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*Dr. Yosef Garfinkel will be the featured lecturer at the Seventh Annual Lanier Theological Library Lectures in September.
His presentation will introduce recent discoveries relating to King David.*



YOSEF GARFINKEL

Garfinkel was born in Israel. He studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, earning degrees in Archaeology and Geography (BA), Prehistory and Biblical Archaeology (MA), and a PhD on the Pottery Neolithic and Early Chalcolithic periods.

Since 1993, he has taught archaeology of the Bronze and Iron Periods at the Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has been a visiting scholar at Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, and Kings College in London. Over the years, he has conducted excavations at various proto-historic sites in Israel, including Yiftahel, Gesher, Tel Ali, Sha'ar Hagolan, Neolithic Ashkelon, and Tel Tsaf.

In 2007, he started the excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa, where, for the first time in the archaeology of Israel, a fortified city from the time of King David has been uncovered. From 2013 to 2017, he excavated at the biblical city of Lachish, the second most important city in Judah, after Jerusalem. Since 2015, he has been excavating at Khirbet al-Ra'i, another site in Judah from the time of King David.



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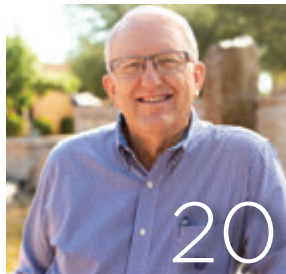


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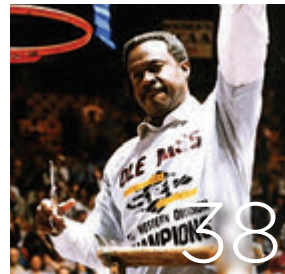


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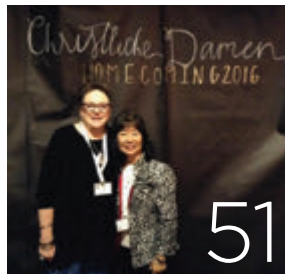
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One of the things I love most about my job is the chance to be in the classroom. During the Spring 2018 semester, I had the privilege of spending several hours each week with a small group of outstanding LCU students in my “Law and Literature” course. We began the semester reading Harper Lee’s classic 1960 novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, one of my all-time favorite books, featuring the virtuous and noble lawyer Atticus Finch. (What’s not to love about a book in which a lawyer is a hero?!)

One of the reasons Atticus is so admired is because of his integrity, which is one of the recurring themes throughout the book. Several friends and neighbors describe Atticus as being the same person in town as he is at home. Atticus consistently models compassion and empathy while demonstrating an unyielding commitment to truth and justice. He lives an integrated life; he’s the same person at home with his kids as he is in the courtroom.

In the same way, the LCU community proclaims as one of our core values that we seek to be guided by our Christian faith in every dimension of our life as a community of higher learning. In the words of Cornelius Plantinga in *Engaging God’s World*, we “refuse to separate the sacred from the secular, believing that Christian faith must be woven through the life of learning so that there as everywhere else, Jesus Christ is Lord.”

In a world that often seems to encourage us to privatize our faith and to compartmentalize our lives, LCU stands sharply in contrast. We prepare our students to be salt and light in the world, equipping them to serve as agents, models, and witnesses of the Kingdom of God.

In my role, I’m privileged to see the many ways that our students, faculty, staff, and alumni are modeling this kind of life and how they are making a difference all across the globe. We share just a few of those stories in this issue of Reflections. I hope they are sources of inspiration and encouragement.

Thank you for all of the ways you support our work at Lubbock Christian University. May God bless you as you serve Him.

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

L. Timothy Perrin, President
Class of 1984

around campus





Staff and faculty gather near the Fountains on the Mall weekly on Wednesday mornings in the summer for fellowship and devotion led by one of their colleagues. Jeff Cary, chair of the biblical studies department, leads this devotion in the shade of mature trees planted many years ago.



M I N D S E T F O R S U C C E S S :

Growing Strong Relationships

Because a professional counselor's work is often done in private, the significance of his or her impact may not be readily recognized. A counselor's influence is profound, creating opportunity for an individual or a family to make powerful, life-altering changes for the better.

LCU's Department of Psychology and Counseling is routinely equipping their students to enter their mental health professions to make a positive difference. In addition, they seek to provide resources to those already in the mental health profession, offering opportunities for continuous improvement for those who stand in the gap through the recently formed Institute for Strong Families.

One outreach of the Institute for Strong Families is The Healthy Families Conference, a resource directed toward educating counseling professionals for their continued work in this challenging profession.

PICTURED ABOVE: Trevor Ragan, founder of Train Ugly, inspired conference attendees to overcome fear and to grow during difficult situations during the plenary sessions at the sixth annual Healthy Families Conference.



“We were dreaming about what our department could do better,” said Dr. Michael Hardin, department chair. “And one thing we could do was support organizations that are already supporting families. We could provide good academic education to professionals who were serving families.”

And the Healthy Families Conference has done just that.

This year, the sixth annual conference welcomed Trevor Ragan, founder of Train Ugly, as the keynote speaker. His discussion about growth mindset contained pertinent messages for counselors, but it also provided good life-principles to help anyone to become better by overcoming fear and growing through their experiences. The topic of growth mindset is central to LCU’s new quality enhancement program (QEP), which aims to apply similar principles in the university classroom and across the campus with its mantra, “Persist, Pursue, Grow. – Fostering Academic Tenacity.”

A special announcement was made at the conference this year acknowledging a generous gift from Denny and Patti Bullard to endow the Institute for Strong Families. In recognition of the gift and to honor the Bullards, the institute was renamed the Bullard Institute for Strong Families.

The Linda Cash Distinguished Service Award, recognizing a mental healthcare professional for demonstrating exceptional devotion to helping families, was awarded to its second recipient. Wendi Edwards ('90) was honored for her dedication to serving families through her 25 years of service at Adult Protective Services and 23 years of ministry to families at Green Lawn Church of Christ.

The Department of Psychology and Counseling is experiencing significant momentum and aims to apply this growth mindset theme to the growth and strengthening of the Healthy Families Conference. By extension, they are also hoping to provide professional growth to counselors and, through them, to strengthen families.

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Patti and Denny ('67) Bullard endowed the Institute for Strong Families during the Spring 2018 semester.



Participants Gain Deeper Self-Understanding

Equipped. Empowered. Encouraged – on a deeper level. That’s how Refresh Women’s Conference hopes its participants leave, changed by the spiritual experience. Women who pour themselves into others in ministry, as well as in other professional and interpersonal settings, are invited to renew their strength and be refreshed through the conference.

Refresh is intended to be an event offering a safe space where women can be equipped for leadership through fellowship and a day of spiritual focus. The theme this year revolved around the principles found in the Enneagram – nine interconnected personality traits and types. The 2018 conference featured keynote speaker Heather Hodges, a visual and performing artist and speaker, who shared her expertise about the Enneagram.

Shannon Rains, assistant professor of children’s ministry at LCU and coordinator for Refresh, recruited Hodges as the speaker, hoping to help women learn more about themselves in a spiritually deep way. What motivates them? What feeds them? How can better understanding who they are help them function and relate to the world?

“The Enneagram is a useful tool for helping a person understand more about themselves,” Rains said. “What can we take away with us? And how can we give that to God and allow Him to come and work with us in our lives?”

Rains emphasized that understanding the depths of each person’s motivations can help us interact with other people, which directly applies in the field of ministry and which also has so many other direct applications for women who may not have the official title, but who minister in a variety of settings.

“We’re not aiming just at ministers; we’re hoping to assist any women who feel they give a part of their lives to others in spiritual discipleship,” said Rains. “A public school teacher is also a minister in her own right. Our goal is for women who attend to feel equipped, empowered, and encouraged.”

**Hodges’ presentation at the 2018 Refresh Conference can be heard at LCU.edu/RefreshPodcast.*

Refresh 2019 will be held Jan. 26, featuring the theme “Ministering with Bravery” with speaker Beverly Ross, the executive director of Wise County Counseling Center and an international advocate for women’s ministries.



HEATHER HODGES is a wife, mother, visual and performing artist, inspirational speaker, and follower of Christ. She holds both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from Abilene Christian University and has been in ministry alongside her husband for almost 20 years. Notably, Heather has apprenticed under Suzanne Stabile, author of *The Road Back To You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* and *The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships*. She is passionate about art and loves to inspire others to use their own creativity to the glory of God and the benefit of others.

RORY VADEN

Investing in People & Transforming Your Business

Rory Vaden, bestselling author and Entrepreneur, visited LCU for a seminar for business professionals on April 19. Hosted by the LCU School of Business, Aim Bank, and Williams and Co. Real Estate, the event included an afternoon of two sessions, where Vaden addressed issues of great importance to businesses and business leaders.

Every business depends on productivity, but most employees struggle with being productive throughout the entire work

day. Addressing issues such as procrastination and unintentional distraction, Vaden presented strategies to increase productivity and organization in the workplace.

Vaden's greatest emphasis was on the concept of permission: encouraging employees to allow themselves moments in the present that will increase their productivity in the future. Comparing such strategies to the investment of money, he encouraged the audience to invest in

success so they could see their work multiply exponentially in the future.

Delivered in an engaging, sometimes entertaining, and always passionate style, Vaden's presentation both encouraged and challenged the business professionals, as well as LCU business students who were present, to work toward overcoming the obstacles that threaten their productivity.

To see a conversation between President Perrin and Rory Vaden, go to LCU.edu/ChapChat



RORY VADEN is a self-discipline strategist, co-founder of the multimillion dollar international training company Southwestern Consulting, and New York Times bestselling author of *Take the Stairs: 7 Steps to Achieving True Success*. His insights on improving self-discipline, overcoming procrastination, and enhancing productivity have been shared on Oprah radio, Fox News, CNN, CNBC, CBS, in Businessweek, Entrepreneur, Inc, Fast Company, USA Today, and in SUCCESS™ Magazine. Rory has an MBA and is a two-time world champion of public speaking finalist for Toastmasters International. His presentation shares profound truths coupled with humorous anecdotes to empower professionals to conquer their fears and take immediate action in all aspects of their lives. Learn more and see Rory speak at www.RoryVaden.com



WINNING WITH CHARACTER

AN EVENING WITH JASON WITTEN AND RYAN YOUNG

In 2007, Lubbock Christian University began hosting nationally recognizable individuals in their “Evening with...” Series that included names like Colin Powell, George W. Bush, and Condoleezza Rice, as well as well-known figures like Josh Hamilton and Bob Goff. In April, LCU hosted recently-retired Dallas Cowboy Jason Witten.

One of the most respected NFL football players in recent years, Dallas Cowboy and future NFL Hall of Famer Jason Witten came to Midland, Texas, along with Ryan Young, one of his former Cowboys teammates. The LCU-hosted evening was themed “Winning with Character” and was enjoyed by an enthusiastic West Texas crowd.

“Jason Witten and Ryan Young are great examples of what it means to win with character both on the field and in life,” said LCU President Tim Perrin. “What a joy to have the privilege of sharing their inspiring stories with our friends in the Permian Basin.”



Ryan Young and Jason Witten respond as President Perrin asks them questions about football, faith, and their resilient character-building journey.



The evening included a dinner, which showcased Ryan Young's personal journey and testimony, and a live auction, which raised funds for LCU student scholarships. Following the dinner, the main presentation featured Witten and Young with President Perrin facilitating a conversation about how their faith has impacted their careers and their day-to-day lives.

Witten recounted the story of his broken jaw, the reason he sat out the only game of his fifteen-season career, and he and Ryan also reminisced about playing for Bill Parcells, the famed coach for the Dallas Cowboys from 2003-2006. Jason shared some insights about his relationship with Tony Romo, one of the most well-known Cowboys quarterbacks in recent years, reflecting on the bond

LEFT: *Ryan Young shares his story during dinner.*

PICTURED BELOW: *Students Tess Bruffey, Keegan Stewart, Kree Chambers, and Daniel Lockhart had the opportunity to ask questions and present Witten a gift during the event.*



that they shared on and off the field. Some of the evening's most powerful moments came when the conversation steered away from the game and more toward life and being men of character.

"Integrity is who you are when no one is watching," said Jason. "The camera never blinks in pro football, and the eyes are always on you. The character trait that I always tried to live up to was integrity. To live your life that way, not only on the football field, but when you're on the road, in tough environments, as a family man, and even making your legacy—so many times we forget about the example we set on a daily basis."

When asked how men of character handle fame and the temptations that can come along with it, Witten explained that his focus was always on his family. "As I formed my own family, I tried to always think about what my legacy would be, and what my kids could see in me. And even beyond that—as I'm just a few days into retirement and being in a place where I have been able to reflect a lot, the neatest thing in this process has been to hear all of the kind things that my teammates have said to and about me, knowing that as a leader, and as a captain, they were always watching, and that was a powerful thing."

Jason also opened up about his childhood and how his own upbringing had been in a house with abuse, and then how his grandparents took him in and helped him grow physically and spiritually, and how that shaped his passion for giving kids good role models. Toward the end of the program, four LCU students were invited to ask questions of Witten and Young. One of the students presented a certificate representing a gift by LCU in honor of Witten and Young to Jason's SCORE Foundation, a unique initiative placing full-time, trained male mentors in battered women's shelters throughout Texas in an effort to break the cycle of violence that plagues families affected by abuse.

Jason Witten's and Ryan Young's leadership and character on one of the world's biggest stages was an inspiration to those in attendance. Their discussion of how to compete and live with character in all aspects of life provided powerful reminders of the calling on all of our lives.

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summer camps

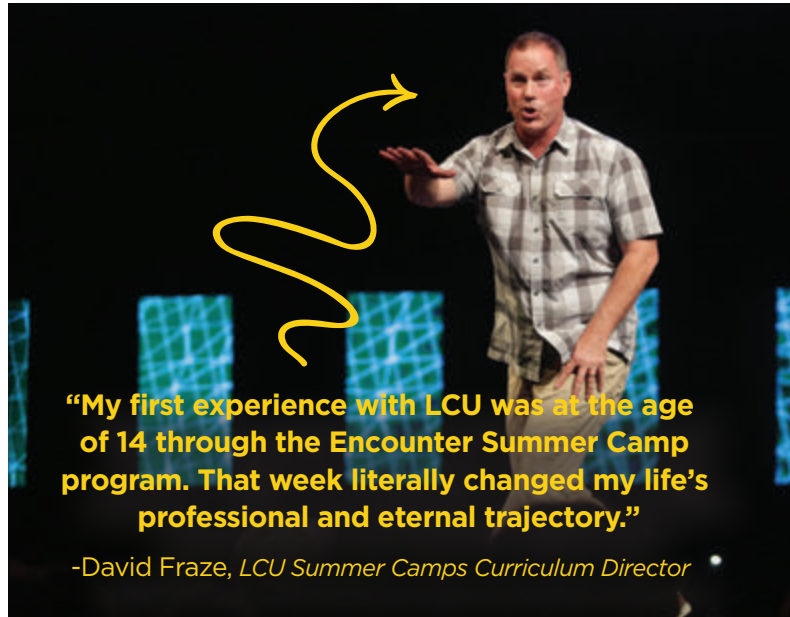
“God moves through the students who attend these camps and through those who help put these camps together. His presence is so evident on campus. LCU Summer Camps has provided me with an unforgettable opportunity to CAMP again! It’s Impossible not to love this place!”

-Mikeilah Foust, *Junior Pre-Nursing Major*

“Our goal for these camps are for teens to grow in their relationship with Jesus and develop a stronger bond with Christ. I am grateful that God has blessed me with the opportunity to direct LCU Summer Camps, and I pray that the lessons learned during Encounter and Camp Champion encourage young people in their walk with Jesus and impact the Kingdom of God.”

-Josh Stephens, *LCU Summer Camp Director*





“My first experience with LCU was at the age of 14 through the Encounter Summer Camp program. That week literally changed my life’s professional and eternal trajectory.”

-David Frazee, LCU Summer Camps Curriculum Director



Zoe Brehmer poses with her Champion group during her first year at camp.



“OUR DAUGHTER, ZOE, ATTENDED CAMP CHAMPION FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR AND SPENT A WEEK WORSHIPPING, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, AND HAVING A BLAST! ALTHOUGH OUR FAMILY WAS NOT A PART OF THE LCU COMMUNITY PRIOR TO CAMP, OUR DAUGHTER WAS WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS AND HAS MADE FRIENDSHIPS THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME. SHE IS ALREADY TALKING ABOUT WHEN SHE GOES BACK NEXT SUMMER. CAMP CHAMPION WAS DEFINITELY A HUGE BLESSING AND AN ENGAGING, AGE-APPROPRIATE EXPERIENCE FOR HER.”

-Laurie Brehmer, mother of first-time camper

scholarship





Bobbie Hicks received an honorary Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from Lubbock Christian University. Bobbie, who has been a friend to the university and strong advocate for Christian education, was presented with the degree at the Brownfield Church of Christ on March 7.

VISION, HARD WORK, & DEDICATION

DR. ROD BLACKWOOD TRANSITIONS ROLES AT LCU

Dr. Rod Blackwood's distinguished career at Lubbock Christian University has spanned the service of all six of the university's presidents. During these many years of dedication to our campus community, he has seen many significant changes and adapted to many developments and transitions—few as life-changing as his own transition in June 2018.

Having served as LCU's Provost and Chief Academic Officer since 1999, Dr. Blackwood is stepping down from that position and heading back into the classroom as a distinguished professor of animal science in the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies.

In addition, he will serve as director of the university's study abroad program.

Blackwood began working at LCU in 1968 as the university farm manager. After leaving for a few years to serve in the

U.S. Air Force, he returned to LCU as a new faculty member in the agricultural sciences area. It was during those early years as a young professor that he and his wife, Sandra, also served for three years as dorm parents in Johnson Hall. After teaching for more than two decades in the agricultural sciences department, he was named provost and chief academic officer of the university in 1999.

Dr. Blackwood's role has changed dramatically over the years, but as he reflects on his career and on the different paths it has taken or could have taken, he is grateful that it always kept him here at LCU.

"In my time here, I had opportunities to do other things, but I always made the decision to stay," he said. "And it's been so rewarding to be here and do what I've done."

Dr. Blackwood's tenure at LCU has been a family affair. His university responsibilities gave Blackwood satisfaction



and purposeful work, as his academic leadership not only made a positive difference in the lives of his students and colleagues, but it also allowed him flexibility to give priority to his family and to their own experiences at LCU.

Over the years, he's seen both of his children, Shawna (Blackwood) Gomez ('92) and Nathan Blackwood ('95) attend LCU and remain closely connected to the university, and he has three grandchildren attending currently, with a fourth starting in the fall.

In turn, Blackwood strongly influenced the university through his vision and dedication. As provost, his leadership style was to remain very accessible in order to stay acutely aware of the pulse and the heartbeat of the university – students who are taught by caring, Christian faculty.

FOR BLACKWOOD, SEEING STUDENTS WORK FOR AND ACHIEVE THAT SUCCESS WAS THE MOST REWARDING THING ABOUT TEACHING.

However, being in a position of leadership, he also dealt with some of the more difficult experiences of his career, especially when it came to challenging situations or having to deliver difficult news to colleagues, many of whom continue to be close friends.

“Sometimes I had to explain to a friend why they didn't get a promotion,” Blackwood said. “And sometimes things would happen behind the scenes that I could not tell my friends and coworkers. Fortunately, many of the friendships I've built here have been strong enough to weather that.”

For every hardship, though, there were more joys – like seeing the students who passed through his classes graduate and move on to the next phase of their lives.

Blackwood saw students walk across the stage after years of hard work. Some students had to work harder than others – diligently doing work or retaking classes to improve their grades – exhibiting growth mindsets to achieve their goals of graduation. For Blackwood, seeing students work for and achieve that success was the most rewarding thing about teaching.

As provost, he felt most rewarded by seeing similar successes demonstrated in different ways by departments across campus and the university as a whole. When a department worked hard to receive a grant that would benefit their students, or when the university received positive feedback on a review, Blackwood felt a healthy pride.

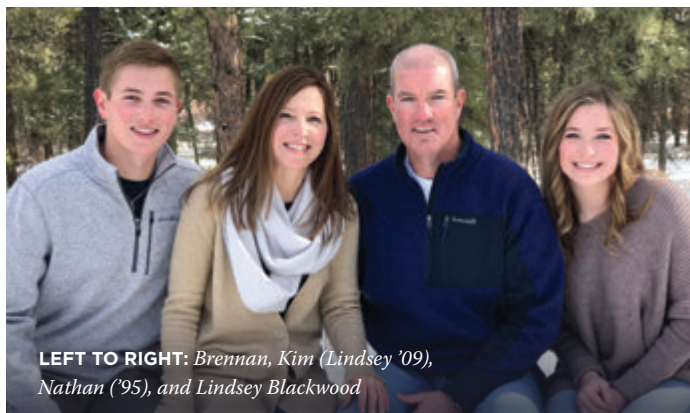
Blackwood is recognized for the steady and empowering leadership he brought to the university. In his time as provost, he expanded the offerings for university degree programs across all disciplines. He fostered growth and improvement in both traditional and online offerings. His work in laying a very solid foundation for new programs, some of which began in the last few months and others that are on the horizon, will propel the university forward academically in the years to come.

“We have made incredible progress as a university over the years,” Blackwood reflected. “People recognize the difference in who we are and what we've become – how we've become more academically mature. That's been amazing to watch.”

As he transitions back to teaching, Blackwood is excited about seeing that maturity directly impact the classroom environment. He began that transition this past spring



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Rod ('63) and Sandra (Scott '65) Blackwood



LEFT TO RIGHT: Brennan, Kim (Lindsey '09), Nathan ('95), and Lindsey Blackwood



LEFT TO RIGHT: Hayden, Krysten Fant, Shawna (Blackwood '92), Steve ('88), and Landon Gomez



Dr. Rod Blackwood presiding over opening chapel.

semester by teaching one, three-hour course. He is confident that his students learned a lot and feels they enjoyed the class as well – and he certainly enjoyed being back in a teaching role.

Even though his job description is changing, he is excited about the programs set up by the university that encourage positive change. The list of opportunities for students at LCU continues to expand and improve, with initiatives like the Quality Enhancement Plan, which encourages a growth mindset in students with the goal of fostering academic tenacity. He is also proud of the opportunities for students to experience an invaluable education in the university’s study abroad program in Ávila, Spain.

The national search for a new provost began last fall when Dr. Blackwood announced his plans to go back into the classroom. While several qualified candidates surfaced and were considered, 1980 LCU alum Dr. Foy Mills, Jr. was appointed provost and chief academic officer, effective June 1. As Mills steps into the role of provost, Blackwood

has encouraged him to be bold in his question asking and courageous in his leadership.

Reflecting on his time at LCU and seeing the great progress that has been made and the amazing momentum that is currently being experienced, Dr. Blackwood knows that God has been at work – acknowledging that it is often easier to look back and see God’s hand than it is to see it in the day-to-day as it unfolds. Blackwood readily acknowledges that God has used countless people with amazingly varied skills to accomplish great things at LCU. As much as he would admit to having contributed in a small way to such achievement, he feels that he has received many more blessings for his association with the university than he has provided.

“The reality is that in every role I’ve filled at LCU, I’ve received more back from working here than I’ve been able to give, in the past as a student and now as an employee. It’s hard to express, but I look at my family and think that our lives were changed for the better because I’ve been able to work here.”

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DR. FOY MILLS, JR. (’80) received his appointment and began in his new role as LCU provost and chief academic officer on June 1, 2018.

Dr. Mills began his professional career at LCU in 1981 as an instructor in agribusiness. After earning his Ph.D. at Texas Tech, he served two years as a faculty member at the University of Georgia.

Mills returned to Texas in 1989 to begin a 23-year career at Abilene Christian University, ultimately serving as the

chair of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He moved to Sam Houston State University in 2012, where he was professor and program leader of agribusiness for six years.

Mills has served in several national leadership roles and is currently president-elect of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

Dr. Mills is married to Mitzi (Ayers) Mills (’80). He has two daughters, Whitney Mills Kasinger and Lindsey Mills Kennedy (’06), who along with their husbands are parents to Mills’ six grandchildren.



In April of 2018, LCU hosted its annual Scholars Colloquium, an academic conference that features scholarly work from students, faculty, and staff, whose sessions are highlighted by a number of special presentations and by lectures delivered by an invited guest speaker. While each session is typically organized around a general subject area, the slate of sessions throughout the Colloquium includes diverse topics and areas of interest. A few selections from our faculty illustrate the broad spectrum of options available to our participants: Dr. Jennifer Dabbs (Sociology), “An Ethnographic Analysis of Gender at the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup”; Dr. Ronna Privett (English), “Joseph Campbell’s Monomyth and *Harry Potter*”; and Dr. Jesse Long (Biblical Studies), “Moses Misses the Land of Promise: A Literary Analysis of the ‘Sin of Moses’ Story (Num. 20:2-13).”

Our students also generated a number of interesting and compelling projects, the complexity and diversity of which are shown in the following list of award winners and finalists for our Outstanding Undergraduate Research Awards: Michael Pugh (Philosophy), “An Exploration of the Medieval Problem of Universals”; Blake Thornton, “Scope and Scale of Mentored Undergraduate Research Practices in University Fisheries, Aquatic Sciences, and Related Programs”; and Roger Jacob, “Effects of ‘Looping’ in a Flipped Organic Chemistry Classroom.” Our two other awards for the conference included the Outstanding Graduate Poster Award for Stacey Hemby’s “Achieving Increased Quality Outcomes for Inpatient Colonoscopies: An Integrative Research Review” (Nursing) and the Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Award for Cassidy

Davis’s “What’s My Prologue?” (Genealogical Research and DNA Profiling).

New to our schedule this year were a number of creative arts presentations. In addition to our featured Juried Exhibition for our Art students in the Art Studio Gallery, we held a Photography Exhibit in the Pioneer Gallery of the University Library, highlighting student photos from the Fall 2017 Study Abroad experience in Avila, Spain. Dr. Ryan Smith, director of bands, organized a performance by a Brass Quintet Ensemble, and Dr. Philip Camp’s Praise Choir presented “Arise, Shine!”—a beautiful choral piece accompanied by members of the Symphonic Band on brass and percussion. The schedule also included a reading by creative writing student Jamie Patterson, the featured author from the 2018 issue of our student art and literary journal, *The Chap Book*.

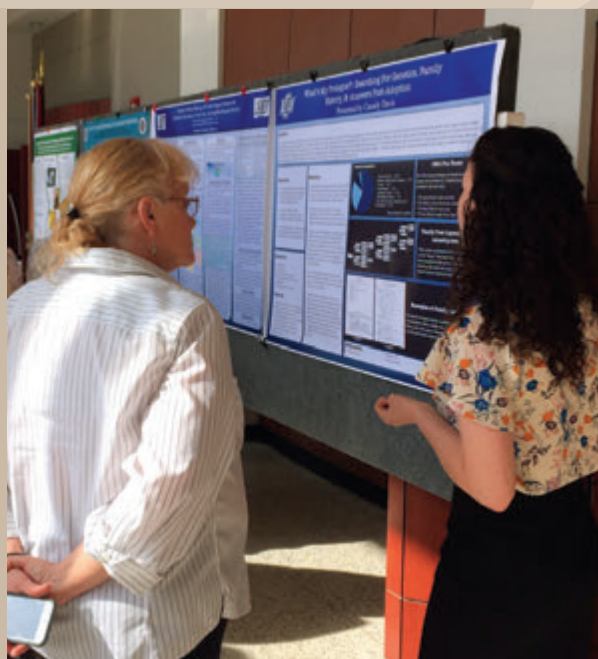
Our invited guest speaker for this year’s Colloquium was Dr. Edward J. Larson, professor of history and law at Pepperdine University. Dr. Larson is the author of seven books and the recipient of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize in History for his book *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America’s Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*. Larson has also written over one hundred articles, most of which address topics of law, science, or politics from a historical perspective, which have appeared in such varied journals as *The Atlantic*, *Nature*, *Scientific American*, *The Nation*, *The Wilson Quarterly*, and *Virginia Law Review*.

He presented Thursday afternoon on “Sex, Race, and Science: Eugenics in the Deep South” and again Thursday evening on “The Return of George Washington: Uniting the



Dr. Ed Larson, key note speaker, presents to students and faculty during the colloquium.

States.” Larson also shared his experiences as a scholar and as an author during a Faculty Faith & Learning luncheon at the conclusion of the Scholars Colloquium, encouraging the faculty, staff, and students who gathered to explore their disciplines with creativity, dedication, and excellence.





The Tradition of a Blessing in Song

Each semester's end is punctuated with a commencement ceremony celebrating the students who are receiving their degrees. The ceremonies, both undergraduate and graduate, hold particular value and resonate with alumni and the participating students, because of the unique traditions that have become a part of each respective ceremony.

One of the traditions for the undergraduate ceremony is the singing of "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" to the students as the ceremony concludes.

The tradition at LCU began when LCC was in its infancy in 1957, as Dr. B Wayne Hinds led the A Cappella Chorus to close each concert during the year and also led it during commencement. Now, at commencement all guests and students are invited to sing as well, making it a very special moment.

Until the early 2000s, semester finals took place after commencement, which meant that more students were able to participate in the ceremony. During that time, the choir would lead the audience in the hymn to celebrate and to sing a blessing over the students who were beginning a new phase in life.

After the early 2000s, finals week took place before commencement ceremony, and the choir was no longer on campus to lead the now-traditional song, as students typically leave campus at the conclusion of their last final.

It was at that point that Dr. Philip Camp, professor of music and director of choirs, continued the tradition of including the song in the ceremony. At the conclusion of commencement, Dr. Camp would lead the faculty and the audience as they sang this blessing over the graduating students.

Dr. Camp said, "Singing 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' has become a special way for the faculty and guests to close the commencement ceremony. I've received many comments from graduates who were truly thrilled by the experience."

This May, however, brought back many memories for those alumni who attended LCU prior to the early 2000s. Six students, five of whom were graduating music majors, took the stage and sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" joining faculty and audience in blessing the new graduates.

Millennials

VS.

BABY BOOMERS

IN THE NURSING PROFESSION



Dr. Mark Taylor
President, Taylor Programs

Dr. Mark Taylor is an award winning speaker recognized internationally as an educator, expert and thought leader who is on the forefront of transformations in educational practice and workplace management. As an authority on the traits, developmental issues, and learning outcomes of today's young people, he is dedicated to helping colleges, universities, schools, and professional programs better understand and serve our students for learning, development, persistence, and successful integration into the "after college" world.

The LCU Department of Nursing hosted Dr. Mark Taylor, an internationally-recognized speaker and educator, for the 2018 Distinguished Speaker Series. The general focus of his work and the thrust of his presentation is the study of generational groups and how each generation acts in the workplace.

"Every generation is characterized by what they grew up with: what life experiences impacted them, what national events they grew up with, what makes them feel like they make a difference," said Dr. Cindy Ford, nursing professor and organizer for the speaker event. "These are generalities, but they do affect how each generation operates their lives."

Ford explained that the nursing field is witnessing retirement by the Baby Boomer generation and those jobs are being filled by Millennials. The extreme differences in these two generations often create challenges in the workplace

because they have very different sets of expectations. Dr. Taylor works with organizations in various fields, including nursing, to adapt their practices to attract and retain Millennials.

"The students loved him," Ford said. "He interacted with them so wonderfully because he gets them. We know that there is going to be a great need for healthcare professionals, and we need the Millennials to feel comfortable providing that. It's critical that we examine this."

The event is made possible by Prosperity Bank, which provides funding support for nursing programs across the South Plains area. "We're very grateful that Prosperity Bank chose to partner with the nursing profession in the community," Ford said. "They have a heart for nursing, and their generosity demonstrates the community support for our students and nursing as a profession. It's a great thing."

The Distinguished Speaker Series for 2019 will feature Dr. Carol Huston, a motivational speaker and nursing educator. Thursday, March 14, 2019.



Amanda Boston

Dr. Amanda Boston, ('06) associate professor of chemistry and associate dean of the Honors College, received a significant honor and distinction with her selection to be a fellow in the Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford Program for Research in Science and Religion. The two-year program, "Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II," 2017–19, associated with the Council on Christian Colleges and Universities, will bring together 25 early- to mid-level career faculty members from across the globe to experience an enhanced summer seminar series aimed at developing interdisciplinary skills in Science and Religion.

Dr. Boston will join fellow scholars at Oxford University in the summers of 2018 and 2019, focusing on interdisciplinary skills and understanding central to the field of Science and Religion. "Social and natural scientists will join those in the humanities

to explore established and emerging Science and Religion issues, guided by eminent scholars in the field, in a respectful and research-rich learning environment. The seminars aim to train a new generation of leaders in Science and Religion. Campus activities at the participants' home institutions will develop young scholars, support conversations across the wider student body, and help campus leaders to engage with current issues in Science and Religion." (SCIO website)

Dr. Boston, a 2006 LCU alumna, received her Ph.D. from Texas Tech University in 2010 and then returned to her alma mater in 2012 as an assistant professor. This award reflects Dr. Boston's commitment to the highest standards of research and teaching and her desire to work for interdisciplinary learning in the Honors College and across campus.



Dr. Michael Martin, associate professor of New Testament in the Alfred and Patricia Smith College of Biblical Studies, has published two new books, each focused on exploring a different aspect of ancient rhetoric and its influence on the New Testament Writers.

The first, *Inventing Hebrews: Design and Purpose in Ancient Rhetoric*, published by the Cambridge University Press, was co-authored with Dr. Martin's longtime colleague and friend Jason A. Whitlark from Baylor University over the course of seven years. Published on June 7, *Inventing Hebrews* examines the epistle's structure and purpose, synthesizing ancient theory of invention and arrangement to better understand Hebrews' design. Resolving a long-standing conundrum, this volume offers scholars a fresh hermeneutical tool that is essential for interpreting the book of Hebrews.

Dr. Martin's second publication is a collaborative work with one of his mentors from Baylor University, Makeal C. Parsons, titled *Ancient Rhetoric and the New Testament: The Influence of Elementary Greek Composition*, published by the Baylor University Press. This book breaks new ground when examining how ancient rhetoric influenced the writers of the New Testament, especially among ancient Greeks and Romans. Instead of focusing on more advanced rhetorical lessons that elite students received, Drs. Martin and Parsons examine the influence of progymnasmata—the preliminary compositional exercises that bridge the gap between grammar and rhetoric—and their influence on the New Testament.

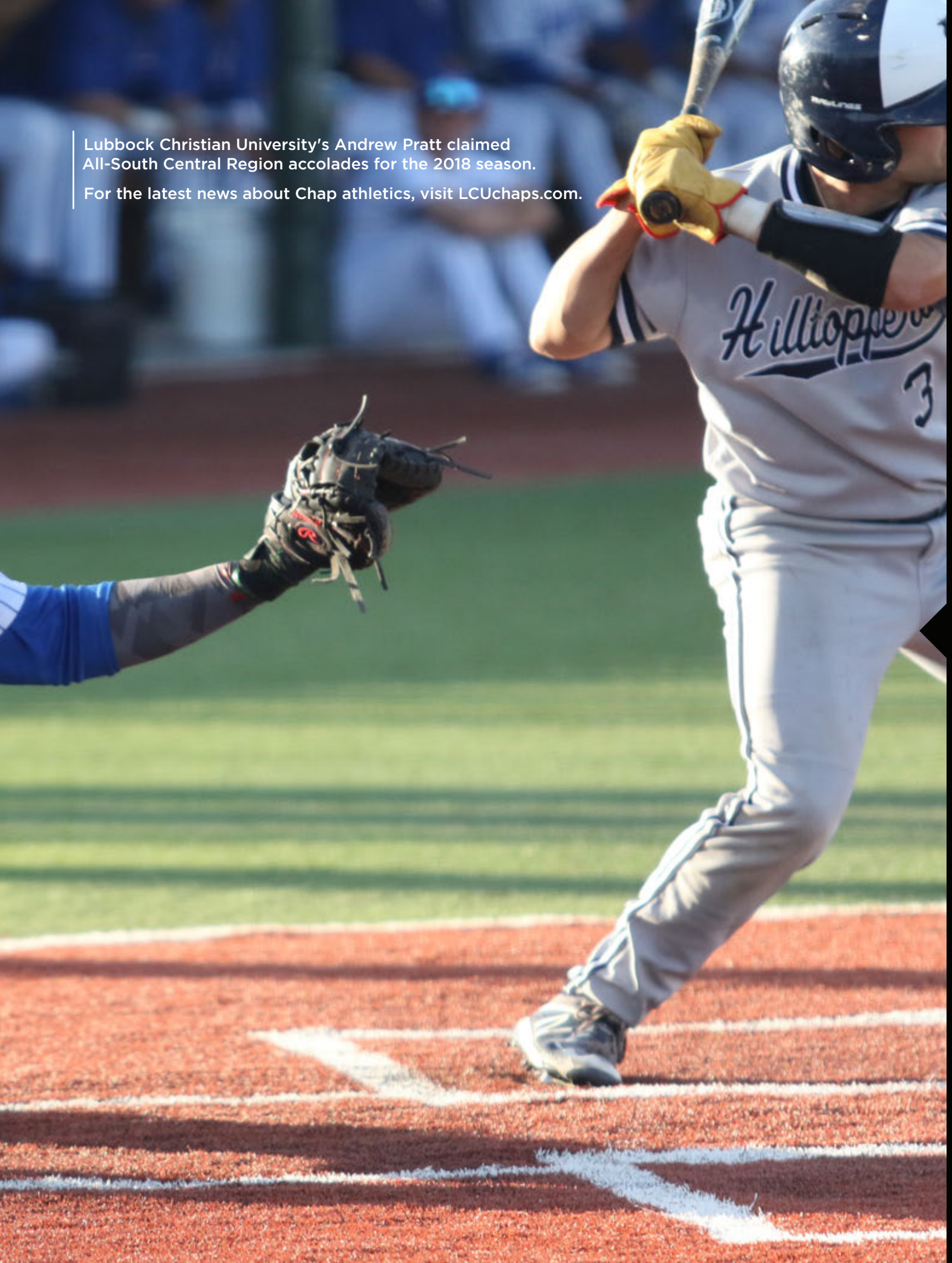
While also a favorite professor of students, Dr. Martin continues to produce leading research, further demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence as he teaches and inspires students.

athletics



Lubbock Christian University's Andrew Pratt claimed
All-South Central Region accolades for the 2018 season.

For the latest news about Chap athletics, visit LCUchaps.com.





A YEAR WITH

NO REGRETS

For 31 of the LCU Lady Chap's 33 games played this season, Coach Steve Gomez's squad secured the win, leading to a second program appearance in the NCAA Elite Eight matchup in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and continuing the longest home win streak in the nation (now at 50 consecutive wins). As impressive as the scores and records are, Coach Gomez and his players believe that the season's most powerful lesson was the impact of team chemistry.

The 2017-18 season truly began the previous spring, according to Gomez. "We were coming off of a year that, while it was still a good one, had so much that had gone wrong," he explained. The team was plagued by injuries, with multiple concussions and ACL tears, among other maladies. "It was just a year that nothing really was simple," he said. "So at the end of that year, the girls really turned their attention to this year, with a focused hunger to do all that they could to make this year as good as possible."

Throughout the spring and summer the girls committed to improving their own play, so much so that when they came back together in the fall, the

team was permeated with a desire for individual improvement and a true spirit of unity. "Our three seniors really spent a lot of time in preparation for the year—and not just on the court, but also in their relationships," Gomez recalled. "There was a lot of time spent in Bible study, in prayer for the players who were coming up—these girls were becoming leaders in more ways than just as basketball players. And as a result, the relationships on the team got incredibly deep."

The team added six freshmen to the roster during the summer, making this cohesion even more unlikely. "Typically," Gomez explained, "it can be difficult to get six new players to bond together, and even just with the team in general. But those six freshmen became immediately close, without really any prior relationship."

Caitlyn Buttram, one of the team's three seniors, felt that bond. "We all were on the same page, which is rare. We were all best friends, from every player, coach, even helpers." Even the supporting cast made huge impacts. "Morgan Hancock, our manager, was the heart of our team," Caitlyn continued. "She did so much for all of us, and she doesn't get seen as much—she really embodied what our team was about, and we all fed off of that, too."



“Whenever you have the seniors unified, and followers unified, it’s rare—it’s probably one of the most incredible things that I’ve seen in my 15 years of coaching,” Gomez emphasized. “It’s not something you can do drills to achieve or really even recruit—it just happens. And the result was that there was no energy drain off the court; instead, all of their energy was focused on the court, and it made the game easier for them to play.”

And as the season began, the game certainly seemed easy. The regular season started off hot, with the Lady Chaps going on a 6-game winning streak. On November 24, the team played in the St. Mary’s Thanksgiving Classic, and took their first loss of the season against No. 1-ranked Ashland, the defending national champions, who were on a 42-game winning streak. Following the single loss, the Lady Chaps tore through their remaining 22 opponents during the regular season, ending with a record of 28-1, a national ranking of No. 2, and a 1-seed in the regional tournament, which allowed LCU to host the competition for the second time in three years.

“I think that both their physical improvement in the spring and summer

and the bonds that they formed almost immediately allowed this season to start much less chaotically than usual,” recalled Gomez. “The work that this team did every day was just steady. This year was a year of steadiness. Practice to practice, game to game—there weren’t a lot of roller-coaster moments. We just kept finding ways to win games. And one of the biggest things I saw was that this team never started falling in love with the wins—they kept finding ways to go through the daily process and working to get better.”

Delaney Gaddis, another senior on this year’s squad, agrees. “I had never experienced a team that was so unified,” she said. “I think our team was really based around love—it was so easy to be around everyone, to want to succeed, and to make each other better. I don’t think anyone was in it for themselves. I’ve never been a part of such a selfless team.”

One of the great side effects of the bond that the girls on the team shared was the ability to step up when it was crunch time. “We had really big performances from multiple players with the perfect timing so that nobody had to do too much,” Gomez said. “And even when

some of our leaders weren’t playing as well as normal, they always found a way to do other things to help us succeed. And we also had those kids on the team who, while they may not be everyday players, were the best supporting class that I could ever ask for. This team was really just fun to be around, fun to watch—we even had coaches and fans from other teams say that they had a ton of fun just watching our bench during games. That says a lot when players who aren’t in the game are just as energetic and invested as those who are on the court—getting 15 girls who are used to being the best on their teams to buy in like that was incredible.”

As the wins piled up, the buzz around campus began to build, bringing back the same excitement that had permeated the LCU community during the historic 2016 season when the team went undefeated for LCU’s first NCAA Division II national championship.

The Lady Chaps swept the regional tournament, coming away from a pair of nail-biters against Angelo State in the semifinals and West Texas A&M in the Regional Finals, overcoming last-minute deficits in each game to clinch the spot in the National Tournament in the Sanford Pentagon in South Dakota. The regional wins featured a half-court shot at the halftime buzzer by Olivia Robertson and the program’s fourth triple-double by senior Tess Bruffey.

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As spirits soared during the aftermath of the regional games, the pressure also became more palpable as the team, followed by a bus carrying fans and the Big Blue Basketball Band, made the trip to Sioux Falls after an exciting send-off on the Friday of Spring Break. According to Gomez, however, that pressure didn't get in the heads of the players.

"We tried to cast a dream from the start of the possibilities of the season, of what's out there," he said. "We don't want to leave that so far in the rear-view mirror that we feel like we're starting from scratch, but we also don't want to carry it around as baggage. I think we used it well as a positive motivation and a challenge, but never allowed it to become noise."

The Elite Eight game started at noon the following Monday. It was a hard-fought battle against the ultimate national champion, the Jennies of the University of Central Missouri, but the Lady Chaps' season ended in a 72-62 loss. As tough as it was to see the season end so close to the ultimate victory, Gomez said that the team felt that they truly gave their all.

"Most years, you finish saying, 'Well, we could have done this, we could have done that, we could have ended better,' but this team really met their potential. They consistently did what they needed to do to win."

"I thought we finished well," he continued. "Even though we didn't win the Elite Eight game, which was a winnable game, I would not have traded the experience with this group for anything. It's just so uncommon that you have a team without cliques, that's so unified. We had great leadership, we had great followers, and the team was just so selfless and together in everything they did."

Tess Bruffey, ending her final season as a Lady Chap as first-team All-American and the recipient of numerous awards, including South Central Region and Heartland Conference Player of the Year and Conference Defender of the Year, will remember the season forever. "We didn't win it all, but we had an amazing season," she said, "and I wouldn't take any of it back or change anything. We struggled together, we succeeded together, and that unified us even more. This has been the most unified

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-STEVE GOMEZ ('88)

team I've been a part of over my four seasons here, across the board—coaches, players, everyone. It was all out of love."

"A lot of years you end the season exhausted," Gomez explained, "whether that's from playing a lot of games like we did when we won the national championship, or from emotional exhaustion when you don't do as well as you'd hoped. This was a life-giving year, with a bunch of mature, faith-filled ladies, and a great community behind them."

In the end, Gomez summed it up perfectly: "This was a year with no regrets."



After the buzzer signaling the end of their last game, the emotions flow for Tess Bruffey and Delaney Gaddis. Looking on in the background is Tess's sister, Claire, who played for the Lady Chaps from 2014 to 2017.

AN EDUCATION ABOUT *Service*



Staff and students help fill food boxes at the South Plains Food Bank.

Offering LCU students the opportunity for service is a part of the educational mission of the university – “transforming the hearts, minds, and hands of students for lives of purpose and service.” One way in which transformation takes place on the campus is through practical hands-on experiences like the Strike Out Hunger event.

For the fifth year in a row, LCU and The South Plains Food Bank teamed up this spring to “Strike out Hunger” for the South Plains in an effort to feed the hungry in Lubbock and in the surrounding communities. The event was coupled with a Chaps baseball game, and it featured free food, games, and activities. Students, families, and friends from the community were encouraged to bring cans in lieu of purchasing tickets to participate in the activities and enjoy the Chap baseball game.

The experience for our students, however, began in the weeks prior to the event, when several LCU students and

members of our faculty and staff attended the Behind the Scenes Mission Luncheon and Tour program. The informative tour included a behind-the-scenes look at the real hunger that faces so many in Lubbock and in the South Plains region.

Students learned about the Kids Cafe kitchen, which supplies food for food insecure children in West Texas; they experienced the food distribution warehouse, where food is packed into food boxes to be distributed to families in need; and they saw the massive cooler and freezer into which large trucks can drive to offload perishable food.

Derek Jerezano, a junior youth and family ministry major from Amarillo, was one of the students who attended the tour and spoke of his time at the Food Bank, “The experience was incredibly valuable to learn and know about some of the resources Lubbock has to offer. I sort of knew

about the South Plains Food Bank before this, but I didn't realize what sort of impact they have in town."

After the tour, the LCU group divided into two smaller groups to volunteer. One group packaged bags of bread, while the other packed dry and canned food into food boxes that were then distributed to the community. The LCU groups were just two of the many that were there that day volunteering, and that cooperative experience offered our students the opportunity to help bring many hands together for a common cause.

Shannon Sudduth ('14), LCU media relations coordinator said, "I have a whole new appreciation for the food box program that the Food Bank offers. I've always known they are extremely helpful to the families in need, but I also learned how much work actually goes into putting them together. The hands that assemble the boxes every day are so generous."

The purpose of the visit to the Food Bank was two-fold – to engage our students in service as a part of their education and to help them see such experiences as central to their identity and purpose.

"I believe that in order to be who God has called us to be, we need to look for opportunities to serve," said Sudduth. "And, in order to serve well, we need to understand who we are serving and determine the best way to offer help. A person should know where and why they are helping, and it is important to be aware of where their time and resources are going." "But, ultimately, serving is good for the server and those being served."

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For the individuals who volunteered that afternoon, it was an eye opening experience, and it made Strike Out Hunger that much more meaningful. Because they truly experienced helping and volunteering that went beyond just bringing some cans to a baseball game, they were equipped to share their newfound insights and opportunity for service with others on our campus, expanding the outreach and the community involvement that this annual event makes possible.

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The admissions team annually serves the free hotdogs to guests at Strike Out Hunger.



Dr. Russell Dabbs, chair of the Strike Out Hunger Committee, along with his wife Jenny and son Sam help serve at the event.

ROB EVANS

RETURNS HOME



Rob Evans ('66) didn't really know what to expect when he first arrived at Lubbock Christian College in the fall of 1964. He was an outstanding basketball player and he had his choice of colleges, but his mother told him "LCC is where you need to be." As he looks back on his experience at Lubbock Christian all these years later, Evans affirms that his mom was right. "This is where I needed to be."

In light of that strong sense of place at LCU, it is fitting that Evans is returning to his alma mater as a consultant for the university in the area of external relations. In this new role Evans will work with University Advancement, the LCU Foundation, LCU Athletics and others within the LCU community to help advance university priorities.

In making the announcement, President Tim Perrin said: "It's a great thrill to welcome Rob back to LCU in this new role. I'm thankful that Rob is interested in investing in the future of LCU in this way and I look forward to all of the good that will come from his efforts."

Rob Evans played basketball at Hobbs under legendary coach Ralph Tasker and enjoyed great success on the hardwood at LCU. He was the university's first basketball All-American, and he went on to play at New Mexico State University where his team lost to eventual national champion UCLA in the NCAA tournament. Rob was the first basketball player at LCU to have his number retired during a ceremony in 2016.

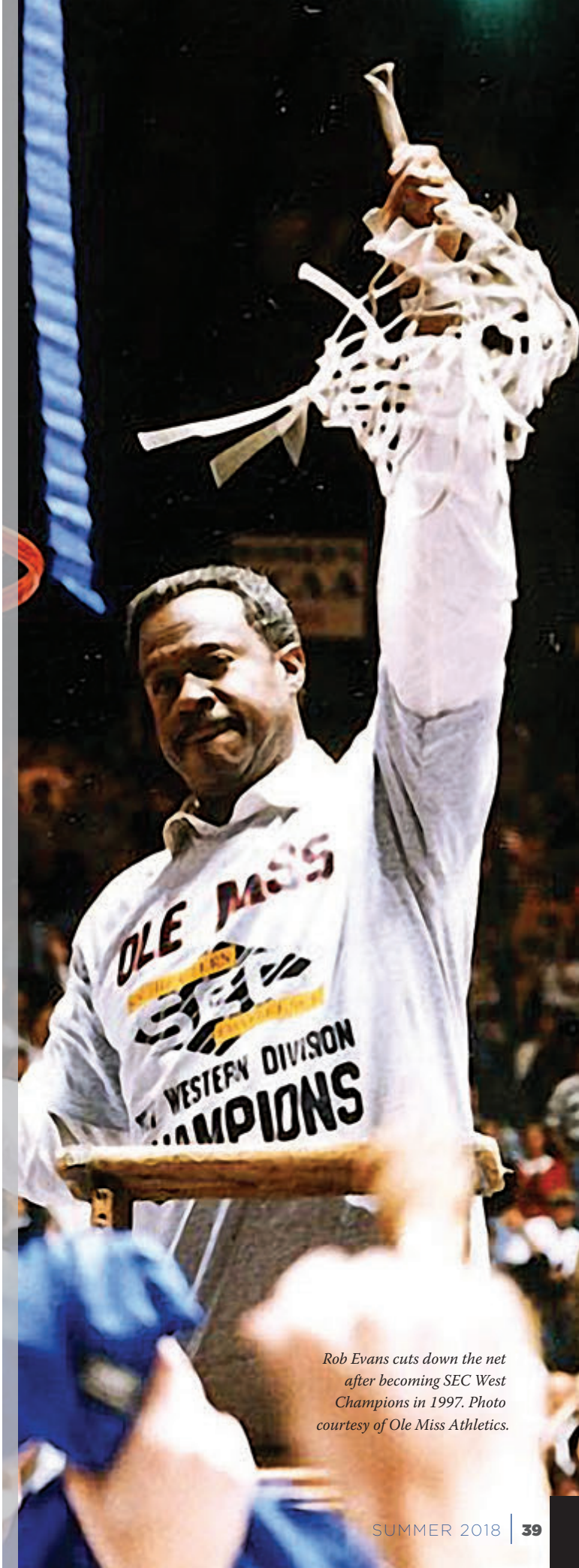
Evans said, “At this point in my career, I felt like it was time to give back to the place that really started it all and helped develop me as a person. I am very excited about my role here at Lubbock Christian. The campus and the buildings have changed, but the people are still the same great people. That’s one of the things that really excites me about being a part of it.”

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Following his college career, Evans joined the coaching ranks, serving in division I coaching positions for almost 50 years before retiring at the end of the 2017 season. His coaching stops included assistant coaching stints under Lou Henson at New Mexico State, Gerald Myers at Texas Tech, and Eddie Sutton at Oklahoma State.

His first head coaching position came at Ole Miss where he was hired by the then-Chancellor Gerald Turner (now President at SMU), his former Lubbock Christian College teammate. Evans was the first black head coach at Ole Miss, and he led the program to new heights of success including conference championships and berths in the NCAA tournament. He was recognized as SEC and national coach of the year in 1997. In 2018, Rob was recognized with the prestigious SEC Legends Award. From Ole Miss he accepted the head position at Arizona State where he coached for 8 years, and he led the Sun Devils to multiple post-season appearances as well, including one berth in the NCAA tournament.

Rob remembers his time on the LCU campus fondly, recalling: “When I was in school here from 1964-66, there were not many



Rob Evans cuts down the net after becoming SEC West Champions in 1997. Photo courtesy of Ole Miss Athletics.

EDUCATION

Associates in Arts and Sciences

Lubbock Christian College, 1966

Bachelor of Science in Education

New Mexico State University, 1968

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012–2017 University of North Texas, Associate Head Coach

2011–2012 Texas Christian University, Assistant Coach

2007–2011 University of Arkansas, Assistant Coach

1998–2006 Arizona State University, Head Coach

- NCAA National Tournament appearance '03
- National Invitational Tournament appearance '99, '02, '05
- Achieved one of the highest student athlete graduation rates in the nation

1992–1998 The University of Mississippi, Head Coach

- First Ole Miss coach to win back to back SEC Western Division Championships, '96-97 and '97-98
- First Ole Miss coach to win a Division Championship
- First coach to take Ole Miss to back-to-back NCAA Tournament – '96-97, '97-98
- Achieved Top 25 ranking as 10th in nation for first time in university history, '97-98

1990–1992 Oklahoma State University, Assistant Coach

1975–1990 Texas Tech University, Assistant Coach

1968–1975 New Mexico State University, Assistant Coach

ACHIEVEMENTS AS A HEAD COACH

1997 – Collegiate Insider National Coach of the Year

1997 – SEC Coach of the Year

1998 – Basketball Times All-South Coach of the Year

1998 – NABC District XXI Coach of the Year

1998 – Assistant Coach to Jim Boeheim (Syracuse) for the Gold Medal Winning USA Junior World Championship team in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

1999 – Head Coach of the Silver medal winning USA Junior World Championship team in Lisbon, Portugal

1997, 1998, 1993 – NCAA Tournament Appearances

2000, 2002, 2005 – National Invitational Tournament Appearances

ATHLETIC HONORS

New Mexico State University

- Played '66-67, '67-68, reached NCAA Tournament both years
- Most Outstanding Athlete at NMSU, '67
- All-Time NMSU Basketball Team
- NMSU Hall of Fame – Inducted '93

Lubbock Christian University

- Played '64-65, '65-66
- '65-66 – All-American, All-Region, All-Conference
- '90 – Lubbock Christian University Athletic Hall of Honor
- '16 – LCU Jersey Retirement, *only basketball player to have number retired*



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In his new role Evans will continue to reside in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He has hit the ground running as he seeks to use his vast experience and his love for LCU to the benefit of his alma mater. Evans observes: “In my consulting role, I’ll be doing a myriad of things. I will be speaking at events for the University, doing some student recruitment, some fund raising—just a myriad of things, anything that they need me to do. I’m getting to do a little bit of everything, which I love.”

LCU is a family affair for the Evans family. His sister, Janice, was a track star at LCU just one year behind Rob.

In July, Evans celebrates 48 years of marriage to Carolyn who also grew up in Hobbs. They have two adult children, Damon and Amber, and seven grandchildren.



“Some of my earliest memories are of Rob Evans (and his close friend and teammate Bubba Harris ('66)) hanging out at my house across the street from the Field House,” President Perrin reflects. “I’ve known and admired Rob for almost my entire life, and it is great for LCU and for the future of the university to have him back at LCU where he needs to be.”



CHEERLEADING

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

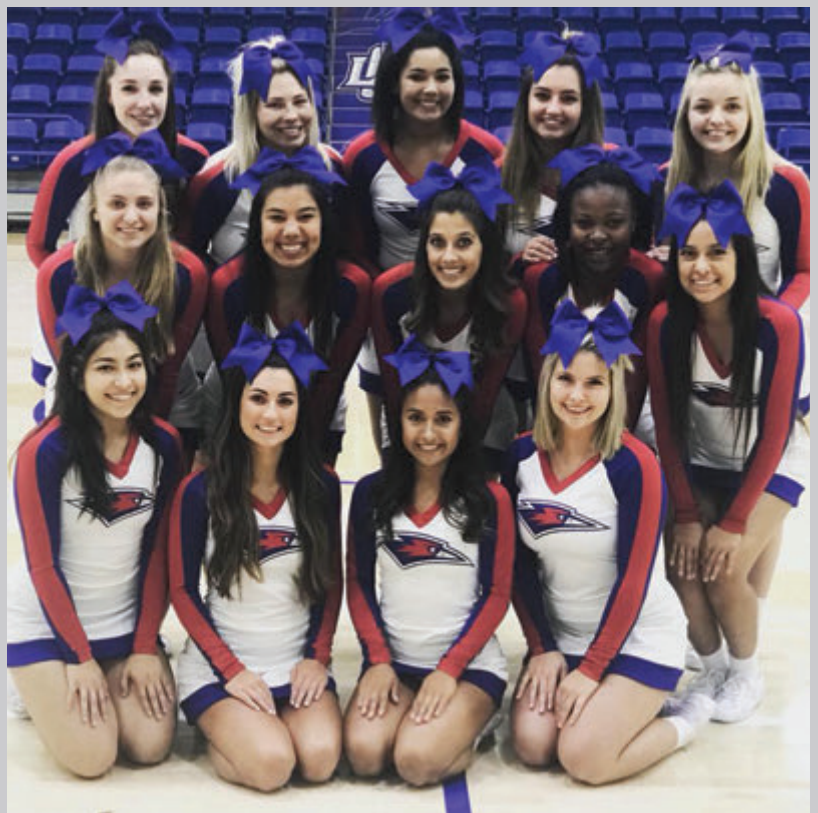
For the first time in LCU's history, a cheerleading program at LCU will compete on a collegiate, national level and will also provide opportunities for students to cheer for LCU varsity athletics, and to receive scholarships.

"We are excited about bringing competitive cheer to LCU," said Director of Athletics Paul Hise. "This program will have a great impact on our campus and in the community and will also provide a better game-day experience for our student-athletes and fans. We also believe that competitive cheer will help us take another step forward as we strive to become a model NCAA Division II athletic program."

Kayli Durham, Lubbock native, Dallas Baptist University graduate and former cheerleader, will lead the team as head cheerleading coach.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to grow and build the cheerleading program at LCU," said Durham. "I am thankful to be a part of the LCU family. Go Chaps!"

Durham selected fourteen girls through a tryout process to be a part of this first ever, competitive cheer team for LCU, set to begin fall 2018.



LCU cheer team poses in one of their new uniforms.

For more information on the program or how to be involved, contact Kayli Durham at Kayli.Durham@LCU.edu.

community





Around 200 students gathered for Collide, a campus-wide service project. Collide partnered with the Lubbock Dream Center, an organization that aims to transform the Lubbock community socially and spiritually. The students seen here are praying with a gentleman they came across at their service project.

Best Friends

MINISTER OVERSEAS



Best Friends, one of LCU's premier vocal ensembles, continues to minister to communities not only across the nation, but around the world.

In May, the ten-member group left Lubbock to travel to Europe for its annual summer tour. While recent tours included ventures east to Louisiana, as far west as California, and even north into Canada, the group had not left the continent in several decades, so this trip was momentous for the group's ministry. Best Friends gave eight performances in Scotland and three in England over the course of the trip, sharing their signature a cappella arrangements of contemporary Christian music while engaging listeners in meaningful worship.

For Lacy Chappell, a junior social work major from Snyder, Texas, the trip was like coming home. "When we were talking about touring at the beginning of the year, I had thrown out the idea of going to the UK for our summer tour," she explained. As a daughter of two missionaries she had lived in Scotland for three years, she was excited to get to see close friends. "It's been years since I've been back, so being able to return to a place that formed me into who I am today, as well as being able to bless those who so richly blessed me, is something that I've really been looking forward to."

"As soon as I returned to Lubbock, I started making some quiet inquiries to see if a trip of this nature was even feasible," Gary Moyers, the group's director and himself a former member, explained. "Within a month, I had the basic cost nailed down and a long list of possible churches to contact. I proposed the trip to the group, and we prayerfully moved forward."

Aside from the personal connection, the group also felt that the need for Christian outreach in Scotland and England was especially great. "People think that just because Scotland is civilized and modern, they don't need Jesus," explained Nathan Hull, a junior communications major from Burseson, Texas. The group's ministry had a great impact on local churches throughout the trip, both through encouragement, and through providing outreach opportunities within their communities.

"The last concert was actually a UK-wide youth rally with people from all the churches in Wales and Ireland, as well as Scotland and England," recalled Moyers. "We were told by several people that between our first seven stops and the youth rally at the end, we had effectively touched every congregation of the Churches of Christ in the United Kingdom."

"Something of that magnitude never entered our minds as we were planning this tour," he added, quoting Ephesians 3. "As usual, God did immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine."





Astyn's Garden

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Lubbock Christian University is a source of special memories for countless people, but the newly refurbished memorial garden is a place especially created to remember and celebrate precious memories of departed family and friends.

In 2012, Dr. Michael Hardin, chair of the department of psychology and counseling, worked with Charley Wasson, former CEO of Hospice of Lubbock, to create a sacred space on LCU campus where families could come together to honor the memory of their loved ones.

Hardin credits Wasson with being very instrumental in the establishment of the garden. "Charley...took it on as his personal project," Hardin said. "Charley is the one who raised the support for it. He is the one who was really responsible for raising the funds [for the original space.]" Wasson passed away in 2017, leaving his impact all over Lubbock, but specifically a legacy at LCU through the memorial garden.

In 2015, Maddie (Reaves) Hettick ('16), a junior psychology major at LCU, had a strong desire to revitalize the garden. Maddie was a member of the LCU Student Development Board, and she chose to focus her efforts on putting together a proposal

to refurbish the garden. The Student Development Board exists to provide students with the opportunity to identify a need they care about at LCU and work to fill it.

Raymond Richardson, vice president of university advancement and founder of the Student Development Board explained, "The purpose of the Student Development Board is to teach students the importance of philanthropy, budgets, business plans, marketing, and much more. But what seems to happen every year is that it goes beyond the spreadsheets to a heartwarming story."

Maddie approached local artist and LCU alumnus, Cliff Wilke, about creating a mural to breathe some life into the memorial garden. Cliff created a story through three images titled "Offerings," "Rustling," and "Becoming." These images contain a young girl observing the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies. They convey a sense of hope for life's journey and peaceful assurance of the glory that lies ahead.

Through the Student Development Board, Maddie was introduced to Dr. Johnny and Diane Qubty who agreed to fund the refurbishment of the garden, which is now named "Astyn's Garden" in honor of the Qubtys' late daughter, Astyn.



Heart of Service AWARD

At the dedication of the garden, longtime family friend of the Qubtys, Peter Dahlstrom, stated, “Cemeteries are about death. But gardens have always been about life.” Indeed, life is what Astyn’s Garden celebrates. As you enter through the gate, the first thing you hear is the peaceful sound of running water from the fountain by Wilke’s mural. Around the garden are benches for rest and reflection, and scattered throughout the space, rocks of all shapes and sizes bear the names of loved ones whose memories and legacies are now carried on by their families.

Ecclesiastes 3 says that God has set eternity in our hearts and that he makes everything beautiful in his time. With the promise of eternity woven into the very fabric of our hearts, our souls learn to grieve with hope. This sacred space on campus is set aside for both weeping and rejoicing, remembering and anticipating. Astyn’s Garden is a place to honor the earthly lives of those who are now living in the light of God’s glory. May it plant seeds of hope in all who visit its sacred space.

For information about ordering a rock for the garden, contact LaLani Carter at LaLani.Carter@LCU.edu.



In October 2017, Maddie (Reaves) Hettick ('16) received the inaugural LCU Heart of Service Award for her leadership and efforts in this project. When presenting Maddie with the award at the LCU President's Gala, Raymond Richardson stated, "When a [student] project moves from a marketing idea to a ministry that honors and cherishes families and individuals, we believe it is worth recognizing."



HOMECOMING



“HOMECOMING IS A SPECIAL TIME THAT IS DESIGNED TO RECREATE THE EXPERIENCE ALUMNI HAD ON CAMPUS AND ALLOW THEM TO COME TOGETHER AGAIN IN COMMUNION.” -SHEILA DYE

Many alumni from the six decades that now comprise the history of the university reconnected at various activities throughout Homecoming weekend, reliving old memories and making new ones. Many of them marveled at how much the university has grown and progressed. “You can come and walk down the sidewalks to see what’s happening in a place that you love,” said Sheila Dye, assistant vice president of alumni and community relations. “And, Homecoming is the best time this is possible.”

The attendance at LCU homecomings has steadily grown over the last several years, with a record number of alumni, former students, family, and friends in attendance at this most recent event. This year also featured the 60th anniversary of Master Follies, which drew quite the crowd of its own, selling out seats in the McDonald Moody Auditorium for every show.

For more Homecoming photos, go to Facebook.com/LCUedu.

For profiles on the Alumni Award winners, go to LCU.edu/Profile/Alumni-Awards-2018.

60 YEARS OF Master Follies

CAN'T STOP THIS FEELING

With a theme of “Can’t Stop This Feeling,” Master Follies celebrated its 60th anniversary. To commemorate the occasion, a video montage chronicling the history of this event was shown during each of the sold-out performances. While the show has certainly changed over the years, it has been a long-standing tradition at LCU, featuring dramatic and musical performances by students and social clubs.

WOMEN’S SOCIAL CLUBS:

- 1st Place: Christliche Damen
- 2nd Place: Zeta Gamma

MEN’S SOCIAL CLUBS:

- 1st Place: Alpha Chi Delta
- 2nd Place: Koinonia

SPIRIT OF FOLLIES AWARD:

Kappa Phi Kappa

PEOPLE’S CHOICE:

Christliche Damen

B. WAYNE HINDS SPECIAL EFFECTS AWARD:

Zeta Gamma

To view the 60th anniversary video, go to LCU.edu/60thMasterFollies.



KOINONIA
Delivery Boyz II Men

ZETA GAMMA
101 Degrees of Zeta Gamma

CHRISTLICHE DAMEN
Something Cheesy

KAPPA PHI KAPPA
A League of Our Own

ALPHA CHI DELTA
You've Got Mail



The week of Homecoming, Alumni Relations invited former members of the Hard Travelers, Best Friends, and the Chap Brigade to share in chapel the history and purpose of each organization. Alumni from each of these organizations returned to campus to share favorite anecdotes and personal perspectives on how these groups influenced them and the university as a whole. A group of eight former Best Friends members that spanned fifteen years led worship during their day in chapel. The week concluded with the announcement of Homecoming Court, including the presentation of the 2018 King and Queen, Slade Terry [son of Chad ('89) and Page (Byers '88) Terry] and Hannah Wilkinson [daughter of Rob ('01) and Keva (Jackson '90) Wilkinson].



Perendipity

ALUMNAE STAY CONNECTED FOR OVER 50 YEARS

One of the things that makes the LCU experience so powerful and memorable for many alumni is the lasting relationships built through the community, many of which persist for decades and over long distances. Paula (Parks) Fulford ('78) was fortunate enough to forge one such relationship with an LCU student whom she met when she was still a young girl in Snyder, as the LCU chorus visited on a tour—a relationship that continues to this day, over fifty years later.

“When I was in elementary school in the 1960s, LCU's chorus came to Snyder to sing at the 37th Street Church of Christ,” she said. As is still common on choir tours, volunteers from the different host churches would offer rooms in their homes for the students to stay in overnight while at their church.

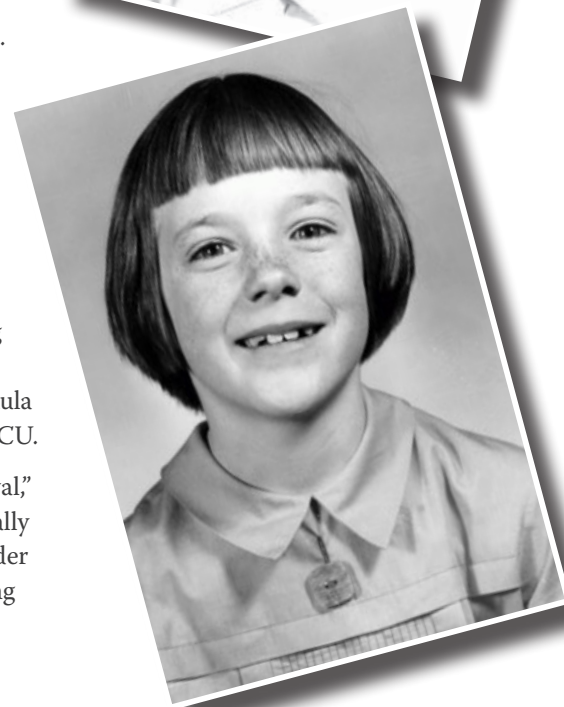
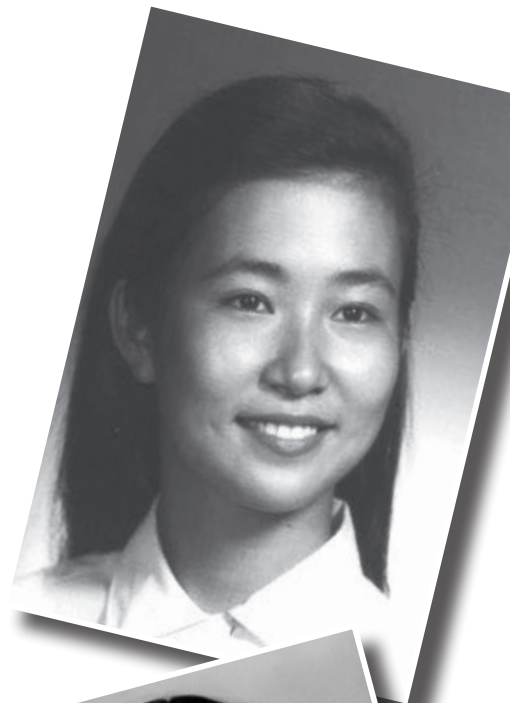
“We kept two girls at our house,” Paula recalled. “One of them was Hiroko Sando, who was from Japan. She was the first ‘foreign’ person I had ever met.”

Hiroko made a lasting impression on Paula during her stay with the family. “She was so sweet and kind to me, gave me a little Japanese doll and her Koen's yearbook photo,” Paula recalled. “I was in awe!”

Despite the memories that she holds of Hiroko's visit, the two lost touch after a few years. However, Hiroko had made enough of an impression on Paula that even as a young girl, she began to look at LCU for her own college experience, a choice that was cemented as she attended music camp and Encounter during her high school career. Paula ultimately decided to enroll in LCU when she graduated because, “I knew there was nowhere else I wanted to attend college.”

While still in high school, before she attended LCU, Paula recognized Hiroko's face and name in a news story she stumbled upon. “We were shopping in Lubbock one Saturday, and I picked up the Lubbock Avalanche Journal,” she recalled. “There was Roki's wedding story! I found out she was teaching at Harding and marrying a Harding professor.” This reminder of someone who had made a profound impact on her as a youth stayed with Paula until she again was presented a chance to see Hiroko when she herself was a student at LCU.

“During my freshman year, all the Christian college choruses met at Harding for a festival,” she said. “I wrote Roki and asked her to come hear us sing, and she did!” When she finally got to see Hiroko again, Paula felt that they had come full circle from that night in Snyder when her family had hosted Hiroko during her own chorus tour, as she was now coming to hear a concert in which Paula was singing with an LCU chorus.



Years later in 2007, Paula was selected to receive the F.W. Mattox Award, an annual award presented to deserving members of the LCU alumni community who have demonstrated outstanding service to the university.

"I sent Roki a copy of the LCU Reflections magazine that included a story about me," Paula said. "I told her I felt she should share the award with me as she was my first introduction to LCU."

Paula and Hiroko began once again corresponding and catching up via email, and then later through Facebook, and shortly after, they found yet another connection that they shared. "We started emailing," Paula said, "and I found out she was the mother of an African missionary that my Sugar Land church was supporting!"

The two stayed in contact after that. "The more we visit, the more people we find in common, which is a story I love about the Christian university/church family."

After years of talking, they finally decided that it was time to meet again.

"In 2016, we met up during Homecoming and took this picture," Paula said. For her, the cherry on top came when they found out that they were both members of Christliche Damen, one of the original women's social clubs on LCU's campus.

"I love small world stories," Paula recalled warmly, "and this is one of the best, in my humble opinion."



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United Supermarkets Supports School of Business

The new Christa Dobbs Center for Business at LCU will feature the United Family Atrium, a gathering spot for students and guests. United Supermarkets' investment of \$500,000 in this facility and the School of Business follows the launch of a \$15 million-dollar initiative to build support for its growing business school.

Tracy Mack, dean of the LCU School of Business said, "The United Family Atrium will serve as a beautiful entrance into the Christa Dobbs Center for Business providing much needed academic and study space, while an endowed scholarship will assure that current and future students from West Texas can continue their university education in Lubbock."

The LCU School of Business is the largest undergraduate program of the University. The School offers academic programs in accounting, finance, economics, business administration, information systems, and digital media arts. Students who study in these programs excel academically and upon graduation are values-centered leaders in organizations not only in this region, but throughout the United States.

Robert Taylor, CEO of United Supermarkets, spoke at a press conference announcing United's support of the LCU School of Business.



Chap Notes

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'60s Decade

Fran Borden ('64) is enjoying retirement in Anderson, SC.

'70s Decade

Jackson (Danny) ('71) and **Evanan (Ray '72) Church** live in Sugar Land, TX. Evanan is a financial investment advisor for Primerica Financial Services. Danny is retired from Texas Instruments and is a driver for Uber and Lyft.

Waymon ('72) and **Charla (Nichols '70) Hinson** live in Denison, TX, where they are enjoying retirement.

Stanley Tatum ('72) and Darlene are enjoying retirement in Enid, OK.

'80s Decade

Jim ('83) and **Connie (Turner '77) Gullette** live in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Jim has been busy coordinating relief efforts between the Churches of Christ in the U.S. and the island of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria in September 2017. Connie works in the administration of the Caribbean Division of the DEA in San Juan.

Gary Hix ('83) joined the LCU Athletics Hall of Honor on October 28, 2017. He played Chaps baseball from 1979-1983 and was a member of the 1983 NAIA National Championship squad. He is in his 8th year of teaching and coaching at Coronado High School (Lubbock) and 34th year overall. Gary achieved his 600th win with the Coronado victory over Lubbock-Cooper High School on April 17. With the win, the Mustangs (17-11, 12-0 in district 4-5A) clinched the outright district title — their third in a row. Gary and his wife, Vickie, who also works for LISD, have been married for 29 years, and have two

daughters, **Brittany (Hix '08) Roberts** and Reagan Elam, and two alumni sons-in-law, **Jordan Roberts ('05)** and **Jordan Elam ('12 M.E.)**.

'90s Decade

Wendi (Medley '90) Edwards was awarded the 2018 Linda Cash Distinguished Service Award during the 2018 LCU Healthy Families Conference. She has served families faithfully for 25 years with the State of Texas (Adult Protective Services) & 23 years for Green Lawn Church of Christ.



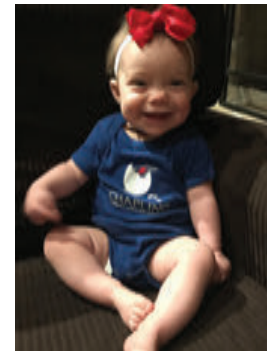
Nathan Dahlstrom ('95) recently released *Black Rock Brothers*, the 5th book in the Adventures of Wilder Good series. Go to wildergood.com for more information about Nathan, Wilder Good, and the book series.

'00s Decade

Zach Galbraith ('00) has started an insurance group, the Galbraith Group, in Lubbock.

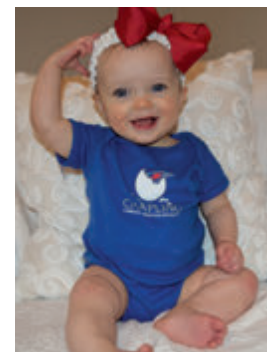
Avelina (Estrada '00) Padilla and Baltazar live in Levelland, TX. Avelina is an executive administrative associate at Texas Tech University, and Baltazar is a custodial coordinator at Frenship ISD.

Heath Simpson ('04) lives in Lubbock and is the principal of the Frenship High School Ninth Grade Center. He was recently named as the Region 17 TASSP Principal of the Year.



Frances Grace Kay was born on April 26, 2017 to **Amanda (Hawkins '05)** and **David Crumpler ('02)**.

Lacy (Puckett '05) and Juan Garcia live in San Antonio, TX. Lacy is a 4th-grade teacher and team lead at Murnin Elementary School.



Sutton Elizabeth was born on April 22, 2017. She is the daughter of **Allyson (Click '05)** and **Stuart Joy ('09)**.

Kymbra (Petty '07) and Greg Bezner live in Amarillo, TX. Kymbra is a chemistry teacher at Caprock High School, and Greg is a truck driver and distributor for A1 Rocket.



Anna Sophia was born on March 11, 2016. She is the daughter of **Olga (Pahom '07)** and **Abraham Mata**, an associate professor of Spanish and Portuguese at LCU. Anna is also the little sister of Stephen (3).

Brianna Monger ('08) lives in Arlington, TX and works as a records specialist at Complete Legal.

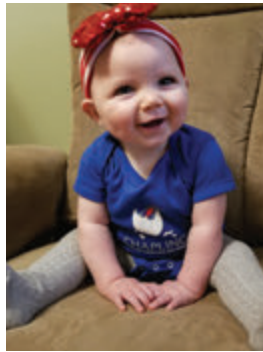


Natalie Denae was born on March 3, 2017 to **Ellen (Burton '09)** and **Landon Hood ('10)**. She is the little sister of Elizabeth Raye (4).

'10s Decade



Audrey Rose was born on October 12, 2017 to **Jenna (Elliott '10)** and **Kevan Athanasiou ('10)**.



Allie K. was born on June 27, 2017 to **Ben ('10)** and **Courtney (Snodgrass '10) Hill**. She is the granddaughter of **Amy (Estep '85)** and **Mike Hill ('86)** and the great-granddaughter of **Gary** and **Pat Estep**.



Brittany Moore ('11) lives in Lubbock and is a senior administrative assistant in the Office of Equal Opportunity for Texas Tech University. She is the mother of two future Chaps, **Tristan (5)** and **Lane (2)**.

Alicia (Williams '11) and **James (Matt) Parker ('11)** live in Franklin, TX, with their future Chap, Peter. Alicia is the church office clerk, and Matt is the youth minister at the Franklin Church of Christ.

Oletta (Jackson '11) Ulibarri and Jason live in Lubbock where Oletta is a quality specialist at Osteogenics Biomedical, and Jason is a technology assistant at Sunset International Bible Institute.

Stephanie Vander-Plas, M.D. ('11) is a physician in Lubbock and was elected the chief resident for the 2018-2019 academic year at the Texas Tech University School of Medicine Pediatrics Department. Stephanie also received the privilege of being inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

Robert ('12) and Carolyn Fisher live in Lubbock. Robert is a teacher at Coronado High School, and Carolyn works in the Attorney General's Office.



Danielle (Cunningham '12) and Mark Roberson were married on August 5, 2017. They live in Lubbock, where Danielle is an admissions recruiter at LCU.

Jennifer (Anderson '12) and **Timothy Wilson ('12)** live in St. Louis, MO. Jennifer is a part-time sales associate at Kate Spade New York and a volunteer crisis counselor with Crisis Text Line. Timothy is a pediatric resident at St. Louis Children's Hospital.



Kyle ('13) and **Devon (Langford '13) Bullock** live in Roswell, NM, with their future Chap, Levi. Kyle runs his family's jewelry store, and Devon teaches piano and voice. Kyle's next book, *The Prodigal Stone*, was released in May and is available on Amazon. Devon will be performing her concert, *For Nostalgia's Sake*, in Roswell in October.

Eric Schaff ('13) lives in Lubbock and is the assistant vice president of lending at Vista Bank.

Kristen Vander-Plas, J.D. ('13) is an attorney who recently moved back to Lubbock after completing a clerkship with the Supreme Court of Texas and has opened her legal practice locally with the Brad Davis Law Firm. Kristen is also the associate editor of the State Bar of Texas Litigation Section Journal, 'The Advocate' and has accepted an appointment to the Board of the Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Center of East Lubbock.

Jordynne (Newman '14) and Dusty Grantham ('12) live in Lubbock with their future Chap, Cooper. Jordynne is a secondary math teacher at Shallowater High School, and Dusty is a history teacher at Anton Middle & High School.

April Torrez ('14) lives in Levelland, TX, and is a 1st-grade teacher at South Elementary.



Jaxson and Justice are the twin sons of **Randi Truelock ('14)** and the grandsons of **John M. McDonough ('72)**.

Erin Bailey ('15) lives in Katy, TX and is a reporter for KLST and KSAN in San Angelo, TX.

Amanda (Stephens '15) and James Masterson ('14) live in Arlington, TX. Amanda is a property manager and is working towards her real estate license, and James is a youth minister at Mansfield Church of Christ.

Lauren (Yearsley '15) and Thomas Morgan live in Dallas, TX, where Lauren is a school counselor at Wills Point Primary School.

Cody ('15) and Stefani Thackerson live in Lubbock with their future Chaps, Kaylei and Mikaela. Cody is an advisor and adjunct professor at South Plains College.

Vicki Bunye ('16) lives in Lubbock and is a diagnostician for Lubbock ISD.

Ashton (Bell '16) and Dillon Drury were married on July 1, 2017 and live in Lubbock. Dillon is a member of the Chaps baseball team.

Meredith (Ramirez '16) LaFavor and Christopher live in Lubbock where Meredith is the middle school choir director at Trinity Christian School, and Christopher is the children's pastor at Faith Christian Family Church.

Gerardo Arzaga ('17) lives in Lubbock and just accepted a math teacher position at Frenship High School.

Berkeley Branham ('17) lives in Amarillo, TX, where she is one of two full-time zookeepers at the Amarillo Zoo. She has received training in the care of snakes, bears, large cats, and birds. Berkeley is now part of the American Association of Zookeepers and will have opportunities to attend conferences and network with other zoos and aquariums.

Michael Cansino ('17) lives in Lubbock and is a programmer analyst at Ki Corp.

Veronica (Riojas '17) and Gerald Garcia ('14) live in Lubbock, where they are both registered nurses at Covenant.

Ciera (Scott '17) and Jason Martin live in Levelland, TX, where Ciera is a 2nd-grade teacher at Frenship Legacy Elementary.

Michael Martinez ('17) lives in Muleshoe, TX and is a medical assistant at Lubbock Sports Medicine.

Quinn Moser ('17) lives in Lubbock and is a graduate student at Texas Tech University working towards a Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning.

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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.

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Sydney (Kennedy '17) and Ryan Robertson ('18) got married on December 30, 2017. Sydney is a 4th-grade teacher at Upland Heights Elementary School.

Holliann (Bell '17) Ward and Aaron live in Lubbock with their two future Chaps, Reagan and Mikayla. Holliann is an executive administrative associate at Texas Tech University.

Updates and photos received after June 1 will be published in the next edition.



In Memoriam

'60s DECADE

Vickie Sigler passed away November 30, 2017. She graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1968 where she was a member of the Ruidoso High School Band and enrolled at Lubbock Christian University. In 1971, Vickie traveled to Sao Paolo, Brazil, on a 2-year mission with The Follow Up Team supported by churches of Christ. When she returned, Vickie was employed at Texas Instruments in Lubbock, retiring after 25 years. She then worked at Tyler Industries in Lubbock, retiring in 2013. While living in Lubbock, Vickie was a member of Green Lawn Church of Christ. She worked with the Crisis Line and the Literacy Program. She was active with Toastmasters International, serving as District Governor and in other offices. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She is survived by her mother, Dixie Sigler, her sister, Margie (and Frank) Wise, her nephew Jeff (and Jennifer) Wise, and great-nephews William and John Wise.

Larry Lloyd West passed away on June 7, 2017 in Austin, TX. He was raised on the family farm in Briscoe County Texas and attended school in Silverton, TX where he graduated high school and then attended Lubbock Christian University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology. While attending college, he met and married Barbara West. Larry worked for Southwestern Bell for 38 years retiring in 2000. He is survived by his sister, Mary Jane Patton, and her husband, J.E. Patton; children Dan West, Charles and Amy West, Richard and Silke West, Kerri and Will Kennemer, and adopted daughter Sharon; his grandchildren, Christian, John, Louis, Katie, Charles, Jr., Dylan, Savannah, Bailey, Skyler, Mary, West, Case and Carter, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Barbara Inez West passed away on October 21, 2017 in Austin, TX. She was raised in San Antonio, TX where she graduated high school and then attended Lubbock Christian University, where she met and married Larry West. Barbara was an extremely talented artist, devoted wife, and dedicated mother. Barbara was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling, and loved her family. She is survived by sister Margaret and husband, George Camp; brother Curtis Pervier and wife, Lyndolyn; children Dan West, Charles and Amy West, Richard and Silke West, Kerri and Will Kennemer, and adopted daughter Sharon; grandchildren, Christian, John, Louis, Katie, Charles, Jr., Dylan, Savannah, Bailey, Skyler, Mary, West, Case, and Carter, and numerous other family members.

Marilyn (Estes '65) Christian of Lubbock passed away on January 29, 2018. Marilyn graduated from Tascosa High School and went on to obtain her associate's in art at Lubbock Christian University in 1965. While in college, she met and married Larry Christian on December 23, 1966. After raising their family, Marilyn went to Methodist School of Nursing and obtained her Registered Nurse designation in 1980. She worked for Methodist, as a school nurse for four years, then for a local neurosurgeon before retiring back at Covenant. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Larry; sons, Toby Christian and wife Caren and Ryan Christian and wife Kelly; five precious grandchildren, Kinsey, Maddie, Kyler, Ethan, and Karis; and her brother Pat Estes and wife Linda.

Michael William Harton ('66) passed away on March 11, 2018. He grew up in Tatum, attending school there and then went to Lubbock Christian University on a track scholarship. He came home from college to take care of his grandmother and work on the ranch. In 1985, he married the love of his life, Linda Anderson, and they shared thirty-three years of life and love. Michael was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, friend, and neighbor. His family and the ranch were the most important loves of his life. He and his wife were very active in their "42" Club, bible study group, and the Sorority Group, and they loved to fellowship with their friends.

Carla (Darby '67) Garner passed away on September 2, 2017. She was born on July 25, 1947 in San Angelo, TX, the daughter of Carl and Sophia Phillips Darby. After graduating from high school, she received an associate's degree from Lubbock Christian University and a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. She married Byron Paige Garner on July 17, 1973, in Ogden, Utah. Carla loved spending time with her family especially her grandchildren. Carla is survived by her husband, Byron; daughter, Lisa (Russell) Rusch and Candace (Chris) Davis; six grandchildren; and brother, Dale (Jeannie) Darby.

Barbara (Castevens '68) Lara died on January 2, 2018. She graduated from Monterey High School in 1966, Lubbock Christian University in 1968, and Abilene Christian University in 1970. She married Joe M. Lara in 1970, the same year she began teaching school. She spent 35 years as an educator, teaching elementary at Roosevelt, Hardwick, Jackson, and Parsons, as well as spending time teaching in Dallas and South Carolina. Her

calling in life was teaching 1st graders how to read, and she earned the Teacher of the Year distinction twice in her career. Barbara is survived by her two daughters, Jessica Lara and Emilie Griffith and husband, Jeremy; two granddaughters, Morgan Sue Griffith and BreAllyn Gail Griffith; her sister, Jane Tredway and husband, Larry; her nieces, Leslie Hurst and husband, Lyndal, and Nancy McClung and husband, Andy; her grandnieces, Taylor Norris and husband, Tyler, and Payton Hurst; her grandnephews, Jacob and Mason Walters; as well as numerous friends.

'70s DECADE

Laura (Bromley '72) Schulz passed away November 16, 2017. Laura was born December 21, 1952, to Samuel and Elma Bromley in Aransas Pass, TX. She was a stay at home mom before working for Angleton ISD for 22 years in the special education department before her retirement this past May. She loved helping her students. She was a devout Christian, loved spending time with family, specifically laying in the hammock with her grandchildren, baking, and her girlfriend getaways. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Richard, children Jenny (Jason), Katie (Scott), Christina and Steven, grandchildren Ashlyn, Mackenzie, Lucas and Madelyn, sisters Marsha and Carla (Roger), brothers Sam (Christa) and David (Shannon) and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and nephew, Matthew.

Jimmy Durbin ('73) passed away January 26, 2018. Jimmy married Linda Durbin August 11, 1972. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1973 from Lubbock Christian University. Jimmy then went on to graduate from Methodist School of Nursing in 1975. He got his Bachelor's in Nursing from West Texas State University. He then continued his education at LCU where he completed his Master of Science in Nursing. He worked as a charge nurse in the adult ER for Methodist/Covenant Hospital for 29 years and later became a Nursing Educator for over 14 years. Jimmy was a member of Sunset Church of Christ. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 45 years; his mother; daughter, Amanda and husband Bryan Hardin; son, Aaron Durbin; brother, Jerry and wife Reba Durbin; sister, Julie and husband Mike Parks; grandchild, Jaelyn Hardin; and exchange student grandson, David Siqueira; and many other friends and family.

'90s DECADE

Owen Carr ('99) passed from this life on April 30, 2018. Owen served for twenty-nine years as the minister for the Main Street Church of Christ in Petersburg, TX. He was a graduate from the Sunset School of Preaching in 1987. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Bible and Ministry from Lubbock Christian University in 1999. In addition to these, he received multiple graduate degrees from Lubbock Christian University focusing on Bible and Family Studies. He is survived by his father, Roy Carr; a sister, Elaine Collins and husband Jerry; four kids, **Mandy (Carr '99) Martin** and husband Tully, **Brandon Carr ('98)** and wife **Katie (Brickett '02)**, **Randall Carr ('04)** and wife **Tamber (Fietz '03)**, **Carrie (Carr '07) Bower** and husband Luke, and nine grandchildren: Kinann, Brayden, Case, Cole, Rylan, Kateleigh, Annabelle, Brynn, and John Luke.

'00s DECADE

Angela DeMarco ('07) passed away on November 26, 2017. Angela Dawn was born on February 12, 1976 to John DeMarco and Nancy Shorf Guard in Mayfield Heights, OH. Angela graduated from high school in Huntsville, TX. She later went on to receive her bachelor's degree in education from Texas Tech University and then her master's degree from Lubbock Christian University. Angela was a beloved educator who taught U.S. History at Hutchinson Middle School for almost 15 years touching the lives of hundreds of students. Survivors include her mother and father, Nancy Guard and John DeMarco; siblings, John DeMarco and wife Donna, Lea Rowe and husband Michael, Rick Guard and wife Sarah, Christine Kirstin and husband Larry, Mikki Palumbo and husband Frank, and Robert Guard; nephews, Austin, Carter, Levi, Aiden, Frank, Nathan, and Brandon; and maternal grandmother, Gloria Shorf.

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September 11

Christa Dobbs Center for Business
Dedication Ceremony

September 13

Lanier Lecture

October 1-2

Moser Ministry Conference

October 5

Fall Musical

November 1-2

Betenbough Lectures

November 16-18

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Big Blue Christmas

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Choir Christmas Dinner

December 7

Graduate Commencement Ceremony

December 8

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony



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