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TUDOR HALL

Tudor Hall was named in honor of Simon W. Tudor (1886-1956), a prominent businessman, church and civic leader in Alexandria-Pineville. He was a native of Richmond County, Kentucky, and a star athlete at Georgetown College, Kentucky. He was recruited in 1910 to Louisiana College to initiate the athletic programs at LC. While he attended Louisiana College he was also the athletic director and coached the football, basketball and baseball teams. Simon Tudor married Ollie Beall, the daughter of W.C. Beall, a co-founder of Louisiana College. He was a generous benefactor to Louisiana College and served as a trustee and President of the Board of Trustees of the college. S.W. Tudor founded Tudor Construction Company with his son, Robert Beall Tudor, in 1946. Tudor Construction Company was the contractor for many of the buildings on this campus, including Tudor Hall.



VIEW FROM THE HILL

As we conclude another semester and draw near to 2018, my hope and prayer is that God's blessings given this year will continue unabated into the next. In this issue of Columns you will read about the returns on the investment of your support and our endeavors at Louisiana College.

Christian higher education is not without its challenges, but it also bears rewards that far outweigh any apparent hurdle. Among the most gratifying rewards are the 40 students who gave their lives to Christ this fall semester. As we prepare graduates, God transforms lives. Amen.

Education isn't all about textbooks and tests. Compassion is a common thread one finds among educators, that desire to impart knowledge and training to those who will need it to live a better life and who will learn to help others. This dynamic is clearly seen in the establishment of our successful Bridge Program that provides remediation for students whose math, English and study skills need reinforcement.

Relative to the Bridge Program is the relocation and renaming of the former "Pass Office" now called the Student Success Center located in the library. The updated facility provides tutors, writing assistance, and other resources for students desiring academic improvement. The Center receives about 500 visits per month.

You will read about Dr. Linda Karges-Bone who made her third consultative visit to LC. Our faculty have resonated with her content and perspective regarding significant aspects of higher education. Her emphasis was how poverty affects education, and how unfairly the associated dynamics actually victimize and stunt certain students' educational growth.

One of the challenges we inherited upon arriving in 2015 was academic probation. Whereas LC previously was on the brink

of losing its accreditation, SACSCOC this summer approved four new academic initiatives. What a turnaround! This is a valuable reward for many that a few worked hard to achieve, and I thank our leadership team for their capable assistance in this significant move toward a positive outcome and future.

Louisiana College is on the move, and that would not be possible without faithful alumni, generous supporters, and the friends who value our rich heritage and bright future. All of you have a hand in the advancement of Louisiana College.



Thank you for your prayerful support. We hope yours is a very Merry Christmas.

Keep Pressing On!
Rick Brewer, PhD
President



Louisiana College

Dr. Brewer earned a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policies from the University of South Carolina with cognates in Management and Higher Education Administration, and a Master's in Business Administration and Bachelor's of Science in History from Charleston Southern University. He attended the Snowmass Institute for Strategic Planning and completed the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Educational Management Executive Certificate program in 2008. Dr. Brewer completed Duke University's Non-Profit Leadership Executive Certificate program in 2012.

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Cover: Great-grandson Mike (left) and great-great grandson Simon Tudor (right) unveil the historical marker of one of LC's most important figures, Simon Tudor.

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FOUNDERS DAY

by Norm Miller

Louisiana College honored Simon W. Tudor during its annual Founders Day celebration October 5, which included the unveiling of a historical marker at Tudor Hall that houses male students.

A generous benefactor to Louisiana College, who served as president of the trustees, Simon Tudor was recruited in 1910 to initiate the athletic program at LC.

While attending LC, Tudor was athletic director and coached the football, basketball and baseball teams. Following in his footsteps, grandsons John Tudor of Alexandria played for a Final Four LSU Tiger basketball team in 1981; and energy investment banker and CEO of Tudor, Pickering & Co., Houston resident Bobby Tudor was a basketball standout at Rice University, where he graduated in 1982.

Simon married LC student Ollie Beall, the daughter of one of the college's founders.

Several other notable members of the Tudor family traveled from across Louisiana and Texas to attend the celebration, where grandson Attorney Mike Tudor shared a life sketch of Simon.

At age five, Simon worked the tobacco fields of Kentucky. As a young adult, he rode a horse to Georgetown College, where his athletic prowess ultimately led him to LC. "With his belongings in a paper sack, he took the train from Kentucky to Alexandria and at Louisiana College quickly assumed the role of athletic director," Mike Tudor said.

In 1946 Simon began Tudor Construction with his son, Bob, who was returning from World War II. Simon also

was a Baptist deacon, a Rotarian, and a Pineville City councilman.

Mike Tudor said his "Papaw" was a "remarkable man, and it is with gratitude that we remember Simon Tudor and his contributions to this college, which has impacted the lives of so many, including our family."

"Our family is pleased that it is just the first of several such markers, which will memorialize those who founded and have sustained Louisiana College for more than a century," he said.

Noting that most colleges and universities established in the U.S. before the 20th century "had a strongly religious, usually Protestant Christian, character," Mike Tudor said that almost all of them "have no significant religious identity today. The reasons for this are many and too complex to discuss today, but this fact alone should be a poignant reminder to all of us of the unique role of Louisiana College as a Christian college and call us to be as faithful as her founders to her mission of achieving academic excellence while maintaining integrity with the Christian principles on which she was founded."

LC President Dr. Rick Brewer said in an interview that "Simon Tudor and his progeny understand and appreciate the importance of higher education built upon a Christian worldview, and have made the sacrifices necessary to help establish and sustain Louisiana College. Multiplied thousands of lives have been touched by the stalwart commitment of one man, Simon Tudor, who could not have fully realized that his investment would continue to pay dividends of both temporal and eternal consequence. The Louisiana College family remains deeply grateful to the Tudor Family, and especially Simon."

ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENTS CONTINUE

by Brian Blackwell,
Baptist Message Staff Writer

Students wishing to further their education at Louisiana College now have even more options with the addition of three graduate degree programs and a bachelor of science in computer science.

LC received approval from SACSCOC in June for an MEd in Leadership, MSN, MSW and BS in Computer Science. In addition to its MAT, LC now offers four graduate programs. “These academic advancements confirm our commitment to provide a foundational liberal arts curriculum as a solid framework for multiple professional programs to build upon the days ahead,” LC President Dr. Rick Brewer said in an August 17 press conference. “Indeed, STEM becomes STEAM at Louisiana College.”

SACSCOC approved the new programs along with permitting LC to offer classes completely online.

“When you look at the demographics, there is a declining number of young people available for traditional undergraduate education,” Brewer said. “But there is still a demand, still a need for Christian education.”

Brewer noted the “heart and soul of Christian education is not to equip students for just a job. But the heart and soul, the purpose of what we do, is to equip students for life.”

When Brewer came to the school in 2015, only the Master of Arts in Teaching degree was offered. Now, LC has expanded its graduate programs with the addition of the Master in Social Work and Master in Education in Educational Leadership and the RN to MSN track that will enroll registered nurses practicing with an associate degree in nursing or hospital diploma to one day receive a Master of Science in Nursing.

Sheri Duffy, Chair of the Human Behavior Division at LC, called the new Master in Social Work an incredible opportunity for the college and central Louisiana. “We believe our MSW is unique to Louisiana and this region because the curriculum has an 18-hour healthcare component and is based on a Christian worldview,” Duffy said. “Helping students understand how the values of social work and those of the Christian faith closely align is a key component in their education and in the application of their skills in the marketplace.”

Dean of the Division of Teacher Education Dr. Amy Craig said the Master of Education in Educational Leadership “enables teachers to attain leadership certification for administrative positions in the educational field and equips them to be highly effective in today’s challenging school environments.

“Our MEd degree gives LC a competitive edge because it is the most affordable in the state, and all the courses are offered either online or in a hybrid format,” Craig said.

“Public school education thrives on the constant efforts of research as we seek to discover better methods of educating students. LC’s MEd program teaches proven research-based strategies to ensure that our teachers and administrators are equipped to perform at high levels,” Craig added. “Not only are we currently the most affordable, perhaps even more importantly, we are Christ-centered, and that allows our students to fully develop their skills as lifelong servant leaders in the field of education.”

Dr. Marilyn Cooksey, Dean of the School of Nursing, said, “Louisiana College has a rich heritage in the health care field, and we are elated to expand our influence beyond the bachelor level in nursing to even greater excellence through a graduate nursing degree.”

With the addition of a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, the school hopes to address the current and future shortage of a skilled labor force in the field of information technology, according to David Elliott, Chair for the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

“As technology increasingly affects our day-to-day lives, LC is preparing graduates and transforming lives for tomorrow’s marketplace,” Elliott said. “This transformation is not only academic, but also forms a student’s character. We believe it is vital that those who would be authorized to access and oversee Information Technology should also be trained under the rubric of a Judeo-Christian ethic.

“This is why we focus on the maturity of intellect and the maturity of character for our students at LC,” he said. “Though personal integrity is important throughout one’s life, it could not be any more important to those who would have access to sensitive information in our computer driven age.”

With approval to offer courses 100 percent online, LC will expand online studies to include a BA in Business starting in January 2018. By doing so, school leaders hope to make it possible to enroll even more students as they march toward their ultimate goal of the Vision 2020 plan of enrolling 1,500 students by the year 2020.

“This is the culmination of our combined efforts of traveling the state, speaking in churches, launching new tracks of study, re-engaging our donor base, offering a new suite of scholarships, and nothing less than sheer hard work unselfishly given by our leadership team,” Brewer said. “However, none of this would be possible without the blessings of God and the support of Louisiana Baptists, and we are grateful for both.”



ALUMNI PROFILE

MIKE JOHNSON, ESQ. by Norm Miller



Every month, the North Rapides Business and Industry Alliance (NRBIA) meets at LC and attracts more than 100 community leaders, corporate heads, business owners, and local citizens.

Established in 1995 by the late Jack Holt -- an avid supporter of LC -- NRBIA began with less than 10 people who wanted to develop commerce in Pineville.

LC alumnus Attorney Mike Johnson ('81) moved his law practice from Alexandria to Pineville and joined the group in 1997. "Early on, we believed we could make a difference," Johnson said. And what began as a quasi-Chamber of Commerce has "gone mainstream for the North Rapides area and beyond."

The monthly gathering "is a throwback to the old-style town hall meeting," Johnson explained. The meeting engages people from many facets of community life with opportunities to hear important updates, establish networks, and develop relationships.

"We try to make the meetings interesting and useful,"

said Johnson, who recruits a variety of keynoters. NRBIA frequently features local and state elected officials, who report on their activities and plans for the future. "We sometimes have a Q and A with Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields. I'm not sure where else that would happen."

Each meeting also features LC President Dr. Rick Brewer, who shares an update of the College with attendees.

NRBIA supports regional military personnel and installations, as well as businesses, charities, and community-centered organizations.

Johnson invites retired military personnel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag because it "reminds us of where our freedoms come from. It means a lot to us, but even more to those veterans from the VA hospital or a rest home." Johnson said one such veteran had a picture of his leading the Pledge. After the veteran's recent death, the man's family contacted Johnson, telling him that the "photo meant more to [the veteran] than most anything else because it made him feel validated."

Assessing NRBIA's accomplishments, Johnson said, "So many of our folks had never met each other, but NRBIA's sense of community has put people together who have struck business deals while at our meetings. We have proven that if you give people a chance to be involved, they will realize they have a voice and begin to make a difference themselves. But I think our biggest success is bringing together people who share a common goal to make our community a better place to live and work."

A Loyal Alumnus

Johnson said that meeting on LC's campus reminds NRBIA members of "what a jewel Louisiana College is. And this is our vision, to have stronger relationships, more relationships between LC and local businesses because education and business go hand-in-hand. I see it as a dual

relationship because the public needs to know what a great school we have in LC.”

“There are many opportunities to advance, and I would like to see more partnerships between the business community and LC students. I would also like to see more students in our meetings.”

President Brewer has a similar vision: “My goal is for every student to have more than an academic transcript. I want them all to have a service-learning transcript. This means they will complete a semester-long internship in a local business related to their majors.”

“This is good for business and our students as the internship could be the longest job interview ever,” Brewer said. “And it is very gratifying that an alumnus like Mike Johnson shares this vision with me. We are proud of him and grateful as well. He is the kind of alumnus and leader that the College needs and appreciates.”

Citing professors such as Simpson, Cofer, Watson, Bowman, Cavanaugh, Howell, and Jones, Johnson said they gave him an academic education and preparation for life. “These were the greatest ambassadors for LC back then.”

His best college memory is “when I met Sheila,” he said. “She was just a shy girl, intelligent, and quite an athlete.”

An All-American basketball player, Sheila was heavily recruited by La TECH, UCLA, LSU, and others but wanted to attend a Christian college and to stay local for her education. Sheila holds many unbroken records, and is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, and LC’s as well.

Later married, the couple met when Sheila “accidentally,” Mike says, dropped her textbooks at his feet as the two crossed paths during a break between classes.

“I could not be more thankful for any two alums than I am for Mike and Sheila” Brewer said. “They epitomize the rich heritage and bright future of Louisiana College. Through their example and support they each demonstrate a superlative commitment to their alma mater. A college president could hardly ask for more than that.”

Among the dignitaries keynoting NRBLA meetings are 1) Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser and 3) Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields. 2) President Brewer presented Senator John Kennedy a Wildcats Football helmet following a NRBLA meeting this fall. Photo: Norm Miller





GIVING HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

by Norm Miller

President Brewer places a medallion of honor upon Mayor Clarence Fields as Pineville's First Lady Rosa observes. Mayor Fields keynoted LC's Spring 2017 Commencement. Photo: Norm Miller

Pineville's Honorable Mayor Clarence R. Fields keynoted LC's Spring 2017 Commencement service. In appreciation of his exemplary leadership, Louisiana College honored Mayor Fields in a manner completely unexpected by him at the May 6 ceremony.

RESOLUTION: Honorary Doctorate of Public Administration to the Honorable Mayor Clarence R. Fields

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Clarence R. Fields was elected to office in 2000 and is now serving his fifth term while continually rendering distinguished service in improving the quality of life for Pineville, Louisiana, residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association has bestowed its top honor - the Community Achievement Award - upon Mayor Fields in 2001, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013 and 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Fields, mindful of the needs of families and local youths, has worked diligently to provide a new sportsplex and community center; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor secured grants and other funds to significantly upgrade Fire and Police protection, and improve community roads, water supplies and quality; and,

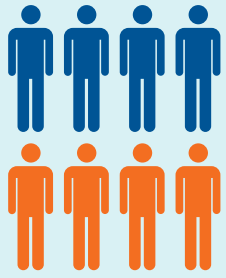
WHEREAS, the Mayor created the first Beautification Department that in 2003 led to the "State's Cleanest City Award" by the Louisiana Garden Club, a distinction repeated in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Fields demonstrates leadership in commercial development through new hotels, stores, and revitalized shopping areas resulting in increased revenues for the city of Pineville;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

that Louisiana College is deeply pleased to confer upon the Honorable Mayor Clarence R. Fields the Honorary Doctorate of Public Administration on this the Sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.

DID YOU KNOW? LOUISIANA COLLEGE



330

enrolled 330 first-time freshmen, which is only the third time LC has exceeded 300 new freshmen.

100

saw more than 100 people come to faith in Christ through ministries sponsored by or associated with LC.

\$100K

received a \$100K gift to remodel and equip our new Engineering classroom.

\$8K

established a no fee, flat rate tuition of \$8K a semester.

- ✓ waives tuition for dependents of missionaries employed by the SBC International Missionary Board.
- ✓ inked a Dual Enrollment agreement with Bossier Public Schools.
- ✓ Board of Visitors give more than \$200K annually toward scholarships for qualified students.
- ✓ offers 18 NCAA Division III sports.
- ✓ switched to Sodexo for food services (and the food and service are much better).
- ✓ launched a Criminal Justice degree online (with a BA in Business to soon follow).
- ✓ employed 8 new professors, 5 of whom are alums.
- ✓ is deeply grateful for the support of Louisiana Baptists through the Cooperative Program.

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PRESIDENT BREWER ADDRESSES LBC EXECUTIVE BOARD

In his report to the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention's Executive Board, President Brewer thanked Louisiana Baptists for allowing him to serve since his unanimous election by LC trustees to the presidency of the school in March 2015.

"We are preparing graduates and transforming lives at Louisiana College," Brewer told Board members. "We love our job. We love our students, faculty and staff. We love you for the support you give us through the Cooperative Program. You are there when students' lives are changed and when things happen for the kingdom. You are investing in the future."

Without Louisiana Baptists' support through the Cooperative Program, an LC student would pay about \$3,000 more per year in tuition.

Brewer reminded Executive Board members that the goal of the school's Vision 2020 plan is to have an enrollment of 1,500 students by the year 2020. Enrollment for the fall semester is 1,210, and reflects the second consecutive year of an increase.

Celebrating that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges has awarded the school for new graduate programs, Brewer said, "We praise the Lord for what's happening, what He's doing and what's to come. It's all part of the plan and what God's leading us to do in these days and in the future."

He added that LC has several new scholarships that help make the school the 5th most affordable Baptist college in the nation. Brewer is optimistic the new scholarships and academic programs will help the school move forward with its goal of enrolling 450 new freshmen next academic year, which will be a key to helping cut into a projected \$1.5 million deficit. If achieved, it would break this year's school record of 330 new freshmen enrolled.



To reach that goal, Brewer asked for Executive Board members to assist them. "I think about it, pray about it, worry about it," Brewer said. "I know we've got to go to 450 new students next year. If we do that, if we retain at a better rate the freshmen we have, then we cut that deficit by about two-thirds. The rest is by making adjustments in the budget."

He reminded Executive Board members that LC is a needed choice in today's world that is becoming increasingly hostile toward Christianity.

"What happens in the lives of those between the ages of 18 and 24 is significant," Brewer said. "That's when they begin to shape who they are. That's when they begin to determine, 'Is this my faith or is it the faith of my daddy or my granddaddy?' When they have the voices coming out at them from every angle, I'm glad they have a Christian voice at Louisiana College that can give them answers, and we can hope they will see the world through a Christian lens."

Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Director Dr. David Hankins addressed the Louisiana College President's Club dinner as part of the College's homecoming festivities, October 13.

Hankins' alliterative remarks noted the primacy of convictions, the prayer of Christians, and the power of cooperation.

Louisiana College was founded in 1906 and today is supported by Louisiana Baptists not merely to have "a fine institution of higher education" or to "give young people an excellent education" because those distinctions would make LC only one among many similar institutions, Hankins said.

Some of the convictions that began and sustain Louisiana College are "based on the fact that there is a God in heaven, who made this universe, who made us, who has a purpose for our lives, and who has revealed himself to us ultimately through his son, Jesus Christ."

Hankins said that God has a "message for us that can redeem us from our sins and bring the kingdom of heaven to come to pass on this earth. That's why this institution exists." Other institutions don't have such goals but "work pretty hard to disabuse children that come from faithful families of those notions of belief in God, in truth, in absolutes, and the belief in morality."

Louisiana College "reaffirms and strengthens" the values that faithful parents instill in their children, Hankins said. Students who come to LC without such values "have the opportunity to hear them and come to faith in Christ."

We also believe in the prayer of Christians, Hankins said, noting that LC's mission is a "spiritual enterprise" that faces a "spiritual battle." Thankful for the prayers of the Louisiana Baptist family and others, Hankins recalled the admonition of the Apostle Paul in Ephesian 6:18, which says, "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."

"I hope you are a prayer warrior for Louisiana College, for Dr. Brewer, the administration, faculty and students," Hankins noted.

The power of cooperation motivates Louisiana Baptists, Hankins said, noting Proverbs 30:27, "The locusts have no king, yet all of them go out in ranks."

Baptists have no earthly king, but "there is power when we lock arms and work together," he said. "We see great things done for the sake of the kingdom of God."

Hankins said almost 15 cents of every dollar given to the Cooperative Program support Louisiana College. "Louisiana Baptists believe in Louisiana College and we say so through our giving. We cooperate together and

HANKINS ADDRESSES PRESIDENT'S CLUB

by Norm Miller

do what one church and one small group couldn't do by themselves."

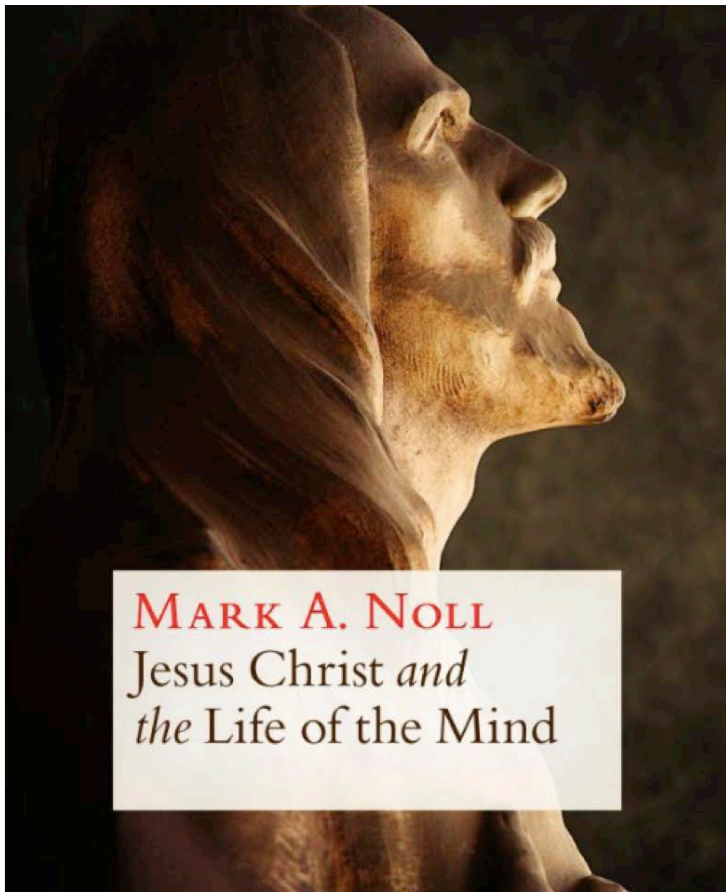
Though thankful for the large, one-time monetary gifts that accomplish many needful things, Hankins said that doubling the size of the President's Club would close many gaps and "help Louisiana College keep its financial footing. There is power in that. Don't ever gainsay that little start, that widow's mite, that part that you can do with the means God has given you. There is power in cooperation."

LC President Dr. Rick Brewer told LCNews he is "grateful for a denominational leader like Dr. Hankins, who will champion the cause of Louisiana College and our other LBC entities."

"I am also grateful for the 'power of cooperation' as noted by Dr. Hankins, and our students are, too," Brewer said. "We often remind students that, without CP support, their education would cost \$3,000 more per year. The Louisiana College family remains deeply grateful for our Louisiana Baptist family's support through the Cooperative Program."

Brewer also underscored the College's "differentiating value proposition -- that which makes us unique -- is our curricula built upon a Christian worldview. This is what faith integration is all about. We are grateful for those who lock arms with us and move forward in ranks as we fulfill our vision of preparing graduates and transforming lives."





MARK A. NOLL
*Jesus Christ and
the Life of the Mind*

For the third year running, Louisiana College faculty read and discussed a book that underscores the importance of integrating faith and learning.

Evangelical author Mark Noll's book "Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind" follows the previous two: "Conceiving the Christian College" by Duane Litfin and "Renewing Minds" by David Dockery.

Once a month, faculty gather in small, interdisciplinary groups to discuss Noll's book with a view to gather information and inspiration regarding the integration of the Christian faith into the liberal arts courses they teach.

"We are first grateful for our president, Dr. Rick Brewer, who initiated the study groups when he arrived in 2015," said Dr. Phil Caples, Vice President for the Integration of Faith and Learning. "The books and subsequent discussions have enriched our pedagogy and informed our content as we teach from a Christian worldview."

Caples believes Noll's book is another building block for LC's faculty.

LC FACULTY STUDY THIRD EVANGELICAL BOOK

by Norm Miller

Noll observes:

... it has become conventional to think that belief in the Christian story opposes serious commitment to intellectual explorations of the world. There are no good reasons for this opinion. It rests on misreadings of the Christian story and misapprehensions of the intellectual life. That Jesus Christ who saves sinners is the same Christ who beckons his followers to serious use of their minds for serious explorations of the world. It is part of the deepest foundation of Christian reality — it is an important part of understandings of who Jesus is and what he accomplishes — to study the world, the human structures found in the world, the human experiences of the world, and the humans who experience the world. Nothing intrinsic in that study should drive a person away from Jesus Christ. Much that is intrinsic in Jesus Christ should drive a person to that study (p. 41).

Under Brewer's leadership, LC faculty have produced three editions of "Faith Matters," a collection of essays regarding the importance of integrating the Christian faith and a liberal arts education.

"In addition to enhancing our approach to faith integration, these books and study groups have engendered an even stronger sense of community and camaraderie among our faculty," Brewer said. "I deeply appreciate all of our faculty, who regard Christian higher education as a calling and not merely a career. Their commitment to our vision of Preparing Graduate & Transforming Lives continues to make the vision a reality."

ENROLLMENT

ON THE RISE

For two years running, Louisiana College's upward trend in enrollment continues with a 24% increase in 2017's freshman class; last year's saw a 14% increase. These upticks reversed a 5-year downward spiral that began in 2010 under previous school leadership. Louisiana College began its fall semester welcoming 330 freshmen and a 9% overall enrollment increase.

The turning point for the school began with Dr. Rick Brewer, president of Louisiana College. Recounting that time, Brewer said, "Our school had lost its footing in the community so much that pastors told me they would not, could not recommend that children in their congregations should attend Louisiana College."

Since becoming president in April 2015, Brewer is continually "pressing on," as his team often hears him say. He immediately began revitalizing the school's standing in the community to ensure its future by creating the Louisiana College 2020 Vision with a primary goal of raising enrollment to 1,500 students by the year 2020.

"When our Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. Brewer as president, we did so in the confidence that his previous 28 years of leadership success in Christian higher education would continue at Louisiana College," said Dr. Randy Harper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"We believe it has continued because the significant increase in enrollment is directly due to Dr. Brewer and his leadership team who has implemented his vision."

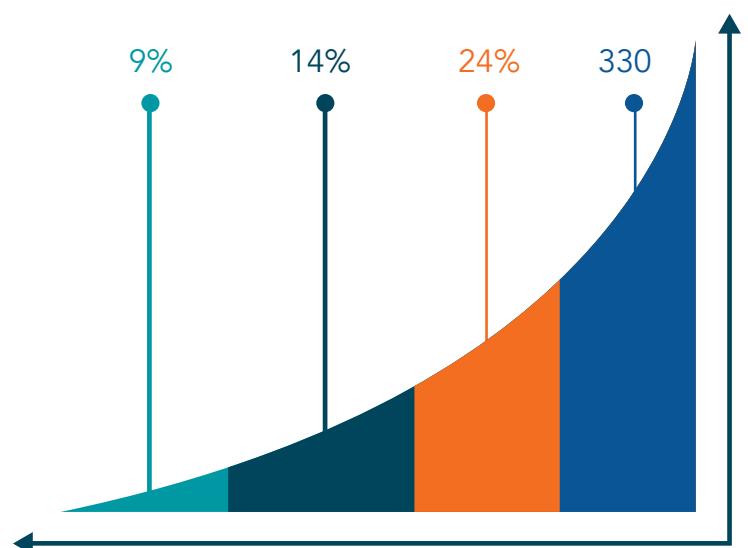
Professor of English and Coordinator of Academic Advising Dr. Lillian Purdy also has confidence in the changes: "New faculty, new programs, beautiful landscaping, upgrades to buildings, and 300-plus first-time freshmen. What a great way to start the 2017 school year. The positive accomplishments on the campus seem to create high expectations for the students and the faculty and staff?"

At the core of the 2020 Vision is Louisiana College's mission to provide a quality education with a strong foundation of faith in Jesus Christ and Christian worldview.

Reagan Franklin, a 2017 music education graduate, said, "Professors not only taught me in the classroom, but they mentored me outside of the classroom. I not only learned how to be a good teacher, but how to think critically, how to love people, and how to defend my faith in Christ."

The college is offering multiple new degree programs, including a 100% online BS in Criminal Justice, Pre-engineering Bachelor's in Science in partnership with Louisiana Tech University, as well as new graduate degrees such as MS in Nursing, Master of Education in Educational Leadership, and Master of Social Work.

Under Brewer's leadership and personal devotion to Louisiana College, the school's once diminishing reputation has been drastically transformed, accreditation has been secured, and there's a much more inspiring future for students, faculty, and the state of Louisiana.





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FROM THE DIRECTOR

All I can say is WOW! Homecoming 2017 was one of the most exciting weekends ever at LC. The festivities began on Thursday, October 12, with our trio of distinguished alums speaking in chapel. Dr. Steve Ortego ('76), Matt Tullos ('85) and Dr. Tim Letzring ('87) shared wonderful memories. The stories continued at the luncheon for the classes of '57 and '67. No matter when you graduated, the stories are all consistent: relationships with classmates and professors are what made Louisiana College so special. Thursday evening brought recitals by our talented music faculty, band, and vocal groups. The LC Chorale and Louisianians are back and they are fabulous.

On Friday, our annual Homecoming Golf Tournament saw a record 21 teams participating. The winning score was a 21 under par 51 posted by Jay Barber, A.J. Gaudin, Danny Tullos and Jacob McKee. Walker Automotive was our lead sponsor. Corporate sponsors included Alexandria-Pineville Travel, Cleco, Crest Industries, Farm Bureau – John Willie, Northwest Mutual – Wes Cooper, UDB Financial – Joey Bollinger, Mid State Orthopaedics, Louisiana Baptist Foundation, Wade and Lainie Collins Cline, and Dr. Steve Ortego. Our hole sponsors were Jacob McKee, Think First, Baptist Message, Haik Humble Eye Center – West Monroe, B&B Wellness, and the City of Pineville. We are grateful to these sponsors for helping make this tournament the best yet.

Our Homecoming Celebration Banquet on Saturday honored our Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame inductees, Don Jones ('71) and Travis Davidson ('91). The program felt like a revival and family reunion combined. The theme of family



OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

was at the heart of each acceptance speech. All five gentlemen honored truly represent LC's purposes. Ginger and Joe Carson from the Class of '59 were given the "And Then Some" award for reconnecting with their classmates and getting them together for this year's Homecoming; 35 attended their Saturday reunion.

Saturday afternoon after the parade, we all enjoyed a Cajun favorite, jambalaya, served up by Dylan Eschete, husband of LC Alum and professor Dr. Cathy Eschete. We were honored to have the brothers of Kappa Omicron, some former basketball players, Social Work alums and other groups back with us. The football game was exciting as LC took care of business and beat McMurry 52-34. Senior Brooke Jones from Covington was named our 2017 Homecoming Queen.

The night ended at H.O. West Fieldhouse for LC's first ever Midnight Madness to kick off the start of basketball season. Students were treated to pizza and some basketball skills competitions before our own Rich Dupree, voice of the Wildcats, introduced the teams. Both the Wildcats and Lady Wildcats participated in a 4-minute scrimmage after the clock struck midnight.

The 2017 theme of "Let the Good Times Roar" was evident all weekend. Go ahead and put next year's dates on your calendar, October 25-27, 2018. Make plans to come home and be with your family. You won't want to miss it.

There are so many ways that you can stay involved with your alma mater, e.g., the Board of Visitors, alumni chapters across

Louisiana and other regions, the Legacy Society, Campaign for Cavanaugh, Mustard Seed and so much more. For more info, go to lacollege.edu or contact me. Continue to pray, give and send more students. LC is on the move and we need you to come alongside our students, administration, faculty and staff. I am blessed beyond measure to be working with and for the greatest group of people on the planet – LC Alums. I pray that you have a Merry Christmas and a great start to 2018.

May God richly bless you all,

Kathy Hegwood
Overturf '80





Let the Good Times Rear!
HOMECOMING



HOMECOMING 2017

1 & 2. Wildcats Cheerleaders and Marching Band lead a pep rally for the Homecoming festivities.
Photo: Addyson Baden

3. This merch ain't for sale. It's priceless. *Photo: Norm Miller*

4. Sophomore Piper Ellis was one of several nominated to Homecoming Queen's Court.
Photo: Addyson Baden

5. Dr. Stephen Ortego surprised Alums with a pop quiz on LC trivia.
Photo: Norm Miller

6. Junior football player Micah Wall and his teammates warm up before the game.
Photo: Anna Denton

7. Alums and friends shared smiles and stories during Homecoming weekend. *Photo: Norm Miller*

8. Aja Jordan (right) enjoys pre-game festivities with Brooke Jones (left), who was elected Homecoming Queen.
Photo: Wildcats Media

9. Chip and Sandy Turner (left), chat with Dr. Elizabeth Christian and Prof. Jeff Young at reception for Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Inductees. *Photo: Norm Miller*



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Louisiana College is proud of its 2017-2018 class of Distinguished Alumni. Dr. Lloyd Stephen Ortego, Matt Tullos and Dr. Timothy D. Letzring were honored at Louisiana College's Homecoming Celebration Banquet.



Dr. Lloyd Stephen Ortego ('76) BS in Biology; ('80) MA in Organic Chemistry, Northeast Louisiana University; ('84) LSU School of Dentistry, where he has served as an adjunct professor at the School of Dentistry. He is past president of the Louisiana Dental Association and now serves as Speaker of the LDA House of Delegates. Dr. Ortego is an officer and member of several prestigious career-related boards

both locally and nationally. He also helps provide donated dental services in his community as a volunteer for the Louisiana Mission of Mercy. He and wife, Linda, also an LC alumna, have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren and reside in Ball.

Matt Tullos ('85) BA in Communications; '88, MA in Communications, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Matt has served as an associate pastor and pastor in Tennessee, Texas, and Louisiana. From 1992-2008, he was an editor-in-chief of various magazines and resources published by LifeWay. In 2013, he moved back to Louisiana to serve at the Louisiana Baptist Convention as Lead Creative and Associate Director of Communications. A prolific writer, Matt has 15 books to his credit and more than 500 scripts and articles for LifeWay, Focus on the Family and Group Publishing. He and wife, Darlene have 4 sons and reside in Alexandria.



Dr. Timothy D. Letzring ('87) BA in Mathematics and Chemistry minor; ('91) JD, Stetson University School of Law; EdD ('94) in Higher Education, University of Georgia. Tim has served at universities in Mississippi and South Carolina. In 2004 he was Chair, Leadership and Counselor Education department at Ole Miss., and in 2014 was named Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Texas A&M University – Commerce, a position

he currently holds. Having written numerous published articles and book chapters, Tim also has presented hundreds of workshops

across the US on education law, school leadership, and student affairs. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and is a Global Fellow at A&M-Commerce. He and his wife, Karen, also an LC alumna, have 2 daughters and 1 grandson and reside in Commerce, Texas.



Louisiana College is proud of its 2017-2018 class of Sports Hall of Fame Inductees. Don M. Jones (left) and Travis Davidson were inducted at Louisiana College's Homecoming Celebration Banquet. Photo: Addyson Baden

Louisiana College inducted two new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2017 Homecoming festivities. Legendary coach Don M. Jones and men's basketball player Travis Davidson were officially enshrined during the ceremony held in Granberry Conference Center.

Jones is a 1971 graduate of LC who became a successful high school football coach in Louisiana. After graduation, his first coaching job was at LaSalle High School in Olla. As a head coach, he compiled 233 wins, which included four perfect 10-0 seasons at Plaquemine High School and was recently inducted into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame. Don and his wife Marla reside in Plaquemine, where he is currently the head football coach and athletic director at Berwick Junior High School.

Davidson is a 1991 graduate who made his mark on the basketball court. He helped lead the Wildcats to 62 wins in three years as well as three consecutive playoff appearances. Travis was named to the All-Conference team and also the Louisiana Sports Writers Association All-Louisiana Team. After graduation, Travis began his career with the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, where he has served for more than 20 years and currently holds the rank of Captain. He and his wife Hazel have five children and two grandchildren and reside in Alexandria.

OBSERVATIONS

by Matt Tullos



So many engaging stories and memorable people highlight every LC Homecoming, and this year's "Let the Good Times Roar" Homecoming weekend was no exception. Smiles, hugs and sometimes tears punctuate conversations one-to-one, or in larger groups of long-time friends.

At the banquet honoring our newest Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame inductees, the honorees spoke thoughtfully of former professors and fellow students, as well as regaled the crowd with recollections of humorous hijinks.

Though every speaker's remarks were emotive and sincere, Distinguished Alumnus Matt Tullos shared some thoughts and observations about his LC experience, and with his permission they are published for your enjoyment. Matt's topic was "Three Things I Learned at LC."

1) I LEARNED THE VALUE OF HUSTLE.

During those days I worked as a...

Youth minister, hay bailer, corporate trainer, DJ, custodian, resident assistant, tuxedo delivery guy, camp counselor, Chucky Cheese mascot, and Santa Claus.

Because of the value of this virtue, I paid my way through college apart from a \$325 loan from my mother that I don't think I ever paid back.

2) I LEARNED THE VALUE OF CONNECTION

I learned that life is best lived in community. It's the kind of community that I found through my brothers in TAK and my church.

As Solomon wrote: Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm; but how can one person alone keep warm? And if someone overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

3. I LEARNED THE VALUE OF HEROES, AND SOME OF THEM WERE ON CAMPUS:

Welby Bozeman, Frank David Bennet, Connie Douglass, Robert Lynn, Jackie Barton, Mom Holloway, Sarah Francis Anders, Larry Pate, Jerry Reynolds, and many others.

The others were the myriad of voices that shaped my worldview. I am so thankful for a college that introduced me to:

*Martin Luther King Jr. who taught me the need for justice
St. Francis....A love of simplicity
Will CampbellThe power of a story
G.K. Chesterton...Zeal in the public square*

*C.S. Lewis...The power of a good fight
James Weldon Johnson...Lyrical power of suffering and faith
Uta Hagan...Sense Memory
E.E. Cummings...Typography as an art form
Jim Elliot...Sacrifice is more valuable than long life
Fannie Crosby...Disabilities lead to glory
Lottie Moon...That any slow boat to China is worth it when Jesus is your captain
Dorothy Day... That a Christian must be a radical
Teddy Roosevelt... To get in the arena and fight
Calvin Miller... Showed me there's a song inside me
John Cowper... That I am not alone in sorrow
Stephen Schwartz... Taught me to dance on a Baptist campus even if I wasn't graceful
Corrie Ten Boom...To forgive greatly
Dietrich Bonhoeffer... That silence is not permitted in the face of Evil
Vincent van Gogh...That art is theology
Brennan Manning...Taught me grace, grace, grace!
But most of all, LC fostered a new understanding of the most important One in my life.*

He's my truest treasure more valuable than gold
The Captain of my vessel, the Guardian of my soul
The Champion of my battles, my Warrior in the night
My Guardian, Provider, within the fiercest fight
He's Architect and Builder of my forever home
A Friend that's like none other. I never walk alone.
He speaks when I am speechless, my Compass when I'm lost
Forgiver of my cruel debt despite the brutal cost
His love song is redemption, a Troubadour of grace
When I'm lost and lonely, He is my Resting Place
When everyone deserts me, He is a faithful Friend
The Seer of my journey- beginning to the end.
The Hero on His stallion, the Warrior on the hill.
Holy Justice Giver, with a master swordsman's skill.
My articulate Defender speaks pro-bono in my stead
My Guide through lands of dragons, and by His hand I'm led
He is Enough for yesterday and forever more
My Brother and my Father, my Refuge and my Door.
He is the holy Poet, His sonnet is the sky!
The perfect, true Philosopher. He knows the reasons why.
Far more than any force on earth and higher than the sun
And when we think it's over, His story's just begun
He is the Hunter of the lost, the ones who hide in shame
He seeks out every wounded life. He knows each one by name.
He is my great Physician, with a gifted Surgeon's hand
Composer of a masterpiece and Leader of the band.
He's everything that's gallant. His presence makes me free
The Artisan of glory, His love my mystery.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. NATALIE MAXEY,

Assistant Professor of Engineering

In September of 2015, an innovation from Dr. Brewer took its first step toward reality when the president of Louisiana Tech Dr. Les Guice and Dr. Brewer signed a memorandum of understanding that established a “3+2” plan for engineering students to earn two degrees in five years – one from each institution.

Step two provided a qualified professor of engineering when Dr. Brewer met Dr. Natalie Maxey during a Sunday dinner after Dr. Brewer had preached in her home church. Dr. Brewer found a professor and Dr. Maxey found a job to replace the one that would have moved her out-of-state.

Step three outfitted the classroom with new paint, study chairs and tables, and the technical equipment needed to teach engineering basics when Jim and Mary Terrill generously outfitted engineering classroom named for their

daughter Tara Terrill ('81).

“God’s timing is always best,” said Dr. Rick Brewer. “The eventuation of this advancement, from ideation to fruition, has God’s fingerprints on it. While we are grateful to Dr. Guice and all the Terrills, we also are very pleased to have Dr. Natalie Maxey leading our pre-engineering instruction.”

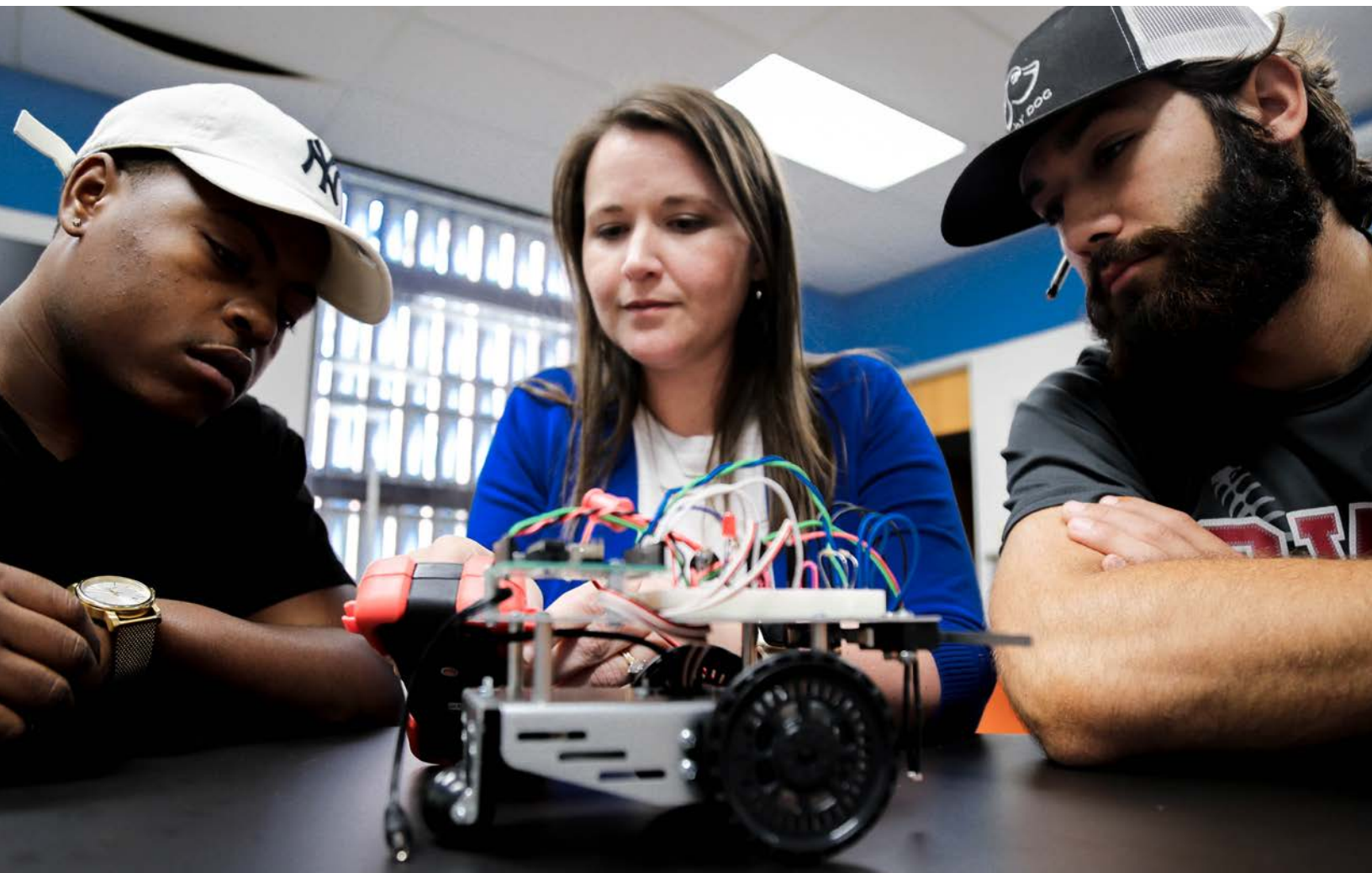
Q: WHY DO YOU LOVE TEACHING?

A: I love teaching because I love learning. When you teach, you’re not the source of information or wisdom; you’re the conduit of it into your students’ lives. In a way, teaching is the fullest expression of learning, and loving God with my whole mind.

Q: HOW HAS THE NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM BEEN RECEIVED?

A: There is a lot of excitement surrounding the program, both on campus and in the community. The excitement and

Dr. Maxey helps troubleshoot a student-built electrical vehicle as MarQuis Gill (L) and Austin Futrell (R) observe. Dr. Maxey earned a BS in Engineering from Louisiana Tech and a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Tech University.



the energy that comes from that, and from being part of building the program from the ground up, is definitely going to benefit our students in their learning.

Q: WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THE SUBJECT YOU TEACH THAT MAKES IT SO IMPORTANT?

A: Engineering is important because there are always going to be problems to solve, technologies to develop, and products to manufacture. These things are the essence of engineering. Studying engineering is also important in this context because there is a tension in our culture between science and faith that is increasing at an alarming rate at this point.

Q: AS AN EDUCATOR, HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THAT TENSION?

A: While I personally believe that there is no reason that 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.

Q: HOW DO YOU INTEGRATE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH WITH A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION?

A: We try to inspire two qualities in students as they are learning science. We try to inspire curiosity about how the world works, because we get to know God better by learning how His creation works. Through becoming curious and following through on that, students can then respond with a sense of awe for the grandeur of creation, the complexity of it, and the interconnectedness of all of it.

Q: HOW WILL THIS PREPARE YOUR STUDENTS AS BELIEVERS IN THEIR FIELD?

A: Engineers who are trained with a Christian background are going to do a lot of the same things that engineers who are trained with any philosophical background would do. The significant difference will be that students with a Christian background will be equipped to do these things with a sense of ethics-based work, and with a sense of stewardship of the creation and resources of the natural world entrusted to us.

AND HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE LORD WORKING IN HOW THIS PROGRAM HAS COME TOGETHER?

A: Although I can now say that God's hand has been at work preparing me for where I am now for many years, my official joining of the family at Louisiana College began one Sunday morning when Dr. Brewer came to speak at our church. Over lunch that afternoon, the topic of the newly announced engineering partnership with Louisiana Tech came up in conversation. Soon after I joined the faculty here, the Terrill family gave a very generous donation to equip the classroom and lab. So, it has been obvious that God's hand was at work in the circumstances, the preparation, and the timing of everything that brought this program together. As Louisiana College was looking for the appropriate faculty to lead this program and teach the courses in it, I was also facing a potential transition in my career. I was looking for what God wanted me to do next. So, as it turned out, through the course of the conversation and the following months, it became apparent that this was going to be a really good fit. It was providential that our paths crossed that Sunday.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER



At the Student Success Center grand opening, Director JoLynn McConley (center) welcomes two members of LC's staff: Patrece Carter (left), head women's basketball coach; and Paula Hunter, LC's NCAA compliance officer. Photo: Norm Miller

“The Student Success Center is simply the hardest working department on campus.” That’s how Jonathan Brooks, assistant men’s basketball coach, describes the staff of the Center.

“The staff have poured every ounce of love, care, attention, and motivation that they possibly have into these students to make sure that they are getting the assistance they need to be the success they aspired to be when they chose to attend our institution,” Brooks said.

Formerly called the “Pass Office,” this service to students has moved to the library, changed its name, and opened in its new location at the beginning of the fall semester.

“Compassion is my motivation,” said JoLynn McConley, director of the Center. “What we do goes beyond tutoring. We also mentor our students, and we nurture them because we want to serve the whole student. Our staff is available to pray with students if they wish.”

The Center provides tutoring, study help, writing assistance and more for any student having such needs. Director McConley said the Center averages about 500 student visits per month.

“It’s a great opportunity to minister the love of Jesus to the students,” said Christy Ratliff, assistant in the Center. “Our main goal is to find out what the students need, make a plan, and implement the plan that will help in their success at Louisiana College.”

A member of the Wildcats football team, Travon Long said, “I think the Center has improved my grades a lot. It helps us with the workload that we have with football and every other thing we have to do. It helps us focus and get a better understanding of our studies. By the time I leave the tutoring session, I usually have it all down pat and am ready for the test.”

Jordan Benoit said, “It’s like a home away from home, a second family kind of situation. It’s a quiet place to come and study, get homework done. It’s a very open place; you feel accepted. Everyone here is willing to help you with whatever. Since I am visually impaired, the staff helps me with every accommodation. Without them, some classes I don’t think I’d be passing.”

Shannon French enjoys being tutored by other students “because they come at the work from a student’s perspective.”

“It means everything to me to help these students achieve their goals and to see them succeed when they thought they couldn’t,” McConley added.

“JoLynn and Christy, as well as our student tutors, provide a significant service to students and to the College,” said Dr. Brewer, noting their efforts augment classroom instruction and improve retention and graduation rates.

“OUR VISION IS TO PREPARE GRADUATES AND TRANSFORM LIVES,“...“AND THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER IS AN INTEGRAL AND NECESSARY PART OF REALIZING THAT VISION FOR THE COLLEGE AND HER STUDENTS.”

- DR. RICK BREWER

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Louisiana College has joined with MustardSeedapp -- a revolutionary app designed to round up to the nearest dollar every day credit or debit purchases and benefit the College with the "spare change."

The MustardSeed app encourages Christians to support other non-profit ministries located all over the world. The app is free to use and is downloadable in the App Store and Google Play Store.

MustardSeed.org is accessible via the web browser on cell phones and other devices.

Once enrolled, you may securely link your credit and/or debit card to the app. You can even set a monthly limit to donate, or an annual cumulative total.

Here's how MustardSeed works: Say you buy a cup of coffee for \$3.50; the app rounds it up to \$4, and 50 cents is automatically donated to Louisiana College. Easy, secure, and thoughtful.

To register, go to mustardseedapp.org/lacollege. This link automatically selects Louisiana College as the recipient of your spare change donations. Enter your banking info. That's it. You are ready to start giving your spare change to LC. Or, you can scan the adjacent QR code on your smart phone for secure registration.

"We are grateful for the MustardSeed app," said Louisiana College President Dr. Rick Brewer. "We know there are



alums and friends of LC who are looking for an easy way to assist us, and this could hardly be easier. Now the change that gets dropped into the car console can be invested in students who have been trained through curricula built upon a Christian worldview. With the simple click of a button, donors will be able to help change lives and ultimately the culture with their spare change."

To learn more about MustardSeed and the ministries it supports, visit mustardseedapp.org.



POVERTY

AND ITS EFFECTS ON HIGHER LEARNING

by Norm Miller



The societal ills poverty brings are indisputable. From health risks to increased crime rates, and from a sense of helplessness to illiteracy, poverty claims many victims.

A Princeton University study states that children living below the poverty line “are 1.3 times as likely as non-poor children to experience learning disabilities and developmental delays.”

At LC’s annual faculty workshop, best-selling author Dr. Linda Karges-Bone addressed the challenges poverty levies on college students with a presentation titled “Three Strikes and You’re In: The Truth about Meeting the Needs of First-Generation College Students Who Live in Poverty.”

Bone’s research reiterated the long-standing poverty rates in Louisiana, with CenLa graphically noted among the most impoverished regions in the state.

Drawing from her best-selling book, “Rich Brain, Poor Brain: Bridging Social and Synaptic Gaps in Schools,” Karges-Bone used the August 14 session to both motivate and inform faculty on brain-friendly strategies to increase retention and success of all students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds.

“Retention, retention, retention,” she said is an issue facing colleges and universities across the nation. Reaching and retaining students from low-income backgrounds present significant challenges.

“Those students may have the resources to enroll in college,” she said, but lack the social and academic skills to stay.

Many students from poverty backgrounds suffer from “learned helplessness,” which Bone said is considered “the greatest learning disability of our time, and it’s a function of social change.”

“We see these students with God’s eyes and not with the tarnishes and scars of the world. The world says these students are ‘at-risk.’ We say they are a gift. And we are tasked with unwrapping these ‘gifts’ without tearing the paper or ruining the bow,” she said.

Karges-Bone said these represent a new kind of student because they are from the demographical nexus of being Millennials, first-generation college students, and from generational poverty.

“This is a paradigm shift for which we are under-prepared and under-supported,” she noted.

Dr. Bone advised faculty to acknowledge this shift and avoid some all-too common responses that say “everyone has to pay their dues” or that students from poverty somehow deserve the impediments that inhibit their learning abilities.

The latter is especially important because this generation of college students places a significant emphasis on destiny and luck, she said. Many such students believe they don’t belong in college, and that it was a fluke they were admitted.

Karges-Bone noted the hormone cortisol, which hampers learning by shutting down the pre-frontal cortex, impairing memory and slowing neuro-genesis. Living in poverty triggers cortisol, and the rigors of college can too.

Additionally, the adolescent brain is not fully formed until around age 25, so faculty play an integral, multi-functional role in the brain’s completion. “We signed on to teach a specific discipline,” Bone said, “but didn’t realize we would be called upon to be therapists, tutors, and spiritual advisors.”

Applying the skills and compassion of such professions can help students from generational poverty succeed in college.

Bone unpacked several strategies to retain students, including thoughtful advising, experiential learning, reasonable expectations, praise, service learning, and teaching students to ask for direction, not help. Taking roll and emphasizing accountability are keys, too.

Teaching the value and habit of “persistence in an atmosphere of creativity” is an overarching strategy according to Bone. The goal is to teach an attitude of perseverance and completion to counter the proclivity to fail, but make students aware that success comes at the cost of hard work, not luck.

Underlying it all is a “distinct biblical mandate guiding this work,” Dr. Bone said, noting Jeremiah 29:11, which states: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

“With cutting-edge content and thoughtful strategies to educate some of the most culturally unique students, my friend of almost three decades, Linda Bone, has earned the right to be heard. And for us, her third visit to LC was as rich as the first two,” said Dr. Rick Brewer.

“Linda reminded us that we will always have the poor among us, just as the Bible says,” Brewer added. “And she helped us see students from generational poverty as capable and deserving as any other student while simultaneously sharing the strategies to reach them and the personal investment we must make in them.”

Regarding all students, Brewer said LC has “a moral and ethical obligation to educate each of them to the fullest of our abilities if we are also willing to enroll them.”

“I think our faculty would agree with me that while we marvel and consider the 90-minute presentation Linda offered, we also anticipate with deep interest her next visit to LC.”

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

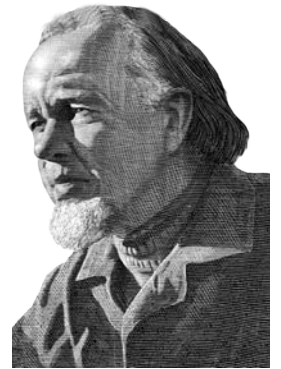


C.S. LEWIS HONORS SCHOLARSHIP, \$8,500

C.S. Lewis was one of the intellectual giants of the 20th century and arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. His influence carries on through his works such as *Mere Christianity*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and the universally acknowledged classics in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The C.S. Lewis Scholars program honors the influence of this great Christian thinker through this unique opportunity to be part of the Louisiana College Honors Program.

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW SCHOLARSHIP, \$10,000

Students must complete the workbook “Thinking Like a Christian: Understanding and Living a Biblical Worldview” and must submit a church endorsement letter from their pastor/youth pastor indicating completion of the study. Students must also participate in LC’s Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Awards do not exceed \$2,500 per year for four years. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA.



FRED LOWERY MISSIONS & MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP

The Missions & Ministries student automatically qualifies for the Fred Lowery Scholarship of \$6,000 annually. Other possible awards could lower the cost of attendance by more than 60 percent. Named for Fred Lowery -- who was pastor for 30 years of First Baptist Church, Bossier City -- the scholarship may be combined with several others forms of financial aid, including TOPS, for qualified students.

Phone scan the QR code to learn more about grants and scholarships available at LC.



POVERTY, AND THE **CHURCH'S** RESPONSE

by. Russell L. Meek, PhD

This summer Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Dr. Russ Meek attended a conference sponsored by the Acton Institute, a conservative think tank that bills itself as “Promoters of a free society informed by religious faith and moral absolutes.” For more than 25 years, the institute “has been integrating the ideas of religion and liberty. Acton’s many initiatives involve members of the religious, business and academic spheres to help lay the moral foundation for a society that is secure, free, and virtuous,” according to the institute’s website.

Toward that end, the conference featured lectures from leading conservative economists and religious leaders demonstrating how to integrate sound biblical teaching with sound economic policy.

Dr. Meek’s first-person observations of the conference are as follows: I found myself thinking through aspects of social justice and the church’s response to poverty that I’d never before considered. I was challenged both academically and spiritually, particularly concerning how



these relate to how I think about poverty and the way Christians should work to alleviate it. I came away with several new ideas and pathways for research that intersect with what I’m already doing, as well as an expanded network of like-minded scholars and teachers. And last but not least, I was introduced to several avenues of funding for teaching and research that I hadn’t previously known.

I can’t overemphasize how fruitful the conference was for my teaching and research. The ideas alone were worth the price of admission, but the relationships I began and the new funding opportunities discovered made the conference well worth it.



TWEETED FROM #LCCHAPEL

We live in a world that craves a new movement of God. People are tired of empty promises.
Dr. David Brooks, Pastor,
Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria

We need to share the beautiful story of the gospel in a world where the noise often is too loud.
Warren Cole Smith, Colson Center

Leading well starts by submitting well. If my heart is not captured by Christ, I will never love people or be trustworthy.
Pastor Michael Wood, FBC West Monroe

I wasn't making any money. I was just being obedient to God.
Dwayne Jackson,
Founder, Hoops On Mission

Fearing God and obeying his commandments is counter-cultural.
Dr. Russell L. Meek,
Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew

Are you really a Christian, or are you just participating in Christian activities?
Dr. Joshua Joy Dara,
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice; Sr. Pastor, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Pineville.

We have hope from God that will never disappoint us.
Dr. Fred Lowery, Sr. Pastor (ret'd) FBC Bossier

I can see God's fingerprints all over the story of my life
Dr. Natalie Maxey,
Assistant Professor of Engineering

God calls no one to mediocrity.
Keith Manuel, Adjunct Professor; Evangelism Associate, Louisiana Baptist Convention

LC faculty look upon your life as an opportunity to minister to you.
Dr. Philip Caples, VP for Integration of Faith and Learning

Regarding God's will, am I an excuse-maker or difference-maker?
Tripp Atkinson,
Associate Pastor, Sugar Hill Church, Atlanta

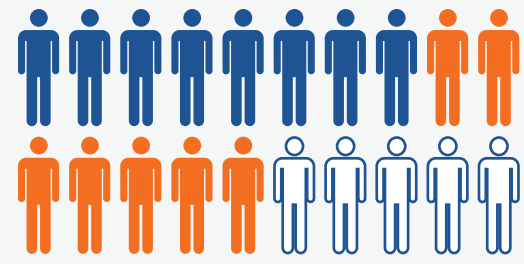
What passions and interests divert us from running the Christian race?
Dr. Randy Harper, Pastor,
Bellaire Baptist Church, Bossier City; Chairman, LC Trustees.

I was a church member eight years before I got saved.
Evangelist Bill Britt

The Bible is our integrative force, and all LC leaders personally know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
Dr. Rick Brewer, President, Louisiana College

LC BY THE NUMBERS

1210
FALL 2017
ENROLLMENT



If there is no time for rest on your calendar, you're too busy.
Rev. Vince Smith,
Dean of Students; Pastor,
Circle Church, Alexandria

Satan's strategy and tactics are the same in 2017 as they were in Genesis chapter 3.
Dr. Steve Horn, Pastor,
FBC Lafayette.

Focus on giants and you stumble. Focus on God and your giants tumble.
Dr. Larry Fields - Sr. Pastor (ret'd),
Central Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Does Christ determine your dating life, how you dress, and the movies you watch?
Rev. Collin Wimberly,
Sr. Pastor,
Trinity Heights Baptist Church, Shreveport



- 4 Graduate Degrees
2 More on the Way
- 8 New Faculty
5 are Alums
- 40 Fall Semester
Conversions to Christ

How much LC tuition is offset for every student through the Cooperative Program of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

\$3000

Total Refurbishment of Guinn Auditorium Interior: new lighting, sound, HVAC, ceiling, walls, seats, and carpet.

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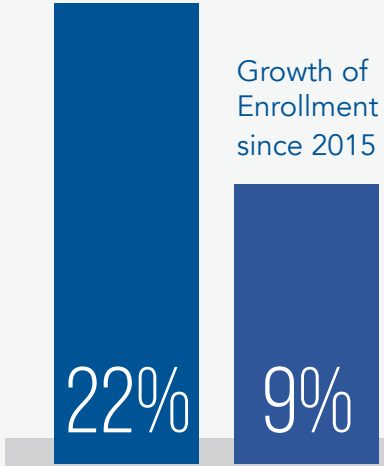
Lowery Scholars - Missions & Ministries Students **16**

C.S. Lewis Scholars Cohort **19**

Francis Schaffer Worldview Scholars **165**

Board Of Visitors Members **156**

Growth of Freshman Class Compared to Last Fall



Growth of Enrollment since 2015

BRIDGING THE GAP

by
Jared Clark

Louisiana College celebrates the success of its inaugural Bridge program with a 94% pass rate.

“We had 27 students this summer and we held them to a high standard,” said Dr. Lillian Purdy, director of the month-long remediation that met June 26 - July 27.

The Bridge program is an ongoing academic initiative providing potential freshmen the assistance needed to help meet enrollment requirements, and includes remedial English and math, and instruction in test-taking and study skills.

Students were eager to participate and to excel, Purdy said, noting that some were as much as 30 minutes early to class, and almost all completed the program with perfect attendance.

“We have handed these students the tools for success in college,” Purdy added.

English professor Dr. Jeannie Gauthier was “pleasantly surprised to find this group of young men and women with such a positive attitude and strong work ethic.”

“Thank you so much for helping me get my son on track with school,” wrote one Bridge student’s parent in a text message to LC’s Athletic Director Reni Mason. “I’m so glad he chose you and LC because everyone there seems to care for my child like I do, and that makes me feel amazing especially when he’s away from home.”

“Instilling confidence in students is a Bridge program goal, but for a parent to respond so positively indicates that the compassion of our faculty extends beyond the classroom and into the home,” said Dr. Rick Brewer, president of Louisiana College. “We are richly blessed to have faculty of this calibre, whose educational convictions enrich the mind and inspire the heart.”

Brewer said he is “thankful for the faculty and staff who ensured the success of our inaugural Summer Bridge cohort. A 94% pass rate gives credence to this unique student learning approach.”

Adjunct professor Elizabeth Lindsay praised the students in her math course: “The intense schedule of the program was tough, but has resulted in great improvements in the math ability of each student. Every student improved in the course based on pre-test and post-test scores.”

Lindsay said the students left the campus “with smiles and lots of hugs for me. Each one was excited to go home but also to return to Louisiana College to start their full college experience.” Lindsay promised the students she would “be available in the future to help them in any way possible.”

LC’s Bridge program will continue each semester this academic year, with multiple sessions planned for the summer of 2018 to aid even more prospective students at the beginning of their college journeys.

“Our eventual goal is to teach 100% of our students who need English and Mathematics remediation during the summer before they matriculate as full time students in the subsequent fall semester,” Brewer said.



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