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JUSTICE ROLL ON  
LIKE A RIVER.  
RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A  
NEVER-FAILING STREAM.  
PSALM 112:1

*Fountains on the Mall*



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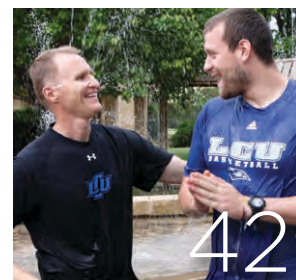
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Dear Reflections Staff,

I got my copy of Reflections in the mail today. I wanted to say what an excellent edition it was. Having read a million of them in the alumni office, I'll safely say that I think this was the best edition yet. The formatting was slick and the content was excellent.

I'm a believer in letting folks know when they do a great job, so pass along my gratitude and appreciation to the whole staff. Keep doing what you do!

In Him and Forever Blue,  
**Kyle Bullock ('13)**

Thank you for the Reflections! It affirms what I see at LCU now: a strong representation of women in leadership and scholarship, and an intentional effort toward greater diversity. LCU's heart is still inclusive, but its publishing record and its research is certainly at a much higher level! I'm so proud to be an LCU grad.

**Emily (Young '62) Lemley**

This last issue of Reflections was the best yet. It was very visually appealing, it made me want to keep reading.

**Jeff Day ('08)**



**Our mistake:** In the Fall 2014 issue of Reflections, we incorrectly listed the Master Follies winner. Christliche Damen won the People's Choice award and First Place in the women's division.



Write to us! Tell us what you think, what you like, and what you want to see in Reflections. [Reflections@LCU.edu](mailto:Reflections@LCU.edu)



On April 19, Bob Phillips, Texas Country Reporter, featured LCU's John Wayne sculpture on his show. We have been told there is a satellite game that includes this LCU attraction.

If you know about the game, please let us know at [Reflections@LCU.edu](mailto:Reflections@LCU.edu).



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L. TIMOTHY PERRIN, LCU PRESIDENT

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## LCU 2020: Envisioning Our Future

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Fifty-eight years is not very old when it comes to colleges and universities, especially when you consider the fact that the oldest institutions of higher learning in the United States are approaching 400 years of age. As Lubbock Christian University concludes its 58th year, it's a good opportunity to pause and reflect briefly on the LCU story—past, present, and future.



Our story is marked by vision, sacrifice, and faithfulness. It is filled with men and women of faith who believed and committed their lives and resources to advancing the university's mission. It is a story of changed lives. It is a story of growth and determination and sustained excellence.

During the course of the last couple of years, the LCU community has been exploring fundamental questions about the university's identity and purpose. As we look ahead to the year 2020 and beyond, we have sought to envision our future and unleash our imaginations while striving to fulfill the university's great promise. It has been a significant moment in the life of the university, and in the weeks and months ahead you will be hearing much more about LCU 2020 and our plans and priorities for the future.

As part of the process, we sought to articulate the university's values, those aspects of our institutional character that are cornerstones of our identity.

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*We seek to be authentically Christian, guided by our Christian faith in every dimension of our life as a community of higher learning.*

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This commitment to Christ-centeredness has been the central animating idea of the university from its beginning. Indeed, in October of 1957, only a month after the college welcomed its first students, founding president F. W. Mattox spoke at the inaugural Bible Lectures hosted on campus. In his address, "Our Hopes for Lubbock Christian College," he declared: "It is our only purpose to render a service in regard to the spiritual lives of young people. . . . [F]or if it were not for its spiritual aims [the college] would have no right to exist."

Today, nearly six decades later, the vision is alive, and every day we seek to strengthen our Christian identity as we work to more fully realize the university's founding vision.

In this issue of Reflections, we share stories about the distinctive, life-changing impact of LCU, including the remarkable success of our undergraduate research program, the significant contributions and achievements of our alumni, the extraordinary impact of our student athletes in raising funds for the Make-A-Wish program, and the compelling story of the first student to be baptized in our newly dedicated Fountains on the Mall.

In his 1957 address, Dr. Mattox said: "This is going to be a great Christian college because it is building on a firm foundation. . . . We believe that with the grace of the Lord these desires will actually become realities."

These words are just as true today as when first uttered. As we look ahead to 2020 and beyond, we do so with confidence in the one from whom all blessings flow.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'L. Timothy Perrin'.

L. Timothy Perrin  
President  
Class of 1984





# 2020 VISION



## LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Lubbock Christian University's history rests on the stirring vision and faithful service of its "modern pioneers." The university's story is anchored in God's providence. Much has changed in the 58 years since the university's founding, but LCU remains steadfastly committed to Christian higher education and its mission of changing lives. This statement of Mission, Vision, and Identity and Values will serve as guideposts as the university navigates the future.

During the course of the last two years, the university community—board members, faculty, staff, students, and alumni—spent time in conversation about its purpose, identity, and priorities. The statements that follow are the result of this deeply collaborative process.

### I. OUR MISSION

*Lubbock Christian University is a Christ-centered, academic community of learners, transforming the hearts, minds, and hands of students for lives of purpose and service.*

### II. OUR VISION

*Lubbock Christian University will be a leading Christian university, known for its academic excellence and its commitment to faith that seeks understanding, where wisdom is pursued, vocation is discerned, and service is fostered.*

### III. OUR IDENTITY AND VALUES

We seek to be authentically Christian, guided by our Christian faith in every dimension of our life as a community of higher learning.

- We are committed to students, passionately seeking to provide a transformative educational experience.
- We are scholars and co-discoverers, guided by Christian wisdom while diligently seeking the truth in every discipline.
- We are a welcoming community, embodying a spirit of hospitality in every aspect of our life together.
- We are thoughtfully engaged, committed to serving as agents, models, and witnesses of the Kingdom of God in our families, churches, and communities.
- We pursue the highest standards of excellence, "working with all our hearts, as working for the Lord," and seeking to glorify God in everything we do.
- We act with integrity, striving to discern right from wrong, speaking the truth, and keeping our commitments.
- We treat others with dignity and respect, valuing each person as one made in God's image.





# LCU students ask questions & find answers.

by Warren McNeill

**Hannah Sutton transferred to LCU in the middle of her freshman year because she wanted to become a Bible major.**

She felt a connection with the LCU Bible Department. “It seemed a bit more personal and better suited to me,” says Hannah.

Shortly after she arrived on campus, she learned about the growing number of undergraduate LCU students who were doing original research with the help of faculty mentors. Something sparked inside of her when she heard fellow Biblical studies major **James Masterson** ('14) asking the question, “What if I could determine whether summer ministry internships were really effective?”

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Hannah heard James present the findings of his original research, “The Effectiveness of Short Term Intensive Youth and Family Ministry Internships,” at the annual LCU Scholars Colloquium. It was through that experience that she learned she could pursue her own answers to some of her “what if” questions. Seeing fellow students conducting original research into real-world issues gave Hannah the confidence she needed to become a part of the undergraduate research initiative at LCU.

Hannah then approached Dr. Stephen Bonner, one of her Bible professors, and he agreed to be her faculty mentor for her research project.





## But the LCU story of undergraduate research really starts much earlier.

**Julie (Maxcey) Marshall** never saw herself as a researcher. She graduated from LCU in 1989 with a degree in elementary education and began to teach in Lubbock. A short while later, LCU dean and biology professor Dr. Gary Estep, who had known Marshall all her life, recruited her to do part-time work in the chemistry lab.

That simple invitation changed the course of Marshall's life and opened the door for LCU undergraduate research for so many others.

After working with Estep, Marshall decided to go back to school to get her chemistry degree and eventually earned her Ph.D. in chemistry from Texas Tech University in 2001. She joined the faculty at LCU teaching general chemistry and biochemistry. In 2003, Marshall was encouraged to submit a proposal to do some research for J. Leek and Associates. The next year, she received funding for a three-year grant for research into three specific questions that were a part of her proposal.

Marshall immediately began looking for LCU students who would be interested in helping with this research. She knew God was at work in this process and blessing her efforts with these first three students, **Matt Joyner ('05), Kolbyn Joy ('07), and Amanda (Ellis '06) Boston**, and that effort gave birth to LCU's undergraduate research program. Marshall states, "All three of these inaugural undergraduate researchers went on to obtain a Ph.D. in science, showing their aptitude and work ethic in the lab and classroom. I also saw them as disciplined, mature, Godly young people."

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"Starting from scratch was a bit scary, because we had to change the culture on campus," says Dr. Marshall. "I knew it was the right thing to do, because I began to see the relationship between me and these students was different. LCU faculty are known for taking personal interest in the education and lives of their students, but this was deeper. Because we were working together to answer a specific question, the walls between professor and student came down, and we were just minds working together to find answers."

After a year or so, the undergraduate research project grew beyond a point where Dr. Marshall could effectively mentor the number of student researchers involved. Lucy Porter, an adjunct professor of microbiology, came alongside to become the second faculty mentor for undergraduate research at LCU. Dr. Marshall said, "I figured out very quickly that Lucy was a true mentor, caring for students in an even richer and deeper way than I was able, so we were able to amplify what we were doing with the students."

Dr. Marshall was awarded another research grant in 2007 and more research projects were developed for students. But all of the research at that point was still in the sciences.

"We were a nexus, and several things began to converge from 2006 to 2011," indicated Dr. Marshall. The Scholars Colloquium, a campus-wide opportunity for original research to be presented to student and faculty peers, began at the initiative of the University Honors Program. Faculty members who started the colloquium were Dr. Jim Bullock (former LCU faculty member and former director of the University Honors Program), Dr. Gregg Fehr, associate professor of history and Honors Coordinator for Humanities, and Dr. Jesse Long, Dean of the College of Biblical Studies and Behavioral Sciences.

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) was created to review the use of human subjects in any LCU research endeavor. The Playa Lake Study began, with a multi-year project composed of numerous independent but related research projects. This study and other scholarly initiatives were indicative of a campus-wide cultural shift that promoted undergraduate research and deeper scholarship.



Sarah Mannon presenting her research on the effects of socialization across the lifespan.

In the spring of 2010 Lucy Porter, Dr. Susan Blessingame, and Dr. Andy Laughlin took a few students to the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), which is considered to be the very best and most comprehensive conference for students doing research at the undergraduate level.



Samantha Lack ('12)

"It was at NCUR that we determined this should be done by all disciplines—undergrad research could go across the entire campus," said Porter. All academic disciplines, including those in nonscientific fields, began to create opportunities for students to engage in research opportunities utilizing both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Students across the university were encouraged to think critically about the "what ifs" in their respective academic areas.

This past March, LCU students submitted their proposals for a chance to present at the NCUR, held this year at Eastern Washington University. Twenty-three LCU students were invited to present, with just over half of the LCU student presentations in academic disciplines outside of the sciences, a clear indication that LCU is producing original research and depth of scholarship all across campus.

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*This year, the NCUR honored LCU by naming the university to its honor roll of 57 universities from across the nation who are leading the way in undergraduate research.*

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When asked about how undergraduate research is benefitting LCU students, Dr. Marshall indicated that it enhances students' critical thinking skills and lifts their confidence. "One of our shyest and most reserved students stepped out of his comfort zone at NCUR. The student sought out and talked with a professor from another university, whom he did not know, about the commonalities of the research they were each conducting independently. I'm convinced he would have never done that before he became involved in undergraduate research," Dr. Marshall said excitedly. "And we even had another student approached about having their research published."

Hannah Sutton and Logan Adams, both honors students, were two of the students who presented at NCUR. Back at LCU, these two students were chosen from among their peers to be the two presenters featured in the student plenary session of the annual LCU Scholars Colloquium. Hannah received the award for best qualitative research for her presentation, "Paying for Pandora from the Pews: Comparing Women's Views of God in the Churches of Christ," and Adam received the best quantitative research award with his presentation on "Detection of Genes Encoding Shiga Toxin in Antibiotic Resistant E. coli Isolated from Urban Playa Lakes and the Feces of Canada Geese and Resident Waterfowl."

When asked what they learned by being involved in undergraduate research, Hannah responded, "I've always been a persistent person, but doing this research has taught me to follow through. If you have a passion you need to pursue it. There are multiple ways to accomplish a task. Research has taught me to ask questions about processes, taught me to be more creative. Research has taught me to think things through, to think critically."

She continued, "Dr. Bonner taught me so much. He took time to pray with me about this research. Every time we would meet to discuss my research, our meeting began with prayer. I don't think I will ever be able to do research again without prayer being first and foremost as a part of the process."





## “Dr. Marshall taught us to persevere—to not give up.”

Logan said being involved in research had taught him that, “when faced with obstacles that really seemed insurmountable, or when it seemed our pursuit of answers through research had failed, Dr. Marshall would encourage me to look at the results in a different way—not as a failed attempt, but to glean some information from those results. We would take a step back, observe what process had brought us to this point, and then determine alternative steps that might provide a different direction in order to move past what had seemed an impossibility. She taught us to persevere—to not give up.”

All LCU students are given the opportunity to be paired with a faculty mentor and to do original research to find the answers to the “what if” questions that fit their disciplines and passions. As more of them participate in such research, LCU is truly experiencing a positive cultural shift as professors and students become co-discoverers in the quest for answers to real-world, real-life questions.

“Undergraduate research allows students to work side-by-side with faculty mentors,” says Dr. Marshall. “At LCU, faculty routinely publish scholarly work, but we don’t have the pressure to publish at the same rate as someone at a research university, so we can concentrate on the student during the process. It gives the student tremendous confidence, whatever field they go into, and it creates a lasting bond between the mentor and the student. Working side-by-side makes you colleagues; you are beyond professor and student.”



Students Joshua Thomas, Jase Hill, and professor Bart Durham taking water samples from a Lubbock playa lake.



Leah Price graduated in May 2015 with a B.A. in Art Education and was one of 23 undergraduate students who presented at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Below are excerpts of her abstract (a summary of her research project) that she sent to NCUR, which describes the body of work she created including the image above of her work, “Lost” – a self-portrait “mosaic” composed of screws topped with digital images of family pictures.

A critical view of memory and identity is portrayed in my work both thematically and visually. This theme is a reflection upon remembrance and self-reflection and how that affects the present identity of an individual. An underlying theme, fragmentation, is seen in each work for each piece is comprised of many parts, all parts in a sense broken from the true event.

In the mosaic portrait “Lost”, each “dot” placed on the head of each screw is a different picture, a different memory, and together, make up the whole portrait, the whole identity. Many of the memories are also “falling off” the whole of the portrait, depicting memories forgotten and an identity broken.

The materials used in each of these works draw inspiration from the underlying theme of fragmented memories that we construct into a whole. Thus, many “construction” tools are used, from plywood to screws. Also, many parts of the works appear to be left rough or unfinished in order to better emphasize the idea that present, living identities are often a construction of memories past.

My artwork is strongly influenced by personal experience, for I have found that who I view myself to presently be is often strongly dictated upon who I have been - the person I see in my memories. In many cases, my identity is shaped and wrought with memories of my past. These memories always live in us, but sometimes we choose to live in them.

- Leah Price ('15)



*Sommer O'Brien, David Lee and Austin Staggs presenting their undergraduate research during the annual Scholars Colloquium in April.*

## LCU STUDENT PRESENTERS

### NCUR 2015 Eastern Washington University (Cheney/Spokane) – April 15-19

**LOGAN ADAMS** . . . . . BS Biochemistry, Honors Scholar  
**Research:** . . . . . "Detection of Genes Encoding Shiga Toxin in Antibiotic Resistant *Escherichia coli* Isolated from Urban Playa Lakes and the Feces of Canada Geese and Resident Waterfowl"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Julie Marshall and Lucy Porter

**ASHLEY ALBRECHT** . . . . . BS Biology  
**JASE HILL** . . . . . BS Biology, Honors Scholar  
**Research:** . . . . . "Comparison of *Escherichia coli* Loads in Urban Playa Lakes during Wet and Dry Seasons"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Bart Durham and Lucy Porter

**MARKESE BOHANON** . . . . . BA Biology, Honors Scholar  
**Research:** . . . . . "Identification of Enzymes Produced by *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* and *Pycnoporus sanguineus* in the Breakdown of Peanut Agricultural Waste"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Lucy Porter and Julie Marshall

**JONATHAN CAMPBELL** . . . . . BA History  
**Research:** . . . . . "The Great Highways of the Ancient World: The History of the Roman Roads in Britain"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Keith Owen

**BRADLEY CUMMINS** . . . . . BA Art Education  
**Research:** . . . . . "Oil in Water: A Violation"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Michelle Kraft

**MEGAN DUREN** . . . . . BSIS Secondary Education  
**Research:** . . . . . "The Musicality of Linear B"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Keith Owen

**STUART DANE EGGLESTON** . . . . . BA Psychology  
**Research:** . . . . . "Police SWAT Team Operators: Operator Experience, Personality, Cognitive-Emotion Regulation, Decision-Making Style, and Implications for Training and Selection"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Andy Young

**KALINDA WIGHT** . . . . . BS Animal Science  
**CHASE HITTLE** . . . . . BS Animal Science  
**Research:** . . . . . "Survival of 229-mm Channel Catfish *Ictalurus punctatus* Stocked into Small Texas Lakes"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Bart Durham

**MATTHEW HOADLEY** . . . . . BA English/BA History  
**Research:** . . . . . "Lines in the Sand: Fact and Myth in Ancient Roman Sources"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Matt Byars

**LINDSEY HOLT** . . . . . BA English, Honors Scholar  
**Research:** . . . . . "Reconciling Change, Assimilation, and Tradition in Multicultural Literature"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Ronna Privett

**MATTHEW HUTTON** . . . . . BS Biology  
**Research:** . . . . . "Spatial Pattern and Abundance of *Escherichia coli* at Urban Playa Lakes"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Lucy Porter and Bart Durham

**RUSTIN KENEDA** . . . . . BS Chemistry  
**NICHOLAS KAM** . . . . . BS Chemistry  
**Research:** . . . . . "Optimizing Manufacturing Protocol for the Production of Charges Used in Plugging Hydrofracking Wells"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Amanda Boston and Jessica Rogers

**SUNNY PARK** . . . . . BA Communication  
**PAYTON SHIPLEY** . . . . . BA Communication  
**Research:** . . . . . "The Effects of Touch on Emotional Receptive States: Perceptions of a Movie Clip"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Shawn Hughes

**LEAH PRICE** . . . . . BA Art Education, Honors Scholar  
**Research:** . . . . . "In Living Memory"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Michelle Kraft

**JORDAN PUTMAN** . . . . . BS Biochemistry  
**Research:** . . . . . "Surveying Antibiotic Resistance and Genomic Relationships in *Escherichia coli* Isolated from Domestic Geese Fecal Matter in Urban Playa Lakes"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Julie Marshall and Lucy Porter

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**Research:** . . . . . "Genetic Profiles of *Escherichia coli* Isolated from the Fecal Matter of Resident Water Fowl of Urban Playa Lakes"  
**Faculty Mentors:** . . . . . Julie Marshall and Lucy Porter

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**Research:** . . . . . "Paying for Pandora from the Pews: Comparing Female View of God in the Churches of Christ"  
**Faculty Mentor:** . . . . . Steve Bonner



# LCU students changing lives in Washington D.C.

*by Payton Shipley and Renee Rhodes*

**Kara Stephenson ('15)**, an organizational communications major, graduated this spring from LCU. A focused student, active social club member, Student Senate executive, and pioneer for Chap Radio in her four years at LCU, Kara never let an opportunity pass her by, including a four-month internship in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2014.



Through LCU's relationship with The Washington Center (TWC)—a program that finds advantageous internships and educational opportunities for students in the D.C. area—Kara and three other LCU students traveled to D.C. to live, work, and learn for a semester. Kara loved every minute living in D.C., but her experiences extended beyond the walls of her internship.

TWC helped place Kara at an organization called Back on My Feet (BoMF).

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Kara, her coworkers, and other volunteers would wake up at 5 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to run with some of the homeless population of Washington. The purpose of the run was not fitness, but rather to provide runners with skills, such as self-sufficiency and dedication, to help them succeed beyond the program.



After proving a certain level of commitment and dedication, BoMF members are afforded training opportunities as well as housing resources. Ideally, members of the organization use the skills and training provided by BoMF to gain independence so that they can support themselves. According to the BoMF website, 46 percent of members go on to transform their lives with a job, housing, or both.

"Running so early in the morning takes loyalty and passion for a good cause," Kara said. "Running beside these people and gaining insight into their world impacted my life as well."

Many of the people Kara met at BoMF were a blessing to her, but so were others that she met in D.C. and in the TWC program. Kara was exposed to the diversity of culture by living with roommates from Brazil, South Korea, and Iowa. The wide variety of culture affected the entire apartment—for instance, cleaning the kitchen became a more complicated task when everyone had a different idea of how the cleaning should be done.

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Washington interns with a "Back on My Feet" participant.



Kara notes that the interns at TWC cycle out every semester, but the runners at BoMF will stay in the city, as they continue the transition from homelessness to independence and stability. She knew that keeping connected with either her fellow interns or the BoMF runners could prove difficult. But in her last week in D.C., in the midst of stress and packing and tying up loose ends, Kara ran to CVS and encountered someone who made her internship experience worth it. One of the BoMF runners, whom she had known since the beginning of her internship, had gotten a job at that particular CVS location.

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After returning home, Kara was a changed person in all aspects of her life. Because of her experiences, she encourages others to take the same leap of faith that she did: “Believe it or not, we’re not all from West Texas. There are other beliefs and ideas out there. I will always have my strong faith, but I have grown more open to listening to where others are coming from. Some students at LCU may be struggling with the next step, or what they want to do with their lives, and I strongly recommend the LCU Washington program. I took a leap of faith, and I was rewarded with a great experience. I threw myself into the unknown, and I came out stronger.”

Learn more about LCU in Washington, past interns, and the opportunities provided by LCU’s partnership with The Washington Center: [LCU.edu/washington](http://LCU.edu/washington).

Learn more about the Washington Center: [twc.edu](http://twc.edu).

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*Katie Sullivan, Adam Pinks, and Kara Stephenson at the TWC commencement ceremony.*



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPRING

### JANUARY



The first Blur (student worship experience) of the spring semester featured speaker Dean Barham, senior minister at the Woodmont Hills Church in Nashville. Josh Kasinger, worship leader at Bammel Church of Christ in Houston and LCU's Best Friends group led worship.



The LCU campus now has a Starbucks at the entrance to the university library. A dedication and blessing ceremony was held to mark the opening of this new community space.

### FEBRUARY



**Kappa Phi Kappa** took first place in the women's division of Master Follies.



**Koinonia** was the first place winner for the men's division.



**Sub T-16** was awarded second place for the men's division, the B. Wayne Hinds Special Effects Award, and the People's Choice Award.





The LCU CHEMteach lab officially launched on Monday, Feb. 9, with 23 high school chemistry teachers in attendance. The teachers had the opportunity to learn new experiments and techniques from LCU's chemistry faculty. Full story: [LCU.edu/CHEMteach](http://LCU.edu/CHEMteach)



Texas country music singer and former LCU student **Aaron Watson** made a special appearance during chapel, using his time with students to encourage them. Watson used the stories of David, Moses, and Jesus, as well as his own personal struggles, to illustrate that God uses underdogs for a greater purpose than they could imagine for their own lives. Full story: [LCU.edu/AaronWatson](http://LCU.edu/AaronWatson)

The US Department of Education released its financial responsibility scores in March. LCU's went from 2.5 for FY 2012 score to 3.0 for FY 2013. This is the highest possible rating. The composite score reflects the overall relative financial health of institutions along a scale from negative 1.0 to positive 3.0. Full story: [LCU.edu/fsa](http://LCU.edu/fsa)



Lubbock Christian University welcomed the real-life heroes of Disney's latest blockbuster, "McFarland USA," on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Jim "Blanco" White and wife, Cheryl, were joined by their daughters **Tami (White '85) Wolfe, Julie (White '89) Tuttle, and Jamie (White '91) Bell.**

The Whites spent the day on campus speaking about their experience of being portrayed in the film and meeting with the LCU community. Following a full day of events on campus, including speaking to local track and athletic teams, a special screening of the film was held at Cinemark Movies

16 in Lubbock with the Whites in attendance. Every seat was filled with LCU students, faculty, alumni, and friends. Following the film, Jim White held a short Q&A session, giving insight to the film and speaking about how certain scenes in the film differed from real life. Full story: [LCU.edu/McFarland](http://LCU.edu/McFarland)

## MARCH

Enactus, a student-led organization dedicated to advancing free enterprise and enhancing the awareness of entrepreneurship, held its second Chap Tank competition. The competition, which plays off the hit television show "Shark Tank," called on all students to submit their ideas for business-related ventures. Six contestants were chosen to present their ideas to a panel of judges for the chance to win a grand prize.

Full story: [LCU.edu/ChapTank15](http://LCU.edu/ChapTank15)



First Place—**Brock Hooten:**  
Base Tech



Second Place—**Kristen Fellows:**  
Gun Control Training Center



Third Place—**John Moore ('15):**  
South Plains Action Photography

### Chap Tank Guest judges were:

- Jon Jackson  
Bettenbough Homes
- **Shane Shuttlesworth ('01)**  
Osteogenics Biomedical
- Bradley Madison  
Calvert Home Health Care
- **Myndee Pool**  
Carpet Tech
- **Marcylyle Combs (M.S. '14)**  
Foundation Management Services, Inc



Best Friends' 2014 album, "Every Good Thing," was nominated for Best Religious Album by the Contemporary A Cappella Society.  
Full story: [LCU.edu/CARA15](http://LCU.edu/CARA15)



**Taylor Prather with Douglas Gresham**

Douglas Gresham, author and stepson of C. S. Lewis, visited campus on March 26 as the special guest of LCU women's social club LOA and member **Taylor Prather**. Gresham is the co-producer of the film adaptations of "The Chronicles of Narnia" series and is the author of "Lenten Lands: My Childhood with Joy Davidman and C. S. Lewis" and "Jack's Life: The Life Story of C. S. Lewis."

The day began with Gresham addressing LCU students during chapel, where he touched on the importance of faith and the strength it takes to be a Christian. A Q&A

session with Gresham was held in the Baker Conference Center, with LCU associate professor of English Dr. Kenneth Hawley facilitating. During this time, Gresham fielded questions about his life with C. S. Lewis, who he fondly refers to as Jack. He also shared the adventures of his life beyond the Lewis home.

Gresham explained that he has spent many years making sure that the works of Lewis are preserved and shared with the public. Gresham believes that Lewis would be pleased and amused that his legacy continues, not only through Gresham, but with the help of countless others.

Full story: [LCU.edu/DouglasGresham](http://LCU.edu/DouglasGresham)



The National College Baseball Hall of Fame executive director, Mike Gustafson, came to campus to surprise and announce in chapel that LCU alumnus and coach, **Larry Hays ('64)**, was one of its eight 2015 inductees. The ceremony was held on June 29 in Lubbock.



Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips made a special stop at the Lubbock Christian University Library in March. He featured the John Wayne sculpture in his weekly episode of the "Texas Country Reporter" on April 19.



The final Blur of the school year was held on March 31. Worship was led by **Thomas Aduddell ('96)**, and the student speakers included **Jenna Clary, David Lee, Stephen Minchew, Clark Sayre ('15), Austin Staggs, and Abby White.**

## APRIL



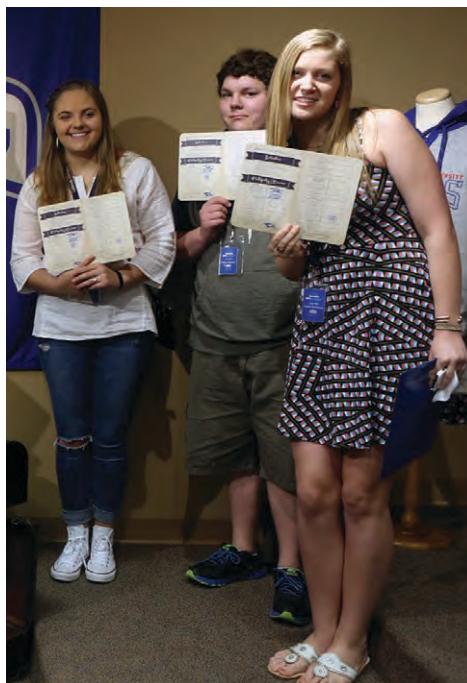
LCU hosted its Women in Leadership Conference on April 2. The lineup of speakers included Dee Ann Turner, vice president of Chic-Fil-A's corporate talent department; Holly M. Duncan, founding CEO of Parkridge; Kathrine Lee, co-creator and executive director of The Ultimate Source; and **Marcyllie Combs ('14 M.S.)**, founder, president, and CEO of Foundation Management Services. Pictured with Dr. Kathy Crockett. Full Story: [LCU.edu/WIL](http://LCU.edu/WIL)



LCU Alumni Relations hosted its official Ring Ceremony for LCU juniors and seniors receiving their school rings. To learn more about this tradition and to order your own ring, go to [LCUAlumni.com/ring](http://LCUAlumni.com/ring).



Lubbock Christian University signed an articulation agreement with Texas Tech's Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering on April 17. The agreement renews the arrangement between the two institutions whereby engineering students are able to spend the first two and a half years of their college career at LCU and then transition to Texas Tech for their engineering coursework. Full story: [LCU.edu/engineering](http://LCU.edu/engineering)



LCU hosted its first ever "Ready, Set, Blue!" event for new Chaps and their parents on April 20. The event allowed new students to acquaint themselves with each other and gave them the opportunity to register for classes. Next year's event is April 20, 2016.



LCU held its first 24-hour reading marathon of the New Testament on April 20. "The event came to fruition at the request of students," Dr. Susan Blassingame said. Readers took 30-minute shifts, taking time to pray with the next person on the list before switching shifts. The reading was stopped for a moment of prayer, song, and remembrance for the tragic event that had happened in Kenya days earlier resulting in the deaths of numerous university students.



Students presented various forms of research at the university's annual Scholar's Colloquium. This year's keynote speaker for the event was **Dr. Daniel Bustillos ('98)**, assistant professor, Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics, Saint Louis University. He holds a secondary appointment in the Saint Louis University School of Public Health.

In the final week of chapel, the "In Conclusion" talks were given by graduating seniors **Hannah Sutton ('15), Daniel Whitefield ('15), and Lindsey Holt ('15)**. The three shared special moments and what they had learned from their time at LCU. To hear their full talks, go to [LCU.edu/Hannah15](http://LCU.edu/Hannah15) [LCU.edu/Daniel15](http://LCU.edu/Daniel15) [LCU.edu/Lindsey15](http://LCU.edu/Lindsey15)



**MAY**



A tradition or a one-time event? Men's social club Alpha Chi took a cool dip in the university's newly dedicated fountains following the final chapel program of the spring semester.



Lubbock Christian University celebrated its 2015 graduating class with two commencement ceremonies. The Graduate Ceremony was held in the McDonald Moody Auditorium on May 8, and the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony was held in the Rip Griffin Center on May 9. Commencement speakers were, John J. Christmann, Jr., CEO and president of Apache Oil, and Dr. Brandon L. Fredenburg, assistant dean of the College of Biblical studies and Behavior Sciences and professor of Biblical studies. Student speaker for the undergraduate commencement was **Andrea Fultz ('15)**.

*Hear all their speeches at [LCU.edu/Graduations](http://LCU.edu/Graduations)*



A group of LCU students spent the day at the capitol building in Austin talking to state representatives about the importance of the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) in Texas, which provided direct support to more than 500 LCU students this year.



Honors graduate  
**Rebekah Medllin ('15)**



Honors graduate  
**Daniel Whitefield ('15)**



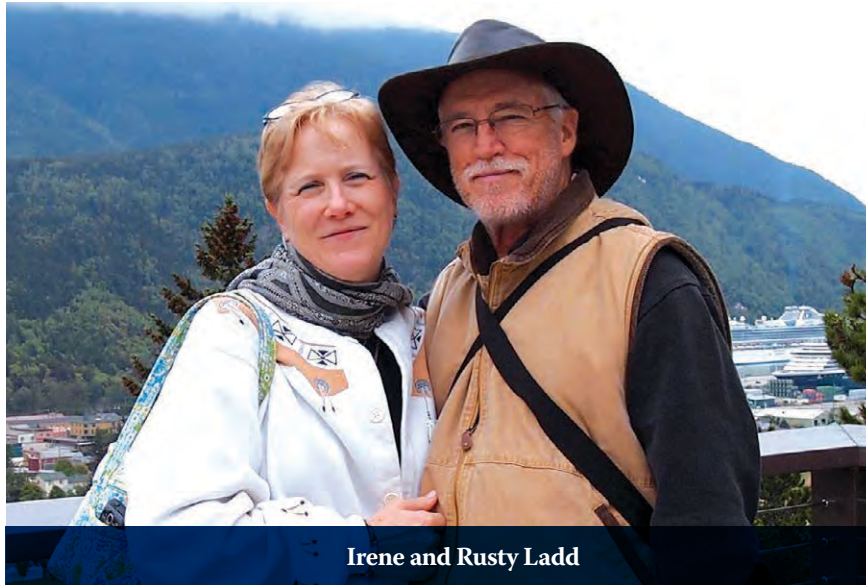




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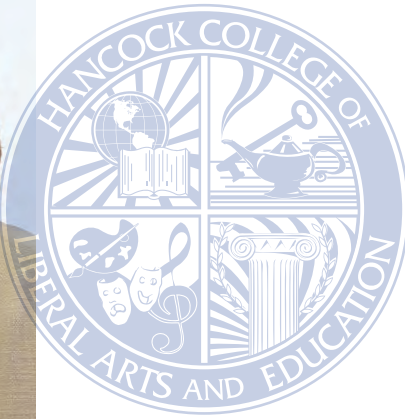


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# Faculty Awards and Appointments

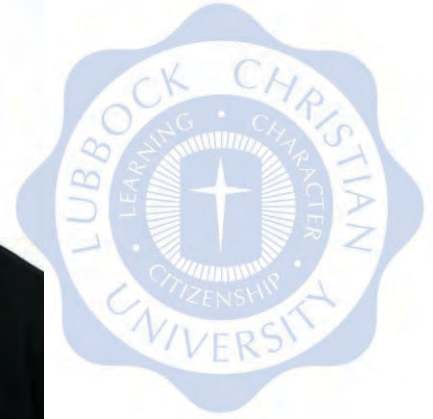


## SUSAN BLASSINGAME

*Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education*

At the 2015 meeting of the Conference of College Teachers of English (CCTE), LCU Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education, Dr. Susan Blassingame, was awarded the 2015 Frances Hernández Scholar-Teacher Award, which is a lifetime achievement award given each year to a university English professor who manifests excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. Recipients receive an award of \$1,000.

The CCTE Executive Council selects recipients from nominations made by colleagues within the nominee's university and from peers from universities throughout Texas. The nominations are based on a demonstrated dedication to the profession through outstanding teaching, service to CCTE, university, and other professional organizations, and both academic and scholarly achievement.



## KENNETH HAWLEY

*Associate Professor of English*

**The officers of the International Boethius Society voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Kenneth Hawley as co-editor of *Carmina Philosophiae: Journal of the International Boethius Society*.**

Dr. Hawley will serve with Noel Harold Kaylor, Jr. of Troy University. This annual, peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal is devoted to the study of Boethius, his age, and his influence. The 2014 issue of the journal—guest edited by Joseph McMullen and Erica Weaver (Harvard University)—will feature selections from "Revisiting the Legacy of Boethius in the Middle Ages," a conference co-sponsored by the International Boethius Society and hosted at Harvard in March 2014.

Dr. Hawley is working now on the 2015 volume and continues to serve as editor of the society's online newsletter: *Boethius.blogspot.com*.

## L.R. Sr. and Ruth Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award 2015 HONOREES

### CATHY BOX

*Associate Professor of Education*

Cathy Box completed a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in math and science education from Texas Tech University in 2008 and a master's degree in Multidisciplinary Science from Texas Tech University in 2003. She is certified to teach grades 6-12 science. Dr. Box taught high school biology and middle school science in the Tahoka



Independent School District before coming to Lubbock Christian University in 2008. She currently serves as an associate professor and the program coordinator for secondary education in the School of Education. She is the president of TISD's Board of Trustees, an active member at the Tahoka Church of Christ, and serves as an assessment consultant for area schools. Her area of specialization is formative assessment or assessment for learning.

### ANDY LAUGHLIN

*Associate Professor of Natural Sciences*

Dr. Andy Laughlin is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Natural Sciences and has been teaching at LCU for ten years. He obtained his B.S. in animal science from Texas A&M University, an M.S. in animal science from Angelo State University, and a Ph.D. in physiology of reproduction in the animal science department from Texas A&M University.



Dr. Laughlin teaches human and animal anatomy and physiology and animal science, and leads a medical mission trip to Peru every May. He mentors undergraduate students in research and serves as the faculty coordinator for the pre-vet club on campus. Outside of the LCU community, Dr. Laughlin coaches youth baseball, is a member of South Plains Church of Christ, and judges sheep and goat shows across the state of Texas.



# Four New Members of Board of Trustees Announced

Three distinguished alumni of Lubbock Christian University have returned home to join their alma mater's Board of Trustees, and they are joined by a highly respected member of the federal judiciary.

The new additions include Judge James O. Browning, **Rhonda Rhodes ('77)**, **Alan Rhodes ('80)**, and **Quentin Mimms ('83)**.

President Tim Perrin commented:

**"We are most fortunate to add these four extraordinarily successful individuals to the Board of Trustees. They each bring a deep commitment to Christian higher education and a profound understanding of LCU's distinctive mission. I look forward to working with them as together we seek to advance the university."**



**Judge Browning**

**Judge Browning** obtained his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Yale University in 1978, followed by a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1981. Following law school he clerked for Justice Lewis F. Powell on the United States Supreme Court. Judge Browning practiced law in New Mexico in both private and public settings before his appointment to the United States District

Court for the District of New Mexico in 2003 by President George W. Bush. Judge Browning has twice been named Outstanding Federal Jurist (2009 and 2013) by the New Mexico chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is married to Jan, and they have three children, Jacob, Eli, and **Elizabeth ('06)**, and two grandchildren. They attend the Montgomery Church of Christ in Albuquerque.



**Rhonda Rhodes**

**Rhonda Rhodes** is a 1977 alumna of Lubbock Christian University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She received her M.Ed. from Eastern New Mexico University in 1981, and her J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1988. She is a partner in the law firm of Williams & Rhodes, LLP in Englewood, CO. Rhonda also serves on the board of the

LCU Foundation. She started the Rhodes to Relief charity, through which she and others build homes together in Mexico with Missions Ministries. Rhonda, who attends the University Church of Christ in Denver, is married to Terry Howard, and has one daughter, Ragan, who lives in Lubbock.



**Alan Rhodes**

**Alan Rhodes** is a 1980 graduate of LCU, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He received his J.D. degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1983. Alan is the President of Underwood Attorneys at Law in Amarillo, Texas, where he lives with his wife, **Robyn (Baker '79)**, who is also an LCU graduate. Alan and Robyn have one son, Kregg,

two daughters, Katherine (Rhodes) Parks and Jenna Lea, and two granddaughters. Alan is very active in the Amarillo community, having served as president of more than a half-dozen area non-profits and service organizations. Alan also serves on the board of the LCU Foundation, and is a member of the Colonies Church of Christ.



**Quentin Mimms**

**Quentin Mimms** graduated from LCU in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He received his MBA from Rice University in 1986 and is a licensed CPA. He is a partner at Alvarez and Marsal, a business consulting firm in Dallas, Texas, specializing in forensic accounting. Quentin has been retained as an expert witness

in litigated matters across the country. Quentin was named LCU's Outstanding Young Alumnus in 1993. Quentin and wife Sally have three children - Rachel, Kevin, and current student **Sam**, and one grandchild. The Mimms attend the McDermott Road Church of Christ, where Quentin serves as an elder.

# LCU FOUNDATION P R E S I D E N T

## **AL ROBERTS** has been named **President** of the **LCU Foundation**.

President Tim Perrin stated, "Al Roberts is the right person at the right time to lead the LCU Foundation. I am indebted to Dr. Ken Jones for providing such strong leadership of the Foundation during the course of the past year and look forward to working with Al to advance the university's mission."

"The foundation is a tool, an adjacent resource, which gives the university more flexibility. We share the mission and vision of the university, but provide a unique approach to secure resources for the support of LCU," Roberts said. "I am pleased to accept this appointment, and I am looking forward to working closely with President Perrin to help fully achieve the vision of the foundation."

Already, Roberts is developing ideas for future foundation initiatives. Some of Roberts' long-term goals include providing more options for scholarships, supporting students attending the LCU Washington internship program and working to accommodate the needs of athletics and extracurricular activities on campus.



Prior to working at LCU, Roberts worked for thirty years in telecommunications, occupying executive positions within Verizon, Qwest, and Century Link. He has been married for 35 years to his high-school sweetheart, Judy, and they have three children, Jon, **Bryan ('01)**, and Abby. Though not an LCU alum himself, Roberts was drawn into the community when Bryan joined LCU as a student.

Roberts served on the LCU Board of Trustees for five years. Now, as president of the foundation, he looks forward to the opportunity to foster greater involvement by the LCU Foundation board.

**"Al Roberts  
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*– President Tim Perrin*

**If you have any questions about the LCU Foundation or would like to be involved in its work, please contact**

**Al Roberts at 806.720.7408  
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# LCU HOMECOMING UPDATE LCU

## ALUMNI COMMENTS DURING HOMECOMING

"I am always so encouraged when I come home and see all the buildings and programs. Those have changed, but the basic core never goes away: love of the Lord, relationships, and friends."

– Paula (Parks '78) Fulford

"It has been a long time since I have been back, and it has been fun to reconnect with everyone and realize how much they mean to you."

– Annette (Cox '75) Donaldson

"Feels like yesterday. Feels like home. Feels like where I belong."

– Dee Dee (Johnson '76) Bundy

"I am proud of what LCU has done. I just wish more alumni would come home and see what is happening on campus."

– Bill Bundy ('78)

"Whether it is your year or not, it is always good to come back to see friends from the classes before and after yours."

– John Paul Athanasiou ('68)



## 2015 HOMECOMING STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE IN 2014

457

ATTENDANCE IN 2015

888

94%

HOW DID YOUR DECADE COMPARE?

## 2015 ATTENDANCE BY DECADE

50s & 60s	63	● ●
70s	125	● ● ● ●
80s	215	● ● ● ● ● ●
90s	116	● ● ●
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BASED ON EVENT RECORDS  
NUMBERS REPRESENT ONLY ALUMNI & FORMER STUDENT ATTENDEES



Name tags and lanyards worn the whole weekend make it easy for current students to recognize proud alumni on campus and for returning alumni to recognize each other.

## 50s AND 60s DECADES DINNER



**David Stewart ('65)**, alumnus and LCU trustee, proudly receives his 50-year medallion from **President Perrin ('84)** during the 50s and 60s Decade Dinner.



**Jerry Webb ('62)**, **Sharyn (Ausman '62) Webb**, and **Barbara (Sanders '59) Dobbs** make new friendships at the 50s and 60s Decade Dinner.

# Make Plans Now to Attend HOMECOMING 2016

Thurs., Feb. 11 – Sun., Feb. 14

## 70s DECADE DINNER



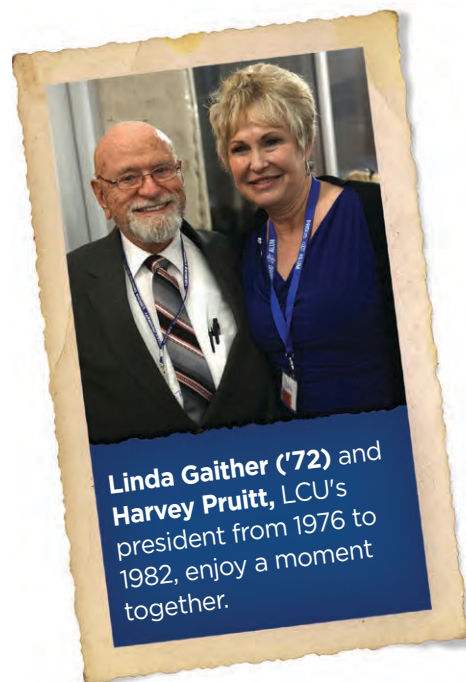
Former members of Hard Travelers, **James Hobbs ('75)**, **Mike Prather ('86)**, **Tom Spoonts ('76)**, **David Barnett ('80)**, and **Dave Branson ('74)**, provide the evening's entertainment during the 70s Decade Dinner in the Cardwell Welcome Center.



The first 70s Decade Dinner event filled the Cardwell Welcome Center Rotunda.



**Gary ('72) and Debbie (Davis '71) Adams** proudly display their 40-Year alumni pins while posing with **Dee Dee (Johnson '76) Bundy**.



**Linda Gaither ('72)** and **Harvey Pruitt**, LCU's president from 1976 to 1982, enjoy a moment together.



**Basket of 40-year alumni pins waiting to be awarded.**





Homecoming King and Queen, **Logan Adams ('15)** and **Hannah Sutton ('15)**

## 80s DECADE COKE AND NACHO EVENT



**Kent Rhodes ('79)** drops in on the 80s Decade Coke and Nacho event and reconnects with friends, **Glenda Heath ('82)**, and **Karen (Craigmiles '82) Rogers**.



**Eddie Wimberley ('86)** and **Michael Allbright ('90)** enjoy catching up.



Alumna **Kathy (Gossett '82) Sanderson** welcomes guests to her art exhibit in the library.



**Best Friends** holds a CD release party introducing their newest CD, "The Change." CDs are available for purchase on iTunes and at the Chap Store.



**Kaitlyn (Wilhoit '14) Hall**, **Scott Hall ('14)**, **Savannah (Carlous '14) Richardson**, **Nathan Richardson ('14)**, and **Donovan Bennett ('14)** supporting their friends at the Best Friends CD Release Party.

## DEPARTMENT EVENTS



### Bible Luncheon

**Rebecca (Henderson '79) Talley** talks about her missionary experiences and work in South Africa at the annual Homecoming Luncheon.



### Sciences Luncheon

**Keith ('89)** and **Kelly (Price '87) Rogers** visit with **Donna (Payne '91) Harman** at the Alumni and Friends of the Sciences Luncheon.



### Fine Arts-Comm Luncheon

**Adam Goodnight ('14)** and **Stephanie (Myrick '91) Hamilton** at the Fine Arts and Communication Luncheon.



### Nursing Dinner

From left to right at the Annual Nursing Alumni Event: **Susan (Chamblee '02) Dossey**, **Marshall Rogers ('79)**, **Terry Hill ('09)**, **Dalton Keel ('05)**, **Beverly Byers**, **Cindy Ford**, **Marguerite Fallon ('05)**, **Terry Delaney ('09)**, **JoAnn Long ('15 M.S.)**, **Mark Wilkinson ('15 M.S.)**, **Jane Fuerstenberg ('12)**, and **Jamie Roney**.





### Education Reunion

**Shonda (Bell '14) Mayer** receives the Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE) Pre-Service Teacher of the Year Award from LCU School of Education.

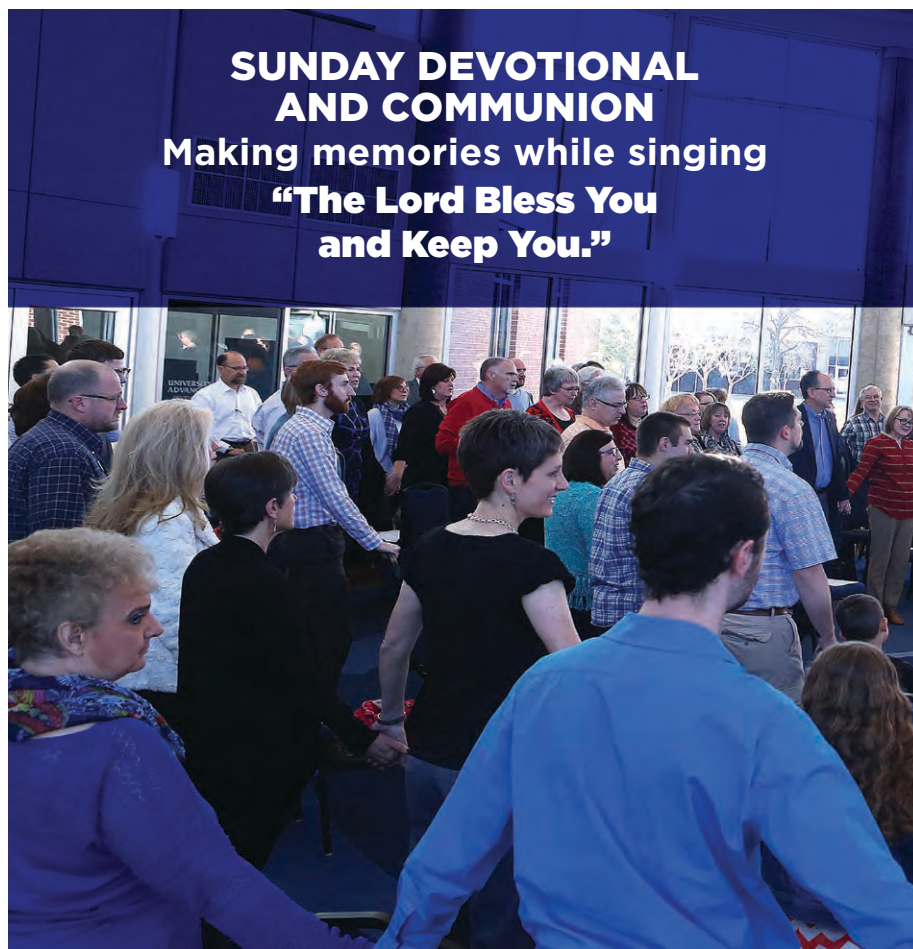
### CHORUS GATHERING



Men's section sing together at the Chorus Gathering held in the Katie Rogers Parlor.



Alumni chorus members from multiple decades are united in song at the Chorus Gathering.



### FOREVER BLUE BREAKFAST CLUB



Tomo Dachi members reunite for their club reunion during the Forever Blue Breakfast Club event.



Forever Blue Breakfast Club attendees **Amy McKelvey ('90)**, **Patti (Tarver '89) Cabe**, **Genia Rapp ('90)**, and **Ellen (Wilsher '91) McDonald** gather to look through archive memorabilia.





# EVENTS CALENDAR

## AUGUST



### August 20

**"Freshmen Move-In" day** at Johnson and Katie Rogers Residence Halls. LCU administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and students assist new students as they move into the residence halls.

### August 21

**Parent orientation and send off blessing** hosted by the President and University Advancement in the Cardwell Welcome Center.

### August 24

**LCU fall semester begins** with opening chapel led by President Tim Perrin, with a faculty procession.

### August 24-28

**Student Ring Days** in the SUB where Alumni Relations assist students in choosing their LCU ring.

### August 27

**Blur**, student worship with guest speaker Charlton Taylor, senior minister at University Church of Christ in Las Cruces, N.M.

## SEPTEMBER

### September 4-6

**Choir Reunion and Concert weekend**

Go to [LCU.edu/ChoralReunion](http://LCU.edu/ChoralReunion) to register.

### September 14 - 16

The Department of Humanities hosts the student Reading Marathon and **Writing Carnival**, a 24-hour reading of "The Chronicles of Narnia" with movies, costumes, writing contests, food, and fun.

### September 18

**Dedication** of the Marilyn Talkington Center for Nursing Education.

### September 19

Athletic department will induct athletes to the **LCU Hall of Honor** at the induction ceremony and banquet. Call 806.720.7276 for tickets to the dinner in the Baker Conference Center at 6 p.m.

### September 19

LCU students will participate in the 2015 **Lubbock Step Out** Walk to Stop Diabetes in Mackenzie Park. LCU students will be collecting donations and participating in the walk to benefit the American Diabetes Foundation.

## OCTOBER

### October 1

The LCU Department of Business Administration will host **John T. Harvey, Ph.D., Professor of Economics** from Texas Christian University at a seminar in the Baker Conference Center.



### October 2-4

**LCU Family Weekend** [LCU.edu/FamilyWeekend](http://LCU.edu/FamilyWeekend)

**October 1-3**

SANDY WILSON'S

## THE BOY FRIEND

LCU THEATRE DEPARTMENT



The Department of Fine Arts presents the musical,  
**"The Boy Friend"**

Tickets can be purchased after Sept. 1 at [LCU.edu/tickets](http://LCU.edu/tickets)

The Jazz Age lives on in "The Boy Friend," a light romantic spoof of 1920's musical comedy. Set against the backdrop of the French Riviera, the English heiress, Polly, longs for only one thing: a boyfriend. Polly's father, convinced any boy who isn't wealthy will court Polly strictly for her financial situation, forbids her to engage any potential suitors. Honoring his wishes, Polly explains to Tony, the messenger boy with whom she's fallen in love, that she is no rich girl. This is just the tip of the mistaken identity iceberg as love proceeds to charmingly find its way through nearly every member of the cast and bring them all to a happy ending.

### October 5-6

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[jeff.cary@LCU.edu](mailto:jeff.cary@LCU.edu)

### October 8-9

The University Honors Program will host a conference on **"Truth and Reconciliation: Reflections on Justice and Peacebuilding from South Africa."** The two-day event will feature presentations by Charles Villa-Vicencio, a leading global authority in matters related to transitional justice and reconciliation. From 1996 to 1998, Dr. Villa-Vicencio played a central role in South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, where he acted as national research director. He has used his insight and expertise to advise numerous countries dealing with the challenges of rebuilding their societies after periods of internal strife. Dr. Villa-Vicencio will be joined by **Lamar Reinsch ('67)**, professor of management at the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. Dr. Reinsch has been influential with leadership training and new entrepreneurial efforts for rebuilding in South Africa. Additional faculty presentations and panel discussions will be included.

For information contact [Stacy.Patty@LCU.edu](mailto:Stacy.Patty@LCU.edu).

### October 8 - 11

LCU TRAVELS  
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**INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA**

OCTOBER 8-11, 2015

### October 15-16 Fall Break

#### October 22

The women of **Katie Rogers Residence Hall** decorate and host their annual Trick or Treat, a free family event.


Growing family resources

INSTITUTE FOR STRONG FAMILIES

### October 29

The Institute for Strong Families and the Department of Behavioral Sciences will host a conference on **Growing Family Resources** in the Baker Conference Center. The event will feature presentations by John Philip Louis and Karen McDonald Louis. They are researchers and authors of the book **"Good Enough Parenting"** which combines insights from the Scriptures, credible research, and the Louis' experiences as counsellors and parents, with the wisdom of eight elders and their families to provide an inspirational, thorough, practical, and well-reasoned guide for parents. They will introduce the Four Plus One Core Emotional Needs and explain why meeting them is absolutely crucial for raising emotionally healthy and spiritually minded children. Attendees will also learn how to avoid "Exasperation Interactions" and the "Vortex of Conflict Escalation," as well as how to "Repair and Reconnect" with teenagers and adult children. Additional faculty presentations and panel discussions will be included. For information, go to [LCU.edu/HealthyFamilies](http://LCU.edu/HealthyFamilies) or [healthyfamiliesconference@lcu.edu](mailto:healthyfamiliesconference@lcu.edu), or call 806.720.7826.





Lanier Theological Library and  
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**SLAVERY?**

LECTURE BY DR. PETER J. WILLIAMS

*Warden, Tyndale House, Cambridge &  
Affiliated Lecturer, University of Cambridge*

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015 • 7:00 P.M.

“The issue of slavery is important today because there is so much trafficking going on, and because many Christians are confused about what the Bible teaches on slavery. As a result, they often have doubts about the validity of the Bible in this area.

I tend to find that moral objections to the Bible merely assume what they need to prove, but that does not mean that answering them is easy. Often an objection comes with rhetorical force gained from the assumptions of our culture, and those assumptions need to be challenged as part of a proper answer.”

*- Dr. Peter J. Williams*

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## NOVEMBER

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on Youth and Family Ministry  
*bringing*  
**GENERATIONS**  
*together*  
for SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION

### November 5-6

The **Betenbough Homes Lectures** on Youth and Family Ministry will host Dr. Holly Allen a recognized national scholar on **intergenerational Christian ministry**. She is a professor of Family Science and Christian Ministries at Lipscomb University where she holds a joint appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Bible and Ministry. Her most recent book is **Intergenerational Christian Formation: Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community, and Worship**. The two-day event includes a job fair where regional youth ministers and children's ministers can interview current LCU ministry students for potential internships. Register at [LCU.edu/Betenbough](http://LCU.edu/Betenbough) or by contacting [Steven.Bonner@LCU.edu](mailto:Steven.Bonner@LCU.edu) or 806.720.7658

### November 17

**Blur, Student Worship experience,**  
McDonald Moody Auditorium

### November 21

LCU's Recreational Life will host the annual **LCU Turkey Trot**.  
For information, [LCU.edu/TurkeyTrot](http://LCU.edu/TurkeyTrot)



### November 20-22

**Hawk Nelson, Finding Favour and JJ. Heller** will be on the program of **Encounter LE**, LCU's weekend youth retreat.  
[LCU.com/EncounterLE](http://LCU.com/EncounterLE)

## November 30

LCU University Relations hosts a free evening family event, **Big Blue Christmas** on the campus mall. [LCU.edu/BigBlue](http://LCU.edu/BigBlue)



## DECEMBER

### December 1

The men of Johnson Residence Hall host a **Holiday Open "Hall"** celebration.

### December 11

**Winter Graduate Commencement**

### December 12

**Winter Undergraduate Commencement**

— All events are on the LCU Campus unless specified.  
— Subscribe to events on your phone [LCU.edu/iCal](http://LCU.edu/iCal)

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# Lubbock Christian University

## DISTINGUISHED alumni AWARDS

2015

### Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

#### Denny Bullard ('67)

*Sr. Vice President*

*Pioneer Natural Resources*



Denny Bullard received an A.S. from LCU in 1967, and went on to achieve a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1970.

Bullard has worked for Pioneer Natural Resources for the last 18 years, overseeing operations of Pioneer Pumping Services, the company's well stimulation fleet, and for Premier Silica, Pioneer's industrial sand

mining operations. He is also responsible for the Health, Safety, Environmental Services, and Operations Training departments.

During his career, Bullard has worked on both onshore and offshore projects ranging from South Africa and Tunisia to the North Slope of Alaska. He worked for Conoco, Inc. for 14 years, Damson Oil for seven years, and Parker and Parsley Petroleum for six years.

Bullard has served as a deacon at the Weber Road Church of Christ in Corpus Christi, Texas, and at the Bammel Road Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Bullard and his wife, Patti, have two children and three grandchildren.

### F.W. Mattox Award

*Recognition of Excellence and Outstanding Service to the University*

#### The Associates of LCU (1958-Present)

This very special organization, whose membership is comprised of alumnae and other women deserving of alumnae-by-choice recognition, has faithfully supported Lubbock Christian University since 1958.

As a result of their diligence, and individual and collective talents, the Associates have raised almost \$3 million for LCU.

The Associates' commitment to student programming has expanded the opportunities for hands-on academic training. They have also been the moving force in renovation of various student spaces through their 57-plus year history with the university: construction of the Home Economics Building during the 60s, which is now home to a vibrant Behavioral Sciences area; renovation of the historic Arnett House, which served as the first administration building for the university and now serves as home to the LCU Associates; the remodeling of Johnson Hall and refurbishment of Katie Rogers Hall, as well as numerous other smaller projects during the years that have resulted in enhancement of student community spaces.

### Young Alumna of the Year

#### Elizabeth Ryan ('02)

*Attorney and Commissioner*

*New Mexico Game and Fish Commission*

Elizabeth (Atkinson) Ryan graduated summa cum laude from LCU with a B.A. in Humanities (emphasis in pre-law). She received her J.D. cum laude from



Texas Tech University School of Law, where she served as the Executive Student Writing Editor for the *Law Review*.

Beth is a respected attorney in New Mexico, specializing in oil and gas matters, including title examination, transactions, operations and regulatory. She partnered with Joel M. Carson, III in Roswell, N.M., creating Carson Ryan LLC after her energy practice grew at a rapid pace

in 2012 and 2013. Prior to that, Ryan practiced oil and gas law in some of the top oil and gas law firms in the Rocky Mountains.



In January 2011, Governor Susana Martinez appointed Ryan to New Mexico's Environmental Improvement Board (EIB), where she served as Board Secretary until the end of her four year appointment. In January 2015, the governor appointed Beth to the post of Commissioner, New Mexico Game and Fish Commission. She has since received Senate confirmation. Beth is an active member of Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico. She is also a published author on issues ranging from appellate review to oil and gas topics. Beth and her husband, Zack ('02), have two children.

## Gary & Pat Estep Award *Outstanding Contributions in the Sciences*

### **Dr. Willie K. Sang** ('75-'78)

*Chief Research Officer*

*Kenya Medical Research Institute*

Willie Sang is a highly regarded medical researcher in Kenya and known among the international medical community for his work.

While a pre-med student at Lubbock Christian University from 1975 to 1978, he was active in campus life and a member of the cross country team, being named All-American in 1977. After leaving LCU, he went on to Texas Tech University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Biochemistry.



During his career, Willie has worked at Kenya Medical Research Institute and the

Centre of Microbiology Research. He is currently a Principal Investigator for the US Army Medical Research Unit-Walter Reed dealing with global emerging infections and response systems.

In 2010, Willie was appointed to the East African Public Health Laboratory Networking Project to coordinate antimicrobial resistance studies in Eastern African countries, namely Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Burundi.

Willie serves as a deacon at the Rainbow Church in Nairobi. He and his wife, Magdalene, have four children.

## K.C. Moser Award *Excellence and Outstanding Service to the Church*

### **Tim and Rebecca Talley** ('79)

*Campus Minister and*

*Associate Campus Minister*

*Broadway Church of Christ*

Both Tim and Rebecca (Henderson) Talley are 1979 graduates of LCU. Tim received his masters degree in Bible from ACU in 2000, and Rebecca in Bible and Ministry from LCU in December 2014.



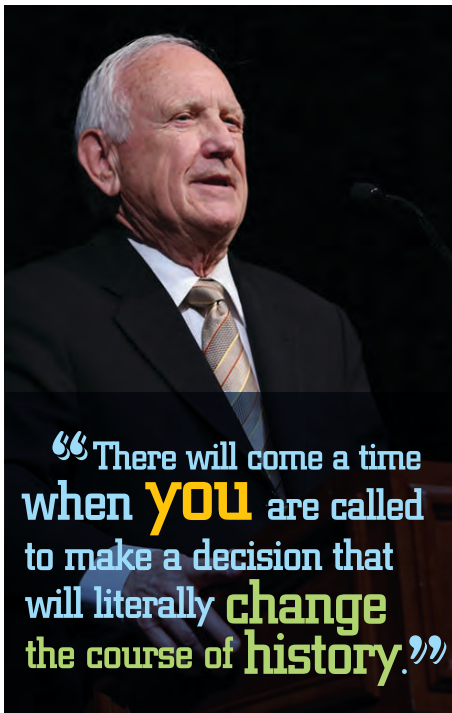
Tim was the Singles Minister at Broadway Church of Christ from 1979 until 1985. Tim currently serves as the Campus Minister and Rebecca serves as the Associate Campus Minister. They are both heavily involved in reaching out to and engaging with international college students.

The Talleys served in the mission field in East Africa from 1985 until the end of 2012. During Tim's first twelve years in Kenya, he was involved in rural evangelism, church planting, and leadership training among the Giriama people. In 2006, the Talleys moved to Tanzania where Tim spent his time in leadership training and church maturation. Rebecca developed both a children's Bible school curriculum and a pre-school curriculum in Swahili. She also continued to teach women's Bible classes and served in community development while on the board of HURUMA, Tanzania.

Tim and Rebecca have three adult daughters and two young granddaughters.



# “CAMPUS QUOTES”



“There will come a time when **you** are called to make a decision that will literally **change** the course of **history**.”

**JIM WILBURN**, Dean of Pepperdine School of Public Policy, telling the story in chapel of 9/11 hero Todd Beamer, who battled terrorists aboard United flight 93, causing it to crash in a Pennsylvania field rather than its intended target in Washington, D.C.



“Everybody loves the underdog, especially **God**.”

**AARON WATSON**, former student whose album “The Underdog” hit number one on the country music charts, speaking in chapel.

“There’s a **spirit of place** here. There’s a certain kind of **peacefulness** that is present here. You can feel **something special**. This is truly sacred space, and we look forward to the kind of deep meditation that will be facilitated by what we have created here.”

**PRESIDENT TIM PERRIN**, speaking at the dedication of the Fountains on the Mall.



“The **little things** are sometimes the **big things** that set you apart to where when people see you, they see **Christ**.”

**MYNDEE POOL**, former student who spoke at Homecoming chapel and works in public relations at Carpet Tech.

“It’s always about your attitude; **attitude is everything**.”



**JIM WHITE**, who was portrayed by Kevin Costner in the Disney movie, “McFarland USA” visited the campus along with his wife and his three LCU alumna daughters.

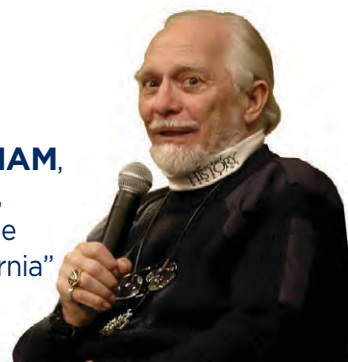


Fellow graduates, we have all been given so much by way of LCU; therefore, let us go out, work hard, serve well for the Kingdom knowing that we are prepared and that we will continue to have community pushing from behind us and walking beside us as we walk forward.

**ANDREA FULTZ, ('15),** the student speaker at the 2015 Spring commencement ceremony.



**DOUGLAS GRESHAM,** stepson of C. S. Lewis, and co-producer of the "The Chronicles of Narnia" movies.



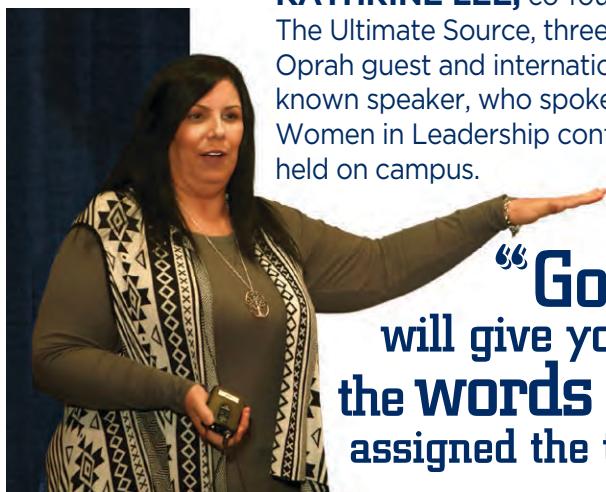
**“If you want to be in any kind of ministry for Jesus Christ, the first thing you must do is to very carefully, with prayer and scripture reading, discern the difference between what you want to do for Jesus and what Jesus wants you to do for him. And then do the latter.”**

**JOHN CHRISTMANN IV,** CEO and president of Apache Oil Corp, and LCU Spring 2015 commencement speaker.

**“If you approach each challenge as a puzzle to be solved, a hurdle to be cleared, or just an opportunity to demonstrate good behavior in the face of poor behavior, you will not be disappointed in the results.”**



**KATHRINE LEE,** co-founder of The Ultimate Source, three-time Oprah guest and internationally known speaker, who spoke at the Women in Leadership conference held on campus.



**“God will give you the words if he assigned the time.”**

**LARRY HAYS ('64),** when he was told he was to be inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

**“I can honestly say I coached for the fun of it, I ‘quit’ probably 10 or 15 times every year down at third base, saying, ‘This is it.’ But I kept doing it because it was a lot of fun.”**







**Skylar Norris**

**Chelsey Bauer**

**Michelle Batson**

**Tommy Spoontz ('76)**

**Salvador Aguirre**

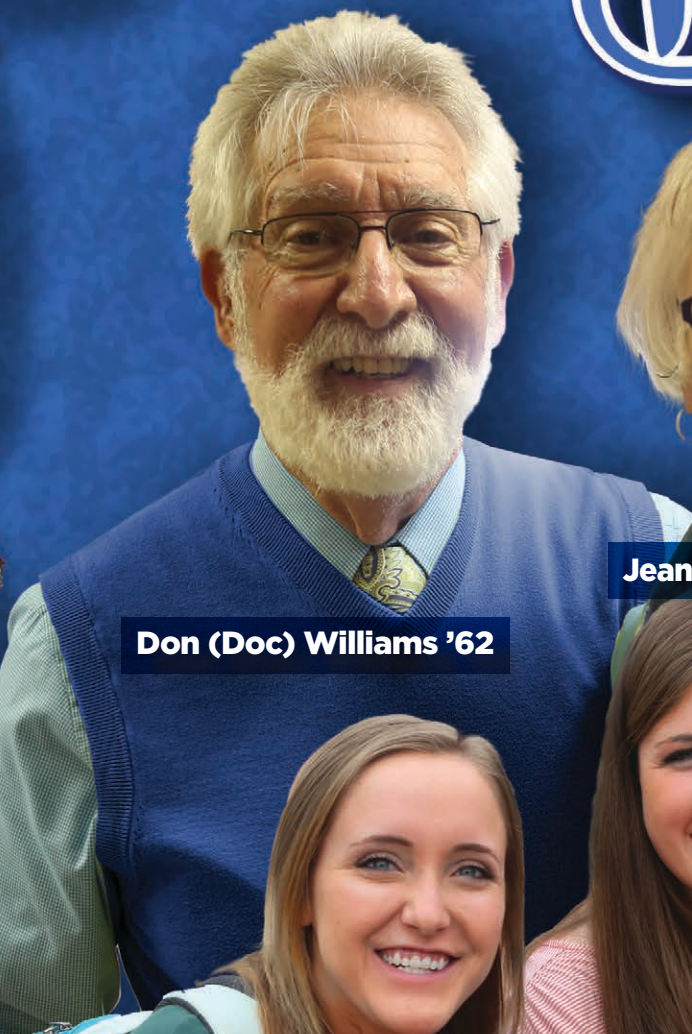
**Linda Gaither ('72)**

**Myndee Pool**

**Emily (Potts '72) Ratcliff**



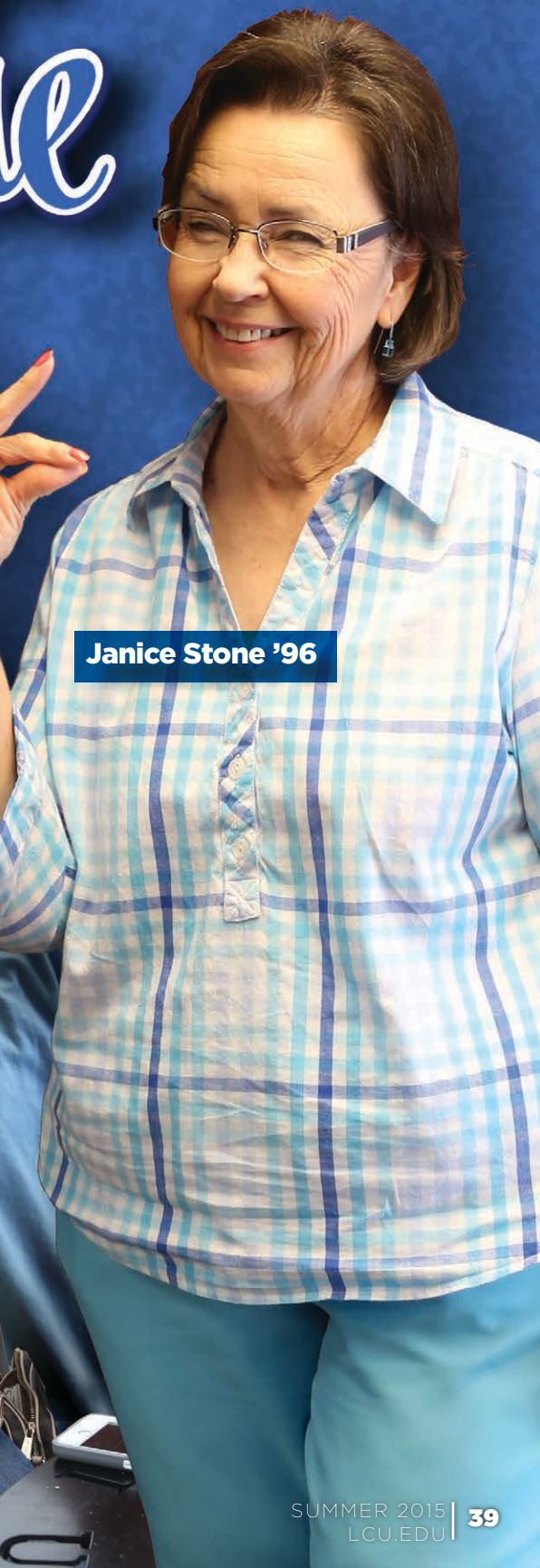
# Caught Being Blue



**Don (Doc) Williams '62**



**Jeannette Tidwell**



**Janice Stone '96**



**Chastin Jackson**



**Erin Brady**



# LCU STUDENT ATHLETES Making Wishes Come True



by Hannah Fields

*As Lubbock Christian University began its transition into the NCAA, the LCU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) decided to go above and beyond the NCAA's requirement that the school raise at least \$600 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.*

**Instead, the committee set its sights on raising at least \$8,000, and by the end of the 2014 fall semester had more than \$11,000 in hand.**

Fundraising efforts were spearheaded by SAAC and its president, senior volleyball player **Amy Edwards**. Student athletes and coaches worked Texas Tech football games, hosted golf tournaments, received donations, and held a trunk-or-treat on campus for the bulk of funds needed.

When asked about the fundraising efforts, Edwards said that the entire process was enjoyable and shed a new light on the generosity of LCU's community.



*Isabel Arteaga, who has been diagnosed with lymphangioma, wished to go to the Aulani Disney Resort in Hawaii.*





*SAAC president and senior volleyball player Amy Edwards*

"It amazed me about LCU's community. I've been a part of the community for years, but I never understood how willing everyone was to be a contributor. It made my heart more open to people wanting to help and getting involved," Edwards said.

Although LCU raised more than the \$8,000 required to grant a wish by the end of the fall semester, it took a little over four months to match a Make-A-Wish child in the Lubbock area. Edwards said she and other student athletes feared they wouldn't find a child in time to see the wish granted before the end of the school year. But God opened the right door at the right time.

That door allowed 12-year-old Isabel Arteaga, who has been diagnosed with lymphangioma, to be introduced to Edwards and the SAAC members as a "rush wish," a wish that is granted over a matter of days rather than months. Once Edwards received word that Isabel would be the wish recipient, intense planning began. Isabel's wish granter, Henry Ramos, explained that it was Isabel's wish to go to the Aulani Disney Resort in Hawaii. Isabel's mother, Sara Cantu, said Isabel first saw the resort advertised on the Disney Channel. From that moment Isabel was intent on visiting the resort, and the student athletes were going to make that happen.

Edwards and SAAC planned to reveal the fulfillment of Isabel's wish during LCU's chapel ceremony on March 23. In order to keep the ceremony a surprise, Isabel's mother told her daughter she was coming

to campus to be an advocate for Make-A-Wish and bring awareness to its cause.

Instead, Edwards brought Isabel onstage and revealed that her wish was being granted, much to Isabel's delight.

She was draped in a grass skirt while LCU's a cappella group Best Friends serenaded her with a Hawaiian rendition of Justin Bieber's "Baby."



Not only did the event make Isabel's dreams come true, but it also left a lasting impact on the LCU campus.

"I saw many people get excited about the process and want to get involved. The student body was very supportive of this goal and of Isabel when she arrived, and many wanted to meet her. This reveal makes me hopeful in the fact that we are able to make someone's dream come true, and that the student body will be very supportive of this endeavor in the future," said LCU women's golf player and SAAC member Shanae Ammons.

When asked about their trip to Hawaii, Isabel's mother had nothing but good news to report. Sara said Isabel chose this destination so that she could share her wish with her family. While in Hawaii, Isabel had the chance to go sightseeing, to meet various Disney characters such as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and to play in the lazy river. In fact, Sara said Isabel had such a good time that she slept for two days after the family returned to their home.

As for future Make-A-Wish reveals, Edwards said that SAAC and fellow LCU student athletes hope to grant not one, but two wishes in the years to come.

**If you would like to contribute  
to next year's LCU Make-A-Wish efforts:  
Contact the 2015-16 SAAC president,  
[Ashton.Bell@LCU.edu](mailto:Ashton.Bell@LCU.edu).**





“I wanted to be  
baptized  
in the place where  
I started  
believing.”

– Ondrej Gargula





by Renee Rhodes

On Tuesday, May 6, Lubbock Christian University junior **Ondrej Gargula** became the first person to be baptized in the new Fountains on the Mall baptistry. The recently dedicated fountains help to beautify the mall area and improve the university's eco-friendly initiative, but most importantly serve as a gathering place for prayer or fellowship on campus. The fountains, located at the heart of the LCU campus, include a baptistry. True to the purpose, hundreds of people gathered at the fountains to witness Ondrej's baptism and welcome him into the family of Christ. Ondrej's baptism marks the first of many spiritual rebirths that will occur in the campus fountains.

An international student from the Czech Republic, LCU was not Ondrej's initial choice for school. However, when he was asked to join the LCU men's basketball team, he jumped at the chance. Now the university has become a second home to him. Most importantly, LCU has been a place for Ondrej to learn about and seek God.

## the first baptism in the Fountains on the Mall

Many people had an influence on Ondrej's spiritual walk, including students, faculty, and administration. Conversations about God with his friends and girlfriend had always interested him, but Ondrej's Christian Heritage class with LCU professor **Dr. Jeff Cary ('95)** really kickstarted his search for Christ. Eventually, he found a spiritual mentor in LCU Board of Trustees member **Dr. Kenneth Stephenson ('86)**. The two met while Dr. Stephenson's son, Aaron, played alongside Ondrej on the LCU men's basketball team.

Dr. Stephenson recalls that even when Ondrej first arrived at LCU, he was noticeably intrigued by Christ. "I was told that he was recording the glow stick devotional during freshman orientation on his phone because he had never experienced anything like that before. I started praying for him right then."

At the beginning of his sophomore year, Ondrej agreed to study the Bible with Dr. Stephenson. During the last week of school, after two semesters of studying, he decided to follow the gospel and take on Christ through baptism.

Since Ondrej was returning to the Czech Republic in two weeks, he planned to be baptized on LCU campus, the place where he began believing in Christ. To Ondrej, the fountains were the obvious choice after the profound impact LCU had on his life and spiritual walk. As to who should perform the baptism, that was another obvious choice for Ondrej: Dr. Kenneth Stephenson. After

his important role in Ondrej's life – guiding Ondrej on his spiritual walk and regularly studying the Word with him – Ondrej wanted Dr. Stephenson to play an important role as he began his new life.

**"I felt like this would be a good way to thank him for all of the things he has done for me and how much he has helped me,"** Ondrej said.

Dr. Stephenson was very grateful to be included in such a special moment of Ondrej's life. The baptism was a life-changing event for both of them.

"It was a joy and a privilege to take his confession and baptize him in the new beautiful fountains and baptistry on the mall of the LCU campus," Dr. Stephenson said, marveling at Ondrej's new dedication to his faith.

Already, in addition to the impact of his choice on the hundreds of people present at his baptism, he has been witnessing to thousands of people through social media, his voice reaching all around the world. Ondrej has taken a bold step in a new direction for his life and has taken his new calling to heart.

Ondrej will always remember the experience of being born in Christ at LCU, surrounded by the support of so many members of his new Christian family. "It was just something amazing, and there is nothing to compare it with," he said.







# STUDENT AWARDS

## DEAN'S AWARD WINNERS

Presented at commencement for highest GPA

### College of Biblical Studies and Behavioral Sciences



Sommer O'Brien



Dean Jesse Long and Hannah Sutton

### B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies



Dean Toby Rogers and Daniel Whitefield

### Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education



Dean Susan Blassingame and Leah Price

## 2015 LCU STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS DINNER

### Gold Medals:

#### President's Award

Jonathan Dansby and Hannah Sutton

#### Trustees' Award

Aaron Perez and Lindsey Roach Holt

#### Mr. and Ms. LCU

Logan Adams and Andrea Fultz

#### Mr. and Ms. LCU Nominees

Lindsey Roach Holt, Hannah Sutton, Aaron Perez, and Daniel Whitefield



### Seated:

Hannah Sutton, Lindsey Roach Holt, and Jonathan Dansby

### Standing:

Aaron Perez, Andrea Fultz, and Logan Adams

## Lubbock Christian University Who's Who Among Students in America's Universities





## Academic Awards

### BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

#### Psychology, Highest GPA

Sommer O'Brien

#### Psychology, Professional Promise

Stuart Dane Eggleston

#### Family Studies, Highest GPA

Somare Peyton

#### Family Studies, Professional Promise:

Stephanie Hays

#### BIBLE:

#### Leon Crouch Biblical Languages

Jonathan Dansby

#### Outstanding Missions Student

(James Dotson Scholarship)

Corey Hatcher

#### AYME Student Excellence

(Student Ministry)

Rachel Baisden

#### Stone Campbell Journal

(Academic: Undergraduate)

Hannah Sutton

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### Accounting

Haley Burton

Danya Sammons

#### Business Administration

Oyuki Perez

#### Digital Media Arts and Applications

John Moore

Joshua Ryan Powe

#### Economics

Danya Sammons

#### Information Systems and Technology

Joseph McWhirter

#### Finance

Danielle Harms

#### Personal Finance Planning

Emily Cross

### COMMUNICATIONS/FINE ARTS

#### Music

Jalayna Hooten

#### Theater

David Denton

### Art Education

Sarah Willis

#### Best Beginning Spanish Student

Andrea Fultz

#### Best Intermediate Spanish Student

Ramon Cruz

#### Organizational Communication

Kara Stephenson

Andrew Denman

#### Communication Design

Abby Johnson

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

#### Academic Excellence

Callie Sandusky

#### Service to the Department

Hannah Dimmick

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

#### Academic Excellence

Lauren Slaughter

#### Above and Beyond

Caleb Blakeney

### EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE

#### Exercise and Sport Sciences Award

Clarice Gerbl

Sarah Mannon



## HONORS PROGRAM

### Outstanding Honors Student

Clarice Gerbl  
Savanna Stavinoha

## HUMANITIES

### Humanities Award

Carsten Russell

### English

Lindsey Roach Holt

### English Minor

Kyleigh Lucia

### History

Michael Hutton

## Natural Sciences/Biology

### Outstanding Pre-Nursing

Bonnie Njafuh

### Outstanding Freshman in Natural Sciences

Cora Peterson

### Outstanding Natural Resource, Conservation, and Ecology Major

Tucker Brown

### Outstanding Animal Science/Pre-Veterinarian Major

Mateo Valencia

### Outstanding Biology Major

Amy Edwards

### Outstanding Senior with Highest GPA

Daniel Whitefield

## Gary Estep Award

David Dykstra

## PHYSICAL SCIENCES/MATH

### Outstanding Freshman, Chemistry

Robert Morgette

### Outstanding Upper-Level, Chemistry

Daniel Whitefield

### Outstanding Chemistry Lab Assistant

Rusty Keneda

### Outstanding Calculus Student

James Dean

### Outstanding Upper-Level Math

Andrew Hettick

## SOCIAL WORK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Criminal Justice, Highest GPA

Cole Huizinga

### Criminal Justice, Professional Promise

Harrison "Chase" Stewart

### Social Work, Highest GPA

Rebekah Medellin

### Social Work, Professional Promise

Kaitlyn Gravois

## SERVICE AWARDS

### Bible—Liff Sanders Award (Promise in Ministry)

Clark Sayre

### Praise Choir

Kensly Peck  
Trey Dye

### Chamber Singers

Abby White  
Johnathan Anchondo

### Forte

Kensly Peck

### Symphonic Band

Rachel Baisden  
Nicholas Speights

### Best Friends

Kaylee Wilson  
Trey Dye

### Student Teacher of the Year (EC-6)

Miriam Aramouni

### Student Teacher of the Year (Secondary)

Brittany McClelen

### Outstanding Student Senate Member

Emily Garton

### Journalism (Student Publications—Duster)

Sarah Board  
Cori Newsom

**The University Honors Program** celebrated the graduation of a record number of honors scholars this spring. The honors class represents some of the university's most gifted student scholars and leaders. Twenty-one graduates reached the university's highest level of academic honors, summa cum laude; six reached the magna cum laude level, and two reached the cum laude level. The program, in its fifteenth year, is directed by **Dr. Stacy Patty ('79)**.



**Back Row:** Christa Daniel, Sarah Mannon, Emily Cross, Amy Edwards, Amanda Bloomer, Amber Wilson, Andrew Hettick, Abby Stanley, Cassidy Mayfield, Leah Price, John Moore, Rachel Baisden, Logan Adams, Hannah Dimmick, Sommer O'Brien, Jordan Hatcher, Joy Kang, Caleb Stewart, Daniel Whitefield

**Front Row:** Rebekah Medellin, Kristin Fellows, Amanda Brace, Clarice Gerbl, Haley Burton, Savanna Stavinoha, Lindsey Holt  
**Not Pictured:** Jeremiah Chong, Clayton White, William Tarver





## 50s & 60s DECADES

### 1960

**Don Workman** was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in April. He won over 50 individual rodeos and championships from 1955 to 1961, including the 1955 American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) World Championship Bareback Rider title and the 1955 AJRA World Champion Bull Rider title. Workman self-published the book "Let's Rodeo, Sandhill Cowboy," which touches on his time at LCU and takes an in-depth look at his time in the rodeo.

**Jim Bob Swafford** co-wrote a book, *The Other Side of Me: Memoirs of a Vietnam Marine*. Jim Bob and wife, Kay live in Bovina, TX.

**Larry Hays** was inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame at the annual induction ceremony in June. Hays had 1,509 wins and 860 losses, fourth all-time record in NCAA history. As the head coach at LCU, Hays led his team to win the championship at the 1983 NAIA World Series.

### 1965

**Nancy (Smith) Jarratt** is retired in Henderson, NV, with husband, Arnold.

**Betty (Bennett) Watson** has retired from teaching and lives in Lubbock.

### 1967

**Dr. Lamar Reinsch** presented a guest lecture entitled "Gettysburg: Lincoln, Liberty, and Leadership" to LCU students and faculty in February. Lamar recently retired after a distinguished career as a professor of management at Georgetown University.

**Denny Bullard** was named as one of the recipients of the 2015 Distinguished Engineer Award by the Texas Tech University Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering.

### 1969

**Janyt (Sheets) May** is enjoying retirement in Tulsa, OK.

## 70s DECADE

### 1972

**Gary and Debra (Davis '71) Adams** are retired in Lubbock.

**Steve Lewis** and wife, Cynthia live in Houston, TX. Steve is a realtor at Keller Williams.

### 1975

**Ken Burton** is enjoying retirement in Pike Road, AL.

### 1976

**Teena (Haver) Aiken** is retired from the FDA and lives in Brighton, CO, with husband, Mark.

**Randy Barkley** has retired from pediatric dentistry and lives in Fort Worth with wife Patricia.

**Ron Bontrager** is an instructor at Sunset International Bible Institute and lives in Lubbock with wife Bev. They have one son, **Daniel ('05)**.

### 1977

**James Johnston** is a minister at Mainland Church of Christ in Texas City, TX.

### 1978

**Kathy (Mahaffey) Dawson** lives in Lubbock as the ELAR Coordinator at Frenship ISD. She is the mother of **Aaron ('04)**.

### 1979

**Jimmy Crouch** lives in Taylor, MI, and is a pilot for Delta Air Lines.

## 80s DECADE

### 1980

**Steven Obenhaus** was featured in an article in the Kansas City Star about applying real-life problems when teaching students math. Steven works for the University of Kansas Center for STEM Learning as a UkanTeach master teacher and lives in Overland Park, KS, with wife, Cindy.

**Michael Ritchie** is I.P. Docketing Coordinator at Locke Lord Edwards LLC and lives in Frisco, TX. He is the father of **Graham ('14)** who is married to **Lexa (Arpin '15)**.

### 1983

**Paul and Sarah (Haun '80) Elkins** live in Burleson, TX, where Paul is the president/CEO at Members Credit Union and Sarah is a preschool teacher and works in retail sales. They are the parents of alums, **Paul Jr. ('05)** and **Kathryn (Elkins '07) Tobias, and Brandon ('05)**, and current student, **Preston**.

**Teresa (Powell) Reed** was awarded the United Supermarkets/Mrs. Baird's Teacher on the Rise in February. She lives in Lubbock with her husband, **Michael ('81)**.

**Walter Wilhoit** is an elementary school principal, and **Rashell (Nowell '85)** is a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools for Rota, Spain. They have three children and one son-in-law, **Kaitlyn (Wilhoit) Hall and Scott Hall ('14)**, Grant, and Molly.

## 1985



**Bart Pruitt** has been named LCU's General Counsel after serving as senior counsel for University Advancement.

In making the appointment, President Perrin said, "Bart brings a wealth of legal experience to his new job duties, having spent his career as a highly successful attorney in Amarillo. LCU has already benefited from his legal expertise, not only in his counsel to our University Advancement office in the complex area of trusts and estates, but also in his comprehensive review of the University's oil and gas leases. Bart's long and cherished association with LCU and his lifetime of legal experience combine to make him an exceptional fit as our General Counsel." In 1987 Bart graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law and is board-certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Bart was a summa cum laude graduate at LCU, president of Student Senate, and is the son of Dr. Harvie Pruitt, LCU's third president. He is married to former student, **Rachel (Hise)**, and all four of their children attended or attend LCU; **Audrey, Dalton, Duncan** and incoming freshman, **Amber**.

## 1986

**Amye (Andrew) Eudy** was awarded the Lamar Medal of Excellence in Education in March 2015. She teaches fifth grade at Smyer Elementary School. She lives with husband, **William ('89)**, and they have three sons, Andrew, **Jerrod ('14)**, and Danner.

## 1988

**LaLani (Lewis) Carter** received the 2015 Texas New Mexico Hospice Organization Advocate award. LaLani is an instructor in the LCU Behavioral Science department, works as a volunteer for Hospice of Lubbock and is married to **David ('79)** who is the director of LCU Admissions Operations.

**Ken Wisberger** is a registered nurse and lives in Lakebay, WA.

## 1989

**Susan Nemec** is retired in Lubbock.

## 90s DECADE

### 1991

**David Frazee** received the Wally Wilkerson Legacy Award at the National Conference on Youth Ministry. David is a youth minister at the Hills Church. He and wife **Lisa (Mozingo '93) Frazee** are former LCU professors. Lisa was recently awarded the Paraprofessional of the Year award at North Ridge Elementary School where she is an attendance clerk. They live in North Richland Hills with two future Chaps, Braeden and Shelbee.

### 1995

**Nathan Dahlstrom** released the third installment of *The Adventures of Wilder Good, Wilder and Sunny* in May.

**Brent and Lisa (McCall '92) Killough** live in Cypress, TX, with future Chaps Elizabeth, Jonathan, and Timothy. Brent is a sales executive, and Lisa is the director of the Mother's Day Out program at the Church of Christ in Champions.

**Kimberly (Henton) Robbins** lives in Staten Island, NY, with her husband, Paul, and three future Chaps.

## 1996

**Chip Norman** is a rural carrier at USPS, and **Amy (Wolverton)** is a financial advisor at Edward Jones. They live in Rhome, TX, with future Chaps, Amber and Ashton.

## 1997

**Alan DuBose** is the head basketball coach at Burleson High School and lives in Burleson with wife Christine, and future Chap, Grace.

**Shanon (Cole) Pratt** and husband Mark live in Bellemont, AZ.

## 1998

After 15 great years of Youth and Family Ministry, **Chris Hayes** now serves as director of recruiting for LCU. **Shelly (Medford '95)** works for Covenant Health System in Lubbock. Chris and Shelly live in Wolfforth, TX, with their two future Chaps, Mallory and Morgan.

## 1999

**Benny Bundy** lives in Amarillo, TX, with wife Irene. He works with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a major of correctional officers.

**Leland Mallet** was awarded Texas Journalism Teacher of the Year by the Interscholastic League Press Conference. He lives in Arlington, TX, with wife **Harmony (Wiggains '00)** and three future Chaps.

**Kay (Jorgensen) Youngman** is the mother of **Tara (Jorgensen) Vernon** and lives in Carlsbad, NM, with husband Ron. She works as a mental health professional at Eddy County Detention Center.

## 2000

**Serena (Lathem) Davidson** works as a case manager for Vibra Rehab Hospital and lives in Amarillo, TX, with husband Clint and future Chaps, Barrett and Emmy.

## 2001

**Scott and Candace (Wilson '04) Holt** live in League City, TX, with future Chaps, Eric and Gavin.



## 2002

**Link Blevins** passed the National Counselor Examination and joined the LCU Counseling Center as a counselor. Link lives in Lubbock with wife **Monica (Witcher '03)**, and future Chaps, Benjamin and Levi.



Dillon is the son of **Ray Ibarra** and wife Michelle.



**Crystal Silva-McCormick ('02)** was ordained to Christian ministry in the United Church of Christ in December. (Pictured: **Rachel (Fenter '07) Crawford**, **Adam Crawford ('07)**, **Dr. Stacy Patty ('79)**, **Crystal Silva-McCormick**, and **Adam McCormick ('03)**).

**Jeff Waltrip** and wife Kristen live in Buda, TX.

## 2003

**Kellie (Cooper) Blankenship** was featured in an article in the *Muskogee Phoenix* for her work with special needs children and her passion for teaching. She lives in Muskogee, OK, with her husband, Daniel, and their four future Chaps.

**Tanner Fain** is an intelligence officer for the United States Air Force and lives in Navarre, FL.

**Daniel and Jennifer (DeLozier) Omusinde** live in Lawton, OK, where Daniel is chaplain in the US Army and Jennifer is a homemaker.

## 2004

**Crystal (Meiwes) Blevins** lives in Lubbock with husband Cody and future Chap Evelynne, and works as an executive assistant.



Bristan and Blaize are the sons of Brady and **Tania (Gonzales) Raindl**.

**David Rodriguez** works for Firstcare Health Plans in Lubbock.

**Keesha (Owen) Russell** is an instructor at Amarillo College. She lives in Groom, TX, with her husband, **Samuel ('03)**.

## 2005

**Kristin Cowan** lives in Salt Lake City, UT.



Sawyer is the son of **Noe** and Jill **Melendez**.

**Leslye (Starnes) Roberts** is a third-grade teacher at Reagan Elementary and lives in Abilene, TX, with future Chaps, Keaton and Kaylye.

## 2006



Rayleigh is the daughter of Michael and **Sara (Baker) Kennedy**.

**Allison Rose** lives in Denver, CO, and works as division director of Surgical Services Performance Improvement at Hospital Corporation of America.

**David and Brittany (Norman '08) Scott** live in Big Spring, TX. Both are teachers for Big Spring ISD.

## 2007

**Ben and Amanda (Ellis '06) Boston** live in Lubbock where Ben is CFO at Bergstein Enterprises, Ltd., and Amanda is an assistant professor at LCU.

**Jennifer Bussell** lives in Odessa, TX, and is an engineer tech at Energen Resources.



**Steven and Heather (Nance '12) Howell** were married on March 21. Heather is the programs accreditation coordinator in the LCU Nursing Department, and Steven works for Lubbock County Maintenance overseeing work release custodians.



Jade is the daughter of **Benjamin and Shalana (Roehr '09) Jacobi**.



Reid is the son of **Brad and Laurel (Long '05) Littlefield**.



Stephen is the son of **Abraham and Olga (Pahom) Mata**. Abraham is an assistant professor of foreign language at LCU.

**Nathan McKinnon** is a teacher and coach for Littlefield ISD.

**Evan Simmons** is executive director of Junior Achievement of Abilene, and **Jacinda (Judah)** is a CPA for country singer Aaron Watson. They live in Clyde, TX, with future Chap, Judah.

**Crystal Vidaurri** is a junior high/high school math and science teacher in Chillicothe, TX.

## 2008



Autumn is the daughter of **Joshua and RaShae (McIntyre '09) Smith**.

**Debbie Spiegel** is the vice president/senior bank risk officer at Lubbock National Bank.

**Casey and Joy (McClendon) Spencer** live in Lubbock. Casey is an independent contractor, and Joy is a stay-at-home mom. In February, Casey and Joy had their first baby and future Chap, Jude.

**Joel Valentine** works at Wolf and Sons Excavation, and **Jaime (Wigall '09)** is a stay-at-home mom. They live in El Paso, IL, with future Chaps, Elisha and Gabriel.

## 2009



**Calder Hendrickson** was listed on the 2015 Forbes 30-under-30 list after founding AquaSmart located in Lubbock. AquaSmart is a technology company that sells and develops innovative substrate coatings for oil and gas, agriculture, concrete, and lawn and garden markets. The technology of AquaSmart provides benefits to achieve water conservation, food and energy production, and infrastructure efficiencies. Calder's wife, **Ceri ('08)**, works alongside him in the company. They have two future Chaps, Celah and Case. Read his full profile at [LCU.edu/Calder](http://LCU.edu/Calder).



Above are future Chaps **Brynn and Elizabeth** enjoying Homecoming. Brynn is the daughter of **Jonathan and Morgan (Mills) Garner** and granddaughter of **Bret and Cindy (Rideout) Mills ('83)**. Elizabeth is the daughter of **Landon ('10) and Ellen (Burton) Hood** and granddaughter of **Kendell ('83) and Dana (Miller '84) Burton**.



**Hannah (Collins) Dean** received the Horn Professors' Graduate Achievement Award from Texas Tech University. This award is given to current graduate students to recognize and reward outstanding research or creative activity, and nominations are made by graduate faculty members. Hannah was also named a finalist for the Hunting Art Prize 2014. She lives with her husband, **Tanner**, in Lubbock, and she is the founder of The Bowerbird, an online art review and journal. Hannah will return to LCU in the fall of 2015 to teach two art classes. Read her full profile at [LCU.edu/Hannah-Dean](http://LCU.edu/Hannah-Dean).





**Justin Holmes** received his M.D. in May from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - School of Medicine. Justin is married to **Audra (Server '11)**, and they have two future Chaps, Jack and Clark. Justin will begin his residency in emergency medicine at Baylor Scott & White in Temple, TX. Upon completion of his residency he will be returning to Lubbock as an emergency medicine physician at University Medical Center.

**Corey Stewart** is a personal banker at BBVA Compass Bank in Temple, TX.

## 2010



Aubrey is the daughter of Ryan and **Monica (Posadas) Borg**.

**Laura (Landers) Greer** is a school counselor and lives in Lubbock with future Chap, Kaci.



Mattox is the son of **Gregg and Courtney (Pharis '11) Johnson**.



Raymond is the son of **Daniel and Michelle (Clayton '06) Simmons**.

**Brandi (Tedder) Villarreal** is a chief nurse executive at Lubbock State Supported Living Center and lives in Meadow, TX, with future Chaps, Kelsey, Sarah, and Lenzi.

## 2011



**Timothy Henderson** received the Leadership Award from Mississippi College School of Law.

**Brenda (Thurman) Taylor** lives in El Paso, TX, and works at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

**Nicole (Duzan) Webb** lives in Cheyenne, WY, with husband, Chase, and future Chap, Cheyenne.



**Stephanie Vander-Plas** received her M.D. on May 22. In addition to receiving her M.D., she will graduate as an Ethics & Humanities scholar with a certificate in Global Health. She was also inducted as a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She will begin her residency in pediatrics at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in July and is considering a career in pediatric or neonatal intensive care.

## 2012

**Hannah Fields** will move to Scotland to attend the University of Stirling, to pursue a masters of letters in publishing studies.

**Matthew Goss** is a first lieutenant and aviation officer in the US Army and lives in Lubbock.

**Kristie (Parsley) Schmidt** lives in Lubbock and works as a prekindergarten teaching assistant.



**Lilly** is the daughter of **Brendan and Macy (Bryant '14) Skipworth**.



**Kristin (Box) Goen** received her M.D. on May 22. She graduated with a certificate in Global Health and was a recipient of the Potter Randall Medical Alliance Scholarship, which honors students who plan to practice in the Texas panhandle. Kristin is a participant in the Family Medicine Accelerated Track, and she will practice family medicine as a resident at Texas Tech University Health Science Center at the Amarillo campus.

**Blaze and Macalee (Lane) Taylor** live in Calabasas, CA, where Blaze is a law student at Pepperdine School of Law.

**Cassandra Tuls** is a medical esthetician at Senza Medical Esthetics and lives in Hemet, CA.

## 2013

**Kyle and Devon (Langford) Bullock** moved to Roswell, NM where Kyle is the fourth generation in his family to manage Bullock's Jewelry, Inc. He is finishing his certification as a registered gemological insurance appraiser through the International School for Gemology. Devon opened a piano and voice studio and is serving as music director for the Way Way Off Broadway Company. They both performed in "Les Miserable" in June. Alumni Relations made their performances a stop on the Forever Blue Summer Tour.

**Drew Gray** lives with wife Jessica in Lubbock. He is director of acquisitions and development at Stellar Capital Partners.

**David Langford** released a new book, *A Troubled Faith for a Troubled World*. All proceeds from sales will go to Carpenter's Church in Lubbock.

**Isaias Miranda** received LCU TRiO Achiever award at TRiO Day and spoke to the crowd of community and area leaders at South Plains College, describing the unique challenges of first-generation college students. Izzy is currently in graduate school at LCU, pursuing a masters in counseling and also serves as a coordinator for the Paisano Initiative.

**Jeanne Romo** is a third-grade dual language teacher at Bean Elementary in Lubbock.

**Kristen Vander-Plas** claimed the Best Advocate award at the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition. She and her teammate were national finalists, beating teams from Vanderbilt, Ohio State, and Northwestern.

## 2014



Casen Anderson is the son of **Matthew** and **Shana Anderson** who live in Durham, NC., where Matthew is pursuing a masters in divinity from Duke University.



**Brady and Leslie Ann (Prather) Holcomb** were married on March 21. They live in Searcy, AR.

**Michelle Morazán** teaches first grade at Anton Elementary School.

**Jacy Pierce** was awarded the Frenship ISD 2015 Legacy Elementary Rookie Teacher of the Year.

**Samantha Turley** works at LCU as the Alumni Relations Specialist and lives in Lubbock.

## 2015

**Logan Adams** is enrolled in medical school at Texas Tech University.

**Rachel Baisden** lives in Durham, NC, and is pursuing her masters of divinity at Duke University where she received the Distinguished Service Scholarship.



Temprance is the daughter of **Christopher Biggerstaff** and wife Shiela.

**Haley Burton** works at Garrett and Swann, LLP, and lives in Lubbock.

**Jeremiah Chong** is working at Pinang A's Learning Center, a Christian private school in Malaysia.

**Amy Edwards** will begin dental school at the University of Texas in Houston in the fall.

**Kristin Fellows** lives in Lubbock and is completing the masters in leadership at LCU prior to enrolling in a JD/MBA joint degree.

**Clarice Gerbl** is enrolled in the doctor of physical therapy program at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

**Jordan (Hatcher) Severs** will begin Covenant School of Nursing in the fall. Her husband, **Chris**, is a current student at LCU, and they live in Lubbock.



**Lindsey (Roach) Holt** is now working as the Career Services Specialist at LCU and lives in Lubbock with her husband, Heath.

**Young Hyun (Joy) Kang** is working at Pinang A's Learning Center, a Christian private school in Malaysia.



**Sarah Mannon** is attending the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston to pursue the master of occupational therapy degree.

**Rebekah Medellin** will pursue a master of social work degree through LCU's current partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington.

**Masy Miller** is an office administrator for the LCU Foundation, and University Advancement.

**Sommer O'Brien** will attend Texas Tech graduate school in the fall, working toward a degree in counseling. She lives in Lubbock.

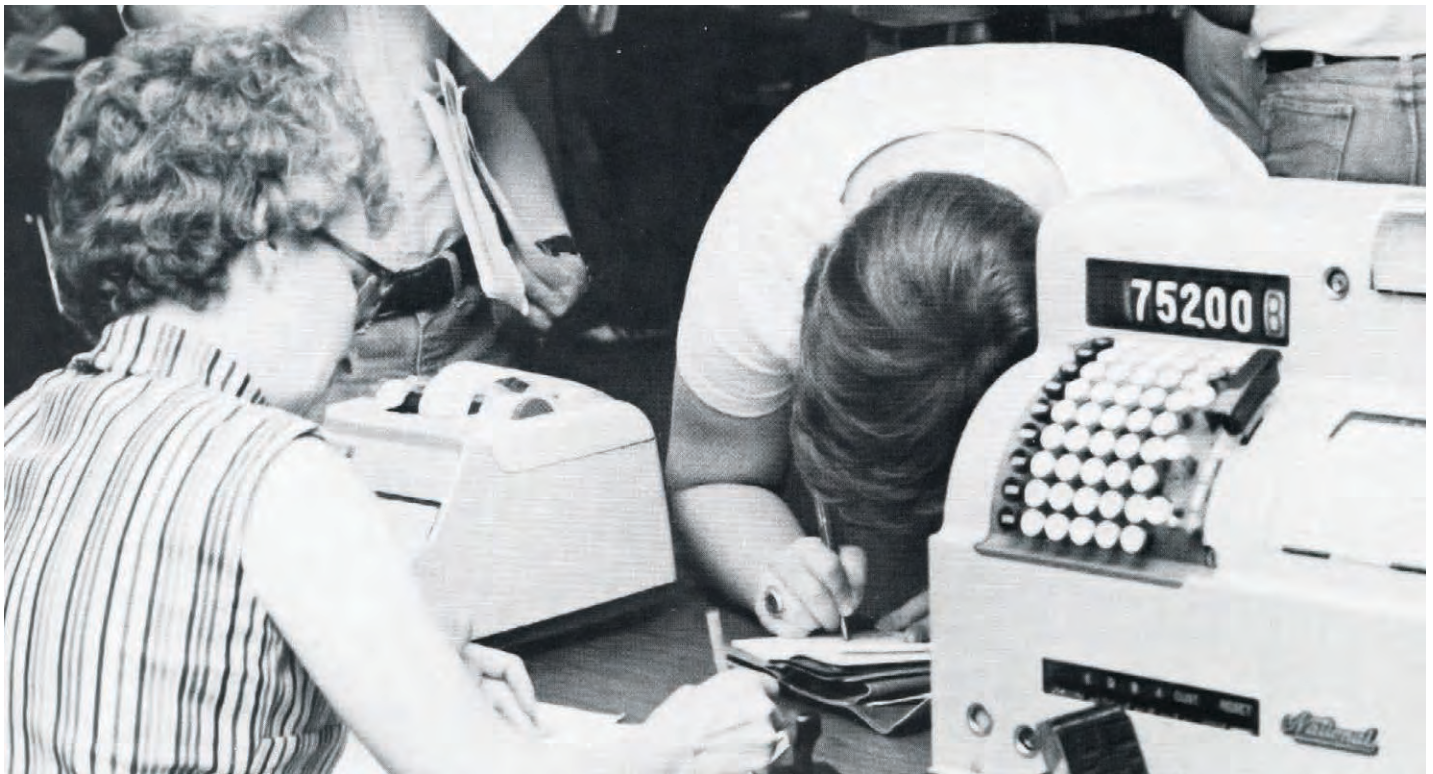
**Daniel Whitefield** will begin doctoral studies in biomedical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in the fall.

**Amber Wilson** plans to begin the MBA STEM program at Texas Tech this fall.

## Let us know updates on your career, job, location, and family.

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

**Contact us at [alumni@LCU.edu](mailto:alumni@LCU.edu) or 806-720-7218 or scan the QR code at right**



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# LCU ASSOCIATES CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



The morning long celebration included two former LCU presidents, Dr. Steven Lemley and Dr. Ken Jones, honoring and giving insight into the history and work done by the LCU Associates.

*"We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Arnett House's 1915 construction and we are recognizing the LCU Associates who have made this old historic house a beautiful and useful landmark for our campus, our city, and our region." Dr. Lemley, LCU president 1982-1993*



Following chapel, associates and members of the LCU and Lubbock community as well as the Lubbock media gathered on the Arnett House lawn to celebrate its designation as a historical landmark by the State of Texas Historical Commission. A ribbon cutting, City of Lubbock special recognition, and unveiling of the landmark were held with an open house following the events.



Lubbock Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Gerlt, read and presented the associates with a Special Proclamation from the City of Lubbock as Associates president Jan Crockett looks on.





Pictured cutting the ribbon are associates **Wanda (Couthier '99) Dyess** and **Jan Crockett**, president.



Members of the Arnett family visiting with **Dr. Brian Starr** on the front porch of the Arnett House.



Guests were invited to tour the Arnett House with a reception hosted by the LCU Associates.



## ARNETT HOUSE

FIRST BUILT AS A WEDDING GIFT FOR J. LANHAM AND GLENN (PRATT) HIGGINBOTHAM IN 1915, THE ARNETT HOUSE BECAME THE LONGTIME HOME OF THE FAMILY OF SAM C. AND ALICE (FORD) ARNETT, PIONEER RANCHER AND BANKER. FOR DECADES, ARNETT SERVED AS A MAJOR BUSINESSMAN AND LEADER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LUBBOCK. IN 1956, ARNETT PASSED AWAY, AND HIS SON, DR. SAM C. ARNETT JR., AND HIS WIFE, OLGA, DONATED THE HOUSE TO LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. THE HOUSE WAS MOVED TO THE CAMPUS TO SERVE AS ITS FIRST ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THE HOUSE FULFILLED VARIOUS FUNCTIONS UNTIL 1975, WHEN IT WAS GIVEN TO THE LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ASSOCIATES, A WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SUPPORT AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE COLLEGE. IN 1978, THE HOUSE WAS RELOCATED AGAIN AND RENOVATED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS.

THE CRAFTSMAN STYLE BUNGALOW WAS DESIGNED BY FORT WORTH ARCHITECT M.L. WALLER, WHO DESIGNED OTHER BUILDINGS IN LUBBOCK AND ALSO THE CROSBY COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THE EIGHT ROOM, 1 1/2-STORY WOOD FRAME HOUSE FEATURES GABLED AND HIP ROOFED SECTIONS, WIDE PORCHES AND A LOW KNEE WALL. THE FRONT DOOR IS A REPLICATION OF THE ORIGINAL STYLE. THE ARNETT HOUSE, WHICH ORIGINALLY FACED AVENUE L JUST SOUTH OF THE LUBBOCK SANITARIUM, IS ONE OF A FEW EARLY 20TH CENTURY RESIDENCES OF LUBBOCK STILL STANDING TODAY. THE HOUSE WAS RENOVATED IN 1978 THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ASSOCIATES AND C.R. BILLINGSLEY OF BILLINGSLEY AND STRACENER. CLAUDE MARTIN AND SONS WERE THE CONTRACTORS. LUCILLE MELCHER OF CAGLE BROTHERS FURNITURE OVERSAW INTERIOR DESIGN. IN 1984, THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATED THE HOUSE AS A LUBBOCK HISTORIC LANDMARK.

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# In Memoriam

**Vennum Fitzgerald ('60)** left this world on January 5, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judy; three children, Vince Fitzgerald and Shelley, Vonda Jones and Allan, Vee Ann Carter and Philip; two sisters, Annie Jackson and J.T., and Roynel Wiggins. He was blessed by twelve grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Rose Blair, the mother of **Jean (Blair '60) Stubbs** and mother-in-law of **Fred Stubbs ('60)**, passed away on February 9, 2015. Dorothy was a member of the LCU Associates. She is also survived by one daughter-in-law, Dorothy P. Blair; three grandchildren and their spouses, Tim Blair and Stephanie, Scott Stubbs and Pam, and Denise Gilbert and Dock; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-grand-grandchildren.

On January 3, 2015, **Joan Elaine (Barnes '62) Ford** passed away. Joan met her husband, Denver, while attending LCU. She is survived by Denver; her children, Delynna Smith, **Tim, Denny ('95)**, and Mariann Thompson; one brother, **Ronn Barnes**; one sister, **Donna ('78)**; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Marieta Faye (Edwards '63) Hoy** passed away on March 8, 2015, in Clovis, N.M. She is survived by her husband, Bob; one daughter and son-in-law, Alison and John Maine; two granddaughters, Sydney and Teagan Main; and a step-brother and his spouse, Mickey and Alicia Burkett.

**Cheryl Lynn (Essary '69) Ryan** passed away on December 15, 2014. While at LCU, Cheryl was a member of A Cappella Chorus. She is survived by husband of 45 years **Randall ('69)**; their children and spouses, **Heather Sharp ('92)** and Lane, **Paul ('96)** and **Jennifer (Jors '94)**, **Hannah Lathem ('01)** and **Hunt ('98)**, and **Zack ('03)** and **Beth (Atkinson '02)**; five sisters and spouses, **Kay Nelson ('68)** and **Bob ('65)**, Pam Horton and Kenneth, **Melissa Leftwich ('65)** and Tim, Terry Babcock and Dave, and Kim Babcock and Mike; and eight grandchildren.

**Mary Etta (Robbins '69) Spicher** passed away on December 31, 2014. While at LCU, Mary was a member of Alpha Epsilon Chi and studied social work. She is survived by her son, Russell; daughter, Beverly; and siblings, James, Bob, Frank, and Jerrie Pharr.

**Gary Adrian ('73)** passed away on February 8, 2015. He graduated from LCU with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry. Gary is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carolyn; siblings, Kay Stence and Don, and **Steven ('74)**.

**Cinda (Harbour '76) Farrell** died after a long battle with cancer on January 30, 2015. She is survived by husband **Charles ('76)**; five children and their spouses, Christy and Adam Norton, Charla and Jared Stark, Cody, Clayton and Amanda, and Clinton and Jenna; eleven grandchildren; and siblings, Bonnie Hendricks and David Harbour.

**Douglas Lee Cronberg ('76)** lost his battle to cancer on February 4, 2015. He graduated from LCU with a degree in music. Doug is survived by his wife of 39 years, Diane; daughter Anna, and son Chris.

**Gary Joe Blakeney ('76)** passed away on January 23, 2015. While at LCU, Gary was a member of Kyodai, received the Liff Sanders Award given to a promising young preacher, and met the love of his life, **Robin (Aduddell '74)**. He is survived by Robin; their four children, Laura Cosper and Andrew, **Joseph ('04)**, **Caleb ('14)**, and **Sarah ('15)** and **Zachary ('14) Willis**; two grandchildren; his father, Joe; mother-in-law, Joyce Waldrip; two sisters, **Sharon ('75)** and **Garry ('74) Ward**, and Janet Sanders; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy Aduddell, Roger and Jan Aduddell, and **Teresa (Aduddell '74) Hollis**.

**Larry Dean Broyles ('80)** passed away on January 22, 2015. He leaves behind three sons, Brandon, Brennan, and Brady; their mother, **Julie (Hollingsworth '81)**; and five grandchildren.

**Bobby Lynn Harland ('84)** left this world on February 28, 2015. He was a member of the LCC Aggie Club. Bobby is survived by his parents, Paul and Rozilla; wife Penny; three daughters, Katie, Sarah Keenan, and Megan Holt and Trent; three siblings, **LaDonna ('80)**, **Susan (Harland '87) Mattocks** and Larry, and Terry and Stacy; and three grandchildren. The family asks that in memoriam donations be made in Bobby's name to LCU.



**Jerry Dean Isler ('85)** passed away on January 11, 2015. JD was honored in February 2014 as a member of the 1982–1983 LCU Basketball team. He was a teacher and coach at New Mexico Junior College, University of Texas Arlington, Grady High School, Clovis High School, McMurry University, and Elida High School. JD is survived by his wife, Robin; children, **Jaden ('09)**, Jadee, and Jacee; mother, Vandean; and three sisters.

**Tina Michelle (Sheppard) Woodbridge** passed away on April 23, 2015. Tina met the love of her life, **Timothy ('85)** at LCU. She is survived by Tim; two sons, Christopher and Meredith, and **Zachary ('14)**; siblings, Brad Sheppard, **LeAnn Setliff ('00)** and **Steven ('79)** Stacy Sheppard, Patricia Luedtke and George, and Cyndi Acton and Bruce; and her father, Gene Sheppard.

**Julie Ellen (Weaver '92) MacNeil** passed away on December 21, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Alan; seven children, Daniel, Frank Jr., Damian, Darian, Kristen, Kelsey, and Saydie; two grandchildren; parents, Cathy Ellen Cavin and Jo Michael Weaver; and three siblings.

**David Stanley Meade ('93)** went to be with his Lord on December 24, 2014. He is survived by his parents, Ted and Marie; son, Masen; and two brothers.

**Chadwick Allen Wilcox ('04)** passed away on February 18, 2014. He graduated from LCU with a B.A. in missions. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his parents, Clifford and Janet; and brother, Chris.

**John E. Hobgood ('04)** passed away on September 26, 2014. John received the Bronze Social Work Professional Promise award in 2004.

**Anita Louise (Kirby) Bissett**, former student, went to be with her Lord on October 18, 2014. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Geoff; three children, Clayton and Dianna, **Todd and Rachel (Scott '01)**, and **Kaela ('03) Brown** and Brody; seven grandchildren; and her sisters D'lyla Kirby and Teena Hall.

Dorothy (Stephens) Scott Booker passed away on December 29, 2014. She is survived by her children, **LCU Provost Rod and Sandra (Scott) Blackwood ('63)**, **Linda (Scott '66) Hutchins**; and grandchildren **Shawna (Blackwood '92) Gomez**, and **Nathan Blackwood ('95)**. Dorothy helped start the LCU Associates chapter in Muleshoe and was a longtime supporter of many different LCU projects, especially the various athletic programs.

Bettie Jo (Caudle) Cargill went to join her husband, Gordon, in heaven on January 4, 2015. She leaves behind her children, **Charles, Carla ('74) Chance and Michael ('76)**, **Cathy Privitt ('76)**, Beth and Chris Exum, and Christie and Gary Proctor; three siblings; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Bettie requested all memorials be sent to the Gordon and Bettie Cargill Scholarship Fund at LCU.

Arthur Conrad Sucsy passed away on April 24, 2015. Arthur was the environmental compliance officer for LCU and longtime friend of the university. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jean; three children, David, **Steven ('74)**, and Karen Woodward; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and his brother, Dr. Robert W. Sucsy.

**Danny Wheeler ('62)** passed away on March 20, 2015. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, **Charlotte (Richmond '62)**; four children, **Daniel ('90) and Kim (Whittenberg '88)**, Andy, **Nathan ('00) and Brandy (Himes)** and **Rebekah (Robertson '98)** and Byron; three siblings; and eleven grandchildren.

**Jo (Williams '72) and Richard ('76)**, **Jean Sellers ('74) and Randy ('73)**, **Judy Terhune ('76) and Robert**, and **Ray ('77)** lost their mother, Inez Roberta (Coble) Fowler, on May 14, 2015. She is also survived by her grandchildren, **Jennifer (Sellers '96)**, **Thomas, Justin ('01)**, **Lori (Terhune '06) Burk**, **Jeanne (Terhune '03) Stone** and **Aaron ('04)**, **Kendi Smith ('05)**, **Jamey ('05)**, **Tiffany (Terhune '06) Dyess** and **David ('06)**, and, former student, **Brantly**.

**Dorothy Dawn (Hathorn '80) Miles** passed away on April 30, 2015. Dorothy is survived by her mother, Louise Hathorn; children, Eric and Ashley, and Sarah Cole and Richard; two granddaughters; and two siblings.





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