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## WE ARE PROUD

of our athletic teams who  
competed in their first year of  
NCAA Division II tournament play!

- Women's Basketball National Championship
- Regional Appearances:
  - Men's Basketball
  - Softball
  - Men's Golf
  - Baseball
- Teams boasted an overall GPA of 3.25
- 136 on the Heartland Conference Honor Roll
- Eight Academic All-District honorees
- Two Academic All-Americans

For more details on accomplishments by the LCU Chaps and Lady Chaps, go to [LCU.edu/NCAA-Achievements](http://LCU.edu/NCAA-Achievements).



Division II

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# Caught Being Blue





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### **You may have heard . . . we won a national championship!**

On April 4, our Lady Chaps defeated University of Alaska Anchorage, 78-73. There aren't superlatives adequate to capture just how remarkable it is. We won the title in our first year of NCAA Division II eligibility. We finished the season 35-0. It was a perfect ending to a perfect season.

The championship was played in Indianapolis, where the Division I championship game was also held. That was fitting because we began the year in Hartford, Connecticut, playing an exhibition against the reigning champs, the UConn Huskies. And our season ended with the UConn coach, after he had led the Huskies to a fourth consecutive

Division I championship, telling the national press how impressed he was with the Lady Chaps and with Steve Gomez, Division II national coach of the year.

Lucy and I were privileged to be at the games in both Hartford and Indianapolis. On each occasion, we were joined by a large and enthusiastic contingent of Lady Chap fans. We share in the pages that follow an insider's view of the Lady Chaps' storybook season. It is LCU at its best.

While the national championship was a historic milestone, it does not stand alone. Indeed, we enjoyed a number of noteworthy moments this year.

- We launched 2020 Vision, our ambitious \$60 million capital campaign and surpassed \$50 million in gifts and pledges before the end of May.
- We opened the Margaret Talkington Center for Nursing Education.
- We broke ground on the James and Jeanette Ling Science Center.
- We announced a \$5.7 million gift from Alfred and Patricia Smith and renamed the College of Biblical Studies in their honor.
- We formed the School of Business.
- We announced the launch of a study-abroad program in Avila, Spain, beginning in the fall of 2016.
- We came together to *#PrayforMalori* and were inspired by the faithfulness of Malori and her family.
- We packed the Rip for a remarkable evening with Jen Hatmaker, hosting more than 2,200 people interested in becoming better followers of Jesus.

It was a year that reminded us, once again, that God is good. All the time.

Thank you for your part in the LCU story. I'm deeply grateful for your prayers, your investment of time and resources, and your commitment to our mission of changing lives. *Soli Deo gloria!*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "L. T. Perrin". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**L. Timothy Perrin**, President  
Class of 1984



around campus







Around campus, activity is always brimming.

Beyond classes, students worship together in chapel, attend special events with notable campus guests, and gather to share community.



*an* INSPIRING  
EVENING *with*

# Jen Hatmaker

**"If FOLLOWING JESUS**  
*has become an impossible*  
*to-do list, where you are simply just*  
**CHECKING BOXES and SPINNING PLATES,**  
*we are not doing it right.*  
**It is meant to be a JOY, an HONOR, a GIFT.**  
*If it is a burden, it is one that*  
*we have put on OUR SOULS."*







“It is such a **JOY** to **PARTNER WITH JESUS**  
and the **WORK HE IS DOING** on this planet!”



April 19 was a special day for the students and friends of Lubbock Christian University, as Christian author and speaker Jen Hatmaker spoke in chapel and then was the featured speaker for an Inspiring Evening with Jen Hatmaker later that night. “An Inspiring Evening with...” series highlights speakers who inspire and motivate listeners to live their best lives.

*Pictured above, Holly Betenbough - of event sponsor Betenbough Homes - facilitated a Q&A session after Jen Hatmaker's presentation.*



*“My deepest hope, what keeps me up at night, what gets me out of bed in the morning, is imagining a whole generation that says to Jesus, ‘we are entirely yours. We don’t just want Your knowledge in our brains; we want Your Kingdom in our lives.’”*



Jen Hatmaker is known for her practical books, such as *For the Love* and *Seven*, her humorous blogs, and her featured HGTV Series – “My Big Family Renovation.” In chapel, Hatmaker shared the Biblical story of putting new wine in old wine skins. She challenged listeners to live relevant and Spirit-inspired lives, allowing God to use them in new and innovative ways, so that God’s word wasn’t bound up in old wine skins.

The evening began with a reception and dinner, followed by the highly anticipated featured presentation by Jen Hatmaker to a sold-out Rip Griffin Center. Hatmaker’s inspirational message was followed by a Q&A facilitated by Holly Betenbough.

The Rip Griffin Center was transformed for the event and was decorated in shabby chic style befitting of Hatmaker’s personality. Rather than using flowers to decorate dinner tables, each table was decorated with household items donated by LCU faculty, staff, and students to benefit seven families through the Habitat for Humanity program of Lubbock.

*To see a brief conversation between President Perrin and Jen Hatmaker, go to [LCU.edu/ChapChat](http://LCU.edu/ChapChat).*



◀ *Guests examine the shabby chic auction items.*



an INSPIRING EVENING with

# Ten Hatmaker

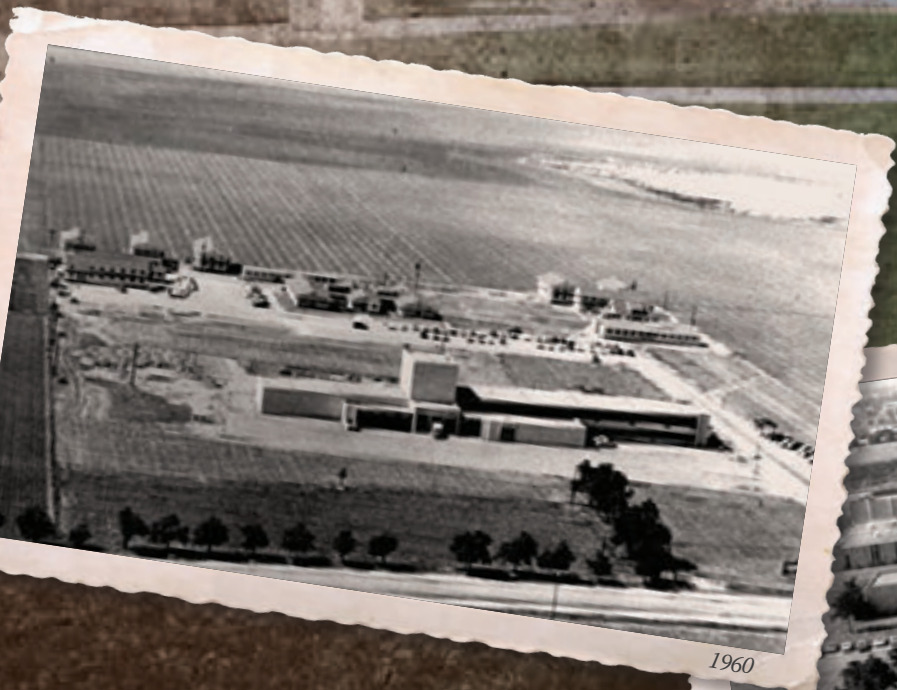
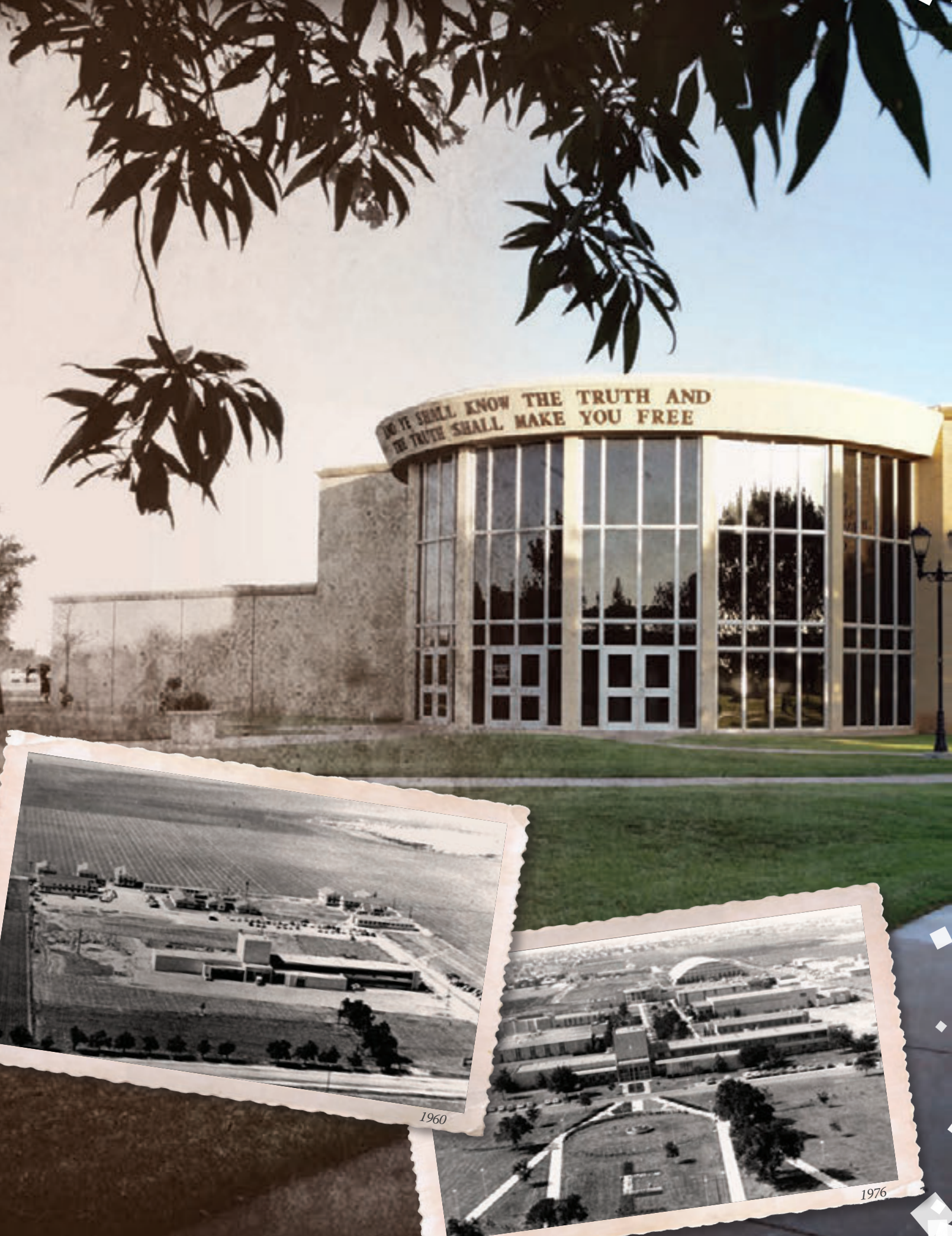
made an **IMPACT** not only on the people who attended, but also on **SEVEN FAMILIES** in the **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** program.



Instead of buying 65 tables worth of decorations or flower arrangements, the LCU community collected and donated housing items that could be given to families moving into new homes from Habitat for Humanity. The donated items were then placed on tables as decorations.

*Pictured to the left are new habitat homeowners receiving items donated by the LCU community.*





1960



1976





# 2020 VISION

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR **LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

Think back to a time on the Lubbock Christian University campus when there was no McDonald Moody Auditorium, no Betty Hancock Campus Center, and no C.L. Kay Christian Development Center. Recall the people and the families who gave to make those buildings a reality. Remember the fields of cotton that grew where the university now stands.

Remember the great cloud of witnesses who have worked, served, and given sacrificially to make this institution what it is today—visionary leaders like F.W. Mattox, generous donors such as Gene and Eileen Hancock, and tireless servant leaders like Gordon Cargill. Can you picture it? Brick by brick, gift by gift, student by student, LCU strives to fulfill its purpose: to provide a transformative educational experience for students, one that strengthens faith, stretches minds, and fosters a life of service.



From where we stand today, we can see the unfolding LCU story. We stand on 60 years of a strong, rich heritage, and look forward to a future that has never looked bigger or brighter. Here, in this moment, we celebrate our past on which we stand, and eagerly anticipate our future toward which we strive. The campaign for our future was publicly announced at the LCU Family Celebration during Homecoming 2016.

The 60-million dollar campaign is vital to continue the University's momentum and advance its strategic priorities. The campaign is built around four key areas: sustaining academic excellence, strengthening community, endowing the future, and building momentum.

**“LCU is experiencing a significant growth spurt, and we have God to thank for this moment in time. The 2020 Vision Campaign priorities are built around our students.”**

—Raymond Richardson,  
*Vice President of University Advancement*

Campaign initiatives include constructing new academic facilities and renovating several existing buildings, enhancing and expanding student housing; improving LCU athletic facilities; boosting endowments for student scholarships, supporting faculty development and academic programs; and investing in campus technology, infrastructure, and other priorities.

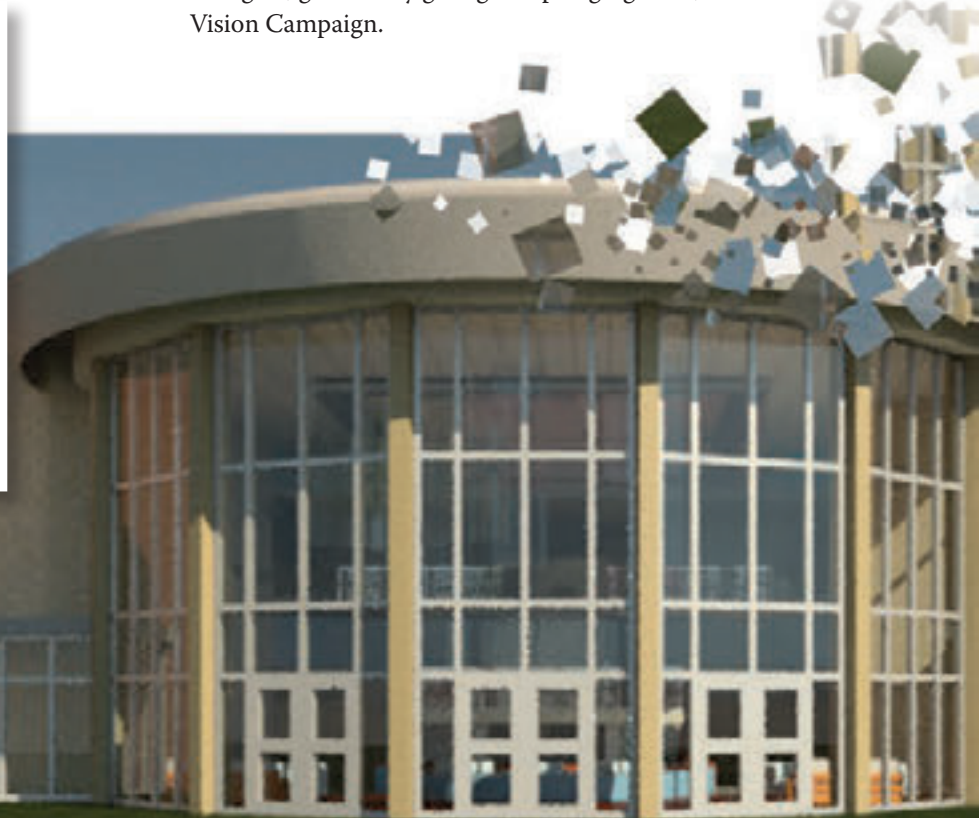
**The goal for the 2020 Vision Campaign is \$60 million, which is the largest and most ambitious campaign in LCU's history.**

After more than two years of assessment, research, and planning by the University Advancement Office, and in consultation with faculty, staff, and administration, the 2020 Vision Campaign was approved by the LCU Board of Trustees in February 2015. What followed was the “silent phase” of the campaign, which featured outreach to LCU faculty and staff, members of the Board of Trustees, and others. At a celebration dinner during Homecoming weekend, the University launched the public phase of the campaign and announced that during the silent phase the university had raised in gifts and pledges a total of \$43.9 million, just more than 73 percent of the total goal. As of June 1, the university had raised just less than 50 million dollars in gifts and pledges.

The impact of the campaign is already evident on campus in the completion of the Margaret Talkington Center for Nursing Education. Additionally, construction of the James and Jeanette Ling Science Center and major renovations to the C.L. Kay Christian Development Center are expected to be completed by August 2017.

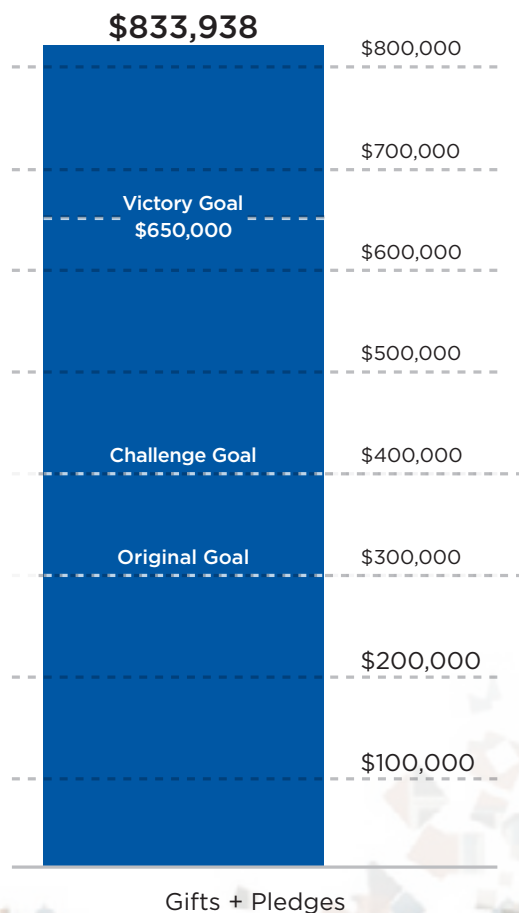
One of the most compelling stories of the campaign thus far can be found in the response of the LCU faculty and staff. The original goal for the faculty/staff campaign was set at \$300,000, with a challenge goal of \$400,000. The early response from this group was so overwhelming that campaign leadership set a victory goal of \$650,000. Yet, the employees of LCU surpassed that goal, generously giving and pledging \$822,066 to the 2020 Vision Campaign.

*Renderings of the C.L. Kay Christian Development Center renovation and expansion.*





## FACULTY/STAFF CAMPAIGN SUMMARY



# GIFT FROM SMITHS ENDOWS COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



**Al and Pat Smith**, longtime friends and supporters of the university, recently made a \$5.7 million gift in support of the College of Biblical Studies—the largest single gift by individuals in LCU history. The donation will serve to endow the College and fund much-needed renovations and improvements to the C.L. Kay Christian Development Center.

The renovation will include an expansion on the south side of the Christian Development Center, the addition of an elevator, and updates to classrooms and restrooms. The renovations are expected to be completed by August 2017. In addition, the Smiths' generosity will create an endowment for the College of Biblical Studies, which will provide for student scholarships and faculty development activities, among other uses.

In gratitude for the gift, LCU has named the College of Biblical Studies the Alfred and Patricia Smith College of Biblical Studies. Dr. Jesse Long, dean of the College of Biblical Studies, said, "Al and Pat Smith exhibit the servant heart described in Scripture and modeled in the life of our Savior. With this special gift, the Lord is using them to bless LCU in our mission of shaping the lives of young men and women for service to the church. We thank God for their generous spirit, for their support, for believing in us — for allowing God to use them for His purposes at LCU."



*Groundbreaking for the James and Jeanette Ling Science Center.*



**FUTURE HOME OF THE  
JAMES AND JEANETTE LING SCIENCE CENTER**



*Rendering of the James and Jeanette Ling Science Center.*



*Main entrance for the Margaret Talkington Center for Nursing Education.*

**“The 2020 Vision Campaign comes at a critical moment in the university’s history. We are deeply grateful for all those who are investing in our future and advancing our mission of changing lives. Together we are writing the next chapter of LCU’s story.”**

—Tim Perrin, *LCU President*

2020 Vision represents far more than a mere capital campaign for an institution. This campaign is about the LCU community coming together and boldly stepping forward in faith. It is about advancing our mission: “Lubbock Christian University is a Christ-centered, academic community of learners, transforming the hearts, minds, and hands of students for lives of purpose and service.”

The 2020 Vision Campaign equips LCU to continue touching every heart, mind, and hand we encounter; it expands our reach as we seek to embody purpose and service as a community. 2020 Vision will propel LCU in fulfilling its mission for the coming decade and beyond.

It is our prayer that as individuals and as a University we will continue to walk faithfully in the Lord with ears ready to hear and eyes ready to see His calling in our lives. We give thanks for the abundant blessings of the past, and we move toward the future with a clear vision and with hands ready for kingdom work.

Can you picture it? Come walk with us.



# O'BRYAN LEGACY

## BENEFITS STUDENTS



**Alice O'Bryan's** sacrificial life of service, perseverance, and faith in Jesus epitomizes the values of Lubbock Christian University. Because of her lifelong passion for education and her appreciation of the mission and values she witnessed through her association with LCU, Alice left her estate to the university to honor her son and perpetuate the education of nursing students.

Alice O'Bryan was born in Dallas on April 20, 1923. Her mother was a teacher; her dad was a merchant and a rancher. When her dad asked nine-year-old Alice what she wanted to be when she grew up, she quickly replied, "a nurse!" In high school, she took science courses, including chemistry, and even Latin, to prepare for nursing school, but her parents could not afford the tuition. So Alice left home at 17 and moved to San Antonio. Two years later, a women's business organization loaned her the money to study to become a registered nurse; Alice repaid the loan at three percent interest.

She entered a program at Surgical Memorial Hospital, now Baptist Hospital, in San Antonio. After graduating from nursing school, she set her sights on a college degree. During this time, she met a young aviator, Randall O'Bryan. They were married in 1948. Alice continued to work both day and night shifts so she could fit her nursing around her college class schedule. As a result, she gained experience in every type of hospital nursing.

While following her husband's career moves and raising their son, Alice worked as a nurse in New Mexico, Ohio, and Louisiana, always taking college courses in the hopes of finishing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Restrictions on the transfer of academic credit made finishing her university degree difficult, but she never lost that dream.

Alice connected with LCU, she said, because God put it on her heart. The first time she was on the LCU campus, she had a warm, beautiful feeling she described as a spiritual experience. She fell in love with LCU. Alice knew that everything is on God's timetable. She said, "God has taught me so much along the way about grace, His goodness, and His mercy . . . every night I thank Him for giving me such a beautiful life. When negative things come into my mind, I pray. I refuse to put ugly things in my brain. When it starts, I just say Jesus' name. I ask for His help. If I run into a difficult person, I ask God to bless them."

Chancellor Ken Jones and his wife, Suzie, counted Alice as a friend and described her as "filled with life, determination, and adventure. I'm certain we learned more from her than she ever learned from us. We count her as a special blessing in our lives."

Alice finally fulfilled a dream when LCU awarded her an honorary BSN on October 22, 2013. She was 90 years old and surrounded by family, close friends, LCU administrators, nursing faculty, and 13 graduate nursing students when the degree was presented at a ceremony in Albuquerque.


Thanks to Alice's generosity, the Richard O'Bryan Park, adjacent to the Talkington Center for Nursing Education, is currently under construction. When completed, it will offer students the opportunity for a beautiful outdoor experience. The park and the endowed nursing scholarships that bear her name are a testimony to Alice's life of faith and will create a legacy that will help others fulfill their dream of nursing, long into the future.



# scholarship







LCU congratulates its 260 students who participated in spring commencement ceremonies.

Graduates proudly show the Chap sign during the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of May 2016 commencement.



# GRADUATION

Each winter and spring semester concludes with commencement exercises signifying the end of one journey and the beginning of another for LCU graduates. It is a bittersweet time for students and for the faculty/staff mentors who have built a relationship as co-discoverers during their academic journey at LCU.

On Friday, May 6, the Master's Ceremony was held in the McDonald Moody Auditorium, featuring Dr. Michael Hardin as the speaker. On Saturday morning, May 7, the Undergraduate Ceremony was held in the Rip Griffin Center as students were given a final charge from Stanford Law School graduate, Augustin "Augie" Rivera, Jr., who currently serves as the general counsel for Del Mar Community College District in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Consistent with longstanding tradition, the spring undergraduate commencement exercises began with each graduate being escorted by a person of their choosing who has had significant influence in their lives. The escort, dressed in white regalia, visibly demonstrates the community of support that surrounds LCU students. In addition, the dean of each college presented the Dean's Award, which is presented to the highest ranking student in the college, and a graduate who has been chosen through audition as the Student Commencement Speaker reflects on the person's experience at LCU. The ceremony concluded with the faculty surrounding the graduates, and with the assistance of the audience, singing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" as a parting blessing for the students.





# SAMANTHA TORREZ

## DELIVERS MESSAGE TO FELLOW GRADUATES

LCU graduate Samantha Torrez delivered the student address at the Spring 2016 Commencement Exercises, and she emphasized the need for community and the blessings of the LCU community. Torrez was chosen not only because of her exemplary grades and extracurricular involvement, but also because LCU leaders believed she had demonstrated the spirit of the university.

Torrez reminded her fellow graduates of the importance of community, especially of close friends, through all stages of life. She reflected on how that facet of the LCU experience had been crucial to her success in college, especially at times when she was feeling overwhelmed, noting that developing lifelong friendships is key to lifelong success. She urged graduates to surround themselves with people who genuinely care and also to take care of others.

Torrez exemplified this spirit by working during her junior and senior years at LCU to establish a \$10,000 endowed scholarship for humanities students in the name of her late grandmother, Ruth Ross. The scholarship was awarded to its first recipient, Kylie Weeks, the fall of 2015. In the future, Torrez hopes the scholarship will be awarded every academic year to humanities students who are good representatives of LCU and prioritize their studies.







Spring on the LCU campus features the Scholars' Colloquium, LCU's celebration of research and scholarship which highlights the academic research and achievement of numerous students and faculty.

On April 14-15, nearly 2,000 guests and fellow students attended the LCU Scholars' Colloquium, attended also by faculty and staff. More than 60 different presentations of scholarly research and findings were made, ranging in topics from findings of E. Coli in local playa lakes to an analysis of Peter Jackson's book-to-film adaptations of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*.

As a climate scientist and a professing Christian, Dr. Hayhoe made two presentations in which she shared her research on climate change and addressed common misconceptions. Dr. Stacy Patty, director of the University Honors Program, commented: "Dr. Hayhoe is a committed Christian who cares deeply about this issue and communicating to other Christians a balance between two extremes. Not a few people said she was the best speaker we've had at the Scholars Colloquium."



## NCUR 2016 ATTENDEES

LCU had a strong representation in Asheville, NC at the 30th Anniversary National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), with 13 students and eight mentors in attendance.

**Ashley Albrecht**, *BS Biology*

**Jase Hill**, *BS Biology, Honors Scholar*

*Faculty Mentors: Dr. Julie Marshall and Lucy Porter*

"Antibiotic Resistance and Hemolytic Capability of *Escherichia coli* Isolated from Lubbock, Texas, Urban Playa Lake Water and Feces of Migratory Canada Geese (*Branta canadensis*) and Domestic Water Fowl"

**\*Markese Bohanon**, *BA Biology, Honors Scholar*

*Faculty Mentors: Dr. Julie Marshall and Lucy Porter*

"Detection of Possible Pathogenicity of Enterohemolytic *Escherichia coli* Isolated from Urban Playa Lakes and the Feces of Canada Geese, *Branta Canadensis*, and Resident Waterfowl in Lubbock, Texas"

**Taylor Bonner**, *BA Bible*

**\*Jonathan Dansby**, *BA Bible*

**\*Chance Juliano**, *BA Missions, Honors Scholar*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mark Wiebe*

"Theological Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Cinema"

**Clayton Brackeen**, *BSN Nursing*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. JoAnn Long*

"Antibiotic Stewardship to Manage C. Difficile in Nursing Homes: Integrative Research Review"

**Cassidy Flow**, *BSIS Early Childhood Education, Honors Scholar*

**Kasey Porr**, *BSIS Secondary Education, Honors Scholar*

*Faculty Mentors: Dr. Cathy Box and Dr. Jennifer Hardin*

"Implementing Assessment for Learning Strategies"

**\*Kaylee Stewart**, *BSIS Early Childhood Education, Honors Scholar*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sam Ayers*

"Empresario as Gatekeeper: A Social Studies Simulation to Enhance Learning"

**Wendi McNabb**, *BSN Nursing*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. JoAnn Long*

"Will Goal Directed Blood Product Therapy Utilizing Thromboelastography (TEG) in the Massively Hemorrhaging Trauma Patient Decrease Blood Utilization: An Integrative Research Review"

**Allison Pyle**, *BSN Nursing*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. JoAnn Long*

"Is Breastmilk or Formula More Effective in Treating Newborns on a Hypoglycemia Protocol: An Integrative Research Review"

**Alexandria Stakely**, *BA Art Education*

*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michelle Kraft*

"Vanitas, Vanitas, All is Vanitas"

*\*Graduated this May*



**KATHARINE HAYHOE**  
Climate Scientist and Evangelical Christian

*Photo by Ashley Rodgers*

Named to *TIME* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World list for 2014, Katharine Hayhoe is an atmospheric scientist who studies climate change. Katharine may be best-known to many people because of how she's bridging the broad, deep gap between scientists and Christians—work she does in part because she's a Christian herself.

Together with her husband Andrew Farley, a professor of applied linguistics, pastor of Church without Religion, and best-selling author, Katharine wrote *A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions*, a book that untangles the complex science and tackles many long-held misconceptions about global warming. Her work as a climate change evangelist has been featured on the Emmy award-winning documentary series "Years of Living Dangerously" and "The Secret Life of Scientists and Engineers." In 2012, she was named by *Christianity Today* as one of their "50 Women to Watch," while in 2014, she was awarded the American Geophysical Union's Climate Communication Prize, and named as one of Foreign Policy's 100 Leading Global Thinkers and "20 Women Making Waves in the Climate Change Debate."





# VOCATI

## A Missional Youth Theology Institute

Last fall, Lubbock Christian University, under the leadership of Dr. Steven Bonner, was awarded almost \$600,000 from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., to create a High School Youth Theology Institute, named Vocati.

The Vocati Institute will annually bring together high school students and university faculty, current undergraduate Biblical Studies majors, and others for an intensive week-long spiritual and educational experience at Pine Springs. During the ensuing ten months of Vocati in Action, students will engage in an online learning community with faculty, college student mentors, and one another. In this way, they will continue to explore the themes discussed during the August intensive sessions and apply those themes in their particular contexts.

"This institute fits nicely into Lubbock Christian University's long tradition and mission of transforming the hearts, minds, and hands

of students for lives of purpose and service. Students who journey through the program will be prepared to become active, spiritually grounded, moral leaders in their environments," said Bonner.

Vocati will partner with a number of local area churches, including South Plains Church of Christ, Quaker Avenue Church of Christ, Raintree Christian Church, and First Christian Church, to provide insight, critique, and aid in the development of the Institute. Additional partners include the LCU Graduate School of Theology and Lubbock Youth Leadership Academy.

You can check out more information on The Vocati Institute at [LCU.edu/Vocati](http://LCU.edu/Vocati).

*Pictured above are the Vocati team members.*

*BACK: Mark Weibe, Ngozi Anyanwu, Logan Tekell*

*FRONT: Jocelyn Wiebe, Dr. Steve Bonner, and Dr. JoAnn Long*



# CHAPEL QUOTES

Does your *heart* still *skip a beat* when the name of *Jesus* is mentioned?

—DAVID FRAZE ('91)  
*Special Assistant to the President*



May your ability to live *totally satisfied* in the *work of Christ* be one of the greatest witnesses that you carry with you to *your work*.

—SCOTT HALL ('14)

You guys are going to **LEAVE A LEGACY** on this planet; **IT'S INEVITABLE**. However, this legacy is not going to be by the things that you **SAY**. It is going to be by the things that **YOU DO**.

J.E. BUNDY ('03)

I have been *blessed* by a *community* at LCU that pushes me to be *my best*.

—Marcus Arrington (*Senior*)

*Students are going to come and go, pledge classes are going to graduate, athletic teams are going to be a little bit different season to season, loved faculty are going to retire, new programs are going to be added, and buildings will be built, but LCU is always going to be the same. Let me tell you why. When you are founded in Christ, and your standards are the same as Christ's standards, nothing's ever going to change, not really. LCU IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE LCU YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH, AND THAT IS SUCH A COMFORT FOR ME.*

...

MACY SKIPWORTH ('14)





# ENTRUSTED WITH A LEGACY

## *LCU Receives Rare Collection of Boethius Texts*

**A**n extensive collection of texts and resources related to Boethius was recently donated to Lubbock Christian University by the estate of the late Professor Brian Donaghey, a scholar from the University of Sheffield, UK, and a Trustee of the International Boethius Society, for the creation of the Brian Donaghey Center for Boethian Studies at LCU.

Dr. Kenneth Hawley, LCU professor of English and co-editor of the *Carmina Philosophiae*, the journal of the International Boethius Society, was offered the opportunity to manage the Center.

The archive includes over 450 volumes and will be housed in the library.

“When I heard about the collection, I was a bit overwhelmed; I could hardly believe it,” Hawley recalled. “There was a lot of the unknown. We knew that it was going to be a great collection, we just didn’t know all that it would include. As it happens, it includes nearly everything of importance. We’re amazed and thankful that something like this is possible.”

Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius was a philosopher, musician, mathematician, and theologian, known most famously for his work, *The Consolation of Philosophy*, a treatise in prose and poetry on how he made sense of his tragic downfall before his death. The Consolation has been read and translated dozens of times since it was composed in 524 AD. It has been an influential classic source for authors throughout the centuries.

The Center will feature multiple editions and translations of the Latin *Consolation*, and include an additional 300 volumes of primary and secondary texts related to Boethius, his translators, authors influenced by him, and the historical context of his life and times.

“Boethius is worth knowing because he’s worth knowing,” Hawley said, “not just because other important people cared about him. He’s worth caring about here and now. The works themselves need to be preserved. Many of the items in this collection are quite rare. Some of them are very hard to come by.”

In the short term, goals for the collection include properly organizing, securing, and storing the texts, especially the older and more fragile works, and arranging items for display and use in a reading room.

The primary long term goal for the collection will be digitizing the early works to make them available to users online in an official website with an interactive catalog and reading interface.

“As a school, we always want to strive for greater academic rigor, we want to provide our undergraduate students opportunities for research and for learning, and we also want to make sure we continue to engage the larger academic community,” Hawley said.

Through the Center for Boethian Studies, LCU will have the opportunity to collaborate further with the International Boethius Society and other researchers who will help in preserving Boethius’s legacy.

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A home court celebration in the Rip Griffin Center after the Lady Chaps won the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament on their way to the National Tournament.









# IMMEASURABLE IMPACT FROM *LUBBOCK* *TO*

Not many national champions begin their season with a 56-point loss. Strangely enough, the Lubbock Christian University women's basketball team did, and that 95–39 exhibition defeat to Division I powerhouse Connecticut back on November 2 helped the 2015–16 team develop a focused and clear mindset that carried them throughout a historic five-month journey.

From Hartford, Conn., through many stops in Texas, then through South Dakota, and finally Indianapolis, the Lady Chaps not only made an impact within their 15-person roster and set of coaches, but also imprinted a university and an entire community with their gracious spirit and will to win.

This season began with a trip to face perhaps the most dominant team in the history of women's basketball: the University of Connecticut Huskies. Prior to their meeting with the Lady Chaps, the Huskies had won three straight Division I national titles and 10 since the 1999–2000 season.

While the outcome might have been expected, anyone able to witness the game saw the Lady Chaps own the first lead of the contest and hold onto it for nearly half of the first quarter. They saw the Lady Chaps play with resilience and never back down throughout the entire 40-minute game.

The LCU team did not travel light, as more than 100 followers joined the Lady Chaps on their five-day excursion to the Northeast. The final score of the UConn game or team-by-team comparison could not measure the exhibition's impact on Chap Nation. The countless stories, pictures, and posts proved that the game meant more than a final score for those who share a passion for LCU.

*Lady Chap team members react to a Lady Chap basket. ►*





# INDY







*Coach Gomez reacts to a referee's call.*

President Tim Perrin, who joined the trek to UConn, said: "This trip gave us exposure and shared our spirit with a lot of people who have never heard of us before. To have that kind of focus and sense of urgency in a big game really speeds up preparation for the year. The whole experience was a great LCU moment."

The Lady Chaps went on to win their next 35 contests by an average margin of nearly 28 points, but there were times the squad was tested. Four games into the season, the Lady Chaps were on the brink of suffering their first loss against non-conference opponent Fort Lewis. But the team was able to gut out an 82–76 overtime victory. Conference foe Texas A&M International put up a good fight to close out the regular season, but LCU came out ahead, 74–61.

After rolling through the Heartland Conference tournament, the Lady Chaps earned the right to host the eight-team South Central Regional inside the Rip Griffin Center. While facing tough competition, LCU still won each of the three contests by at least 20 points to earn a trip to the Elite Eight in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Supporters traveled to the Great Plains, just as they had to Connecticut, to cheer on the Lady Chaps and urge them toward a pair of wins. LCU had not been closely challenged in a win-or-go-home game in more than three years, so a tie game at halftime against Florida Southern on day one of the Elite Eight was a completely new experience for the majority of the team. The Lady Chaps eked out a 73–69 win to move on to the semifinal against Bentley, the 2014 NCAA Division II national champion.

The following day, LCU and Bentley faced each other, knowing the winner would receive the prized trip to Indy and the national championship game. A 28-point second quarter lifted the Lady Chaps to a 40–20 halftime advantage and led to a 67–57 victory to send the team onward toward their quest for a national title.

If teams had been given an option to choose which year to play in a Division II national championship, they would have all chosen this season. That's because this year, the NCAA



*Kellyn Schneider overcomes tough defense.*

hosted for the first time a celebration of women's basketball that included the Division II and III championship games in conjunction with the Division I Final Four—the first time all three women's basketball divisions would crown a national champion in the same city.

While the outcome of the game determined the champions, the team and coaches will forever remember and cherish the entire championship experience in Indianapolis—possibly as much as the 78–73 final score of the final win over the University of Alaska-Anchorage. The team was treated just like the four Division I teams. Police escorts were ordered for the team bus, whether they were headed to a practice or going to grab a meal, and all eight teams were invited to celebrate together at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway before the tournament. The Lady Chaps watched the Division I Final Four from their own suite in Banker's Life Fieldhouse and had the honor of holding the American flag alongside Division III champion Thomas More during the national anthem prior to the finale between UConn and Syracuse.

Redshirt senior guard Kelsey Hoppel described her experience: "Indy was definitely the type of memory that will last forever. It was a dream come true to get the chance to experience basketball in that spectacular form and even better getting to experience it with teammates, coaches, friends, family, and our fans! I was in awe during each and every moment of it, just trying to take it all in and not let a bit of it pass me by. I absolutely loved the road to becoming a national champion in Indianapolis."





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The support from LCU and the entire Lubbock community was genuine and abundant, but the student-athletes and coaches were also turning heads around the nation. While in Sioux Falls, the team earned a large feature story on the front page of the local paper and appeared to turn the local, neutral fans inside The Sanford Pentagon into Lady Chap enthusiasts. ESPN even highlighted LCU's triumphant season.

UConn's head coach Geno Auriemma was a fan from the team's initial matchup in the fall throughout the entire season. Auriemma explained, "I can tell a lot by watching a team play. When we played them, you can tell. They just play. They brought a lot of fans. They had a lot of fun. They know if they do this, this, this and this every night, they're going to win."

And win they did.

Just how special was this feat by the Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaparrals? The Lady Chaps became just the third team in NCAA Division II history to achieve an undefeated season along with a national championship. The same has occurred nine times in Division I (including six by UConn) and on 10 occasions in Division III.

The 1985–86 season marked the first time such success was achieved. The Texas Longhorns pieced together an unblemished 34–0 record and took down Southern California

to become national champions. Oddly enough, that Texas team would have a direct connection 30 years later to the LCU women's basketball team. Jill Schneider, mother of Lady Chap senior forward Kellyn Schneider, was an assistant coach on that Texas squad three decades ago.

To some, it may seem as if genetics and chance were the basis for this remarkable connection between a mother and daughter. Jill and Kellyn know otherwise. "I told Kellyn that Coach Gomez would have LCU in a position to win a national title, With her transferring there two seasons ago and the pieces he had placed together over the year. This season was really God-given," Jill stated.

The 2015–16 Lady Chaps were met with high expectations heading into the season and reached their ultimate goal by entering each contest with a "1–0" mentality that carried them onto center stage in Indianapolis. The student-athletes and coaches made sacrifices, outworked opponents, and believed. While the team made impressions on countless others throughout their extraordinary journey, perhaps the biggest impact was based on that one belief, best summed up by Kellyn. "All of the pieces fell into place. God put us at LCU where we needed to be."



*The team donned championship t-shirts and caps immediately following their victory.*





JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID,  
"WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT  
*with God all things are possible.*"

MATTHEW 19:26





# Miracle Mal

## TURNING TRAGEDY INTO TRIUMPH

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When LCU senior Malori Maddox woke up on November 10, her biggest concerns were passing her anatomy test and winning a non-conference volleyball game—not fighting for her life on an operating table in Wichita Falls.

That Tuesday night, Malori played in the Lady Chap volleyball game against Midwestern State University. After 15 minutes of missing balls she would normally volley, she came off of the court frustrated and panicky. Her vision was closing in on her right side. Something was not right with her head.

The pain set in when the volleyball trainer escorted her to the locker room, and soon Malori was doubled over, clutching her head and screaming. Usually, her family wouldn't attend an away game on a weeknight, but already God's hand was coming to Malori's aid. They rushed from the stands to join her in the locker room, and her father, Marray, hurried to get the car.

For Malori's family, the 10-minute drive to the hospital felt like hours.

"I kept looking at her face," Malori's mother, Sarah recalled. "It was whiter than her white jersey. I remember trying to get a pulse in her wrist while her arms curled around mine. I remember whispering to Marray, 'I don't think she's alive. We need to go faster.'"

Timing was crucial. The Maddoxes took Malori to Kell West Regional Hospital because the Midwestern soccer coach had told them the wait might be shortest there. When the Maddoxes arrived, most of the staff had left for the evening, and neurosurgeon Dr. Yogish Kamath had just finished his shift but hadn't gone home.



YOU TURNED MY WAILING INTO DANCING;  
YOU REMOVED MY SACKCLOTH AND CLOTHED  
ME WITH JOY, THAT MY HEART MAY SING YOUR  
PRAISES AND NOT BE SILENT.

*Lord my God, I will praise you forever.*

PSALM 30:12-13

A quick CT scan showed a terminal brain bleed from a ruptured arteriovenous malformation (AVM). Normally, AVM cases are better handled at a hospital fully equipped for neurosurgery, but specialty care is concentrated in larger cities, and Malori would not have survived the transfer time.

To have a chance at saving Malori's life, Kamath had to begin the operation immediately. Because the operating room nurses had already gone home, Kamath recruited several emergency room nurses to help with the surgery. Malori's blood pressure was so low that they had to give her five units of blood to establish a reading. Their pace was frantic, as Malori's symptoms indicated the bleed could prove fatal at any moment.

The medical team's immediate goals were to stop the bleeding and relieve as much swelling of Malori's brain as possible in order to stabilize her. Kamath said he thought of his own daughter as he repeatedly tried to stanch the bleeding from the fragile blood vessels. That thought kept him trying even when Malori's prognosis seemed hopeless.

In the waiting room, the Maddox family fervently prayed. Though Kamath had told them he would do his best to save Malori, they knew her life was in God's hands. They clung to God's peace, but still struggled with fear for Malori's life.

"We were in tears," Sarah recalled. "I learned the true meaning of weeping and wailing that night."

The Maddoxes contacted friends and family, asking them to hit their knees to pray for Malori. Many of them, including Malori's brother, who was in Oklahoma for college, also hit the road to Wichita Falls.

When the news reached LCU, students, faculty, and staff received a brief email requesting prayers. Facebook began flooding with prayerful posts using the hashtag *#PrayforMalori*. Students asked how they could help. Two of Malori's friends organized a student gathering at The Fountains on the Mall for prayer and worship while Malori was in surgery.

And the prayers continued to spread. The community joined the call to pray for Malori. The Lady Chaps volleyball team and their families all went to the hospital after winning the game at Midwestern. Members of a local church who didn't even know the Maddoxes visited the hospital to join in prayer after receiving an email about Malori's condition. Professors from LCU and church friends drove to Wichita Falls to join the waiting room crowd. Before long, even the Midwestern volleyball team showed up with coffee, snacks, and essentials for the group.

The group at Kell West grew in number over the course of several hours to at least 100 people. Together, they sought out Bible verses for strength, sang praises for encouragement, and prayed for a miracle.

The surgery took five hours. For five hours, Kamath and the nurses worked diligently to stop the bleeding in Malori's brain. For five hours, the waiting room at Kell West accumulated supporters and prayer warriors. For five hours, Malori fought for her life while God watched over her. But the miracle came, and the bleeding finally stopped.



*Students meet at the fountain to pray for Malori when they receive word.*



Kamath informed the Maddoxes that Malori had battled through the greatest risk that night, but he told them the next 72 hours would be crucial in her fight for life. Plans were made to airlift Malori to Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas, the premier neurological treatment facility in Texas, where she would eventually undergo surgery to remove the AVM and therapy to recuperate her injured brain.

Six days after the surgery, Malori woke up in the ICU of Zale Lipshy. Marray called that day the best of his life. His daughter still had a lot to overcome, but the family found comfort in just hearing her voice.

If any part of the process had gone differently, Malori might not have survived on November 10. God sent angels to guide the family through the storm, and the Maddoxes feel changed by the experience.

“She was already a spiritual pillar,” Marray said, “but this magnified who she was. It wasn’t an outright change or a difference in her, but it made her stronger.”

Still, Malori struggled with the repercussions of the brain bleed and surgery. She had difficulty remembering details like the names of colors or the names of her family and friends. When she first woke up, she told the nurses her name was Sarah.

“I always wanted to be like my mom,” Malori said months later, with a smile.

Other things came easily to her, however, like the recognition of a straw, a phone, or a television. Though the process was frustrating, Malori tried not to worry. She placed her recovery in God’s hands, like her family had placed her life in His hands.

“It was a smooth transition. I don’t want to remember feeling frantic and scared,” Malori explained. “I never felt nervous or anxious or scared. I was never alone to be scared.”

Almost two months after the initial brain bleed, Malori underwent a final surgery to remove the AVM. The neurosurgeon in Dallas, Dr. Babu Welch, couldn’t operate while her brain was still swollen and inflamed from the hemorrhage, but had to complete the surgery before the bleed could return. Waiting two months was the safest balance between the two risks.

The two-day process first mapped Malori’s brain in an angiogram. Welch needed to remove all of the AVM at once to ensure the dangers wouldn’t return, and the angiogram gave him a precise map. Then Malori underwent a long operation to remove the malformed blood vessels.

Welch said Malori’s surgery went as smoothly as doctors could hope. She was even well enough to return home within a week.



*Malori's family gathers around her side post-surgery.*



*Dr. Yogish Kamath gives Malori a reassuring hug months after her surgeries.*



AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS  
*God works for the good*  
OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN  
CALLED ACCORDING TO *his purpose.*

ROMANS 8:28



*Tyler Rogers' well-planned proposal caught Malori off guard.*



When Malori came home, she was met with outstanding support from the community. At Greenlawn Church of Christ, many welcomed her, singing “We Love You with the Love of the Lord,” when the Maddoxes returned to Lubbock on January 10, two months after the brain bleed.

At LCU, Malori and her family were presented with a check to help cover the cost of medical bills. The funds were raised by LCU Athletics through #PrayforMalori T-shirt sales. When she returned to the Rip and to chapel at the end of March, Malori received standing ovations.

As she continues to recover, Malori looks toward the future. She is working closely with her professors at LCU to finish the classes she began before her brain bleed. Much of her work is reviewing what she’d learned, but she hopes to complete credit on those courses by December. Then she plans to enroll as a full-time student again to finish her degree in pre-physical therapy. In the meantime, she’s looking forward to attending chapel again.

“If I were anywhere but LCU, I don’t know if I could graduate,” Malori said.

“Her being at LCU is part of the miracle,” Sarah added. “Every person has become part of our family. They have blessed us beyond measure.”

While she plans how to complete her classes, Malori is also planning her wedding. Just a few months after her return to Lubbock, Malori’s high school sweetheart and LCU basketball player, Tyler Rogers, proposed in the Rip Griffin Center. Though the two had been dating for many years, Malori did not see it coming.

“I had no idea what was happening. I thought he’d at least wait for my hair to grow back,” Malori laughed.

She and Tyler have planned the wedding for late summer, and Malori is grateful for assistance from her mother and generous contributors. Through her experiences, she’s focused on the love she’s received from her friends, family, and the Lubbock community.

“My perspective has changed, and I can see the big picture. I don’t sweat the small stuff anymore,” Malori said. “I’ve never been this calm or at peace. I’m living the dream every day.”

Perhaps the greatest miracle in the Maddoxes’ ordeal has been the way God has touched lives. Malori’s attitude moving forward is full of grace and faith. Because of the lives her experience has touched, the unity she’s witnessed in the community, and the miracles God has worked along the way, she says she’d be happy to do it all over again.

As much as this is Malori’s story, it is God’s story, and the Maddoxes give all credit to Him. Malori continues to be a light for Him by sharing her story, a testimony to the power of prayer and God’s grace and faithfulness. As she looks to the future, Malori aspires not only to build a Christ-centered marriage and finish her degree, but also to dedicate every moment of the life He gave her to His glory.



**Malori’s Story has been shared on not only a local level to great extent but also nationally and globally. The Pray for Malori Facebook page has more than 15,500 likes, and her videos have been seen by hundreds of thousands of people. Below is a list of some of the places we found her story:**

- Frenship High School benefit concert
- DailyMail.com
- Local news and radio stations
- Featured series in *The Lubbock Avalanche Journal*
- The NBC “Today Show”
- *Cosmopolitan*
- KLove Radio
- *The Christian Chronicle*
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Aaron Watson’s Social Media



# community

Community is a hallmark of the LCU experience.

Flying J Ranglers entertain guest at the LCU Family Celebration during Homecoming 2016.











*Tom Spoonts ('76), Mark Davies ('76), and Dave Branson ('74) - all former Hard Traveler members - perform during the '70s decade reunion.*



*Alumni visit during the '60s decade reunion.*

Many alumni returned to campus from February 11-14 to celebrate LCU's homecoming, participating in more than 40 events over the course of the weekend. Class reunions reached back to the class of '61, and the weekend was packed with activities such as alumni breakfasts, Master Follies, and the Forever Blue Celebration Dinner. Performances by various musical groups and games by the Chaps and Lady Chaps also drew many students, alumni, and visitors as the campus celebrated its 59<sup>th</sup> year of existence.



*Honorees at the Rock the Rip celebration.*



*2000s reunion held in the campus Starbucks.*



# MASTER FOLLIES 2016

Master Follies, one of LCU's longest-standing traditions, brought together some of the greatest aspects of the LCU community for one awesome show during Homecoming Weekend. The hosts and hostesses, coached by Dr. Philip Camp and accompanied by the LCU Jazz Band, entertained audiences between dynamic performances from each of the social clubs as alumni cheered on their favorites.

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Christliche Damen

## SPIRIT OF FOLLIES AWARD

Christliche Damen

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Alpha Chi Delta

## WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUBS

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Christliche Damen

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Zeta Gamma

## MEN'S SOCIAL CLUBS

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alpha Chi Delta

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Koinonia

**ALPHA CHI DELTA**  
The Incompetent Lifeguards

**CHRISTLICHE DAMEN**  
Started from the Bottom, Now We're Deer

**ZETA GAMMA**  
The Voyage of the Baby Blue Pearl

**KOINONIA**  
Koinonia Klassified





## FOREVER BLUE LCU FAMILY CELEBRATION



*Rod ('65) and Sandra Blackwood ('65) and Jodie ('61) and Goldye Wallace enjoy barbeque at the celebration.*



*Raymond Richardson honors Jim Bob ('61) and Kay Swafford for their sponsorship of the LCU Family Celebration.*



*Young guests at the LCU Family Celebration.*

The Forever Blue Celebration Dinner during Homecoming Weekend featured entertainment by James ('76) and Cindy Hobbs and the Flying J Wranglers, a barbeque dinner, and a special presentation announcing the 20/20 Vision Campaign, LCU's most ambitious campaign ever. President Tim Perrin was proud to share that the university had already raised 73 percent of the campaign's \$60 million goal by the time the campaign was officially announced to the public. The money raised during the 20/20 Vision campaign will be used to bolster current programs and construct several new campus facilities to enhance the student experience.





# LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

*Come celebrate with us!*

Lubbock Christian University held the first chapel service at the beginning of the fall semester on Tuesday, September 24, 1957. This fall, on August 22, the university will mark the beginning of a year-long celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Below are a few of the notable celebrations to which you are invited and encouraged to attend.

<b>AUGUST 22</b>	<b>Opening Chapel</b> <i>10:00AM</i>
<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>	<b>Special Founders' Chapel</b> <i>10:00AM</i>
<b>OCTOBER 3-4</b>	<b>Moser Ministry Conference</b> <i>"Do this in Remembrance of Me"</i>
<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>	<b>Celebrating 60 Years</b> <i>Homecoming Chapel</i>
<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>	<b>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner</b> <i>Homecoming, 5:30PM</i>

Watch for additional details at [LCU.edu/60th](http://LCU.edu/60th).







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# Chap Notes

## '50s Decade

**James Key ('59)** lives in Houston, TX, and is an orthopedic surgeon.

## '60s Decade

**Bobby Beale ('60)** lives in Lubbock and is a self-employed professional engineer.

**Nancy (Smith '65) Jarratt** is retired and living in New Braunfels, TX, with her husband, Arnold.

**Ron Scott ('65) and Kathy (Hamilton '66)** live in Temple, TX. Ron is retired from Scott & White Memorial Hospital, and Kathy is retired from a career in tax accounting.

**Lynn Thornton ('66)** lives in Amarillo, TX and has retired from his job as Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources at Amarillo College.

**Susan Farrell ('69)** is a teacher at Woden ISD and lives in Nacogdoches, TX.

## '70s Decade

**Mona (Wade '71) Turner** lives in Corpus Christi, TX and works as a secretary for T & H Lab, Inc.

**Bonnie (Brown '72) Perry** lives in Harlingen, TX.

**Terry Woltman ('72)** is a doctor of veterinary medicine and works at Special Friends Veterinary Clinic and lives in Bennett, CO.

**Edward Garcia ('72)** works for Northstar as an administration coordinator. He lives in Idalou, TX, with his wife, Molly, and future Chap, Marissa.

**Nikki (McFarlin '75) Boone** lives in Addison, TX, and works as an administration manager.

**Diane (McSweeney '75) Patty** is the office manager at a physical therapy practice and lives in Loxley, AL.

**Pat Craig ('76)** is a teacher for Moore ISD and lives in Norman, OK.

**Grant ('78) and Rhoni (Brooks '76) Standerfer** live in Knoxville, TN, where Grant is the Executive Director for Compassion Coalition, and Rhoni is self-employed.

**James Johnston ('77)** and his wife, LuAnn, live in Texas City, TX. James is a minister at Mainland Church of Christ.

**Kathy (Nix '78) Schuessler** is enjoying retirement in Lubbock, TX, with her husband, Joe.

## '80s Decade

**Barbara (Hunter '81) Brant** is a secretary and lives in Midland, TX, with her husband, Daniel. They have eight children.

**Keith ('83) and Jane (Wilson '81) Laughery** live in Lubbock, and they are the parents of **Matthew ('13)** and **Susanna (Martin '14)**, current student **Jeremy**, and future Chap **Garrett**. Keith is an account manager at CoNetrix, and Jane is a kindergarten aide for LISD Centennial Elementary.

**Walter Wilhoit ('84)** has been selected as the DoDEA West District's Brussels Community Superintendent. The DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education programs for children of Department of Defense personnel who would otherwise not have access to high-quality public education. Walter most recently served as the principal of an elementary school in Rota, Spain, but he has also held many teaching and administrative positions in Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

**David ('85) and Kimberly (Brown) Fisher** live in Lampasas, TX, where David is the Superintendent for Lometa ISD, and Kimberly is a Pre-K teacher. They have three children, **Maegan (Fisher '10) Barnett** and **Oren ('12), Wesley ('13)**, and current student, **Michael**.

**Steve Gomez ('88)** was named 2016 WBCA NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year.

**Jim ('83) and Connie (Turner '77) Gullette**, live in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Jim is in his 33<sup>rd</sup> year in a world mission partnership with the South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock and presented a ministry workshop in Cuba. Connie works for the Caribbean Division of the DEA in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Thomas Hammett ('85)** is a senior staff accountant and lives in Lincoln, CA.

**Cindy (Rideout '83) Mills** is a student data specialist at Region 17 Education Service Center in Lubbock, and **Bret ('83)** works as the Senior Vice President/CTO at Security State Bank.





Pictured above is the **Mike ('86) and Amy (Estep '85) Hill** family. From left to right: **Ben ('11) and Courtney (Snodgrass '10) Hill, Mike and Amy, Jesse ('16) and Sydney (Roberts '15) Hill**. Their LCU family roots go back to Dr. Gary Estep and Dr. John Hill, professors at LCC/LCU. Each couple began dating while students at Lubbock Christian School and continued all through their years at LCU.

**Richard Jordan ('89)** and his wife, Kristi, live in Frisco, TX. Richard is the Director of Total Rewards and Employee Relations at Parker University in Dallas. Kristi is the Human Resources Manager at Orametrix in Richardson, TX.

## '90s Decade

**Shawn Hughes ('90)** will travel to Japan in 2016 to present "Moments of Partisan Divergence in Presidential Debates: Indicators of Verbal and Nonverbal Influence," a paper he co-wrote with Dr. Erik Bucy. The paper will also be published as a chapter in the book *Political Communication in Real Time: Theoretical and Applied Research Approaches*. Shawn lives in Lubbock with his wife, **Deana (Johnston '06)**, and their children, Cameron and Camille.

**Clay Taylor ('91)** was named chief operations officer for Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in March and assumed his new responsibilities in May. He was part of the administrative staff at Covenant Plainview for the past five years, initially serving as chief operations officer and chief financial officer. Before making the move to Plainview, Clay was chief financial officer for the Brownfield Regional Medical Center and worked eight years in Denver City as chief executive officer for the Yoakum County Hospital. Taylor also worked as the chief financial officer of the Yoakum hospital. Clay and his wife Christi have four daughters.

**Kim Townsend ('92)** lives in Heath, TX, and is the owner/entrepreneur at Servant's Heart Outfitters.

**Todd ('96) and Beth (Bissell '95) Epps** live in Fort Worth, TX, with their three future Chaps, Justyn, Jaxson, and Joshua. Todd is the Vice President of Technology Infrastructure and Architecture for Healthsmart, Inc. Beth is the principal at Parkview Elementary in Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD.

**T. Kathleen Gibson ('98)** is the Regional Director of Finance Operations for Student Transportation of America in Leander, TX.

## '00s Decade

**Krista Dugan-Kerr ('00)** is the Vice President of Physician Development & Strategy for Senior Care Centers. She lives in Dallas, TX, with her husband, Andrew.

**Dr. Stephen Baldrige ('01)**, the son of **Drs. Neil ('73) and Iona (Clevenger '73) Baldrige**, received recognition at Abilene Christian University as the 2016 Faculty Member of the Year. Send congratulations to Dr. Baldrige at [Stephen.Baldrige@ACU.edu](mailto:Stephen.Baldrige@ACU.edu).

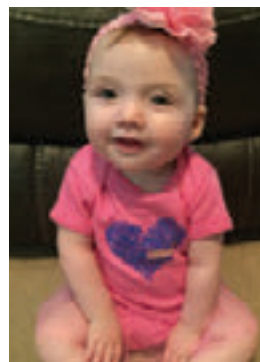
**David Rains ('01)** is the Business Manager at Hearon Electric LLC. He lives in Levelland, TX.

**Amanda Reeves ('01/'14)** lives in Lubbock and is the Human Resources Manager/Trainer for Pearl Hospitality.

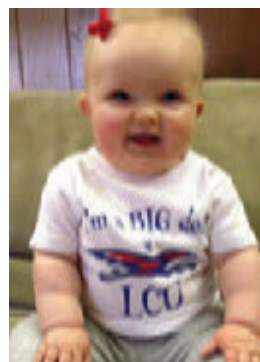
**Stephanie (Deans '01) Simons** is the owner and a veterinarian for Critter Care Center. She lives in Artesia, NM, with her husband, Chris, and their two future Chaps.

**Link ('02) and Monica (Witcher '03) Blevins** were blessed with the birth of Asher Cole in January.

**Sara Garza ('02)** and future Chap, Thomas, live in Wolfforth, TX. Sara is the front office manager for The Brace Place.



**Jim Moudy ('02)** and his wife **Courtney (Blount '05)** reside in Lubbock, TX. Jim is the Director of Data (Advancement) for Lubbock Christian University, and Courtney is the director of Bright Horizons Preschool at Green Lawn Church of Christ. They have three future Chaps, Aiden (6), Brenden (4), and Caylee (7 months).



Natalie is the daughter of Brad and **Stacy (Simpson '04) Thompson**.

**Denyce (Chavero '05) Alcorta** lives in San Antonio, TX.

**Victoria Newman ('05)** and her husband, Johnny, live in Lubbock. She works at Monterey High School as the Special Education Campus Leader/Vocational Quadrant 2 Coordinator.

**Tera (Davis '06) Cruz** lives in Morton, TX, and works for Morton ISD in Human Resources.

**Matt Pickering ('06)** is on active duty as a chaplain in the US Navy. He currently serves as the Command Chaplain onboard the USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) and his home port is in Norfolk, VA.

**Ashley Thorpe ('06)** lives in Midland, TX, and is a senior buyer for Kinder Morgan.

**David Duguid ('07)** lives in Picayune, MS, with his wife, Adrienne.





Landrye is the daughter of **Tyler ('07)** and **Courtney (Connor '06) Line**.



Macy and Lola McGraw are the children of **Cliff ('07)** and **Emily (Yeldell '09) McGraw**. The McGraws live in Athens, TX, where Cliff is the Student Minister at Eastern Hills Church.

**Marquesha Rhodes ('07)** is a service coordinator in Garland, TX.

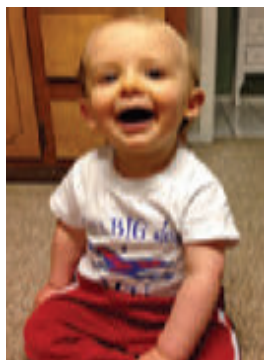
**Tim Brewer ('08)** works for S&T Communications as the technical project manager and lives in Goodland, KS, with his wife, Tara, and future Chap, Jameson.

**Daymona (Barry '08) Hunsucker** is a teacher and lives in Flatonia, TX, with her husband, Randy.

**Katrina (Routon '08) Jarvis** lives in Rotan, TX, with her husband, Chase, and their two future Chaps, Cissa and Bradley. Katrina is an English teacher for Rotan ISD.

**Becca (Gaultney '08) Matthews** is a land administrative assistant for Legacy Reserves Operating LP and lives in Midland, TX, with her husband, Jake.

**Kelsey ('08)** and **Allison (Layton '09) Maxwell** live in Lubbock, TX, with their two future Chaps, Bowen and Layton.



Jude is the son of **Casey ('08)** and **Joy (McClendon '08) Spencer**.

**Matt Wilson ('08)** lives in Wilmington, Delaware, where he serves as an assistant professor and Chair of First-Year Experience at Wilmington University in Delaware. Matt was named one of Delaware's 2015 Top 40 under 40 by the Delaware Business Times (DBT) and Chains Inc.



Lana Tess is the daughter of **Ben ('08)** and **Tory (Frazier) Setliff**.

**Bralie (Coleman '09) Hendon** is an Assistant Professor of Biology at University of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM.



The twin sons of **Thomas ('09)** and **Marissa (Dyess '09) Kennedy**, Jones Thomas and Jackman Booth, wore their LCU shirts for the NCAA Div II Women's Basketball Championship watch party.

**Hailey (Howerton '09) McLand** lives in McKinney, TX, with her husband, Chance, who works at JP Morgan Chase.

**Nicole McKenzie** lives in Bakersfield, CA. She works for Valley Perforating Co. as the Human Resource Manager.

## '10s Decade

**Jatawn Basye ('10)** lives in Lubbock, TX, and is an Educational Diagnostician for Lubbock ISD.



Emery Larke is the daughter of **Derick Smith ('10)** and **Erin (Boyce '09) Smith**.

**Sarah (Hendrix '10) Stickney** lives in Richardson, TX, with her husband, Byron, and future Chap, Ellianne.

**Dr. Austin Privett ('10)**, son of **Dr. Ronna Privett ('83)**, received the prestigious Song Prize at Texas Tech University for the best Ph.D. dissertation in chemistry. Dr. Austin Privett is finishing his first year as an assistant professor of chemistry at Lipscomb University. Send congratulations to Dr. Privett at [Austin.Privett@Lipscomb.edu](mailto:Austin.Privett@Lipscomb.edu).

**Maria Bernadette Sarao ('11)** is a lead teacher at the British International School of Texas, and she and husband, Edison, live in Leander, TX.



Mayer Tinley is the child of **Tate ('11)** and **Calli ('12 Thorpe) Tinley**.



**Garrett Johnson ('12)** lives in Cisco, TX, with his wife, Jayln. Garrett works for Fitness Today.

**Whitney (Whitworth '12) Ledford** lives in Lubbock with her husband, Jeffrey. Whitney is an Associate Veterinarian at Above and Beyond Pet Care Hospital.

**Stephanie (Schenck '12) Stroud** lives in Rosharon, TX, and is an assistant professor.



Benedict is the son of **Jared and Caitlin (Brinsfield '13) Cole** and the grandson of **Mary Beth (Martin '60) Inman**.

**Gary ('13) and Kayli (Nelson '14) Head** live in Durham, NC, where Kayli is a nanny and Gary is studying at the Duke Divinity School. They are expecting their first child and future Chap this summer.

**Matthew ('13) and Susanna (Martin '14) Laughery** live in Lubbock. Susanna is a first-grade teacher at Roscoe Wilson Elementary, and Matthew is a social worker at University Medical Center and is currently working on his Master's of Social Work.

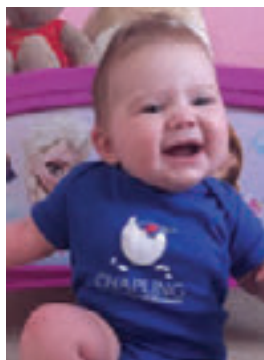
**Shae (Conklin '13) Leonard** works at West Texas Allergy as a physician assistant. She and her husband, Jesse, live in Midland, TX.

**Mark Revilla ('13)** lives in Lubbock with his wife, Margaret, and future Chap, Jesi. Mark works for the State of Texas as a supervisor.

**Sophia (Wambui '13) Thomas** is a registered nurse and lives in Midland, TX, with her husband, William.

**Michelle (Morazan '14)** married Johnny Casarez.

**Dustin Dick ('14)** presented his work on "Monitoring & Mentoring-A Parents' Guide to Digital Discipline" at the Texas Council on Family Relations in April.



Heidi Faith is the daughter of Lia and **Jeffrey Hays ('14)**, and the little sister of Hannah Grace. The Hays family lives in Daytona Beach, FL.

**Blake ('14) and Jessica (Montgomery '15) Edwards** live in Canyon, TX. Blake is an adjuster for the Texas Farm Bureau, and Jessica works for Rain and Hail LLC as a MPCI Underwriter.

**Robert ('15) and Michaela (Counts '15) Brown** live in College Station.

**Samantha Rivera ('15)** works for Communities in Schools of San Antonio and is the site coordinator at Kate Schenck Elementary.

**Chase Smith ('14) and Cara (Huggins '13)** married in December 2015. Cara received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Texas Tech University in May 2016.

**Teal (Stark '15) Dennis and Brett**, her husband and current student, live in Lubbock. Teal is the new LCU alumni relations specialist, and she looks forward to connecting with our alumni.

**Erica Waller ('15)** is a cosmetologist at Shimmer Beauty Studio and lives in Louisville, KY.

**Cassidy Flow ('16)**, daughter of **Scott ('88) and Brenda (Pruitt '88) Flow**, received the 2016 Ms. LCU award.

**Connor Bryant ('16)**, son of **Phil ('86) and Dené (Bowe '85) Bryant**, received the 2016 Mr. LCU award.

## Send updates on your career, location, & family.

At your request, we will send you a complimentary LCU onesie or size 6, 12, or 18 mo. t-shirt for your new baby's photo representing LCU as a future Chap. Wedding photos of you and your LCU guests throwing the Chap sign will also be accepted for print. Always include LCU alumni class year, married, and alumni maiden name, career, and job position, mailing address, email address and phone numbers. Also, we invite you to join us in celebrating the lives of alumni, former students, and others among our LCU family listed in the In Memoriam section.

**Contact us at [Alumni@LCU.edu](mailto:Alumni@LCU.edu) or 806.720.7218**



**Danae (Basye '16) and Trenton Jackson ('16)** were married on March 12, 2016. They will be moving to Seminole, where Trenton will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher.





# In Memoriam

## '60s DECADE

**Barbara (Williams '61) Abney** passed from this life on March 19, 2016. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Mike Abney; son, Steven Kuhler; daughter, Jennifer Cogdell; three grand-daughters and one great-grandson.

**Nila (Pendergraft '63) Hunter** passed away on February 27, 2016, in Lubbock, TX. Nila is survived by her husband, Royce; daughters, Merle Lynn Hunter, and **Lisa (Hunter '88) Schaeper** and her husband Steve; and many loved ones.

**Amy (McSpadden '63) Gililand** left this life on March 8, 2016, in Amarillo, TX. Amy is survived by her children, Suzanne Baxter and husband Derrell, and John Gililand; and grandchildren, current student Zachary Baxter, and Jacob Gililand; and great-grandchild, Gabriel Baxter.

**Douglas Witherspoon** passed away on Friday, May 6, 2016. Douglas was a resident of Hobbs, New Mexico, at the time of his passing.

**Sharon (Leverett) Qualls** passed away January 18, 2016, in Abilene, TX. Sharon is survived by her husband Jack; her children Jennie Talbot, Jackie Qualls and wife, Joellen, and Jesse Qualls; and grandchildren.

**Linda (Ryan '65) Locklear** passed away on December 31, 2015. Survivors include her husband, Ed; children, **Laura (Coley) McQuatters**; Clint Coley and wife, Lachella; Cassie Conde and husband, Demetrio; two brothers, **Randall Ryan ('69)**, and Hal Ryan and wife, Nancy; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## '70s DECADE

**Dennis Wolfe** passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2016, in Charlotte, NC. He is survived by his wife, Kaye; his children, Jason Wolfe (Trina) of Bedford, TX and Julie Clark of San Antonio, TX; his bonus children, Julie Grant and husband, Aaron Clark of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Alan Poston, and wife, Brittany of Charlotte, N.C.; four sisters, **Phyllis ('69)** and husband, **Wayne House ('69)** of Comanche, TX, **Patti ('79)** and husband, **Mark Musselman** of Crowley, TX, **Paula (Wolfe)** and husband, Rick Hamrick of Watkinsville, GA, and **Penny ('88)** and husband, Noel Fell of Weatherford, TX; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Dangie Tabor ('72)** passed away on January 10, 2016, in Lubbock, TX. He is survived by his wife, **Serene (Phelps '68)**; children, **Eden (Tabor '03) Bookout**; **Autumn (Tabor '13) Stapp**, and **Lydia (Tabor '06) Morcom**; and siblings, **Jeff ('71)**, and **Angela (Tabor '76) Fowler**.

**Julius Graves III ('73)** passed away on May 1, 2016, Midland, TX. Julius is survived by many loved ones. Julius was a beloved teacher, musician, and friend.

**John L. Tabor ('73)** passed away on April 1, 2016. John was a preacher for over 30 years, before earning his education certification to teach Special Education, which he did for many more years. He is survived by his wife, **Devonna (Denison '73)**; his children, Philip and wife Sara, and Valerie and husband Mirza; and many grandchildren.

**John Harvey Crisp ('75)** passed away January 18, 2016, in San Antonio, TX. John is survived by his daughters, Lauren Crisp, and Harper Crisp; mother, Betty Crisp; and many other family and friends.

## '80s DECADE

**Archie Warwick ('85)** passed away on April 23, 2016, in Lubbock, TX. Archie was named Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1998 and was selected to receive the ACSI Career Service & Achievement Award in 2012 upon retirement. Archie is survived by his wife, Lee; his children, Kenneth; Lynsey and her husband, Richard Rocher; grandchildren, Cory Rocher, and Alicia Haumont; and great-granddaughter, Autumn Haumont.

**Michael Dwayne McCormick ('88)** passed away on April 30, 2016, in Lubbock, TX. Michael played on the first football team at LCU. After Michael left LCU, he continued a call to ministry. Michael is survived by his only son, John McCormick; brothers and their wives, Marcus McCormick, Jr. and Dee, Stephen McCormick and Monica; and many other beloved family members.

## '90s DECADE

**Janice Woodard Williams ('94)** passed away April 28, 2016, in Weatherford, TX. Janice is survived by her mother, Norene Woodard; son and his wife, Phillip and Brianne Williams; grandchildren, Lance, Heath, and Emma; brother, Larry Woodard; and sister, Sandra Fiel.

**Dana Kirkland ('95)** finished the race on May 5, 2016, in Levelland, TX. Dana is survived by her husband, Larry; mother, Barbara Grant; her children, **Jamie Pennington ('97)** and husband **Tom ('98)**, Joey Shaw, Josh Kirkland and wife Marina, Jacob Kirkland and wife Lindsay, and **Jeannie Sharp ('09)** and husband Mason; and many grandchildren.



## '00s DECADE

**Daniel Zinck ('02)** passed away on June 5, 2016, in Brazil. He is survived by his parents, Larry and Connie Zinck; and siblings, **Nathan ('02)**, Andrew, and Jonathan.

**ShyAnn Matkin ('03)** passed away on December 6, 2015, in Colorado. She is survived by her parents, LaNette and Ron Shipley; siblings, Shauna Sotelo, Andrea Matkin, Timothy Matkin, Aaron Shipley; and many grandparents.

**Tommy Hibdon ('04)** passed away on April 26, 2016, in Lubbock, TX. Those left to cherish Tommy's memory are his daughter, Kaitlyn Hibdon; mother and stepfather, Rayetta and Wayne Patton; father and stepmother, Jerry and Heidi Hibdon; brothers, Tracy Hibdon, Shawn Hibdon, Anthony Hibdon, and George Hibdon; and grandmother, Joyce Hibdon.

**Barbara (Pierce '04) Herman** passed away March 1, 2016, in Lubbock, TX. Barbara was inducted into Iota Mu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Barbara was the past President of TSICP. She was President of the LCU Nursing Alumni Association. Survivors include her husband, Dr. James Herman; their children, Jaime Pierce; Susan Henthorn; Diane Dailey and husband, David; Rebecca Pierce; Elana Evans and husband, Greg; Hugh Herman and wife, Kristi; and many grandchildren.

**Russell Wayne Price ('04)** passed away on May 13, 2016. Russell was involved in public service for more than 20 years as a part of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission. Russell is survived by his wife Helen Price; his children, Stephen Price, Robert Morris, Braggston Morris, and Tyra Clemons; four sisters, Dana Prince, Phyllis Lewis, Deborah Davis, and DeRinda Williams; four brothers, Ricky Prince, Randy Prince, Gary Davis, and Johnny Davis; and by many grandchildren.

## HONORARY

**Dr. Guy Brown, former professor** in the Department of Biblical Studies at LCU, passed away July 30, 2015, in Lubbock, TX.

**Joan Rigney** went to be with the Heavenly Creator on January 28, 2016. Joan was a member of the LCU Associates and has a great history on LCU campus. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jack; children, **Linda (Rigney '79) Patterson** and husband, **Dr. Philip ('76); Donna (Rigney '81) Hamil** and husband **Lonnie ('83);** Jacky Rigney and wife **Alicia ('09);** nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**J. Lee Roberts, Associate Professor Emeritus** passed away on May 6, 2016. He and his wife taught and served the LCU community.

## VERDIE BAKER



**Verdie Mae Baker**, a long-time supporter of Lubbock Christian University, passed away on June 15, 2016 at age 98. Verdie's husband, Lennis, who passed in 2000, served on the LCU Board of Trustees throughout much of his life, serving as chairman from 1964 through 1978. Verdie served as an early member of the LCU Associates. In 1998, The Lennis and Verdie Baker Conference Center was dedicated in their name in recognition of their service to the university and as a testament to their significant contributions to the LCU community.





## JOE MABEE

### REMEMBERING AN LCU LEGACY

Joe Mabee, a West Texas visionary, passed from this life on October 3, 2015. He presided over the Mabee Foundation for many years and continued the Mabee legacy of pursuing well-defined goals in philanthropy. Joe and the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation have been involved with Lubbock Christian College/ Lubbock Christian University since 1966, when they gave their very first gift to LCU in the amount of \$125,000 for the Mabee American Heritage Center (ground breaking pictured below). Our hearts are heavy as we lose a dear friend of Lubbock Christian University. We are forever grateful for the mark he has left on this university and in the hearts of countless students who have walked the halls of one of the many Mabee buildings on campus.



Joe Mabee (center) at the September 11, 1966 ground breaking ceremony for the Mabee American Heritage Center.  
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