joseph L. Odenwald ('05) has been named the Vice President of Student Services at Southwestern Michigan College effective November 27, 2017.

Aaron York ('05) was named head football coach and athletic director at St. Mary's Catholic School in Natchitoches. He will also serve as dean of students and facility coordinator. Aaron and his wife Chrissie have twin boys, Fisher and Jackson, who are eight years old and a daughter, Finley, who is three.

Wes Cooper ('06) currently resides in Sulphur Springs, Texas with his wife Kelsey and children, Clark and Caroline. He is the owner of Cooper, Partlow & Associates, a business strategy and wealth management firm with locations in Tyler, Longview and Sulphur Springs. Kelsey is an adjunct theatre professor at Texas A & M University in Commerce.



Jamie ('06) and Joy Thomason Rister ('07) have two children, James Thomas (4) and Jennifer (2). Joy was a former fifth grade teacher but is currently a full time mom. Jamie completed medical school at LSU-Shreveport in 2010 and completed a five year Orthopaedic residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2015. He also spent a year in Taos, New Mexico completing a Sports Medicine Fellowship in 2016. Jamie is currently on staff at Mid-State Orthopaedic in Alexandria. The family is happy to be back home in central Louisiana.



Donna S. Lemoine ('07), RN, BSN, TCRN was named as Associate Vice President of Trauma Services for HCA MidAmerica on February 12, 2018. Donna will be responsible for setting a strategic direction for trauma services across the MidAmerica Division for 13 acute-care hospitals in Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Mississippi. She will continue to live in Woodworth as she travels across this 4 state region.



Keri Beth Powell ('14) has been selected as an Outstanding Young Music Educator by the Louisiana Music Educators Association. She went from teaching music appreciation and health with a choir meeting after school at Caldwell Parish High School in Columbia, Louisiana to being named the Director of Choirs for 3 ensembles totaling over 100 students.

Jade Johnson Porche ('16) and **Brandon Porche ('15)** were married on June 24, 2017 at First Baptist Church in DeRidder. The couple are making their home in Lafayette.



Trey Qualls ('07) was named a Prosecutor for the City of Fort Worth in September 2017. He previously served as a law clerk in the United States District Court after graduating from Baylor University School of Law in 2016.

W. Andrew "Ted" Williams ('08) was named pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Zachary. Ted also earned his doctorate in Theology this past May from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Williams and his wife, DeeDee have three children.

Cameron Weatherford ('09) won the Graduate Conducting Competition at the National American Choral Directors of America Convention in 2017. There was over 100 entries in this competition. Cameron has just returned to his alma mater as chair of the Division of Fine Arts. He directs all vocal groups on campus including the LC Chorale, Louisianians and the Voices of LC. Cameron and his wife, Caroline Denton ('16) are the proud parents of Hudson Lee Weatherford born October 24, 2017 weighing in at 8'1" and measuring 20 inches long.

Cliff Adam Darby ('10) is a school counselor with the Lafayette Parish School System. He graduated with his Masters in Counseling from Northwestern State University in 2017.

Daniel Greenhouse ('10) led the Atlanta High School Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs to the State Basketball playoffs. The Lady Bulldogs competed in the Sweet 16 and came up short in the championship game. The future looks bright for Atlanta Basketball.

Steven Jones ('10) is completing his first year as head football coach at Junction City High School in Arkansas, where he also graduated as a two sport athlete.

Benjamin McLaughlin ('10) is offensive coordinator for Louisiana College football. He and wife Meagan ('10) recently had their second daughter, Meredith Avery, who joins big sister, Violet Rose. Ben was invited to speak at this year's LSU 2018 Football Coaching Clinic.

Phillip George ('13) head coach of Plainview High School coached against former LC teammate, Daniel Greenhouse in the state championship game of the Class C women's basketball championship in Alexandria during Marsh Madness. The Lady Hornets were victorious in that exciting contest and took home the Class C trophy as state champions for 2018.

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Mabel H. Smith	Class of 1938	Cecil R. Clement	Class of 1969
Ophelia Aguillard Brister Dill	Class of 1940	Frederick Michael Mahfouz	Class of 1969
Nancy McKenzie Racine	Class of 1944	Clarisse "Lissy" Dugas	Class of 1977
Annie Dell Embry	Class of 1945	Ronald Holmes	Class of 1989
Judge F. Jean Pharis	Class of 1946	Kelli Ann Henry Bordelon	Class of 1991
James Travis Smith	Class of 1946	Tracy Renee Herndon-Elliott	Class of 2000
Robert F. Cook, Sr.	Class of 1949	Lindsay Elizabeth Todd Powell	Class of 2009
Helen Marie Simpson	Class of 1949	Courtney Marie Hamilton	Class of 2010
Wendall H. Hall, Sr.	Class of 1950		
Elvin Leon Maxwell	Class of 1950		
Paula Heughan McClung	Class of 1950		
Tela Davis Rockett	Class of 1951		
Walter D. Lafargue	Class of 1954		
Kenneth Garcin	Class of 1955		
Lillian Phelps Peevy	Class of 1956		
Bert E. Riddle	Class of 1956		
Bobby Howard Starr	Class of 1956		
Tommy Lane Lay	Class of 1959		
Beverly Jarrett Mills	Class of 1961		
Dorothy "Dot" Slade	Class of 1962		
James "Jim" Fleming	Class of 1963		
Charlene Sheffield Mallard	Class of 1963		
Mary Alice Johnston Poe	Class of 1966		
Terry Randle Robideaux	Class of 1968		
Susan Wright Beard	Class of 1969		

Others

Marilyn Peters Bracy

A. Houston Brewer

Jewell Frances Burnham

Lois Mae Desselle Guillory

Harold Lee Johnson

Blanche Bosley Nelms

Lizzie Griffin Newsom



HARDIN-SIMMONS
9.15 | 6PM



TEXAS LUTHERAN
10.6 | 6PM



ETBU
10.20 | 6PM



BELHAVEN
10.27 | 6PM
HOMECOMING



HOWARD PAYNE
11.10 | 12PM

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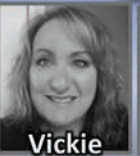
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