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The LCU Difference

Higher education finds itself under a microscope, subject to intense scrutiny about its continuing value. One recent book that offers a strong critique of higher education is entitled simply, "Is College Worth It?" The question of "value" is typically framed in simple economic terms. Do students obtain a sufficient *return on investment* from their college degree?

The focus on economic return is understandable at a time when tuition costs continue to rise, most graduates leave college with some debt, and government support for higher education is in decline. Even so, viewed simply in economic terms, a college degree continues to be a very

good investment. Statistics reflect that a college graduate will earn substantially more over a lifetime than a person without a college degree. Indeed, a recent survey by payscale.com found a very strong "return on investment" from an LCU degree, one that exceeded that of many older, larger, and better-endowed institutions.

But the LCU Difference is about more than mere economic return. Don't get me wrong. During all of our fifty-six years we have worked to prepare students for life after college, to graduate "career-ready" students. And, indeed, we do that very thing extraordinarily well in every course of study we offer today.

But neither is an LCU education only about a degree or a job, important as that is. It is about preparing students for lives of meaning and purpose; It's about equipping students to serve a hurting world; It's about helping students be attentive to how God is calling them to join in his redemptive work in the world; It is about strengthening faith and changing lives. There is no economic scale or formula that can accurately measure the value of that.

This issue of *Reflections* shares the stories of several who embody the LCU Difference. And for each story we include here, there are thousands more untold stories of LCU faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends who are making a difference where they are. Perhaps you know some of them, work with some of them, sit next to some of them in church, or encounter them in airports as they board planes for destinations where they will fulfill work assignments.

Is college worth it? Each day, in the lives of the students we teach and touch, we answer that question. Yes!



L. Timothy Perrin, JD
President

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Front Cover Larry Hays, former Chaps Baseball Coach, presents a commemorative plaque to Randy Velarde, former Chaps player, at the induction of the 1983 national championship team into the LCU Athletics Hall of Honor.

Back Cover The front building of campus, the Cardwell Welcome Center, lit for the Christmas season in the LCU spirited color of BLUE.

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The LCU Honors Program directs a growing internship opportunity in partnership with The Washington Center, pictured here. Read more about this partnership on page 10.

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Visit LCUchaps.com for various athletic camps; LCUcamps.com for other summer camp opportunities at LCU like science camp and Get sm'ART Camp; and pinespringscamp.com for session listings at Pine Springs in New Mexico.



Thirty Years L



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Championship Remembered, Life Celebrated

For Coach Larry Hays, it was the culmination of a decade-long effort to build a championship baseball program at his alma mater. For the members of the 1983 baseball team, it was the realization of a dream that had drawn them together from across the U.S. For Lubbock Christian University, it was an historic achievement, the first team national championship in university history.

Thirty years later, in September of 2013, the members of the 1983 NAIA World Series Champions gathered on the LCU campus to celebrate and remember.

As the years pass, those memories – while still sweet – do begin to grow more faint as life continues to unfold. Baseball players graduate and turn into business professionals, husbands, and dads as they move into careers, establish families, and raise kids. Some of them start businesses; some become medical professionals; some learn a valuable trade; a few move on to professional athletic careers; and many become successful coaches. In the back of their minds, though, each of them in his own way carries memories of that significant achievement.

After thirty years, the 1983 LCU Championship Baseball Team came back together in September of 2013, to be inducted into the LCU Hall of Honor. For the former players, it felt as if they'd won the game just last week. The memories became more vivid and the senses were heightened as team members and coaches were able to relive significant moments of that season. **David Bulls ('83)** shared, "It seems when you see a good friend that you haven't seen in a long time, the years of separation immediately melt away. That's what it felt like to see the guys again."

The stories were plentiful as players shared old memories as a team and new revelations about their current lives. The spark and chemistry that made that team very special and very successful were still obvious. "I really enjoyed getting to see the guys again, and I really enjoyed their stories and memories from that year, although I don't remember the ones about me in quite the same way," quipped Coach Hays.

The weekend culminated with a dinner at which the entire team was inducted into the LCU Athletics Hall of Honor, the first such honor to go to a team. During the evening, each of the former team members were called to the stage by Coach Larry Hays, who shared special insights and memories about the players and presented them with an award commemorating their achievement back in 1983 and their Hall of Honor induction. Hays reflected, "They were a great team. I'm proud of what they accomplished in 1983, but I'm even more proud of who they are today."

Audience members gained insights that evening into the special bond that each of these former players continue to share even today. As the team sat on stage and passed a microphone from one to the other, they answered questions about favorite memories and significant moments that occurred during the 1983 season.

What the audience was privileged to witness was that this team shared more than baseball stories and old memories. They saw that these men, even though separated by years, miles, and current circumstances, continue to share meaningful and fulfilling relationships with each other that were established in the face of adversity and the heights of success.

The anecdotes were funny and insightful, but none more poignant than the final comments of the evening as the former players, with one unified voice, attributed much of who they've become to the mentoring of one very special man in their lives – Coach Larry Hays.

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- David Bulls ('83)



Joe Benavidez looking through 1983 baseball memorabilia at the induction ceremony.



Former players enjoyed a weekend of reminiscing with each other and Coach Hays.



1983 Baseball Belles member, Melisa Roberts, gave recognition to family members of Baseball Belles who have passed away. Pictured (l to r) Lou Young, mother of Traci Young; Tim Perrin, son of Belles sponsor Elaine Perrin; Bob Brown, husband of Mitzi (Ledgerwood) Brown ('83), with his wife Jana, and Bob and Mitzi's son, Taylor.



Former Baseball Belles (l to r) Dene' (Bowe) Bryant ('85), Cydney (Ford) Martin ('85), Judy (McCormick) Parish ('84), Rebecca (Schulz) Johnson ('83), Rachael (Hise) Pruitt ('86), and Melisa (Tatum) Roberts ('84).

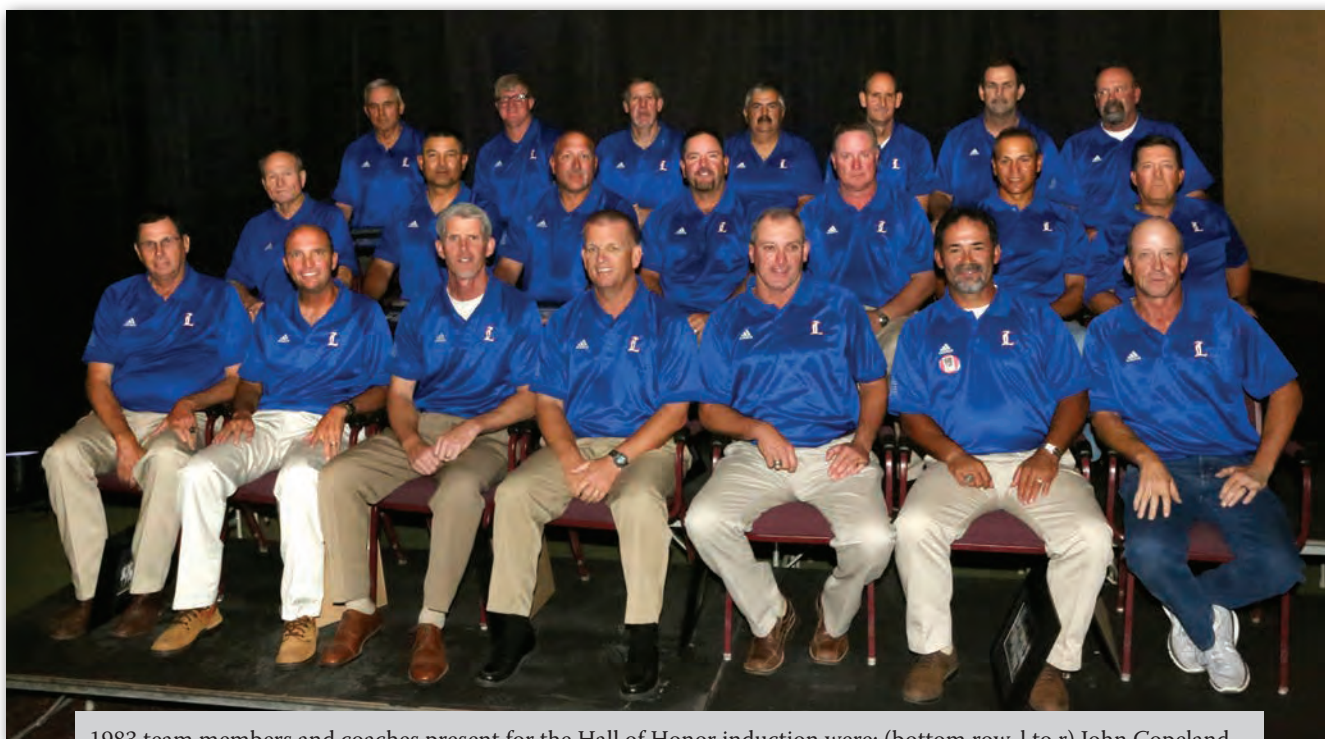
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Larry Hays (l) is presenting an LCU Athlete of the week certificate to Bob Fannin ('84) in February of 1983.

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- Coach Larry Hays



1983 team members and coaches present for the Hall of Honor induction were: (bottom row, l to r) John Copeland, Travis Walden, Phil Bryant, Kent Dudley, Brett Parker, Mike Rivera, Randy Ledbetter; (middle row, l to r) Charlie Viney, Hector Limon, Rich Wieligman, Steve Coleman, Jimmy Morris, Randy Velarde, Gary Hix; (top row, l to r) Larry Hays, Rodney Curtis, Bob Hinson, Joe Benavidez, David Bulls, Kirk Dudley, and Bob Fannin.

“I came away [from the baseball reunion] with a greater appreciation for how Lubbock Christian University had a hand in influencing our lives in such a positive way,” says former LCU pitcher and World Series MVP, **David Bulls** ('83). “Coach Hays and others at LCU were the conduit for that influence. Larry’s winning record and countless coaching awards point to what a fantastic coach he was, but behind it all I think coaching was a bit of a front for him – knowing that while his players were focused on playing baseball – the seeds of character and faith were being planted in their lives. It is pretty impressive that so many Lubbock Christian players go on to coach themselves, planting those same seeds in the lives of today’s generation.”

Baseball was a means to a more important end for Larry Hays. His passion and his talent was in making a difference in the lives of young people, and he happened to be a great baseball coach, too. That is the real story behind this championship team and all the other teams he coached through the years. His influence made a difference in lives beyond the playing field.

Memories of great victories are sweet, but they do fade over time. The real championship is how a coach’s significant influence continues to change the world today through the lives of those who have been coached over the years.



LCU

Honored in D.C.

The Washington Center gala held at National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

Lubbock Christian University was recognized as the “Private University of the Year” in October by The Washington Center. The award was presented at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. as a part of the 2013 Academic Affairs Awards from The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. LCU was selected from over 450 universities across the nation.

“LCU’s Washington, D.C., internship program offers a high impact, transformative experience for our students,” said LCU President, Tim Perrin. “We are honored to be recognized as the private university of the year and give thanks for the strong leadership of the program provided by Dr. Stacy Patty, for the students who have participated in LCU Washington, and for our friends who have generously funded the program.”

Several university leaders, current LCU interns, and LCU alumni joined President Perrin to receive the award in a packed room of the National Press Club. Lubbock Christian University was honored again at the Washington Center Gala held in the National Building Museum in front of a dinner crowd numbering around a thousand participants, which included U.S.

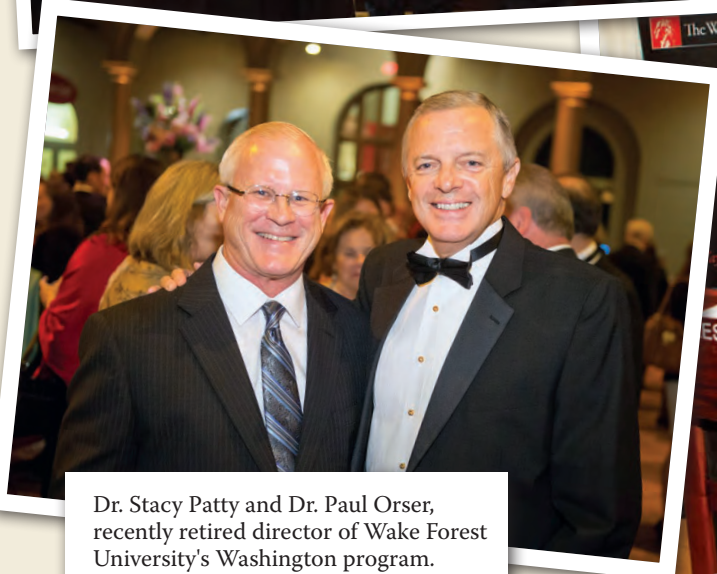
government dignitaries and representatives. LCU has participated in the Washington program since 2005, and since the program’s inception, 32 students have experienced a working internship in our nation’s capital.

“LCU Washington offers our students unparalleled opportunities for leadership development, spiritual growth, and professional experience in the heart of a leading global city,” said Dr. Patty, Director of the University Honors program and Professor of Religion and Ethics. “I am proud to have received this honor on behalf of our students, our benefactors who make the program possible, and our university.”

Dr. Patty has been integral to the development of LCU Washington, and his success in securing internships of significance for students has been key to the program’s growth. Dr. Patty indicates that not all the internships are political in nature, for



(l to r) Al Roberts, LCU Trustee; alumna Amanda Hale; President Tim Perrin; Dr. Stacy Patty, University Honors Program Director; Jim Cardwell, LCU Trustee, and David Pruet, LCU Foundation President at the D.C. Gala.



Dr. Stacy Patty and Dr. Paul Orser, recently retired director of Wake Forest University's Washington program.



LCU students completing an internship in D.C. this past fall were (l to r) Masy Miller, Allyson Reeves, Crissta Morrison, Cameron Winegar, Keegan McCrady, Kalee Robinson, and Angela Crouch.

example, this year students are interning at a sports consulting firm and at a naval museum as well as the U.S. Department of the Interior, among other placements. The students earn a full semester of academic credit while in Washington, and they also immerse themselves in life-changing experiences that cannot be measured in hours or credits.

The seven LCU students who interned in D.C. this fall were junior economics major Angela Crouch, biology graduate Keegan McCrady, junior accounting major Masy Miller, junior humanities/English major Crissta Morrison, senior humanities/history major Allyson Reeves, senior sports psychology major Kalee Robinson, and senior youth and family ministry major Cameron Winegar. They were able to attend the National Press Club event and the Washington Center Gala, and they have since completed their internships.

"It was very exciting for us to see the impact LCU has on The Washington Center," said Robinson. "Just the idea that our university is held in such high regard among the other universities is amazing. We're all very proud to have been a part of this program and to represent LCU, and we're thankful for the support of the administration as well as those that fund the internship program."

Amanda Hale ('98), Senior Manager for U.S. Global Office with Deloitte LLP, joined LCU representatives in D.C. for the award presentation. "As an alum of LCU and a supporter of the LCU in Washington program, I have to say I am very excited to see LCU involved in such a strategic partnership. I believe it provides a life-changing opportunity for the students – it gives them a springboard to expand their horizons, grow their networks, and strengthen their leadership skills – all while experiencing history unfold in the heart of our nation. I just wish they had this program when I was a student!"

Chap Radio



President Tim Perrin is interviewed by Corree Childree, student radio personality

LCU Radio Returns



(l to r) Dr. Don Williams, Shawn Hughes, President Tim Perrin, Dr. Steven Lemley, and Dr. Laurie Doyle cutting the ribbon to officially launch Chap Radio

Student radio broadcasts return to LCU after a 30 year absence. Shawn Hughes and Dr. Steven Lemley were the driving force behind the effort to make Chap Radio a reality. Students of all majors have produced more than 50 radio shows a week this semester on ChapRadio.com. ChapRadio provides a dynamic learning environment, allowing for a variety of show topics, ranging from country music to dramatic reading of literature.

Anyone can tune in to all that is happening at LCU by going to **ChapRadio.com** or by downloading the ChapRadio app for Androids and iPhones.



Excursions & University Tours



Excursions trip to Heidelberg Germany in June 2013.

Ron Guzman, Timothy Gibson, Sarah Nichols, and Brittney Warren (right to left) are in the "Holy of Holies" of the Israelite temple at Arad, Israel. Those in the photograph are all students in the Bible Department (undergraduate and graduate).



Excursions

Excursions is a direct destination trip for LCU alumni and friends of all ages that is a combination of group sightseeing and exploring and touring on your own. The group walks and uses the public transit systems to get around the cities.

Italy's Amalfie Coast & Isle of Capri | March 2014

Turkey | March 2014

Medical Mission Trip to Loma Negra, Peru | May 2014
Nurses, doctors, and dentists preferred

London | May/June 2014

Israel and Jordan with Dr. Jesse Long | June 2014

Netherlands (Holland) and Belgium | June/July 2014

South of Spain and Morocco | September/October 2014

If you are interested in any of the Excursions travel destinations, please contact Kelli Childre, Excursions Director, at kelli.childre@LCU.edu or 806-720-7802.

University Tours

University Tours involves predominately senior travelers and allows for a trip that typically provides door-to-door touring on a chartered bus.

Southern Tour: Savannah, Charleston, Atlanta, and Vicksburg | April 2014

Israel and Jordan with Dr. Jesse Long | June 2014

Mount Rushmore | July 2014

Tennessee Fall Foliage Tour: Memphis, Nashville, and Chattanooga | October 2014

San Antonio Christmas Riverwalk Tour | November 2014



If you are interested in participating, contact Billie Shuttlesworth, University Tours Director, at billie.shuttlesworth@LCU.edu or 806-720-7216.



Paisano

LAUNCH

This fall Lubbock Christian University launched Paisano, an institutional inclusiveness and community engagement initiative. The initiative was named for the slang Spanish term for friend, paisano, which is also a regional term to describe the chaparral by ranchers and farmers, making the term especially appropriate for LCU. The initiative began as an outreach to the emerging Latino community and first generation college students. LCU continues to see growth with both of those populations.

Monica (Lopez) Barnard ('02), LCU General Counsel and Director of the Paisano Initiative, explains the purpose for the program: "Paisano is an initiative that looks at LCU's impact on the Hispanic community in Lubbock and tries to strengthen our presence within that community. Paisano will look for ways we can offer more support to first generation students and minority students. It will be a coordinated effort between different departments on campus to meet those needs."

Some of the plans to meet those needs include starting a mentor program for first-generation male students, holding a first generation graduation dinner, and hosting an LCU college day for high schools with a high number of students from underrepresented groups.

Among those who see the potential for the Paisano initiative is **Izzy Miranda ('12)**, a student in LCU's graduate counseling program, who affirms the impact LCU has made in his life.

"In the past few years LCU has helped me grow into the person that I am today," says Miranda. "I am very excited for the Paisano initiative because I have a passion for the Hispanic people. Knowing that there is an organization on campus that is reaching out to our Hispanic students and community is very encouraging. LCU has had a great impact on my life, and I want others to be able to experience the life changing effect that this university offers."

Barnard concludes, "We are excited about the growth in Hispanic enrollment. We hope this initiative will demonstrate our commitment to the community."

In the Fall of 2013, almost 21% of LCU students identified themselves as Hispanic, which places LCU in the category of an emerging Hispanic-serving institution.



Monica Barnard, LCU General Counsel and Paisano Director, announces the Paisano initiative.



Paisano made school supplies available to elementary students in Lubbock with financial need.



Paisano brought a mariachi band to campus to entertain students during Diversity Awareness Week.

YOU CAN Change a Life



“I can’t even tell you how thankful I am to the people I don’t even know, who made scholarships possible for me.”

– Amanda

Amanda Stephens is one of the many talented and dedicated LCU students who depends on financial assistance to pursue her education at Lubbock Christian University.

Amanda is making the most of every opportunity to serve and to lead as she pursues her education. But she wouldn’t be able to do it without scholarships. She earns generous scholarships because she works hard and does well academically.

The minute she walked onto the campus of LCU, she knew it was the perfect place for her, but she really didn’t think a Christian education would be possible. Because hundreds of individuals give both small and large gifts to the LCU scholarship fund, she has been able to pursue her education.

Please give to the LCU Scholarship Fund today and provide scholarships for more college students just like Amanda.

Use the card inserted to make your gift, or give online at LCU.edu.



The LCU Scholarship Fund provides support to students, helping us create more opportunities to advance our mission of changing lives.

Finding their voice

LCU Alumna Helps the Voiceless Express Themselves Through Music



Brenna (Tubb) Price ('10) uses her love of music and the science behind it to direct a choir for voice therapy.

BRENNA (TUBB) PRICE ('10) PLANNED TO BE A CHOIR DIRECTOR WHEN SHE FINISHED HER DEGREE AT LCU. But it was during some of those classes that her interest was sparked in the science behind the artistry of singing. With the help of her mentor and voice teacher, Dr. Laurie Doyle, Price discovered an excitement for speech language pathology and decided to pursue a masters in the subject shortly after graduating from LCU with a music degree.

She began her master's work at Texas Tech University. "I started the program to focus more on voice therapy, but along the way, I learned about aphasia – which really has nothing to do with that – and fell in love with it," Price explains.

Aphasia is a life-altering brain condition that affects more Americans than Parkinson's disease. Yet for many, it is a foreign word. Aphasia is not something someone can be born with; it is a sudden loss of language through an injury in the left side of the brain. A stroke is the most common cause of aphasia, though it can also result from a traumatic injury, such as a car accident or gunshot wound. Aphasia affects one's ability to understand language, speak, read, or write—sometimes all four.

Aphasia can be extremely isolating. As Price explains it, "It's like being in a foreign country. You know who you are; you know where you are; you still remember everything you learned in school; and you're still the same person; you just don't understand what people are saying."



The Aphasia Choir is comprised of members who have lost language through an injury.



Since those with aphasia have damage in the left side of their brain, many can still sing as music melody and rhythm find their function in the right side. When Price heard this fact in class, she suddenly had the idea to couple her music background from LCU with this new knowledge and thought about forming a choir. “Selfishly, I thought it would be really fun, and I was already involved in the StAR (Stroke Aphasia Recovery) program,” Price admits. “I didn’t know if a choir would help them personally, but I knew it would facilitate communication and get the word out about aphasia.”

So, in the summer of 2012, Price, with the help of her Texas Tech speech-language professor Dr. Melinda Corwin, opened the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ doors to locals suffering from aphasia for their first choir practice. The group prepared for a concert over an eight week period. She expected that each aphasia choir member would bring one or two guests to the concert at the end of the summer, and accordingly, set up chairs for about 30 guests. Instead, almost 100 guests packed the small room for the first Aphasia Choir performance.

Price admits conducting an aphasia choir is very different from a typical choir. To help things click, she has to talk slower, use common words and shorter sentences, write lyrics on the white board, and use pictures to associate with songs. “In therapy they can still do automatics, like counting or days of the week,” says Price. “We were wondering if music would be the same way. We had to find music they already knew.”

Common songs are the best choice for an aphasia choir. This summer, the choir sang popular songs like “Hit the Road Jack,” “Rockin Robin,” and “Blue Moon.” Aphasia couldn’t interrupt the sweet voices singing “Tears on My Pillow,” a favorite song among the emotional audience watching their loved ones perform.

“He’s pronouncing more words,” said the wife of choir member, Robert Lippert. “The melody and rhythm



help out a lot. He gets to be around people with the same issues, and he can relate with them. He loves music.”

“We know it’s helping them, but it’s hard to say how or where,” says Price. “If anything, we know they are having fun, and that’s enough.”

Though it is rare, this isn’t the first time a choir has been created as a form of therapy for aphasia victims. The biggest aphasia choir is in Australia, where a documentary is currently being filmed, and others can be found in the Netherlands, Nova Scotia, and California.

“Aphasia choirs across the world are anecdotally reporting their members have increased self-esteem and confidence (per Bronwen Jones’ report from Australia) by participating in a choir,” Price explains. “The Australian choir actually reached out to us this summer to ask for some info on our choir because they are hoping to form some kind of forum for all the choirs across the world to get together, talk, give advice, and discuss research. It’s still new for all of us, but very exciting.”

Price received her Master’s in Speech Pathology in the spring of 2013 from Texas Tech University. In August, shortly after the Aphasia Choir concert, Price and her husband, **Kyle Price** (’10), moved to Farmington, New Mexico, where she now works as a Speech-Language Pathologist, CFY at San Juan Regional Medical Center. Price says she would ultimately love to someday open an aphasia clinic so she can continue to help aphasia victims.

Writing CARNIVAL

The 4th annual Writing Carnival featured William Goldman's classic tale "The Princess Bride." The book was read aloud in the mall area for 24 hours before the carnival began with multiple writing contests and carnival foods. Writing booths included caption contests, six-word stories, and Fezzik's Rhyming Challenge to name just a few.



Thinking critically about... **vocation**

Each year, Lubbock Christian University holds a campus-wide initiative encouraging students to think critically about a topic. This year's initiative is Thinking Critically and Christianly about Vocation.

"Vocation is a complicated word, as many of our speakers this semester have reminded us," says Dr. Susan Blessingame, one of the founders and leaders of the Thinking Critically Initiative. "It doesn't mean jobs or careers; instead it means listening to God's call for our lives and also listening to our own hearts. How do we find our passions and use best the talents that God has given us?"

Various professionals were asked to speak to the student body on their thoughts and experiences with vocation, including Pepperdine University's provost, Dr. Darryl Tippens. Dr. Tippens has been studying and writing about vocation for over a decade, and he shared his knowledge with three different LCU audiences in September.

The Business Administration department invited four business professionals to speak on "Business as a Calling." The panel came with a history of success, such as the CEO of ProPetro Services, Inc., Dale Redman, and Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer for Lone Star State Bank, **Melisa (Tatum) Roberts ('84)**. Dr. David Johnson, professor of



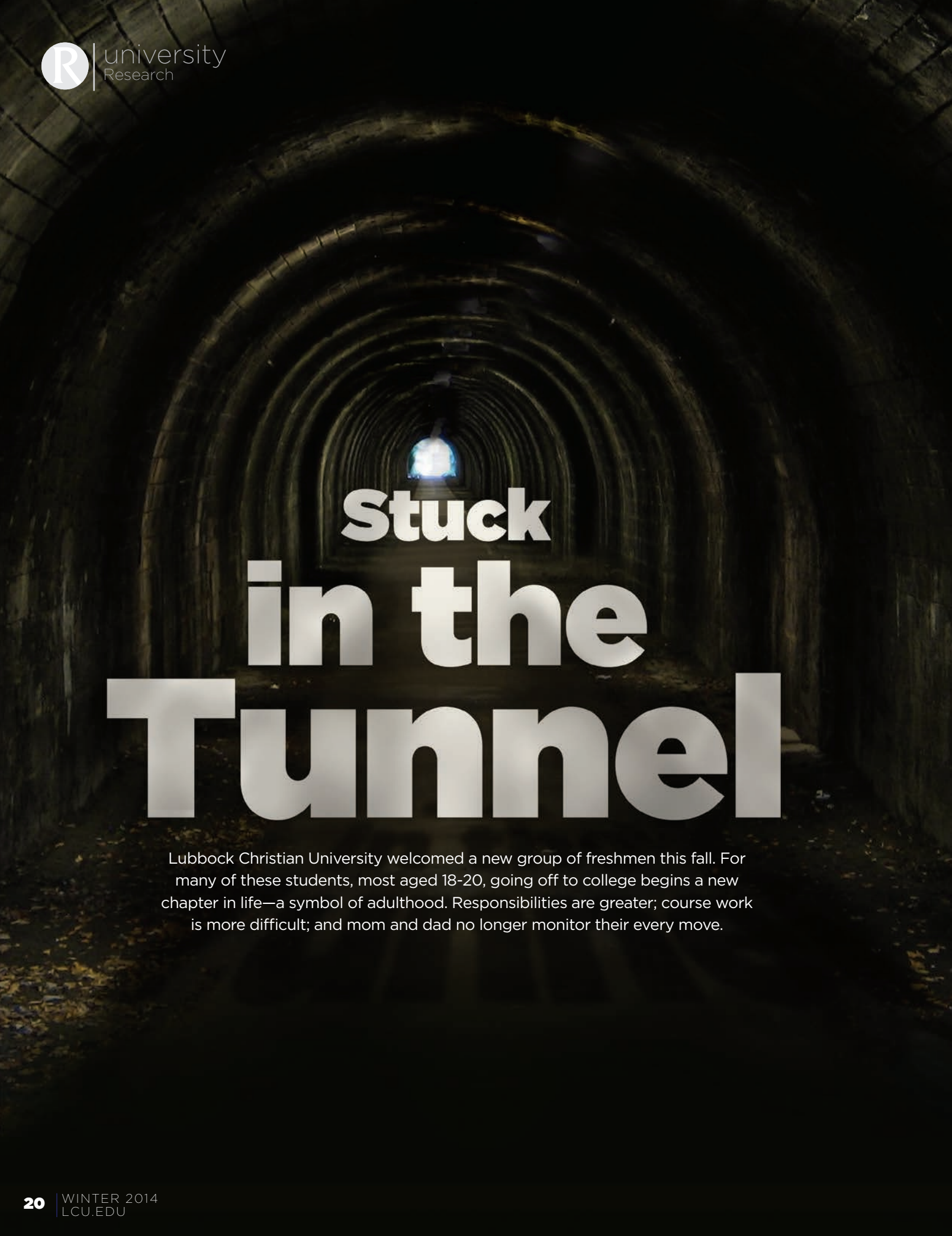
As part of this year's vocation initiative, an executive panel discussed "Business as a Calling." The panel was moderated by Executive VP, Dr. Brian Starr, and consisted of Al Roberts, Dale Redman, David Johnson, and Melisa Roberts.

finance at Faulkner University, and Al Roberts, Executive Consultant of the Jones Leadership Center, were also participants on the panel.

The Moser Ministry Conference also contributed to the fall initiative this year. Sessions at the conference included "The Role of Vocation in Ministry," "Your Life's Work: Job, Career, or Vocation," and "(Re)calling Vocation to the Center of Christian Identity."

The Thinking Critically initiatives began two years ago to engage students in thinking about significant issues. Past initiatives have asked students to think critically about poverty and civic engagement. All initiatives are integrated across the campus, allowing faculty to work closely with Student Affairs to plan interesting events for students.

Many professors require students to participate in events and will create assignments related to the topic. Each initiative is yearlong and involves speakers, film discussions, panel discussions, and other creative projects from students and faculty across the LCU campus.



Stuck in the Tunnel

Lubbock Christian University welcomed a new group of freshmen this fall. For many of these students, most aged 18-20, going off to college begins a new chapter in life—a symbol of adulthood. Responsibilities are greater; course work is more difficult; and mom and dad no longer monitor their every move.

In the past, this transitional moment came at a time when students were developmentally prepared to assume the additional responsibilities. However, LCU Youth and Family Ministry professor, Dr. Steven Bonner, suggests that today's college freshmen and sophomores have not yet reached that state of cognitive development. Midadolescence is extending.

Adolescence is typically understood to be the teenage years between childhood and adulthood—a time to discover one's true identity. Dr. Bonner pictures adolescence as a tunnel with three stages.

You enter the tunnel—early adolescence. You can see the light behind you from your childhood, and the dark unknown ahead. You must proceed. You reach the middle of the tunnel—mid-adolescence. It is dark all around you as you fumble your way through, not sure of who you are, trying on selves with each new group you come across. Eventually, you begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel—late adolescence. Adulthood is approaching, and you begin to discover who you are and what you stand for before crossing the threshold into adulthood.

According to Bonner, this tunnel of adolescence, particularly the dark period of mid-adolescence, has extended over the last decade, beginning earlier and ending later.

Bonner first discovered this phenomenon when he was a youth minister in northwest Tennessee. He came face-to-face with the mid-adolescent reality of multiple selves when he received a phone call from a teacher at the local school. The teacher had found a lewd CD album belonging to one of the students in Bonner's youth group and was seeking Bonner's help in addressing the issue. When Bonner brought the issue up with the youth group, he was shocked to find that most of his students were big fans of the album. Bonner began taking note of his students' behavior outside of the immediate setting of the youth group and found that they would present a unique persona (mask) in the various groups of people with whom they interacted.



Dr. Steven Bonner,
LCU Associate
Professor of Youth,
Family, and Culture.

The multiple selves of adolescent students alarmed Bonner. Faced with this new, imminent challenge, Bonner wondered, "How do I get Jesus to the different layers in which they live? They have not yet attained the cognitive ability to apply abstract thought in their different layers, so how do I get them to understand that they are Christians in other environments?"

When Bonner transitioned from practicing to teaching youth ministry at LCU in 2008, he began to notice his college students were exhibiting the same psychosocial characteristics as the high school students he had ministered to; they were still presenting multiple selves with different groups of people and had not yet integrated their personas into one, unified, core identity.

Wondering if this phenomenon was exclusive to LCU students, Bonner called colleagues at other institutions and discovered that they had the same concern: students were coming to college increasingly immature, and their cognitive abilities appeared diminished when compared to students in past years. Bonner realized that although his qualitative research answered many questions regarding this trend, numbers were necessary to verify the qualitative evidence.

Bonner, along with research partner and LCU Exercise and Sport Science professor, Dr. Dean Culpepper, administered a proven instrument to 558 students at LCU and at an in-state university. Students were given 21 short, common scenarios to evaluate on a five-point likert scale from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."

This test has been used for many years to test moral reasoning, which is rooted in cognitive knowing. The results gave Bonner and Culpepper significant quantitative data to examine. Comparing their results to those provided in earlier published norms, they discovered that current college freshmen and sophomore students not only scored lower than the



Dr. Steven Bonner (2nd from right) with Youth and Family Ministry majors (l) James Masterson, Scott Hall, and Taylor Cockrell.

“Healthy, consistent adults help the child individuate into adulthood.”

norms published in 1994, but their scores match those of high school freshmen and sophomores from that normed set.

Essentially, the data suggested that today’s college freshmen and sophomores have reached the maturity and cognitive ability of only high school freshmen and sophomores from two decades ago. For Bonner and Culpepper, this data reinforced their hypothesis that students entering college are developmentally less capable and lack the maturity which was present in the same-aged students in previous years.

The research results raise the question: “Why?” What is causing adolescence to extend? According to Bonner, the origin of the issue is likely rooted in a growing lack of consistent and healthy adults in children’s lives. Increasingly, adult society has left children alone to figure out how to individuate into adulthood. Additionally, adults have used kids as a means to adult ends. No longer are youth athletics and education, for example, about the care and development of youth. They have become, rather, about the perpetuation of

adult agendas. One need only take in a Little League game to see this truth. This new psychosocial reality has forced adolescents to pull away and thus navigate a complex social landscape that has not previously existed. Used and abandoned, such adolescents journey through the ever-lengthening tunnel of adolescence alone.

“We suggest that what we are experiencing in our classrooms are students who have been left to individuate alone; it’s the result of abandonment,” says Dr. Bonner. “If they have integrated adults who journey with them, then the process of individuation occurs much sooner. Healthy, consistent adults help the child individuate into adulthood.”

These changing circumstances require thoughtful reflection by educators, ministers, parents and others. “The implications are massive,” says Dr. Bonner. “Program design, student retention, pedagogy ... it all has to change. Institutions that do not take this cultural shift into consideration will get left behind.” Unfortunately, there is no immediate way to reverse the culture-wide reality of delayed adolescence. But hope can be found as this information is more broadly understood; those who have a direct relationship with students in this age group will help provide a path out of the tunnel. Educating adults and professors on this social issue will be the first step in providing a brighter future for adolescents and incoming students.

Our Recipe Pick



pecan pie

1 9-inch unbaked pie crust
4 Tbs. butter, softened
3/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
3 large eggs
1 Tb. Cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
2 tsps. vanilla extract
3/4 cup dark cane or corn syrup
1 cup broken pecan pieces

Cream the butter and brown sugar together until smooth. In a separate bowl, whip the eggs with a fork or wire whisk, and blend them into the sugar-butter mixture. Sift the cornstarch and salt into the mixture, and stir in the vanilla extract. Blend in cane or corn syrup, followed by the pecans. Stir until thoroughly mixed. Pour into pie crust and bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 30 minutes, then at 300 degrees for 30 more minutes, or until center is firm. Serve warm with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Serves 8.

from the kitchen of:

This recipe was shared by First Lady, **Lucy (Leard) Perrin ('86)**. Pecan pie is a favorite in her family.

more great recipes...

The LCU Associates cookbook, Treasured Recipes, the 50th Anniversary, contains a collection of delicious and delectable recipes. If you would like to purchase one contact Associate Carol Dahlstrom at carol.dahlstrom@LCU.edu or 806.720.7485.



My Life Was Changed



A Guest Editorial by
John Knox, Class of 1984

I just knew it was a hotspot of religious fanaticism.

I really did not want to know what went on at that college campus in far West Lubbock. But I knew one thing for sure – there was nothing that resembled fun going on out there, so it was the last place I wanted to be as I sought a school where I could transfer as a college sophomore. That was the fall of 1981. Little did I know that the people at the perceived epicenter of fanaticism were about to play a colossal role in a life-changing experience for me.

The place I am referring to is Lubbock Christian University. In the fall of 1981, I was out of sorts. I withdrew from the university where I was studying, primarily because I lacked direction. Life itself was confusing. I was searching for something intangible. I felt like a small child lost in the darkness with no idea where to turn next.

It was during that significant time period that I pulled into the parking lot of LCU to get an application. I picked up that application at my sister's insistence. She was an alumna of the school. Out of deference to her, I stepped foot on a campus where religious fanatics sought a higher education. I expected to see people chanting as they walked to class. I knew intuitively that they would be dressed in some odd manner. I was in for quite a surprise.

The people in the admissions office were open and friendly. They also appeared normal. I readily agreed to go on a campus tour. Once again I was shocked. The students also seemed – well, they too were, by all appearances, normal. And there was no shortage of attractive female students. I looked ever so carefully for even the slightest hint of fanaticism, but found only a welcoming spirit.

At the insistence of some friends who were associated with LCU, I took a short course that began in January of 1982 prior to the beginning of the spring semester. Les Perrin was teaching Part II of American History. I would not say Mr. Perrin was normal, but I will say that he set the wheels in motion for significant life changes for me. Using history as a backdrop, he



John Knox ('84) currently serves as the minister of Granbury Church of Christ, and he also serves the Granbury Police Department and The Texas Department of Public Safety as chaplain.

taught us all valuable life lessons. He was destined to become my all-time favorite university professor. I still think of him often.

With the capable assistance of Dr. Don Williams as my advisor, I enrolled in my first full semester at LCU. I immediately made friends. I attended chapel every single day. I worshipped more the first week of that semester than I had all of my previous twenty years of life. One of my sincere reservations about transferring to Lubbock Christian University was that I would be viewed as a sinner; I was an outsider. I was totally and completely unchurched. Would they tolerate someone like me in their chapel services? Would I defile their campus? In my mind, those were legitimate questions.

I met all of the right people at the right time at LCU. God was actively at work. I started going to church with newly found friends on Sundays and Wednesdays, too! My friends I grew up with began to suspect I was a fanatic.

During that first semester I became a Christian. My conversion changed every single aspect of my life. It was not all easy sailing. I came from a life and an upbringing that was anything but Christian, but I was embraced by thoughtful students and faculty members alike. Professors invested their very lives in each of us. Staff members reached out to us at a personal level. I have never forgotten any of them. They all helped me chart a life course.

In various history courses, Mr. Perrin would offer a rebuttal to those critical of students who came to LCU to meet a good Christian spouse. He would say:

“If they find a good one, why not?” I did not find a “good one” at LCU. I found the best one. I met my wife-to-be in the fall of 1982. We started dating one week before her graduation in May of 1983. We married in the summer of 1984, not long after my own graduation from an institution that was supposed to be comprised of religious fanatics.

I have to report that I never observed any chanting on campus. There were no reports of odd, fanatical dress (outside of the Chap Brigade episodes during chapel). Instead, I met people who had a life-changing impact on me.

I went on to complete a master’s degree in 1987 and a Doctor of Ministry in 2003. I have been in ministry for 26 years now. I’ve drawn on my experience at LCU as a model to use as an adjunct instructor for two universities. I hope that my attitude toward people who are truly searching has mirrored what I experienced at Lubbock Christian University.

I am indebted to the remarkable people I met during such an impressionable time in my life. My prayer is that others who are searching will make their way to the university and experience a campus tour. No telling what might happen. I am so grateful to be Forever Blue.

1957 HOMECOMING 2014

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6 - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

11:00 AM • HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN CORONATION

McDonald Moody Auditorium

Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during daily chapel time.

5:30 PM • DINNER AND MASTER FOLLIES "SNEAK PEEK"

Baker Conference Center

50's and 60's decade alumni are welcome to attend this special evening honoring our Golden Anniversary Classes of 1959 and 1964. Attendees of this special event will be granted VIP access to the 2014 Master Follies Dress Rehearsal. RSVP required*.

5:00-6:00 PM • 6TH ANNUAL NURSING ALUMNI EVENT

Cardwell Welcome Center

All nursing alumni and community partners are invited. RSVP appreciated.*

7:30 PM • MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

Rip Griffin Center

Come cheer on our Chaps as they take on Dallas Baptist University.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

8:00 AM-12:00 PM • THE CHAP STORE OPEN

Campus Bookstore

The Chap Store will offer a 25% discount on one LCU item per purchase – diploma frames and CDs are excluded.

9:00 AM-7:00 PM • LCU ART EXHIBITION

Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement

Works of art from alumni may be viewed in the gallery.

1:00 PM • WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

PlainsCapital Park At LCU

Come cheer on the Lady Chaps as they take on Eastern New Mexico University.

3:00 PM • WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

PlainsCapital Park At LCU

Come cheer on the Lady Chaps as they take on Northwood University.

(FRIDAY CONT.)

4:00 PM • QUEEN'S TEA

President's Home

Reunion year queens and their courts along with the 2014 Homecoming Court will enjoy a tea at the president's home hosted by First Lady Lucy Perrin.

5:30 - 7:00 PM • LCU ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION

Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement

Meet the artists that have works on display for the Alumni Art Exhibit.

6:00 PM • ALUMNI RECEPTION

Baker Conference Center

Heavy hors d'oeuvre reception for all returning alumni & families. RSVP appreciated.*

7:00 PM • CLASS AND DECADE DESSERT REUNIONS

Various Locations

Classes - 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009
Decades - 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000

Check LCU.edu/homecoming for specific locations. RSVP appreciated.*
If you would also like to help, please contact alumni@LCU.edu.

7:30 PM • MASTER FOLLIES

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 "Feels Like Home."

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

8:30 AM • SOCIAL CLUB ALUMNI BREAKFASTS

Various Locations

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 - SUB; Kyodai - Green Lawn Church of Christ; LOA - Green Lawn Church of Christ; Sub T - Rudy's at 4930 S. Loop 289 (Treat Yourself); Zeta - Cardwell Welcome Center, Conference Wing. RSVP appreciated.* *All locations are subject to change. Check LCU.edu/homecoming for changes.*



(SATURDAY CONT.)

9:30 AM-4:00 PM • THE CHAP STORE OPEN

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9:00 AM-5:00 PM • LCU ART EXHIBITION

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10:15 AM • ALUMNI CHAPEL

McDonald Moody Auditorium

Alumni Chapel offers a special time of worship led by alumni, and the presentation of the 2014 Homecoming Court.

11:15 AM • DEPARTMENTAL REUNIONS

Various Locations

Check LCU.edu/homecoming for specific locations.

12:00 PM • FAMILY LUNCHEON

Cafeteria

Bring your family and enjoy a variety of options for lunch in the updated Cafeteria. Lunch will be \$5 per person with children under the age of 10 eating for free. All alumni and guests are welcome to attend. RSVP appreciated.*

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. RSVP required.*

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 required.*

1:00 PM • WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

Rip Griffin Center

Come cheer on the Lady Chaps as they take on Oklahoma Christian University.

1:00 PM • WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

PlainsCapital Park At LCU

Come cheer on the Lady Chaps as they take on Eastern New Mexico University.

2:00 PM • DEPARTMENTAL REUNIONS

Various Locations

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3:00 PM • WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

PlainsCapital Park At LCU

Come cheer on the Lady Chaps as they take on Northwood University.

3:00 PM • MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

Rip Griffin Center

Come cheer on the Chaps as they take on Oklahoma Christian University.

3:00 PM • MASTER FOLLIES

McDonald Moody Auditorium

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5:00 PM • ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER

Baker Conference Center

Join LCU alumni, family and friends as we celebrate 2014 awardees and honor Dr. Gary Estep for his contributions to the sciences/medical profession. RSVP required.* (cost: \$15)

5:30 PM • BEST FRIENDS ALUMNI CONCERT

Student Union Building (SUB)

The Best Friends singing ensemble is celebrating over 30 years of ministering to churches and representing LCU. Everyone is invited to the concert.

5:30 PM • CLASS OF 1974 40TH YEAR REUNION DINNER

Cardwell Welcome Center

Join fellow alumni of the class of 1974 for dinner and fellowship at the Cardwell Welcome Center. RSVP required.*

7:30 PM • MASTER FOLLIES

McDonald Moody Auditorium

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SUNDAY, FEB. 9

8:15 AM • COFFEE AND DONUTS

Cardwell Welcome Center

9:00 AM • ALUMNI DEVOTIONAL AND COMMUNION

Cardwell Welcome Center Rotunda
RSVP appreciated.*

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***A NEW WAY TO RSVP!**

This year we have a new and improved way for you to RSVP for all Homecoming events. Simply go to www.LCU.edu/homecoming and follow the prompts.

MASTER FOLLIES TICKETS

GO ON SALE JANUARY 8 AT NOON.

•• www.LCU.edu/tickets ••



Sheila (Ludwig) Dye ('80) began her appointment as Director of Alumni Relations at LCU in October.

Dye brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to LCU. As a successful health care leader and executive, Dye created innovative human resources strategies, drove significant change management initiatives, inspired solutions for human capital problems, and led teams of all sizes in the achievement of corporate goals. Prior to LCU, her most recent appointment was as a Vice President for Baylor Health Care System responsible for human resources, talent acquisition, retention, and human resources communications.

Dye's passion for Lubbock Christian University has taken many forms. She served in both staff and editor roles with the year book, El Explorador from 1976-1980 and was highly engaged in all aspects of campus life. She was a key-note presenter at the Women in Leadership Forum held on the LCU campus in fall 2010. She was appointed to the LCU Board of Trustees in 2010 where she has served with distinction. She has resigned from the Board to assume her new role as Director of Alumni Relations.

Sheila achieved a Masters in Human Resources in Training from Amberton University in 2002 and is married to Howard. Their daughter, Whitney (Dye) Kennedy, graduated from LCU in 2010; and their son, Trey, is currently a sophomore at LCU and a second year member of the singing group Best Friends. Their daughter, Brittany, lives and works in New York City as she pursues a career in musical theatre.

This necklace is a coin known as a mite like one given by the widow in the Book of Luke. It was a gift to Sheila from her daughter, Whitney.



Awesome. Beautiful. Blessed. Surreal. Unbelievable. None of these really can convey how it feels to be back home on the Lubbock Christian University campus. What I do know is that the more Lubbock Christian University changes, the more it stays the same. New buildings, same spirit. New professors, same passion. New leaders, same vision. New students, changed lives.

Why? Why after a 21 year career with Baylor Health Care System would I come back to Lubbock? Why would I choose a director of alumni relations position over an executive career in health care? Why would I move back to Lubbock? All I can say, is I have a debt to pay that I can never repay. Through the years, I tried to be a good alumna. I gave back financially, I prayed for the school, I served as a trustee, I sent my kids to school at LCU, I read Reflections, and I came back for homecoming. But, in my heart, I knew it still was not enough to make up for the difference Lubbock Christian University made in my life.

We put our house in Rowlett on the market knowing we would either downsize or relocate after my job was affected by downsizing at Baylor. My husband, Howard, and I kept saying that we knew God had a plan and that He was in control. We felt like something great was in store for us and we waited. I was in discussions with executive search firms about opportunities that would allow us to continue living a certain lifestyle. I told myself, if an offer on our house and a job offer come at the same time, it is meant to be. And, we prayed and we waited.

Why then was I surprised when we got an offer on our house on a Sunday, I got an email from President Perrin on Monday and I got an offer for the alumni director job on Tuesday? Why was I surprised when God answered our prayers? All I can say, is God is good. God is faithful. God opens doors. And here we are in Lubbock, Texas. From an earthly perspective, I am home.

When I accepted this job, I committed to being "all in." I want to be like the one leper who returned to tell Jesus thank you in Luke 17:11-19. I want to be like the women in Luke 21:1-4 who gave what she had when she gave from her heart and from her means when she gave two mites. The greatest gift I have to give is the talents I have acquired through time. I am here to contribute to the mission, vision and values of an organization that I believe works hard every day to share the love of Jesus and to make a difference for others.

I look forward to meeting and engaging with my fellow alumni. We have plans and strategies to execute and I am counting on others who have also been blessed by the gift of LCU in their lives. Won't you join me?

In Him & Forever Blue,

Sheila Dye ('80)
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Forever Blue ALUMNI TOUR ON THE ROAD



John King with University Advancement visits with Brandon Baker ('09) and his wife, Alison, at the reception in Washington, DC.

After a great spring and summer with Forever Blue Alumni events in Lubbock, Midland, Fort Worth, Dallas, Amarillo, Abilene, Malibu, CA, San Antonio and Austin, the President's tour continued into the fall with stops in Washington, D.C., as well as Roswell and Artesia, NM. We thank all of our alumni and friends who took the time to come to one of the receptions to meet **President Tim ('84) and Lucy (Leard, '86) Perrin**, to fellowship with each other and to reconnect with the university.



LCU Dean, Dr. Susan Blessingame, and Karen Smith-Will ('12) at the Forever Blue event in Washington, D.C.

Members of the LCU team got to participate in Sunday morning classes with our alumni and friends at Hermosa Drive Church of Christ in Artesia and President Perrin delivered the sermon.



As an added feature of the tour, Warren McNeill ('82) led the Roswell and Artesia alumni and friends in singing of the LCU Alma Mater.




Thomas Beard ('00), Annette (Cox) Donaldson ('75) and Diane (Cox) Bergman ('66) sing the LCU Alma Mater in Roswell, NM.




We had a great turn out at the Eddy County Fairground in Artesia. President Perrin entertained our alumni and friends as he shared his vision for the university.


FAMILY WEEKEND



The Department of Communications and Fine Arts performed another enjoyable and entertaining fall musical, *The Will Rogers Follies*.



Praise Choir, under the direction of Dr. Philip Camp, performed in the Student Sampler.



Parents and families, along with students, participated in chapel during the weekend.



The LCU Aggies Club smoked their famous beef brisket and served it up for Saturday lunch.



Andrew Hettick, current student and son of Mike and Anne (Lucas) Hettick ('87), receives his LCU ring and congratulations from President Perrin during the weekend's ring ceremony.



Weekend guests enjoying barbeque in the SUB.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Lubbock Christian University
and the Office of Alumni Relations
present the Distinguished Alumni Awards
Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Baker Conference Center

To make reservations, please RSVP
at www.LCU.edu/homecoming, email at alumni@LCU.edu,
or phone at 806-720-7233.

Tickets are \$15 per person.



THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 ALUMNI AWARDS ARE.

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Significant professional and/or personal achievement

DR. EVERTT HUFFARD ('69)
VP/Dean of Harding School of Theology at Harding University

FW Mattox Award

Recognition of excellence and outstanding service to the university

DARRELL AND ANITA (MANSELL) PRICE ('69)
dedicated LCU Faculty and Staff Members

KC Moser Award

Excellence and outstanding service to the church

DR. JOHN KNOX ('84)
Minister of Granbury Church of Christ; Chaplain for Granbury Police
Department and Texas Department of Public Safety

Young Alumnus of the Year

Distinguished service to LCU and/or professional achievement - must
be 40 years or younger at the time of selection to receive the award

SHANE SHUTTLESWORTH ('01)
President, Osteogenics Biomedical, Inc

Gary and Pat Estep Award

Outstanding Contributions in the Sciences

INAUGURAL RECIPIENT: DR. GARY ESTEP
Retired Dean of the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies



*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.*



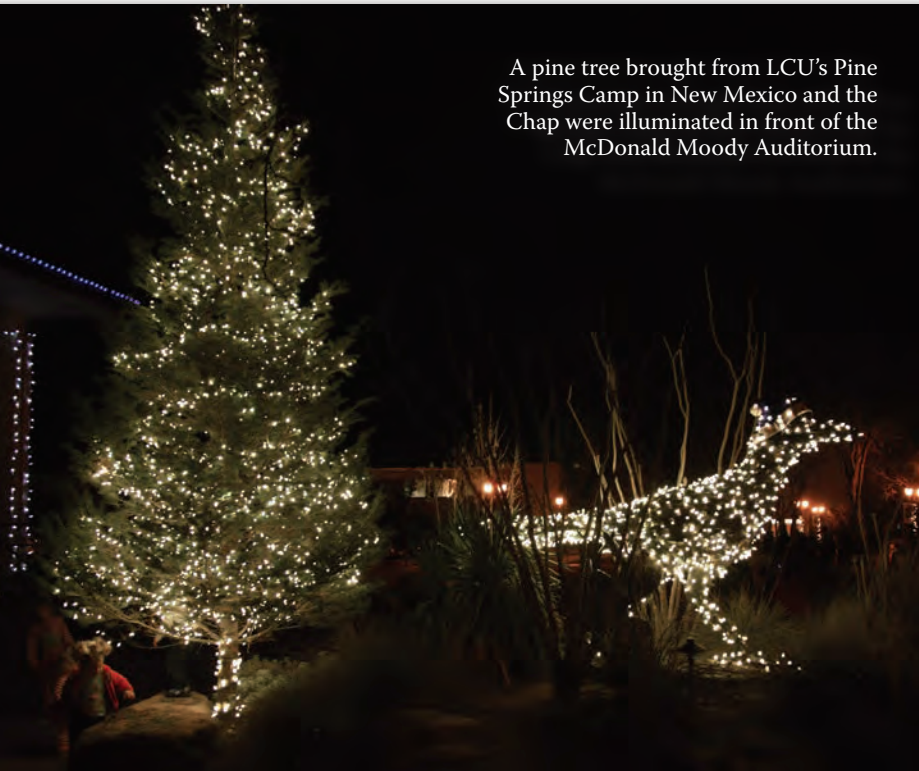
WELCOME • TO • Mo-ville

BIG BLUE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

A beautifully cool winter evening without any breeze was the backdrop for Lubbock Christian University's first annual Big Blue Family Christmas. Approximately 1,000 people, including alumni, families, and students, attended the evening filled with hands-on activities for children, pictures with Santa Clause and the Grinch, fellowship and socializing around the hot apple cider and hot chocolate stations, a first-ever official lighting of the Chap and outdoor Christmas tree on campus, and an outdoor showing of the Christmas movie, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.



A pine tree brought from LCU's Pine Springs Camp in New Mexico and the Chap were illuminated in front of the McDonald Moody Auditorium.



Phyllis (Hodge) and Don Williams ('62) enjoying hot chocolate while visiting with recent graduate, Gary Head ('13).



A variety of arts and crafts tables were a favorite spot for kids.



The group Forte, under the direction of Dr. Laurie (Lawlis) Doyle ('82), led the audience in singing Christmas carols.



Heather (Bundy) and Matt Byars ('00) and their children visit with Santa.



Although dressed in green, the Grinch showed his LCU spirit with the Chap sign as he posed for pictures with kids of all ages.



Gary ('74) and Jane (Lynch, '76) Evans hold their twin great nephews Max and Asher Miller, children of Jacob and Nancy (Carpenter) Miller ('08).

THE TRUE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Steve Gomez and the Phenomenon of Lady Chap Basketball

Ten consecutive years competing in the NAIA Division 1 National Tournament. Appearances in the national quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. A program record 31 wins last season. Victories over Texas Tech in 2009 and the University of Houston this year in the last two exhibition games played against NCAA Division I universities.

Steve Gomez's ('88) record of success as the head coach of the Lady Chaps basketball program is unmatched. And yet, these signature achievements, while making great headlines, are not the true measure of the team's success.

As the Lady Chaps participate now in the NCAA Division II Heartland Conference, Coach Gomez believes that "every new change is a chance for new influence." Not just growth and development—as though it is all about them—but witness and example, as the team serves as ambassadors of LCU and of Christ. "The new conference will provide us opportunities to play against new teams/coaches and hopefully that will allow us to spread the influence of LCU to new cities. We strive not only to prepare and compete at the highest level to gain respect for our on-court performance, but also to cause our opponents (as well as those who watch) to see something different about the Lady Chap basketball team as compared to other teams."

They have faced tough opponents before, but not all of them have been on the court. They have challenged and beaten imposing teams, but some of their greatest victories are not recorded on a stat sheet. You would be hard pressed to find a more competitive team out there, but with the Lady Chaps, it is about more than competition. It is about identity, teamwork, and family.

This year's team includes a number of recent recruits, each of whom is now learning what it means to be a part of the Lady Chap family. Coach Gomez and his assistant coaches, Caleb Henson (6th Season) and **Vic Self ('82)** (4th Season), routinely find great players to bring to LCU, but they are always on the lookout for more than just athletic skills. "In identifying potential players, we obviously have to highly consider their basketball ability, but without a solid background or foundation academically, relationally, and spiritually, it is very difficult to continue that pursuit," explains Gomez.



In fact, they have found that their best tool for evaluating potential recruits is to create opportunities for them and their families to watch the team play and for them to spend time with the Lady Chaps both on and off the court. The coaches want to do more than just find out what a player can do—they want new players to know what they have the opportunity to become. What often develops during the recruiting process is an expectation that while they may have been the stars at their respective high schools, where they played "their game," at LCU, they are called to be a part of a body, to play "our game."

Two recent recruits report that they are already learning what it means to be a Lady Chap. Sophomore transfer Claire Bruffey explains, "Although I haven't played under Coach Gomez for very long, I can say that this year I've grown tremendously not only as a basketball player but also in my

We must create a team with players who are willing to serve and not be served.

Philippians 2: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others."

spiritual walk. He sets an example of Godly leadership and sets a standard of excellence. The program he has established is one that is completely Christ-centered." Likewise, freshman guard Morgan Dean says that the coaching extends beyond the sport. "He often tells us to communicate with one another, not only on the court but off the court. You have to communicate to handle tough situations, and you have to communicate to enjoy happy moments with others. He teaches us so much, and he is incredible at relating our walk with God to basketball. He encourages us daily to become better women on and off the court."

LCU Athletic Director **Paul Hise ('91)** comments, "Coach Gomez does an excellent job of identifying and recruiting young ladies that are not only a great fit for his system, but that represent the values and mission of our university. Many coaches recruit players solely based on their athletic ability without regard for their character or integrity." Hise continues, "Coach Gomez has been able to assemble a team that has had success on the court, in the classroom, and in the community. His servant leadership has developed our women's basketball program into one of the nation's best at any level."

This kind of support and mentoring carries on throughout the season, as the leadership tradition of the Lady Chaps is realized in the locker room environment, where the veteran players model the kind of character and commitment that the team is called to embody. The coaches encourage the team's leaders to set the example and to exhibit the maturity that typifies the Lady Chap culture. The older players can then pass on the high expectations and build what Coach Gomez describes as "strong, healthy relationships built on trust and respect." Steve expects, then, that "an atmosphere of enjoyment and high achievement should follow."



We have to be respectful and seek to understand each other.

Romans 16: "Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other."

The team's culture is also shaped by spiritual principles that guard the team against the kinds of attitudes and behaviors that would divide and isolate them. Coach Gomez reminds them, "We won't have a spirit of complaining." He finds himself returning to a list of core scriptures that guide and undergird the Lady Chap program. Gomez often reminds his team that "none of you are more important than all of you," referring to the "one body, many parts" imagery of 1 Corinthians 12.

Much of the spiritual mentoring for the Lady Chaps focuses, then, upon perspective and upon seeing oneself as a part of something greater and more meaningful than the individual and the accomplishment. Coach Gomez tries to apply these same principles to his own role, explaining that "it is tempting as a coach and as a human being to think that I can control situations or people." But working with his players helps remind him "that basketball is a game and that when my work (or anything else) steals my joy, then I need to step back and get a different perspective." Steve says that he tries not to take the game (or himself)



LADY CHAPS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS
with
 STEVE GOMEZ, HEAD COACH



**SOONER ATHLETIC
 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS**

2006/2007

2011/2012

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

2004 2009

2005 2010

2006 2011

2007 2012

2008

SWEET SIXTEEN FINISH

2007

2009

ELITE EIGHT FINISH

2008

2011

2013

FAB FOUR SEMIFINALISTS

2012

NATIONAL FINALIST

2006

14 NAIA All-Americans

6 Two-Time All-Americans (Mamy N'Kolomoni, Sierra Lovorn, Brittany Roberts, Jordan Hampton, Nicole Hampton, and Kelsey Canavan).

too seriously, as the desire to compete and to excel is tempered by and given its proper place by the call to be humble and devoted to others.

Some of the greatest victories for the program, in fact, have taken place on campus, not just on the court, and in the lives of his players, not in the stats. Whether in the short-term or in the long-term, he has seen "God's hand at work" in players overcoming academic struggles to graduate with honors; dealing with the adversity of season-ending injuries, only to return stronger spiritually, physically, and emotionally; witnessing a growth/awakening of faith—developing an independent faith; going (as a result of their work ethic and dedication) from a walk-on or partial scholarship player as a freshman to a starter and major contributor to the team's success; becoming great mothers, teachers, nurses, coaches, accountants, etc.

The blessings of "team, perseverance, suffering, and hard work" are being realized even now. While doing graduate work in PA school, former Lady Chap Renee Wilson found herself facing a battle with breast cancer.

The team has been involved with her and her family throughout the entire ordeal—the diagnosis, the surgery, and now as Renee undergoes chemotherapy. Coach Gomez explains that Renee "has repeatedly talked about how her days of collegiate athletics helped to prepare her for the battle that she is currently in physically, mentally, and emotionally." Standing with her through this trial, the Lady Chap family knows more deeply and personally the truths that have bound them together as teammates—whatever the season of life and whatever its challenges.

Coach Gomez explains that just as his players all work together as a team, his team of coaches functions as a unit. He prefers to consider them a team of three coaches, rather than as a head coach with two assistant coaches. Calling them not only "qualified and proficient" but also "ridiculously good," Gomez says that Coach Henson and Coach Self make it all work—whether recruiting players, preparing for games, running practices, organizing equipment, making travel arrangements, or directing weight workouts. Likewise, Steve is joined in the work of coaching the Lady Chaps by his wife, **Shawna (Blackwood, '92)**, who develops a mentoring relationship with the players and offers them a "family away from home."

For Steve Gomez, success is measured not by wins and losses, but by lives changed.



Steve Gomez / Professional Career

ELEVENTH SEASON (238-97)

BASKETBALL COACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Coach – Boys Basketball, Monterey High School, Lubbock (8 seasons)

Head Coach – Lubbock Cooper High School (7 seasons)

Head Coach – LCU (11th season)

GOMEZ'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

2003-2004 16-14	2008-2009 27-7
2004-2005 16-14	2009-2010 19-12
2005-2006 23-12	2010-2011 23-10
2006-2007 26-7	2011-2012 28-6
2007-2008 25-10	2012-2013 31-4

EDUCATION

B.S. Mathematics, Lubbock Christian University, 1988

PERSONAL

HOMETOWN | Lubbock, Texas

SPOUSE | Shawna

CHILDREN | Hayden, Landon

SPORTS IN BRIEF

LCU began competition in the Heartland Conference in the fall of 2013. Due to the current provisional status of the university in its move to NCAA Division II, no team awards or post-season play is permitted. Nonetheless, the men's soccer team completed the regular season with the best record in conference play. Several LCU athletes were named to All-Conference honors.

The Lady Chap volleyball squad saw three players named to All-Heartland Conference honors as juniors Erin Fisher and Kacey Deterding were joined by sophomore Amy Edwards in garnering those accolades.

Sophomores Gladys Miranda and Daisy Tuwei earned All-Heartland Conference honors as members of the Lady Chaps cross country squad.

All-Heartland Conference member, junior Joey Villareal, represented the LCU men's cross country squad, while junior Isaac Placencia earned honorable-mention accolades.

The Lady Chap soccer team saw four players land on the All-Heartland Conference team. Second-team accolades went to sophomores Jessica Barrera, Emily Odom and Brooke Wendl, while senior Priscilla Brannon was named to the third-team.

Four members of the Chap men's soccer squad were named to All-Heartland Conference recognition as senior Billy Forbes was named to the first-team, while senior Nick Gorrie, senior Justin Dupriest and senior Erik Mozzo each claimed second-team honors. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) named Forbes to the men's All-American second team for Division II. Mozzo was named by the NSCAA to the second team 2013 College Division Men's Scholar All-South Region list.

For full LCU Chaps athletic coverage go to www.LCUChaps.com.

Alumni and Lubbock Community Perform 2nd Summer Musical

The LCU Theatre Department, Monterey Church of Christ and Broadway Church of Christ came together again for another summer musical performance. The Lubbock production was directed by LCU's Chair of Communications and Fine Arts, **Dr. Laurie Doyle ('82)**. Several other LCU Fine Arts professors assisted in the production; Allison Smith served as assistant director, Andrew Babcock conducted the orchestra, and **Shawn Hughes ('90)** joined efforts with alum **Gary Moyers ('86)** in the set design.

The group presented *Children of Eden* with music composed by Stephen Schwartz (composer of *Wicked* and *Godspell*) and the script is authored by John Caird (writer of the musicals *Les Miserables*, *Candide* 1999, and *Jane Eyre*). This production benefitted from strong alumni participation.



LCU ALUMNI PARTICIPANTS:

Devon (Langford) Bullock ('13)	Jake Lierman ('05)	John Paul Sheppard ('05 and '12)
Jennifer Crawford ('07)	Charlie Parrish ('89)	April (Daniel) Tryon ('02)
Robbi (Blume) Crumpler ('79)	David Perrin ('80)	Eddie Wimberley ('88)
Ryan Davis ('13)	Mandy Roberts ('13)	Sandra (Beale) Wimberley ('85 and '00)
Kelsie Day ('12)	Amanda (Stewart) Rogers ('06)	
David Jones ('67)	Byron Rogers ('81)	
Laurie (Webb) Jones ('95)	DeLeisha (James) Sheppard ('04)	

1964

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

1968

Frieda (Floyd) Dickson was recently presented with a National Teacher Award from the National Christian School Association. She teaches at Dallas Christian School and lives in Garland, TX with her husband, Richard. They are the parents of Barrett ('12) and Brandon.

1972

Jan Blackwell and his wife, Kathy, live in Hendersonville, TN.

1974

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

Gary and Jane (Lynch, '78) Evans live in Lubbock, TX. They have another new grandbaby, Brooklyn Jane Hayes, daughter of Ben and **Rebecca (Evans) Hayes ('05)** of Malawi.

Ginger (Hefner) Reedy and her husband, Dickie, are retired and live in Artesia, NM. They are the parents of Richard and **Robin ('08)**.

Nancy (Rose) Sheets lives in Tipton, OK.

1975

Wayne Brooks lives in Ruidoso, NM. He has three daughters, Summer Lynne, McKayla Wynne and Ashley Brynne.

Annette (Cox) Donaldson and her husband, Britt, live in Roswell, NM.

1976

Terry and Donna (Morrow) Maupin live in Artesia and are parents of two daughters, **Terah Sexton ('06)** and **Julie Washichek ('10)**.

Bob and Mona (Gist, '75) Otenti live in Richardson, TX. He works for Alcatel-Lucent and she is a full-time grandmother.

1977

Greg Fleming and his wife, Cindy, live in Midland, TX where he has served as a minister among the North "A" Church of Christ since August 1995. He taught for three weeks in December 2012 at Cambodia Bible Institute in Phnom Penh,

which is directed by Rich Dolan ('84), and successfully defended his Doctor of Ministry thesis at Abilene Christian University in June 2013. Their daughter, Whitney, married Aaron Patterson in November 2012, and they became first-time grandparents when Kate was born in May 2013 to their son and daughter-in-law, Collin and Becca Fleming.

Michael and Becky (Garner) Joiner are parents of three LCU alums, **LynnAnne Lowrie ('02)** married to Doug, **Lauren Rea ('05)** married to Taylor, and **Lindsey Joy ('06)** married to **Kolbyn ('07)**. Michael is the minister at Hermosa Drive Church of Christ in Artesia. They are also proud grandparents to grandson, Athen Michael Lowrie.

1978

Lynn and Diane (Kasinger, '77) Heath have three children and three grandchildren. They live in Hixson, TN.

1979

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

1980

Sheila (Ludwig) Dye and her husband, Howard, recently relocated to Lubbock. They have three children: **Whitney Kennedy ('10)** married to **Tyler ('12)**, Brittany, and Trey (current LCU student and member of Best Friends).

1981

Bill and Neva (Long, '82) Bryant live in Meridian, ID. He teaches humane letters, rhetoric and orchestra at The Ambrose School.

Laura (Walker) Hendrix and her husband Neal live in Shallowater, TX. They had a grandson, Jackson Walker, born on September 12, 2013 to son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and **Rachael (Buchanan) Hendrix ('09)**.

D'dee (Pierce) Ellis lives in Muleshoe and has two sons, Daniel Dewey (age 25) and James Dustin (age 22).

Dan and Shanna (Renfrow, '84) Sanders live in Montgomery and have two adult children, Shaley and Travis.

1982

Rick and Carolyn (Moudy) Bloodworth live in Happy, TX where Rick is the preacher

at Happy Church of Christ. They have a new grandson, Teagan Foster Bloodworth, born to **A.J. ('06) and Miranda (Jones, '05) Bloodworth** of Shallowater, TX. **Steve Bloodworth ('79)** is his proud uncle.

1983

Kirk Hayes and his wife, Susan, live in Houston, TX. They have another new grandbaby, Brooklyn Jane Hayes, daughter of Ben and **Rebecca (Evans) Hayes ('05)** of Malawi.

Debbie (Ellison) Jones and her husband, Gary, live in Wolfforth and they have three children: **Miranda Jones Bloodworth ('05)** married to **A.J. ('06)**, **Cole Jones ('08)** married to Abbie, and **Kendra Jones ('09 and '12)**. They also have a new grandson, Teagan Foster Bloodworth.

Ralph Nixon lives in Natick, MA. He is married to Susel and they have three children: Lana Nixon, Vanessa Pillen and Stephanie Corbett.

1984

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

Willie Hubbard lives in District Heights, MD.

1987

Sandy (Wolf) Grant and her husband, Glenn, moved to Arlington, TX in July. Sandy works for A-Z Pediatric Therapy as a PTA. Glenn retired from 28 years of band directing in public schools in May, and is now in Architect Grad School at University of Texas at Arlington.

1988

Edgar Brazell is married to Bridgette and they live in Royce City, TX.

Shani (Beard) Thomas lives in Artesia, NM.

1989

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

Barbie Newton lives in Houston, TX.

1991

Cynthia (Donahoe) Evans married Johnny Evans on October 6, 2012 and they live in Lubbock, TX. She is the author of 2 books - *You and God - The Parenting Partnership* (2011) and *The Ultimate Family Reunion* (2013). Cynthia and her daughter, Demetria Butler, are starting a ministry called Titus

2 Project. The ministry was established to assist families growing closer to God. Seminars are held for older and younger women to learn to communicate Biblically.

1992

Doug (MA '96) and Nicole (Craig, '95) Austin live in Roswell, NM and have one son, Justin (11 years).

1994

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

Jennifer (Omdahl) Rumsey and her husband, Raymond, are the proud parents of Kylie Renae Rumsey, born October 22, 2012. They live in Quinlan, TX.

1995

Stan and Janda (Stone, '94) Craig have three sons, Luke (14 years), Mark (11 years), and Matthew (3 years).

Dreathy (Covey) McCusker is married to Bobby and has three children: Rose (age 5), Shane (age 4) and Shannon (age 3). They live in Manassas, VA.

1997

Michael ('01) and Arlas (Deans) Blackwell live in Artesia, NM and have three children, Abigail (7 years), Holly (4 years), and Rexton (2 years). LCU extends a special thanks to Abigail who helped with the Forever Blue - Artesia door prize drawings.

Terri (Lewis) Harp lives in McKinney, TX and has two children, Mark and Madison, and a granddaughter, Autumn Grace Harp, born on August 29, 2013.

1998

Mary Martin lives in Springfield, MO.

Marty and Erica (Nichols) Seefried live in Fort Smith, AR and have two children, Meghan and Justin.

1999

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

2000

Krista Dugan lives in Leander, TX and is the Regional Director of Business Development for Senior Care Centers.

Nathan and Brandy (Himes, '96) Wheeler live in Le Mars, IA and have two children, Jacob (18 years) and Jordan (16 years).

2001

Toni (Carrillo) and David ('11) Hunt live in Lubbock, TX and have three children: Phylicia married to **Austin Halliday ('08)**, Sara married to **Jared Clark ('10)**, and Andy married to **Crystal (Greer, '14)**. They also have five grandchildren. Toni has worked for LCU for 13 years and is the Data Management Specialist for the University Advancement Department.

Scott and Lauren (Reed) Prather live in Robinson, TX and have two children, William Reed (8 years) and Claire Elise (6 years).

2002

Thomas Beard lives in Roswell, NM and is a sales manager at Pecos Valley Broadcasting serving the Artesia, Carlsbad and Roswell area.

Ryan Hamblin, his wife, Kami, and their two future Chaps, Taylor Paige (5 years) and Harper Faye (2 1/2 years), live in Frisco, TX.

Matt (MS, '04) and Kagny (Zahn, '05) Paden and their two children recently moved to Nashville, TN. Matt is working in the Office of the President at Lipscomb University.

Zach and Beth (Atkinson) Ryan have two future Chaps: Belle (age 4) and Kathryn Elizabeth born on August 22, 2013. They live in Roswell, NM.

Rob and Lyriel (Smith) Shaffer live in Mansfield, TX and have two sons, Brock (age 3) and Brody (age 1). Lyriel is VP/ Security Clearance Manager in TIB-The Independent BankersBank Safekeeping and Bond Accounting Department. Lyriel recently auditioned and was selected to record a CD in January 2014 called "Praise and Harmony" with Keith Lancaster.

2003

Emily (Stewart) Hood and her husband, Jeffrey, live in Denton, TX and have twin boys: Phillip Ray and Jeffrey Kyle born May 21, 2012.

Josh and Neena (Nichols) Johnson have a son, Brodee (6 years), and a daughter, Zaylee (2 years). They live in Flower Mound,

TX, where Josh is a firefighter and Neena is a 6th grade teacher.

Elizabeth (Sheets) and Timothy ('06) Martin live in Lubbock, TX and have two future Chaps: Isaac Jonathan (3 years) and Abigail Dan'L (18 months).

2004

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

Justin Archer and his wife, Caitlin, welcomed future Chap, Clark Benjamin into the world on September 25, 2013.

Nick and Susan (Scarborough) Gaultney relocated from the Nashville, TN area to Austin, TX for Nick to attend graduate school at the University of Texas.

John Hobgood has been appointed to the State Independent Living Council by the Governor for a two year term. He lives in Lubbock, TX.

Ed and Sarah (Meter, '07) Merkel welcomed future Chap, Kellyn Holly Merkel, into the world on May 7, 2013. They live in Arlington, TX.

Stacy (Simpson) Thompson and her husband, Brad, live overseas in Thailand with daughter, Piper Joy (2 years), and son, Caleb William, born January 2, 2013.

2005

Noah and Tracee (Beard) Elrod live in Hickory Creek, TX.

Dustin Gay lives in Lubbock, TX.

Jerrid and Amy (Hannel, '02) Sanders welcomed future Chap, Julie Ryann, into their family on October 18, 2013. Julie Ryann has an older sister, Cassie (2 years).

Terah (Maupin) Sexton and her husband, Chance, have two future Chaps, Brooks (2 years) and Tripp, born March 7, 2013.

2006

Isaac Garcia is married to Camille and they live in Justin, TX.

Dana and Katy (Bowers) Phillips moved back to Lubbock to take care of Katy's parents. Dana is working as a commercial/ agricultural lender at First Capital Bank

and Katy is running her family's business, Bowers Plastics.

Amy (Brown) Reinicke is married to Joshua and they live in Oceanside, CA. Amy completed her M.S. in Leadership from LCU in May.

2007

David Duguid lives in Tulia, TX.

Kurt and Pamela (Hill, '06) Maxwell welcomed future Chap, Emily, into their family on June 26, 2013. They live in High Island, TX.

Justin and V'Laura (Wilcox, '05) Sundlie live in Abernathy, TX and have two children, Aubrey and Easton. Justin recently returned to LCU as the Chaps pitching coach.

The former Chaps catcher was a NAIA All-American in 2005 and was part of the 2006 squad, which qualified for the NAIA World Series. After a stint as head coach in 2010-2011 for Valley Mills High School, he returned to LCU to as a graduate assistant coach while completing a master's degree. He was at LCU for two seasons before spending last season as the head coach at Abernathy High School.

2008

Meagan (Wells) Dowgar and her husband, Dustan, are the parents of twins, Rylee and Grayson, born September 5, 2012. They live in Lubbock, TX.

Katie Kitson lives in Arlington, TX.

Rebecca (Carlton) Randrianasolo got married on November 17, 2012 to Dr. Arisoa Randrianasolo. After the wedding, she relocated from Lubbock to Nashville, TN, where Arisoa is an Assistant Professor in the School of Computing & Informatics at Lipscomb University.

Mark Revilla lives in Lubbock, TX with his wife, Margaret, and future Chap, Jesi Landan. He graduated with his master's degree from LCU in May.

Taylor and Sarah (McMillan) Robles live in Artesia, NM and have one son, Zane (age 3). Taylor is the high school youth minister at Hermosa Drive Church of Christ.

Melissa Waggoner lives in Sanger, TX.

2009

Reunion: Homecoming 2014

Cristin (Waddell) Coulter and her husband, Turney, live in Midland, TX and have two future Chaps, Hallee and Harper.

Joshua and Rachael (Buchanan) Hendrix welcomed future Chap, Jackson Walker Hendrix, into the world on September 12, 2013. They live in Lubbock, TX.

Britni (McCay) Howard and her husband, Austin, live in Lubbock, TX. They welcomed future Chap, Jace David, into their family on August 13, 2013.

Billy and Ashley (Coggins, '10) Jordan welcomed future Chap, Kambry Gage Jordan, into their family on February 14, 2013. They live in Argyle, TX and work at Liberty Christian School.

Matt McCall is married to Kimberly (Powell) and they live in Franklin, TN.

Jeff and Yvette (Banda, '01) Perez have two children: Tyler (17 years) and Ellainna (8 years). They live in Tahoka, TX.

Casey L. Schroeder lives in Casper, WY.

David and Haylee (Ward, '08) Swinford live in Albuquerque, NM.

Jordan (Hampton) Thurston and her husband, Tyler, welcomed future Chap, Tinsley Ryan, into their family on August 12, 2012. They live in League City, TX.

2010

Bekah (Stinson) Coggins is married to Drew and lives in Levelland, TX.

Benjamin and Courtney (Snodgrass) Hill of Lubbock, TX welcomed future Chap, Carter, into their family on Oct 1, 2013. They also have another son, Billy (2 years).

Kyle and Brenna (Tubb) Price live in Farmington, NM where he is a graphic designer and she is a speech-language pathologist at the local hospital.

2012

Tyler and Whitney (Dye, '10) Kennedy were married April 20, 2013 and have made their home in Lubbock, TX.

Andre and Vanessa (Walker, '10) Lee live in Lubbock, TX.

2013

Cara Huggins lives in Lubbock, TX and is currently attending Physical Therapy school at Texas Tech University.

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Teagan Foster Bloodworth, son of A.J. ('06) and Miranda (Jones, '05) Bloodworth, of Shallowater, Texas.



Ethan Andrew Fisher, son of Gabe and Jessica (Dye) Fisher ('02) of Abilene, Texas.



Charley Paige Ford, daughter of Adam and Jackie (Baker) Ford ('05) of Dumas, Texas.



Taylor Paige and Harper Faye Hamblin, daughters of Ryan ('05) and Kami Hamblin of Frisco, Texas.



Brooklyn Jane Hayes, daughter of Ben and Rebecca (Evans) Hayes ('05) of the Republic of Malawi.



Celah Rae Hendrickson, daughter of Calder ('09) and Ceri (Parker, '08) Hendrickson of Lubbock, Texas.



Harleigh X Jackson, daughter of Landon ('05) and Kecia (Nichols, '08) Jackson of Lubbock, Texas.



Brock Major James, son of Carter and Marla (Reed) James ('04) of Midland, Texas.



Kylie Renae Rumsey, daughter of Raymond and Jennifer (Omdahl) Rumsey ('94) of Quinlan, Texas.



Piper Joy and Caleb William Thompson, children of Brad and Stacy (Simpson) Thompson ('04) of Amarillo, Texas.



IN MEMORIAM

- **Sherry Patton ('70)** of Durham, NC, passed from this life on April 22, 2012, at the age of 62. Sherry was a member of LOA social club. Following college, she was a real estate broker and bridal consultant. Sherry is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Clem of Durham, NC, and Christina Taylor of Mebane, NC; one sister, Arlene Patton ('68) of Mt. Vernon, IL; one brother, Steven Patton of Plano; and one grandchild, Ariel Stinnett.
- **Greg Martin ('91)** of Lubbock, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 6, 2013, at the age of 47. While a student at LCU, he participated in Student Senate as Treasurer and was a member of Alpha Chi Delta social club and A Cappella Chorus. He graduated with a B.S. in finance and went on to manage a financial agency. Greg is survived by his mother, Suzanne Martin, and sister, Kendra Carroll.
- **Judy (Swift) Newton ('72)** of Amarillo, passed away September 3, 2013, after a difficult battle with brain cancer. She was 62. As a student, Judy was on the yearbook staff and was a member of Meistersingers, ICC, and Alpha Epsilon Chi. She was on the Homecoming Court in 1970. When she retired, she had taught a total of 34 years, two of

which were spent at LCU as an associate professor in the School of Education. Judy is survived by husband, **Lanny ('69)**; a daughter, Aleisha Newton, and a son, Zachary Newton; her mother, Freida Swift; and a sister, **Gayle Hankins ('67)**, all of Amarillo, TX.

- Marilyn "Joyce" Pruitt, sister of Dr. Harvie Pruitt (third president of LCU), passed away September 17, 2013, at the age of 77. Dr. Pruitt was a respected teacher and coach before she became a chiropractor and opened her practice, Lubbock Chiropractic Center. She is survived by her brother, Harvie Pruitt and his wife, Charis, of Lubbock and a sister, Pat Scott, of Edmond, OK. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Don Pruitt and Bill Pruitt.
- **Dan Sheets ('74)** of Tipton, OK, passed away September 11, 2013. As a student, Dan was a member of the Tomo Dachi social club, and he met his wife of 37 years, **Nancy (Rose) Sheets ('74)**. Dan is survived by his wife and two daughters, **Susan Chant ('01)** of Waxahachie, TX, and **Elizabeth Martin ('03)** of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and a sister, Kay Padon of Quinlan, TX.

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