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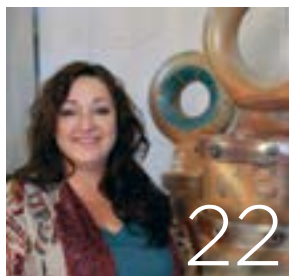
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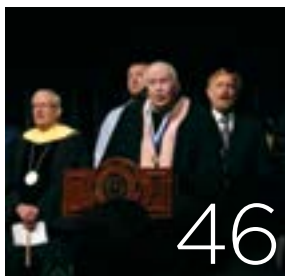
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I would have loved to be in the crowd on May 4, 1957, at the groundbreaking for the administration building at the not-yet-opened Lubbock Christian College. It was an unusually cold and wet day in Lubbock, but that did not dampen spirits or keep the crowd away. Sometimes I try to imagine the excitement of that day, the sense of anticipation for the incredible journey that was ahead.

In my office at LCU, I display a few mementos from that day—the Groundbreaking Ceremony program, a photo of Dr. Mattox and his granddaughter, a bit of dirt collected from the cotton field—and I remember the bold vision and the relentless optimism of our founders.

We are concluding our year-long celebration of LCU's first sixty years, and it has been a meaningful time of remembering and reconnecting. We even produced a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, *Pioneering Spirit, Extraordinary Faith*, which serves as an LCU history of sorts, as various authors shared many of the stories, people, and milestones from the past six decades.

In this issue of Reflections we share a recap of our sixtieth anniversary celebration and we tell the story of one family whose involvement spans the entire life of the college. Larry Rogers was present at the groundbreaking on May 4, 1957. He attended with his grandfather who told him, "This is where you are going to go to college." Larry's reaction after experiencing the groundbreaking and seeing the vast cotton fields on that wet and cold day? "I'll never go to college here!"

I love Larry's story not only because in 1959 he did indeed become a member of the third entering class in the college's young history, but also because his children and grandchildren continue to make their mark here.

When Larry arrived as a student, his coach was my dad, Les Perrin, who was beginning his first year as basketball coach. I grew up hearing stories from my dad about Larry's basketball prowess. My parents thought so much of him that when I was born I was named for him! (And now you understand that mysterious first initial in my name!)

And so the LCU story continues. The investments and sacrifices of yesterday continue to yield bountiful fruit for tomorrow. Thank you for your part in the LCU story. It's a great time to be a Chap!

Go Chaps!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "L. T. Perrin". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

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



around campus







The university campus covers approximately 210 acres and continues to mature. The recently completed Ling Science Center is shown in the middle top of right-hand page.



# LCU Nursing Department Hosts Distinguished Speaker Series



One of the greatest successes for the LCU Department of Nursing's collaborative work with the Covenant School of Nursing has been its annual Distinguished Speaker Series. The event has been sponsored by Prosperity Bank for several years, and continues to play an integral role in LCU's contributions to the local medical community.

Each year, Lubbock area nurses and students attend the series held on LCU's campus, which is focused on pressing and current topics in the field of nursing.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, and Professor and Dean of the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University, whose talk was entitled "A Culture of Wellness for All."

"It was an excellent opportunity for those of us who were present to hear the internationally known speaker on the topic of 'Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing Today,'" explained Dr. Cindy Ford, Director of Undergraduate Nursing at LCU and one of the organizers for the series. "Dr. Melnyk is well-known for her work

through consulting, writing, publishing, and supporting the creation of cultures of evidence-based practice around the world. Her stories of her lived experiences as she travels and speaks to advocate for best practices in nursing care were motivational and inspiring to those who were able to attend the event this year."

Among Dr. Melnyk's many accolades are over 19 million dollars of sponsored funding from federal agencies as principal investigator, over 280 publications, and numerous national and international awards for her leadership in the field of nursing.

"The Department of Nursing, Covenant School of Nursing, and the sponsoring organization, Prosperity Bank, were honored to welcome Dr. Bernadette Melnyk to Lubbock for the all-day event held in the new Collier Auditorium," added Dr. Ford. The series continues to be a resource for medical professionals in Lubbock and the surrounding area, and Prosperity Bank's support has only helped to strengthen that impact.





# *citizens in community*

## HEALTHY FAMILIES CONFERENCE

Lubbock Christian University seeks to be guided by our Christian faith in every dimension of our life as a community of higher learning, and that focus was emphasized by the 2017 Healthy Families Conference with the theme “Citizens in Community.”

Each year the Healthy Families Conference aims to provide quality continuing education to professional counselors and social workers who serve the Lubbock area. The two-day conference included keynote sessions, breakout sessions, and a community forum panel discussion.

Dr. Terry Hargrave, professor of marriage and family therapy at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, and president at Amarillo Family Institute, Inc., was featured as the keynote speaker for the conference.

For the panel, the collaborative discussion between five notable community leaders was moderated by Mayor Dan Pope, as the speakers shared varied perspectives on combatting local and national issues through unity in community. Serving on the panel were Floyd Price, a former Lubbock City Council member and former police officer; LaLa Chavez, an LISD School Board Member; Dr. Abdul Hamood, a Professor of Health Sciences at Texas Tech University and director of the Islamic Center of Lubbock; Greg Stevens, the Police Chief for Lubbock; and Holly Duncan, the CEO of Parkridge Pregnancy Center, a local nonprofit resource.

The panel was followed by breakout sessions to address the discussed issues – including immigration, inclusivism, police and community relations, racism, education, and discrimination – more directly.

“It’s our belief that conversations like this must take place for us to really know and love our neighbor,” said Dr. Michael Hardin, professor at LCU and coordinator for the Healthy Families Conference.





Summer camps at LCU have been around since almost the beginning of the university with Dr. Wayne Hinds responsible for hosting the first camps in 1958, which were music camps for band and choir. Then there were youth lectures added to the slate, and in the early 1970's, the youth lectures morphed into Encounter for high school students, and was directed by John King and LCU Admissions. Then Camp Champion began for middle school-aged campers in the mid 1990's. Pine Springs Camp, which had been operating since the early 1960's in the Sacramento Mountains of Southern NM, became a part of university in 1999.

This year at Encounter, hundreds of high school students who engaged in the worship, classes, counselor groups, keynote speakers and entertainment that Encounter is fondly known for. The speakers focused their talks around the theme, "Future," which illustrated the distinctions between earthly and eternal futures: what may come in our futures, who is guiding our futures, and what we can do now to prepare and change our futures.

Campers at Camp Champion learned the importance of their personal relationships with God, as well as, sharing the word with others, all within an immersive "SPACE" theme. During this week-long camp, the campers take part in daily classes, space-themed activities, worship, devotionals, and entertainment.

Campers at Pine Springs enjoy God's beautiful handiwork in a peaceful mountain setting. From June to August, there are ten weeks of camp directed by ten different directors who amass different teams who possess great creativity and ministry experience. God's message is shared in relevant and meaningful ways to the campers who range in age from 4th grade through graduating high school seniors.





**“I’VE MADE LIFELONG FRIENDS AND WITNESSED GOD’S WORK FIRST HAND AT LCU CAMPS. IN FACT, I WAS BAPTIZED AT PINE SPRINGS WHEN I WAS 17. MY HEART WILL FOREVER HOLD A PLACE FOR THE SUMMER CAMPS PRESENTED BY LCU, AND THE LIFE-CHANGING IMPACTS THEY CREATE.”**

-Calvin Dement who has attended Champion, Encounter and Pine Springs for a total of eight years, will be attending LCU this fall and majoring in pre-nursing.







## Chap Tank

LCU's Chap Tank creates a unique opportunity for students from across all academic disciplines to showcase their entrepreneurial ideas. The event hosted by Enactus, a student-led organization dedicated to enhancing the awareness of entrepreneurship and small businesses, provides students the chance to present their business ideas and proposals to a panel of local business leaders to win a monetary prize.

Most business students are only exposed to the text-book world of business. For LCU students, Chap Tank offers an opportunity to bridge that gap between the academic preparation and the hard work of operationalizing entrepreneurial ideas and creating business proposals.

This spring, students were challenged to come up with an original product or business idea, and to submit an application to be reviewed by faculty in the School of Business and Enactus members and officers. After the initial review, approved projects were required to undertake further research and to create a financial plan by completing a spreadsheet of projected costs and revenue for their business.

The pool was narrowed to five applicants who presented the strongest, most accurate research for their proposals. They then polished their presentations, solidified their financial details, and met with a mentor in the School of Business before the Chap Tank event on April 4.

### 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE

**Zachary Link**, *LIPA Cardholders*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE

**Gabriel Gonzales**, *Triple Threat Restaurant*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE

**Hunter Ates**, *iPhone Customization and Repair*

### ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

**Cedric Omergie**, *SP Controllor Patent*

**Anselm Bradley**, *TryWare*

Their hard work paid off when the finalists presented their proposals to local community and business leaders, who judged each product on creativity, originality, and feasibility.

"Chap Tank brings community and business leaders on campus to meet our students, which helps them make connections and provides real world experience," Michaela Nunnally, the business management major and Enactus member who coordinated Chap Tank, explained. "It's also good for the students because their ideas were heard."



# Women in Leadership Conference

In April, Lubbock Christian University hosted the Women in Leadership conference—a specialized, faith-based training by women leaders, for women leaders.

The idea for Women in Leadership began when Dr. Kathy Crockett, Professor of Business and Leadership and event coordinator, participated in the year-long Townsend Leadership Program. Through experiencing that high-level leadership coaching, Crockett perceived a need for leadership coaching for women, especially women of faith.

“Leadership can be very lonely at times,” said Dr. Crockett. “So much of what you run is confidential. Sometimes you have to make really hard decisions. The responsibility of that can weigh heavily.”

The 2017 Women in Leadership conference featured four world-class speakers: Holly Duncan, CEO of Parkridge Pregnancy Clinic and national consultant and author for Focus on the Family who published her book *Now What?*; Katherine Lee, CEO of Pure Hope Foundation featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show; Wendy Davidson, President of U.S. Specialty Channels for Kellogg North America, responsible for leading the \$1.5 billion business in numerous distribution channels for Kellogg’s; and Elise Mitchell, CEO

of Mitchell Communication and Dentsu Aegis PR Network and accomplished strategic communications professional and business leader with a social media reach of 18 million.

In addition to the keynote messages presented by speakers, the attendees – which included students and women in local businesses – had time for networking between sessions.

The registration fee served as a purchase with a purpose – proceeds from the conference will be used to fund an endowed scholarship awarded to female LCU student leaders. The students who received the scholarships attended the conference to thank attendees for their contributions.

Crockett expects the conference to continue biennially. “We hope this is a blessing to the community,” she said. “We can be a resource for leadership training and connecting people to world-class speakers. They can challenge us with high-level, relevant, real-world training while weaving their faith into their business.”

“I hope women take away belief: belief that their faith is relevant in the marketplace, belief that they can be successful in all corners of their lives, belief in our university, and belief in each other.”





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## CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

An integral part of campus and academic life, the C.L. Kay Christian Development Center has been under construction for much needed renovations and improvements for the past several months, and will continue into the 2017-18 academic year. The renovation will include a new expansion of the south side, which mirrors the familiar, original rotunda on the north face of the building. In addition, the interior spaces are all undergoing a significant update and enhancement. These renovations were made possible because of a generous gift from long-time supporters of the university, Al and Pat Smith, for whom the Alfred and Patricia Smith College of Biblical Studies is named.



## JAMES AND JEANETTE LING SCIENCE CENTER

The James and Jeanette Ling Science Center opened for classes as the fall semester began in August 2017. This new facility will house all of academics in the hard sciences. Hanson Ling ('69), who gave the lead gift for the science center, named the building in honor of his parents, James and Jeanette Ling.





## KATIE ROGERS

The university is in the midst of a major investment in student housing to enhance the experience for our on-campus students and to create more opportunities for campus community to naturally occur. Mabee Hall (formerly known as the Mabee Living Center) is undergoing a complete transformation of all rooms and common areas. In addition, renovations have been made during the summer to Katie Rogers Hall, the residence hall for freshmen women, with plans for a complete renovation for Johnson Hall, home to underclassmen men, during summer of 2018.



## PIONEER PARKWAY

Continuing to expand and restore the west side of campus, Pioneer Parkway, the street that leads to Johnson Hall, received a complete resurfacing this summer.



scholarship







Once a Chap, always a Chap. Spring 2017 graduates proudly display the chap sign during the alma mater.





# GRADUATION

At our spring 2017 graduation, more than 260 graduates received their bachelor's and master's degrees. The master's ceremony was held the evening of May 5 in the McDonald Moody Auditorium, and the undergraduate commencement was held the morning of May 6 in the Rip Griffin Center.

At the undergraduate ceremony, the mother and son pair, Laura Cutshall and James Horton, shared in the celebration as graduates.

Cutshall was graduating with a degree in early childhood education and an English minor. Her son, Horton, had completed majors in both mathematics and chemistry.

Previously, Cutshall had worked as a graphic designer, but after having her daughter, Abi, Cutshall took a job working with two-year-olds at her church. She enjoyed the experience of teaching so much that she decided to return to school to get her education degree.

Cutshall and Horton had long-term connections to LCU through Cutshall's sister, Dr. Michelle Kraft, Professor of Art. During her time as a graphic designer years ago, Cutshall had also worked in the university marketing department. The atmosphere here on campus and the personal connections with faculty and staff drew them both to apply.

"I really gained some great friends – friends for life," Cutshall said. "I didn't think at my age, at 46, that I would actually find people my age. But there were plenty of non-traditional students in the education department. And I made some younger friends. There was no age difference between anyone, just a Christian attitude."

Cutshall plans to be an elementary teacher and hopes to find ways to incorporate her creative and artistic side into the classroom.

"I want to make learning fun for students who don't enjoy school, because I did not like school. It was hard to like reading and math," Cutshall said with a laugh. "But going back to school helped me realize how important it is. It was fun learning again."

Her son plans to eventually end up in a classroom as well, though James first plans to continue his studies by pursuing a master's in secondary education.

Horton feels that professors worked to challenge him and his peers, even going so far as to create specialized topic courses in mathematics. He felt his education was important to the faculty, and the personalization of his courses helped prepare him for future education.

During their years at LCU, mother and son spent a lot of time studying together in the campus Starbucks. Horton even tutored his mother in algebra, helping



# IT ALL BEGAN WITH GOLF

Will Wehe ('17) was the 2017 student speaker for the spring commencement ceremony, selected by a university committee who auditioned several graduating students who wanted the chance to share their LCU experience with the commencement audience.

Dr. Steve German, associate professor of organization management, introduced Will at the ceremony. Here are some excerpts from Dr. German's introduction of Will:

"Will came to LCU three years ago from Arizona. His story reminds me of how God often directs the steps of his people as we all journey through life. It seems very unlikely that Will would have come to LCU without God pulling together all the pieces that brought him here. Will had never heard of LCU before beginning his search for college, but he knew that he wanted to play golf, so he applied to many division two schools. . . Will received phone calls from several LCU faculty and staff to encourage him to come to LCU. . . Will and his father then visited the campus, never having been to Lubbock or seeing LCU. . . That same day he enrolled.

"Since then, Will has completed an accounting degree in three years, played on the collegiate golf team, worked on student senate for two years, and in that last year, he served as vice president. He was also a part of the Honors College and a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society."

her bring her grade up to a high B. They enjoyed working together and attending events together, making their college experience very family oriented.

Though they didn't have the opportunity to participate in social groups together – Horton was in Kyodai, while Cutshall was in the Kappa Delta Phi and Sigma Tau Honor Societies – they always had lunch together in the education building during Cutshall's methods semesters, with Cutshall always bringing lunch for them.

"I'd have gone anyway," Horton added, noting that their time together wasn't all about the free meal.

Since the two were in different colleges within the university, Cutshall and Horton sat in different sections at graduation. They had family and friends strategically placed throughout the audience at the RIP, though, taking photos of them both. After the ceremony, they pushed through the crowd to reach each other before going to celebrate with the rest of their family and friends.

"I got to spend so much more time with my son going back to school with him," Cutshall explained. Her previous full-time work schedule and his high school extracurricular activities had made it difficult to find quality time together. "If anything, this has brought us closer together."

Both mother and son believe the experience has permanently deepened their relationship.

While the other graduates weren't as closely related as Cutshall and Horton, they are all part of the LCU family, united and transformed by the LCU experience.



"As a student who came in thinking, 'I'm here to work at my sport, get a degree, and get out,' I marvel at how wrong I was... My friend group that was supposed to be comprised of just student athletes quickly grew to include students, faculty, and staff of all backgrounds. They all had one thing in common—a true desire to make me a better person, a true compassion that I know I could never, and will never, find anywhere else."

-WILL WEHE ('17)





For the past twelve years, students at Lubbock Christian University have had the opportunity to participate in a practice usually reserved for graduate school students—working with a Ph.D. mentor on academic research. The undergraduate research culture at LCU has steadily grown so that the university continues to have a very broad base of research conducted in a variety of disciplines. The notable results of this emphasis—LCU’s consistent representation by students at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research—has also been evident at the annual LCU Scholars Colloquium, as it continues to see an abundance of student scholarship over a breadth of topics.

This spring, the LCU Scholars Colloquium was held for the twelfth consecutive year, with over ninety presentations made during the two-day event. This experience, which provides student scholars a venue to communicate the results of their research from various areas of study, has had a growing number of attendees and participants over the past several years. It has featured esteemed speakers including, in 2017 two of LCU’s own—Crystal Silva-McCormick ('02), who presented a plenary address on her work with



the Parliament of the World's Religions, and Dr. Matt Joyner ('05), professor of Chemistry at Pepperdine University. The Committee for Undergraduate Research and the Scholars' Colloquium Committee have each made great contributions to the success of the LCU Scholars' Colloquium.

"We are pleased that the quality of the colloquium continues to reflect the truly excellent research work of our students and faculty at LCU," said Dr. Stacy Patty, Dean of the University Honors College. "Our university produces undergraduate research, for example, that is certainly among the best in the nation, as evidenced by the number accepted to present at national conferences as well as on our campus."



*LCU's Scholars Colloquium undergraduate research award winners Hannah Harbin and Cora Petersen.*

Beginning with a poster presentation session in the Student Union Building, the colloquium featured students from every department across campus and presentations from an incredibly diverse collection of topics. Each day featured breakout sessions made up of student research presentations. In addition to the breakout sessions, presentations, and keynote speakers, two students were selected as plenary speakers for this year's colloquium. Hannah Harbin, senior chemistry major, presented her research entitled *The Intersection of Chemistry and Archeology: Analysis of Fatty Acid Residue Extracted from Early Bronze Age Pottery Found at Khribat Iskander, Jordan*, and Cora Peterson, senior science major shared her paper, *Alanine Scanning Mutagenesis of MsbA, a Bacterial ABC Transporter*. Additionally, senior Brandon Greer presented his original play, "A Friend Out of Stone," which he both wrote and directed, highlighting the diversity of the content showcased by the Colloquium.



## CRYSTAL SILVA-MCCORMICK

*(LCU, '02) Adjunct Professor at UTEP, Ph.D. Candidate in Interfaith Relations*

*"So That the Birds of the Air Can Perch in Its Shade"*

Crystal Silva McCormick completed the B.A. degree in Missions at Lubbock Christian University in 2002 and the M.Div. at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She is now a doctoral candidate in Interfaith Relations at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Crystal has taught Women's Studies and Religious Studies at the University of Texas at El Paso. She is a scholar with the Hispanic Theological Initiative, and she is an activist for fostering inter-religious dialogue and service, as well as advocacy for immigrant and immigration reform. Crystal now serves on the board of directors of the Parliament of the World's Religions, and in 2016 she was appointed chair of the Parliament's Women's Task Force. Currently she lives in Austin and works with domestic violence victims.



## MATT JOYNER

*(LCU, '05) Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Pepperdine University*

*"Exploring the Medicinal Potential of Nature"*

Matthew Joyner completed B.S. degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics at Lubbock Christian University in 2005, and then, went on to complete his Ph.D. in Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma in 2010. As a student at LCU, he was a founding member of Dr. Julie Marshall's peanut research project and a member of the very first Honors Program cohort. As a scientist, he has pursued research in the areas of drug discovery, ethnobotany, microbial chemistry, metabolomics and protein-misfolding neurodegenerative diseases. Matthew is currently an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at Pepperdine University, where he teaches Biochemistry and investigates the chemical and pharmacological properties of native medicinal plants used by local American Indians.



*Vessels of Clay: Former LCU Art Major*

# JANIE WHITE

*Returns for a Bachelor of Fine Arts*

BY DR. MICHELLE KRAFT, ART PROGRAM COORDINATOR





It's a humid but cool June evening on Lubbock's First Friday Art Trail as we venture into the Charles Adams Studio Project (CASP) to see the *Cambium & Clay* exhibition, featuring work by Kendra McCartney, Peter Keltz, and recent LCU art graduate Jami White. Several of her ceramic sculptures line the wall. They are segmented pieces, soda-fired to an earthy, rough patina, with a timeless, totemic feel, as if created by an ancient hand. Where we expect to see a face crowning each piece, there is a double-walled perfect ring of clay. The technique of the maker is captivating—her ability to fashion a material as fragile and temperamental as clay into a beautiful form. The phrase “treasures in jars of clay” leaps to mind: in the hands of the right creator, something transformative happens, even with mud.

In May 2017, Jami White was among the first to graduate with Lubbock Christian University's new Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), though her journey to this point was not so direct. Jami arrived as a freshman art major in 1986. At that time, LCU offered the Bachelor of Arts in Art. Professor Karen Randolph introduced Jami to clay, which would become her passion. Life intervened, though. Just short of graduation, Jami married, turning her attention to raising her family; her daughter Kirstin graduated from LCU with a B.A. in Art Education in 2013. Still, finishing her degree never left her mind. “I had been looking at going back to school for several years,” she notes.

Jami investigated colleges in Dallas/Fort Worth, even in her home-state of California, but nothing seemed quite right—she would lose too many credit hours. She looked at returning to LCU in fall 2016, just as the new BFA launched. The BFA affords almost twice as many credit hours in art as the previous B.A. had, with an emphasis on studio professional practice. And, Jami adds, “LCU was flexible with my older credits, moving them to fill into the



current degree plan.” The time was right to return and finish, though Jami admits, “There was definitely a learning curve to being back in the academic world after so many years.” Some challenges: online classes, remembering to be a student and not a facilitator during class group projects, reconciling new experiences with 1980s student memories. Some plusses: “fantastic library resources,” Starbucks on campus, the blessing of being both a mentor *and* student alongside her peers. Jami also acknowledges that her lived experiences provided her “passion and focus in direction of study. . . . I was serious about how the information I was learning was applicable to my life.”

During her time at LCU, Jami's presence has been felt in the campus art community as well as within the regional art community. She served as vice-president, then acting president, of the LCU Student Art Association, where she helped to lead art workshops for LCU students and staff, as well as for the Burkhart Transition Center for Autism. She's an active member of the Helen Devitt Jones Clay Studio





at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts (LHUCA). Through these experiences and connections, Jami thrived creatively. “Amazing [LCU] professor Hannah Dean was open to me drawing and painting on whatever surface I wanted or needed for my senior exhibition,” Jami explains. “I took a printmaking workshop at CASP after Hannah had [printmaker/designer] Dirk Fowler come to speak to her class. . . I loved it! This was my door to [the workshop] at Penland. Because I love clay, I couldn’t wait to see how to use clay and printmaking together.”

Penland School of Arts & Crafts is a renowned art school in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. White was accepted to the competitive summer 2017 clay workshop, during which she studied printmaking techniques on clay under Harvard professor Kathy King and artist Paul Andrew Wandless. In fall 2017, Jami begins the MFA in Ceramics at Texas Tech University, one of only two accepted applicants. Jami points to not only the support of LCU art faculty and of the Lubbock arts community in achieving her academic success, but also to the support of her family: “After the movie *McFarland USA* [the biopic about her dad, cross-country coach Jim White], and I saw how supportive LCU was to my family, I really wanted to explore once again about finishing school. It was an area of my life in which I never felt completely successful.” But, she adds, “Honestly, if I had finished my degree in 1991, I would not have been as successful. . . I was blessed to raise my two beautiful children, and that was my focus back then: to raise them to love the Lord, to be the best mom I could be.”

Having begun her academic journey 30 years ago, Jami understands well the scripture in 2 Corinthians 4:7, that treasures in jars of clay show that the surpassing power of transformation belongs to God. “Graduating in 2017,” she says, “I have a different perspective. I want to be the best me that I can be, the person God created me to be when he uniquely formed me.” God’s timing is everything.

“I have a different perspective. I want to be the best me that I can be, the person God created me to be when he uniquely formed me.”







# LCU PRESIDENT'S *Circle*

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# Dr. JoAnn Long

## *Develops Practical Research Tool*

The scholarly work and collaboration by Dr. JoAnn Long, Professor of Nursing and Director of Research & Development for the LCU Department of Nursing, has resulted in a research tool that is being used by local hospitals, as well as hospitals around the world.

The research tool was recently developed by Dr. Long and Paula Gannaway (Former Director of the LCU Library) collaborating with other faculty, staff, and with Justin Brown, LCU webmaster. The IT tool is used to help guide student researchers through the process of gathering, evaluating, and using scholarly research. The Evidence-Based Research (EBR) Tool is meant to address how advancements in technology have changed how students access and use evidence-based information, and how many students over-estimate their ability to effectively locate and evaluate the sources they find during research projects. In the nursing field, clinical nurses are apt to rely upon personal experience, rather than on peer-reviewed literature, and so this EBR

Tool has very practical, immediate benefits for the students and professional working nurses.

The EBR Tool prompts users with key questions related to their research question(s) and interests, and it enables them to narrow their searches to the more relevant and credible sources that their searches discover. This development has application far beyond the particular field of nursing, though, as it is permanently available on the library website for all faculty, staff, and students to use as they gather resources for whatever research projects they pursue.

Nursing faculty in Uganda and Lebanon have used the tool in their work, and recent inquiries about the EBR Tool have come from institutions in Norway and Canada. Locally, Covenant Health System, on the journey toward magnate status, has purchased licenses for the tool, and is currently utilizing it with their front line nurses.





# Dr. Mark Wiebe

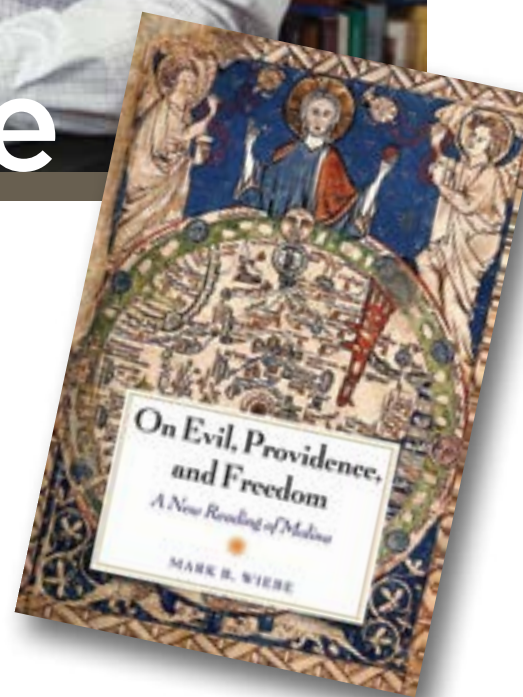
## *Authors New Book*

Dr. Mark Wiebe joined the LCU faculty in 2013. Since then, he has established an impressive reputation as a careful thinker, a highly respected teacher, a model colleague, and a first rate scholar.

Mark's newly published book, *On Evil, Providence, and Freedom: A New Reading of Molina*, is a reflection on the work of the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Jesuit, Luis de Molina, whose commentary on Thomas Aquinas' monumental contributions sparked a decades-long and rancorous debate. Especially provocative was Molina's commentary on Aquinas' arguments related to providence, grace, and free will. Molina's perspective on these issues came back into some prominence among 20<sup>th</sup>-century philosophical theologians and philosophers of religion when Alvin Plantinga used an argument much like Molina's to provide a response to a particular version of the problem of evil.

It was Mark's interest in the network of questions related to the problem of evil that initially drew him into these particular

conversations. He found Molina's work helpful, to a certain extent, in thinking through how to reconcile God's goodness and providence with the prevalence of suffering in the world. Mark's book begins with a defense of a strong view of providence, a defense which gives significant attention to scriptural voices that impinge upon these topics. Ultimately, he argues for a modified and softened version of Molina's approach that attempts to uphold strong notions of both divine providence and creaturely freedom.



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# STUDY ABROAD IN ÁVILA, SPAIN

BY PAGE CARTER, DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL CAMPUS

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For many years, Lubbock Christian University has provided its students the opportunity to travel the world, offering short term experiences in missions and in various academic fields. Each experience makes a lasting difference in the lives of students. From all majors and all backgrounds, these students have broadened and deepened their educational journey in countries across the world, thanks to the guidance of faculty who were willing to extend their classroom and their signature LCU hospitality to cities near and far.

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In the Fall semester of 2016, however, a new opportunity for LCU students arose. LCU faculty would now lead students to Ávila, Spain, for a semester that would live up to LCU's motto: for many students and faculty alike, this experience would be totally, and completely, *life changing*. Of course, no program of this magnitude evolves overnight. It began with the vision of a few LCU faculty members, who began meeting together to discover the possibilities of establishing a faculty-led, semester-long study abroad program at LCU. Honors College Dean Stacy Patty noted that the discussion began because, "Study Abroad programs provide excellent settings for engaging with people and cultures unlike West Texas. Students who travel and spend a semester away from their comfortable worlds return with better insight into the diverse and yet common nature of human culture. They find that those people of other nations, faiths, and ethnicities share the same struggles, hopes, and joys that we do."

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Assistant Dean of the Hancock College of Liberal Arts and Education, and Professor of Art, Michelle Kraft echoed Dean Patty's sentiments. "The addition of a semester-long study abroad program in Ávila is a significant step in LCU's history. When we have the chance to travel abroad—and especially to couple travel with study—we gain a clearer picture of our place in the world. If we are engaged in an immersive study abroad program, we become attuned to the culture, the host country's people, its politics, its economy, its mores. Our own responses to these things also teach us a lot about ourselves, about what we hold dear, about rethinking what we thought we knew."

Patty and Kraft soon joined Dr. Rod Blackwood, Provost, Dr. Abraham Mata, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, Dr. Kirt Martin, Assistant Dean of the B. Ward Lane College of Professional Studies, Dr. Andy Laughlin, Associate Professor and Chair of Natural Sciences, and Karen Randolph, Professor of Digital Media and Graphic Design, to form a committee, chaired by Dean Tracy Mack of the School of Business. Collectively, these faculty members brought a lifetime of travel experiences to the table, including familiarity with academic travel at LCU.

The group utilized the great variety of travel opportunities they possessed, and they also incorporated into their research the study abroad experiences of others in their circles of influence. With this information, they analyzed the academic, financial, and beneficial aspects of various sites and opportunities, and it ultimately became very obvious that Ávila, Spain was the perfect choice for LCU to begin its semester-long study abroad experience.



### YESLIN FRÍAS



Yeslin Frías, a senior accounting major and cross-country athlete who received her diploma in May 2017, made the decision to travel to Spain because she desired “to travel and learn about other cultures.” But leaving LCU behind during her last year wasn’t easy, especially because of the decision she had to make to miss her final year of eligibility in cross-country. “Studying abroad really tested my faith. I had to trust that everything would be ok and learn to not be afraid of the unknown.” Even though her choice to participate in the program was not easy, she does not regret it a bit. “There was no better way to end my senior year of college. The experiences I had with LCU in Spain have changed my life forever.”

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Dean Mack says of the choice, “Ávila is the perfect city paired with a local university for a great cultural and academic experience.”

Ávila, a town with a population of around 60,000, is nestled in the hills of Spain about 67 miles from the capitol city of Madrid. Dr. Rod Blackwood, university Provost, Abraham Mata, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, and Page Carter, director of Global Campus, traveled to Ávila in the fall of 2015 to scout the location and its suitability before the program could begin. The city is perfect, he says, for many reasons, beginning with its language. “With the demographic of the Lubbock area changing to a higher percentage of bilingual citizens, the experience in Ávila provides a way for us to immerse our students in a language and culture that will benefit each student in their lives at home as well as their experience abroad.”

Ávila boasts a UNESCO World Heritage site, Las Murallas de Ávila (the Walls of Ávila), as well as easy access to the rest of Europe. Most importantly, it is home to a small local university that was willing to host LCU faculty and students. “Our host university made the site so special—they welcomed us warmly, connected us to students and to our peers at the school and within the city. We learned how we—LCU and the host universidad, as small, faith-based universities in secular societies—share common concerns and interests and challenges,” said Kraft.

The university, known colloquially as UCAV, became a home away from home for the first cohort of 15 students and four faculty members that initiated the program in the Fall of 2016. Students attend all of their classes at the university, about a 20-minute walk from their dormitory over-looking the city. UCAV provided the students’ Spanish language teacher, to whom the students became attached as the semester wore on, as well as a tandem language partner, with whom the students could practice their Spanish while their partner practiced English.

The focus remains, though, on ensuring that the experience is truly an LCU experience. Sophomore Audrey Bradley, a pre-veterinary major explains, “Ávila changed how I feel about LCU and its community. I have gained Spanish friends through this program, but also made amazing bonds with the other students and professors on this journey with me. Experiencing a new and unknown adventure together bonds you in a way I can’t explain. I have made lifelong friendships with the others on the adventure, and I will never forget the community we had and have continued since coming home to Texas.”



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1. During the fall 2016 LCU Study Abroad experience in Avila, Spain, faculty and students visited the Prado Museum in Madrid.

2. K'Leigh White and Audrey Bradley stand in Cuatro Postes overlooking the famous wall in Avila.

3. Students attend immersive Spanish classes while enrolled in the LCU Study Abroad program in Spain.

4. Madison Sanders, Zach Long, Yeslin Frías, Anna Stakeby, Samantha Matthews, Jessica Long, and Audrey Bradley pose for a photo on a day trip to Stonehenge in England.



Kraft, one of the pioneering professors leading the trip, agreed with Bradley. “As a faculty member, I appreciated the chance to spend more time with a core group of students than I would have during a regular semester at home. We met together outside of class, or we just extended our class beyond the classroom place and timeframe as we took field trips together, and we worshiped together. This semester in Ávila was very unique in this way—we were our own LCU community within the larger community of the Ávila university and town.”

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Kraft was joined in Ávila by Dr. Vanda Pauwels, Associate Professor of Business, Honors Dean Stacy Patty, and wife Sharie Patty, an adjunct professor of Psychology, who taught their subjects in 8-week sessions. At semester-end, the Pattys were joined by Dean Tracy Mack and wife, Nancy, on a final group excursion to London following the completion of classes.

Among the benefits the faculty gained from this experience, Pauwels also noted the spiritual discussions that flowed throughout the semester. “One of our weekly highlights was the devotional time together on Sundays; we really developed a special community; we shared a bond and continue to meet monthly since returning home. I was able to mentor students and speak to them differently because of the extended time we spent living and traveling together. This has been a dream for me for some time, and I cannot express how wonderful it was to have had the opportunity.”

The benefits for the participating students were perhaps even more significant.

“Spending three months abroad taught me to step outside of my comfort zone in many ways, whether it be speaking a different language, listening to stories of those from many different walks of life, or even just taking a minute to be still and appreciate the differences that God created all over the world,” said junior Finance major K’Leigh White.



*Weekend excursions included trips to Switzerland, France, Germany, and Ireland, as well as to cities in Spain, such as Barcelona and Salamanca.*

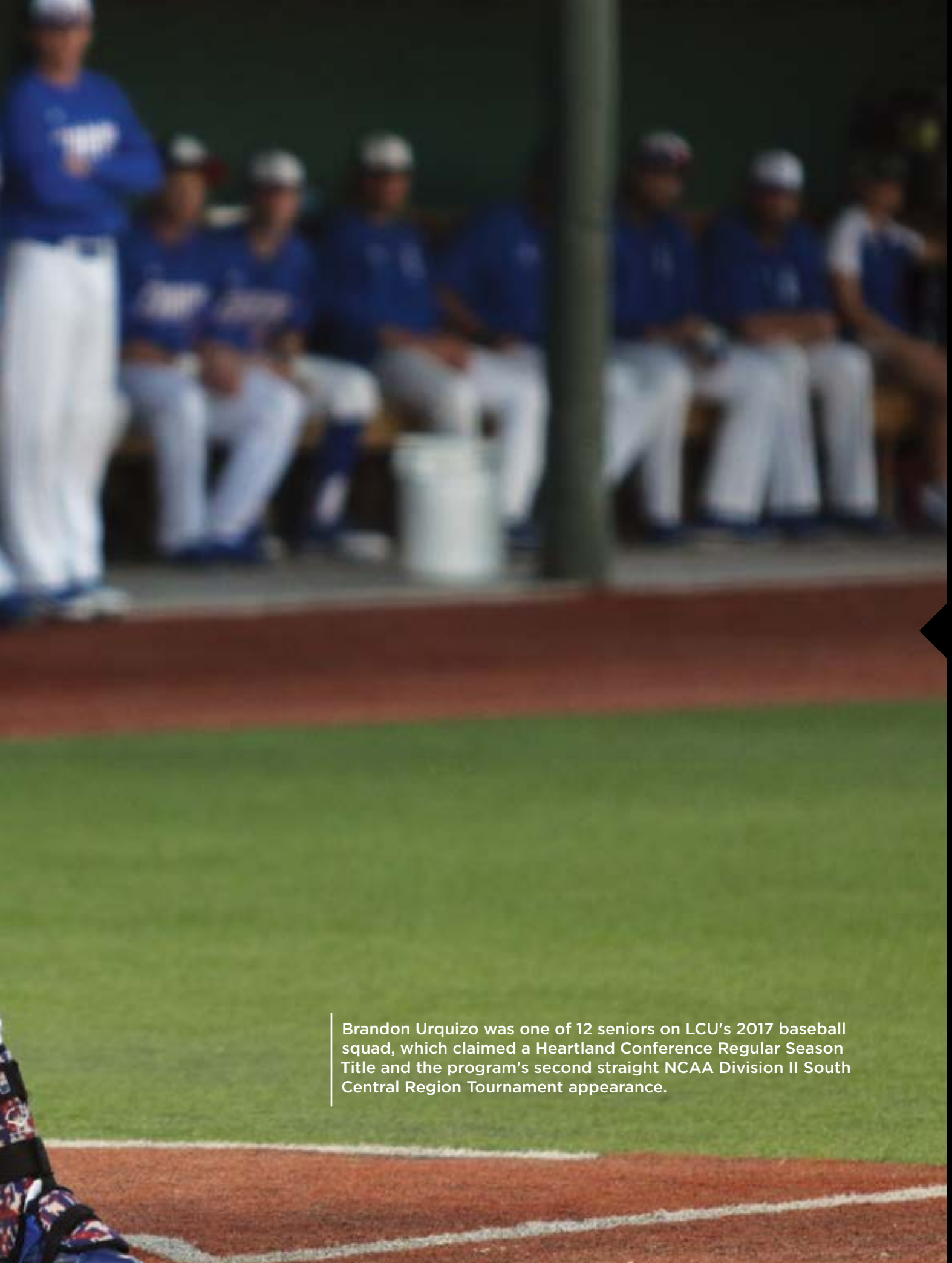
Libby Kirkpatrick, a junior Humanities major, felt the same. “I came to Spain seeking new experiences and ways to learn, and I left with those expectations not only being met, but also exceeded. As someone who loves academics, I was highly pleased with the fact that the classes were just as challenging and motivating, if not more, as they would be on campus at LCU. Being able to learn about Spanish art history in the classroom and then actually see the works we discussed in person was unreal, and being able to actually interact with the art pieces made the learning experience that much more valuable.”

The Semester in Spain program runs every fall semester, and a new cohort of 18 students and four faculty are in Ávila for the program's second year.

athletics







Brandon Urquizo was one of 12 seniors on LCU's 2017 baseball squad, which claimed a Heartland Conference Regular Season Title and the program's second straight NCAA Division II South Central Region Tournament appearance.



TYE ROGERS ('88)

TYLER ROGERS ('17)

LARRY ROGERS ('61)

# TRADITION & LEGACY

## THE ROGERS AND LCU BASKETBALL

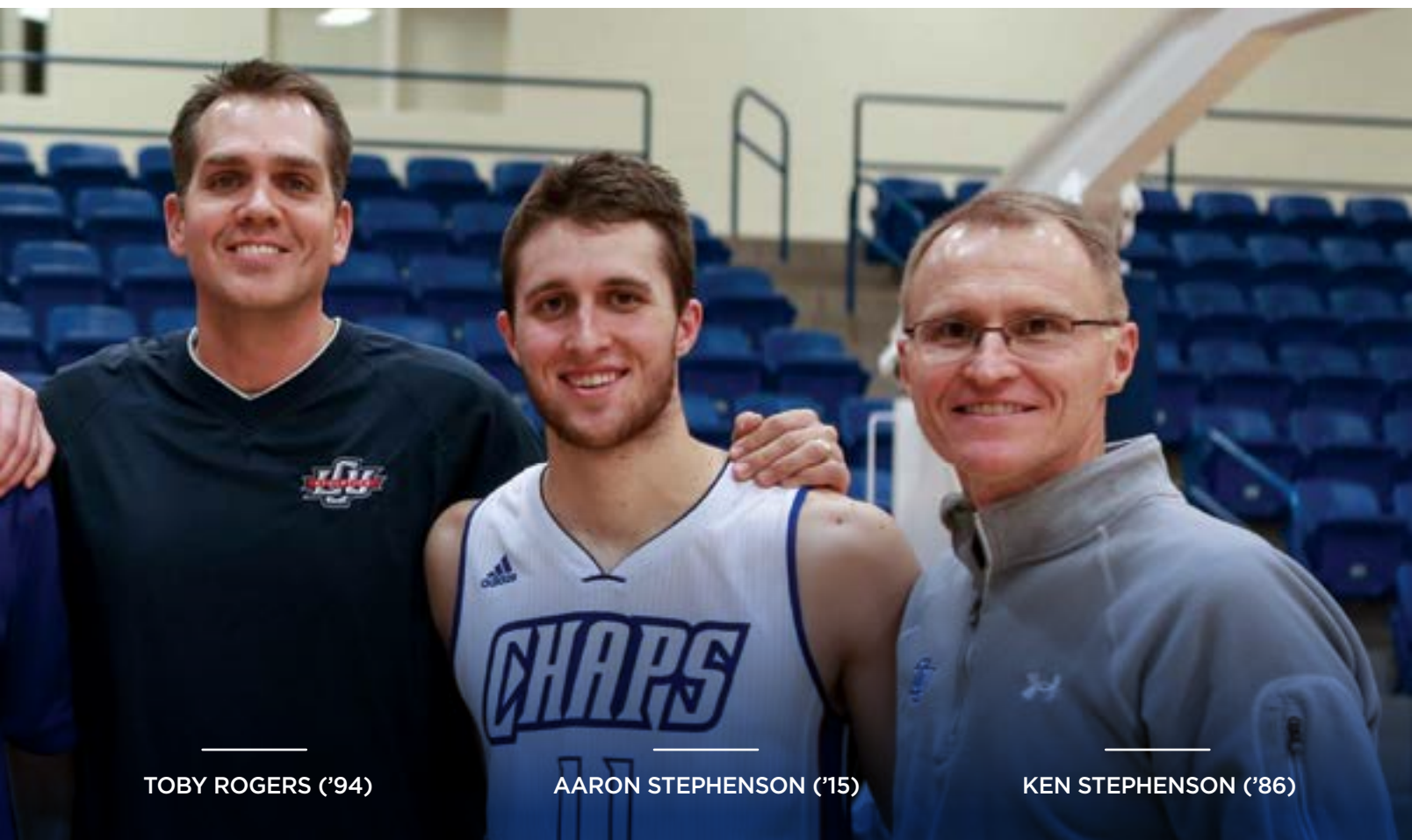
*Tyler Rogers' last game as a Chap basketball player was most memorable. Competing at the Heartland Conference post-season tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma in March, Tyler made play after play to keep the Chaps close against Dallas Baptist University. His impressive stat line only tells part of the story. It was an amazing performance capping an outstanding Chap career that included all-conference honors, plenty of rim-rattling dunks, and an overall team record of 56-28.*

*Tyler's story is noteworthy not only because of his leadership on and off the court, but also because he is a part of the third generation of the Rogers family to play basketball at LCU. This remarkable legacy began in 1959 when his grandfather, Larry Rogers ('61), joined the fledgling Chap basketball program in only its third year of existence. In the years since, Larry's two sons, Tye ('88) and Toby ('94), have made their mark on the court for LCU, as well as two grandsons, Aaron Stephenson ('15), and, of course, Tyler ('17).*

*President Tim Perrin was privileged to sit down recently with these three generations of Rogers to talk about their experiences. Aaron, who is studying optometry in Houston, was unable to attend the session in person but provided his responses via email. Another member of the Rogers family – son-in-law, Ken Stephenson ('86) who is married to Jana (Rogers) ('86) – also played for the Chaps, earning Academic All-American honors.*

*The family's LCU story starts at the beginning as Larry attended the groundbreaking for the administration building in May of 1957, when his grandfather drove him from Idalou. As they parked their Studebaker in the cotton field that would later become the campus, Larry thought to himself, "I'm never going to attend college here!" But he did, and the rest, as they say, is history.*





TOBY ROGERS ('94)

AARON STEPHENSON ('15)

KEN STEPHENSON ('86)

**PRESIDENT PERRIN:** Larry, tell us about when you played at LCU—who your coach was, and a word about your playing career.

**LARRY ROGERS:** The first time I ever came to Lubbock Christian College was in 1957. And that was for the groundbreaking of the Administration Building.

We moved right after [the groundbreaking], and I played two years at Twin Falls, Idaho. I had some offers there in that area in Idaho, but when I got the opportunity to come to Lubbock Christian, and that was 1600 miles from where I lived at the time, I thought, “man, that sounds pretty interesting.” Hugh Rhodes [recruited] me, and was the coach at the time, but they had hired Les Perrin to come and coach, and that was who I actually played for. And, one of my dearest friends in the world became Les Perrin. The years I played for him, and then worked beside him, were special years.

**PERRIN:** You played when we were a two-year college, in the third and fourth years of the college’s existence. So the team was still playing games at Smiley Wilson Junior High, and practicing in Wolfforth at Frenship School. [The college] didn’t

have its own facilities, and you played at a time where there really wasn’t anything here except for some Army surplus barracks.

**LARRY:** That’s right. In fact, there was an alumni game the first year they had the Field House. It was December, and it was cold. I well remember that, because we would run up and down the floor, and you could see our breath and frost in the air.

**PERRIN:** Generations after you had that same experience, Larry! Now, Tye you were next. What was your LCU basketball story?

**TYE:** So, I started at Lubbock Christian College in 1984 and graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 1988. (The college transitioned to university on 1987, during Tye’s years as a Chap). I played for John Copeland. I just loved every minute of it and was so grateful to be here. It was a great experience.

**PERRIN:** So Toby, when did you come along?

**TOBY:** I started my [college basketball] career in ‘90. So, I played from 1990-94, all in the Field House. And, yes, we had many games in December where you could see our breath! I also played for Coach Copeland.



## LARRY ROGERS

#35 & #14

1959-1961

TEAM CAPTAIN 60-61

COACH: LES PERRIN

ASST COACH LCU BASKETBALL 65-67

HEAD COACH LCU BASKETBALL 67-69

FACULTY MEMBER IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY FROM 71-06

DEPARTMENT CHAIR FROM 78-00

**PERRIN:**

Did you consider going anywhere else? What was your journey to LCU Basketball?

**TOBY:** You know, I just grew up in LCU Basketball. When I was in high school, I had visions of maybe going elsewhere to play. But, by the time I got to

my senior year of high school, I had True Blue in me, and I didn't want to go anywhere else. I had some letters from some small D1 schools. Coach [Copeland] came to the house and really recruited me very heavily. But there was no doubt where I wanted to go.

**PERRIN:** Aaron, How about you?

**AARON:** When I was in kindergarten, we had a class assignment to fill out what we wanted to do when we grew up. I wrote down that I wanted to play basketball for the LCU Chaparrals. Growing up knowing that my dad, grandpa, and uncles played basketball for the Chaps put that desire in my heart. Ever since then I worked hard to make that goal happen.

**PERRIN:** So Tyler, tell us your story. I know you had a little bit of a detour on your way to LCU.

**TYLER:** Yes, I graduated high school in 2012. From there I went to ACU. A little backwards from granddad, we kind of flip-flopped, but I started at ACU and was there for a year. So, I came back home to Lubbock and decided I wanted to play with my cousin. I heard so much about Coach Duncan from a good buddy that had played for him. So, because Coach Duncan and Aaron were both at LCU, I wanted to go back and play where my family had. I was here from 2013-2017.

**AARON:** Getting to play college basketball at LCU with Tyler was a lifelong dream come true. I remember exactly where I was when Tyler called



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AARON STEPHENSON



and told me that he was going to be transferring to LCU. I'll never forget how excited I was to have my best friend coming to LCU for my senior year. I will always be thankful for that opportunity. Tyler ended up being a very good basketball player for the Chaps, and I was proud to be his cousin.

**PERRIN:** I am wondering from your perspective, Larry—what an amazing thing to have your two sons, and then two grandsons follow and continue this tradition of LCU Basketball. So, reflect with us for a second about what it meant to you, watching them play and getting to experience them going through that process.

**LARRY:** Well, what a great blessing in my life that has been. I've seen how my boys – and the way they raised their kids growing up – they've all been about glorifying God with their sport. I know that my kids' and grandkids' goals were to play for the glory of God. It is a beautiful picture to me.

**PERRIN:** Indeed. What about for you, Tye? To have Tyler make the decision to come back to LCU and get to have the experience of watching him play here, what was that like for you?

**TYE:** You know, Tim, there are two perspectives. I mean, starting from my perspective as a young player,

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**LARRY ROGERS**

getting to be a part of the legacy that my dad started. I have always been grateful when people associate me through him because of the type of man he is and the good name that he has, especially in this community. So, just a lot of gratitude and pride around that. So, when Tyler came and was such a talented player – I think it skips a generation, because Dad had it, I didn't so much and Toby was a good, talented player as well – but Tyler really got a handful of talent and used it well. And so, I think the word would be gratitude. The way athletics is done at LCU is unique and different, and priorities are right, so it has been good.

**PERRIN:** Toby, did you feel any extra pressure being a Rogers and playing at LCU?

**TYE:** He followed me, remember!

**TOBY:** You know, I didn't feel pressure, I felt pride. I mean, a source of thankfulness to be a part of the LCU story. I grew up traveling with Dad to watch [Tye] play when I was in high school. I saw those LCU vs. Wayland rivalries firsthand. I saw his friends and got to know his friends, so I just grew a great source of love for LCU basketball. So when I came [to LCU], I certainly didn't want to let the legacy down, but I never felt pressure to have to be a certain something. I just wanted to be a part of something special.

**PERRIN:** So, for Aaron and Tye, what was that like being the third generation? Hearing stories about your granddad and then Tye and Toby—what was that like for you?

**AARON:** Being a part of three generations of LCU basketball is something that is very special to me. To be able to look at Grandpa as the Patriarch of our family and see what he has done is very inspiring. It is humbling to have played where some of my heroes have. Not many people get the opportunity to be a part of a college athletic team, and to have been a third generation member of that team is an honor. I will always be thankful to God for the opportunity He gave me and the lessons He taught me.



**TYE ROGERS**

#12 & #35  
1984-88

COACH: JOHN COPELAND  
CURRENTLY: PRESIDENT OF  
LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**TYLER:** It was an honor, really. I remember at times in the season when it got to be a grind. I would see granddad walking into practice or Dad would peek into practice. I would just think, not only are my teammates feeling this, but my family went through this in the same place. Now it wasn't the RIP, but it was the same university, same colors. So that was very special to me. I think I had a little bit of an advantage in motivation during that time of the season, but I would just say an honor to hopefully build on what they started.

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**TYLER ROGERS**

**PERRIN:** So in the Roger family culture, there was no “letting you win”—you had to earn it if you were going to beat Larry Rogers in the driveway, right?

**TYE:** It was painful; I'll tell you that. But as competitive as the four of us are, Jana is the most competitive one of the bunch. You don't want to beat Jana; it is not pretty. We had some knock-down, drag-outs didn't we? I caught a few of her elbows.

**PERRIN:** One of the things I learned from Larry, and I want to hear about from all of you, was competitiveness—a healthy kind of competitiveness that is the desire for the best, that is a desire for excellence, and refusal to give in and give up.

**TOBY:** Oh, absolutely. First off, there is no doubt that he is probably the most competitive. But Tye and I, we couldn't play against each other, we could play against other people. We wouldn't make it through a game.

**TYE:** And we were often pitted against one another because everyone would say, “I don't want to guard Toby, you guard Toby!”

**TOBY:** But back to your question about competitiveness. I think when it comes to basketball and competition, [Dad] taught us the true meaning and value of that. I really appreciate

that. It was never dirty; the intent was never to play outside of the bounds of the game. Certainly, within the game, you do the little things that help your team be successful, and that is the grunt work. That is boxing out guys that are bigger, stronger, faster than you. He certainly taught us to do that within the right spirit, right attitude.

**PERRIN:** Did you get to play pickup games growing up, Tyler and Aaron?

**TYLER:** Well, I didn't get to [play basketball] with granddad, and that was blessing. Just because his knees are old, that doesn't mean his smack talk is. One time while I was waiting for class to start at church, Granddad came in with a camera and said he wanted to take a picture. He told me to stand up against the wall. He looked mad, so I wasn't going to say no. I got up and stood against the wall, then he stood up next to me trying to be taller than me, and then told [my wife] Malori to take a picture. He doesn't say a word and just walks off. A couple of hours later after church, I see he has put that picture of us on Facebook, with a post that says, “It matters not, Tyler, you are just going to have to understand that you will never be taller than ole gramps!!!” So, I didn't necessarily get to learn much from him by playing against him, but I would say the thing I learned most from him was a no excuse attitude.



**Larry Rogers**  
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It matters not, Tyler you are just going to have to understand that you will never be taller than ole gramps!!!



One pick-up game I remember was with Aaron and some other friends. We would get into some pretty heated one-on-one, cut-throat games. It was Christmas Eve, and it was freezing cold! It was dark; we could see our breath; we had the light shining on the goal. I don't even remember the score or how many games we'd played, but I remember we started arguing about fouls. We started calling ridiculous fouls on the other team. And, if they made a really good move, it was an automatic travel, no doubt about it. So we decided to go get Granddad to referee. Neither of us liked the outcome, because he was calling it how it was!

**PERRIN:** You know in a family pickup game, it hasn't really started until the complaining begins, and that is usually very early on, in my experience. Let's talk a bit about when you each played at LCU. Do you have a favorite memory?

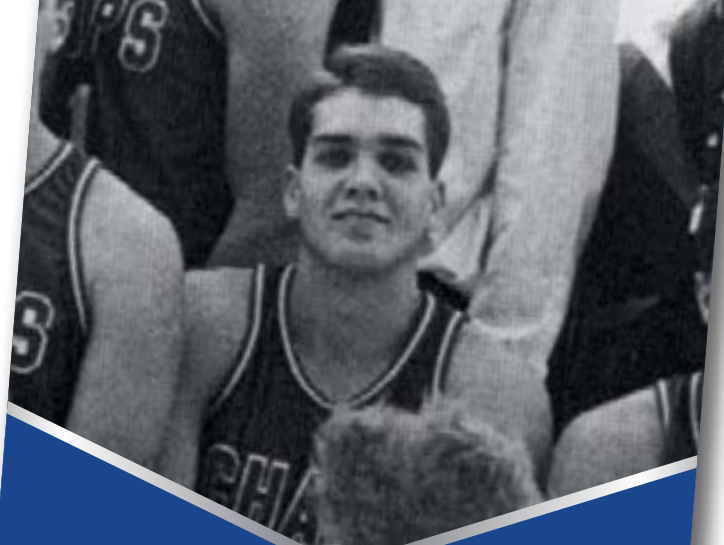
**TOBY:** I'll tell my favorite moment, and this is kind of ironic. I learned this from Tye, or maybe Dad. When you are practicing, you never leave the gym on a miss. My senior year, the last time in the Field House, we are playing Midwestern State. We are down by two with about 10 seconds left, and we've got the ball, and Coach Copeland calls a timeout. He calls a set play where I'm going to get the ball on the wing, and if I'm open, I am supposed to shoot. I came off my screen and caught the ball, and right away my man is right on me. I didn't have the shot, so I looked to pass, and when I did that, my man slumped off a little bit, and I took a little side dribble to the left. Still looking to pass, my man sagged, so I just took the three. And boom – the shot was good. It was a fun memory to go out on.

**PERRIN:** That is awesome. That is a good one to go out on.

**LARRY:** I remember that game well because I had invited my uncle and aunt to come to that game, and they didn't come to too many because their health was not great, but they were there in the stands that game. Toby made one of those shots that only come every once in a while, and they got to see that.

**PERRIN:** What about from your playing, Larry, what time stands out to you from when you were a player?

**LARRY:** Well, two games – one was when we played the [Texas] Tech freshmen.



## TOBY ROGERS

#24

1990-1995

NAIA FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN IN 92/93  
NAIA DISTRICT VI ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM MEMBER

HOLDS THE SCHOOL RECORD FOR  
CONSECUTIVE MADE FREE THROWS (39)

COACH: JOHN COPELAND

CURRENTLY: DEAN OF THE COLLEGE  
OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT LCU

This is a time when freshmen were not eligible, so they had a set schedule where they were just playing as a unit, by themselves. The last time we played them, we were in a situation where I'd had a good game before in the coliseum. I knew their coach was watching this game, and he had indicated to Coach Perrin that he might want me to come to Texas Tech. So, that game I scored 39, and that was part of the reason.

Another game was the last game that I played for LCU. Great times with Coach Perrin – and that game was a losing game – but I remember that game so well. [It was a] decent game and of course they had a player that was an all-American with San Angelo. It ended up with us in a loss, but it was extremely close, and that's one I remember.

**PERRIN:** You remember the last one?

**LARRY:** I remember sitting in the dressing room balling my eyes out, because it was a loss. But what a memory.

**PERRIN:** Tye what are some highlights for you?

**TYE:** Well I didn't have plays run to me. I was the one assisting guys like Toby. So I got a lot of assists.

There are several that come to mind, though. I played quite a bit my junior and senior year. Our sports information director came up to me before one game, and said "if you hit one more free throw, you tie the consecutive free throw record." So, needless to say I missed it, and I made 14 in a row the next time. And, then Toby went and broke that anyway.

I also have a good bench story to relate. It was my sophomore year after my red-shirt year, so I wasn't playing much, but somebody was sick or something. Since I knew I was going to be on the bench, having a good view of the game, I brought a little snack to the game - might as well

enjoy a snack over there. I had a big mouthful of Snickers, and Coach Copeland called me to go in. Thank goodness he didn't ask me a question, and I finished chewing that bite on the court. I guess it's one of those things he never knew.

**PERRIN:** We could tell some stories about life on the bench. Aaron, do you have a favorite memory?

**AARON:** I really don't have one single most memorable moment as a player. As I think back, my most favorite memories are times spent in the gym with Tyler Kennedy and my cousin, Tyler Rogers. We would practice together for hours every day, year after year, just sharing life together. I also remember the talks coach Duncan would give us in the locker room. I always learned so much from him.

**PERRIN:** And Tyler, what stands out for you?

**TYLER:** Well, three memories in particular. The first one is that whole year I got to play with Aaron, [we'd always] played against each other. The second one is playing Midwestern in the regional tournament, first regional win. That game was really memorable for me.

**PERRIN:** As I remember, they were seeded first in the region, fourth or fifth nationally, and we beat them on their court! The second half it looked like the game was going to get away from us, but our resilience pushed us through the last eight minutes or so. It was a really impressive win.

**TYLER:** Yes, that game sticks out for sure. And another that sticks out was our last game. We played DBU, and I played really well. But, the thing I remember most about that game, was after we played in the locker room. I could see the love all of the guys had for each other. It's kind of weird saying that, but it is such a priceless moment - when you get to see the guys that you go to work with day in and day out for four years, and you get to tell them how much you love them.

**PERRIN:** There is something about our real character that is revealed in losses, and I think we learn more from losses. Sometimes those are more deeply embedded in our souls than the wins.

**TOBY:** This is a basketball discussion, but my time here at LCU getting to play basketball meant so much more than the game itself. It's certainly character-building that occurs, working so hard with your team. In retrospect, though, it was an avenue to the LCU experience that changed my life.



## AARON STEPHENSON

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2010-2014

COACHES: JOHN COPELAND  
AND TODD DUNCAN

CURRENTLY: STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY



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**TOBY ROGERS**

One reason I have such a strong desire to come back and contribute to this place is because I believe in it so much. That started as a little kid with a deeply engrained love for basketball, and with what Dad and Tye started . . . to be a part of that great story. What a great blessing it was. It has enriched my life in so many ways. It is such a great opportunity to have an education paid for, but not just any education, an education that introduces you to growing your character in Christ, and I am forever grateful for that.

**PERRIN:** There is definitely a bigger story here, and I have heard that from all of you. The reason there are three generations of Rogers who have continued to invest in basketball at LCU is because of something that far transcends the game itself.

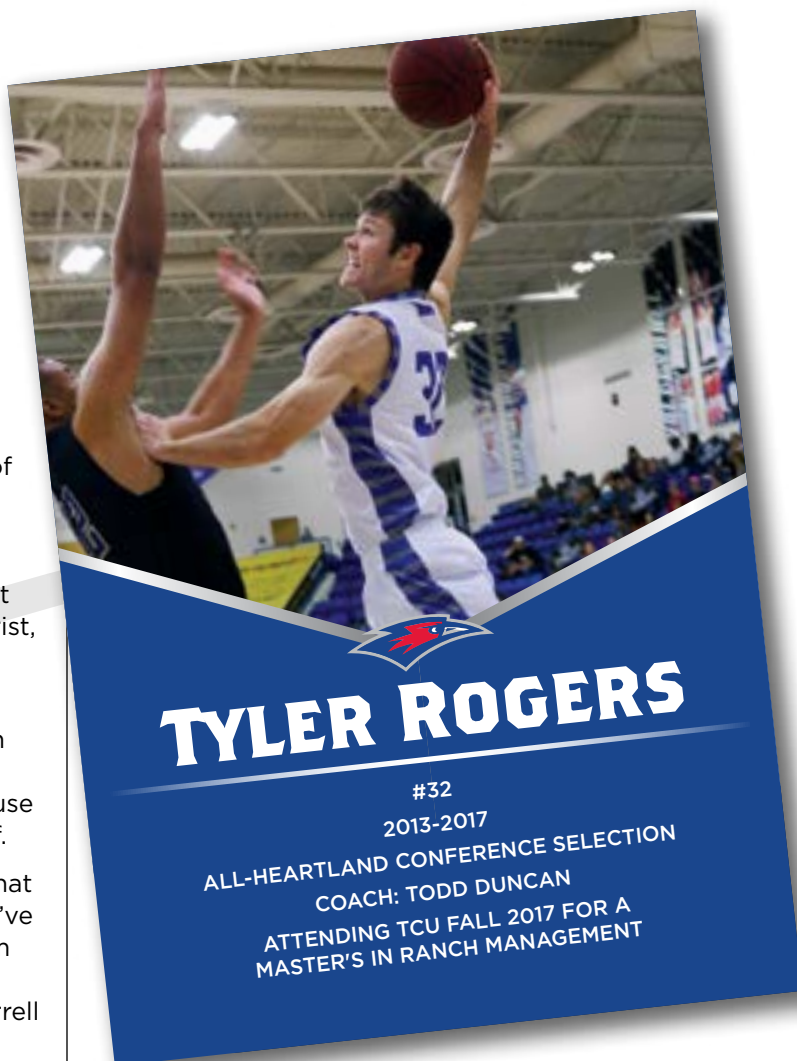
**TYE:** When I make a mental list of the coaches that are in my mind – some of the greatest coaches I’ve ever been around – a lot of them have been from LCU, or played here and are now coaches here. John Copeland, Steve Gomez, Todd Duncan, Darrell Price; the list goes on and on. The thing that I learned growing up is wanting to do your very best to glorify God.

At LCU we want to win, and we want to be the best, and we want to compete at the highest level possible, but it’s in the right order and with the right perspective. It doesn’t take but a second to see a person’s faith and their character development.

**TYLER:** You know, you asked what our favorites memories about LCU basketball are. It is so cool to see kids come in, and if you’ve never been to an LCU chapel before, there is nothing like it. I mean, there are guys on the first day that are like “what in the world, what did I get myself into?” Some of the guys are a little stand-offish at first. . . . When guys

finally understand that people at LCU – professors, staff, janitors – I mean, people just love them, and they figure out there is something different here, then they start to see chapel and their classes . . . differently. Being in a loving environment where Christ is the first and last thing that is taught, it is just amazing to me to be a part of that, because that is not taught everywhere you go.

**PERRIN:** That’s a perfect ending for this conversation. Thank you all for your many contributions to LCU and Chap basketball.





community







To celebrate LCU's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 60 trees were planted on campus by LCU students, faculty, and staff in conjunction with the national Arbor Day celebration. A group of students, faculty and staff pose in front of the 60 trees before they were planted.



# CELEBRATING 60



Opening chapel during the fall semester marked the beginning of a year-long celebration in honor of Lubbock Christian University's sixtieth anniversary. Throughout this past year, there have been many opportunities to look back and to retell our history in a number of settings. During opening chapel, "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung by the audience, as it has been for every opening chapel since the university began. And a special highlight was a guest appearance by Dr. Wayne Hinds, original faculty member and choral director, who led the audience in "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Founders Day, was celebrated on September 23, which was 60 years and one day away from the very first chapel service, which was originally held on a Tuesday, September 24, 1957. It was on that day in 1957 when Dr. Mattox and the original faculty and staff welcomed the first class of 110 students.

In fact, these original faculty, staff and students were honored later that day with the dedication of Founders Hall. Located in the rotunda of the F.W. Mattox Administration Building, Founders Hall honors the service and sacrifice of those original pioneers. The day also included a Founders Lunch on the lawn of the administration building.

Other events that commemorated the 60th Anniversary throughout the year included an art exhibit containing works by most every art faculty member who ever taught art for the university through the years, as well as a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner held during Homecoming Weekend, with over 500 in attendance.

In the spring, to celebrate the anniversary, 60 trees were planted by the LCU students, faculty, and staff on the campus in conjunction with the national Arbor Day celebration. And, an initiative to complete 60 service projects was achieved with coordination and leadership from the Student Affairs Office.

Also commemorating the anniversary, a book celebrating LCU's sixty years was published. Forty-two authors contributed to *Pioneering Spirit - Extraordinary Faith: Stories and Essays About LCU's First Sixty Years*, which offers personal recollections on a variety of topics that cover the history of the university.

God's blessings have been constant, and He has been faithful for these sixty years. Celebrating sixty years has created the opportunity for reflection and gratitude for the many ways that God has blessed the university, and it has offered a great spring-board for envisioning the exciting and promising future that is ahead.







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**TOP:** LCU President Tim Perrin is joined by former presidents Dr. Steven Lemley and Dr. Ken Jones at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner during homecoming weekend.

**LEFT:** President Tim Perrin, Dr. Wayne Hinds, and Randall Hinds ('80) during Opening Chapel of LCU's 60<sup>th</sup> year.

**FAR LEFT:** John Maples, director of LCU's Counseling Center, participates in the Arbor Day festivities at LCU by planting one of the 60 trees that were planted across campus.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Lubbock community has been supporting Lubbock Christian University from the earliest days of its existence. The group of visionaries who worked to turn a cotton field into a university also worked to start local schools, churches, and the Children's Home of Lubbock. These men and women believed in the potential of Lubbock, Texas, and chose to pour their time, resources, and energy into the future of the city. Local business owners regularly took out advertisements in the student-produced school newspaper, *The Duster*. Brick by brick, building by building, student by student, as LCU grew, members of the Lubbock community were right there, walking alongside the university and supporting its growth.

A little over a year ago, we began to discuss new ways for Lubbock Christian University to recognize our partners, and the LCU Community Partners program was created. This program exists to engage with the Lubbock community, to enhance the LCU brand, and to publicly thank the businesses who faithfully demonstrate their support of LCU. LCU Community Partners have poured out their support in countless ways: athletic sponsorships, career and professional development, in-kind donations for student activities, LCU event sponsorships, LCU student discounts, displays of LCU affiliation in stores and online, and the list goes on.

A heartfelt thanks to every community member who has flown a flag, displayed a logo, cheered LCU athletic teams to victories, hired LCU students and graduates, and celebrated 60 years of changing lives with Lubbock Christian University. These partnerships impact the past, present, and future of Lubbock Christian University, and we are extremely grateful and honored to be involved with such a giving community.



For a program that is centered around partnership, it only made sense to partner with an LCU student organization to offer the LCU flag service. The LCU Veterans of Faith (VOF) have volunteered many hours of labor to assemble and organize the flags we offer as a complimentary benefit of the program. They then come together four times a year to distribute and retrieve the flags all over Lubbock, often in the middle of assignments, finals, and other outside obligations. This group of men and women are hard-working and service-minded, and the LCU flag service simply could not exist without their efforts.





*“Happy State Bank supports the values and mission of Lubbock Christian University with our partnership in the LCU Community Partners program. We are excited about the opportunity to partner with LCU to be able to expand the great LCU story in the business community.”*

**CRAIG WELLS**

VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, HAPPY STATE BANK



The third annual Strike Out Hunger event was held in April of 2017 as a result of LCU's commitment to positively impact the local community. Russell Dabbs, a professor in the School of Business, and several other members of the faculty and staff worked to create the Strike Out Hunger event. Dabbs noticed that, while there is a concentrated effort each fall to collect food for the South Plains Food Bank, there is a need for a similar drive during the springtime.

"LCU decided to create a major spring event for the Food Bank to complement the U Can Share Food Drive and other regular food drives that typically occur in the fall," he explained.

Strike Out Hunger is a coordinated effort with LCU's Baseball program, in which attendees are encouraged to bring canned food to a home LCU baseball game. For their donations, participants enjoy a free meal, pre-game activities, and a seat at an exciting Chaparral baseball matchup.

"We are always excited to partner with the LCU community and the South Plains Food Bank in this great event

that benefits so many people in the Lubbock area," explained baseball coach Nathan Blackwood. "The baseball team is enthusiastic about this opportunity, and we always look forward to the crowd, the festivities, and the support that this will bring to the South Plains Food Bank."

Efforts are also made across campus in the weeks leading up to the event to gather additional food for donations from students, staff, and faculty alike. Each department, along with many campus groups, competes to see who can collect the most food.

Each year since the event's inception has brought growth and exposure to its cause. In 2017, Strike Out Hunger received additional sponsorship from Powerhouse Nutrition, Texas Tech Credit Union, Aramark, and Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P.

The Chaparrals won the afternoon contest, completing a sweep of Newman University by a score of 4-2—a victory that, at least for Dabbs, was almost as sweet as the 3,200 lbs. of food and \$2,584 that was raised and donated because of the event.

"Not only does Strike Out Hunger provide important community outreach, it also is a means for the community to 'reach in' to LCU—to come to our campus, to see what we have to offer, and be a part of our mission of service," he said. "My hope for next year, and beyond, is that Strike Out Hunger will seek and enjoy ever-increasing participation by those outside LCU and become a major community event."

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VICTORY

**3,200 lbs.**  
OF FOOD

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# Chap Notes

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## '60s Decade

**David ('69) and Barbara (Tubbs '68) Hejl** live in Flower Mound, TX. David is the regional HR manager for ABM Industrial & Manufacturing, and Barbara is the donor relation manager at Abilene Christian University.

**Judith (Crabtree '69) Lucero** lives in Albuquerque, NM, with her husband, William. Judith is a realtor with Re/Max Elite.

## '70s Decade

**Wayne Buckelew ('71)** and wife, Becky, live in Sandy, OR. Wayne is a warehouse shipping and receiving coordinator, and Becky is an administrator at their church.

**Vickie (Phillips '75) Thomas** and her husband Stephen live in Bryan, TX, where they both work in Real Estate.

**Pat Craig ('76)** lives in Norman, OK and is a 6<sup>th</sup>-grade math and science teacher. He is in his 37<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and 15<sup>th</sup> year as an evangelist for the Eastside Church of Christ in Lexington, OK.

**Bob Buckel ('77)** and wife, Krisan, live in Azle, TX. Bob is semi-retired after 30 years in the community newspaper business, and is currently serving as a program coordinator for Strong Fathers, Strong Families, working in schools to involve more dads in their kids' education. Krisan is a bilingual teacher in Azle ISD.

**Kathy (Mahaffey '78) Dawson** is the ELAR Coordinator for Frenship ISD and lives in Lubbock, TX.



Waylon is the son of current student **Trey Polvado** and his wife Jessica, and the grandson of **Les ('78)** and Peggy Polvado.

**Wyane Atkinson ('79)** and his wife Eva, live in Glendale, AZ. Wyane is the Worship and Connection Minister in Anthem, AZ. Wyane and Eva are the parents of **April (Atkinson '06) Hawkins**.

**Sue (Cowdrey '79) Luft** and her husband, Gary, live in Lubbock, TX. Sue is a banking officer and accounting supervisor at Platinum Bank, and Gary is a math teacher at Frenship High School.

**Catherine (Jackson '79) Tanner** lives in Silver City, NM, with her husband, Bruce. Catherine is a mental health counselor at El Grito Head Start, and Bruce is the minister at Silver City Church of Christ.

## '80s Decade

**Steve Joiner ('80)** and wife, Linda, live in Nashville, TN, where Steve is the dean of the College of Leadership and Public Service, and the managing director of the Institute for Conflict Management at Lipscomb University.

**Paul T. ('83) and Sarah (Haun '80) Elkins** live in Burleson, TX. Paul serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer for Members Credit Union in Cleburne, TX, and Sarah is self-employed as a design selector for a local home builder.

**Hal ('83) and Bonnie (Holt '84) Elrod** live in Richmond, TX. Hal is a realtor for Keller Williams Realty, and Bonnie is a teacher at Cornerstone Christian Academy.

**Willie Hubbard ('84)** and wife, Nell, live in Upper Marlboro, MD. Willie is an evangelist and teacher at District Heights Church of Christ.

**Rebecca (Robinson '85) Cobb** is a teacher and CTE Director at Tulia Independent School District, in Tulia, TX.

**Norman ('85) and Carla (Cabaniss '83) Girouard** live in Mansfield, TX, and are the parents of **Allison (Girouard '08) Peterson, April (Girouard) Hutchins**, and current student, **Alec**. Norman is a claim director for Chubb North America Casualty Claims, and Carla is a secretary for Mansfield Independent School District.

**Kent Jackson ('86)**, football coach and athletic director at Seminole High School, was the 2017 recipient of the THSCEF's Grant Teaff "Coaching Beyond the Game" Award by the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation. This award is presented annually at the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation Leadership Summit, to an individual who has impacted their team, school, and community through their passion and commitment to "coach beyond the game," and honors their leadership in creating and sustaining programs that address the social issues today. Kent is married to **Elizabeth (Burcham '86)** and is the father of **Trenton ('16)**, and current student, **Randall**.

**Coby Beckner ('87)** and wife, Sharlanne, live in Clayton, NM. Coby is the owner of Union County Insurance Agency, LLC, where Sharlanne is the Office Manager. Coby is also the head boy's basketball coach at Texline High School and a Trustee/Mayor Pro Tem of Clayton.

**Darla (Criswell '87) Fusaz** lives in Noertzange, Luxembourg with her husband, Edouard. Darla is a senior production support analyst at Riva Financial Systems Ltd.

**Brian ('87) and Deborah (Boyer '89) Boverie** live in La Luz, NM. Deborah works at the Pregnancy Help Center as a client care provider, and Brian is a support manager for Lowe's Home Improvement. They are the parents of current student, Collin.

**Amy (Blume '89) Taylor** lives in Fredericksburg, TX, with her husband, Paul. Amy is an ER nurse practitioner, and Paul is enjoying retirement.

## '90s Decade

**Kim Hayes ('90)** lives in Lubbock, TX, and is the juvenile division chief for the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office.

**Melinda (Jansky '90) Henderson** lives in Midland, TX, with her husband, Rex. Melinda is the executive director for Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin, and Rex works for Southwest Airlines.

**Mike ('95) and Tracy (Farris '90) Lee** live in Abilene, TX. Tracy is a teacher for Abilene ISD, and Mike owns an IT business. They are the parents of **David ('16)**, Nate, and Madison.

**Sharon (Hooten '91) Mauldin** lives in Artesia, NM, with her husband Christopher, and their two Future Chaps: Noah and Jadon. Sharon is a custodian at Hermosa Elementary School, and Christopher works for Scoular Grain.

**Jennifer (Bell '91) Riley** lives in Lubbock, TX, with her husband Chris, and their two Future Chaps: Micah and Bella. Jennifer is the director of the Women's Health Initiative at the YCWA of Lubbock, and Chris is the director of Upward Bound at SPC.

**Curt ('92) and Donna (Weston '90) Cowdrey** re-opened the Old Mill Trade Days in Post, TX. Opening weekend was June 9–11.

**Kristen (Smith '93) Jones**, her husband Jonathan, and their Future Chaps, Canaan and Jonah, live in Camp Lejeune, NC, where Jonathan is in the US Navy.

**Shannon Spring ('94)** lives in Joseph, OR, and teaches music, Russian, and English.

*The Green Colt*, book #4 in the Wilder Good series written by **Nathan Dahlstrom ('95)** and illustrated by **Cliff Wilke ('11)**, was awarded The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's Western Heritage Award in the Juvenile Book Category in April 2017. The Western Heritage Award was established in 1961 as the pinnacle commemoration of the American West by honoring the legacy of men and women for their works in literature, music, film, and television. All award recipients receive The Wrangler, a bronze sculpture of a cowboy on horseback representing an iconic symbol of the American West's determination, persistence, and pride. Past winners include John Wayne, Elmer Kelton, Tommy Lee Jones, and John R. Erickson.

**Nicole McKenzie ('95)** lives in Bakersfield, CA, and is the HR manager at Valley Perforating LLC.

**Patricia (Jones '95) Winkler** and husband, Jay, live in Folsom, CA. Patricia is the senior vice president of operations at Bantam Connect.

**Tiffany (Scott '96) Vokes** lives in Amarillo, TX, with her husband, Sean. Tiffany is a music teacher at Bushland Elementary, and Sean is the executive pastor at Hillside Christian Church. They are the parents of three Future Chaps: Savannah, Madelyn, and Pius.

**Becky (Wischkaemper '97) Koehler** lives in Lubbock, TX, and is the mother of Future Chap, Saban. Becky is a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade reading, writing, and social studies teacher at Dupre Elementary.

**Matt ('98) and Christi (Thornton '99) Hadley** live in Lubbock, TX, with their two Future Chaps: Hannah and Caleb. Matt is the President and Chief Executive Officer at Bruce Thornton Air Conditioning, Inc., where Christi also works as the corporate image director.

**William Canney ('99)** lives in Omaha, NE, and is the dean of students and administration for Omaha Public Schools.

## '00s Decade

**Carl Knickerbocker ('01)** is a personal injury lawyer in Georgetown, TX. He was listed as one of the "Top 10 under 40 Personal Injury Lawyers in Texas" and rated by "Super Lawyers" as a "Rising Star 2016-2017."

**Dr. Rebecca N. McDonald-Thomas ('01)** lives in Lubbock, TX, with her husband, Dr. Jesse Thomas. Rebecca is an internal medicine physician, and Jesse is a teacher.

**Abraham Olivera ('02)** is a missionary in Arequipa, Peru.

**Kyle Dugan ('03)** is the director of nursing at Hearthstone Health & Rehabilitation Center in Round Rock, TX. Hearthstone is part of the Senior Care Centers organization that provides clinical expertise in 90+ long and short term elder care facilities. He was chosen out of 14,000 employees to testify before the Texas State Senate Health & Human Services Sub-committee in March, in support of a critical bill for funding for the skilled nursing industry in Texas.



Ella Marie was born on May 16, 2016. She is the daughter of **Lindsey (Weeks '03)** and Ethan Inmon, and the younger sister of Emmalee.

**Chris ('04) and Samantha (Tabner '04) Huggins** live in Wolfforth, TX. Chris is a physical therapist at UMC, and an Assistant Professor in the ESS Department at LCU, while Samantha is a teacher at Sugar 'n Spice Preschool and a stay-at-home mom.

**Anson Moreno ('04)** works in Human Resources for Basic Energy Services in Midland, TX. He is the father of Future Chaps, Seth and Kiersten.

**Chris Carpenter ('05)** lives in Plainview, TX, where he teaches 6<sup>th</sup>-grade social studies.



**David ('02) and Amanda (Hawkins '05) Crumpler** live in Hurst, TX, where they are the owners of Crumpler Group Real Estate, and Amanda is the director of business development at Pathway Insurance.

**Dana (Wilson '05) Merrell** and husband, Jason, live in Andrews, TX. Dana is a counselor for Andrews ISD, and Jason works with enrichment technology.

Congratulations to **Mandy (Timmons '06) Hodnett** who recently released "Princess Lilly" a Children's Picture Book about a little girl who learns how to accept herself just as God made her.

**Ashley (Thorp '06) Stoker** lives in Midland, TX, with her husband, Ash. Ashley is a senior buyer for Kinder Morgan, and Ash works with Stoker Oilfield Services.

**Jaime Elizardo ('07)** lives in Brownfield, TX, and is a licensed physical therapist assistant for Dynamic Therapy Services.

**Ryan Owen ('07)** is Chief Resident of Urology at the University of Tennessee Medical Center and will complete his residency in June of 2017. He has been accepted for a one-year fellowship at the University of North Carolina and anticipates completion in June 2018.

**Tim Brewer ('08)** and wife, Tara, live in Lubbock, TX. Tim is the owner of If Strategy Consulting Firm and is a systems analyst for Stenocall; Tara is an assistant band director at New Deal ISD. Tim and Tara are the parents of Future Chap, Jameson.

**Sarah (Vela '08) and Chris ('10) Cody** live in Shallowater, TX, with their Future Chap, Reagan Blayke. Sarah is now an assistant managing director in the Accounting Services department at Texas Tech University, while Chris owns a tax & bookkeeping practice that has locations in Shallowater and Lovington, NM.

**Phillip Cortez ('08)** lives in Haltom City, TX, with his wife Brittney, and Future Chaps: Ashley, Kyle, Phillip III, and Jeffrey. Phillip is a support manager at Walmart.

**Drazen Minic ('08)** lives in Houston, TX, and is an associate natural gas trader at Direct Energy.



Allie is the daughter of **Deonna (Neel '08) and Dane ('08) Wade** and the little sister of Cole Wade. They live in El Paso, TX, where Dane is a pilot for the Department of Public Safety.

**Jeremy Arnold ('09)** and his wife, Cassie, live in San Antonio, TX. Jeremy is the commercial construction superintendent with Links Construction, and Cassie is a Doctoral student at UTSA.



Sadie Erin was born on June 28, 2016, to **Dallas ('09) and Deneille Golden**.

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

**Matthew McCall ('09)** lives in Franklin, TN, with his wife Kimberly, and their Future Chaps: Kennedy and Emerson. Matthew is the treasurer for American Constructors, Inc., and Kimberly is a staff attorney for the State of Tennessee Supreme Court.



Lily Jane was born on September 26, 2016, to **RaShae (McIntyre '09) and Joshua Smith ('09)**. Lily has an older sister, Autumn Rose, who is two years old.

**Ryan Williams ('09)** and wife, Kristina, live in Midland, TX. Ryan is a petroleum landman for CJM Resources, L.P. and Permico Royalties, LLC, and Kristina is a customer education manager for Drilling Info.

## '10s Decade

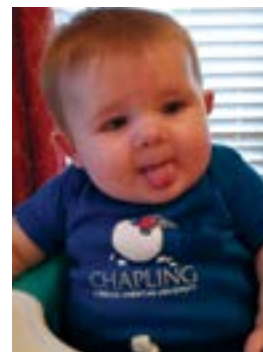
**Albert Gillispie ('10)** and wife, Tristan, live in Lubbock, TX, with their Future Chap, Easton. Albert is the regulatory affairs manager at Osteogenics Biomedical, Inc., and Tristan is a dental hygienist.

**Travis ('10) and Kellie ('99) Hill** live in Lubbock, TX, where Travis is the implementation coordinator at Truno Retail Technology Solutions, and Kellie is an account manager at CoNetrix.



Charlotte L'Kaye is the daughter of **Eric ('11) and D'Naye (Pounds '11) Conklin**.

**James Cosgrove ('11)** lives in Austin, TX, and is the legislative director for the Texas House of Representatives.



Jace is the son of **Holly (Heatwole '11) and Ryann Johnson**. Holly is the accounts payable coordinator at LCU.

**Justin ('11) and Annessa (Faver '13) O'Rear** live in Lubbock, TX. Justin is an agricultural science teacher at Ralls High School, and Annessa is a pediatric nurse at Covenant Hospital.



Ivy Victoria was born on July 29, 2016. She is the daughter of **Mary Kate (Davidson '12)** and **Bailey Chisum ('14)**.

**Rance ('12)** and **Dr. Lauren (Waggoner '13) Terry** live in Fort Myers, FL. Rance is the head baseball strength and conditioning coach at Florida Gulf Coast University, and Lauren is a physical therapist at Joint Implant Surgeons of Florida.

**Charly Gibson ('13)** lives in Clovis, NM, where she is a college prep and algebra two teacher, as well as the Junior Varsity Cheerleading coach at Clovis High School.

**Taylor ('14)** and **Chelsea (Carmen '14) Cockrell** live in Yukon, OK, where they are the youth ministers at Lakehoma Church of Christ.

**Jonathan ('16)** and **Makenzie (Lewis '14) Gomez** live in Ropesville, TX. Makenzie is a chiropractic assistant at Innate Wellness Chiropractic, and Jonathan is a teacher and coach at Ropesville ISD.

**Kaitlyn (Wilhoit '14)** and **Scott Hall ('14)** live in Lubbock, TX. Kaitlyn is a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade teacher at Lubbock ISD, and Scott is a youth and family pastor at First Christian Church.

**Shelbye Hill ('14)** lives in Odessa, TX, and is a physical education teacher and girls athletic coach at Bowie Middle School.

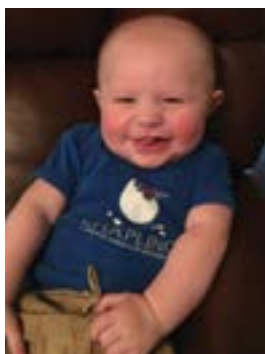
**Erin Bailey ('15)** lives in Papillion, NE, and works as an in-game host and marketing coordinator for the Omaha Storm Chasers, the Triple-A Affiliate for the Kansas City Royals.



Roland Wayne was born February 7, 2017. He is the son of **Robert ('15)** and **Micaela (Counts '15) Brown**.

**Drew ('15)** and **Kelsea (McNeill '15) Denman** live in Childress, TX, where Drew is the youth minister at Childress Church of Christ and Kelsea is the church secretary. Kelsea recently graduated from Wayland Baptist University with her Masters in Counseling.

**Kim Diaz ('15)** is the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade dual language teacher at McWhorter Elementary School in Lubbock, TX.



Elijah Alexander was born on November 18, 2016, to **Megan (Hurt '15)** and Ian Frank.

**Kelcy Tekell ('15)** lives in Lubbock, TX, and is an assistant teacher at Oakwood United Methodist Preschool and is also a cashier at Mardel Christian Store.

**Logan ('15)** and **Nikki (Box '15) Tekell** live in Lubbock, TX, where Nikki is a math teacher at Frenship Middle School, and Logan is a Realtor at Blu Realty and the administrative assistant of Vocati at LCU. Their son and Future Chap, Grayson, was born June 25, 2017.

**Alexis (Rhoades '16) Cravey** lives in Albuquerque, NM, with her husband, Hunter. Alexis is the operations manager at Continental Battery Company, and Hunter is the lead electrical engineer at Alpha Omega Power Technologies.

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

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

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**Cynthia (Beal '16) Grissman** and husband, Scott, live in Lubbock, TX. Cynthia is a nurse manager over the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Covenant Medical Center, and Scott is an equipment operator for Lubbock Fire and Rescue.

**Alicia Guzman ('16)** lives in Lubbock, TX, and is a senior business assistant at Texas Tech University.

**Taylor Prather ('16)** lives in Levelland, TX, and enrolled in Nursing School following graduation.

**Andrea (Crowley '16) Shannon** and husband, Laredo, live in Lubbock, TX. Andrea is a stay-at-home mom, and Laredo studies at Sunset International Bible Institute.

**Ciera (Miller-Scott '17) Martin** is a 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade math and science teacher at Legacy Elementary. Her husband, Jason, is a fisherman for Yellowjacket Oilfield Services. Ciera and Jason live in Levelland, TX.

**Madison (Bowe '17) Sadula** and her husband, Yuriy, live in Lubbock, TX. Madison is the social media manager and public outreach leader for Lubbock KIDS Dental, and Yuriy is a current student at LCU.





# In Memoriam

## '60s DECADE

Freda Ramsey, beloved wife of **Chuck Ramsey ('61)**, passed away on April 27, 2017. Freda was a high school teacher and a member of College Hills Church of Christ. She enjoyed writing and directing theater productions with her family. Members of the classes of '60, '61, and '62 are honoring Freda's life and their friendship with Chuck by asking others to donate to LCU for the purpose of establishing a scholarship in her memory. Please indicate "*In memory of Freda Ramsey*" on gifts made online at [lcu.edu/give](http://lcu.edu/give) or by check payable to Lubbock Christian University, Office of University Advancement, 5601 19th Street, Lubbock, TX 79407.

**Curtis Edward Israel ('63)** passed away on January 25, 2017. Curtis earned the first Bible scholarship offered by LCC and went on to complete a four-year degree. Over the span of his career, he was a preacher, co-director (and founder) of Skyridge Christian Youth Camp, parts department manager at several car dealerships, a stockbroker for Merrill-Lynch, sixth-grade science teacher, private pilot, director for a senior care facility, insurance salesman, ranch hand, and geologist. Curtis turned down offers to pitch professionally for several baseball teams, including the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Nell, his two daughters, **Amy Penland** and **Bonnie Israel ('94)**, their families, and brother, Chester Israel of Levelland.

**Wendell E. Owens, Jr. ('63)** passed away on April 22, 2015. While a student, he was involved with Koinonia Social Club and played on the men's basketball team.

**Guy Hugh Goen ('64)** of Lubbock passed away on January 1, 2017. Guy received a two-year degree at LCC and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from Abilene Christian University. He lived a life of service to others and retired from the City of Lubbock in 2016.

**Douglas Clinton Spillers ('66)** passed away on September 20, 2016, after an extended battle with cancer. He completed a degree from Abilene Christian University after graduating from LCC. Douglas then served our Nation as a loadmaster on C-130 aircraft with the United States Air Force during and after Vietnam. He taught for 37 years, working with students of the Shepherd, Bridgeport, Callisburg, and Collinsville Independent School Districts. He also served as an elder with the Hillcrest Church of Christ congregation and touched many lives through his service.

## '70s DECADE

**Virginia (Heard '72) Brannan** passed away on January 22, 2017, in Shoreline, WA. She attended LCC and received her Bachelors and Master's degrees in Education from the University of New Mexico. She loved to teach Bible class for babies and children, where she brought her creative energy to story-telling, singing songs, and even producing plays with the kids.

**Jimmie Lynn Koehler ('72)** passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017. He graduated from LCC in 1972, and also attended Texas Tech University and Tarleton State University. Jimmie served in the Army National Guard from 1967 to 1973.

**Susan (Darden '75) Butler** passed away on January 3, 2017, surrounded by her family. After her time at LCC, she attended Texas Tech University, where she received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Home Economics Education. She was an active member of the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo, where she served on mission trips to Inner-City Houston, the Itaquera Church of Christ in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a medical mission in Antigua, Guatemala.

**Loyd Thomas Hare ('75)** of Lubbock passed away on February 17, 2017. Loyd joined the U. S. Navy where he served as a Navy Corpsman in Vietnam, receiving the Purple Heart. He attended LCU and Methodist School of Nursing before becoming a Registered Nurse. Loyd worked at Covenant for more than 28 years before retiring. He was an active member of Sunset Church of Christ. He left behind his wife of more than 42 years, **Kathy Tweedy ('74)**, their children, **Philip Hare** and **Lynne Contreras**, and their families, his brother, **Philip Hare**, and numerous other family and friends.

**Sheryl Jeton (Hearon '77) Anderson** passed away on October 27, 2016. She attended Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, TX for many years. Jeton leaves behind her husband, Ben, and daughter, **Allison Rogers ('81)**, her parents, sisters Connie Gill and **Marsha (Hearon '81) Gage**, and their families.

**Nancy Ruth McClarney ('79)** passed away August 11, 2016. She leaves behind her loving husband and their family, as well as her mother, brothers, and sister.

**Joyce E. (Hollett '79) Woodruff**, wife of **John "Woody" Woodruff ('77)**, passed away on December 15, 2015. She was a member of Acapella chorus during her time at LCU.

## '80s DECADE

**Jerry Dee Seright ('86)** passed away on March 31, 2017. He received a bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian University and worked as an aircraft mechanic and minister. Jerry was active in mission work and was a published author.

**Lyn (Hayes '88) Ambler** passed from this life on May 8, 2017. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Lyn then began her teaching career in Lamesa, Texas, where she taught second grade for many years. After moving to the Dallas area, Lyn taught Special Education in Carrollton/Farmer's Branch and McKinney. After completing a Master's degree from the University of North Texas, she then became a diagnostician in the Special Education field in the Wylie Independent School District, where she served for the last nine years before she died.

**Julie (Bradley '89) Allen** departed this life on February 1, 2017. She received a Bachelor's of Science from LCU, where she came to know the Lord Jesus Christ and professed her faith. After graduation, she went to work for the Army Air Force Exchange Service where she met her husband, Mark Allen. Julie went back to school and became a successful Pharmacist.

**Victor Clyde Vernon Ellison ('89)** passed away on May 16, 2017, at the age of 60. He graduated from Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) in 1982 and then went on to graduate from Lubbock Christian University in 1989. He spent 16 years on the mission field in India. Victor had been an instructor at Sunset International Bible Institute for more than 17 years. He served as Minister of Education and Dean of Faculty at Sunset Church of Christ, and minister of New Home Church of Christ.

**Ruby Woods ('89)** of Lubbock died peacefully in the presence of her family on Oct. 14, 2016, after a lengthy illness. Ruby was a Christian, homemaker, teacher, beautician, caregiver, second mom, camp caretaker, and faithful member of Parkway Drive Church of Christ. Ruby was the mother of **Pamela Barger**, **Dawn Domasig ('90)**, and mother-in-law of **Law Domasig ('81)**.

## '90s DECADE

**Brad Morrow ('91)** passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. He began his college career at LCU and later graduated from South Plains College with his Associate's degree. Brad leaves behind his children, and his best friend, **Jada Morrow**.

## '00s DECADE

**Michael Matthew Holland ('04)** passed away on February 25, 2017. He attended Lubbock Christian University and Stephen F. Austin State University.

**Jolene (Rodriguez '05) Cisneros** of Lorenzo passed peacefully to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. She had a love for teaching and greatly enjoyed spending time at the lake with her family.

**Kristene (Johnson '07) Blanco** passed away on April 23, 2017. She received a Bachelor's degree in Social Work at LCU.

## DR. CALLIE MICKEY



**Dr. Callie Mickey** passed away in July, 2017.

Mickey was an instrumental member of the faculty at LCU in academic sociology from the mid-1970s through the decade of the 1980s.

Mickey returned to college when she was 47 after her husband's life-changing car accident. She completed her doctorate in 1981. She was influential in the growth of the sociology program and was considered an encouraging mentor to many LCU students.

Mickey was a dedicated teacher, wife, and mother. Her daughter, Carisse Berryhill, also taught at LCU for many years.





## DR. W. JOE HACKER



**Dr. W. Joe Hacker, Jr.**, former LCU president, passed away on March 22, 2017.

Hacker became president at LCU in 1974, following his predecessor, founding president F.W. Mattox. He remained in the role for two years, dedicating his attention to financial stabilization and student enrollment.

During Hacker's presidency, two important buildings – the Student Center and the Christian Development Center – were constructed on campus. The long-term irrigation project application was filed and approved by Congress during Hacker's tenure. Over the next two decades, the project grew to be a significant part of the LCU endowment.

Hacker focused efforts on increasing enrollment, encouraging innovation, and empowering those responsible for recruiting new students to the young college. Dr. Hacker was also involved with bringing important long-term faculty members to campus and encouraging growth with existing faculty.

## B. R. “RIP” GRIFFIN

**B. R. “Rip” Griffin**, Lubbock businessman, philanthropist, and LCU trustee, passed away on June 7, 2017.

Griffin owned a truck stop in Lubbock that grew over the years to become a full trucking and petroleum business spanning the western United States. He was a committed citizen of the Lubbock community. He was especially invested at LCU, Texas Tech University, and the Children's Home of Lubbock, generously donating wisdom and financial resources and assisting them in their service to young people.

Griffin became a member of the LCU Board of Trustees in 1975, serving the university with dedication and distinction for 42 years. He provided leadership and counsel to the board, as well as five LCU presidents.

Griffin and his family gave the lead gift for the Rip Griffin Center at LCU, affectionately called “The Rip” by students.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**September 14**

Lanier Lecture

**September 28**

Business as a Calling

**October 2-3**

Moser Ministry Conference

**October 24**

Presidents Circle Gala

**October 27**

Science Lectureship

**October 27-28**

Addams Family Musical

**October 28**

Athletics Hall of Honor Dinner

**November 2-3**

Betenbough Lectures

**November 17-19**

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**November 28**

Big Blue Christmas

**December 8**

Graduate Commencement ceremony

**December 9**

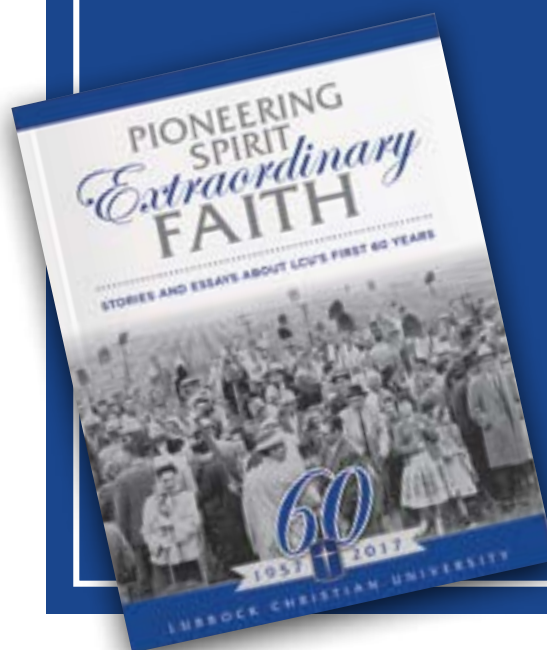
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