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The Presidential Interim Leadership Team is delighted to present this latest addition of Reflections to the Lubbock Christian University family. We certainly miss the smiling face of President Tim Perrin ('84), whose picture graced this page for the past seven years. We are deeply grateful for Tim's and Lucy's transformative service to their beloved alma mater, and we are confident that God will continue to use them in powerful ways at Pepperdine. Please pray for the Presidential Search Committee, under the leadership of LCU Trustee Bill Bundy ('83), in its important work in

identifying the next president of LCU. We also ask that you keep us in your prayers as we lead and serve LCU until the selection and arrival of the University's seventh president.

Momentum continues to grow at LCU, as the Lord blesses and advances us. Progress on the Vision 2020 campaign makes it the most successful fundraising effort in University history. Look for more information on that exciting note coming soon. Additionally, we just completed transition to state-of-the-art software that provides students and employees a modern interface to a powerful suite of tools including mobile-enabled functionality for students and employees, data-driven career planning software for student advisees, and early alerts to identify at-risk students.

As of July 1, LCU Athletics are members of the Lone Star Conference, the largest and arguably most competitive NCAA Division II conference. We welcome the increased competition and the opportunity to develop more in-state rivalries. Go Chaps!

On July 18, former LCU Trustee, Judge James Browning, officiated the memorial service of former LCU professor, Dr. Gerald Kendrick. Dr. Kendrick was one of the founding members of the LCU faculty, teaching Bible and Greek for the first decade of our history, shaping countless lives as he did so. Judge Browning echoed the sentiments of Dr. R. Gerald Turner ('66), current President of Southern Methodist University, who lifted up Dr. Kendrick as "one of the greatest influences on my life." Dr. Kendrick, like so many of the faculty and staff who have gone before us, indelibly marked the LCU culture as one that transforms hearts, minds and hands for lives of purpose and service in God's kingdom. We are committed to continuing that rich legacy. It is our mission.

The stories in this issue of Reflections chronicle the great things occurring at LCU and among the larger LCU family. We would be honored if you visited campus to see for yourself.

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around campus





Thousands of young lives are positively influenced by LCU students who are counselors at all of the summer camps at LCU. Encounter for high school students and Camp Champion for middle schoolers are one-week-long experiences held on the university campus. Pine Springs has ten sessions running each week from the first of June through the first week in August. For more information, or to register for any of our summer camps, go to LCUcamps.com.



Legacy Terrace *at* *Virginia Bryant* *Park*



The LCU campus community, along with friends and family of the Bob and Virginia Bryant family, met to dedicate the Legacy Terrace at Virginia Bryant Park on campus in September of 2019. The park was created with a dual purpose: to beautify the campus and to honor the beloved matriarch of the Bryant family.

Bob and Virginia Bryant first became acquainted with Lubbock Christian University when their oldest son, Phil ('86), was recruited by Larry Hays ('64) to play baseball for the LCU Chaparrals. Subsequently, April (Bryant) Stephenson ('87), Amy (Bryant) Chapman ('90), and Chuck Bryant ('92) also attended and graduated from LCU.

During the brief period when April's husband, Gary Stephenson ('87) was pursuing a graduate degree while working for the university in recent years, he was inspired to design a park that would bring some beauty to the south end of the campus and would also honor his mother-in-law, Virginia Bryant, who had passed away a few years earlier. The vision and dedicated effort by many, as well as the generous monetary gifts by the Bryant family and others, transformed the space from an unused spot into Legacy Terrace at Virginia Bryant Park – a tranquil and beautiful area for reflection, fellowship, and community building for LCU students, faculty, and staff.

The life and memory of Virginia Bryant, pictured above, is honored by her family and the university at Legacy Terrace at Virginia Bryant Park.



The park contains gently rolling hills, rock formations from which a babbling brook cascades into a small pond with a fountain at its center, and a pavilion with outdoor charcoal grills overlooking the peaceful area.

The newly beautified space is intentionally named Legacy Terrace so that other families might be able to honor the memory and legacy of their loved ones by continuing to add to the beauty of the park. For more information on how to honor your loved one at Legacy Terrace, please contact Warren McNeill, Vice President of University Relations, at Warren.McNeill@LCU.edu or 806.720.7212.



ABOVE (TOP TO BOTTOM):
Members of the Bryant family listen as a tribute to Virginia Bryant is read at the dedication ceremony.

Bob Bryant speaks on behalf of his children.

Members of the Bryant clan are pictured in front of the pavilion after the ceremony.

RIGHT: *Numerous rocks in the park offer encouragement through the scriptures engraved on them.*



INTROSPECTIO

Through



The Maxwells fabricated the elements of the artwork in Abilene and then brought them to Lubbock for the three-day install. Pictured above are moments captured during the installation – with Jack Maxwell shown in the middle photo.



THE MERCY SEAT: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

If you have not visited LCU in a while, you would no doubt be pleasantly surprised by a good number of developments to our physical campus. Among the many things you would notice is the recent expansion and renovation of the CDC (Bible building), made possible by the generosity of our wonderful friends, Al and Pat Smith, for whom the Smith College of Biblical Studies is now named. A new rotunda, mirroring the iconic north rotunda, was added to the south side of the building. This magnificent addition provides not only a more attractive south entrance but also a much-needed elevator. That new construction, together with beautiful new landscaping on both the north and south entrances, has greatly enhanced the external aesthetics of the CDC. Another major feature of the renovation effort was the removal of the grand staircase in the original rotunda. The decision to remove the staircase was not made lightly, as many people have special memories attached to that staircase. In the end, the prospect of developing an enhanced space for student gathering and community building prevailed, and the staircase was removed. The renovation has created an impressive space in this rotunda, now appointed with new furniture.

As we entered the second phase of the renovation effort, we began to ask how we could theologically

define the sizeable space that we had opened up for student gathering. There were two large walls on either side that appeared as blank canvases. How could we use those canvases to draw all who enter the CDC, especially students, to consider their lives as lived in the Presence of God?

Slowly, the imagery of cherubim wings began to come into focus, and we initiated conversations with artists Jack and Jill Maxwell of Abilene. In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant served as the focal point for the Israelites' engagement with God's Presence. A great deal of attention is given in Scripture to the detailed planning and construction of not only the ark of the covenant but also its surroundings, whether in the tabernacle or the temple. All of it was designed to make a powerful impression on those who came within its viewing distance. It served as a means of rightly orienting God's people to what it means to live before the Presence of God and to have one's heart devoted to God.

Many things challenge such devotion to God, as our culture is overwhelmed by unprecedented distraction, facilitated by endless images that clamor for our attention. Each of us is affected by this barrage of images on a daily basis. One of the first things we discard in such a busy physical environment is the discipline to consider transcendent things, or the discipline to think



meaningfully about one's life at all. Perhaps, however, spiritually rich art can be part of the solution and prompt significant spiritual reflection.

Through the artistic use of biblical imagery, our goal is to theologically define our common space so that it communicates. The enormous cherubim wings that hang on each wall evoke the ark of the covenant, as is made clear by the wording from Exodus on the east wall. The empty space between the wings of the cherubim, called the mercy seat, was where the Presence of God was especially focused for Israel. The biblical wording on the west wall provides, among other things, a Christological focus to the sculptures. Paul explicitly refers to Jesus as the "mercy seat" in Romans 3:25. Jesus Christ is where we now most explicitly encounter the Presence of God. Theologically, the art moves from the east wall to the west wall as it announces in a unique way the arc of the biblical story, a story about God's loving relationship with creation, especially realized in the coming of Jesus.

We hope that when people enter this newly renovated rotunda, the scale of the art will impress upon them the grandeur of God's Presence and call them to live well before that Presence. Our desire is that all who stand before and between these sculptures, especially students whom God will bring to us, will have a holy desire awakened for a deeper relationship with the living God. Transformation lies at the heart of our LCU mission. We are thankful for friends like Al and Pat Smith who understand the unique and God-given capacity of art to awaken a desire for such transformation. And we are thankful for the gifts God has given people like Jack and Jill Maxwell to create such splendid beauty. May our students be stirred by this stunning new addition to the CDC, and above all, may God be glorified.



*ABOUT THE ARTISTS:
Jack and Jill Maxwell are artists and teachers of art, each with distinguished careers of individual artistic accomplishment as well as having earned respect and recognition in their creative endeavors as a team. In retirement, Jack and Jill have devoted themselves to their vocation of creating art for the glory of God.*



CHERUBIM

MERCURY SEAT

scholarship



History Professor, Dr. Kregg Fehr, shows off one of the rare books at the Wisdom of the Ages exhibit in the University Library. On loan from the Remnant Trust, this exhibit allowed viewers to hold and examine 45 rare books and manuscripts including *The Emancipation Proclamation*, *Aesop's Fables*, and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.





NEW



AGREE

The LCU Honors College recently announced a new agreement with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, providing a more direct and efficient path for LCU students to attend medical school. The tenacious efforts of Dr. Kirt Martin ('75), professor of biology and assistant dean of the College of Professional Studies, and Dr. Amanda Boston ('06), associate professor of chemistry and associate dean of the Honors College, will benefit LCU pre-med students for years to come.

The road to medical school is no easy feat. Within the last ten years, the number of applicants to U.S. medical schools has steadily increased, resulting in high competition for students who pursue a path to become a physician. In 2018, only 28% of those who applied were granted acceptance and enrolled in a Texas medical school (according to Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service).

“This is a significant milestone that had its beginning four years ago in conversations with Dr. Kim Peck, who was then Dean of Admissions for TTUHSC School of Medicine,” offered Dr. Kirt Martin. “She was familiar with our program and had witnessed the quality of students from LCU. The recent establishment of the LCU Honors College was a key factor in finalizing this agreement – an agreement of great magnitude and benefit for both schools. The Texas Tech School of Medicine plays a huge role in healthcare for the state of Texas, and I know our students fit well with their

philosophy and mission. It is very gratifying for our well-prepared students to benefit from this agreement.”



The implementation of this new agreement with the TTUHSC School of Medicine will allow LCU students a more direct path to medical school by granting early acceptance in their junior year, and it includes a provision to have the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) waived. “By waiving

the MCAT, a standardized exam for prospective medical students, and allowing early acceptance, the students will have the opportunity to concentrate on interdisciplinary coursework and growth within their studies,” said Dr. Amanda Boston.

The average student will spend up to 300-600 hours studying for the MCAT, which can take months. In addition to studying for this rigorous exam, the demanding pre-requisite coursework required for medical school must also be maintained. This schedule can overload a student and cause significant stress. The primary goal of this agreement is to encourage students to broaden their scope of knowledge and enhance their application. Alleviating the burden of studying and taking the MCAT allows room for additional educational opportunities and opens the door for students to become more involved in other areas, including service and leadership. Through these avenues, students



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Benefits LCU Pre-Med Students

increase their competency with the various “soft skills” that are so valued in physicians – interpersonal skills, communication skills, critical thinking, service orientation, and resilience. Potential courses may vary from humanities and foreign languages, to business and behavioral sciences, all boosting a student’s holistic application.

Many medical schools are transitioning towards a holistic review, a process to evaluate applicants based on the mission and core values of each medical school, indicating that metrics like grade point average and MCAT score are not the only means to determine a student’s capability of becoming a physician. Typically, schools look for core competencies in these soft skills that extend beyond the metrics of GPA and MCAT score and are considered invaluable for future physicians. The LCU Honors College has built a reputation for fostering such competencies in their students, and thus, better preparing their students for life after college.

“We are pleased that the quality of our students, faculty, and curriculum has merited this important recognition and agreement from the Texas Tech University School of Medicine,” notes Dr. Stacy Patty ('79), Dean of the Honors College. “Students who qualify will not only obtain early

medical school acceptance, they will also enhance their learning across the arts and sciences in the pursuit of a life calling and wisdom.”

Regarding the new agreement, Logan Adams ('15), LCU Honors College alumnus and recent M.D. graduate from TTUHSC School of Medicine, notes, “the new agreement between TTUHSC School of Medicine and the LCU Honors College is not just an incredible opportunity for prospective medical students, but a testament to the quality of education, preparation, and formation afforded to LCU students. LCU will continue to produce excellent scholars and kind, compassionate people who will go on to be great doctors. This agreement will make medical school more accessible and increase the number of students who choose to take on this vocation.”

In addition to good standing in the Honors College, students who participate in this program must meet significant minimum eligibility requirements. These include Texas residency and graduation from a Texas high school, excellent ACT or SAT scores, and completion of at least 38 hours of required science coursework at LCU with a high GPA. Specific criteria are available from the LCU Honors College or Health Professions departments.

Top photo, from left: Dr. Felix Morales, Associate Dean of Admissions and Diversity at TTUHSC School of Medicine; Dr. Steven Berk, Dean of the TTUHSC School of Medicine and the Executive VP and Provost of TTUHSC; Dr. Foy Mills ('80) Provost and Chief Academic Officer of LCU; and Dr. Stacy Patty, Dean of the LCU Honors College.

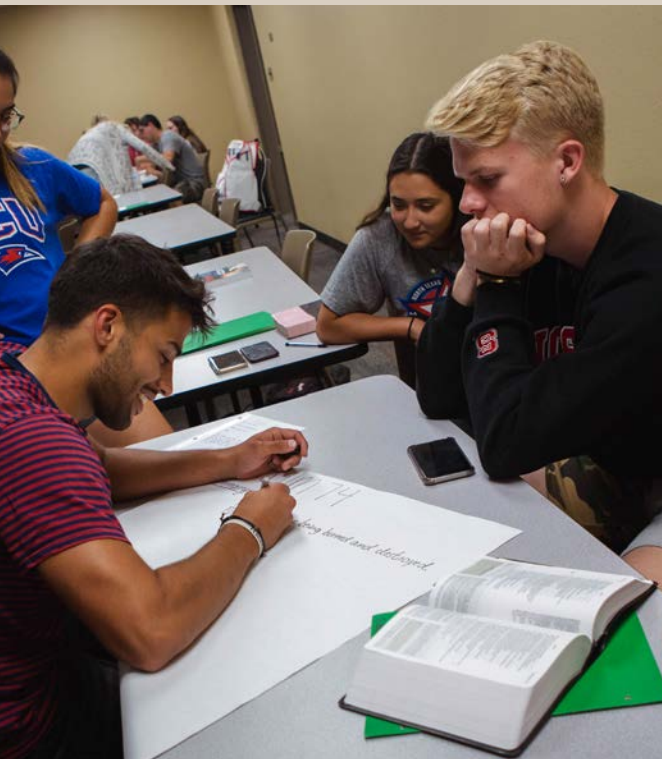


FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

LCU Faculty Explore New Styles of Learning

LCU's Learning Academy, established in 2017, serves the university by supporting faculty as they hone their teaching skills and work to design courses that provide high quality, learner-centered instruction. As part of the Learning Academy, Dr. Shannon Rains and Dr. Ashley Cherry were selected, among six other faculty members, to serve as Cohort I Learning Scholars. This prestigious fellowship provides intensive training to a select number of faculty who have the desire to study the science of learning, then adjust their teaching accordingly.





Dr. Shannon Rains, assistant professor of Children's Ministry in the Alfred and Patricia Smith College of Biblical Studies, chose to focus on a course that all incoming freshmen take – Introduction to the Old Testament. She recognized that students enter college with diverse backgrounds, and she determined to meet students where they are, helping them grow both in knowledge of the Bible and in their relationship with God.

As a Bible professor, she was challenged with large classes, a great deal of content to cover, and freshmen students who may not know how to study at the collegiate level.

She met this challenge head on by breaking a couple of larger than normal classes into small groups, who then worked together all semester, learning from and supporting each other while building relationships and a sense of community. Additionally, she purposefully taught students effective study strategies and helped them learn to monitor their own progress throughout the semester.

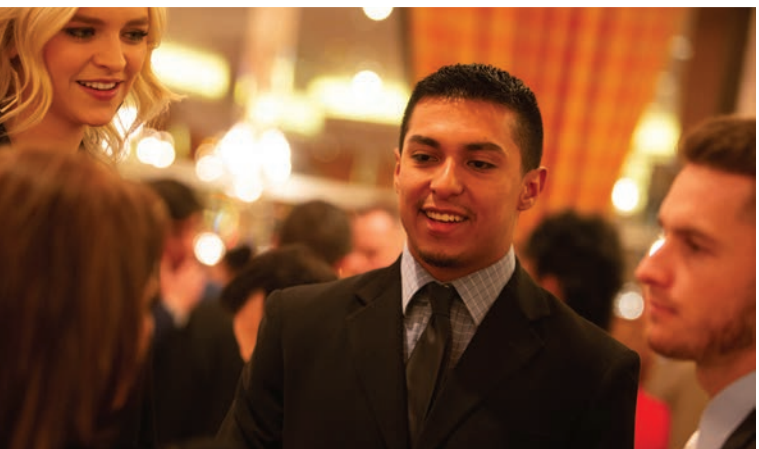
When you walk by Dr. Rains' class, don't be surprised to see students in the driver's seat, learning from each other and digging deep into the curriculum. In her class, students focus on learning and growing, and it shows.



Dr. Ashley Cherry ('10), assistant professor of Mathematics in the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies, chose to focus on College Algebra – a course in which students often struggle. Traditional instruction in mathematics relies on lecture, drill, and practice, but Dr. Cherry discovered through her time as a Learning Scholar that there are more effective ways

to help students learn. Not only did she move away from traditional instruction to embrace discovery learning, but she also updated her assessment practices to include students – guiding them throughout the semester to self-assess, set goals, review their progress, and adjust their own learning tactics as needed. These metacognitive strategies empower students and equip them for other college courses as well. Her class is a favorite on campus, as she continues to find innovative and effective approaches to teaching, reforming traditional methods in pursuit of effective teaching and deep learning.

When you walk by Dr. Cherry's class, don't expect to see her at the front of the room lecturing, although she must at times. More often than not, you will see her circulating among her students as they work together to discover mathematical principles and share ideas with each other, a very non-traditional yet powerful approach to instruction.



LCU STUDENTS GAIN **CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES** *in* **LEADERSHIP**

The LCU School of Business continues to provide excellent academic preparation combined with non-traditional experiences like Christian Perspectives in Business. Christian Perspectives is a trip designed to merge academic preparation with practical business applications. Travel to the DFW Metroplex last December allowed business students to hear from Gary Kelly, Chris Monroe and Steve Esquivel ('93) with Southwest Airlines, Tonya Carruthers and a team of executives with Interstate Batteries, Ken Garner ('91) with Ernst and Young, and Dale Knox with the Dallas Cowboys. Additionally, LCU alumni Brett Cate ('88) with Tyler Technologies and Gary Skidmore ('76) with The Aberdeen Group shared life and career advice with the students.

The School of Business will provide a similar opportunity in December 2019, offering students access to business leaders from a variety of industries, again including representatives from Ernst and Young, Interstate Batteries, Southwest Airlines, and Microsoft.

PASSING THE TEST WITH

A university's accreditation assures prospective students and their families that the professors, the academic programs, and the financial stability of the university from which they are seeking a degree are of the highest quality.

For LCU, the external entity that ensures professors possess the highest credentials, that academic programming meets appropriate standards for various academic disciplines, and that universities are fiscally viable is the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). This organization is responsible for accrediting universities and schools in U.S. southern states every ten years.

It was announced in January 2019 that SACSCOC has reaffirmed LCU's accreditation through 2028 following an extensive review of programs, policies, and practices across the institution. This process ensures quality in the academic programs and resources that LCU offers for students, and it validates compliance with SACSCOC standards and federal requirements. Of particular significance, LCU's 2018 accreditation report required no further action from the university, and the next reaffirmation review for LCU will be ten years from now, in 2028. It is rare that a university does not have any finding(s) for improvement in one or more areas, but the hard work and commitment to LCU by employees across the entire campus made the 2018 process very successful.

The university's reaffirmation efforts were spearheaded by Randy Sellers, who served as the Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. Sellers passed away unexpectedly in October of 2018, following the completion of the reaffirmation process but before the SACSCOC made the official announcement in December. Every member of the LCU community who was involved in the reaffirmation process witnessed Randy's passion for telling the LCU story well. He spent much of his time preparing for this process to ensure that the SACSCOC representatives and members of the committee who visited our campus from other SACSCOC accredited institutions could witness the strength of our academic programs and student services.

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ACCREDITATION SUCCESSFUL

A primary consideration in the reaffirmation review process is an institution's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). LCU's QEP, "Fostering Academic Tenacity," emerged as feedback was received from faculty, staff, and students, and it became clear that the focus of the initiative would be assisting students adjust to change, persevere through challenges, and better cope with academic and professional stress. Dr. Cathy Box, Director of LCU's Center for Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, serves as the QEP Director. Dr. Box, along with a QEP steering committee comprised of faculty and staff members from multiple areas on campus, developed a plan that creates opportunities for faculty to engage students to strengthen their academic tenacity and metacognitive skills beginning the first semester they are at LCU. The heart of this plan is tied to one of our core values, to provide a transformative educational experience. This is evident in the work of faculty and staff as they engage students to pursue, persist, and grow as they learn through challenge.

After SACSCOC announced LCU's reaffirmation results, President Perrin noted that "This excellent accreditation review reflects the strength of LCU and grows out of the diligent efforts of so many within our community," and Dr. Foy Mills, LCU Provost and Chief Academic Officer, also recognized that this outcome was "due to the exceptional efforts of the entire LCU community."

The reaffirmation process provided the opportunity to demonstrate the quality of the university's programs and services, as the university's operations and practices were opened up to visitors from SACSCOC and other schools for evaluation.

The excellent planning and coordination that went into this process played a large part in the positive outcome, but the quality of academic programs and student services is primarily due to the faculty and staff who pursue the highest standards of excellence, *working with all our hearts, as working for the Lord,* and seeking to glorify God in everything we do.



Does not wisdom call out?
Does not understanding
raise her voice? At
the highest point
along the way, where
the paths meet,
she takes her
stand; beside the
gate leading into
the city, at the
entrance, she
cries aloud: "Come
to me, O people,
I call out to you,
I raise my voice
to all mankind.
You who are
foolish, gain pre-
dence; you who are
foolish, set your
hearts on it. Listen,
for I have trustworthy
things to say; I open
my lips to speak what



PURSUING
WISDOM
goodness • TRUTH • beauty

is right. My mouth speaks
what is true, for my
lips detest wickedness.
All the words of my
mouth are just; none
of them is crooked
or perverse. To the
discerning all of
them are right;
they are upright
to those who have
found knowl-
edge. Choose my
instruction in-
stead of silver,
knowledge rather
than gold,
for wisdom is more
precious than ru-
bies, and nothing you
desire can compare with
her. Proverbs 8:1-11

Allegory of Wisdom and Strength
ca 1580 Italian Renaissance Painter, Paulo Veronese

LCU HOSTS THE 2019

THOMAS H. OLBRICHT CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE

Over 400 scholars from around the world met on LCU's campus June 4-7 to present, share, and collaborate on the different ways that their disciplines and faith intersect during the 2019 Christian Scholars' Conference. This annual conference, which is hosted at Lipscomb University for three out of every four years, rotates to the campuses of other host universities on every fourth year. This was the first time LCU had hosted the Christian Scholars' Conference since the early nineties.

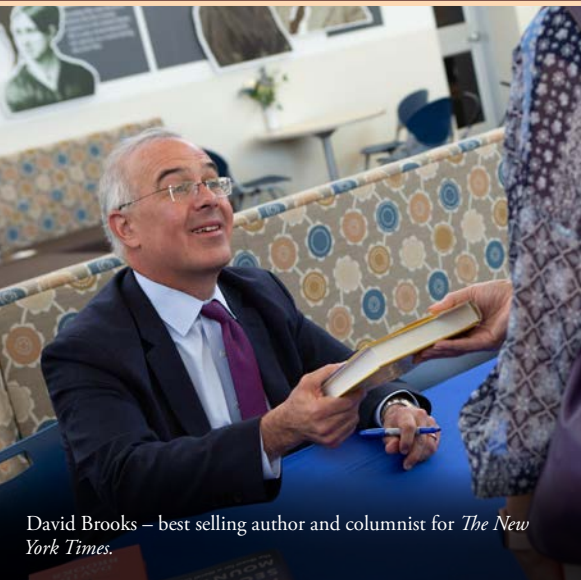
With its theme of "Pursuing Wisdom: Goodness, Truth, & Beauty," the conference welcomed researchers, scholars, activists, and theologians from across the globe for hundreds of individual presentations, posters, and panels.

"Dr. David Fleer, the conference executive director, worked tirelessly with section leaders/strand chairs to ensure there were a great number of

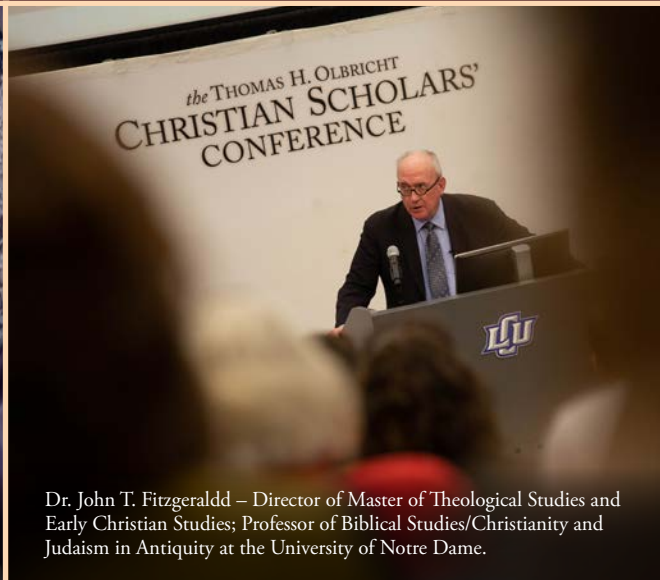
quality panels in all disciplines," explained Dr. Susan Blassingame, Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education at LCU. "There were some notable names in session presentations — Katherine Dell, Mike Stegmoller, and Katharine Hayhoe, all scholarly leaders in their fields — and people traveled to LCU because of the chance to hear renowned scholars discuss their work."

"We had a great roster of plenary speakers who attracted scholars to LCU," she added. The six plenary sessions featured renowned poet Naomi Shihab Nye; Notre Dame Professor of Theology Brian Daley; Miroslav Volf, Professor of Theology Yale; David P. Gushee, Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University; Professor John Fitzgerald of Notre Dame University; and *New York Times* columnist and bestselling author David Brooks.

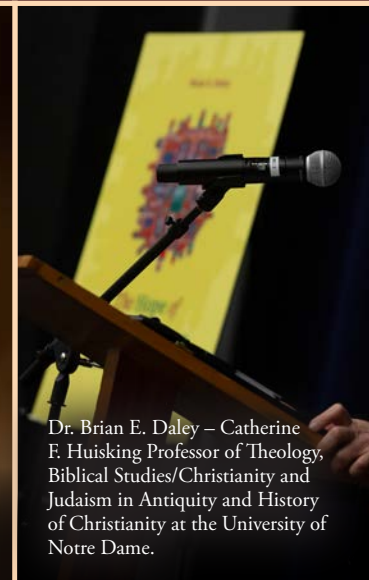




David Brooks – best selling author and columnist for *The New York Times*.



Dr. John T. Fitzgerald – Director of Master of Theological Studies and Early Christian Studies; Professor of Biblical Studies/Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity at the University of Notre Dame.



Dr. Brian E. Daley – Catherine F. Huisiking Professor of Theology, Biblical Studies/Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity and History of Christianity at the University of Notre Dame.

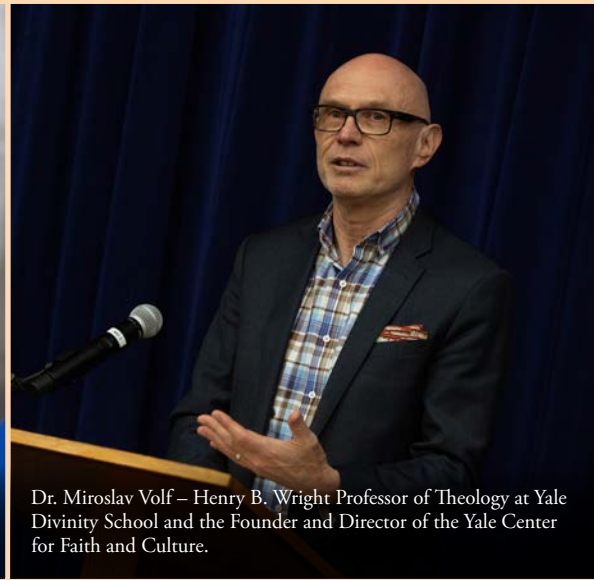
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David Brooks, whose latest book, *The Second Mountain*, had just come out and was number one on the *NY Times* Best-Seller list, was of particular interest to many of our conference attendees. Brooks spoke informally at breakfast on the last day of the conference during a Q&A session and then attended a panel of critical responses to *The Second Mountain* by a group of theologians and philosophers, arranged by the dean of the LCU Honors College, Dr. Stacy Patty. Brooks listened thoughtfully to the panelists and then engaged them in a thought-provoking discussion. After his plenary address, he signed books for about an hour. President Perrin engaged Brooks in a video Chap Chat, which is now available on our website.



Presentation topics during the conference ranged from theological and social issues to scientific research, literary criticism and creative writing, and higher education and pedagogy—and even featured musical and theatrical performances, including a presentation of *The Gospel According to Jesse*, a play by local playwright Dr. Norman Burke, Texas Tech University.

An annual feature of the CSC is a panel session with several of the Christian university presidents. This year’s panel featured LCU President Tim Perrin, Randy Lowry (Lipscomb), Jim Gash (Pepperdine), and John deSteiguer (Oklahoma Christian), who discussed questions posed by Dr. Darryl Tippens, former



Naomi Shihab Nye – an award-winning Palestinian-American poet, writer, and educator. Nye is Professor of Creative Writing - Poetry at Texas State University.

Dr. Miroslav Volf – Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School and the Founder and Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture.



Professor Katharine J. Dell – Professor Dell is currently Reader in Old Testament Literature and Theology at the University of Cambridge and Fellow of St. Catharine's College.

LCU President Tim Perrin and OC President John DeSteiguer participate in the Presidents' Panel on Christian Higher Education.

Professor David Gushee – Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University in Georgia



We had an unbelievably rich banquet for Christian scholars from around the world who came to hear interesting presentations and got to experience West Texas and LCU hospitality. - Dr. Susan Blessingame, *Dean, Hancock College of Lib. Arts and Ed.*

Pepperdine provost and now a distinguished faculty member at ACU. Points of discussion included pressing issues that college presidents now face, such as regulatory challenges from federal and state governments, changing demographics, and challenging perceptions of higher education and particularly Christian universities. The presidents also spoke of the importance of the Christian Scholars Conference to the future of our institutions.

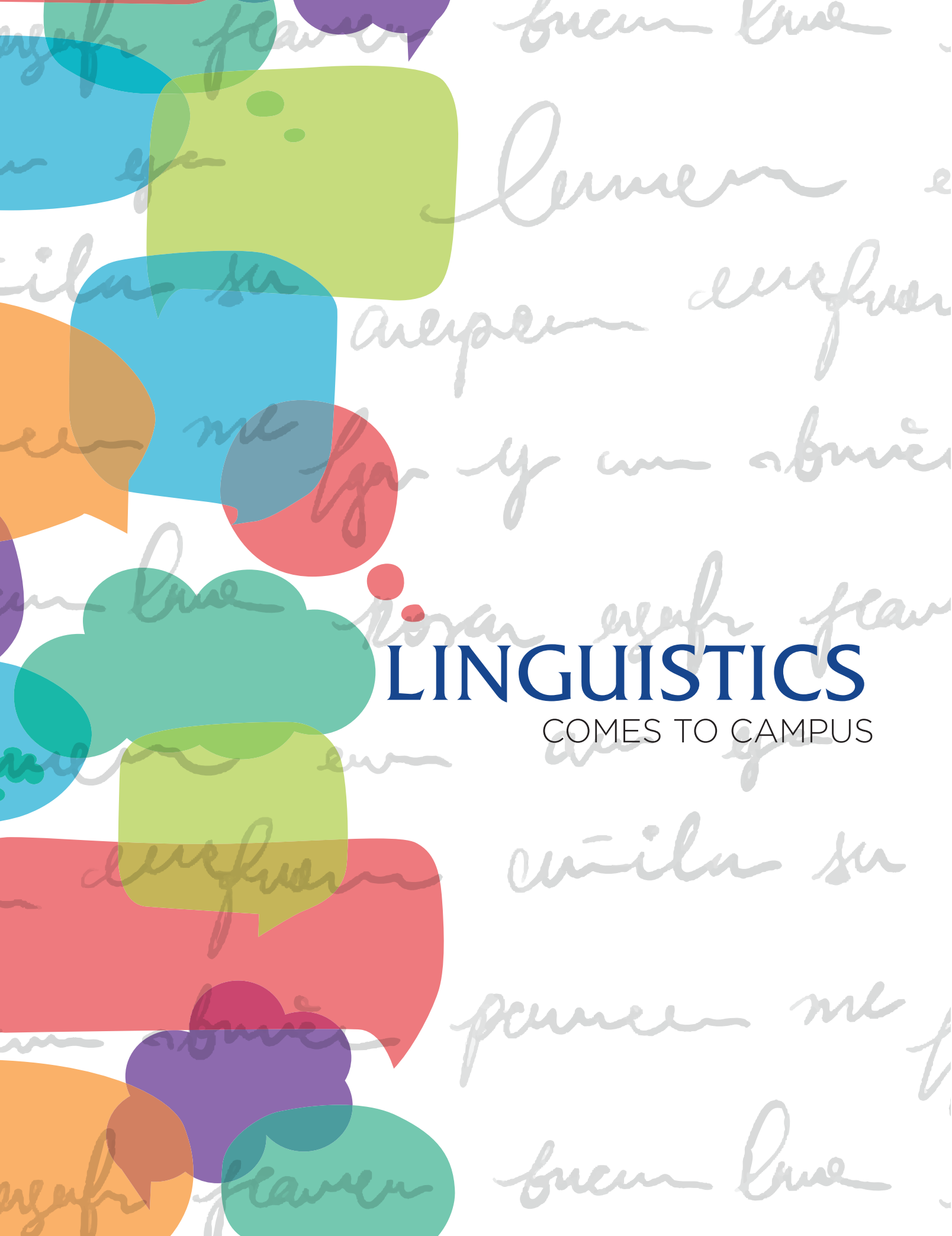
In addition to the plethora of presenters, speakers, and posters, the conference featured the Tokens Show, an internationally-known variety show based out of Nashville. The event, which packed the McDonald Moody Auditorium, showcased talented musicians, poetry and commentary from conference plenary speaker Naomi Shihab Nye, and the theological wit of Dr. Lee Camp, the show's writer and host.



“We had an unbelievably rich banquet for Christian scholars from around the world who came to hear interesting presentations and got to experience West Texas and LCU hospitality,” said Dr. Blassingame. “I’ve had emails and phone calls from colleagues I knew and from people I didn’t even meet who wanted to thank us and congratulate us on an outstanding conference.”

Conference attendees were impressed by the LCU campus and facilities. They enjoyed great conversations, excellent food, and mild West Texas weather. The university’s food service partner, Aramark, ensured that our guests were well-fed, including a Tex-Mex Fiesta dinner and a traditional Texas barbecue dinner.

“It was a lot of hard work by a host of dedicated LCU faculty and staff to host such a huge and successful event, but LCU sparkled in every imaginable way,” continued Blassingame. “Truly, it was an incredible week.”



LINGUISTICS

COMES TO CAMPUS

The beginning of any new academic program brings excitement and great anticipation—it opens new possibilities for students and promotes innovation and creativity among faculty. New programs are created to meet a need or to fill a void, and they are also engineered to broaden the scope of existing areas of study. In the fall of 2018, LCU added a minor in Linguistics, a program whose courses will also complement many of our current degree offerings across a variety of disciplines.

“Linguistics is the scientific study of language structure and language use,” explained Dr. Olga Pahom, the program coordinator. “All disciplines use language—so linguistics can be helpful to students of all majors.” For example, an education student could use linguistics to gain a better grasp of language acquisition, which in turn could help them become better instructors to students whose primary language is not English. Or, for a criminal justice major, studying linguistics could help enhance their understanding of voice-identification or other language-based practices used in surveillance operations and investigations. The study of linguistics has also offered new insight into voice-identification and Artificial Intelligence programming, delivering exciting advantages into the modern tech industry.

“One exciting area in which linguistics can be used is Bible translation,” continued Dr. Pahom. There are currently over 1,000 languages worldwide that lack any portion of translations of biblical text. “The linguistics minor at LCU can help prepare students for this important work,” she emphasized. “We’ve developed our minor in partnership with Pioneer Bible Translators, so all of the courses that we offer are required by PBT for all of their cross-cultural workers. So, by completing the minor, students can transition into Bible translation directly after graduation.”

Given its humanistic concerns and its scientific methodologies, a linguistics program can offer deep academic preparation for students in a variety of fields. “Linguists have to use critical thinking and detailed analytical skills in performing language analyses—both are very important in a variety of disciplines,” said Dr. Pahom. “To study the miracle of language is to study God’s very fingerprints on human society, and to marvel at the beauty, creativity, and design at the heart of it all.” Colton Parks, one of Dr. Pahom’s students, agrees. “I’ve really enjoyed the people—getting to know them as you explore languages, especially English, and come to terms with how we use language in our everyday lives.”



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Colton said that the impact he has felt from taking courses in linguistics has been immediate. “Right now, I’m taking Latin with Dr. Carroll,” he continued, “and that class has become immensely easier as I’ve become more familiar with how structure and forms work with language in general—and I assume that would translate well to learning any new languages.”

Brittany Michaleson, one of his classmates, agrees. “As a Mass Communication major with a Spanish minor, I’m studying how to communicate with people on a mass-scale, and especially with my Spanish classes, I’m able to see the different ways that English and Spanish formed, so it’s making those connections simpler.”

Even apart from learning other languages, however, Michaleson feels that the material has been valuable. “I’ve enjoyed the courses at LCU because I’ve been able to learn so much about language and how it works,” she said. “We use certain things to communicate in our everyday life, but we don’t always understand what we’re doing. These courses are opening my eyes to why we do those things and why our speech is formed in specific ways, and those methods help us communicate more effectively with others and learn about the world we live in.”

The minor, while available to students in any discipline, falls under the umbrella of the University Honors College. The Dean of the Honors College, Dr. Stacy Patty, is excited about the opportunities that this program will afford to students across campus. “We are pleased to offer the Linguistics minor at Lubbock Christian University,” he said. “These studies prepare students for crucial work in biblical translation and missions, as well as diplomacy and the foreign service. Through Dr. Pahom’s excellent leadership, we are able to offer this important program.”

athletics



The Chaparral basketball team posted a 21-10 record during the 2018-19 season, finishing third in the Heartland Conference. They reached the NCAA Tournament, where a first-round upset of Colorado School of Mines capped off one of the most successful seasons since the program moved to Division II.



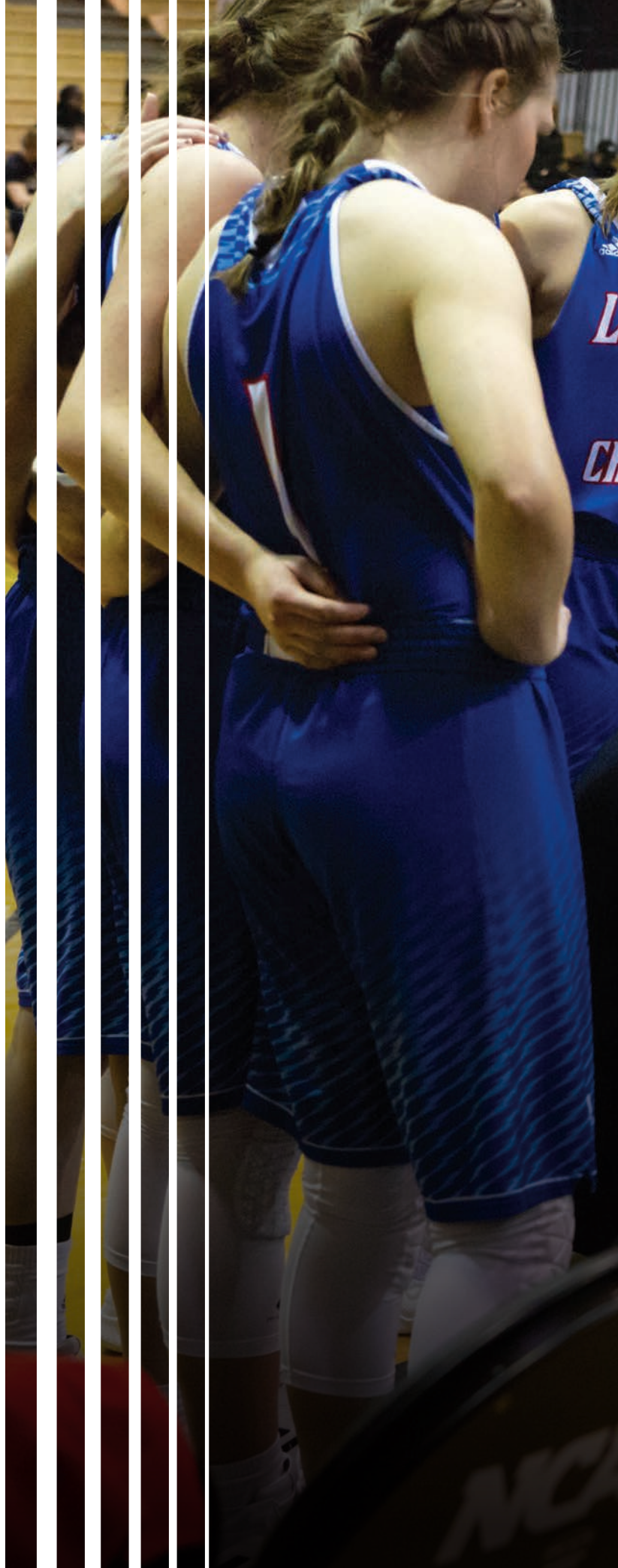
Columbus, Ohio—the destination.

It's the city where the LCU Lady Chaparrals basketball team won their second NCAA Division II National Title in just four years. It's the city where they clutched their 32nd win of the year, edging out Southwestern Oklahoma State University in a magical double-overtime win. But outside of the wins and losses, and outside of the stats and numbers for this team, Columbus, Ohio, also signaled a season of growth and determination, a season that demonstrated perhaps the strongest trait of this team—something that their coach described as, “steadiness.”

“It was one of the most transformative years from start to finish,” said head coach Steve Gomez. The season began early in the fall of 2018 with two exhibition games against [Division I] opponents. The Lady Chaps won the first match in the home gym of SMU, and then drove to Albuquerque to play the University of New Mexico, a close matchup they lost. “We played UNM in The Pit—which is a deathtrap for any school, DI or not—and that was a close game, even up to the last few minutes,” explained Gomez.

Following those two tough preseason games, the Lady Chaps began strong, defeating the first five teams they played at home. As November approached, however, they quickly faced difficulties. “This was a team that didn't always thrive when they were favored,” explained their coach. “It was a team that liked a challenge, and we performed better when we weren't expected to win. But after starting out well, we went on the road and just didn't play well for a stretch in November and December.” Some of that was because of a transition—the team had suffered an early injury: Caitlyn Cunyus was out for a significant portion at the beginning of the season. “We had to get everyone used to different roles,” said Gomez. “And when she came back, we had to readjust—we sort of had to find ourselves again.” But as he explained, it wasn't all about those adjustments—many of the challenges were self-created. “They were games in which our own decision-making created our own problems. We weren't handling situations very well.” As December arrived, the Lady Chaps were 7-4 after eleven games, everyone on the team knew that this was a make-or-break moment for their season.

“It came down to a moment when we got back from that fourth loss where I wrote in my phone, ‘24-4,’” Gomez recalled. “I really thought that we were talented enough to not lose a game for the rest of the season. I just knew we had more in us, but we just had to recognize it collectively.”





STEADY AND UNFAZED



Home Court Advantage

Among the other impressive statistics and accomplishments that the Lady Chaps have accumulated over the past four years is their home win streak, which sits at an incredible 65-straight games. Their run is the longest active in the NCAA and is the 3rd longest in Division II history. It also means that the two seniors on the 2018-19 team, Olivia Robertson and Bobbi Chitsey, never once in their LCU careers lost a home game. “I love the Rip Griffin Center,” said Olivia. “The fans are unbelievable, and we appreciate them so much. I am so blessed to say I got to experience so many types of games and teams in that gym. Being able to say we never lost a game in the Rip is a gift from God, because that just doesn’t happen.”

It was in those moments that the team really began to grow. “Our team experienced some hardships over Christmas break that made us stronger as a whole, and as individuals,” recalled senior Olivia Robertson. “We found our mental toughness through physical and mental pain that we hadn’t experienced before. As a team, we struggled, overcame, and became stronger.” “Everyone started playing better—everyone just started doing their job,” said Gomez in agreement. “Nobody had to do more than they could—we just had to play better together.”

It was as if someone had flipped a switch. Through the remainder of the regular season and through conference, the Lady Chaps piled up 16 wins out of their next 17 matchups, building a momentum that propelled the Lady Chaps to their third Heartland Conference Championship in their four years of NCAA Division II play. “We really started playing at a high level,” recalled Gomez. “Going into the postseason, it’s not like we expected to go all the way, but we just started playing very well, even starting in the conference tournament.”

The conference title gave the team an automatic berth as the 3-seed in the regional tournament, which would determine the team that would advance to the Elite 8—the final game LCU had reached in the previous season. The regional tournament gave the Lady Chaps several incredibly tough games, but the players pulled off the wins—and it was at that point that the now-familiar aura of postseason competition began to envelop the LCU community.

The team traveled to Grand Junction, Colorado, to play the first two games of the regional tournament, defeating 6-seed Tarleton State 84-53, and then faced the hosting 2-seed Colorado Mesa, who had home court advantage. “We had to go into the hosting school’s place in Colorado and win two big games there,” explained Gomez. They beat the CMU Mavericks in a close 56-63 contest—a win that gave LCU home court advantage for the Regional Title game against Angelo State University, a familiar opponent for the Lady Chaps in this tournament—LCU had ended the Belles’ season in two of the previous three seasons as they had advanced in postseason play. The game was another incredibly close contest, but LCU repeated the feat, ending another ASU bid for the Regional Title with a final score of 76-70.

“It drove home what I’d known all year long—that we were good enough to beat any team we played—but we weren’t so good that we couldn’t lose to any team we played, either.” According to Gomez, the team’s power stemmed not from any one player’s talent—although the team obviously had their fair share—but instead from their incredible cohesion. “If we were going to go into any of those games down the stretch from the regional tournament on and have our five girls play one-on-one with their starting five, we probably wouldn’t have won. But our five, playing together, just caught magic.”

Entering the national Elite Eight tournament, LCU had an experience advantage, having made it this far in three of the past four seasons. Olivia Robertson knew that his was incredibly important. "It allows you to make the game smaller and focus in on your game plan as opposed to your surroundings—we were comfortable and confident in any situation thrown at us." This composure was something that Coach Gomez knew was a key to competing at this high of a level. "There are just so many little things throughout that are uncontrollable—that's why you want to control everything that you can control, make sure that you don't mess up anything on your own so that maybe some of those things can fall your way. And that's what we were able to do—we didn't beat ourselves in those games. We made some clutch plays."

Robertson also mentioned that she was personally motivated by the previous season's Elite Eight loss to the eventual national champion Jennies of University of Central Missouri. "Last year's loss fueled me in a sense of hating to lose, but this year was a completely new situation. I know what it feels like to lose, and I know what it feels like to win, and I know exactly which one I prefer." That fire drove LCU to a dominant Elite Eight performance at a level that no one expected.

LCU came out against Northern Georgia on fire, making an incredible 76% of their shots in the first quarter, and a season-high 62% for the game, which ended with an insanely lopsided final score. "You don't expect once you get into the regional tournament, or especially into the Elite Eight, to have a game in

which you are just that dominant, to score 99 points and win by 45," said Gomez. Everything went well for the Lady Chaps, and everything went badly for their opponents—and on that day it was the worst-possible combination for Northern Georgia. As the Lady Chaps advanced to the National Semifinals, however, the team had little time to celebrate the victory as they prepared for their next-day matchup against tournament-favorite and undefeated Drury University, who was known for their absolute-shutdown defensive play.

"Against a team like Drury, who had been so dominant," explained Gomez, "we knew that if we gave them a close game, it was going to be in our favor, they hadn't really had to do that all year long." In fact, Drury's average margin of victory led the nation at nearly 28 points, and they'd only had four games that had ended with a single-digit lead—a stat due in no large part to the incredible number of turnovers their defense generated (season average of over 30 per game). As daunting as facing an undefeated team with Drury's stats could be, however, Gomez knew that the girls were up to the task. "We had two of our girls who had played on our own 35-0 team, so they knew that, while those teams are great, and they knew what being on a team like that was like—those teams aren't invincible. They knew it wasn't a situation where there was nothing we could do to win." It was by no means an overconfidence, but the Lady Chaps had no fear as they went into the game.

The semifinal matchup proved to be a close one. LCU jumped out to an early lead—they were up 12-8 at the end of the first



Junior Maddie Chitsey fights a tough press by the SWOSU Lady Bulldogs.



The Lady Chaps huddle up during a timeout for some quick words from Coach Gomez.



Senior Olivia Robertson, one of the two seniors who also played on the 2016 National Championship team, dribbles the ball up the court to set up the offense.

quarter—and they worked to expand that margin throughout the game. Despite the steadily-growing point deficit, the game never once felt secured until the final buzzer sounded, and the final scoreboard read 69-60. “Our strategy was to make them score against a defense—they tended to get more fast-break points through their season—and then we forced them into 22 turnovers on their side,” Gomez recalled of the gritty, tough game. “We made them have to think and make a lot of hard decisions, hesitate, and throw them off their game. For us

to have 29 turnovers—which is a giant number—I think the quality of those turnovers was really pretty good, all things considered.” When the final whistle blew, LCU fans let out simultaneous sighs of relief and cries of excitement—the Lady Chaps had upset the top team in the nation to advance to the national championship, where they would for the second time that season play Southwestern Oklahoma University.

“We’d played SWOSU earlier in the year, and that was the third of our four losses in that late-fall streak,” explained Gomez. “And it was one of the three games in that stretch that we gave away by playing poorly. Those teams didn’t beat us—we lost those games.” This wasn’t to say that SWOSU wasn’t an excellent team—their own record stood at 35-1 entering the championship game—but in that first meeting, the Lady Chaps had made some poor late-game decisions which they felt had sealed the loss. “When we went into that championship, we made a decision to not let that happen again,” said Gomez. “And that Drury game was the best thing that could have happened to us before the championship.

Success — On and Off the Court

Perhaps not as obvious—but equally impressive—as the Lady Chaps’ athletic success is their dedication to their academic work. Since joining the NCAA, the Lady Chaps’ program has consistently ranked among the top five nationally in team GPA—and this season, they ranked behind only one other team as they boasted a stellar 3.77 GPA mark. Gomez’s pride in his team was evident in his words: “They deserve a tremendous amount of credit for their ability to navigate the physical, mental and emotional time demands of college athletics while pursuing excellence in the classroom.” He also recognizes that the support of the faculty and staff at LCU is a big factor in the team’s success. “In addition to their own efforts, we have to also recognize the professionalism and dedication of the faculty at LCU as they sacrificially serve all of the students at LCU.”



Sophomore forward Emma Middleton takes postgame questions from the media.

"We were so **steady**. We never got wrapped up in the emotion of the moments, **good or bad**."

-Head Coach, Steve Gomez

SWOSU wasn't lax on the defensive end at all, but after playing Drury, pretty much any other team was going to feel like an easier game in that department."

The contingent of fans who made the 20-hour drive from Lubbock were determined to be heard inside the loud Alumni Hall, despite the larger crowd who made the shorter trip from Oklahoma, including their cheerleaders and a rowdy student section. To LCU fans' delight, the Lady Chaps started off hot, beginning the game on a 10-0 run, but the Lady Bulldogs soon fought their way back, and from then on, the game was close. "It was a game of runs," Gomez recalled. "We had a 10-0 run to start off, then they had a 22-4 run, then we had a 15-0 run—there were so many swings in the game. To have that many large runs for either side, it could have so easily become an emotion-driven game. Staying unfazed through the massive swings—that was the key for us." There were several lead changes, momentum swings, and clutch plays from both teams, but toward the end of the game, one moment outshone them all.

Having forced the game to enter overtime, SWOSU led for the first four minutes of the period. LCU managed to claw back to a one-point lead with 35 seconds left, but SWOSU returned with a bucket of their own, and then another two points off an LCU turnover. With just 11 seconds remaining, the SWOSU crowd began to chant "We believe!" to celebrate a solid three-point lead as LCU called a timeout, and Coach Steve Gomez began to draw up what might have been their final play.

The LCU faithful stood and cheered hopefully as their team took the floor, and when the whistle blew, the team executed the moves their coach had drawn up, giving Olivia Robertson an open 3-point shot. The ball ricocheted off of the backboard, but sophomore Allie Schulte grabbed the offensive rebound, and passed it to an open Maddi Chitsey on the right wing. The junior stepped back behind the three-point line with two-and-a-half seconds left and put up her shot. Time seemed to slow down inside the arena as the ball floated through the air, and after what seemed like a lifetime, the shot connected, tying the game at 75. The LCU crowd erupted with cheers as the Lady Chaps forced the first-ever double-overtime contest in the history of women's NCAA national title games—on any level.



Steve Gomez — At the Helm

Lady Chaps' Head Coach Steve Gomez returned to his alma mater to take over the women's basketball program in 2003 after a successful head-coaching tenure at Lubbock Cooper High School. Through his first 10 seasons at LCU, his team posted an overall record of 234-96 (.709%) and 10 consecutive trips to the NAIA Division I National Championship Tournament. During and since the university's transition to the NCAA Division II, teams coached by Gomez have a record of 166-29 (.851%), four postseason appearances and three national tournament trips including two NCAA Division II National Championships for a national tournament record of 16-1—all in just four years of eligibility. In total, Gomez's record stands at 397-101 (.797%)—but as any of his past or present players will explain, his greatest contributions to LCU come not in win percentages or national titles, but in the lasting impact he makes on the athletes he coaches daily.

“At the end of that first overtime, you could see that the other team just deflated,” Gomez recalled. “I watched Olivia shoot her shot and miss, and I was honestly fine with whatever happened in that moment. We had played a great game and had so many growing moments. Then, when Maddi made her shot, obviously I was excited, but we were all immediately ready to play and turn around to defend those last seconds of that period. And when we all got back to the bench, I just turned to the girls and said, ‘Isn’t this fun?’”

A deflated SWOSU ended up missing their first seven shots of the second overtime, and LCU capitalized, silencing the shocked SWOSU crowd as they outscored the Lady Bulldogs 20-10 in the second overtime.

“We were so steady,” said Gomez. “We never got wrapped up in the emotion of moments, good or bad.”

As the final buzzer sounded, the team and a contingent of LCU fans stormed the floor, celebrating the spectacular win, and the crowd gathered in the Rip Griffin Center at the watch party back in Lubbock erupted in a similar fashion.

The victory marked LCU’s second National Championship in its four years of NCAA Division II play, bringing their overall

NCAA postseason record to 16-1, and that of the 2018-19 season to 32-5—only one number off from Coach Gomez’s determined note in the fall.

Both Olivia Robertson and Bobbi Chitsey had been freshmen on the 2016 Lady Chaps National Championship team, but Olivia said that this one just felt sweeter. “Our team faced difficulty and was stronger because of it. Life isn’t always filled with sunshine and rainbows. We fought battles together, and winning in the end was so sweet.”

“That was one of the things that was different about this year,” Coach Gomez expressed. “When you think in terms of faith and real life, there are so many people who go through struggles—it’s not always undefeated seasons and trophies. There is a victory, and then two or three losses, and some despair, and some tribulation and questioning, then some progress, and then a challenge—but when you stick together, it all works out. And this year, it did—it all worked out—but not without those thorns and those struggles. And I won’t say it makes it better or worse, but this one almost feels more real to what most people go through.”

In the end, he summed it up perfectly: “It was a great struggle.”



The newly crowned National Championship Lady Chaps and their coaching staff pose for a post-game photo.



SLAM DUNK HUNGER

Hosted and organized by Lubbock Christian University, Slam Dunk Hunger, which took place during an afternoon of basketball in the Rip Griffin Center on February 23, 2019, carried on the tradition established by our annual Strike Out Hunger event these past five years. The original idea to host a spring food drive to benefit the South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) began in 2014 when Russell Dabbs, event coordinator and LCU School of Business professor, explored opportunities to help collect money and food pantry items for the SPFB.

The community, students, staff, faculty, and friends were all invited to come out and watch the Chaps and Lady Chaps take on Oklahoma Christian University. All the proceeds from admission to the game went to the SPFB, and attendees had the opportunity to bring five cans of food or \$5 cash to participate in activities and be entered in a prize drawing.

The annual U-Can Share food drive during the Christmas holidays is very effective and successful, and having this additional event in the spring boosts donations in another, concentrated way to benefit food-insecure individuals and

families in Lubbock and the south plains. Since the first event in 2014, the efforts have generated nearly 19 tons of food for the South Plains Food Bank in the form of both physical cans and cash donations—numbers not lost on Dabbs.

Dabbs was pleased with this year's efforts, saying, "The LCU community once again showed its generosity toward the surrounding community by raising 1,721 lbs. of food and over \$3,500, in support of the South Plains Food Bank this year," he reported.

The South Plains Food Bank is an organization that feeds over 57,000 food-insecure individuals in Lubbock and the 20-county surrounding area, according to the SPFB website. They aim to end hunger, give hope, and enrich lives. By supporting the SPFB, Lubbock Christian University and Slam Dunk hunger aim to do the same thing.

Slam Dunk Hunger 2019 was sponsored by Lubbock Christian University, Powerhouse Nutrition, Texas Tech Credit Union, Aramark, Advanced Graphix, and Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P. for the benefit of the South Plains Food Bank.

CHAPARRALS

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LCU baseball talent was on full display this year, as five players began professional careers this summer in various minor-league systems following the team's short postseason run. Four players entered Major League Baseball, tying the program record for most players drafted into the MLB following a single season, and the fifth joined his hometown team in the Canadian league.



The LCU selections began when **ANDREW PRATT** was drafted by the Washington Nationals on day two of the official MLB Draft with the 303rd overall pick in the 10th round—the third-highest position of any Chaparral draftee in team history. Pratt played at LCU for two seasons after transferring from the University of New Mexico. In his junior and senior seasons, the

Albuquerque native started 105 games, mostly behind the plate. He hit .370 in that time, with 25 home runs and a .663 slugging percentage. He added 33 doubles over two years, tying for the team lead in each season. Pitchers were careful with him as a senior, and Pratt took advantage by more than doubling his walk total. To close out his final collegiate season, Pratt reached base in 31-straight games, marking the longest streak by a Chap since 2013.

An All-Heartland Conference First Team selection in both 2018 and 2019, Pratt was also an ABCA All-South Central Region Second Team selection in 2018 and a Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-American in 2019. He was twice named the Heartland Conference Hitter of the Week during the 2019 season.



On the following day of the draft, **KEATON GREENWALT** became the second Chaparral to advance to professional leagues in 2019. The Philadelphia Phillies selected the outfielder in the 20th round. Greenwalt became a starter in his second season for the Chaparrals, featuring a career .330 average (.361 during his 2019 season) and an errorless senior season in 97 outfield

chances. The New Mexico native collected 21 doubles and seven triples to go along with 15 home runs during his junior and senior seasons, reaching base at a .394 clip for his career (.422 OBP as a junior).

CHANDLER CASEY followed shortly after, going in the 26th round to the Houston Astros. The New Mexico native collected 21 doubles and seven triples to go along with 15 home runs during his junior and senior seasons, reaching

IN SHOW



Chandler Casey
PITCHER

base at a .394 clip for his career (.422 OBP as a junior). Both seasons with LCU, Casey split time between the bullpen and a starting role, making a team-leading 18 appearances each season. In 2019, he was on the mound for 87.0 innings, striking out 89 batters and holding opponents to a .226 average at the plate. He was the Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week four times during his senior

season, leading to a spot on the All-Heartland Conference First Team and league All-Defense Team.



Hill Alexander
OUTFIELDER

HILL ALEXANDER capped off the Chaps' draft day successes as the Tampa Bay Rays' 28th round selection. During Alexander's single season at LCU, he hit at a .411 rate while starting every game in right field. Reaching base at .474 and touting a .736 slugging percentage, Alexander also led the team with 14 home runs, earning 54 runs and 53 RBI. His incredible offensive numbers led to a number of awards and accolades,

including Heartland Conference Player of the Year, three All-Region Selections, and Third Team All-American recognition

from the American Baseball Coaches Association and the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association.



Ryan Johnson
PITCHER

The four draftees joined the professional ranks of baseball alongside their former teammate **RYAN JOHNSON**, who had begun playing earlier in the summer for his hometown Canadian team, the Winnipeg Goldeyes. Johnson pitching the 2018 and 2019 seasons with the Chaps, during which he spent 185.1 innings on the mound and posted a 2.87 earned run average. He struck

out 176 batters and limited opponents to a .212 batting average during the two seasons. During the 2019 season, he set a new LCU program record by winning 13-consecutive starts on the mound, and his career record with the Chaps was 19-7. During his final season, he posted a 2.54 ERA in 106.1 innings on the mound and 117 strikeouts. For the performance, Johnson was named to three All-South Central Region First Teams (D2CCA, NCBWA and ABCA) and won Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Year honors as well.

The 2019 Chaparrals Baseball team's playoff run was cut short in the regional finals, when 1-seeded Angelo State University defeated them 6-1 to push the LCU's season record to 35-17.



BRAD ROGERS

HEADS OFFICIATING CREW

LCU professor of Business Brad Rogers now gets to wear a white cap. Rogers, who will be entering his third season as an NFL official, has been promoted to the referee position, replacing retiree and three-time Super Bowl head official John Parry – a reflection of Rogers' dedication to excellence both in and out of the classroom.

After completing his second season as an NFL field judge in 2018, Rogers worked the Divisional Playoff game in New England between the Chargers and Patriots during the 2018-19 postseason—his first year eligible. Prior to his NFL tenure, he worked with the NCAA in the Southeastern Conference and Conference USA after beginning his officiating career reffing high school football in west Texas. Even at that level, his prowess as an official was on display—in 1991, he headed a high school crew that featured officials who all eventually went on to work Division I college football.

Rogers' early placement at the referee position in a preseason tryout this past season indicated that he was on the officiating department's radar very early—a fact which seems to be confirmed as he assumes his new role in 2019. The white hat represents the highest position attainable by an NFL official—a position that Rogers reached in only his third season working for the league.

Rogers has heard from lots of friends offering their congratulations, which he indicates has been very gratifying. But, even more



Brad Rogers tosses the coin prior to the game at Lambeau Field.

exciting for him is that this opportunity has opened new doors as a means to share his faith.

“You don’t think about religion and sports mixed together,” he shared. “One of the things I enjoy as much as anything is having conversations with what some consider ‘untouchable’ players. I’m able to talk about where I’m from, I get to hear their stories, and I’m able to share mine, at least to some extent.”

Even more than the contact with the players, however, has been the impact he’s been able to foster among his fellow officials. “They’re our family on the weekends when we’re away,” he explained. “We get to know each other really well. Every Sunday morning, we have a devotional as a crew, and I’ve been fortunate enough to be involved in designing those for the past two years. We’ve been able to share and talk, and see the common things we have in Christianity, and it really does carry over to our everyday lives. We’re able to talk about how our families are doing and what’s going on in our personal lives—and that devotional time brings God in, and it allows God to stay. That has been something that I’ve found to be an important part of the relationships with people I work with on the field, and also in the conversations I have with players, coaches, and other personnel on the teams.”

Rogers has been a member of the LCU faculty since 2007, teaching a variety of business-related classes, including Human Resources Administration and Business Strategic Planning. While his NFL duties tie up a portion of his weekends, he remains a dedicated professor with an incredible passion for mentoring students in the LCU School of Business. “Dr. Rogers has been an integral part of the LCU School of Business, previously working as a Program Coordinator for the Organizational Management program,” Tracy Mack, Dean of the LCU School of Business, said. “Currently, Professor Rogers provides excellent instruction in management-related courses—interestingly, one of those courses is Sport Management. He is an excellent professor and an important part of the LCU School of Business faculty.” Additionally, Rogers has recently been appointed the director of LCU’s graduate studies, helping showcase the university’s growing offerings for students seeking advanced degrees and programs.

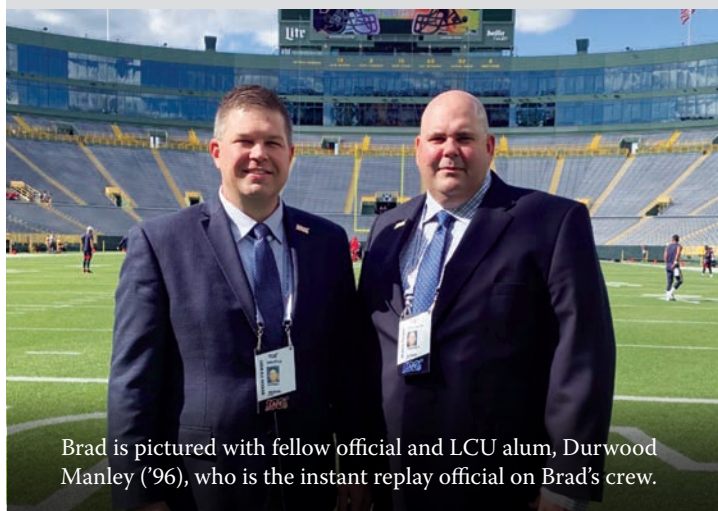
When asked about what drives him in his work, Rogers replied, “When you’re passionate about something, you want to do it to your very best, as well as possible. . . . I want to do everything in the best way that I can. Being in the NFL and being a college professor here at LCU—those are both things that I never in my wildest dreams thought that I would do. I can clearly see how God put things in my life, and one day I just woke up and said, ‘how did I end up here?’ When I reflect back through those things, it motivates me to be more observant about how God is working in my life. I can share that story with others, so that they can also allow God to work in their lives. My greatest calling is to be the kind of professor that fully prepares our students to go beyond the doors of this university.”



Brad tosses the coin as Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers looks on.



Rogers teaches Business Strategic Planning to students in the new Dobbs Center for Business.



Brad is pictured with fellow official and LCU alum, Durwood Manley ('96), who is the instant replay official on Brad's crew.

community





Faculty and staff pray over Aaron Weseman after he is released from the hospital following a debilitating injury from an auto accident. Weseman made a remarkable recovery after relearning how to walk and plans to rejoin the LCU Chap baseball team this season.

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SELLERS ('73)**

Randy Sellers graduated with an Associate of Applied Arts degree from LCU before completing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from Abilene Christian University. He later received Master of Science degrees from Golden Gate University and another Master of Science



**YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE
YEAR** *in recognition of significant
professional achievements – under 40*

**CHAD ('08) and
JAIME ('15) WHEELER**

Chad Wheeler graduated from LCU with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Text in 2008, and Jaime (Rucker) Wheeler completed her Master of Science of Social Work degree in 2015 as part of a cooperative program between LCU and the University of Texas at Arlington. The Wheelers have been involved with Open Door (formerly Carpenter's Church) since 2007, with Chad currently serving as executive director, and Jaime serving as the director of survivor housing. Their efforts have been recognized by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Lubbock Chamber of the National Association of Social Workers, Lubbock Crimes Victims Coalition, Covenant Health System, the city of Lubbock, and the Texas Homelessness Network.

Chad currently serves on the board of the decision-making body that determines the policy direction for 215 Texas Counties regarding homeless services. He also advises the City Council on a variety of human service and development projects that impact the City of Lubbock.

Jaime is recognized as a leader and an advocate for adult survivors of sex trafficking in West Texas. She has worked with the Regional Sex Trafficking Allied Response Team since 2011 and served as Lubbock's first dedicated Sex Trafficking Advocate for Voice of Hope (formerly the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center) from 2015-2018. She also co-founded the Human Rescue Coalition and published a workbook that is used in trafficking programs throughout the U.S., including Rape Crisis Centers, law enforcement agencies, trafficking housing programs, and a variety of service providers and individuals.

They currently serve as foster parents for three children.



GARY & PAT ESTEP AWARD
*in recognition of outstanding
contributions to the Sciences*

**CHARLES MAUPIN,
D.D.S. ('03)**

Dr. Charles Maupin graduated from LCU with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2003. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery at Baylor College of Dentistry in 2007. He attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where he served as chief resident and received his endodontic specialty. Charles continues to be a part-time faculty member at UCLA. He is a Diplomat of the American Board

of Endodontics, making him the only Board-Certified Endodontist in Lubbock. He is an active member of the American Association of Endodontists, the American Dental Association, the Texas Dental Association, and the South Plains District Dental Society. Charles is a founding member of the International Academy of Endodontics, is on the forefront in revolutionizing endodontics, and is a volunteer with Texas Mission of Mercy.

Charles is in demand as a speaker in the field of endodontics. He has already given several lectures in 2019 alone, at the U2 Endodontic Study Club, American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, and the Southern California Association of Endodontics. Past speaking engagements also include the American Association of Endodontics Annual Meeting (2016, 2017, 2018), the International Academy of Endodontics (2015, 2018), the New Jersey Endodontic Association (2018), and the Arizona Endodontic Association (2018).

Charles credits his LCU professors, Drs. Baldrige, Martin, Harman, Rogers, Mason, Marshall, and Estep, with his preparation for dental school and for teaching him the value of hard work. He believes that he would not be where he is today without each and every one of them.

Charles and his wife Stephanie (Aksamit '03) have three children: Lucy, Lily, and Jett.

degree from Troy University. Randy served in the United States Air Force from 1974 to 1982 and graduated from his flight training class in 1980, receiving the Commanders Trophy for graduating top of his class. As a captain, his first assignment was as an F-15 fighter pilot. He was a defense contractor and flight instructor for fifteen years at Reese Air Force Base until the base closed.

Randy started his successful 21-year career with LCU in 1996. He served as associate dean of students, director of enrollment management, and vice-president of institutional effectiveness and student record management. Randy managed the

registrar's office, led data production and analysis, coordinated all re-accreditation efforts, and served as a staff liaison to the LCU Board of Trustees. Under Randy's direction, LCU achieved two accreditation reaffirmations with no significant findings and no action required by the university. Few understand how rarely that happens in higher education.

Our dear friend and colleague, Randy Sellers, passed from this life on October 20, 2018. Randy was married to Jean (Fowler) Sellers ('12) for 46 years. They are the parents of Jennifer (Sellers) Thomas, who received her BS in Interdisciplinary Studies in 1996, and a Master of Education from

LCU in 2000, and Justin Sellers, who graduated in 2001 with a BA in Business/Marketing. Randy was extremely proud of his children for attending LCU and of all their accomplishments.

Receiving the award were members of Randy's family: Justin (son), Malavika (daughter-in-law), Jean (wife), Addie (granddaughter), and Jennifer (daughter).



K. C. MOSER AWARD
in recognition of excellence and outstanding service to the Kingdom of God

RANDY and JANICE SCHOW ('77)

Randy and Janice Schow transferred into LCU as juniors and newlyweds in 1975. They worked to put each other through school and graduated together in 1977. Randy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, and Janice graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Randy completed a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a National Board-Certified Counselor (NBCC), and he has Forensic Specialty and Criminal Justice Specialist certifications. Janice taught at Lubbock Christian Schools, Green Country, and Wright Christian Academy in Tulsa, OK. She received her Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from Colorado Christian University.

Randy worked at Turley Children's Home in Tulsa, OK, before accepting the role of Executive Director of Mountain States Children's Home (MSCH) in Longmont, CO, in 1992. Janice started a school on

the campus of MSCH in 1998 to help junior high and high school students who have struggled academically, behaviorally, emotionally, and spiritually. Janice was recognized for her significant contribution to the overall welfare of children, adolescents, and families by the Colorado Association of Family and Children's Agencies.

Randy is an elder at the Longmont Church of Christ, where he and Janice have been active members for more than 25 years. The Schows have three children, Denver and Kacey Schow of Edmond, OK, Abby and Nick Mears of Longmont, CO, and Jordan and Sarah Schow of Longmont, CO. They are blessed with three grandchildren and one to arrive any day! They also have four chosen children who have lived with them and consider them family.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR *in recognition of significant professional and personal achievement*

SHERRY ('92) and BRETT ('88) CATE

Sherry and Brett Cate both received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees from LCU – Brett in 1988 and Sherry in 1992. Since then, Sherry and Brett have been working and serving together in the Lubbock community.

Over the past 20 years, Brett has served in many different roles with Tyler

Technologies. He first served as a solutions consultant, then as director of sales, chief operating officer, president of the Local Government Division, and in 2016, he became chief sales officer across all divisions of the company.

Sherry and Brett are co-owners of several companies in Lubbock including BBC Partnership LLC, Premier Sportsplex LLC, Apex LLC, and Ultimate Cheer Lubbock (UCL). Sherry has also served on the board of directors of the Junior League of Lubbock and the National Charity League of Lubbock. Brett currently serves on the board of directors of Jochebed's Hope, an organization focused on providing access to housing, food, medical care, clothing, education, and vocational training for the children of Indonesia. He is an advisory board member of the LCU School of Business and is also on the board of directors of Lubbock Economic Development Alliance/Market Lubbock, and People's Bank.

Sherry and Brett reside in Lubbock and have two children, Jordan and Tucker. Jordan owns several dance studios in Durango and Cortez, CO, and lives with her husband Lukas DeBolt in Durango, and Tucker is a junior in college, majoring in nursing.

FAST FACTS ABOUT TEG

What is TEG?

The Tuition Equalization Grant Program (TEG), enacted in 1973 by the 63rd Texas Legislature, provides grant aid to students with financial need who attend private, non-profit Texas colleges and universities.

Why TEG?

The rationale behind the program is that it costs the state less money to fund this program to a student who attends a private, non-profit university than for that same student to attend a state-funded public university.

Who qualifies for TEG?

This state-funded, need-based grant is available to undergraduate students who are Texas residents. The award amount is determined by the student's financial need and the availability of the funds provided by the state to the university each year.

How does TEG benefit LCU Students?

In 2017-2018:

- LCU received \$1,623,451 in TEG funding
- Awarded to 522 LCU students
- Average of \$3,110 awarded per student

In 2018-2019:

- LCU received \$1,602,375 in TEG funding
- Awarded to 513 LCU students
- Average of \$3,124 awarded per student



LCU students join President Tim Perrin on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol after meeting with representatives about the benefit of TEG. From left: Michael Torres ('19), Macy (Donahoo) Young ('19), President Perrin, current student Hannah Lindsey, and Zeph Bruce ('19).



THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS TO BECOME AN LCU COMMUNITY PARTNER

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- Complimentary participation in LCU flag service
- Logo displayed on the LCU website
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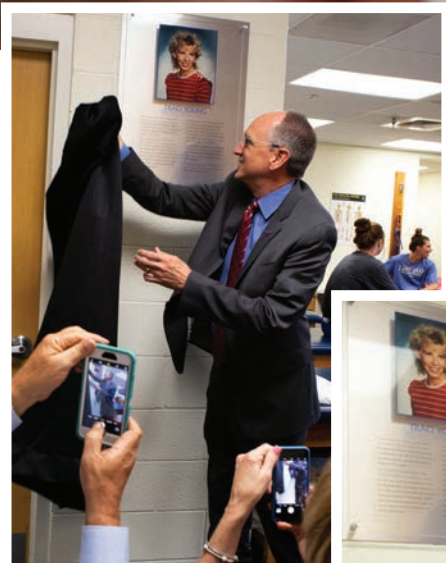
ENGAGEMENT

- VIP Invitation to LCU Events
- Offer “deals” from your business on the Chap App
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For more information on how to become a Community Partner, visit [LCU.edu/Community](https://www.lcu.edu/Community)

FOREVER

Young



Dale Young stands in front of the plaque honoring the memory of his daughter, Traci Young, after it was unveiled by President Perrin.



REMEMBERING TRACI YOUNG

Traci Young came to LCU in the fall of 1981 to pursue a degree in Kinesiology for a career as an athletic trainer. Her vibrant personality quickly helped her forge friendships, as she joined a social club and become deeply involved on campus—she was even elected as President of Lambda Omega Alpha before her junior year. During the fall semester of 1983, on October 15, she was tragically killed in an automobile accident—a devastating loss for her family and for the LCU community.

Years after her death, Traci's father, Dale Young, approached LCU with the intention to permanently commemorate his daughter's life and legacy. Through Dale's generous donation, LCU established the Traci Young Memorial Endowed Scholarship, a financial gift that will help many LCU students pursue their dreams through service as athletic trainers. In honor of Dale's generosity and Traci's memory, LCU dedicated the Athletic Training & Rehab Center on April 18, 2019, installing a plaque inscribed with Traci's image and story, sharing the lasting impact that she and her family have had on the LCU community.

HONORING THE

LCU

Legends of Music

Dr. Hinds and Brother Cox



On Saturday evening, February 10, 2019, the Wayne Hinds Family and the Charles Cox Family were honored for the enduring legacy of their respective family patriarchs – two men who are also considered university patriarchs and are “LCU Legends of Music.”

During the dinner, Dr. Steve Lemley ('65), former LCU President, spoke on the significant impact that the choral tradition had on a young, growing university. Carl Cope ('73) reminisced about his time in Meistersingers and his director Brother Charles Cox, and Sherry (Butler) Casella ('83) recalled her time in Acapella with Dr. B. Wayne Hinds as her choral director. Their genuine and heartfelt presentations recounted the life-changing influence of Hinds and Cox on each of their students and on the university they served during their combined 74 years of service.

The Baker Conference Center was filled to capacity with former Meistersinger and Acapella Chorus members, as well as former faculty and staff peers and numerous friends. They were the first to hear the announcement that a new facility named the Wayne and Yvonne Hinds Music Center will be built and connected to the current McDonald Moody Auditorium. This facility will feature beautiful high arching windows, a spacious rehearsal hall, nine student practice rooms, and three faculty offices facing the LCU mall, giving the music programs space to grow, practice, and continue to be the heartbeat of the things that are good and precious at LCU. Portraits of Wayne and Yvonne Hinds and Charles and Sarah Cox will be prominently displayed in the beautiful atrium space to honor the enduring legacy of these modern pioneers.

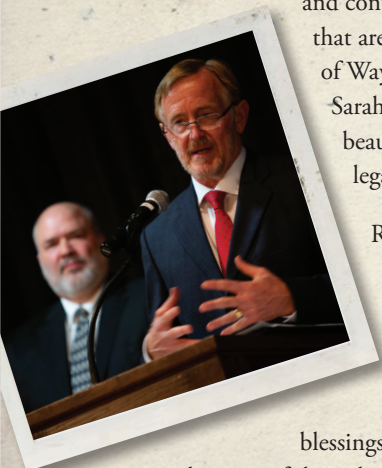
Randall Hinds and Eddie Cox concluded the evening by representing their families to express appreciation to the university for honoring their parents and their families with this new facility. They also acknowledged the amazing

blessings their families received through the years because of their close friendships with each other and the numerous friends that were made because of their fathers' life-long service to LCU.

The Acapella Chorus and Meistersinger Chorus, filled with lively and engaging students, were an amazing recruiting arm for the young college, as each chorus toured and sang in churches and schools scattered across Texas and in neighboring states. These two vibrant singing groups were extremely effective in spreading the news of Jesus Christ and promoting a new Christian college in Lubbock.

Hinds directed the Acapella Chorus from 1957 until his retirement in 1997. Charles Cox began directing the Meistersinger chorus 1961, a year after Dr. Hinds had started the second university chorus. Cox retired in 1995, and Philip Camp was appointed the new director. When Dr. Hinds retired two years later in 1997, the choruses were reorganized into the Praise Choir and Chamber Singers. The names were new, but the focus and goals remained the same as those established in 1957.

The opportunity still exists to participate in honoring Wayne Hinds and Charles Cox and the strong tradition of music they nurtured for so long. Please consider joining other alumni and friends to finalize the funding of the new music center.



A rendering of the proposed Wayne and Yvonne Hinds Music Center includes a beautiful new entry that will be highlighted by portraits of the Hinds, as well as of Charles and Sarah Cox, to honor the enduring legacy of these modern pioneers.

Leaving a Legacy

The life of a university is cyclical – a class of freshmen come in one year and after four or so years leave with a degree. Each year, new students arrive, while those with more experience are around to show them the ropes before they graduate. The same is true of other parts of the university as well. Routinely, newer faculty and staff members join our life-transforming mission, even as there are those who transition away after the completion of a career dedicated to that mission.

The university has a Wall of Honor, which contains a plaque honoring those who have retired from full time work after having worked at the university for at least 15 years. Plaques for the individuals listed below will soon hang beside others – a physical reminder of the individuals who have given a life of service to the university and on whose shoulders we stand as we face the future. The descriptions below are excerpts from the plaques that hang on the Wall of Honor in the lobby of the Baker Conference Center.

David Cord Anderson (1996-2019)



David Anderson began working at Lubbock Christian University in 1996 as the founding chair of the Department of Organizational Management. During

his tenure as chair, the program became one of the largest academic programs on campus, at one time having an enrollment that exceeded 185 students. This success led to it being taught on three other college campuses as a satellite program of LCU, and David's vision and leadership provided a great opportunity for working adults to complete their degree.

Iona Baldrige, Ph.D. (1979-2019)



Iona Baldrige is an icon of Lubbock Christian University. She first worked for the LCU biology department in 1969 before graduating in 1972. She received

her master's in science education from UT Austin, and later her Doctor of Education from Texas Tech. Iona began her career at LCU as an adjunct lab instructor in 1977

and became a biology faculty member in 1979. Iona taught LCU students for 40 years and was recognized as an educator of educators among her peers and considered a role model by her students.

Teaching at LCU was my dream-come-true. From my very early years, I knew I would be a teacher. After a couple of years in high school, I envisioned teaching in a small college. So, I pursued preparing myself for just that. When Dr. Estep knocked on my door one summer day asking if I would be interested in teaching Biology part-time, my only worry was finding a babysitter! The first thing I learned was that all my college classes mostly taught me how to study, which was a good thing. I had to relearn all the subject matter again as I went. Of course, the science field continually grew, so I continually had to learn more! I never regretted my decision to work at LCU, nor was I ever tempted to look for greener pastures. The path of my life and my family's lives has been permanently affected by that choice—thank God!

Iona Baldrige

Rick Bell (1991-2019)



Rick Bell joined the facilities department of LCU in August of 1991. From the very beginning, he acquired a reputation for being able to repair or build anything.

His skills include mechanical, HVAC, acoustical tile, refrigeration, and general repair. As the length of his service grew, his expertise became a resource for younger members of the facilities department, and Rick served with his expertise as a woodworking artisan. Among his many notable contributions are his woodwork in the Baker Conference Center, the Betty Hancock Parlor, the Office of the Provost, and the Executive Office Suite.

Steve German, Ph.D. (1983-2019)



Dr. Steve German arrived at LCU as a freshman in 1975 and has rarely been off-campus since. After graduating with a B.S. in Business Administration in

1979, he returned to his alma mater in 1983 as an admissions counselor, and

eventually rose to the role of Director of Admissions. Steve continued his academic preparation, and after earning a Ph.D. from Texas Tech University he transitioned to the School of Business faculty, where he taught accounting and statistics for 25 years. Dr. German's leadership positions included Chair of the Business Administration Department, Assistant Dean, and eventually Dean of the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies from 2009-2012.

Debbie Haney (2000-2019)



Debbie Haney attended LCU as a student in 1970, where she also served as a student worker in the university's print shop. After marrying fellow student Ron

Haney, she later returned in 2000 to serve within the Office of the Registrar, creating and retaining student academic records with skillfulness and dedication. Her genuine and friendly nature, gift of hospitality, and engaging smile helped to create a gracious and welcoming atmosphere for students and coworkers.

Bill Kingston, Ph. D. (2008-2019)



After a successful career as a public educator and administrator, Dr. Bill Kingston joined LCU as an associate professor in the School of Education.

He was instrumental in directing the graduate education program as well as coordinating the superintendency program. Dr. Kingston is known and respected as a gentleman and a mentor to his students and colleagues. His trademark sense of humor and his deep compassion made him a student favorite, and he remained devoted to service, faithful to his students, and committed to high ideals.

Charles B. Stephenson, Ph.D. (1975-2019)



Dr. Charles B. Stephenson joined the LCU Bible faculty in 1975. From the beginning, students and peers have appreciated his high regard for scripture

and passion for quality teaching. As a Professor of the New Testament, his demanding classes required rigor and persistence. Students also benefitted from his ministry as a preaching minister, teacher, and elder. During his 44-year tenure, Dr. Stephenson led and served on numerous committees, including an appointment as faculty senate president and Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies, a position which he held for over 20 years.

Michael Whitley, Ph.D. (2001-2019)



Dr. Whitley taught students and history at Lubbock Christian University for over seventeen years. Although primarily an Americanist, Dr. Whitley's

historical range is broad, and he displays a remarkable ability to interconnect historical events. Dr. Whitley is a study in generosity, spending hours with students reviewing missed classes and preparing for pending tests—all on his own time. He gave of his own funds to assist students who had fallen on hard times, ensuring they would be able to compete their education. Many speak of Christian virtues; Dr. Whitley demonstrated them daily.

E. Don Williams, Ph.D. (1969-2019)



Dr. E. Don Williams, or "Doc" as he is known to generations of LCU faculty, staff, and students, has served his alma mater with distinction for half a century. After

graduating from LCU in 1962, Williams returned in 1969 to begin a 50-year career that would include serving as faculty member, debate coach, playwright, department chair, academic dean, and director of graduate admissions. He influenced thousands of students through teaching, mentoring, and by directing or co-directing over 60 theatre productions. Working under all six university presidents, Dr. Williams led self-study teams for SACS accreditation, developed new academic degree offerings, and hired LCU mission-minded faculty. His influence has been felt beyond the university through his direction of the outdoor musicals *TEXAS!* and *God's Country*. He is widely recognized

for his knowledgeable, positive, and helpful critiques as a judge for UIL one-act plays. While "Doc" will certainly be missed, he leaves behind an indelible mark on the lives of his students and the university he calls home.

Fifty years passed much too quickly! My time at LCC/LCU was a dream come true. As a high school graduate, I planned to attend Texas Tech, but in the summer of '60 I attended a camp at LCC. I was impressed by the spirit I found on campus, one so different from other schools, so I changed my mind and enrolled at LCC. My two years here convinced me I wanted to come back and teach. My opportunity came in 1969 when, with a master's degree in hand, I was hired by Dr. Mattox to teach in the Speech Department (now Communication). Not only did my dream come true, but I have over the past fifty years received great blessings from my association with students in class, forensics, and theatre, and watched the campus grow from two permanent buildings to the current beautiful campus. In addition, I received blessings from the faculty, administrators, and staff who worked with me, supported me, and encouraged me throughout my tenure. The friendships I have accrued over these fifty years have made me a rich man, thanks to all the love I have received along the way. Thanks for the memories.

- Don Williams





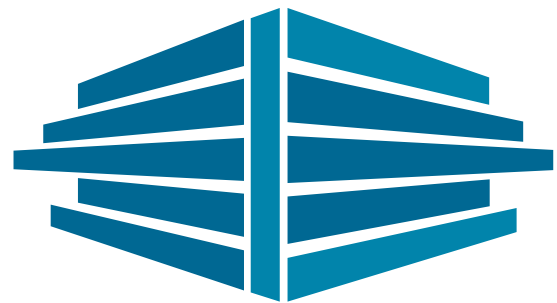
COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

LCU Community Partners is a program developed to strengthen relationships between Lubbock Christian University and local businesses. These businesses are invited to partner with LCU in a mutually beneficial relationship that provides growth and future opportunities. We are so grateful for the many ways that our Community Partners invest in our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Each year, one of our many LCU Community Partners is selected as the Community Partner of the Year for their engagement with and dedication to the LCU community. Collier Construction was chosen as the LCU 2019 Community Partner of the Year—a fitting honor for an exceptional company that is focused on integrity, dedication, and excellence.

“One of the things I loved most about working with Collier Construction on our building remodel was that they listened carefully to our mission. It is not just a building to us, and so it wasn’t just a building to them. They took pride in helping our building support our goal of transforming student lives,” said Dr. Jeff Cary, Interim Dean of the Alfred and Patricia Smith College of Biblical Studies.

Congratulations to Collier Construction for being named the 2019 LCU Community Partner of the Year.



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Chap Notes

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'60s Decade

Dr. Michael Gray ('69) is a contributing author of the newly released book, "The Success Formula," along with author Jack Canfield whose most notable book is "Chicken Soup for the Soul." Dr. Gray is the CEO of Keller Disc and Spine, a practice devoted to regenerative and anti-aging medicine, and he speaks at more than 30 seminars a year on a variety of specialized health topics. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Keller, and they have five grown children: Heather, Austin, Jordan, Kelle, and Wendy.

'70s Decade

James ('76) and Piper Fitzgerald ('74) live in Roanoke, VA, where James is a special education teacher.

Diane (McSweeney '76) Patty lives in Loxley, AL, where she is the office manager for Bay Minette Physical Therapy.

Greg Fleming ('77) and his wife Cindy live in Midland, TX, where Greg serves as the minister at Downtown Church of Christ.

Jim Martin ('79) lives in Trinity, TX, and is a security officer for Allied Universal Security Services.

'80s Decade

Ron Dunagan ('80) and his wife Sheila live near Athens, TX. Ron is the regional operations manager, and Sheila is a designated managing broker at EXP Realty, LLC.

Michael Ritchie ('80) and his wife Stephanie live in Frisco, TX. Michael is an IP Paralegal for Haynes and Boone, and Stephanie is a Sr. IP Paralegal at Ross Barnes Law.

Coila (Parker '87) Crosslin is a call agent at Winning Strategies in Canton, TX.

Christi (Davis '87) Henderson lives in Highland Village, TX, and sells Young Living essential oils.

'90s Decade

Traci (McWatters '90) McKee and her husband Charles live in Friendswood, TX. Traci is an epic lead business analyst for Harris Health System, and Charles is the senior project manager for Risknomics, LLC.

Brad Brunson ('95) lives in Midland, TX, and is a teacher for Midland ISD. Brad is the father of current student, Hannah Brunson.

Richard Savage ('99) and his wife Michelle live in Trophy Club, TX, with their Future Chaps, Blake, John Andrew, Colton, and Reid. Richard is a lieutenant for the Grapevine Police Department, a baseball coach at Texas Edge Sports, and a Ph.D. student at Tarleton State University. Michelle is a teaching assistant at Faith Christian School.

'00s Decade



Octavia June was born on May 18, 2018, to **Tarryn (Roark '01) and Jim Crawford ('02)**. Octavia was welcomed by big brothers, Gus (11), Abe (7), and Jed (4).

Shirley (Thompson '01) McDonald lives in Lubbock, TX. She is a vaccine specialist sales rep for GSK/Synoes.

Kyle ('03) and Paula (Lively '13) James live in Lubbock with their Future Chaps, Kyla, Laney, and Madisyn. Kyle is an EHS engineer with X-Fab Texas, and Paula is a 4th-grade math teacher at Willow Bend Elementary.

Amber (Kent '04) Kendrick and her husband Brian live in Lubbock, with their Future Chaps, Delainey and Rachel. Amber is a 1st-grade teacher at Westwind Elementary.



Dylan was born on April 1, 2018, to **Miranda (Jones '05) and AJ Bloodworth ('06)**. Dylan was welcomed by siblings, Teagan (7) and Maycee (2).



Aleithia Faith Marie was born on May 28, 2018, to **Kevin ('05) and Abby (Johnson '06) Walker**.



Stephanie Breedyk ('02 & '06) is pictured with LCU Admissions Counselor **Kara Stephenson ('15)** at the Wimberly High School college fair. Stephanie is the practicum supervisor at Wimberly.

Jodi (Hawkins '07) Posadas and her husband Eric live in Round Rock, TX. Jodi is a school development coach, and Eric is an IT security analyst for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Evan ('07) and Jacinda (Judah '07) Simmons live in Clyde, TX. Evan is the director of development for United Way of Abilene, and Jacinda is a CPA for Aaron Watson Music.

Katrina (Routon '08) Jarvis and her husband Chase live in Rotan, TX, with Future Chaps, Cissa and Bradley. Katrina is the district counselor for Rotan ISD, and Chase is a licensed paramedic.



Rebecca (Carlton '08) Randrianasolo and Dr. Arisoa Randrianasolo are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Andy Randrianasolo in July 2018. They also moved to Edmond, Oklahoma in December 2018. Arisoa is now an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Oklahoma Christian University.



Hannah Hart was born on May 4, 2018, to **Becca (Gaultney '08) Matthews** and her husband Jake.



Miles Matterhorn was born on February 2, 2019, to **Mandy (Prude '08) and Kory Mereness ('08)**. Miles was welcomed by big brothers, Peter (4) and Luke (2).

Iheanyichukwu ('08) Sunday and his wife Chidinma live in Paramount, CA. Iheanyichukwu is a chaplain for the US Army.



Rhett was born on March 8, 2019, to **Sheena (Shuck '09) and Tanner Rindels ('10)**. Rhett was welcomed by siblings, Chloe (11), Riddick (9), and Rykker (6).



James Roderick Smith III (Tres) was born to **Erin (Boyce '09) and Derick Smith ('10)**. Tres was welcomed by big sister, Emery (3).

'10s Decade

Katharine Dykes ('10) and her husband James live in Austin, TX. Katharine is a sales program analyst at JUUL Labs, and James is a methods specialist for BAE Systems.



Lexie (Scarborough '10) and Kelly Futrell ('08) welcomed Zephyr Austin on February 4, 2019. Zephyr is the grandson of Alex and **Shellie (Bills '83) Scarborough,** and **Billy ('77) and**

Kathy Futrell, and the great-grandson of lifelong LCU enthusiast and Associates member, June Bills.



Barrett Lane was born on July 31, 2018, to **Albert ('10) Gillispie** and his wife Tristan, and big brother, Easton (2). Albert is the principal at Rebus Capital, LLC. The Gillispies live in Lubbock.

Katy (Carter '10) and Bryan Roberts ('09) live in McKinney, TX, with their Future Chaps, Parker, Hayes, and Lily. Katy is a homemaker, stylist for Stitch Fix, and the owner of Maven Lane Designs. Bryan is the owner of Insurance Contractor Solutions.

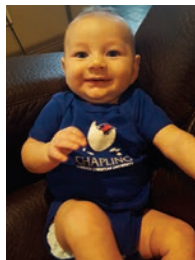
Cooper Schoolcraft ('10) and his wife Paige live in Fort Worth, TX, where Cooper is a teacher and coach at Fort Worth Christian School.

Anthony Archer ('11) and his wife Ariella live in Wolfforth, TX. Anthony is a systems security engineer and information security officer for XFAB Texas, and Ariella is a history teacher at Heritage Middle School. Anthony and Ariella are the parents of Future Chap, Damien.

Sarah (Haley '11) Hall and her husband Edward live in San Antonio, TX. Sarah works for Wells Fargo, and Edward is a senior planner at the Office of Historic Preservation.



Oliver was born on March 2, 2018, to **Noland Higginbottom ('11)** and his wife Megan. The Higginbottoms live in Middletown, OH.



Aiden is the son of **Hannah (Brumfield '12) and Travis Ashley ('12),** and the grandson of **Jo (Mealio '89) and Jeff Brumfield ('89).**



Heather (Bullock '12) Fuller and her husband Daniel welcomed future Chap, Hallee Dawn, on September 25, 2018. The Fullers live in Roswell, NM where Daniel is a

lieutenant for the Roswell fire department and Heather is taking some time off from teaching 3rd grade to stay home with Hallee.

Rachel (Wheeler '12) and Justin Lewis ('14) live in Carlsbad, NM. Rachel recently graduated with her master's in occupational therapy, and Justin works in sales for Cain Electrical Distribution.



Liv Ellis was born on March 20, 2019, to **Katie and Tabor McMillan ('12)**. Liv was welcomed by big brother, Walker James (3).

Danielle Trent ('12) lives in Waller, TX, and is a trainer and consultant at Lone Star College Professional Development.

Tate Albright ('13) and his wife Keleigh live in Lubbock with their Future Chap, Reese. Tate is a 7th-grade ELAR gifted and talented and pre-ap teacher.



Cheyenne Elizabeth was born on October 19, 2018, to **Kelsey (Hammerness '13) Ambrose** and her husband Nathan. The Ambrose family lives in Pittsburgh, PA.



Charlie Elizabeth was born on November 20, 2017, to **Courtney Ann (Wilson '13) Bruffey** and her husband Tanner.

Blake Fitzgearld ('13) and his wife Katie live in Amarillo, TX. Blake is a clinical administrator for Family Medicine Centers, and Katie is a speech pathologist for BSA Hospital.

Andrew Hershey ('13) and his wife Whitney live in Lubbock. Andrew is a high school history teacher and baseball, basketball, and football coach at Smyer ISD.

Beau McNeill, DDS ('13) graduated from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio Texas this summer. He lives in Lubbock with his wife, Alanna, and daughter, Maryn, and is now practicing general dentistry in Lubbock with LCU Trustee Tim Leslie ('80).

Donovan Bennett ('14) and his wife Katelyn live in Lubbock. Donovan is a

senior graphic designer at GriffinWink Advertising, and Katelyn is a Ph.D. candidate in Animal Science, Food Safety, and Microbiology at TexasTech University.

Caleb ('14) and Leah (Dixon '15) Blakeney live in Marble Falls, TX. Caleb is the choir director at Burnet Middle School, and Leah is the reading interventionist at Burnet Middle School.

Justin DuPriest ('14) and his wife Bre live in Saginaw, TX. Justin is the supervisor of network control systems for BNSF Railway.



Jackson Paul was born on December 8, 2018, to **Blake ('14) and Jessica (Montgomery '15) Edwards**.



Landry Kate was born on September 26, 2018, to **Lauren (Seales '14) and Braden Estes ('16)**.

Kelly Horney ('14) lives in Lubbock and is an accountant at Bennett, Bennett, & Trice.

Nathan ('14) and Savannah (Carolus '14) Richardson live in Natalia, TX, where Nathan is a high school computer sciences teacher for Natalia ISD, and Savannah is the superintendent's assistant at Natalia ISD.

Jeremy Rim ('14) lives in Surabaya, Indonesia, where he is the HR supervisor for Sun Paper Source.

Crissta (Morrison '14) and Jesse Walton ('14) were married on June 29, 2019, and live in Lubbock.

Erin Bailey ('15) lives in Midland, TX, and serves as the public information officer for the City of Midland.

Kimberly Mull ('15) lives in Carson City, NV, and is the President of Kimberly Mull Advocacy and Consulting.

Amy (Edwards '15) Stephenson, DDS finished her dental degree from University of Texas Health Science Center School of Dentistry (Houston) this year.

Becca Striblin ('15) is a 4th-grade math teacher at Oak Grove Elementary school in Brownfield, TX.



Benjamin was born on June 12, 2018, to **Kayla (Ingraham '16) Olmstead** and her husband Luke. Benjamin is the grandson of **Deva (Horchem '83) Ingraham**.

Leslie Maul ('16) lives in Lubbock and is a family nurse practitioner at Covenant Palliative Care Clinic.

Nick ('16) and Connor (Boies '19) Simmons live in Wilson, TX, with their Future Chap, Lillianna. Nick is an irrigation tech at Tom's Tree Place, and Connor is a Lab Technician for the City of Lubbock.

Brogan (Hays '17) and Ray White ('15) live in Lubbock. Brogan is a lender at Lone Star State Bank, and Ray is a Ph.D. student in plant & soil science at Texas Tech University, as well as a research assistant for Texas A&M Agrilife.



Former Lady Chap, **Tess (Bruffey '18) and Anselm Bradley ('18)** were married on August 2, 2018.



Grayson Valentino was born September 11, 2018, to **Shantel Briseno ('18)** and Ty Young.



Olivia (Brown '18) and Joseph Jones were married on December 30, 2018. Olivia is a lab specialist at Lone Star University Park, and Joseph has just started seminary school.

Linda Lovrien ('18) lives in Brooklyn, CT, and is a counselor and partner at Creative Counseling LLC.

Kyle ('18) and Destiny (Perez '17) Pace live in Fort Stockton, TX, with their Future Chap, Anna Rose. Kyle is a technology teacher, and Destiny is the choir director at Fort Stockton Middle School.

Jenae (Hardcastle '18) and Keaton Rogers ('17) live in Wilson, TX. Jenae is an art teacher at Trinity Christian School, and Keaton is a high school math teacher and varsity girls basketball coach at Wilson High School.

Alexsis Torres ('18) lives in New Home, TX. She is employed at the Kid's Clinic as a medical assistant and is currently enrolled in nursing school.

Emily (Hanaway '18) Wheaton and her husband Tyler live in Leander, TX. Emily is a project coordinator for June and January, and Tyler is a financial analyst at Kony.

Stephanie ('19) Brazil and her husband Howard live in Lubbock. Howard is a wireline engineer for Renegade Oil Services.

Lindzi Clemmer ('19) lives in Coahoma, TX, and is attending graduate school in Dallas.

Krystal Gonzalez ('19) lives in Fort Meyers, FL, and is an admissions counselor for Florida SouthWestern State College.

Lauriana Nerios ('19) lives in Lubbock and is a nurse for the on-demand call center.

Sandra Ramirez ('19) lives in Lubbock and is a staff RN at Covenant Medical Center.

Arianna Rickman ('19) lives in Lubbock and works in the PICU at University Medical Center.

Sydney Taylor ('19) lives in Vernon, TX, and is a graduate student at TTUHSC.

Lauren Zoller ('19) lives in El Paso, TX, and is a graduate student at UTEP.



Ki Angelo was born on July 26, 2018, to current student Amber Frady and Marcus Maldonado. Amber is a Criminal Justice major and hopes to become a prison warden after graduation. Ki is the grandson of **Antonina**

Frady ('11), who works for Gray Television Group as the office manager.

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In Memoriam

'50s & '60s DECADE

Don Rush Long Sr. ('58) passed away on May 11, 2019, in Nocona, TX. Don was born June 2, 1939, in Lubbock the youngest of three children born to George and Louise (Rush) Long. He graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock and attended Lubbock Christian University. Don married Margaret Stewart on May 11, 1962 in Slaton. The couple moved to Montague in 2004. Don worked for Peterbilt for more than 20 years until his retirement in 2007. He was a member of the Carter Lake Road Church of Christ. Don will be remembered with love and appreciation for being a devoted, husband, father and grandfather. Don is survived by his wife of exactly 57 years, Margaret Long; children, Jamie Lynne Durden and husband James, and Don "Buck" Long Jr. and wife Christine; grandchildren, Amanda Milton and husband Kris, Cory Long, Dylan Long, Jennifer and Rebecca Long; great-grandchildren, Braylen and Addison Valentine, and Gabriel Reichenbach; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Basil Lee Webb Jr. ('59) of Allen, TX, passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019. Born August 22, 1938, in Brownfield, TX, to Basil Lee and Robbie Webb, Lee grew up in Levelland and attended Levelland High School, Lubbock Christian College, and Texas Technological College. During his life, Lee provided for his family through various careers connected with Piggly-Wiggly, Shop Rite Foods, Nabisco, Webb, and Rothwell Realtors, Dollar General, Voortman Cookies, and The Attic Storage. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Bethelyne Webb**; son, Joe Dan and wife Debra Webb, son, Gary and wife Lisa Webb; brother, Robert and wife Stacey Webb, sister, **Patsy** and husband **James Beebe**; grandchildren, Brooks and wife Emily Yandell, Mary Katherine and husband Pete Vanderbeek, Sarah and husband Matthew Ary, Christopher Webb, Amy Webb, and Kevin Webb; one great-grandchild Charlotte Yandell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Luther Gwen Boyd ('60) passed away April 17, 2019. He was born August 1, 1940, to Weldon and Oleta Boyd in Lubbock. L.G. married Lela Monroe in 1964 in LaMarque, TX. L.G. graduated from Idalou High School in 1958. He received his bachelor's from Abilene Christian College and received his Master's in Education from Lubbock Christian College. He was a dedicated educator with a passion for special education students. Most of his career was spent as the Director of

the East Plains Educational Co-op (EPEC). Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, **Stephanie Boyd ('97)**; sons, Gregg Boyd, Weldon Boyd, Stephen Boyd; sister-in-law, Shirley Hammond; five grandchildren, James, Brittany, Christian, Victoria, and Keeley; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Peters was born on August 10, 1941, and passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Mary was a resident of Holliday, TX at the time of passing. She attended Lubbock Christian University and graduated from Midwestern State University as the Outstanding Graduate of Midwestern's School of Education.

Carrol Dan Robertson ('61) passed from this life on December 7, 2018. He married Eunice Curry on August 3, 1963, in Frisk, MO. Carrol was baptized unto Christ on March 11, 1953. Carrol always said, I am saved by grace and faith and I work for the Lord because I love him, and he is the only one that can save us. He is survived by his wife, Eunice; sister, **Sue Jan Glenn ('74)** and husband, **Jimmy ('74)**; children: Rhonda Williams and husband, Jason; Darrel Robertson and wife Paula; Brenda Robertson; **Laura (Robertson '85) Naceanceno** and husband, **Lupe ('85)**; Reece Robertson and wife, Hilda; Robin Robertson and wife, Bridgette, Byron Robertson and wife, **Rebekah (Wheeler '98)**; 24 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and a very large extended family.

Willis L. Starnes ('61) died peacefully at the age of 79 on September 1, 2019. He was born in Halsey, Oregon to Aaron Benjamin and Luella Mae Starnes on August 1, 1940. He was a well-known and loved pediatrician in the Irving area, and proudly served the Irving community in so many ways. Willis is lovingly remembered for his generous heart, great sense of humor and for his dedicated and hard work ethic. Left to cherish his memory are daughter Susan Cox and husband Michael; daughter Stephanie Torresi and husband Raoul; son Matthew Starnes; daughter Lindsey Coyle and husband Matthew; brother Ronald Starnes; brother Kenneth Starnes and wife Rae; brother **Lyle Starnes** and wife Shirley; grandchildren Micah Cox, Andrew Cox, Henry Torresi, Phoebe Torresi, Elio Torresi, Dario Torresi, Steeli Coyle, Jovie Coyle, Saylor Coyle and one grandson on the way as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other loving extended family and friends on both coasts and throughout many countries.

Roger Bell went to meet the Lord his Savior on July 8, 2019, in Graham. Roger was born in Mundy, TX on September 30, 1941, to Riley and Vera Bell. He went to North Texas State College in Denton on a track scholarship. Roger then transferred to Lubbock Christian College. Roger married his high school sweetheart Mary Patterson on December 22, 1961. He became a master plumber under the guidance of Ed Davis and started his own business. He loved and was very proud of his family. Survivors include: his wife Sue Bell; sister, Glenda Sue Straw and Cliff; children, Melinda Braden and Dwayne, Kenneth Bell and Amanda, Mary Kathryn Attebury and John, and Keith Foxx and Tiffani, James Miller, Joey Miller, Scott Bell, Robert Bell, Eric Westmoreland, Tobie Westmoreland, and Kathryn Westmoreland; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Charles Lloyd Hodges ('62) passed away, Tuesday, March 12. He was born December 15, 1940, in Brownfield, TX to Kenneth and Marjorie Hodges. Charles graduated from Hale Center High School in 1958 and then obtained an undergraduate degree from Texas Tech then a master's from the Texas A & M University. On August 28, 1967, he married Countess McNeill in Canyon, TX. Charles was employed as a County Extension Agent in Benton County and was well known throughout the county and state. After retiring, he

worked for several years as a Deputy for the Benton County Sheriff's office. He was a long-time member at the Bentonville Church of Christ where he served as an elder for several years. Charles is survived by his wife, Countess; one daughter, Kathy Hodges Matherly and husband, Todd; his brother, Mack Hodges and wife, Rhonda; two grandchildren, Emma and Jake.

Dave Oakley ('63) passed away August 7, 2019, in Lubbock, TX. Dave was born January 22, 1944, in Steubenville, OH to Charles and Martha Oakley. He met Kay Maxey at Lubbock Christian College and they were married on October 6, 1962. Dave and Kay have resided in Carlsbad since 1983. In the mid-80s, Dave began a career in financial planning and retirement services. He worked with Edward Jones several years before partnering with LPL Financial Services. Dave served as an elder at Sunset Church of Christ and was currently an interim minister at Central Christian Church. Survivors are his daughters: **Lori (Oakley '89) Craig** and husband, **Scott, Kristi Oakley ('91)**; son, **David Oakley ('94)** and wife, Alese; grandchildren: Jacob Hickey, Haley Hickey, Kaitlyn Pruet and husband, Benton, Kyle Viney, Bryan Viney, Kimberly Viney, Zoe Oakley, Quinn Oakley, Allison Craig and Nicholas Craig; brother, Gary Oakley and wife, Pat; sister, Sue Newman and husband, Larry.

GERALD KENDRICK



Dr. William Gerald Kendrick, one of the founding members of LCU's faculty, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the age of 88.

Dr. Kendrick was born October 19, 1930, and grew up in Magnolia, AR and Shreveport, LA where he graduated from high school. After receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees, he obtained his Ph.D. in New Testament from Baylor University, Waco, TX. Dr. Kendrick was one of the founding faculty at Lubbock Christian University, where he taught Bible and Greek for 10 years. While at LCU, his classes were regarded highly for their combination of rigor, intensity, and passionate approaches to Biblical interpretation, and many including Dr. Steven Lemley ('65), Dr. Don E. Williams ('62), and Dr. Gerald Turner ('66) expressed their deepest regards for his contributions to the

university and its students—both as a professor, and on an individual basis. Following his time at LCU, Dr. Kendrick served as an adjunct professor in Religious Studies at University of New Mexico for 15 years, and held pulpit ministries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico, before transitioning full-time into bible translations. In retirement, he loved reading, photography, traveling, and teaching Bible classes at church. Dr. Kendrick is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marjorie Jane Kendrick; and son, William Les Kendrick, his wife, Donna and their daughter, Jessica Ross.

Shirley Mae Grantland went to be with the Lord, Saturday, July 20th, 2019. Shirley was born March 10, 1945, in Crane, TX to the late Thomas and Ora Hollander. She loved the Lord, making jewelry, dancing and playing cards with her sisters. She was a loving mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Before she retired, she was the head cashier at Kroger for 20 years. Shirley is survived by her daughters, Debbie Prokop, and Susie Mozisek and husband, Skip; son, Billy Terry and wife, Elizabeth; sisters, Lucille Ulrich, Edith Harris and husband, Leon, and Cathey Story and husband, Dan; brother, Eddy Hollander and wife, Beverly; grandchildren, Stephanie Vasquez and husband, Charlie, Matt Prokop, Ashley Mozisek, Seth Mozisek, Annie Mozisek, Shelby Terry, Conner Terry, Spencer Terry; great-grandchildren, Deacon, Elijah and Sadie Vasquez; along with numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family members.

Wesley Ervin Edwards passed away on March 20, 2019. He was born on March 7, 1945, to Charles and Loma Edwards in Ralls, TX. He attended Cone elementary and middle school. He graduated from Floydada high school. Wesley married Norma Powell on March 3, 1967, in Ralls, TX. Wesley worked in the agricultural and financial industries throughout his life. His proudest accomplishment was raising his family. Wesley also served as a Deacon at 78th & University Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Norma Faye Edwards; children, Michael Wesley Edwards and wife, Jennifer; and Aimee Runnels; grandchildren, Emily, Luke, and Logan Edwards; Avery Dickson, Kenzlee Runnels, Tabitha and Benjamin Carey; sister, Irene Howard; nephews, Charles and Donnie Beaudoin.

Janie (Rose) Ledbetter passed away January 4, 2019, in Joshua. She was born on September 23, 1945, in Amarillo to Joseph Benjamin and Besse Fay Rose. She left college at Lubbock Christian College to go to Boston on a church mission. She met Kenneth Ledbetter after moving to Houston. They married on September 2, 1972, in Houston. She was a secretary for Texas Interments and retired from California Microwave. Janie enjoyed reading books and watching movies. Most of all she loved spending time traveling with her husband. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Ledbetter; sister in law, Joyce Stephens, and nieces and nephews.

Dewey Lee Bateman Jr. passed away on May 23, 2019. He was born on February 7, 1945, to the late Dewey and Modell Bateman in Durant, OK. He worked for the Postal Union and retired after 42 years of loyal service. Dewey loved OU and is a Boomer Sooner Forever. He will be remembered by his family as a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Survivors include his children; Dewey Lee Bateman III and wife Ellen, Adrian Bateman and wife Michelle, Mitzi Sue Bateman,

and Paul Fredrick Bateman; grandchildren, Corbin, Jessica, Brendon, Danae, Sydney and Alexander; great-grandchild, Ezra; and sisters, Jackie Dean and Gail Taylor.

Carol Edna Lee ('67) of Idalou passed away with her family by her side, on February 17, 2019. Carol was born on November 20, 1944, in San Diego, CA, to Lindelle and Lucy Lee, Sr. The family moved to Slaton, TX, in 1945, where she graduated from high school in 1963. Carol received her associate degree from Lubbock Christian College before attending nursing school at Texas Tech. She spent most of her nursing career, over 17 years, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, and concluded working for another ten years nursing at the John Montford Unit. She was a member of Sunrise Church of Christ in Lubbock. Carol is survived by her sister Virginia Guess; sister-in-law, Jencie Lee; and her nieces and nephews: J Ross Guess, Justin Guess, Lynn and Kristina Lee, Brad and **Danna (Lee '94) Raven, Kirk ('97) and Amy (Lee '98) Whittle**, and Tony and **Erin (Stalcup '00) Lee**; as well as 17 great-nieces and nephews.

James Morris Fisher passed away February 8, 2019. He was born July 28, 1948, in Olney, IL to Mary and Verdayne Fisher. JM moved to Farmington in 1956 and graduated from Farmington High School in 1966. He attended college at Lubbock Christian and Texas Tech from 1966 to 1971. JM worked at Arizona Public Service for 34 years as a journeyman machinist before retiring in 2010. He was a valued member of the Aztec Church of Christ and always looked forward to Sunday mornings, especially if there was a potluck. JM filled many rolls at church including, teacher, counselor, bible scholar and comedian. He is survived by his wife, Diane; his children, Lance Fisher, Lisa Robichaud and husband, Philip, Constance Hall and husband, Jacob, and Teresa Fisher; and grandchildren, Persefone and Gavin. He also leaves behind his beloved sister, Nancy Kester, and an endless amount of brother-in-law's, sister-in-law's, nieces, nephews and friends that will miss him dearly.

Jo (Brock '68) Martin was born in Godley, TX on November 25, 1932, to Cecil and John W. Brock. After moving to West Texas in 1946, Jo graduated from Crosbyton High School in 1950. Jo and Keith Ellison were married in 1951. They had four children before Keith passed away in 1963. Jo was blessed in marrying Lloyd Martin in 1964. With Lloyds help, Jo attended and graduated from Lubbock Christian College with academic scholarship and achieved her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She was employed by the Crosbyton Clinical Hospital until retirement. Jo is survived by her daughters; Cheryl Corey, **Joanie Ellison ('77)**, and **Jill Petersen ('82)**. Jo enjoyed 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Sandra (Dycus '66) Bledsoe went to be with her Lord on March 6, 2019. She was living in Round Rock, TX at the time of her passing. Sandra was loved and cherished by many people including her parents, Eugene and Nell Dycus; her husband Robert "Bob" H. Bledsoe, III; her daughters, Sheri Jacobsen and husband Zach, and Kim Palk and husband Stan; her grandchildren, Tyler and wife Hollie, Kara, Carter and Will; her sister Becky Thompson and husband Dale; and nephew Clayton Thompson.

'70s DECADE

Terry W. Dickerson of Ozona, TX, passed away July 11, 2019, in Santa Fe, NM. Raised in Granbury, TX, he graduated from Granbury High School in 1969. After graduation, he attended classes at Lubbock Christian College. He also worked in pipeline construction before he became a professional firefighter for the city of Euless, TX. He then attended classes in firefighting at Tarrant County Jr. College. He later had the opportunity to work on the construction of the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline in Fairbanks, Alaska before settling down to ranch in Crockett and Val Verde counties for 15 years. Most recently, he worked as a Landman in the oil and gas industry until his retirement. Terry will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by his wife Peggy, children Adrienne Dickerson, Erika (Fletcher) Andrews, and Mike (Jennifer) Kenison; sister Donna (Stacy) Moran; nieces Tracy (Chris) Whitefield and Teresa (Gary) Carlson; nephews Clay (Jessica) Everett, Brad (Kim) Lee, and Bryan (Deborah) McComas; grandchildren Ashley, Hannah, Nathan, Jeffrey, Bennett, Bethany, and Gregory Kenison and Austin, Sebastian, and Graham Andrews; and many other friends and family.

Charliss (Cook) Randall ('72) passed away to be with her Lord and Savior after battling a short illness with cancer. Born October 13, 1950, she was raised in Lovington, NM. She graduated from Lovington High School where she was a member of the high school band supporting the local teams and community. Charliss attended Lubbock Christian College in 1968. She then entered the US Navy in March 1970, serving her country for 20 years. After retiring to Cloudcroft, NM, Charliss worked in a local store for 12 years. In 2005 she returned to school and became a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician where she served for 14 years helping and taking care of others. Left to honor, remember and celebrate her life are her sister, Reva Lemley; brother Lyndel Cook, Melody Cook; three nieces, Leaine Light, Gordon Light, Nannette Weaver, Tim Weaver, Crysta Cook; nephew Colby Cook, Nancy Cook; four great-nieces, and one great, great, great-niece.

Ed Hinshaw ('73) passed away January 24, 2019. Ed was born August 31, 1937, in Panhandle, TX to Clark and Vita Hinshaw. He proudly served in the United States Army. Ed married Marva Hines on April 7, 1966, in Claude, TX. He received his undergraduate degree in 1971 from Lubbock Christian University. Ed chose to further his education at the Baylor School of Law where he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1975. He served as the Carson County Attorney for 16 years. Survivors include his wife, Marva; son, Scott Hinshaw and wife Julie; daughter, **Kathy Joy ('77)** and husband Kenny; nine grandchildren, Kyle Joy, Kevin Joy, Grant Hinshaw, Garrett Hinshaw, Halle Grace Hinshaw, Brenna Hinshaw, Arden Hinshaw, Kirstyn Hinshaw and Kenlee Hinshaw; six great-grandchildren, Avery, Harper, Fynlea, Cooper, Addisyn, Cru; two sisters, Charlotte Rathjen, Joan Dockrey; and daughter-in-law, Crystal Hinshaw.

Leslie (Smith '73) Patterson of Lubbock and long-time resident of Lockney, TX went home to be with our Lord on April 17, 2019. Leslie was born in Lubbock on August 10, 1942, to O.W. and Tessie Smith. She was raised in Wolfforth, TX, where she went to school and graduated. Leslie would later go on to LCU and Texas Tech University where she earned her bachelor's degree in teaching. Leslie taught school in Wolfforth, TX for five years. Leslie taught school in Lockney, TX. She was a special education teacher for 35 years. She was very proud of her accomplishments and expected her children and grandchildren to do great and wonderful things. Leslie is survived by her sister, Gail and husband Robert Parham; son, Russ Patterson; Ricky and his wife Michelle Woods; Two granddaughters, **Cody Patterson ('13)** and Rita Woods; three grandsons Nathaniel Woods, Zane Woods, and Chase Patterson.

Susan (Burks '75) Elliott passed away Friday, March 29, 2019. She graduated from Lubbock Christian High School in 1972 and Lubbock Christian University in 1975 with a BS in Elementary Education. While at LCU, Susan participated in music - having the lead role in "Annie Get Your Gun," singing in groups Misty Morning, Good Timers, and Acapella Choir and serving as one of the hostesses for Master Follies. Susan taught elementary school in Hobbs Municipal Schools, Lubbock ISD, and Tulia ISD. She served as a principal for Edison in Hobbs. Susan also taught teacher education classes at College of the Southwest. Susan was married to Cloyd Elliott of Jal, NM in 1977. She is survived by her sons, Casey Elliott and wife Victoria and their sons Conrad and Cooper, and Colby Elliott and wife Traci and their daughter Danilee.

George Michael House ('78) passed away on March 17th. He was born on April 2nd in Silver City, New Mexico. He graduated from Cobre High School in Bayard in 1973, then joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Charleston, SC

where he served as a Navy Corpsmen. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he went home and started attending Western New Mexico University in Silver City. In 1977 he transferred to Lubbock Christian College for a couple of years, did one semester at Texas Tech, then transferred back to WNMU. In 1983 he began his museum career when he was hired at the WNMU Museum as a Graduate Assistant. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Social Science in 1984 and his master's degree in history in 1985. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Maria; son, Benjamin; daughter, Vanessa and her husband, Richard Gomez; grandsons, Drew and Gabriel Gomez; twin sister, Nancy Robertson, her husband, Tommy and their sons, Tommy Jr. and John Robertson; brother, John Neal; father, William House; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Billy G. Skillman ('78) died on July 1, 2019. Skillman is the son of Hollis Skillman and Sarah Skillman Coston. He was born and raised in southwestern Oklahoma. After Pearl Harbor, Skillman enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard serving during WWII along the eastern coast and in the Battle of the Atlantic. When the war ended, Skillman began his teaching career and his life-long love of learning. He has ten college degrees: one associate degree, three bachelor's degrees, five master's degrees, and one doctorate. Skillman moved to Lubbock to fill the position of head of the speech department at Lubbock Christian University. He later returned to Lubbock to enjoy his retirement after several years as head of the psychology department at Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL. Skillman served as the first singles' minister at Green Lawn Church of Christ. Survivors include his daughter, Deborah Arnold and husband Larry; sons Milton and wife L. J., and Mitchell and wife Sally; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

'80s DECADE

Gregory Bryan Watts ('81) went home to be with his Lord and Savior on June 26th, 2019. Greg was born in Abilene, TX on April 14, 1960, to Mary Coffey Watts and George Willis Watts. Greg met the love of his life, Toni, while they were both attending Cooper High School in Abilene. They married on June 7th, 1980. After attending Lubbock Christian College on a full baseball scholarship, Greg and his family lived in Lubbock for a decade until relocating to Austin in 1990. After many professional accomplishments over the years, Greg's greatest career achievement began in 2003 when he founded Texas Eclipse Volleyball, a Christian organization that continues to inspire and shape the lives of countless young women. Greg is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Toni Gregg Watts; daughter, Erika Blair and husband Kyle; daughter, Allie Roseberry and husband Jake; mother

Mary Hopkins; stepmother Joyce Watts; brother Jim Hopkins Jr. and his wife Christina; brother, Dusty Watts and wife Carole; sister, Tina Upton and husband David; sister, Brandy Watts; brother, Will Watts and wife Kristy; brother Scott Hopkins and his partner Courtney Czar; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cherished friends and extended family members.

Charlotte (Parker '82) Clanton passed from this life on January 6, 2019. Charlotte was born on September 2, 1958, in Spur, TX to Jarri and Ester Parker. She graduated from Jayton High School in 1976. She graduated South Plains College and then Lubbock Christian in 1982. She began teaching computer classes at Roosevelt High School. She taught there for 18 years and then spent 12 years at Lubbock Cooper High School, retiring in 2012. She married Archie Clanton on May 23, 1985. Charlotte is survived by her husband of 33 years, Archie, and her step-daughter, Tracy and husband Kyle Smith. She is also survived by brothers, Jarri Parker, Jr., Tom Parker, Tim Parker, and Guy Patrick Parker.

Mark O. Rathgeber ('82) passed away suddenly May 11, 2019, in Denver, CO. Mark was born October 12, 1959, in Alamogordo, NM, the son of the late Jack and Maude Rathgeber. He was a graduate of Alamogordo High School in 1977 and Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX.

Richard (Dick) Alan Craig ('89) died on June 24, 2019. Richard was born on June 11, 1967, in Lubbock, TX to parents Donald and Delia Craig. Richard graduated from Coronado High School and attended Texas Tech and LCU. Richard discovered his career as cook as a teen while working over the summer break. He later moved and began working as a cook at Big Mountain Ski Resort in Whitefish, Montana for eight years, and he also worked four years at Kells restaurant at the Rose Garden in Portland, OR. Richard is survived by his mother, Delia Asberry Craig and his brother David Raymond Craig; his sister Dana Craig; his sister Carol Craig Reifsnnyder and husband Andy, and five nieces and nephews.

'90s DECADE

Tommy Joe Linker ('91) passed away July 10, 2019. Tommy Joe Linker came into this world on September 16, 1962, in Lubbock, TX. He was born to Delmont and E. Louise Linker. He attended school at Haynes Elementary, Evans Jr. High, and Monterey High School, where he graduated in 1981. Tommy attended college at Abilene Christian University, South Plains College, and Lubbock Christian University, graduating with a BS in Education. Survivors include the love of his life, Priscilla Enriquez; his mother, **E. Louise Linker** (LCU Associate); brother, **Delwayne** and wife, **Allison (Nelson '86)**; brother, **Gary ('81)** and wife, **Judy (Stutler '80)**; step-daughter,

Chanzlee Alvarado; step-son, Jessie Alvarado; step-son, Oscar Alvarado and wife, Mendy; nephew, Andrew Linker and wife, Belinda; nephew, **Justin Linker** and wife, Libby; niece, **Meredith Linker** ('13); nephew, Alexander Linker; great-niece, Collyn Linker; aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Doug Smith ('94) passed away January 16, 2019. He was born on March 21, 1968, to Terry Smith and Jane Kownslar Gogan. Doug was born and raised in Snyder, TX. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1987. After attending Western Texas College for a semester, he transferred to Abilene Christian University. When Desert Storm broke, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. In January 1993 he started Lubbock Christian University to finish his degree in Education. He began his teaching career in January 1995 at Parkway Elementary. In May of 1999, he received his master's degree in Educational Leadership from Texas Tech. In January 2003 he was activated for duty in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps as a Sergeant. He spent seven months overseas before returning in July of 2003. Doug was first and foremost a man of God. Survivors include his wife, Katrina; their children, Kirsten, Reagan, and Luke; father, Terry Lee Smith and wife, Billie; mother, Jani Gogan; siblings, Linda Wells and husband, Earnest; Anna Villarreal; Tonya Gentry and husband, Robert; best friend, Brad Holcomb and wife, Heather Holcomb; mother-in-law, Shirley Byrd.

Octavia Givens passed away on April 7, 2019. Octavia was born on November 17, 1933, to John and Lucille Middleton in East Texas. She graduated from Turner High School in Waxahachie, TX. She attended Peoples Business College, South Plains College, and Lubbock Christian University. She was a secretary at Wheatley Elementary and Lubbock Housing Authority. She was recognized as a Lubbock Trailblazer and was President of the Estacado High School ROTC Parent Organization. She was a long-time member and deaconess at New Hope Baptist Church, as well as an usher. She was an originating member and Board Member for Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Concerned Citizens, and Lubbock Human Relations Commission. Octavia was also a member of the State and National Lubbock Association of REALTORS. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, R. J. Givens; children, Ron Givens and wife, Margie, and Cheryl Givens Wiley; stepdaughter, Carolyn Mercer, and husband, William; 3 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Grace Pierce; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Benjamin K. Johnson ('11) passed away in Kalamazoo, MI, on July 23, 2019. Ben was born in Lubbock, TX on December 19, 1980. He graduated from Coronado High School, obtained an associate degree from Universal Technical Institute in Houston and a Bachelor of Finance from Lubbock Christian University. Ben will always be remembered for his joy, laughter, humor, and loving nature. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Connie and Nona Johnson; sister Julie Hodges; brother Jared Johnson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews who all adored him.

Lealon Tyrell "Ty" Cameron ('14) passed away on August 17, 2019. Ty was born on January 6, 1987, to Douglas and Tammy Cameron in Lubbock, TX. He received his Nursing degree from South Plains College. Ty worked at Covenant Medical Center ER and Grace Hospital ER for many years. He was currently employed at Exceptional Emergency Care. Ty enjoyed fishing and hunting, however spending time with his beautiful daughter, Maddie was the light of his life. Survivors include his father, Doug Cameron and wife, Melissa; mother, Tammy Cameron; daughter, Madison Cameron; brothers, Kory Cameron, and Chance Cameron and wife, Mandie; sister, Kaysee Kerbo; step-brothers, Mark Price and wife, MacKenzie, Matt Price, and Gage Price; and step-sister, Juli Rhoads and husband, Donald.

Former LCU Trustee

Clark Self Jr. passed from this life December 27th, 2018. He was born in Slaton, TX on July 10th, 1933 to Clark, Sr. and Irene Self. Clark graduated from Slaton High School and Texas Tech University in 1954 with a BBA degree. Clark started his working career in retail with his family's business, Self Furniture. He moved to the Banking world with Citizen Bank, and later returned to owning and operating Self Furniture for 30 years. He served on many boards and committees, including Lubbock Christian University as a trustee. He has served as Slaton's Economic Development Director, the Slaton Railroad Heritage Association, Slaton's Industrial Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Leslie Self and Juli Collier; three sons, Todd and Polly Lewis, Charles and Sandy Self, and Michael and Malissa Self; his sister, Sharon Suchy; along with eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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