

*Running toward something
big enough to live for and
big enough to die for*

*Do you not know that in a race
all the runners run, but only one
gets the prize? Run in such a way
as to get the prize. Everyone who
competes in the games goes into
strict training. They do it to get a
crown that will not last, but we do it
to get a crown that will last forever.*
— 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24, 25



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THANK YOU FOR being here to share in this meaningful service in the history of this university that I love and am privileged to serve.

Along this life journey God has placed some very special people in my life that have influenced and shaped it for good. I love you and thank God for your friendship and investment in me. The young men and women of Mid-Atlantic Christian University are exceptional students, and individuals, that God is transforming into exemplary Christian leaders. I have seen

each of these students arrive on campus as freshmen and have seen the transformation that God is doing in their lives through His Holy Spirit on this campus.

John Derry, President of Hope International University, sent an article to the Christian Church College Presidents this week from the Chronicle of Higher Education titled “Is College President the Toughest Job in the Nation?” (May 1, 2018).

I happened to take that article pretty seriously because it was about a man named William Harry McRaven. McRaven is a retired United States Navy Admiral who last served as the ninth commander of the United States Special Operations Command that planned the raid that killed Osama bin Laden. When the Admiral retired, he became the chancellor at the University of Texas (UT).

At a meeting of the UT board, the departing Chancellor McRaven said, “The toughest job in the nation is the one of an academic- or health-institution president.”

He noted that the tenure of college presidents is down from 8.5 years a decade ago to 6.5 years now. The article went on to ask, “What do college presidents worry about? Money.” The top frustration among both public- and private-college leaders was the lack of financial resources.

Small Christian colleges and universities face a variety of obstacles which threaten their very existence. Enrollment, financial insolvency, government regulation, accreditation standards, tuition costs, small endowments, and a shift in the cultural and religious landscape towards a more secular worldview put small Christian colleges at risk.

So with all of the challenges that face education, and especially small faith-based schools, why serve? Trust me, I am neither a savior nor a martyr. But the answer lies

in the quote of one of my favorite MACU professors and seminary friends, Dr. Bob Smith, who said, “We are about the big thing here at Mid-Atlantic Christian University . . . we’re about something big enough to live for and big enough to die for . . . we are about the kingdom of God and encouraging people to see that ministry is every Christian’s life work.”

As I take up the mantle of leadership, I commit to you that MACU will be a distinctively Christian university that educates students in their respective fields of study, but every graduate will be set for the defense of the gospel.

I pledge that we will never waver in our partnership to serve the church. President BonDurant established this college to provide educated ministers to preach, teach, and serve the needs of the church. We will not be deterred from this kingdom work. But this also means that churches must encourage, mentor, and send students to study here. We cannot educate a student that never matriculates.

We will pursue excellence in all things. “And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col. 3:17).

We need you to send students, . . . to pray for us, . . . and to financially undergird this ministry. Because, you see, “we are about the big thing here at Mid-Atlantic Christian University . . . we’re about something big enough to live for and big enough to die for . . . we are about the kingdom of God and encouraging people to see that ministry is every Christian’s life work.”

Running TO or Running FROM?

BY WYETT COLCLASURE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR STRATEGIC ACTIONS

IF YOU’RE OF a certain age, you have dealt with many changes in your life, things such as technology, how we work, and how we act toward each other. If you don’t think much about change, then you should. Accepting change can be difficult, but, as some say, “If you aren’t changing, you aren’t growing.”

What about change at MACU? Within your congregation? In your thinking? In music? In your family? For some, any change is difficult; for others, change may come more easily.

This article isn’t about worship styles, pews, or chairs. It’s about us, the people most likely to be reading the *Messenger*. It’s about people who are seasoned in the faith, people who are committed to Christ, and especially people who are already giving of their time, talent, and money to Kingdom work or thinking seriously about doing so. This article is about why we, the MACU family, are here and how we accomplish our mission.

Go to a search engine and search “pace of change.” You will find a long and varied list of references. Some will describe how the rate of change is getting faster and faster; others how we must adapt or be left behind, others how to manage change. A few articles will even complain about having to change, but one thing is certain – all of us must determine how we will deal with change. Some will run toward change, eager to influence situations and conditions. Others will raise a wall of opposition and resist any concept of change. While there are some changes that Christians ought to resist because they are antithetical to Christian values, many changes are not. They are simply changes.

My intent here is to stimulate thinking about our response because, you see, when we accepted grace and confessed Christ, we were changed big time. One change was to sign up for a mission that involves other people. It’s our mission to reach them with the same message someone brought to us (Matthew 28:19). That means running toward – toward others to take them the Good News.

Peter, notably, had some trouble with this concept. Remember his vision in Acts 10, the one where he said “No, Lord!”? He resolutely refused to accept the change from what he had been doing before; he ran from it, and he was called to task for doing so. Some of us

have the same battle to face. What we see before us does not look at all like what’s behind us. Now we must decide what to do. Do we run from it or toward it? Our decision has far reaching consequences.

Let’s note that you can run from a change in 360 degrees of direction, and any one of those directions will take you somewhere. But they won’t all take you to where you should be. Our mission is not behind us. Our mission is before us and ahead of us. Our mission is to go forth, teach, and make disciples. And as Peter found out, change took him to an entire people who were considered unclean, and he preached salvation to a whole new world of people.

Our mission doesn’t change even though methods and trappings do. RBC/MACU was established to meet a specific need in the Kingdom, a need to produce ministers relevant to the situation and culture of the day. And our purpose hasn’t changed today – producing ministers relevant to the mission and culture of the day. Note that in the 2018 graduating class, 71% of the degrees conferred were majors in vocational ministry (General Ministry, Youth and Family Ministry, Christian Ministry, Cross-Cultural Ministry, and Applied Linguistics). We remain very focused on mission.

As I was enjoying time in a local coffee shop while editing this article, I encountered a young man who works in New York City, a diverse collection of 8.5 million people who speak 800 different languages. He and his wife live and work in the arts community. He spoke of a recent “open door supper” they hosted where a homeless man and a Jewish atheist woman were among the guests. They came based on previous contacts on the street and were sincerely eager to learn about Good News. Was this church? It certainly wasn’t “church” church. Was Christ preached? Absolutely. Run Toward.

Have you ever been in a discussion in which someone asks, “Why can’t we do (activity) like we used to?” That’s a legitimate question, but it isn’t always asked in a helpful way. Asking “why?” is legitimate, but not if we really mean “I don’t want to change” or “I want to keep doing what we’ve always done.” Let’s not run from. Run Toward.

Running Toward the Goal...

IN EUROPE AND AT HOME



SENIOR CHRIS GIBBS and his wife, Toni, traveled to Europe for a two-week exposure

trip with Kontaktmission (May 23-June 11). They worked with teams in Albania and Romania and attended a conference in Germany. Upon return, Chris will be serving a summer internship with Towne South Church of Christ under the mentorship of Brad Giffin ’94, senior minister.

IN TRINIDAD



IN JULY MACU alumni, students, and staff, along with members of Maritime

Ministries’ staff, will travel to the island nation of Trinidad to help facilitate a week of camp for that island’s teens. The ministers involved in planning the camp are expecting 100 teens to participate in the week-long camp. Some of Maritime Ministries’ staff have had a relationship with the sponsoring churches for over 20 years, and they are very excited to bring some of MACU’s servants to share Christ and to experience the multi-cultured tapestry that is Trinidad.

IN BRAZIL



TWO PROFESSORS AND the daughter of one, along with two students, traveled to Rio, Brazil, May 19-29, to provide instruction for a group of about 15 pastors who will be participating in a seminary program in which MACU professors will provide instruction. Dr. Claudio Divino (right), a native of Brazil, served as interpreter for the group and provided a daily devotional time during a short worship session each morning.

Dr. Cheryl Luton (left) wrote a one-week curriculum for an English workshop she led. Celme Divino, Dr. Divino’s daughter, and two of Dr. Luton’s Elementary Education students – Brandon Cabacar and Leah Maclin – assisted in the English workshop.

To view the entire inauguration ceremony, visit
<https://www.facebook.com/MACUniversity/videos/10155675417143721/>



For Better or Worse

LEE M. FIELDS, PH.D.

WHEN I WAS young, a Sunday school teacher told us that there were four

Greek words for love, but only three were found in the New Testament. She hinted that the fourth was inferior to the others or perhaps was not even appropriate for Christians.

Counting the precise number of words for love is complicated, because in Greek there are many words that have something to do with love. It is convenient, though, to talk about four word families. There is much overlap in meaning between the various words, but there are some nuances of differences between four groups. Is the fourth kind of love inferior?

Agapē is the noun most Christians have heard. Some say it is the highest form of love. Many define it as “unconditional love.” More accurate is “having in view the best for another” regardless of how one feels.

Philia is the noun that is similar to our word “affection.” The verb can describe the relationship between gods and people, husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and servants, between friends, even between people and activities or things they enjoy. It can also mean actions showing affection, including kiss.

The third word, storgē, overlaps with the other two, but is often used of the love of parents for children. In the New Testament only compounded forms occur. One is the negative, “without love” (Romans 1:31; 2 Timothy 3:3, NIV), used of love people have for one another. The other form is compounded with philia, “devoted” (Romans 12:10, NIV), used for mutual Christian love.

The fourth noun is erōs. In the ancient

Greek world, erōs was used to describe a powerful desire for another person (usually) or thing. It especially was used for sexual desire, more often describing men, but also women. This urge was viewed as so powerful, that the Greeks considered it to be a god, Eros. The Greeks did not consider this an immoral desire, just a dangerous one, since it could cause people to act irrationally. They used one form of this word to refer to romance stories. Similar expressions used today are “romantic love,” “to fall in love,” or even “lovesick.” The ancient Jews that translated the Old Testament into Greek used the word erōs in Proverbs 30:16 (English Bibles follow the Hebrew, which reads differently): “the love of a woman” is one of the things that never says “Enough!”

The fact that erōs does not occur in the New Testament does not mean that New Testament writers disapproved of the concept. Both the Old and New Testaments celebrate sexual love and desire in marriage as created by God (Genesis 1:27–28; 3:16; Song of Songs 1:2–4; 4:3–15; Matthew 19:4–6; 1 Corinthians 7:2–4; 1 Timothy 5:11). Early Christian writers used erōs as a synonym of agapē and applied it to God’s love for his people, Christians’ love for God or other Christians, or even the value placed on virtues or spiritual matters.

I heard a Bible teacher say emphatically, “Love is a verb!” This person was emphasizing that genuine love results in action. True, love is a verb. Love is also a noun. The fact that one English word can mean so many different things causes confusion in our culture. All four nuances of the Greek word groups for love are good when practiced in the right way.

PREACHING CAMP
HELD IN APRIL

Eight men participated in the Kerygma Preaching Club’s preaching camp held Apr. 7. It was sponsored by President Maurice, Professor Ronnie Woolard, Dr. Claudio Divino (the group’s leader), and Phillip Alligood. The preaching students who participated were John Bonk, Jackson Cooper, David Dirks, James Hoffman, Dustin Mullins, Benjamin Nichols, Joshua Wood, and Darrien Defederico. They all delivered a message that was profitable to those present. At the conclusion, Dustin Mullins was named MACU’s Preacher of the Year. Dustin gave his life to the Lord a few months ago and is already preaching the Word of God. Benj Nichols, who delivered his message in costume, was first-runner up. Benj graduated in May and is in youth ministry. James Hoffman, now a rising sophomore, was second runner-up.

The Kerygma Preaching Club plans to hold a camp next year to help preaching students develop their gifts and for MACU to continue producing great preachers for the Kingdom of God. If you have young men in your congregation you would like to see participate in such an event, contact Dr. Divino at claudio.divino@macuniversity.edu.

Guthrie and West Named Distinguished Alumni

AT THE ANNUAL MACU Rally in March, Dr. Wendy Guthrie ’82 and Ray West ’68 were named Distinguished Alumni by the university. Alumni selected for this honor must exemplify Christ-like characteristics of leadership and service and be known as living role models, working tirelessly for the good of others.

Dr. Guthrie is a native of Eastern North Carolina.

She graduated from Mid-Atlantic Christian University in 1982 with a bachelor’s in Bible and Christian Education. She pursued further academic studies at the University of Delaware and Delaware State College to obtain her teaching license in 1986. In 1991, Dr. Guthrie graduated from Old Dominion University with a master’s in education, and in 2013, she obtained her doctorate in Educational Psychology from Regent University. Dr. Guthrie taught elementary school for ten years and directed a preschool for one year before moving to higher education. For the past twenty years, she has taught at the collegiate level—twelve years at her alma mater, Mid-Atlantic, and eight at Johnson University Florida.

Dr. Guthrie currently serves as Assistant Dean for the Templar School of Education at Johnson University Florida. In this capacity, she teaches various education courses, advises students, oversees the clinical education experiences and directs the Elementary Education program. She recently secured state approval for the Teacher Preparation Program at Johnson.

Dr. Guthrie also freelances as a writer for Standard Publishing Company, publishing



various articles and learning activities for their adult curriculum. She has conducted teaching workshops in various churches and universities in the United States and Canada. She was twice named Teacher of the Year (2005 and 2010) and was inducted into the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society (2009) during her tenure at Mid-Atlantic University. She was recognized as a Biblical Higher Education Certified Faculty Member by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (2015).

Even more impressive than her credentials are the praises from her students through the years identifying her as one of the wisest and most caring teachers they have ever had. Coupled with her service to the church as a teacher and minister’s wife, Dr. Guthrie is one of a kind and a Distinguished Alumna.

Ray West is one of many graduates who entered RBC/MACU not sure about his intentions. But he stayed, and in so doing, helped to change the face of the Kingdom in eastern North Carolina and beyond.

He came with a strong sense of responsibility. He chose wisely and responsibly even when choosing his life’s mate. In college he met and married Becky



He had two long-term ministries, one at Geneva Park Church of Christ in Chesapeake, VA, and one at First Church of Christ in Washington, NC.

Ray served as a role model to young preachers, even at Roanoke Christian Camp in Washington, where he taught and served as dean. He was well organized and made sure the young people not only had a good time but also received solid, biblical instruction. He was one of the first preachers in the area to have a multiple staff at his church. He was humble enough to share the preaching as First Church added another service.

When one of Ray and Becky’s daughters was killed in a boating accident, their true character and faith were revealed. He not only preached faith and perseverance through suffering, but he showed faith in how he dealt with that painful loss. Experiencing that loss taught him to have even more grace for other people.

Ray’s preaching, administrative skills, service to others, example for young preachers, along with his faithfulness and the quality of his character, commend him as a Distinguished Alumnus.

Turner ’67. Together they have served the Kingdom all these years.

Ray was not only a good preacher, but also a good administrator. He surrounded himself with good people of varying talents and was able to mold them into a successful team. He was and is loved by the people he served/serves and has always had a calming influence.

To nominate an alumnus or alumna for this honor, visit macuniversity.edu/distinguished-alumni

Prior Addresses Class of 2018

MICHAEL S. PRIOR, President of Financial Planning Ministry and a Trustee of Mid-Atlantic, spoke for graduation. He congratulated graduates and encouraged them to set goals and complete their life's mission. Graduates also heard messages from **Emily O'Connor**, valedictorian, and **Matt Cooper**, salutatorian.

Honors and recognitions included service longevity awards: Receptionist **Cynthia L. Gunselman**, Library Director **Kenneth D. Gunselman**, Director of Teacher Education and Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Cheryl A. Luton**, Trustee **Dave Hileman**, Admissions Counselor **Brittany N. Meinsen**, and Women's Basketball Coach **Charles M. Troxell**, 5 years; Adjunct Instructors **Dr. A. Eugene Andrews**, **Dr. Robert Bane Angles**, **Dr. Curtis J. McGinnis**, and **Dr. Barbara**

Williams, 10 semesters of teaching; Chairman Department of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History and Bible **Dr. Robert W. Smith**, 15 years; Vice President for Finance **Carol M. Stuart** (right), 30 years. **Abigail C. Morgret** and **Jacqueline A. Nichols** earned the rank of first marshal and second marshal, respectively.

Of the 28 individuals who received four-year degrees, 20 of them are vocational ministry majors (General Ministry, Youth and Family, Christian Ministry, Cross-Cultural, Applied Linguistics). This year's 28 unduplicated graduates (number excludes those that received an AA in prior years; includes those completing degrees in December 2017 and in May 2018) brings total number of graduates to 2,100 (1,343 legacy RBC/MACU and 757 legacy ECI/ECC).



Direct Pathway for Biology Students to Enter Pharmacy School

MID-ATLANTIC SIGNED AN agreement Apr. 26 that gives graduates of the B.S. Biology program at MACU a direct pathway for being accepted into the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Larkin University. Under the agreement, selected students who have successfully met the specific course requirements and fulfilled the admissions requirements will be able to enroll in the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Larkin, a private non-profit university in Miami, FL.

The College of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program at Larkin was

granted Candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) on June 24, 2017. The ACPE accredits Doctor of Pharmacy programs offered by Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy in the United States and selected non-US sites. As a candidate for accreditation, graduates of a program so designed would, in the opinion of ACPE, have the same rights and privileges of those graduates from a fully accredited program. The Candidate status denotes a developmental program that is expected to mature in accord with stated plans within a defined time peri-

od. It should be underscored, however, that decisions concerning eligibility for licensure by examination or reciprocity reside with the respective state boards of pharmacy in accordance with their state statutes and administrative rules.

Dr. Kevin W. Larsen, vice president for academic affairs at MACU, said this about the agreement, "This is a great opportunity for MACU biology graduates. Our program is just finishing its first year and already other institutions are recognizing the quality program that is being offered at MACU."

Woolard and Prior Receive Honorary Degrees

RONNIE J. WOOLARD AND MICHAEL S. PRIOR were introduced in the previous issue of the *Messenger* as recipients of the highest honor bestowed by the university. The awards were presented at graduation on May 12. Below are excerpts from those introducing them to the audience.

Dr. Lee Fields: I first met Ronnie Woolard in the early 1990s in Cincinnati, when he was chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and was conducting interviews for a position to teach at MACU. He had black hair then. The color of his hair has changed, but Ronnie remains the same in many ways. I will mention three.

First, his love for his family. Ronnie and Trish have loved their children and grandchildren. And Ronnie's devotion to his family has produced a healthy marriage and relationships with well-adjusted adult children who are themselves devoted to their family and ministries.

Second, his temperament. He is known for being level-headed and a calming force in any storm. As far as I know, this has been a character trait his whole life. The peace he brings to every organization he has been a part of is perhaps underappreciated.

Third, his passionate love for the Lord, the Word, and people. Ronnie has been preaching and teaching for five decades. He has planted churches, counselled individuals and groups, guided congregations through challenging times, supported missionaries, helped in almost every type of endeavor imaginable, all without sacrificing his family on the altar of ministry. He is passionate in his conviction about the Scripture as the infallible word of God. His wisdom and conviction in this regard has been invaluable in keeping the church at large, and RBC/MACU in particular, steadfast in the teachings of Scripture. His passion for the Word is often shown in tears when he preaches, a trait used not to manipulate an audience but unavoidable



Professor Ronnie J. Woolard, for the degree, Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa.

because he is genuinely moved by the truths of God or the plights of people.

Ronnie is unchanged in many ways. But he is also adaptable to changing times. He has developed many new or different courses as the faculty has adjusted to new personnel coming into the university. He has managed to adapt his teaching style and content to address the needs of new generations of students. And then there is technology. Ronnie is famous/infamous for not knowing technology. But for all that, Ronnie has even adapted here, with elaborate PowerPoint presentations, online teaching and learning to use Logos Bible software.

In closing, there is one more thing I must mention about Ronnie's not changing: I've known Ronnie for over 20 years. But many of you in here have known him far, far longer than I have. Why? Because that which is in Ronnie that does not change means no one has a better, more loyal and trustworthy friend and brother in Christ than Ronnie Woolard.

Dr. D. Clay Perkins: Michael S. Prior, President of Financial Planning Ministry (FPM) and a Trustee at MACU since 2015, is being honored today because of his leadership in planned giving. The ripple effect in the Kingdom of God and in the Christian Church because of Mike's ministry is simply immeasurable. Mike's humility is evident, but his leadership in



Michael S. Prior, J.D., for the degree, Doctor of Business, honoris causa.

inspiring generosity will enable ministry for generations to come.

We are honoring him today because of his extraordinary work in philanthropy. Under Mike's leadership, FPM has served over 25,000 families and over 90 partner ministries. Families from Hawaii and from the West to East coasts have been served with vital legal documents such as wills and trusts, advanced health care directives, guardianship issues for children, and more. FPM has become a leader in special needs trusts, serving families with children or adults with permanent disabilities. The magazine Church Executive recently recognized FPM as the national leader in faith-based planned giving.

In 2004 Mid-Atlantic Christian University began using the services of FPM. MACU has over 8 million dollars in future gifts from planned giving. But the number that is staggering is that, under Mike's leadership, among all 90 partner ministries, there is over 1.1 billion dollars in future gifts from planned giving. It is simply hard to imagine all the ministry that will be funded due to Mike's ministry. As a lawyer he could have chosen to line his own pockets, but Mike chose to line the pockets of ministries inside the Christian Church. FPM exists to fund ministry by educating families and facilitating generosity through planned giving. That is what MACU is choosing to honor today.

2018 Honors Chapel Awards

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Destiny Robinson, Dean Williams

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS FOR 2018-19

Brealle White, President; James Ellis, Vice President

RESIDENCE HALL RECOGNITIONS

Megan Lee, Jonathan Clifton

STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Chris Cephus, Matt Cooper, Caitlin O'Connor, Emily O'Connor

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Benj Nichols

CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

Sarah Litowski

BARBARA A. WILLIAMS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Leah Rudd

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Chris Cephus

MACU-ZONDERVAN THEOLOGY AWARD

Emily O'Connor

MACU-ZONDERVAN BIBLICAL HEBREW AWARD

Abby Morgret

STONE CAMPBELL JOURNAL PROMISING SCHOLAR AWARD (BIBLICAL STUDIES)

Thomas Kilian

THETA ALPHA KAPPA HONOR CHORDS AND NEW OFFICERS

Matt Cooper, Whitley Craft, Thomas Kilian, Sarah Litowski, Caitlin O'Connor, Emily O'Connor, Jessica Troxell, Emily Smith; Jackson Cooper, President; Joshua Phillips, Vice President; Gabrielle Howlett, Secretary

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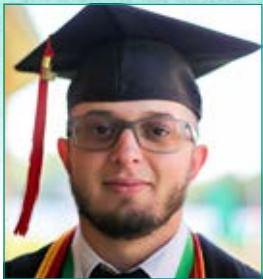
School Of Undergraduate Studies:



Kelly A. Anders
CUM LAUDE
BS | Counseling and Psychology & Biblical Studies



Taylor Kristyn Carter
CUM LAUDE
BS | Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition
Minor: Counseling
Certificate: Family Life Education



Matthew T. Cooper
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BS | Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Whitley D. Craft
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BA | Biblical Exposition



Abigail C. R. Crouse
BS | Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition



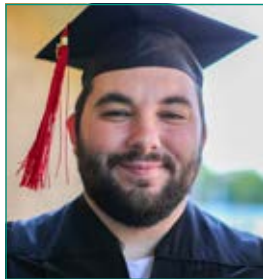
Joseph Shaquille Hill
BS | Business Administration & Biblical Studies



Lind J. Jordan
BS | Counseling and Psychology & Biblical Studies



Sarah G. Litowski
CUM LAUDE
BS | Cross-Cultural Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Jameson G. Lowery
BA | General Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Thomas J. Martin
BS | Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition
Certificate: Family Life Education



LeeAnn C. McGraw
BS | Elementary Education & Biblical Studies



Allie E. Morris
BS | Youth and Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Benjamin E. Nichols
BS | General Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Caitlin E. O'Connor
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BS | Business Administration & Biblical Studies



Emily N. O'Connor
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BS | Cross-Cultural Ministry & Biblical Exposition



David C. Rimarski
BS | Youth and Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Jordan C. Rimarski
BS | Youth and Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Leah R. Rudd
BS | Elementary Education & Biblical Studies



Cruz I. Ruedo-Lopez
BS | General Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Elijah J. Russo
BS | Youth and Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition



Christopher T. Santoro
BS | Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition
Minor: Counseling
Certificate: Family Life Education



Emily C. Smith
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BS | Youth & Family Ministry & Biblical Exposition
Minor: Counseling
Certificate: Family Life Education



Ryleigh Frances Willis
AA | Biblical Studies

School Of Professional Studies:



Christopher N. Cephus
BS | Family Studies
Minor: Biblical Studies



Joseph A. Darrow
BS | Christian Ministry & Biblical Studies



Thomas B. Hamilton
BS | Christian Ministry & Biblical Studies



Thomas A. Kilian III
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BS | Christian Ministry & Biblical Studies



Jessica R. Troxell
CUM LAUDE
BS | Business Administration
Minor: Biblical Studies

DEGREE PRESENTED PREVIOUSLY:
School of Professional Studies:

Hannah S. Railey
AA | Biblical Studies

One graduate requested non-disclosure

Smith named Teacher of the Year 2018



THE FIRST CAREER Kathy Smith chose was one helping others – nursing. With a degree from Biola University, she began serving others in 1983 as a Clinical Coordinator in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of a children’s hospital. When she and her husband joined the MACU family in 2010, she was still practicing nursing as a staff nurse with Call A Nurse, a job she could perform from anywhere with a phone and good internet connection.

It is no wonder, then, that a person with the compassion, grace and expertise to help others in crisis has been singled out as an innovative, determined, cheerful problem-solver and resource for MACU students. In 2012 she became an adjunct faculty member, began teaching and facilitating a Study Skills Seminar for at-risk students, served as the Nursing Program Advisor for dual-enrolled

students with COA, directed the Learning Resource Center, and oversaw the peer tutoring program.

Now in her sixth year of teaching at MACU, she is known for her ability to connect with and help students. During these six years she has earned certification as a Developmental Education Specialist and will complete her master’s degree in English in December. She has been instrumental in the development of MACU’s new program to help underprepared college students with their writing ability.

Mrs. Smith’s peers said of her: *She has been a major asset to MACU, in addition to being a great teacher. She goes above and beyond to understand her students and any learning challenges they may have and then supplies them with solutions to their problems or difficulties.*

Her students expressed their love and gratitude this way: *Kathy Smith is a more than wonderful teacher. She truly cares about each and every student. Not only does she*

want the best for each one, but she actually works actively to provide it. . . . she plays an absolutely indispensable role in supporting students with disabilities or exceptional learning needs. . . . In a way, she is a miracle worker who is tireless when it comes to problem solving and finding solutions. . . . Her compassion and diligence make her one of a kind. There is no one else that could possibly fill her place in this school. Miss Kathy’s always there to listen, guide, and understand, as well as to hold me accountable and help me regain my focus. . . . I came to her office about a concern I had with failing my math class. That same day she was already setting up different ways to help me and giving me suggestions of whom to talk to in the study hall. She got me a tutor and set up a tutoring math class. . . . With her help and extraordinary effort, I passed my math class with a C+. She believed in me, and she helped me to keep my head up.

Congratulations, Mrs. Smith!



Rudd Recognized for Excellence in Teacher Education

DR. CHERYL LUTON, Director of Teacher Education, reports that each spring, the graduating senior in teacher education who has 1) the highest GPA for all course work completed prior to student teaching and 2) the highest achievement score on the national pedagogy exam is awarded the Barbara A. Williams Award for Excellence in Teacher Education. This year’s recipient is Leah Rudd (pictured above). She added, “Leah has done an amazing job throughout her tenure at MACU and has earned the respect of educators and administrators with whom she has taught.”

Strecker Named Library Director



DR. BETH STRECKER will begin her duties as Library Director at MACU at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. Raised in North Carolina and a long-time resident of eastern North Carolina, Dr. Strecker brings an impressive background of experiences for directing the library services at MACU. She has earned degrees from UNC – Wilmington in Middle Grades Education and advanced degrees from East Carolina University in Library Science and Educational Leadership. Dr. Strecker will also contribute

to the university’s teacher education program by assisting teacher education candidates gain proficiency in instructional technology.

Her work experience has included being the technology director for Elizabeth City Pasquotank Public Schools, school media specialist in Camden and Currituck County Schools, and middle school teacher in the subjects of math and science in four school systems in North Carolina. Most recently she has served as an assistant professor at East Carolina University in the department of library science

The university is excited to welcome Beth Strecker to the school this coming fall.

Gunselmans Return to Texas

THE UNIVERSITY WILL miss Ken and Cindi Gunselman as they return to Texas to be close to family. They have served the school five years, Ken as Library Director, and Cindi as part-time receptionist and project assistant as needed. The student library assistants gave Ken a going-away party, and both were honored by staff and faculty in May. Our love and prayers go with them.



Two Students Join Larsen for Fourth Dig in Israel

DR. KEVIN LARSEN, Vice President for Academic Affairs, is with two MACU juniors, Cody Marks (left) and James Ellis (center), on a three-week trip to Israel (May 25 - June 17). The three from MACU have joined the Associates for Biblical Research in their second season of doing archaeological work at ancient Shiloh in Israel. This trip marks Dr. Larsen’s fourth trip to Israel to engage in archaeological research. (photo taken in the City of David with the southeast corner of the Temple Mount in the background)

The focus of their work this archaeological season is a five-by-five-meter square on the north side of Tel Shiloh. The first three days of digging uncovered remains of walls that

may be Roman era construction. Adjacent squares, excavated last summer, suggest that with deeper excavation these Roman era walls were built upon remnant Iron Age (1177 BC – 332 BC) construction. The work accomplished this season will give clarity to life in these time periods. In the first century AD, Shiloh was in the land of Samaria, thus the Samaritans. In the Iron Age Shiloh is in the heart of the tribal allotment of the tribe of Ephraim.

From Dr. Larsen: “Day 3 is complete. Our square really exploded with possibilities today. Our most spectacular find was an Iron Age II unbroken oil lamp. These are quite rare.”



Angles in Nicaragua

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR DR. Bane Angles was in Nicaragua in March teaching “Christian Formation: Developing a Spiritual Life.” Dr. Kevin Larsen, Vice President for Academic

Affairs said, “We are grateful for his service that will have great potential to have a great impact upon the church in Nicaragua.” This course is one of several the university is offering there.

Dean’s List – Spring 2018

The Dean’s List is comprised of full-time students (12 or more credit hours) whose semester GPA is 3.500 or above. Students achieving a 4.000 are indicated with an asterisk (*).

- Alyssa Shay Anderson
- Taylor Hudson Berger
- Evan Chesson Berk
- Tara Dawn Bird
- John Anthony Bonk
- Cheyenne Brothers
- Brandon Ryan Cabacar
- Christopher Neil Cephus
- Jackson Laine Cooper
- Matthew Todd Cooper*
- Joy Corbett*
- Whitley Davis Craft
- Darrien C. DeFederico*
- James Lawrence Ellis
- Micaiah H. Gilkes
- Amber Goodyear
- Timothy Scott Gravgaard
- Allison E. Hackett*
- Gabrielle Howlett*
- Ryan Kelley
- Thomas Kilian III*
- William Stanton Lane
- Sarah Grace Litowski*
- Leah Nicole Maclin
- Kendall Brooke Martin
- Grace Gibson Minter*
- Abigail C. Morgret*
- KaNesha Andrieana Murray
- Ashlyn Raye Neal
- Jacqueline Alexis Nichols*
- Caitlin Elizabeth O’Connor
- Joshua Paul Phillips
- Joseph P. Ragland
- Leah Rene’ Rudd*
- Sarah Mackenzie Smith
- Alexander L Stanley
- Joseph Grayson Tejeda
- Jaelin Jerome Thomas
- Brealle Kay-Ann White
- Chelsea D. White
- Serenah Marie Willison*

3 additional students achieved Dean’s List but requested non-disclosure



OTHER SPORTS HONORS:

MUSTANG PRIDE
Alex Stanley, basketball
(one who most closely demonstrates the qualities desired in a MACU athlete on and off the field/court)

MUSTANG ON MISSION
Leah Maclin, volleyball
(one who displays service on campus and in the community)

USCAA ALL-AMERICAN
Matt Cooper, golf

USCAA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN
Matt Cooper, golf; Ryan Kelley, golf; Brealle White, volleyball; Leah Maclin, volleyball; Alex Stanley, men's basketball.

BIBLE COLLEGE NIT RUNNERS-UP
Women's Basketball

Mustangs' First Win as Bible College NIT Champions

THE MUSTANGS CAPTURED the title of the Small Bible College National Invitational Tournament on Mar. 3 in Jacksonville, FL. They defeated Trinity Baptist College 75-54 in the championship game. Congratulations, Mustangs!

Visit <http://gomacumustangs.com/sports/mbkb/2017-18/releases/20180304xd82so> for the full story.



Sports Program Grows

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ANDY Meneely reported that a record number of athletes had been signed by June 1, creating the fullest rosters the college has ever had.

Men's basketball will have their first-ever junior varsity team. He also stated, "We are attempting to expand our sports offerings with baseball and women's soccer. We are in an exciting time of building and hope that we can start taking MACU athletics to new heights... Not only do we want to build athletically, but we also want to continue building character and a service mindset."

Visit gomacumustangs.com for all the news in MACU sports.

DATES AND EVENTS

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| Aug. 13 – 17
Fall Intensives | Oct. 25, 26
Trustees Meeting |
| Aug. 17 – 19
New Student Orientation | Nov. 15 – 18
ICOM, Cincinnati, OH |
| Aug. 20
On-campus classes begin, 2 pm | Nov. 16 – 18
Eastern Christian Conference
Hershey, PA |
| Aug. 20 – Oct. 3
Online Session A Courses | Nov. 21 – 23
Thanksgiving Break |
| Aug. 21
Convocation Chapel, 9:30 am | Dec. 10 – 14
Final Exams |
| Aug. 26
@MACU | Semester Break |
| Oct. 15 – 19
Fall Break | Jan. 7 – 11
Spring Intensives |
| Oct. 22 – Dec. 14
Online Session B Courses | Jan. 12, 13
New Student Orientation |
| Oct. 23
Grandparents Day | Jan. 14 – Mar. 10
Online Session C Courses |
| Oct. 25
Foundation Board Meeting | Mar. 21 – 22
MACU Rally |



MACU Summer Team: Sarah Smith, Sarah Becker, Darcy Cichorz, Destiny Robinson, Amon McElrath, Allie Hackett, Breanna Teetor.
Please pray for them as they visit camps and congregations and challenge young people to love Christ and serve others.

New Ministries, Service

Danielle Hortelano '08 has been called as Director of Family Ministries at Pleasant Garden (NC) United Methodist Church.

T.J. Martin '18 has been called to serve as Youth Minister at Church of Christ at Creeds, Virginia Beach, VA.

Benj Nichols '18 is serving with Philippi Church of Christ, Creswell, NC, as Youth Minister.

Eli Russo '18 is Youth Minister for Reclaim Christian Church in Ansonia, CT.

Senior **Dylan Johnson** is serving a summer internship with the Elizabeth City Police Department.

Junior **Amber Goodyear** is a summer intern at Beach Road Baptist Church, Southport, NC, in children's/family ministry. She is also Cafeteria Supervisor at Fort Caswell youth camp.

Sophomore **Dustin Mullins** is a summer intern in Admissions at MACU.

Births

Joey '09 and Stephanie **Balsamo:** Bella Rose, Mar. 3

Jason and **Emily Lynn '06 Ford:** Asher Keith, Mar. 15

Caleb '16 and **Olivia Maxey '17 Reynolds:** Emmy Kate, Mar. 29

Sympathy is expressed to families and friends of:

Clark Taylor '79, Mar. 1
Kathy Alligood Hayes '75, June 12

Attah '13 and Jessica **Osebreh:**

Cyrene Rose, Apr. 3

Landon '13 and Jo Beth **Elliott:**

Nolan James, Apr. 9

Josh '10 and Sarah **Curry:**

Nehemiah Carter, Apr. 18

Kasey and **Beth Fields '09 Nosay:**

Zelda Mae, Apr. 19

Brian and **Emily Rhodes ex'02**

Carter: Brian Glenn, Jr., May 21

Weddings

Joshua Trueblood and **Emilie**

Cooper '12, Apr. 28

Ross Conley and **Hannah Zugg ex'19**, May 19

Jimmy McLoud ex'07 and Ashley Smith, May 20

Eli Russo '18 and Alexis Rosa, May 27

Other News 'n' Notes

In April **Cheryl Fehr-Banks ex'84** received from the State of North Carolina her licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, the highest level of licensure in the field of social work. It entitles her to practice independently as a Clinical Social Worker.

Daleanna Curry '05 was appointed by the Virginia Department of Education to serve as a Teacher Representative (for Division 3) on the State Special Education Advisory Council (SSEAC).

Aimee Curry Thayer '05 was named Teacher of the Year at Acquinton Elementary School, King William County Public Schools, King William, VA, where she teaches third grade language arts and social studies.

Larry Veach ex'73 has retired from 47 years of vocational ministry. He and his wife, Gina, were honored in May at a celebration at New Life Christian Church in Winchester, VA, where they have served many years.

Officers for the Alumni Association for 2018-2019: **Tim Turner '83**, President; **Dennis Crehan '93**, President-elect; **Helen Scott '07**, Treasurer; **Rachel Hayes '14**, Secretary.

Family and friends celebrated the ministry of **Homer '56** and **Peggy ex'59 Styons** at Son Rise Church of Christ in Kill Devil Hills, NC. Homer's life of preaching and service were honored as he retired from full-time duties and will be available to others for preaching.

GENERAL FUND

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Jennifer N. Russell (Honor)

by Jerry & Joanne Norris

J.T. and Addie Segroves (Memory)

by Jaranell Fritts, Jonita Shoaff

Brenda, T. Stanley (Memory)

by Bethlehem Christian Church, Daniel & Stacey Elmes

Harley "Tom" Wood (Memory)

by Ruth Wood

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