

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white jacket over a patterned top and a pearl necklace, is speaking at a wooden podium. The podium features the LCU logo. The background is a blue wall with a large window.

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# Reflections

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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The new year, 2012, is going to be both a wonderful and pivotal year in the history of Lubbock Christian University. Articles you read in this issue of **Reflections** will testify as to how immensely we have been blessed. I am certain the Lord worked in distinct ways to bring LCU to the place it is today.

But the big news concerns a new leader for Lubbock Christian University. The process and search have been thorough and deliberate. Much prayer has been given to the effort. The result will be just the right person coming to the forefront of the process very soon. All of our campus believes in the providential work of God. Therefore, we are certain God will place the next leader for this special time in our history—a leader who will truly take Lubbock Christian University to the next level.

I am thankful that the Board of Trustees has asked me to remain in the role of Chancellor. It will be an honor and privilege to watch and support our new leader as a new vision is cast for a wonderful future for LCU.

Thank you for being such an important part of our work at Lubbock Christian University. You are a blessing to us.



Dr. L. Ken Jones  
Chancellor and CEO

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**Front Cover** Condoleezza Rice addresses the audience during “An Evening With...” event.

**Back Cover** Dr. Rice greets the crowd before her presentation.

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The moon peeks out from behind the Student Union Building on the LCU campus.

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# LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

## PREPARING FOR A NEW ERA

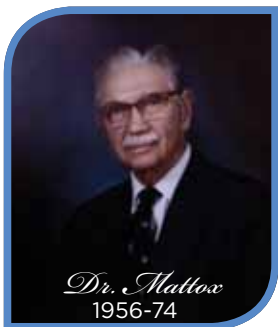
**F**ive godly men have served LCU as president since 1957. The photograph to the right is a rare snapshot of all five LCU Presidents in one setting. Everyone who has ever attended LCU has been a student while one of these five men served as president.

Never again will a photograph be possible like the one shown as Founding President Dr. F.W. Mattox passed away in March of 2001; Dr. Joe Hacker is enjoying retirement and lives in Alabama; Dr. Harvie Pruitt lives in Lubbock, and although he recently resigned as a member of the LCU Board of Trustees, he can be seen at many LCU activities; Dr. Steven Lemley continues to teach at Pepperdine and serves on the LCU Board of Trustees; Dr. Ken Jones is LCU Chancellor and CEO during the search and will transition into a new era as chancellor when a president is appointed.

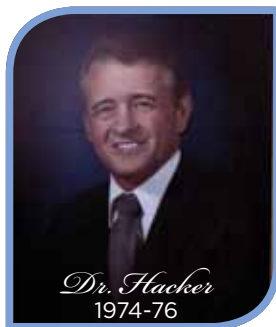
God has led the LCU Trustees to someone well suited to serve as president for the university during five different eras, each with skills that matched a specific set of opportunities and challenges. LCU has been sustained and blessed by the faithfulness of God, proven again and again since the very first day of classes on September 24, 1957.

The search for the sixth president has begun in earnest since the LCU Presidential Search Committee was named at the end of September 2011. Since that time, nominations have been sought from a variety of LCU constituents, and each of you has been asked to nominate qualified individuals who might be considered. Those nominations have been coming in and are being reviewed by the search committee.

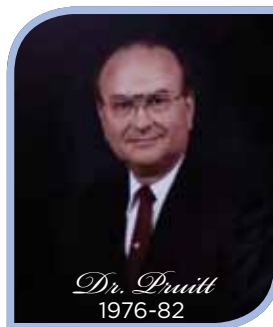
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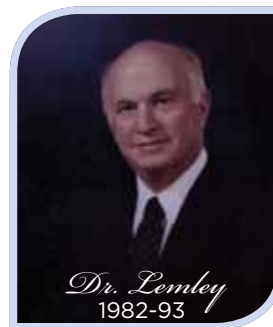
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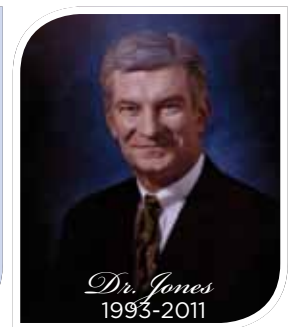
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*Dr. Jones*  
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# 5 LEADERS HAVE CAST A VISION. WHO WILL CONTINUE THE HERITAGE?



This photo was taken at Dr. Ken Jones' Presidential Inauguration in January 1994. Seated are (left) founding president, Dr. F.W. Mattox and Dr. Ken Jones; standing (l to r) Dr. Steven Lemley, Dr. Joe Hacker, and Dr. Harvie Pruitt.

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The campus is excited and positive about the future, and campus initiatives are moving forward with purpose, even as the search for a new leader continues. A spirit of unity and collaboration continues to be apparent in faculty, staff, students, and administrators. God has blessed LCU during this time of transition, and we are confident in His provision for our future. As we move ahead, please continue to pray for LCU and to

seek the Lord's blessing upon this leadership transition.



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**POVERTY**

## Changing Lives: Thinking Critically about Poverty

The man who stands on the corner, holding a hand-lettered, cardboard sign requesting help. The young girl whose dirty, tear-stained face appears on a television ad, representing the thousands of children who wage a daily war against hunger and thirst. The aging homeless woman who survives on the money she receives from collecting aluminum cans and from handouts from local aid groups. These are some of the recognizable faces of poverty.

There are others. The student who sits on the 5th row in her English class and worries about how she will pay next semester's tuition because there is no one—no one—back at home to help. The laid-off office assistant whose severance package is dwindling and who wonders how she will take care of her children on government-issued food stamps—and little else. The retired senior citizen who watches his retirement stocks plunge and who now faces the double threat of increasing health care costs and minimum social-security benefits. These, too, are the faces of poverty.

What can we do? Solutions to all of the problems associated with poverty do not come easily, and many attempts to make things right do things wrong. Teaching students to think critically has been an academic initiative to benefit LCU students for several years, with professors incorporating creative and innovative projects into every discipline on campus. In October, critically thinking took on a whole new meaning as the entire campus came together to think critically about poverty—a problem that has been in the world ever since Adam and Eve stepped just out of reach of the Tree of Life.

Weekly, from mid-October through November, students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the Lubbock community, came together to discuss various aspects of world poverty as guest presenters personally shared their experience and expertise. The collaborative effort to focus on Thinking Critically About Poverty was organized by Dr. Susan Blassingame, Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts, bringing together the entire LCU academic community as well as many of the supporting, non-academic departments on campus. Some of the sponsors included the Missions Department, the Humanities Department, the Honors Program, Student Affairs, and Public Relations and Marketing.

The first presenter was former LCU professor, Jonathan Witt, from the Acton Institute, where great minds have examined the history of how the poor of this world have been helped by well-meaning benefactors. Their

findings are that situations are often more dire than before help was offered, leaving many to wonder about the best ways to help the poor. Dr. Witt's latest project has been an initiative called PovertyCure.

Then, Alex Cox and Mark Slagle captivated the attention and imagination of a chapel audience as they told of their tales of travelling in a shag-carpeted 1971 Winnebago they affectionately refer to as the Manabago. They described how MANA Nutrition (Mother Administered Nutritive Aid) is the producer of a ready to use therapeutic food made of fortified peanut paste formulated to provide a child's basic nutritional needs – just three servings of MANA can save the life of a starving child. Alex and Mark spent all day in their tent set up on the LCU mall area, visiting with students about their lifesaving work and giving tours of the Manabago.

Later, Shane Gilbert and the team from Come Let's Dance (CLD), a group working to build relationships with the people of Uganda, presented a documentary and many other facets of their organization to the LCU campus. A former TCU student of Dr. Blessingame, Shane shared how she almost quit college to help the poor, but was encouraged by Dr. Blessingame to get her degree first so that she might be better prepared and effective in helping the poor.

That sound advice has allowed Shane to film and produce "Mzungu," an award winning documentary, showing the efforts of CLD as they encourage relational missions and aid to the poor.

The LCU SUB was transformed by the CLD team to resemble a village with shacks and living conditions of the poor in Uganda. Students could easily visualize the hardships and the trials of the Ugandan people while CLD team members provided insights into basic challenges of Ugandan life, which included the most basic need of obtaining safe drinking water.

Those in attendance at the evening forum were moved by the Come Let's Dance team and their presentation. In response, students, faculty, and staff sang "Love One Another" as a blessing to the CLD team. "Back on the road after an awesome time at LCU," wrote Shane Gilbert on

*"Poverty steals people's stories. Let's think about what we can do to help people reclaim their lives."*



The SUB was transformed by the Come Let's Dance team to resemble a village in Uganda.





Within the Uganda village replica, a Come Let's Dance team member provides insights into basic challenges of Ugandan life.



The "Manabago" is the traveling source for team members from MANA Nutrition to spread the word and raise support for this food initiative.



a Facebook post. "Thank ya'll for blessing us with your hospitality and encouragement . . . coolest gift we've ever received was that song . . . Will surely never forget that."

Larry James from the urban poverty initiative CitySquare was on campus next to speak specifically

to the issue of poverty in America and especially the concerns of the urban poor. Known in the Dallas faith, business, and media communities as a social entrepreneur and a committed servant to the people of East and South Dallas, Larry came to CitySquare after serving 14 years as senior minister with the Richardson East Church of Christ in Richardson. The campus learned from Larry how long-term relational



mission work can change lives much more effectively than quick-fix aid.

John Coors from CoorsTek, a successful family-owned manufacturing business producing ceramic parts for a number of applications, was also on campus sharing his heart for missionary and philanthropic work in Africa. His goal is to set up businesses in poorer countries to employ natives who do not have work, offering them opportunities rather than handouts in order for them to support their families. He shared his thought-provoking conversations with community leaders, faculty, staff and students.

During the final week of the month-long focus, a panel discussion featured active participants in various Lubbock area initiatives to aid the poor. This panel provided varying perspectives and included Tracy Mack, Assistant Professor of Business; Jim Beck, Assistant Professor of Missions; Patti Patterson, MD, MPH, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Child Abuse Pediatrics at TTU Health Sciences Center; and Ben Pickett, Associate Minister, Monterey Church of Christ and Adjunct LCU Lecturer. Dr. Blessingame moderated the panel.

A practical application of lessons learned during this initiative came during the annual U Can Share Food drive benefitting the South Plains Food Bank. Campus organizations competed for the annual “LCU Heavy Weight Award” given to the campus organization contributing the most canned food, with Alpha Chi Delta winning the award. The Student Affairs office has also put into practice the lessons learned, using Seasoned with Love Catering (a non-profit organization whose proceeds help Bridge of Lubbock) to cater their departmental Christmas Party. The proceeds from caterings go to help K-12 mentoring programs in Lubbock striving to break the cycle of poverty.

In addition to student-initiated events, the Humanities Department, the University Writing Center, and Student Affairs hosted a writing contest as a capstone to student writing projects for the poverty initiative. The contest recognized outstanding work in five categories: freshman/sophomore research paper, junior/senior research paper, reflection essay, art project, and poetry. Each of the 10 students recognized will have a donation made in his or her name to a ministry committed to helping the impoverished.

One of the many academic areas that incorporated the initiative into their classroom discussions and assignments was the ENG 1301 Freshman Composition



John Coors discusses his philanthropic work in Africa to empower people to improve their life.

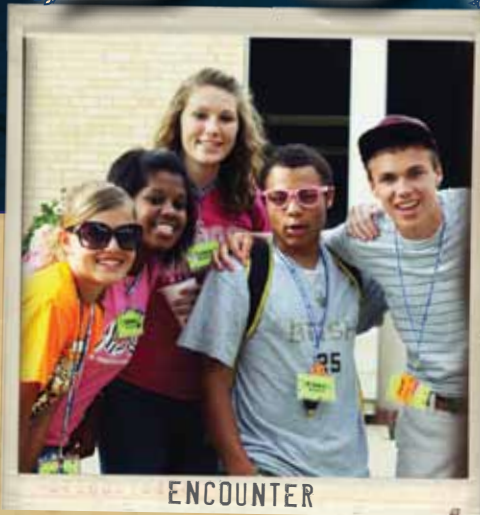
cohort, where students conducted research and writing projects about the campus poverty initiative. Jana Anderson, Assistant Professor of English, told her students, “God blessed us (this month) with several opportunities to think critically about several of the issues related to poverty. The one that stood out to me was this: ‘Poverty steals people’s stories.’ Let’s think about what we can do to help people reclaim their lives.”

In addition to writing projects in freshman composition courses, professors from many disciplines used the month-long focus on poverty to direct the focus of student projects in their classes. For example, Dr. Jennifer Dabbs required the students enrolled in her General Sociology class to evaluate the Poverty Cure website in relationship to what they had heard in chapel and read in their textbooks. According to Dabbs, “From what I am seeing, my students are critically examining their efforts to address poverty in ways that they have not done before. I think the project was a success.”

Seeds were planted in the minds of LCU students, faculty, and staff during the month-long conversation about global poverty. The initiative encouraged and allowed students to think critically about the systemic causes of poverty, the ways the poor have been helped (or sometimes hurt in the name of help), and how to become better stewards of our time and wealth in order to alleviate suffering.

Jesus told his disciples that “the poor will always be with you,” and he also told them that feeding the hungry was just like feeding him – a permanent opportunity for outreach. As LCU students learn to critically evaluate issues surrounding poverty, the hope is that this month-long initiative will begin life-long awareness and motivation leading them to change the world in the name of Jesus.

# SUMMER CAMPS



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**Greece - October 2012**

**New York City - summer 2013**

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Oak Alley, St. Francisville, Natchez, Vicksburg, Helena, Memphis

**Fall Foliage Tour - October 2012**

Pigeon Forge, Memphis & Nashville, Tennessee; Asheville, North Carolina

**Washington D.C. bus tour - September 2012**

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Dr. Bev Byars, James Cutrera ('95), Cynthia Mayes and Reesa Holland ('02) in France at Chateau de Chenonceau, April 2011.



Excursions group in New York City with Grand Central Station in background, July 2010.



**EXCURSIONS &  
UNIVERSITY TOURS**







*An Evening With*  
DR.  
CONDOLIEZZA  
RICE

If the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center stage and audience were honored by the presence of General Colin Powell in 2007 and of President George W. Bush in 2009, they were certainly graced by the presence of Dr. Condoleezza Rice in 2011.

“*An Evening With Condoleezza Rice*” featured a moving and enlightening keynote address from Dr. Rice, as well as a casual conversation and interview with LCU Chancellor, Dr. L. Ken Jones. The event, which is held every other year to benefit university scholarships, drew a sold out crowd of about 1,200 people.

Dr. Rice’s public career includes, of course, her role as the 66th Secretary of State of the United States from 2005-09. Through eight years with President George W. Bush, she was an integral part of his administration, and it was largely in view of those experiences that she spoke to our guests that night.

While acknowledging and dramatically illustrating the difficult economic and political times our nation faces, she urged the audience to consider how we will treat those in leadership who will have to take difficult and perhaps even drastic measures to secure our future. “We have leaders who will make hard choices, but they won’t make hard choices if we punish them,” Dr. Rice concluded.

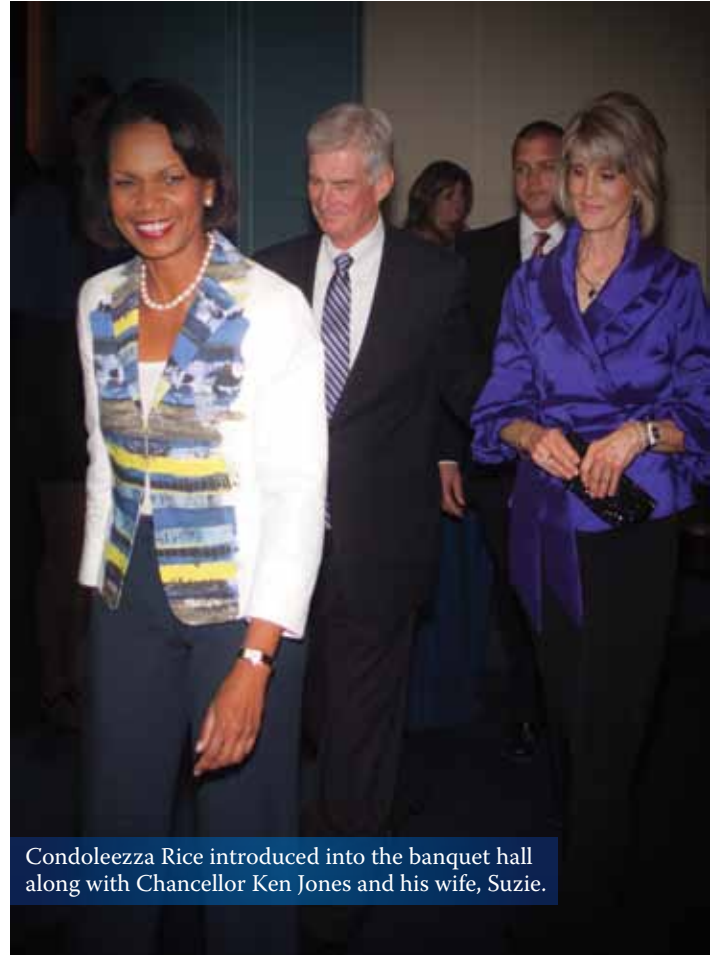
Since her current role in public life involves her advocacy for improvements in education, she addressed the education crisis that we face in America today. Her sobering words regarding the challenging problems were tempered, however, by her call for a solution, one that we must realize in our very near future.

“We have a crisis in K-12 education,” she said, noting, “If you can’t read by the third grade, you won’t read.”

“That literacy issue has come home through military recruitment,” she said, explaining that “only 30 percent of the people who take the basic skills test to get into the military can pass it.”

She shared that this sad reality has to be faced and overcome, since we here in America still must continue to believe in the idea that has inspired so many to do so much to make our country great: we can go where we have not yet gone and become more than what we are. She said that she could name for us places in America where children do not have what they need to fulfill our nation’s great hope.

*“We have leaders who will make hard choices, but they won’t make hard choices if we punish them.”*



Condoleezza Rice introduced into the banquet hall along with Chancellor Ken Jones and his wife, Suzie.



Another sold out crowd attends the third “An Evening with....” event at the Lubbock Civic Center Theatre.





LCU athletic students receiving last minute instructions as they prepare to serve guests.

Her reflections upon her family life and upon the power of education to change the lives of those who refuse to see themselves as victims certainly resonated with our students who were in the audience.

“I really enjoyed having the opportunity to listen to her speak,” said LCU sophomore Aaron Stephenson. “She is such a smart and influential woman, and her thoughts on education seem to be something that she is passionate about.”

The evening was not without moments of levity, however. During the sit down interview with Dr. Jones, he asked Dr. Rice if she would ever

consider a run for president. She laughed, paused for a moment, and then responded with a very succinct and firm, “NO!” That response elicited laughter throughout the Civic Center Theatre.



She did mention, though, that she has a specific criterion for any candidate whom she would endorse to become the next U.S. President. “The candidate I would support,” she said thoughtfully, “is one who will stand up and say ‘let me tell you what we’ve got to do,’ one who is willing to be a one-term president.”



As has become the custom at the “An Evening with . . .” series, our special guest was presented with a pair of custom western spurs engraved with her initials.

**Christy McClendon** of Graco Real Estate, title sponsor of the event, presented the spurs to Dr. Rice.







Students played a significant role in the success of the event. From serving at tables, playing in a brass ensemble, greeting guests and helping them find their seat, more than 100 students were involved.

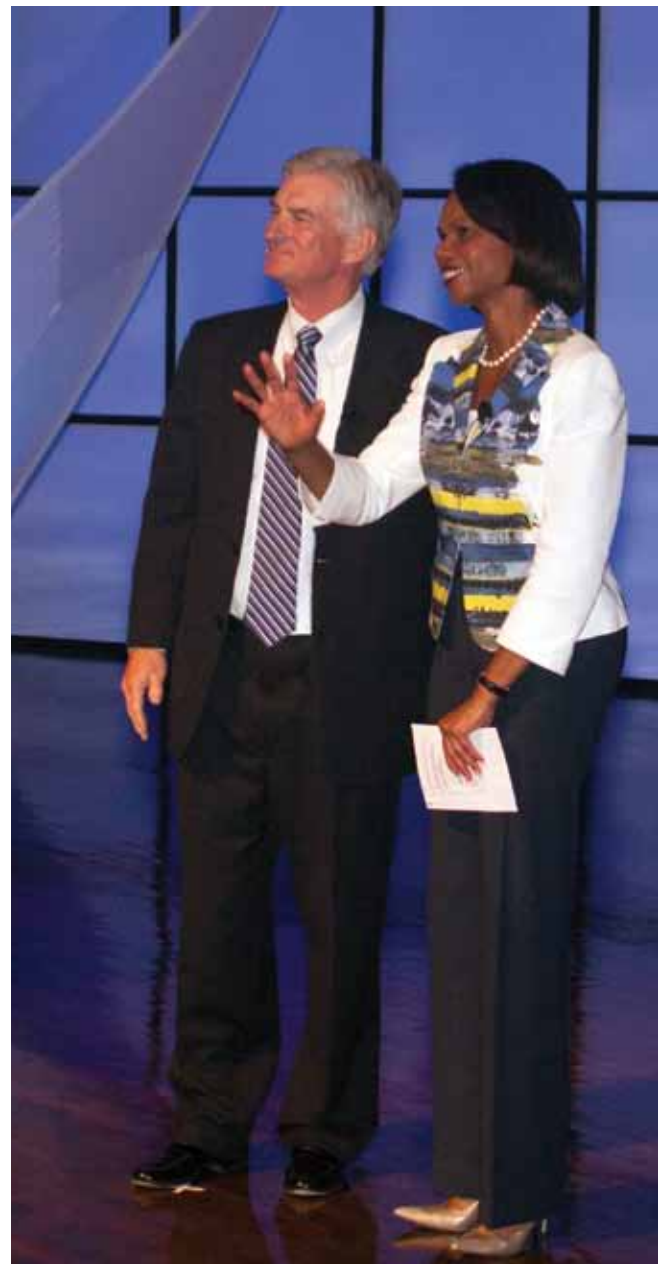
The speech portion of the evening ended with her stating that she believes the best days for the United States are ahead of us.



Chancellor Ken Jones led a Q & A with Dr. Rice following her speech.

“We were extremely pleased that Dr. Rice was part of this event to benefit Lubbock Christian University,” said Dr. Ken Jones. “She was eloquent, classy, and engaging in her comments, and she most assuredly represents the character and core values of our students, faculty and staff. It was a tremendously successful evening and we are extremely grateful to those who supported the event.”

“It’s amazing to me that we continue to see Lubbock Christian University put together such a high class event each and every time they attempt to do so,” said longtime LCU supporter and local businessman **Brian Pitaniello** (’89). “This was an outstanding evening from the moment you walked into the Civic Center until you left the building – first class, first rate . . . amazing.”





Honestly now, have you always dreamed of giving your estate to the government?



Albert and Michelle Kraft  
Former LCU student and 1990 LCU Grad

### Neither did we.

We began our estate planning soon after college graduation. We didn't know what our futures would hold—whether we would have children, or how many. We did not know if we would live in Lubbock or move elsewhere. We DID know we wanted to include Lubbock Christian University in our giving. To do that, we knew it was important for us to plan ahead. We worked with a professional who showed us how to plan a flexible estate and still include a gift for LCU.

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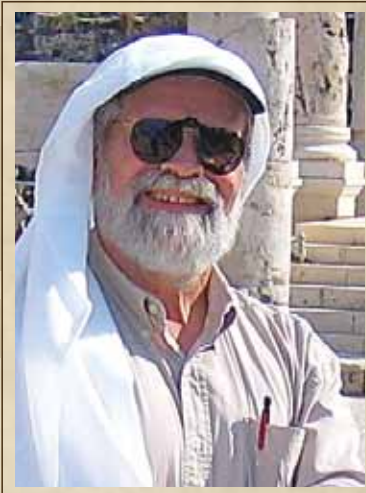


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## *Alumni Connection Busy Connecting Alumni*

THE ALUMNI RELATIONS TEAM ADDS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

In September of 2011, the office of Alumni Relations welcomed the new Assistant Director of Career Services, **Link Blevins ('02)**. Link has already made great advances in the area of career services, mainly focusing on helping current

students prepare for their future careers through resume services, etiquette training, and career fairs. He also serves alumni by maintaining career listings and connecting employers with students for internships and job placement. If you have position openings or would be interested in participating in the spring career fair, contact Link at [link.blevins@LCU.edu](mailto:link.blevins@LCU.edu) or 806-720-7451.



Business department alumni enjoy the Rangers game in July.

Link is married to **Monica (Witcher) Blevins ('03)**, and they have two sons, Levi and Benjamin.

## ALUMNI CONNECTION NEWS

The latter half of the year proved to be a busy one for the office of Alumni Relations. Staff members were able to connect with numerous alumni across the country at many memorable events and receptions. In June, the campus experienced plenty of excitement as LCU summer camps were in full swing. Alumni Relations hosted a dinner in the Cardwell Welcome Center for alumni and

their families who were on campus for the high school summer camp, Encounter. Many of those who attended were current youth ministers, interns, and church employees who traveled across Texas and in some cases, across the country, to spread the word of God to their youth groups. LCU Chancellor, Dr. Ken Jones, was the guest speaker and all 70 people in attendance had a great time in fellowship with one another.

July brought alumni in the Austin area together as Alumni Relations partnered with Admissions for the event, "True Blue at the Diamond," on July 9th. Over 100 alumni and LCU applicants attended a Round Rock Express baseball game and enjoyed a free meal and fireworks show. As baseball season continued, the Alumni Connection and the LCU Business Department treated business department alumni in the Dallas area to a Rangers game on July 22nd. The event was complete with over 60 business faculty and alumni in attendance as well as several guest speakers, and a big win for the Texas Rangers.

August flew by with plans and activities for a new school year at LCU. Many alumni, faculty, and staff helped new freshmen move in to the residence halls on August 17th. This brought about a large amount of reminiscing of old memories from the residence halls and quite a bit of advice and encouragement to the new freshmen class from LCC/LCU alumni across the country on the Alumni Connection Facebook page. Many alumni also showed up for the traditional Glow Stick Devo, which was held at the finale of orientation week to welcome all new students to the LCU community.

The office of Alumni Relations connected with Lubbock area alumni at the Fall Alumni Prayer Breakfast which took place on Saturday, September 10th. The well-known and very talented acapella group, Legacy, performed for





Members of the acapella group, Legacy, perform at the Fall Alumni Prayer Breakfast. Ty Walton ('09), Jake Lierman ('05), Clint Dickerson, John Paul Sheppard ('05), and Josh Wheeler ('07).

those in attendance while Dr. Ken Jones delivered the message for the morning. **Steve Gomez ('88)**, **Matthew Killough ('03)**, and Link Blevins each said a prayer for different aspects of the LCU community including current students, alumni, and the future of LCU and its leadership. With 65 alumni present, the room was full and the time of prayer and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

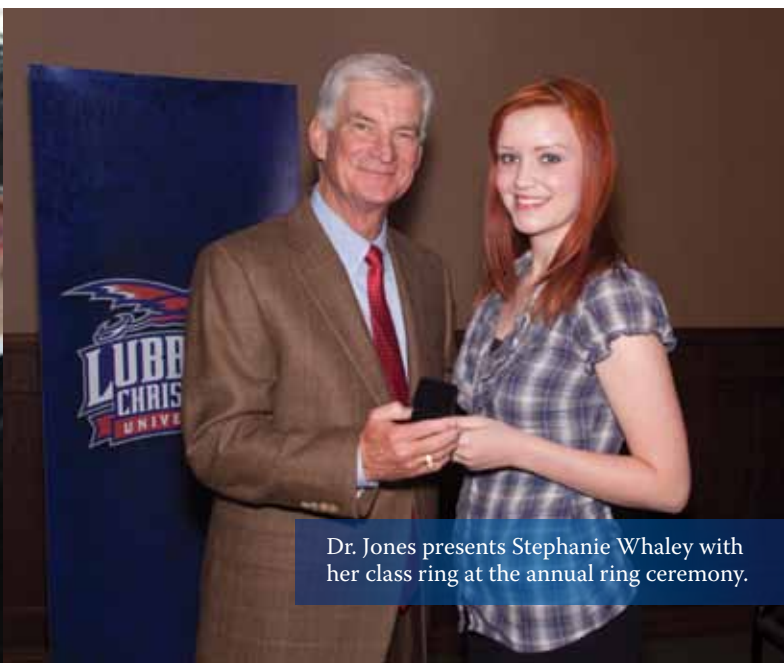
Several staff and faculty members traveled to Washington, D.C. in October to host a reception for all east coast alumni at the Church of Christ in Falls Church. All who attended had a great opportunity to reconnect with the university. The office of Alumni Relations also played host to over 80 students who received their LCU Class Rings at the annual Ring Ceremony on October 8th. The

ring tradition at Lubbock Christian University continues to grow each year, which makes selecting and purchasing a class ring all the more treasured for each LCU student. Many students brought their



Kaye Kennedy ('74), Linda (Cook, '75) and Harold Bufe ('74) pose for a picture at the Fall Alumni Prayer Breakfast.





Dr. Jones presents Stephanie Whaley with her class ring at the annual ring ceremony.



Steve Gomez ('88) says a prayer for the current students of LCU at the Fall Alumni Prayer Breakfast in September.

families and friends to the ceremony, which made a crowd of about 170 people to witness this special event. LCU Alumni supported the beginning of the Chap and Lady Chap basketball seasons by coming out for a Family Night at Rally at the Rip on November 5th. The Rip Griffin Center was packed with students and families alike who enjoyed free food, games, and activities such as face painting and a t-shirt decorating contest.

On November 15th, staff and faculty welcomed the December class of 2011 into the LCU Alumni Connection at the semi-annual Graduate Dinner in the Baker Conference Center. **Dr. Byron Rogers ('81)** emceed, while **Dr. Matt Paden ('02)**, **Zack Galbraith ('00)**, and LCU Chancellor, Dr. Ken Jones, spoke about the importance of staying involved as an LCU alumnus and living a life of purpose after college. The dinner was one of the best attended thus far, with over 120 people present.

**ALUMNI WEBSITE**

The LCU alumni website – [www.LCUalumni.com](http://www.LCUalumni.com) - is currently undergoing major changes. Watch for a special announcement about the updated website in the near future.

**UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS**

**February 2-4, 2012**  
**Homecoming and Master Follies Weekend** - LCU Campus (see schedule for details, pg. 22-23)

**Saturday, March 24, 2012**  
**All Alumni Service Day**  
 Be looking for invitations and announcements with details of upcoming alumni events in 2012.

If you would like to host an event in your area, contact Katy Roberts by email at [katy.roberts@LCU.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@LCU.edu) or by phone at 806.720.7237.



# Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 11:00 am** Homecoming King and Queen Coronation - McDonald Moody Auditorium: The 2012 Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during daily chapel time.
- 4:00-5:00 pm** Fourth Annual Nursing Alumni Event - Cardwell Welcome Center  
All nursing alumni and community partners are invited. RSVP with Katy Roberts by email [katy.roberts@lcu.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@lcu.edu) or by phone 806-720-7237.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 8:00 am-12:00 pm** The Chap Store open - campus bookstore, SUB
- 8:00 am-7:00 pm** Alumni Art Exhibit - Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement: Works from various alumni artists may be viewed in the gallery.
- 4:00 pm** Queen's Tea - Chancellor's Home: Reunion year queens and the courts along with the 2012 Homecoming Court will enjoy a tea at the Chancellor's Home hosted by the Chancellor's wife, Suzie Jones.
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm** Meet the Artist Reception - Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement: Meet the artists that have works on display for the Alumni Art Exhibit.

## FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

- 5:30-7:00 pm** Communications / Fine Arts Department Reunion - Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement: Join LCU faculty from the Communications / Fine Arts department to catch up and reminisce!
- 6:00 pm** Class Reunion Buffet Dinner - Baker Conference Center: LCC/LCU classes of 1961, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007 can head to the Baker Conference Center to enjoy a free buffet dinner and a chance to reminisce about all the fun had during their days at LCC/LCU. Details for other reunion events will be discussed as well. Dessert and coffee will be provided for the remainder of the evening, so feel free to stay as long as you would like. Dress is casual. RSVP appreciated to Katy Roberts at 806.720.7237 or [katy.roberts@lcu.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@lcu.edu)
- 7:30 pm** 50th Reunion Reception - Katie Rogers Parlor: The classes of 1961 and 1962 are invited to spend time with old friends at the Arnett House for a dessert reception.
- 7:30 pm** \* Master Follies 2012 - McDonald Moody Auditorium: This event is one of the longest standing traditions at LCU and is for the whole family. Social clubs along with hosts and hostesses present "A Taste of Master Follies."
- 8:00 pm** Hard Traveler's Reunion and Concert - LCU Dining Hall: Whether you were a fan or a member of this musical group, come and hang out with the alumni of the Hard Traveler's. Bring your guitar, singing voice, family, and friends to enjoy a fun night that is sure to be remembered. Dessert and coffee will be served. For more information, contact Gary Moyers at 806.407.9907 or at [garymoyers@gmail.com](mailto:garymoyers@gmail.com).
- 8:00 pm** Best Friends Reunion - Betty Hancock Parlor: If you are a former member of Best Friends, warm up your singing voice for a song arranged especially for BF alumni. The Betty Hancock Parlor will be the site for our reunion and quick rehearsal. Desserts and coffee will be served. Contact Warren McNeill at [warren.mcneill@lcu.edu](mailto:warren.mcneill@lcu.edu) for more information. If we get the song down, we'll sing it at the BF concert and reception on Saturday at 5:30pm.

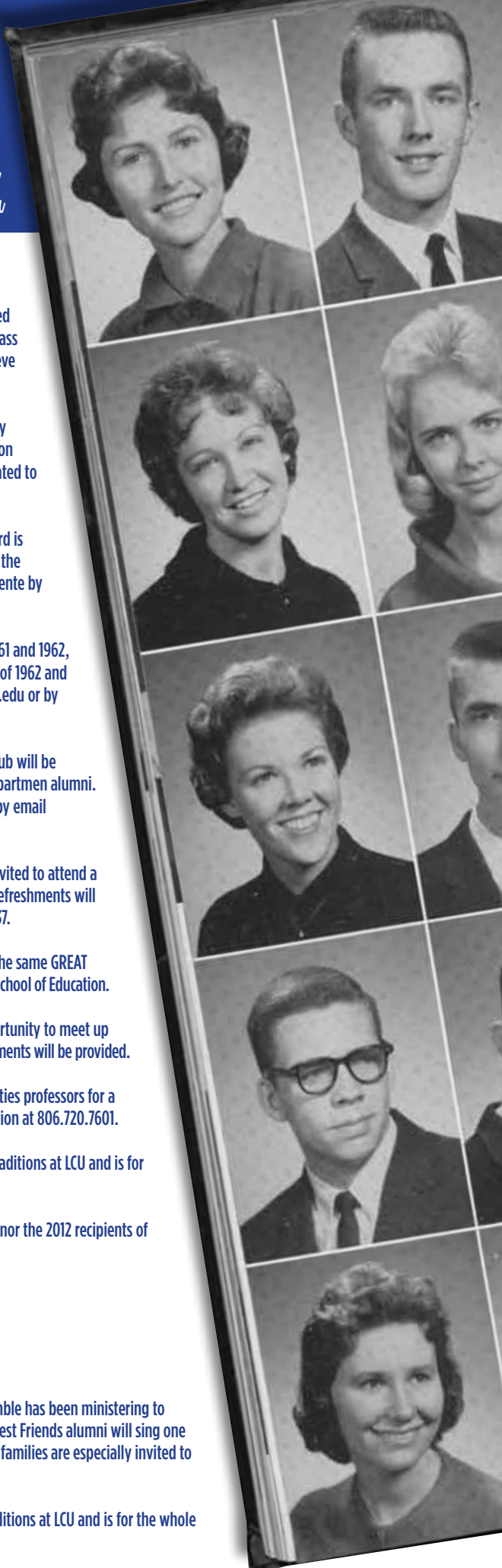
## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:30 am** Social Club Breakfasts: Club alumni and current club members gather for breakfast in various locations on campus and around town. These breakfasts provide a great time to relive the glory days of club, see old friends and support current club members.
- Alpha Chi - LCU Dining Hall
  - CD - Katie Rogers Parlor
  - Kappa - LCU Dining Hall
  - Koinonia - Christian Development Center Foyer
  - Kyodai - Green Lawn Church of Christ
  - LOA - Green Lawn Church of Christ
  - Sub T - Golden Corral at 5117 S Loop 289 & Slide Rd. (Treat Yourself)
  - Zeta/AEX alumni - Cardwell Welcome Center, Conference Wing
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** Alumni Art Exhibit - Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement: Works from various alumni artists may be viewed in the gallery of the newest LCU building located next to the CDC.
- 9:30 am-4:00 pm** The Chap Store open - campus bookstore, SUB



*\* Master Follies tickets will be available for purchase on January 4 at 10:00 am at [www.LCU.edu/tickets](http://www.LCU.edu/tickets)*

*Friday evening and Saturday afternoon - \$15 each  
Saturday evening - \$20 each*



## SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

- 10:15 am Alumni Chapel - McDonald Moody Auditorium:** Alumni Chapel offers a special time of worship led by alumni, and the presentation of the 2012 Homecoming Court. LCC's first four-year class, the Class of 1972, will also be honored during this time. Kent Mereness ('02) will lead worship, and Dr. Steve McCleery ('72) will deliver the message.
- 12:00pm Family Luncheon - Rhodes Perrin Recreation Center:** Bring your family and enjoy family-friendly activities and lunch. Plus, get a chance to take a look around the all-new Rhodes Perrin Recreation Center. Lunch will be \$5 per person. All alumni and guests are welcome to attend. RSVP appreciated to Katy Roberts at 806.720.7237 or [katy.roberts@lcu.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@lcu.edu).
- 12:00 pm Bible 101 for Alumni and Friends - Cardwell Welcome Center:** At this luncheon, learn how the Lord is working through the Bible Department and hear about the opportunity to become a member of the Friends of the Bible Department. Admission is \$5 per person. RSVP by January 31st to Carmen Puenta by email, [carmen.puenta@lcu.edu](mailto:carmen.puenta@lcu.edu) or by phone 806-720-7651.
- 12:00 pm Golden Anniversary Luncheon for Class of 1961 and 1962 - Baker Conference Center:** Classes of 1961 and 1962, faculty, staff, friends and family, this lunch is for you. 2012 is the 50th year reunion for the Class of 1962 and we want to honor all of you in a special way. RSVP with Katy Roberts by email [katy.roberts@lcu.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@lcu.edu) or by phone 806-720-7237.
- 12:00 pm Natural Sciences Department and Aggies Reunion Lunch - Natural Sciences Center:** The Aggie Club will be providing their legendary barbeque for all previous Aggies, Aggie Belles and Natural Science Department alumni. If you were a part of the Natural Sciences at LCU, make plans to attend. RSVP with Nancy Martin by email [nancy.martin@lcu.edu](mailto:nancy.martin@lcu.edu) or by phone 806-720-7701.
- 2:00 pm Honoring the Class of 1972 - Cardwell Welcome Center:** Friends, family, and fellow alumni are invited to attend a reception to honor the first ever four-year class to graduate from LCC. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. RSVP with Katy Roberts by email at [katy.roberts@lcu.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@lcu.edu) or by phone at 806.720.7237.
- 2:00 pm School of Education Reunion - Maddox Pugh Educational Center:** More pounds, less hair - still the same GREAT people! Come by and share some fond memories and laughter with the faculty and staff from the School of Education.
- 2:00pm Exercise/Sports Science Department Reunion - Rhodes Perrin Recreation Center:** Take this opportunity to meet up with old friends and professors in the new and improved Rhodes Perrin Recreation Center. Refreshments will be provided.
- 2:00pm Humanities Department Reunion - Betty Hancock Parlor:** Come by and see your former Humanities professors for a time of fun and fellowship. Refreshments will be served. Contact Susan Bailey for more information at 806.720.7601.
- 3:00 pm \* Master Follies 2012 - McDonald Moody Auditorium:** This event is one of the longest standing traditions at LCU and is for the whole family. Social clubs along with hosts and hostesses present "A Taste of Master Follies."
- 5:00 pm Alumni Awards Dinner - Baker Conference Center:** Join LCU alumni, family, and friends as we honor the 2012 recipients of the LCU Alumni Awards.  
Distinguished Alumnus: Linda Gaither ('72)  
F.W. Mattox Award: Dr. Jean Hines ('82)  
K.C. Moser Award: Marcelino Banda ('99)  
Young Alumnus of the Year: Amanda Hale ('98)  
Tickets are \$12. RSVP by February 1st to Katy Roberts at [katy.roberts@lcu.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@lcu.edu) or 806-720-7237.
- 5:30 pm Best Friends Concert - Student Union Building (SUB):** Since 1983, the Best Friends singing ensemble has been ministering to churches and representing LCU. Everyone is welcome to stop by and listen for a few moments. Best Friends alumni will sing one song together and the current group will perform briefly as well. High school students and their families are especially invited to enjoy this event.
- 7:30 pm \* Master Follies 2012 - McDonald Moody Auditorium:** This event is one of the longest standing traditions at LCU and is for the whole family. Social clubs along with hosts and hostesses present "A Taste of Master Follies."



# 2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Lubbock Christian University and the Office of Alumni Relations present the Distinguished Alumni Awards annually during Homecoming and Master Follies Weekend. This year's Alumni Awards Dinner date is Saturday, February 4, 2012.

The recipients of the 2012 Alumni Awards are: **Linda Gaither ('72)**, **Dr. Jean Hines ('82)**, **Marcelino Banda ('99)**, and **Amanda Hale ('98)**.

The dinner and awards are designed to recognize and honor alumni who have made significant contributions toward furthering Lubbock Christian University and its mission through outstanding accomplishments, careers, and/or through extraordinary measures of service.

The dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Baker Conference Center on campus. To make reservations, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 806.720.7237 or by emailing [katy.roberts@LCU.edu](mailto:katy.roberts@LCU.edu). Tickets are \$12 per person.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD: **Linda Gaither ('72)**

The recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award for significant personal or professional achievement is Linda Gaither. Linda, a West Texas native, attends the Broadway Church of Christ and graduated in the first four-year class from Lubbock Christian College with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She went on to receive her Master's in Special Education and Guidance and Counseling from Texas Tech University, where she also earned her Diagnostician Certification. After completing her education, Linda taught in the Lubbock Independent School District for 20 years and is currently a realtor at WestMark Realty. Linda serves as a notable civic and professional leader in the Lubbock community and is active in the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. She has also participated on several boards and committees, including Leadership Lubbock, the Texas Boys Ranch, the Children's Home of Lubbock, the Covenant Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, and the CitiBus Advisory Board. Linda has many great memories from her days at LCU, including mud fights, clubs, intramurals, daily chapel, J.O. Bell's famous cinnamon rolls, and Miss Etta Chandler's Mail Call. Linda says that her greatest role model while at LCU was Dr. Bruce Max Evans for his caring attitude and attentiveness to her well being as a student. Dr. Harvie Pruitt, Elaine Perrin, Janis Perrin, June Bearden, and Mary Johnson Lewis also made quite the impact on Linda's life while she was a student. Linda says that the greatest lesson she learned as a Lubbock Christian University student is that strong foundations are vital for every aspect of our lives. Regardless of our circumstances, a Godly foundation will support us through the good, the bad, and the ugly times.

## F.W. MATTOX AWARD: **Dr. Jean Hines ('82)**

Dr. Jean Hines is the 2012 recipient of the F.W. Mattox Award. This award is presented for excellence and outstanding service to the university. Jean currently lives in Lubbock where she is a member at Sunset Church of



Christ with her husband, Terry Hines. They have three children: **Kenneth Hines ('87)**, Tammy Turner, and Kerri Greer. After graduating from Lubbock Christian University first in 1982 with her Bachelor of Science in Education, Jean continued to receive her Master's in Education in 1988. In 1996, she graduated from Texas Tech University with her Doctorate in Education. Dr. Hines has worked as a teacher at Lubbock Christian School and in the Lubbock Independent School District and has served as a faculty member of Lubbock Christian University since 1989. She has enjoyed being involved in a number of things during her time at LCU, including serving as a Lambda



Omega Alpha and Student Education Association sponsor, and attending many fine arts and athletic events. Dr. Hines says that her greatest role model during her time as a student was Dr. Joyce Hardin. Dr. Hardin taught Jean not only how to teach students content, but how to use that content to impact the world. Another positive influence to Jean was Dr. Leon Crouch, a former faculty member of the Bible department at LCU. Jean says that the greatest lesson she learned while at LCU is to value people and to do whatever you



**MARCELINO BANDA**

can to help them be successful in their lives. She says that we are all children of God and are here to change lives for the better, something that LCU has always strived to do.

**K.C. MOSER AWARD:  
Marcelino Banda ('99)**

This year's recipient of the 2012 K.C. Moser Award for excellence and outstanding service to the church is Marcelino Banda. Marcelino lives in Lubbock and is the founder and preaching minister of the Lubbock Bilingual Church of Christ. He has been married for 35 years to his wife, Orphila Banda, and they have three daughters: **Yvette Banda Perez ('01)**,

**Yvonne Banda ('03)**, and **Christina Banda Ramirez ('08)**. Marcelino received his Certificate of Graduation in Preaching and in Missions in 1982 from the Sunset International Bible Institute. In 1999, he completed his Bachelor of Science in Bible and Ministry from Lubbock Christian University, where he also earned his Master's in Bible and Ministry in 2002. He has been involved in preaching and ministry for 33 years and has worked as the Bilingual Minister at the Denver City Iglesia de Cristo, the Brownfield Church of Christ, the Church of Christ in Edinburg, the Church of Christ in Mineola, and the Broadway Church of Christ. Since becoming the Preaching Minister at the Lubbock Bilingual Church of Christ, Marcelino has been involved in vacation Bible school and community outreach programs at the Parkway Church of Christ. He also visits local hospitals, adult community centers, the local Montford Prison, and the Lubbock County Jail. Marcelino says that what he enjoyed most during his time at LCU were his Bible classes as a non-traditional student. He says that his greatest role model while here was **Dr. Steve Joiner ('80)** because of his practical teaching methods in all of his ministry classes. Marcelino says that the things he learned from Dr. Joiner are things he still uses in his ministry today.

**YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR:  
Amanda Hale ('98)**

Amanda Hale has been selected to receive the 2012 Young Alumnus of the Year Award. The Young Alumnus of the Year award recognizes an individual under the age of 40 for distinguished service to the university and/or professional achievement. Amanda currently lives in New York City where she recently celebrated her 10th anniversary at Deloitte LLP and serves as the Senior Manager of the U.S. Global Office. Amanda graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and a minor in Foreign Languages. She went on to receive her M.B.A. with an emphasis in Marketing from Texas



Christian University in 2001. Amanda is a member at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City and has been involved in many community outreach programs including one to teach and mentor underprivileged and first generation college students in ethical decision-making for their future careers. Her favorite memories from LCU consist of the ongoing dialogue with her professors, both in and out of class. It meant a great deal to Amanda that the faculty at LCU would always take the time to thoughtfully answer her questions and keep her engaged in meaningful discussions. Her most important role model at Lubbock Christian University was her mother and former International Student Counselor in Admissions, **Sharon Hale ('91)**. Amanda says that her mother always took international students under her wing and went out of her way to make them feel at home, something that Amanda still remembers and admires today. Dr. Susan Blassingame, **Dr. Stacy Patty ('79)**, **Dr. Keith Owen ('73)**, and **Dr. Steve German ('79)** also made a measurable impact on Amanda's character through their leadership, guidance, and Christian examples. Amanda says that the greatest thing she learned while at LCU was to cultivate strong friendships. Many of the friends she made during her time on campus still bring her immense happiness and support. To her, that is what LCU is all about, with God in the center of it all.



# How do you get to school?



**N**ow you can share an LCU education with your friends and family - no matter where they live. Lubbock Christian University offers several programs online! Choose from two bachelor completion programs, or the Master in Human Services and Master in Leadership programs, now 100% online.

### **BS in Organizational Management:**

If you already have an associate's degree, this program is ideal for you. This program trains you in the problem-solving and interpersonal skills you need to succeed in nearly any field. Along with basic business knowledge in accounting, finance, and human resources, the curriculum will help give you a broader perspective of the workings of organizations and how you can help improve systems and processes.

### **BS in Organizational Leadership:**

Finish your bachelor degree in a program that focuses on the human side of business and will train you to become an effective, ethical leader. Learn from a curriculum that emphasizes lessons and

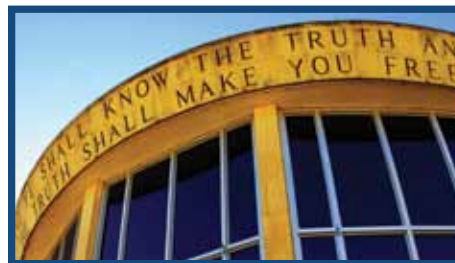
examples from the business world and the public arena to build a framework for dynamic leadership for the 21st century.

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## TEXAS CAVIAR

3 cans black-eyed peas  
1½ c. Italian salad dressing  
2 c. diced bell pepper (red and green)  
1½ c. chopped green onions (green tops included)  
2 stalks celery, finely chopped

1 - 2 oz. jar diced pimentos, drained  
1 T. finely chopped garlic  
Salt & hot pepper sauce to taste  
Jalapeno peppers, finely chopped (optional)

Blend peas and salad dressing. Add remaining ingredients (bell pepper, onions, celery, pimentos, and spices) and mix well. Store in refrigerator. Serve with tortilla chips as a dip or with cornbread, or a side dish with meat.

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Submitted to the 50th Anniversary Edition of *Treasured Recipes* by Linda Stell of Lubbock, Texas



This recipe is one of the many delicious selections compiled in *Treasured Recipes*, the 50th Anniversary edition of the LCU Associates Cookbook, **available for purchase** by calling 806-720-7485 or emailing [carol.dahlstrom@LCU.edu](mailto:carol.dahlstrom@LCU.edu).





# SPORTS WRAP

Andrea Argee slides safely into second base for the Lady Chaps during the 2011 softball season.

## WOMEN'S SPORTS

### BASKETBALL

#### Pre-Season Prognostications ...

Lubbock Christian University was ranked #17 in the initial women's basketball coaches poll provided by the NAIA just before the start of the 2011-12 season. The Lady Chaps, who finished with a record of 23-10 in 2010-11, were among four Sooner Athletic Conference squads in the top 25. Oklahoma City (#3), Southern Nazarene (#11) and Rogers State (#24) were also ranked.

Sooner Athletic Conference coaches selected the Lady Chaps third in their pre-season league balloting. Oklahoma City was the runaway winner in the poll, collecting nine of 12 first-place votes and coming away with 119 points in the poll. Southern Nazarene got the remaining three first-place votes and finished second in the balloting with 113 points. Lubbock Christian was third on all but three ballots and finished third in the voting at 100. Rogers State rounded out the top four with 78 points.

#### Roberts Garners League Honor ...

Lubbock Christian University guard Brittany Roberts was named the conference Women's Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 7-12.

Roberts, a 5-7 senior from Canyon, led the Lady Chaps to wins over NCAA Division II schools Texas-Permian Basin and Abilene Christian, averaging 17.5

points, 5.5 assists, and 4.5 rebounds. She had 19 against UTPB, aided by a 5-of-9 shooting performance beyond the arch. On the road at ACU, she recorded 15 points and had 7 assists. Roberts shot 54 percent from three-point range and hit 9 of 10 free throw attempts.

This is the second time Roberts has received conference player of the week accolades in her career. She received the honor last season in November.



The Lady Chaps began the 2011-12 campaign ranked #17 in the pre-season national poll.

#### Area Standout Inks with Lady Chaps ...

Another prolific high school student-athlete signed their name to play with the Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaparrals, as women's basketball head coach Steve Gomez received the signature of Haley Fowler, who officially committed to LCU. The signing took place in front of friends and family at Smyer High School on Nov. 14th.

Fowler has been a part of two Class A state title winning teams at Smyer High School and all five starters return for the



Lady Cats for Fowler's senior season. She is a two-time State Tournament Most Valuable Player recipient and was named the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 1A Player of the Year. The three-time TABC All-State member also claimed Lubbock Avalanche Journal All-South Plains Class 1A Player of the Year honors after she averaged 25.6 points and 10.3 rebounds en route to a second consecutive state title in 2010.

Fowler became the first player signed for the 2012-2013 incoming class.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### *Season Wraps Up ...*

The Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaparrals cross country team concluded their running season with an eighth place finish at the Sooner Athletic Conference Championships.

Amanda Lopez led LCU with a 30th place finish with a time of 20:36. Kirsti Whipple (32nd, 20:42) and Tashah Overbo (39th, 21:05) were within 30 seconds of finishing behind Lopez to finish in the top-40 for the Lady Chaps. Also competing for LCU was Allix Hardin (52nd, 22:37), Kayla Ingraham (55th, 22:52), and Erin Bailey (61st, 23:32).

## GOLF

### *Nice Honor Over*

*Summer ...* The Lubbock Christian University women's golf team had a stellar performance at the NAIA Championship to finish last season and they were recognized for the efforts on and off the course. Rachel Dansby claimed an ultimate honor as 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Third Team honoree in the college division, and also claimed Academic All-District First Team honors and NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athlete accolades. Kiersten Pack also received NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athlete honors, and Anna Schopp claimed All-Tournament honors at the NAIA Championship



Amanda Lopez was the leading runner for the Lady Chaps last season.

and was named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention.

Dansby, a senior from Lubbock, posted a 4.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) majoring in Psychology. She was the only NAIA golfer to claim Capital One Academic All-America® honors in the College Division At-Large voting among CoSIDA members. The At-Large honor involves several sports, including golf, swimming, lacrosse, field hockey, water polo, ice hockey, and tennis and is open to all NCAA and NAIA programs. She was one of six golfers nationwide

to receive the honor and one of 17 of the 45 honored to have a 4.0 or better. Dansby is the first Lady Chap to claim Academic All-America® honors, and she represented District VI, where she claimed First Team Academic All-District accolades. She found success on the links as well this season, claiming the individual title at the Sooner Athletic Conference Championship and finishing 24th individually at the NAIA Championship to help the Lady Chaparrals to a program-best fifth place finish. Her win at the SAC Championships tied her with Kelly Rainbolt for the career mark in wins in program history with two. To be eligible for Academic All-America® consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

Anna Schopp had one tournament victory this season and claimed All-Tournament honors at the NAIA Championships after finishing in a tie for ninth place to lead the fifth place Lady Chaps. The sophomore from Bremen, Germany becomes just the second Lady Chaps member to ever claim NAIA All-American honors, joining Kelly Rainbolt (2009).



Anna Schopp lines up a putt. Schopp was one of the key players for the LCU #5 national finish in 2011.



Pack joined Dansby on the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete list marking the fourth consecutive season the Lady Chaps have had at least one recipient of the honor and the third straight season they have had two recipients. Pack, a senior from Roswell, NM, posted a 3.50 GPA in Exercise Science. While the honor was the first for Pack, the NAIA honor was the second for Dansby.

## SOCCKER

### *Program First*

*Achieved ...* The 2011 Capital One Academic All-District Women's Soccer Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, have been released to recognize the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. Lubbock Christian University was recognized with Kaylyn Settle becoming the first Lady Chaparrals soccer player to ever receive the honor.

Settle, a senior from Mesquite, has a 3.76 GPA majoring in Exercise Sports Sciences. On the field, the midfielder appeared in 36 games over her two-year career and registered six goals and six assists. This season, Settle recorded two goals and two assists in 17 games played.



LCU's Jordin Farris (pink jersey) battles for position during a Lady Chap soccer game.

### *Season Concludes in Familiar Fashion ...*

For a second straight season, Lubbock Christian University had their season come to an end in the opening round of the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament to Oklahoma City University, as the No.15 Stars shutout the Lady Chaparrals 3-0. LCU ends their season at 5-10-2 with the loss.

## SOFTBALL

### *Pre-Season Polls ...*

Oklahoma City University is the preseason favorite to win the Sooner Athletic Conference softball title in 2012, according to the preseason conference coaches' poll. Lubbock Christian University received a pair of first place votes and finished second on the poll. The Stars and Lubbock Christian shared the regular season title last season with identical 22-4 records, reflecting the accuracy of last season's poll. OCU went on to win the conference tournament. They were 48-14 last season and LCU was 52-12. Both teams qualified for the National Championships, with LCU making it to the elite eight tournament.

In the pre-season national poll of NAIA coaches, the Lady Chaps are picked as the #7 team in the land. LCU finished the 2011 campaign ranked #7 and retained that spot. Other SAC squads in the pre-season poll are Oklahoma City University (#3) and Oklahoma Christian (#25).

### *Signing More*

*Standouts ...* Lubbock Christian University softball coach Daren Hays has been busy over the last several weeks as he has inked several standout high school athletes to play for the Lady Chaps beginning in the fall of 2012. Katlin Reed (SS), a product of Lubbock Coronado HS; Katera Eltsosie (INF/P) from Volcano Vista HS (NM), and Ashton Bell (P) from Frenship HS in Wolfforth have all signed with LCU. All



The Lady Chap volleyball squad advanced to the SAC Tournament championship tilt.

three come to the Lady Chap program in the footsteps of other products of their respective schools and Eltsosie is the younger sister of current Lady Chap Latainna Eltsosie.

## VOLLEYBALL

### *All Conference Honors for Lady Chaps ...*

The Sooner Athletic Conference has announced postseason honors for volleyball and leading the way for Lubbock Christian University, who had six players honored, were First Team recipients Jordan Goings, Brittany Johnson, and Bailey Jones. Goings was also honored as the Setter of the Year, and Abby White claimed Freshman of the Year accolades.

Middle blocker Caitlin Kender was named to the Second Team All-SAC list and libero Nikki Ralston received Honorable Mention honors.

The Lady Chaps finished the season with an overall mark of 24-8. They were defeated in the Sooner Athletic Conference tournament championship contest by Oklahoma Baptist University.

## MEN'S SPORTS

### BASEBALL

#### *Pre-Season Rankings ...*

After a runner-up finish in Lewiston, Idaho at the 2010 Avista-NAIA World Series, Lubbock Christian University vaulted up five spots from its final ranking of 9th in 2010, to be ranked 4th, according to the 2011-12 NAIA Baseball Coaches' Preseason Top 25 poll. Chap rival Oklahoma City topped the poll, the national office announced in November. The Stars, who finished their 2011 campaign with a record of 47-12 and an appearance at the Avista-NAIA World Series, were awarded four first-place votes for 481 points.

Thirteen of the 18 baseball conferences/independents/unaffiliated groups are represented throughout the Top 25, led by five squads from the Southern States Athletic Conference. The Sooner Athletic Conference boasts four ranked teams in Oklahoma City, Lubbock Christian, No. 9 Oklahoma Baptist, and No. 19 Rogers State (Okla.).

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences/independents/unaffiliated groups. The first regular-season Top 25 poll will be announced on March 27, 2012.

On the conference level, the coaches in the league produced an oddity of sorts in coming up with its pre-season Sooner Athletic Conference poll. Seven of the league's 11 head coaches cast first place ballots for LCU, but the total voting points amassed saw the Chaps finish in 2nd behind Oklahoma City University. OCU garnered 94 poll points with four first-place votes, while LCU had just 93 points.

#### *Chip Off the*

*Old Block ...* It may have been a hard decision for Midland Lee High School product Mick Limon, who is



The LCU baseball squad, ranked #4 in pre-season polls, looks for another season that ends with a trip to the NAIA World Series.

the younger brother of Wayland Baptist University NAIA All-American Marcus Limon and the son of former Lubbock Christian University baseball player **Hector Limon ('89)**. Mick chose to follow in his father's footsteps and he signed with the Chaparrals to become a student-athlete beginning with the 2012-2013 school term.

Mick, preparing for his senior season with the Lee Rebels, went 11-2 on the mound and claimed Co-District 3-5A Player of the Year honors in 2010. He lost just one game in district play leading the Rebels to the UIL postseason. His father Hector is a former Lubbock Estacado High School head baseball coach and currently coaches Lee. Hector was a member of the Chaparrals 1983 NAIA National Championship team and was inducted into the LCU Hall of Honor in 1998.

His brother Marcus pitched this past summer in the Minnesota Twins affiliation after closing out an All-American career at rival Wayland Baptist University with a program single-season record with 150 strikeouts.

#### *Bohlken Named to Pre-Season Honors ...*

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced the 2012 Baseball Preseason All-America Team, and on the list selected by the NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association All-America Selection Committee is Richard Bohlken of Lubbock Christian University.

Bohlken, a senior from Albuquerque, N.M., hit 23 home runs last season to co-lead the NAIA. He also hit .367 with



79 RBI. In his LCU career, Bohlken has hit 49 home runs and has a chance to become the seventh player to hit 50 or more home runs in program history. He can also set his sights on challenging the program record of 63 career home runs set by John Harris.

## BASKETBALL Coaching Staff

*Introduced ...* Lubbock Christian University men's basketball head coach Todd Duncan announced his coaching staff for the 2011-2012 basketball season. Duncan welcomed Jason Imes as his assistant coach and



Senior Douglas Williams drives to the hoop for the Chaps.

also added Ron Mayberry and Dee Wilson as volunteer assistant coaches. Imes joined the Chaps coaching staff after spending the prior 10 seasons at Texas Tech University working for Bob and Pat Knight's staff. Mayberry is a 2007 WJCAC (Western Junior College Athletic Conference) Hall of Fame inductee after posting 386 victories at the junior college level. Wilson is a former 2001 All-Sooner Athletic Conference member while with the Chaparrals. This will be his second season serving as a volunteer assistant after spending last season on staff.



Longtime Chap basketball coach John Copeland (middle) was honored during the home opener for the 2011 season. Here he is pictured with his family courtside.

## *Copeland Honored, Chaps Win Home*

*Opener ...* Lubbock Christian University first-year head coach Todd Duncan received his first taste of victory when the Chaps played their home opener on November 5th at the Rip Griffin Center. Anthony Brancato recorded his second consecutive double-double to lift LCU to an 80-68 victory in their home opener, which began with a banner raising complimenting the efforts of former head coach John Copeland and his 31 years coaching the Chaparrals.

25:12. Also finishing with a personal best time was David Sambrano, who was in 104th place. He finished 35 seconds behind Miranda with a time of 25:47.

"Both had great races and it was such an incredible field this year," said LCU cross country head coach Derek Kite. "I am also proud the Sooner Athletic Conference showed its depth. LCU finished fourth at the SAC Championships and the teams that finished ahead of them finished in the top seven of the NAIA Championships, including first place Oklahoma Christian."

## CROSS COUNTRY *National Qualifiers ...*

Lubbock Christian University had a pair of runners compete in the 2011 NAIA National Championships at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and Izzy Miranda completed the event in 49th place to wrap up the 2011 running season on Nov. 19th.

Miranda, a junior making his third appearance at the NAIA Championships, ran his best time at the championships and it was a minute better than his time from last season. He completed the 8k event in a time of

## GOLF *Academic Honors for*

*Pair ...* A pair of Lubbock Christian University Chaparral golfers claimed Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors for the 2010-11 season, as the NAIA recognized Cosme Beamonte and Cameron Swarb for their efforts in the classroom.

Beamonte, a native of Rio Cuarto, Argentina, is a junior with a 3.56 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) majoring in Business Administration. Swarb is a senior from White Deer, and had a 3.70 GPA in Secondary Education. The honor is the



first for each of the golfers. It marks the third straight season the Chaps have received the honor and with multiple recipients.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status to qualify for this honor.

## SOCCKER

### *Best Player in the*

*League ...* The Sooner Athletic Conference awarded their annual postseason honors for men's soccer and Lubbock Christian University was well represented, headlined by Billy Forbes, who claimed Player of the Year, Offensive MVP, Newcomer of the Year and First Team accolades. Also receiving honors for LCU were Byron Knowles and Jorge Martinez, who were each named to the Second Team.



LCU soccer had a historic season in 2011, finishing 14-4-3 overall and advancing to the championship game in the SAC tournament.

Forbes, a junior from Turks & Caicos Islands, led the SAC and ranks third nationally in the NAIA with 23 goals. Nine of his goals were game-winning goals (third in the NAIA). He led LCU and the SAC with 52 points (third in the NAIA) in 21 games. Forbes produced eight multi-goal games and a pair of hat tricks. His 5.2 shots per game ranked sixth in the NAIA.

Knowles helped anchor a defense that produced five shutouts. The freshman native of Costa Rica served as a defender for the Chaps and produced a pair of goals and an assist in 21 games. He had 31 shots on the season.

Martinez, a sophomore from Lewisville, led LCU with eight assists in 21 games. He had two goals and 12 points on the season. His eight assists ranked third in the SAC.



Chap junior cross country standout Izzy Miranda (#314) made his third straight national meet appearance in 2011, finishing in 49th place.

The Chaps, in only their second season of competition, managed to advance to the Sooner Athletic Conference championship game against Science and Arts of Oklahoma. It was a 90 minute game, but it took less than 15 minutes for LCU to see their dreams of their first SAC Tournament title slip away, as No.24 USAO scored a pair of goals in the opening 15 minutes and claimed the tournament title with a 4-0 win over the Chaparrals in early November.

The Chaps finished second in the SAC regular season to go along with their runner-up spot in the tourney. LCU finished the season with a record of 14-4-3. LCU had a shutout sequence of 273:53 end with the Drovers opening goal. The four goals allowed in the tournament title game were the most allowed in a game this season by the Chaps.



## LCU Chorus Sings for the Blind in Ukraine

by Erik Tryggestad,  
*The Christian Chronicle*

The chorus from Lubbock Christian University, conducted by Philip Camp, completed its third concert tour in the eastern European nation of Ukraine in the summer. The chorus coordinates its tours with Eastern European Mission; a group established in 1961 that continues the task of giving people God's Word in their own languages.

The tours are designed to encourage European churches and support possibilities for EEM's Bible distribution programs in new areas, Camp said. Chorus members from past tours have returned to Ukraine to work in EEM's summer youth camps. **Caleb ('09)** and **Kendra (Harrington, '10) Harrelson**, former LCU choir students, now serve as full-time missionaries in Kolentsi, Ukraine.

The chorus performed in Poltava, Ukraine, where EEM has received a request from the region's ministry of education to distribute Bibles in its public schools. "Chorus activities were designed to promote EEM's desire and ability to answer the request and firmly connect the distribution with Churches of Christ," Camp said.

The chorus also performed in Ukraine's capital, Kiev, and was hosted by members of three Churches of Christ — Shevchenko, Vinograder, and Obolon. While in Kiev, the students visited a school that serves 149 visually impaired children, ages six to 19. Kiev church members hope to do outreach at the school, said Jim Noyes, a missionary who works with the Vinograder church.

"The choir was a great boost in this beginning relationship with the school," Noyes said. "Traffic slowed the arrival of the choir bus, but the choir walked in and, within five minutes, Dr. Philip Camp had them organized and ready to sing... the quality of the performance was outstanding."

The chorus performed a public concert that night in the school's auditorium.



Students enrolled in select courses were excited to be a part of iPad2 pilot program.

Members of six Churches of Christ in Kiev attended, as did many non-members, Noyes reported. Bartosz Rybinski, EEM's vice president for European operations, provided free Bibles and literature at the concert. Four of the school's blind students asked for Bibles in Braille.

Before heading home, the Lubbock chorus stopped in Athens, Greece, for programs coordinated by missionary Dino Roussos. The chorus sang for a Romanian church with an attendance of about 600, for the Omonia Church of Christ and for the Glyfada Church of Christ, according to Camp.

"On their final day, they sang their program focused on Christ for about 300 refugees of mostly Muslims from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Afghanistan, and many other places," Camp said. "The chorus was well-accepted and the refugees expressed appreciation."

### Chap Connection Launched to Support Educators

In October the LCU School of Education hosted their first "Chap Connection," an outreach effort for alumni and friends who are new teachers. It is designed for those who have been teaching three years or less and need an opportunity to refresh, retool, and reunite. The weekend training also provided six hours of professional development credit with

sessions that covered a host of topics relevant to K-12 teachers such as classroom management, assessment, managing diverse learners, and more. Participants left with new strategies and ideas to be implemented in the classroom, while gaining strength and encouragement from other colleagues and friends. If you are interested in learning more about "Chap Connection" opportunities contact Dr. Cathy Box in the School of Education at 806-720-7581 or [cathy.box@LCU.edu](mailto:cathy.box@LCU.edu). The next seminar is scheduled for October 5-6, 2012.

### LCU has 2nd Largest Enrollment in School History

August welcomed one of the largest classes of freshmen in school history and an overall enrollment of 2,038 students, which is the second largest enrollment in university history. Freshmen and their parents unloaded boxes, storage bins and armfuls of clothes, hauling them down the halls of the dorms during freshmen move-in. Faculty and upperclassmen LCU students kept with tradition in greeting students and families offering bright smiles and an extra pair of hands. Each year freshmen participate in "GO!," which is five days of activities to get freshmen oriented on college life at LCU. Classes started on Monday, August 22 along with the 55th opening chapel.

## **iPad2 Program Launches on LCU Campus**

Much like the world today, technology on the Lubbock Christian University campus is constantly evolving and, now, the university is even “involving” the student body in a pilot program that has been adopted to explore the usefulness of the iPad2 in classrooms.

The Provost’s Technology Fellows program got kick started at the beginning of the fall semester as 21 students in a Latin course and seven students in a digital moviemaking course received the tablet device in their classes. The students may use the iPads in all their academic courses and at home for the duration of the semester, with the option of purchasing the iPads at the semester’s end.

As the iPads were delivered to Dr. Carole Carroll’s classroom (Latin), students could be heard cheering as Karl Mahan, Vice President of Technological Advancement, and Robert Smith, Director of Technology Services, appeared in the room.

“I have been working at LCU since 1990 in one capacity or another and today I had a first,” said Mahan. “I walked into a classroom and the entire class broke out into applause and cheers. I was so honored and so proud, and then Robert told me, ‘They are not cheering for you, they are cheering about the iPads you are carrying in your hand! And of course, he was right.’”

During freshman orientation the LCU Technology department did some informal polling and quickly realized that most of those attending orientation were still heavily weighted toward laptops versus iPads or tablets. As one would expect all but just a very few were proud to hold up their cell phone or smart phone.

“Technology is constantly changing and we need to be exploring the new tools not only as to their usefulness, but also how to use them successfully,” said Dr. Rod Blackwood, LCU’s Provost and Chief Academic Officer. “Many members of our faculty are innovative, early adopters of new technology and

we want to encourage them by making available the tools not only for them, but their students as well. By using a small control pilot project we can evaluate the usefulness of the iPad to the student as well as demonstrate ways to use it to other faculty. In both of these ways we can use that information to help plan future directions.”

The students can thank their teachers, who submitted proposals to participate in LCU’s pilot iPad program. Participating students and instructors are expected to contribute to data collection, detailing their academic use of the iPads. The input that they offer could help the university determine whether to extend the program to additional courses, or even to ask future freshmen to come to LCU equipped with an iPad, Dr. Blackwood added.

During optional training over the summer more than 50 employees gave a day to participate. There are many professors outside the pilot group that will use iPads through the smart podiums to demonstrate academic concepts through applications of different kinds.

LCU purchased the tablets for \$500 each according to Smith. A \$400 charge will be placed on each student’s account for use of the iPad this semester. At the end of the course, the charge will remain on the account if the student decides to keep the iPad, allowing financial aid to cover the cost. Students will receive a \$400 credit on their accounts if they opt to return the iPad. The technology services department at LCU will cover the \$100 difference.

Dr. Keith Rogers, who teaches the digital moviemaking course, believes the iPad2, with its built-in camera, will serve as a useful tool. The tablet will allow his students to shoot and edit video on location and complete course assignments like short films and music videos.

“It puts the lab computer and video camera into the hands of the students,” Rogers said, pleased that his class is part of the pilot program. “They don’t have to go to a lab to do their assignments.

They don’t have to hunt down a camera and learn how to use it. They can do their assignments whenever and wherever they have a chance. There are already stories of people using the iPad2 to shoot video and pictures, editing the footage and uploading their stuff to YouTube and CNN. I am excited to see how they use the device away from classroom assignments.”

The students who received the iPad units were more than pleased to know that they had been afforded the opportunity to have assistance with their assignments for the class.

“As a student of LCU and a member of LCU’s volleyball team, I believe the iPad2 will be extremely beneficial and helpful, especially to those who travel,” said Jordan Goings, a senior from Aledo. “Since the volleyball season is a fall sport, we travel a lot throughout the semester and having an iPad2 creates a more advanced way of staying connected and a better chance of being successful (in the classroom).”

Another student from Dr. Rogers’ class expressed his excitement that LCU is moving in a more upward direction with regard to technology on campus.

“I’m really excited about the direction we are going because technology is moving so quickly toward being mobile and it’s being involved with every part of education,” said senior Jacob Parnell of Lubbock. “It’s great to see our school moving in this direction. It’s exciting because the iPad opens us up so many more possibilities for success.”

At the end of the day the idea is that this pilot program can aid in Lubbock Christian University’s mantra of having a “passionate pursuit of student success.” The Provost’s Technology Fellows program is geared toward helping to do just that.

“We need our students to not only gain knowledge while here but also gain experience, confidence, and certain skills,” emphasized Dr. Blackwood. “Technology is such a huge part of the world that most of our students are coming from and will graduate



to, we are obligated, if they are to be successful, to expose them to learning with technology. Whether they are to become a teacher, doctor, farmer, researcher or homemaker, technology will be a part of their life. Their success in whatever role they choose will, in part, be determined by their use of technology.”

### Conny Martin Artwork Featured in Fall Show

Lubbock Christian University hosted a retrospective exhibition of the artwork of Lubbock artist Conny Martin (1925-2010) in the LCU Art Galleries, located in the Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement, on campus. The exhibition, entitled *Yet to Be Said*, featured painted and bronze works including those inspired by Martin’s travels and portraits of friends and family.

A nationally-known fine artist, Conny was a major contributor to the Lubbock art scene locally as well as statewide. She was a founding member of the South Plains Art Guild, which blended into the Lubbock Art Association in 1959 and was part of the organizing group that was responsible for the building of the Municipal Garden and Arts Center. She taught art in her home studio for many years.

Conny and her husband, C.B., traveled the world, taking tours to the most unusual places they could find. Conny always had her sketchbook with her drawing scenes and people on site. She was a long-time supporter and friend of LCU with one of her legacies on campus being a contributor, along with



One of the many pieces of art from the late Conny Martin.

her siblings, towards the renovation of the McDonald Moody Auditorium, which was renamed in memory of her parents, Alex and Lola McDonald.

### Guest Artist Recital Hosted at LCU

A guest artist recital featuring David Riddle, composer and pianist, and Ms. Terry Hawkins, mezzo-soprano, was hosted in September in Johnson Recital Hall in the Allison Music Center on the LCU campus. David performed his composition “Celebration of the Distaff,” and Terry sang selections from the art song repertoire and musical theatre, supported by Dr. Ruth Holmes, Professor of Music at LCU.

Riddle is a native Texan whose father was a Presbyterian minister and whose mother was a church musician. He began piano lessons at age six, and continued with Blaise Montandon at Del Mar Jr. College, Corpus Christi. At SWTSTC in San Marcos, he studied with Jack Guerry, and at UT in Austin, with Henri Pantillon. After a career as a Presbyterian minister and clinical psychologist, he “retired” several years ago to return to the piano keyboard, which he had left 30 years before. He presently studies with Eugene Barban at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C.

Terry Hawkins is a native of Odessa and a graduate of Permian High School and Odessa College. Prior to her graduating from North Texas University in Music Education, voice and piano in 1976, she studied harmony, solfeggio, and piano in Fontainebleau, France with Nadia Boulanger and Annette Doudine. Ms. Hawkins taught voice at LCU for two years, worked as a social worker for the State of Texas for 10 years and eventually went to Texas Tech Law School to earn her law degree in 1996. While she loves practicing elder law and guardianships in Lubbock, her true passion is to sing. Besides singing with First Methodist Church Choir, she has soloed with the Midland/Odessa Symphony, the Lubbock Symphony, Roswell and Texas Tech symphonies. She has sung in many operas, musicals and recitals all over the West Texas area. Ms. Hawkins and her husband, Dr. Douglas Klepper, enjoy volunteering in many capacities.

Dr. Ruth Holmes is Professor of Music at LCU, having begun teaching part-time in the fall of 2010 after 35 years of full-time teaching many different courses in fine arts. Holmes has edited Eighteenth Century keyboard music published by Oxford University Press, and contributes book reviews to the American Music Teachers Journal. She performs regularly on both piano and harpsichord for the Lubbock community.

### Student Serving Internship in D.C.

The University Honors Program at Lubbock Christian University, led by Dr. Stacy Patty, works closely with departmental advisors to aid honors students with the best possible internships. In addition to invaluable learning experiences, often these internship opportunities provide job promises for the future.

Many honors students take advantage of special internship opportunities offered through the Honors Program. Some students choose to work in the Lubbock area, but others have spent a semester at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Programs. During the fall semester, Kyler Pool, a criminal justice major from Lubbock, took advantage of the opportunity to spend time in our nation’s capital as he interned in Washington, D.C.

“The first time I heard about the program was when (Director of University Advancement and Alumni Relations) Matt Paden came and talked to me after he got back from visiting (LCU alum) Karson Nance when he was up here (Washington, D.C.) last year,” said Pool via phone call from D.C. “Flying in and seeing all of the buildings and monuments was very cool for me. I had been here once before but I was on a tour bus for most of it, so I didn’t get a good feel for it. So far I have really enjoyed the city though ...it offers a lot for young people. I have never done anything like this at all. I grew up in Lubbock as well, so this is my first time living away from Lubbock, so it’s pretty exciting.”

Kyler was in the top three among approximately 400-500 students from

colleges across America, who applied for internships. In addition to keeping up with about 12-15 academic credits, he is working with the Potomac Advocates at the capital, a lobbying/consulting firm that specializes in National Defense and American Intelligence.

“As far as what I do in the office, I write reports and work closely with their four main partners,” explained Pool. “The office I work at is on Capitol Hill, so I get to sit in on a few sessions of Congress when they discuss anything that applies to my job.”

Like all of the five previous LCU students who have been fortunate to experience the internship life in D.C., Pool hopes to use this time as a springboard to his future.

“More than anything, I hope to network enough, so that when I graduate, I can have a job waiting for me,” said Pool, who is the son of Rhonda Pool from the LCU Admissions Office. “With the numerous networking opportunities available here, I should be able to do that.”

Pool is the sixth intern that LCU has sent to Washington, D.C. The others are: **Taylor Lassiter** ('07), **Jessica Boffey Wilson** ('07), **Sara Vela Cody** ('08), **Kari Jones** ('09) and **Karson Nance** ('11). LCU student Diana Eid has accepted an internship in D.C. for the spring semester, and four students have commitments for the fall 2012 semester.

### **2nd Annual LCU Writing Carnival**

Jana Anderson, LCU assistant professor of English and Director of the University Writing Center and the Writing Carnival, perhaps said it best: “Our carnival is so much fun, even the rain wanted to come.”

A brief but refreshing rain shower briefly interrupted the 2nd Annual Writing Carnival held in the mall at LCU on September 14, but it did not dim the atmosphere or the creativity as over 300 students chowed down on carnival food (street tacos and

hot dogs, compliments of Aramark Food Services) and tried their hands at various writing booths placed in strategic locations in the mall.

Students, faculty, and staff wrote haiku and limericks, played word games, worked magnetic poems, and honed their storytelling skills in the favorite contest, the 6-Word Story. They also had the opportunity to try their skill at one of the new carnival events, The Lord of the Rings toss, inspired by Jerry Shelton, LCU's Director of Marketing.



Students enjoyed the variety of writing related games at the 2nd annual LCU Writing Carnival.

For the second year, the 24-hour reading marathon kicked off the carnival. This year's book was the trilogy of *The Lord of the Rings*. Of course, they did not come close to finishing all three books, but at the end of the 24 hours, the readers were well into the second novel. Reading from the steps of the McDonald Moody, 38 readers, including students, faculty, and staff, entertained large and small audiences during the marathon.

As evening approached and the reading continued, students were invited to meet in the mall area for a costume contest, presenting themselves as a favorite character from

Tolkien's series. Chase Smith, junior youth and family ministry major from Meadow, won the grand prize as a Ringwraith, wielding his sword and swathed in black. His enthusiasm for the event was contagious, as classmates rallied around him and cheered his win. Said Smith, “I love this whole event! This is one of the best things we do at LCU.”

About 10:00 p.m. that night, campers started showing up with sleeping bags, pillows, tents, and even a huge air mattress, as students laid out under the stars and the watchful eye of the giant chap and listened to Tolkien's beautiful tale of bravery and courage. As the voices of the nighttime readers echoed through the mall, students visited quietly and consumed the pizza and drinks provided by Student Affairs. They created their own version of Middle Earth, a place between the soil and the stars.

As dusk turned to dawn, the readers rallied on, encouraged by classmates, faculty, and staff who stopped to listen to them recite some of Tolkien's most cherished words. The reading of the series ended at the conclusion of chapel, as Josh Stephens, Dean of Students, appeared dressed as Gimli, the dwarf, to close the final chapter and officially “open” the carnival of events.

Candied apples and contests sweetened the day, and Ken Birch, senior interdisciplinary studies/early childhood education major, commented on the value of this event for himself and for his friends: “I came to this event not knowing what to expect. What I found here was camaraderie, a real sense of community, and what I have come to love about LCU: a genuine care and love for each other. I wish I could come again next year.”

### **“No Debt, No Sweat” Program On Campus**

A special program to help assist Lubbock Christian University freshmen with their money management skills took place on campus in September. Steve Diggs was the presenter for the





One of America's most sought after speakers, Steve Diggs, was on the LCU campus to present his "No Debt, No Sweat" seminar to students.

event entitled after his book, *No Debt No Sweat!*.

"Hopefully this (program) will have a positive impact on the LCU freshmen and it directly supports one of the four pillars of the university," said Tracy Mack, Assistant Professor of Business.

Over 300 students participated in the two-day seminar. The program was part of the course work for UNI1170-University Seminar, a required course for all freshmen, regardless of their major.

"This was a very good, highly professional event and our students will benefit greatly from being in attendance," Mr. Mack summarized. "(We look forward) to making our students better prepared for life during and after LCU."

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) helped to facilitate the seminar, along with the Student Affairs Office. "No Debt, No Sweat" is a Christian money management short-course focusing on the spiritual and practical aspects of money. Having spoken internationally over 2,000 times, Steve Diggs is one of

America's most sought after speakers on the life-skills, money-skills, and "like"-skills that lead to vigorous, productive, motivated lives. Over 250 times each year, Diggs blends his unique sense of humor and passion as he speaks with authority on a host of topics. He has over 35 years of experience in helping people be their best.

#### **New Trustee Named**

Jim Cardwell of El Paso was recently appointed to the Lubbock Christian University Board of Trustees. He is the President of C&R Distributing, Inc., a fuel distribution company with multiple arms. Jim and his wife, Julie, are involved with the Westside Church of Christ in El Paso where Jim serves as youth deacon. They have two children – Trey and Ashley.

#### **Abby Rike Keynote Speaker During Wellness Week**

The Lubbock Christian University campus reached out to all faculty, staff and students through "Wellness Week" with several events to promote health and wellness across the campus.

"Several departments on campus

came together over the summer and acknowledged the importance of promoting a holistic approach to individual wellness," said Sarah Cody, former Financial Affairs Coordinator for LCU and a member of the organizing committee. "This week was intended to emphasize spiritual, emotional and physical well being for our faculty, staff and students."

Highlighting the week's activities was a guest appearance by Abby Rike, who is a former contestant on "The Biggest Loser" television show. She shared her inspirational story that she so eloquently touches on in her book *Working It Out: A Journey of Love, Loss and Hope*. United Supermarkets partnered with LCU to bring Rike to campus.

A favorite high school theater and debate teacher, Rike spent 13 years inspiring students to achieve their personal best. In 2006, Abby faced an unfathomable tragedy when she lost her husband and two young children in a fatal car crash. With God's grace, she chose to forge ahead to create new life. Abby embarked on a very public journey of healing and wellness when she went on NBC's hit reality series "The Biggest Loser" in 2009. Now a motivational speaker and author, Abby feels blessed to have had the opportunity to realize God's grace full circle and is compelled to share it with others. She shared how you can experience healing through a healthy lifestyle, and the crowd was able to witness her vigor for life as she presented herself as a living example that there is always hope, even in your darkest hour.

#### **Teacher Cadet Corps at LCU Train LISD Elementary Students for Mentoring**

Lubbock Christian University's School of Education hosted their annual Teacher Cadet Corps in October. The Teacher Cadet Corps is a cross-age tutoring program designed and taught by LCU Elementary Education faculty to train Lubbock Independent School District students to tutor younger students at their school. Over 60 fourth and fifth grade students from



Dr. Dana Reeger, Associate Professor of Education, teaching elementary students to be mentors in their schools through Cadet Corps.

Brown, Hardwick, and Rush Elementary schools participated. The students attended five sessions that trained them in storytelling, reading, listening, and questioning techniques to use as they work with and mentor first and second grade students on their campus. The group gets a taste of college-life by eating lunch in the cafeteria with LCU students and touring the campus, and the day concluded with a graduation ceremony.

**Cardwell Welcome Center Awarded Highest Rating from National Council**

Lubbock Christian University is pleased to announce that the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design has awarded the Cardwell Welcome Center with a platinum rating, the highest certification attainable from the council.

The Cardwell Welcome Center has many green initiatives incorporated and the Platinum Certification is truly an honor in which the university can take pride. There are currently 260 new construction projects in Texas that are registered with LEEDs and only 11 of them have a Platinum Certification.

“Getting any sort of good rating through LEEDS is a difficult task,” said Mr. Alex Scarborough, a member of the Alliance for a Sustainable Lubbock committee, who made the presentation to LCU. “The sheer amount of paperwork

is daunting. It takes diligence and a tremendous amount of effort. This is a significant thing for LCU.”

The Alliance for a Sustainable Lubbock is a network of ordinary people from different sectors of the community, who work together on an informal basis to improve the way of life in Lubbock and the High South Plains. They are as concerned about personal well being and enrichment of community life as they are about water conservation, harmony with nature, and elimination of waste and energy efficiency. The Alliance promotes constructive change by celebrating local achievements and providing networking events and services to its participants. Last spring the Alliance sponsored a Culinary Festival on Earth Day. Participants come together to dine on locally produced meat and produce, while honoring local achievements in sustainability, with LCU being one of the businesses honored. Larry Sullivan, who grew up in West Texas and now teaches Landscape Architecture at Texas Tech, is the director of events and networking operations.

The Cardwell Welcome Center, opened in 2010, changed the “face” of the university as viewed from 19th Street. The F.W. Mattox Administration Building had been the front building at the entry point of the university since 1958.

The beautifully designed building complex has a 65-foot, all glass rotunda at its center, from which four wings extend East and West. The copper tiled rotunda towers several feet above the height of the four wings, and has the capacity to hold approximately 200 people for various events related to the university. Each wing contains a variety of office spaces, conference rooms, and flexible, general use open areas. The departments occupying the new facility are Admissions, University Advancement, Public Relations, Alumni Relations, and Marketing/ Communications. MWM Architects, Inc. of Lubbock was the architectural firm who partnered with LCU on this innovative, green project.

LCU has been and continues to be an area trendsetter in using ecologically responsible, sustainable measures to conserve energy and reduce the amount of waste and carbon emissions produced by the institution.

In the Cardwell Welcome Center effective use of insulation in the walls, roof, and under the concrete slab floor minimizes heat loss or gain, thereby conserving energy, reducing costs by about one-third of what would be typical for a building this size. Heating and cooling are accomplished by the use of ground source heat pumps. In this operation, the earth and the newly enlarged playa lake on campus property will serve as a heat sink to supply heat in the winter and absorb heat in the summer. The heat transfer requires electricity for operation of the heat pumps, but no natural gas is consumed to create heat. Energy requirements for heating and cooling the all-glass rotunda are also minimized by use of double-pane glass containing argon and a transparent reflective film between the two panes. These windows are three times more efficient than typical commercial glass.

The parking area pavement around



Alex Scarborough, a member of the Alliance for a Sustainable Lubbock, presented LCU the LEEDs Platinum Award.



the building is light in color in order to reflect the sun's heat, rather than absorb it. Shade trees have been planted around the perimeter, irrigated by captured rainwater from the building roof, supplemented with non-potable well water.

As a part of the university green initiative, the playa lake at the southwest corner of the LCU campus has been enlarged. This will primarily serve as a heat sink for the heating and cooling of several campus buildings, but it is also designed to contain campus storm water runoff. The slope of the campus is generally downward from the north to the south, which directs storm water into the playa for later reuse in landscape irrigation.

To preserve high quality indoor air inside the building, polished concrete floors were used, which eliminate carpet and any possible air contamination resulting from its use. Freon has been previously denounced as a destructor of the ozone layer at high atmospheric elevations so each of the heat pumps for the HVAC system uses the newly approved refrigerant R 410A, as opposed to Freon.

During the construction of the building, about 85% of the construction waste was recycled, rather than deposited into a landfill. This included cardboard, concrete rubble, paper, plastic, metal, wood, land clearing debris, and brick. The plastics and metals were taken to local recycling plants, but some of the other materials were reused right on campus. Land clearing debris was converted to mulch and used for campus landscaping, while wood and bricks were cleaned and used in other campus projects, with some wood even given to employees for use in home projects. Concrete rubble was crushed and used as road fill on campus or given to another concrete company for use as aggregate in new concrete.

### Commencement Gowns Green

As another ecological element of LCU going green, The Chap Store on campus sourced commencement gowns that are made from 100% recycled plastic bottles.

"We started with the Master's gowns for December 2010 graduation and have now incorporated the undergraduate gowns," said Denise McNeill, Chap Store manager, "They are called GreenWeaver and are made from fabric that is spun from molten plastic pellets. It takes an average 23 bottles to make each gown."

The supplier, Oak Hall, says that about 5% of colleges and universities are supporting GreenWeaver. Across the US 310,000 graduates wore GreenWeaver, which removed 7,130,000 plastic bottles from landfills to make the gowns. The Chap Store also uses a recycled bag for store purchases. The white plastic recycled carry-all bags are constructed from 20% post-consumer waste, 20% post-industrial waste and 20% calcium carbonate.

### Philanthropist, John Coors, Visits LCU

John K. Coors is head of a large successful family-owned company, but his heart lies in missionary and philanthropic work in Africa. LCU was fortunate enough to host him on campus in November as a guest chapel speaker.

Coors serves as Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of CoorsTek, Inc. based in Golden, Colorado, near Denver. CoorsTek has become the largest technical ceramics manufacturer in North America and develops custom engineering experts for tomorrow's next-generation

technologies. The company is owned by a trust of the Coors family and John is a great-grandson of founder and brewing magnate Adolph Coors.

John and his wife, Sharna, have a passion for Africa having founded Community Uplift Ministries, a Christian non-profit organization which works on several initiatives in Africa. Coors was already coming to speak at LCU and meet with some members of the community on campus, but when he learned about the campus poverty initiative he wanted to meet with students, faculty, and staff to discuss in a more personal setting his work in Africa.

John and Sharna have nine children (the oldest four are biological, the youngest five are adopted – two of whom are African-American). In 2001, John was flying from Amsterdam to Nairobi, Kenya because he felt compelled to find out more about one of his adopted son's African roots. In the middle of the night, he woke up just as they were crossing from the Sahara Desert into sub-Saharan Africa. He knew there were millions of people living down there, but as he looked, he could see no lights. John felt God was telling them to do something about that. A plan came to mind then soon developed. John had some previous work experience in rural energy development in Africa when he was with a solar electric company in the mid 1990s. That's when he discovered that one-third of the world has no access to electricity.



John Coors from CoorsTek and Community Uplift Ministries visits with the campus about his philanthropic work in Africa.

John was shocked. But he couldn't solve that problem working out of the U.S. The Coors' decided to partner with a Kenyan ministry called Servanthood and Light Development Foundation. This organization has a great degree of autonomy in carrying out operations.

One of the challenges that people in Africa must overcome every day is the gathering of fuel. In order to cook and provide heat, a family often has to hunt wood or other fuels, sometimes for extended periods of time. This hunt takes away precious time that could be used in other, more productive ways and often separates mothers from their children for hours every day. John Coors is working to help find practical solutions to this problem, in conjunction with communities in Kenya and Mozambique.

### Chap Days at LCU for High School Students

Chap Days are extremely beneficial to high school students (and their parents) who are looking at and considering LCU as their college of choice. They include a department fair, where students can meet professors from each of LCU's distinguished departments, as well as financial aid seminars, where the Financial Aid Office will walk parents through the payment process and answer questions about financial aid, tuition, and scholarships. Current students from nearly every major lead campus tours, and a visit to the dorms is included. Also, Chap Days provide early registration for incoming freshmen, allowing them first choice for any classes that they may want to take.

Chap Days are open to any high school student who is interested in learning more about LCU. Not only are they beneficial for touring the campus and meeting professors, they are also a great place to meet other prospective students. The dates for upcoming Chap Days for the spring are February 20, April 2, and April 23. If one of the Chap Day dates doesn't fit your schedule, please call the Admissions Department at 806.720.7244 to schedule an individual visit.

## Technology Initiatives Across Campus Increase Innovation in the Classroom



Dr. Kregg Fehr uses an iPad app to bring visiting experiences into the classroom.

As society continues moving forward with integrating technology into every aspect of life, LCU continues moving forward in intergrading technology across campus and into the classroom. Below are just a few examples of iPad and technology use in various classrooms, programs, and studies. To view more snapshots of technology integration visit [LCU.edu/technology](http://LCU.edu/technology).

**Dr. Kregg Fehr**, Visiting Professor of History in the Department of Humanities, has an iPad app that allows him to take students on urban walking tours while sitting in the classroom in his Urban History class. It allows students to view some of the city's architectural wonders and different ethnic regions of the city, as if they were

there and walking through the city. The added visuals along with Dr. Fehr's talent of being a powerful story teller contribute to the success of the course and its students without actually leaving campus to go to a location.

**Dr. Michael Martin**, Assistant Professor of New Testament in the Bible Department, met with his Bible class discussing the book of Mark in the ITV room on campus and used Panopto, LCU's class capture system. Not only did he capture his lesson so that other students not able to be in Lubbock could review it at a later time, but he also streamed it live to students who were able to access the lecture in real time from their computer at home or at work. Students were able to participate in classroom conversation by sending questions that Martin answered while on camera.

**Dr. JoAnn Long**, Professor of Nursing and Director of Research & Development in the Nursing Department, has been interested in the influence of diet on health for quite some time. Several years ago she wanted to study people using portable devices as they reported their choices for food and drink intake, which turned into a cell phone study. She and her daughter, **Laurel Littlefield ('05)**, have been doing some interesting research. Laurel is a graduate student at Baylor in Exercise Physiology, Nutrition, and Preventive Medicine and has worked as a research team member on the phone project for the past three years. Other LCU people who have been involved are Dr. Toby Rogers, Dr. Gary Estep, Dr. Dean Culpepper, Darrell Price, Dr. Carol Boswell, and **Gina Kuenzi ('11)**. Drs. Long and Boswell presented the final study findings this fall at the International Sigma Theta Tau Convention where 2000 nurses converged from more than 45 countries. There was so much interest in the phone study that there was standing room only in their session.

**These are but a few stories of how LCU staff, and faculty are using technology to equip our students. To see more visit [LCU.edu/technology](http://LCU.edu/technology).**



**1962** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**1967** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**1968**

**Gary and Terry (Moore) Davenport**  
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They recently completed their first semester of teaching English in the Yangtze River University in Jingzhou, Hubei Province, China. Visit [tjsman.wordpress.com](http://tjsman.wordpress.com) to learn more about their activities.

**1972** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**1977** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**Dr. Mike and Charla Bishop**  
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Paris, TX 75460

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Mike maintains a private therapy practice and is Core Faculty at Capella University's Marriage and Family Therapy program. He is President-Elect of the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and has been appointed to the National Ethics Committee of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

**1980**

**Dr. Donald R. Ray Collins**  
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Houston, TX 77095  
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Dr. Collins wrote *Conducting Multi-Generational Qualitative Research in Education: An Experiment in Grounded Theory* (Peter Lang). The book outlines a methodology for viewing multiple generations of African Americans, specifically those who were called or called themselves Negro, Colored, Black or African American (NCBAA). He is an associate professor at Prairie View A&M University and has also published scholarly articles on qualitative research and higher education assessment and a book chapter (Peter Lang) on the education of African American children. Donald and Karon (Elzy) have been married for 28 years and have two adult children, Grace and Cody. They are members of the West Houston Church of Christ.

**Sheila (Ludwig) Dye**  
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[sheilad@baylorhealth.edu](mailto:sheilad@baylorhealth.edu)  
Sheila was recently appointment to Vice President of Talent Acquisition, Retention

and HR Communications for Baylor Health Care System in Dallas, Texas. She is a member of the Board of Trustees at LCU and serves as a board member of Group One, Inc., a subsidiary of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council.

**1982** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**1985**

**Jerry Isler**  
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Jerry has been hired as Head Coach for the Men's Basketball program at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. He was previously at Clovis High School in Clovis, NM, where he was the coach for 20 seasons. There, he posted a 209-70 overall record (.749), won five district titles, made the state tournament all 10 and reach the state title game in 2009.

**David and Vicky (Utter) Stinson**  
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Spokane, WA 99223  
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**1987** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**1989**

**Scott and Lori (Oakley) Craig**  
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Lori and Scott were married in Carlsbad, New Mexico, January 1, 2011. They have six children: Jacob, Robby, Haley, Allison, Kaitlyn, and Nicholas. They are making their home in Lubbock where Scott is an RN for the Lubbock State-Supported Living Center and Lori works for Adult Protective Services as a social worker.

**1991**

**Dr. Mondy Brewer**  
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[mondy.brewer@LCU.edu](mailto:mondy.brewer@LCU.edu)

Mondy earned his doctorate in leadership this past spring and has recently taken a position as Assistant Professor of Leadership while continuing to direct LCU's University Mentoring Program.

**1992** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**Dr. Michael Hardin**  
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Lubbock, TX 79407  
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Dr. Hardin and Robin Renfrew ('10) have co-authored a children's grief book called *Jungle of Grief*. The book offers hope to

those children who have experienced a loss through death and are on their own individual journey of grief. Books can be obtained through Hospice of Lubbock.

**Richard and Connie (Click, '93) Light**  
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Richard works for Accolade Home Care. They have one daughter, Aleisha, who just turned 13.

**1993**

**David and Kimberly (Davis) Futrell**  
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[kdavis@pharosfunds.com](mailto:kdavis@pharosfunds.com)

Kimberly and husband, David, are the proud parents of daughter, Gillian Grace, born July 15, 2011.

**Angela (Conner) Morgan**  
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Angie was voted Professor of the Year by the student body of Ohio Valley University. She also received this award for the 2004-2005 school year.

**Dr. Andy and Stacy (Bigger, '96) Young**

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Andy and Stacy are excited to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Ella Katherine Young, born May 23, 2011.

**1996**

**Chris and Susan Horton**  
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Minco, OK 73059  
[shortons@gmail.com](mailto:shortons@gmail.com)

Chris and Susan are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Kate, born March 21, 2011. Proud siblings are Emily, Grace, Leah, Hank, Eli and Ben.

**1997** *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**Jason and Kristy (Decker) Copeland**  
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Abilene, TX 79601  
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Jason and Kristy are the proud parents of Tate Craig Copeland, born April 26, 2011, and Laney Brooke Copeland, born September 28, 2007.

## 2001

**Krista Dugan**  
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Krista.Dugan@yahoo.com  
Krista is Regional Director of Marketing for Regency Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers.

**Skip and Kelly (Jamison) Martin**  
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**John and Dena (Ford) Schimmel**  
1324 Flintshire Ln  
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John and Dena are the proud parents of son, John David (JD) Schimmel, born April 28, 2011.

**Shane and Heather Shuttlesworth**  
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Shane and Heather welcomed daughter, Brooklyn, born August 27, 2011.

**Aaron and Valisa (Bundy, '99) Tungate**  
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Ft Worth, TX 76132  
aarontungate@yahoo.com  
Aaron and Valisa welcomed daughter Vayle Pamela Tungate, November 25, 2010 -- Thanksgiving Day! Proud big brothers are Luke (6) and Ben (3).

## 2002 *Reunion: Homecoming 2012*

**Jason and Andrea Dixon**  
3138 Meandering Way  
Granbury, TX 76049  
jasondixon00@gmail.com  
Jason and Andrea are the proud parents of daughter, Reagan Sage Dixon, born June 27, 2011.

**Link and Monica (Witcher, '03) Blevins**  
3002 111th St  
Lubbock, TX 79423  
linkandmonica@hotmail.com  
Link left youth ministry after several years at Sunset Church of Christ and now is the Assistant Director of Career Services for LCU while pursuing a degree in counseling. He and Monica have two sons, Levi and Benjamin.

## 2003

**David and Stacy (Bybee) Bolton**  
216 N 23rd St  
Lamesa, TX 79331  
sболton@lamesaisd.net  
David and Stacy are the proud parents of son, Bryson Bolton, born December 14, 2010.

**Trent and Heather (Brown) Ellis**  
133 Forest Brook  
Red Oak, TX 75154  
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Trent and Heather have a new baby girl, Ava Ruth Ellis, born May 23, 2011.

**Jorge and Sharon (Jimenez) Mendez**  
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Jorge and Sharon are the proud parents of daughter, Ryleigh Paige Mendez, who was born June 22, 2010.

## 2005

**Ryan and Kami Hamblin**  
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bradley.r.hamblin@wellsfargo.com  
Ryan and Kami are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper, born June 3, 2011. Taylor, born December 10, 2008, is the proud big sister.

## 2006

**Zach and Monica (Lopez, '02) Barnard**  
3106 County Rd  
Lubbock, TX 79423  
mdbarnard@yahoo.com  
Zach and Monica are the proud parents of daughter, Zaya Jean Barnard. They have another daughter, Bella.

**Zac and Liz (Browning) Bell**  
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Elizabethbell22@yahoo.com  
Zac and Liz are excited to announce the birth of their son, Bennett Ray Bell, born February 15, 2011.

**Jeremy and Kimberly ('07) Lukas**  
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**Nathan and Tiffani (Tucek) Pittman**  
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Smyer, TX 79367  
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Nathan and Tiffani have one daughter, Makayla Nicole Pittman, born October 14, 2009.

**Ross and Alishia (Stucks) Wyman**  
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Odessa, TX 79762  
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Ross and Alishia are proud to introduce their daughter, Abigail Marie Wyman, born October 10, 2010.

**2007 *Reunion: Homecoming 2012***  
**Ben and Amanda (Ellis, '06) Boston**  
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Lubbock, TX 79424  
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**Amy Coombes**  
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Amy has recently accepted a position as the Human Resources Director for Lea County in Lovington, NM.

**Kurt and Pamela (Hill) Maxwell**  
PO Box 198  
Welch, TX 79377  
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Kurt has accepted a new coaching job in Welch, Texas.

**Rob and Rachael O'Lynn**  
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rob.olynn@gmail.com  
Rob has been appointed Assistant Professor of Preaching and Ministry at Kentucky Christian University, following two years of teaching part-time. He is also working on his DMin in Homiletics at the Harding School of Theology. Rob has been married to Rachael since 2002, and they have two children, Caleb and Kyla.



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– don't forget to include  
recent births, job changes,  
promotions, marriages,  
moves, etc.



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Wheeler**

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Josh and Mandy are the proud parents of  
son, Jackson Paul Wheeler, born June 2,  
2011.

**Gene Whitmore  
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Gene is an Army National Guard Chaplain  
with a civilian career in private equity  
management. He has been selected as  
one of only three investment advisors  
to the Department of Defense in the  
management of its Military Retirement  
Fund and other trust funds (\$633 billion).  
Their job is to increase these funds.

**2009**

**Aaron Watson  
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Aaron graduated from Texas Tech  
University Health Sciences Center in May  
2011 with a Masters degree in Athletic  
Training. He has been hired as the  
assistant athletic trainer at Tascosa High  
School in Amarillo, Texas.

**2010**

**Whitney Dye  
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Whitney is a recruiter for Tyler  
Technologies.

**GENERATIONS OF  
ROOMMATES**

- pictured  
(l to r) are Dalton Pruitt, son of  
**Bart ('85) and Rachael (Hise,  
'86) Pruitt**, Harvie Pruitt, Jack  
Rigney, Jr., and Jacob Hamil,  
son of **Lonnie and Donna  
(Rigney) Hamil ('84)**. Dalton  
and Jacob are roommates at  
LCU and their grandfathers  
they are pictured with were  
roommates years ago at then  
Abilene Christian College.

**Tye and Hayley (Massey) Mason  
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Tye and Hayley are excited to introduce  
their daughter, Ayden Scarlett Mason, born  
August 13, 2010.

**Robin Renfrew  
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Robin Renfrew and Dr. Michael Hardin ('92)  
have co-authored a children's grief book  
called *Jungle of Grief*. The book offers hope  
to those children who have experienced a  
loss through death and are on their own  
individual journey of grief. Books can be  
obtained through Hospice of Lubbock.

**2011**

**Bill and Toni (Barrett) Ayres  
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Bill and Toni are the proud parents of  
Dylan, born January 4, 2011.

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Bernadette was accepted in a British  
International School where she works as a  
Teaching Assistant with children ages 5-7  
and children with special needs.

**Master Follies  
Homecoming  
Weekend 2012  
February 2-4**

**Golden Anniversary  
Reunion:  
Class of 1962**

**Other reunion years are:  
1962, 1967, 1972, 1977,  
1982, 1987, 1992, 1997,  
2002, 2007**



# *In Memoriam*

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■ **Connie Ward Earsley ('90)** of Lubbock died May 6, 2011 after a long battle with kidney cancer. Connie is survived by her husband, Jim, and son, Todd. Connie lived a full life: from being a member of the NFL Saints dance team for two years; executive director of the TTU Lettermen's Association; the Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary Club; the South Plains Trust Council; and the Lubbock Chapter of the Texas Society of CPA's.

■ **Howard Blaine Higgins** passed away September 2, 2011 in Hereford, Texas at the age of 92 years. Mr. Higgins served as a LCU Trustee from 1963-1969. Survivors include his daughters, Donna Milam and her husband, Loyd; Sandra Dixon and her husband, Eldredge; Carolyn Fry and her husband, Dywane; and Jonnie Sue McDonald and her husband, Jim, as well as eleven grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild. Donations may be made to Christian Relief Fund, PO Box 19670, Amarillo, TX 79114-1670.

■ **Dr. Norman Keener**, former LCU Professor of Psychology and Sociology, passed away May 19, 2011, at the age of 85 following a lengthy illness. Dr. Keener is survived by his devoted wife, Reba, of 63 years; a son, Gary and his wife, Molly; daughter, Debbie and her husband, Carl; and son, Phillip and his wife, Valerie; as well as eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

■ **Honorable Judge Larry Brown "Rusty" Ladd ('75)** of Lubbock passed away on September 30, 2011, at the age of 59, following an accident. A dedicated jurist, a devoted husband and father, and a deeply faithful man of God, Rusty was known and loved by many. He is survived by his wife, **Irene (Silvey, '78)**, their daughter, Katie Kendle and her husband Josh; their sons, Matthew, Joshua and Paul Ladd; their grandchildren, Gabriel and Anna Kathryn Kendle. A scholarship has been established at LCU in his memory by family and friends – the Honorable Larry Brown "Rusty" Ladd Scholarship. Donations may be sent to LCU Department of Advancement, 5601 19th Street, Lubbock, TX 79407 with a notation of Ladd Scholarship Fund.

■ **Bradley Neu ('08)**, award-winning Lubbock High science teacher, lost his battle to cancer on August 26, 2011. The 38-year-old Neu won several teaching awards and was a favorite among students at LHS. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brad Neu Scholarship Fund at the First State Bank, PO Box 10, Gainesville, TX 76241-0010. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student with an interest in science.

■ **Mary Kristen (Gregory) Parr ('10)** of Lubbock passed away on October 31, 2011, at the age of 36 from Crohn's Disease. Mary is survived by her husband, Brent Parr; and her three children, Gage, Hailey, and Tabitha Gregory. Donations can be made to the Mary Kristen Parr Memorial Fund to benefit her children at PlainsCapital Bank, 5010 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79413.

■ **Joshua Allen Seale ('11)**, 27, of Lubbock passed away on November 2, 2011, following a car accident. Josh graduated in May 2011 with a degree in communications. Survivors include his parents, Fred and Claire Harpham Seale; one brother, Jay Seale and wife, Robin; one sister, Melissa Seale; and paternal grandmother, Allene Seale.

■ **Shirley Williams** passed away December 23, 2010, in Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. Williams worked in the LCU Post Office 1980-1984. She is survived by her son, **Bruce Williams ('83)**.



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Ava Ruth Ellis, daughter of Trent and Heather (Brown, '03) Ellis of Red Oak, Texas.



Ardyn Tenley Foster, daughter of Wes and Marlayna (Workman, '00) Foster of Lubbock, Texas.



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