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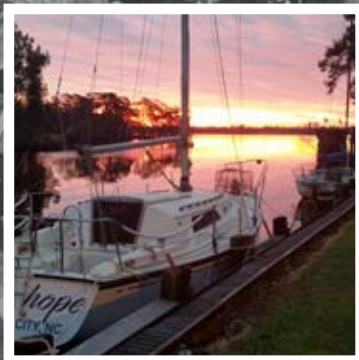
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What Got Us Here *and* What Will Get Us There

There are many things that got us here, that brought Mid-Atlantic Christian University into existence (originally as Roanoke Bible College) in 1948 . . . great faith, sacrificial giving, prayers, physical labor, donations of goods and services, powerful preaching and teaching. They laid a great foundation.

However, each year requires a new outpouring of those provisions – prayers, faith, gifts, students, vision, work, service. We invite you to continue or to join in providing such gifts as we recruit, train, and send out men and women to impact cultures for Christ as they serve in congregations, on mission fields, and in the marketplace.



What Got Us Here Won't Get Us There

BY PRESIDENT JOHN MAURICE

SERVING IN THE Navy I developed a love for ships and being at sea with sailors. I was blessed with the opportunity to serve on-board three US Navy warships as Command Chaplain, the last of which was the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. The aircraft carrier is America's 911 force of choice, ready to rapidly respond anywhere in the world our nation demands. It can launch and recover aircraft any time, any place, and the carrier projects sea power domination around the world even in times of peace.

When I reported aboard the Ike she was finishing up a three-year Refueling and Complex Overhaul (RCOH). During that period of time the ship was in a shipyard environment. Sailors went home every night and never went to sea. New sailors reported to the ship and never saw how operational systems worked. At the end of the RCOH, the carrier had to do sea trials. Sailors had to train in order to be able to operate equipment, launch and recover aircraft, and perform damage control exercises and a myriad of other tasks to become proficient and conduct her mission.

I was privileged to report aboard when the ship was coming out of the RCOH and serve under the command of Captain Dan Cloyd. When the ship was undergoing sea trials, recertifying systems, and facing many inspections to become fully operational, Captain Cloyd uttered a phrase that I will never forget. He said, "What got us here won't get us there." I think he got that phrase from

Marshall Goldsmith's book by the same name, but what he meant was that each new day, each inspection and each exercise bring new challenges and opportunities that must be met head on and overcome if we are going to accomplish our goals and operate at peak performance.

Mid-Atlantic Christian University is moving forward. In the last year we had the highest enrollment in our 71-year history. But what got us here won't get us there. Last year we had the highest number of student applications in our history. But what got us here won't get us there. This past semester we saw the movement of the Holy Spirit in the lives of students as seven were baptized into Christ. But what got us here won't get us there. This year the trustees approved three new academic programs: Preaching, Human Resource Management, and Biopsychology. But what got us here won't get us there. On May 11 we graduated 35 extraordinary Christian leaders "set for the defense of the gospel" that are ready to impact the world for Christ. But what got us here won't get us there.

In this *Messenger* you will read about how I have reorganized the university to focus on recruitment and retention. These changes have been implemented because, you guessed it, what got us here won't get us there! I have brought in new leaders with new ideas, leaders who will cherish our past but who will write the next chapter as we continue to follow God and seek to educate

more Christian leaders. If we are going to impact the world for Jesus, it is imperative that we educate and graduate more men and women that can influence culture for Christ. What got us here won't get us there!

When I was inaugurated as your president one year ago, I promised to give you my best every day. I made that pledge because I believe in our university, our mission, our ministry, our churches, and our students. I believe that at Mid-Atlantic we are about something really big – the Kingdom of God. This fuels my passion to pursue excellence, invest my life and treasure into our university, and work harder than I have ever worked in my life. I know that what got us here won't get us there.

Do you love impacting lives for Christ? Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God through Biblical higher education? Do you believe that God still wants laborers to go into the fields that are white unto harvest? If you do, I ask you to pray, give, send us students, encourage young people in your congregation and community to enroll, and become a faithful partner with MACU. Why? Because what got us here won't get us there.



If you would like to receive President Maurice's bimonthly email letter, send your name, request, and preferred email to president@macuniversity.edu.

New Vice Presidents Named

After President John Maurice was inaugurated as the university's fourth president last May, he began considering and praying about what, if any, restructuring of the leadership team might better support the continuing growth of the university. This spring he began putting into place changes that he believes will help MACU recruit and retain "right-fit" students who will impact the culture for Christ.



Sara Shepherd

LOCAL CAMDEN RESIDENT Sara Shepherd is the university's new Vice President for Finance. Vice President Shepherd has a Bachelor's degree from UNC Wilmington and earned her MBA in Project Management from Fayetteville State University. She has fifteen years of business management experience, including seven years in higher education at the College of the Albemarle. She cited Proverbs 3:6, "Seek God's will in all you do and He will direct your path," when she spoke of becoming a part of "all the blessings God has in store for MACU." Further, she recalled the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing," explaining that "being a part of the MACU leadership team is about service. Everything we do revolves around empowering our students, colleagues, and community to serve in God's name. Through our service at this university we are able to transform lives and show God's blessings and to love and mentor others to become Christian leaders themselves. That is work worth doing."



Jay Banks

MACU ALUMNUS DR. Jay Banks '82 is now Vice President for Student Life. Originally from Salisbury, MD, Dr. Banks earned his Ph. D. in Education from Capella University and his Master in Curriculum and Instructional Technology from Grand Canyon University. Dr. Banks is an accomplished educator, author, musician, songwriter, and performer. He has authored multiple books and articles on the topic of bullying and has provided hundreds of training sessions in elementary and middle schools throughout the United States to students and teachers. He said, "My passion at MACU is for the students and their development, and my focus is building a diverse and accepting environment immersed in God's unconditional love. To do that, it is my goal to cultivate an atmosphere of sustenance, safety, love, inspiration, and empowerment."



Marty Riley

MARTY RILEY HAS been promoted from Enrollment Director to Vice President for Enrollment Services. Riley joined the enrollment team four years ago and has been an integral part of MACU's growth. He has a Masters in Human Resource Management and a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University. He retired after twenty-four years of service in the US Navy where he spent nine years as an Operations Specialist and the next fifteen years as a recruiter. Vice President Riley stated, "I absolutely love what MACU represents and how God uses this university to spiritually transform students. I'm grateful and honored to lead MACU's enrollment efforts and can't wait to see what God holds in our future."



What is So Wrong with Stealing? LEE M. FIELDS, PH.D.

“THOU SHALT NOT steal” (Exodus 20:15). Stealing is condemned in the Ten Commandments and other places. Everyone knows it is wrong to steal, even thieves. They may steal for a living, but when they divide up the loot, they had better not get short-changed! That would be stealing.

But why is stealing wrong? It is because our possessions represent a trade. We work eight hours for a certain amount of pay. We are trading time from our lives for money. We then use that money to buy things.

When you consider what work actually is – this trade of part of one’s life for money, which becomes a house or car or computer – it makes things have a value. Suppose a person earns \$40,000 per year. Instead of a car having a value of \$10,000, the person might think of the value of the car as three months of work (before taxes). Possessions

are in one sense just things; they are temporary. But in another sense, they are not just things, but things people exchange part of their lives for; they cannot get that time back.

This realization ought to cause us to consider the value of purchases. How much of my lifetime am I willing to spend on this thing? Am I willing to spend one year? Ten years? If I spend this much of my life, is it something worth the cost? Will it last?

In 1 John 3:16 we read: “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

Two things. First, how much are we worth? Many people, Christian and non-Christian, think they are worth little. But how much did Jesus pay for us? His whole life! Would he make an unwise purchase? Of course not! Therefore, we are valuable. The better we come to realize the cost of Jesus’

sacrifice, the better we will understand the value he places on us.

Second, how much of our lives do we spend on others, especially our fellow Christians? We spend our lives, often carelessly, frivolously, selfishly. We must be thoughtful of how we spend our lives.

It is true that material things are temporary. We do need, however, certain material things for survival. We also buy things for our comfort. There is nothing wrong with a certain amount of comfort (each must decide what is wise in the eyes of God). But the wisest purchases are those spent on that which lasts forever. When we give, let us give joyfully knowing that what we give helps people, who last forever. Let us make wise purchases by spending our lives on that which is eternal. Let us not shortchange ourselves by spending too much of our life on things that do not last. That would only be stealing.

Larsen Named Teacher of the Year 2019

MID-ATLANTIC RECEIVED MANY blessings in 2005 when a sister school, Eastern Christian College in Bel Air, MD, operating as Lincoln Christian College-East Coast, closed its doors. We welcomed about ten new students, three of their trustees, a financial gift, their library, some office items, and their school records so that we could handle transcript requests for their alumni. And one of the best gifts was one of their teachers, who is our teacher of the year, Dr. Kevin Larsen.

Dr. Larsen is Vice President for Academic Affairs. In that role he has led the school with innovation, integrity, and determination. Not only does he serve in that role, but he also serves as Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, guiding all the administrators, faculty, and staff in setting and achieving goals appropriate to the mission of Mid-Atlantic.

Dr. Larsen is a native of Nebraska, where he attended Nebraska Christian College and earned a B.A. in Pastoral Ministries in 1991. He graduated from Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1994 with a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master of Divinity. In the summer of 1994 he moved to Maryland, where he taught for Lincoln Christian College – East Coast and ministered with Jones Creek Christian Church in Baltimore. While in Maryland, Dr. Larsen completed his Ph.D. studies at The Catholic University of America in 2002. He came to Mid-Atlantic in the summer of 2005 as Professor of New Testament and Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and was named Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2007.

Dr. Larsen’s teaching is enhanced by



Kevin W. Larsen, Ph.D.
Professor of New Testament

related academic pursuits. He is an active member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Catholic Biblical Association. In 2005, Dr. Larsen began functioning as a consulting editor for the Stone-Campbell Journal. He has had articles published in such journals as the Christian Standard, Restoration Quarterly, Trinity Journal, and Currents in Biblical Research. He has had numerous book reviews published in various academic journals and his dissertation published by the University Press of America. He is doing archaeological work in Israel for the fifth time this summer.

When choosing the Teacher of the Year, faculty members said of him: “Dr. Larsen is

a strong leader, and students are motivated to dig more deeply in the Bible and Biblical literature through his leadership. He has an appreciation for the mission of the university that comes through in every aspect of his service at MACU. I have heard from students that he makes instruction interesting even when it is a full day of instruction, like during intensives. His work outside of the classroom in publishing and in archaeological work make him stand out.”

“Kevin has always demonstrated a commitment to teaching his students not only what they need to learn but why it matters.”

“I have heard my education students remark about how effective he is as a teacher. As future educators, my students often have opportunities to discuss what effective teaching looks like. Dr. Larsen has been mentioned as a good example a number of times.”

Equally telling is what some of his students said of him: “There has not been any other teacher who checks in on me and does his best to get me to succeed more than he does.”

“Dr. Larsen is not only an amazing professor, but also a wonderful presence on campus. He is approachable and a good influence on students and staff. I had the privilege to be in his Biblical Doctrines intensive class this spring, and it is, hands down, the best and most effective class I have had in my two years at MACU – and that is saying a lot coming from a die-hard psychology major!”

Congratulations, Dr. Larsen!



One Student Joins Larsen for Dig in Israel

JUNIOR DARRIEN DEFEDERICO traveled to Israel with Dr. Kevin Larsen, Vice President for Academic Affairs, for four weeks of digging into history. There they worked with Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) in ABR's third season of doing archaeological work at ancient Shiloh in Israel. This trip marked Dr. Larsen's fifth 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 work accomplished this season will continue to give clarity to life in the Roman era and in the Iron Age. 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.

Darrien observed, "Archaeology is nothing like Indiana Jones," as illustrated by the photo of him breaking up rocks. Nevertheless, the discoveries they make will shed important light on Bible passages by revealing more about the people and land mentioned therein.



Sunrise in Shiloh. Digging begins early to avoid the hottest part of the day. (Photo credit: Melody Bogle)

DEAN'S LIST – SPRING 2019

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*
Tara Dawn BIRD
Khalil Quame BOLDEN
John Anthony BONK
Mallary F. BROGDEN
Cheyenne BROTHERS
Cassandra L. BROWN*
Noah Emmanuel BRYANT
Cameron G. CABE
Sandra CARTER
Anissa N. COLES
Jackson Laine COOPER

Joy CORBETT*
Spencer Alexander DAVIS
Darrien C. DEFEDERICO*
Lauren Elizabeth DRYSDALE
Lydia FRYE
Michael Perry GARZA
Micaiah H. GILKES
Amber GOODYEAR
Allison E. HACKETT*
Hannah Margurite HARTMAN
Jesse Quinn HOOD*
Gabrielle HOWLETT*

Ashlyn Neal JOSEPHSON
Ryan KELLEY
Jonathan C. LANGLEY II
Rebekah Grace LANGLEY
Leah Nicole MACLIN*
Cody Robert MARKS
Kendall Brooke MARTIN
KaNesha Andrieana MURRAY
Jacqueline Alexis NICHOLS
Joshua Paul PHILLIPS
Tammy Lynn RHEA
Vicki Furlough RILEY

Marcus Grant SIMMONS
Sarah Mackenzie SMITH
Alexander L. STANLEY
Maddison Gabrielle TURNER
Joshua Scott Wayne VICKERS*
Brealle Kay-Ann WHITE*
Chelsea D. WHITE
Leander WILLIAMS
Serenah Marie WILLISON*

Two additional students achieved Dean's List but requested non-disclosure

Melvin Styons Outstanding Counseling Student Award Instituted, Riley First Recipient

MELVIN STYONS GREW up in a strong Christian family on a farm in Eastern North Carolina. President BonDurant found him working in a farm field one day and challenged him to come to Roanoke Bible College (now MACU) in the second year of the school's existence (1949-50). Melvin graduated in 1953, and while ministering at Sheva Church of Christ in Chatham, VA, he earned additional degrees at Milligan College and the University of Virginia.

The degree in guidance and counseling from UVA opened the door for his long tenure at Mid-Atlantic. The *Messenger* in the summer of 1963 announced that he would join the faculty in the fall "teaching in the fields of psychology, counseling, and education and offer counseling services to the student body." This began his 36 years at MACU and the school's long record of excellence in counseling education and ministry.

Dr. Styons' pursuit of excellence led him to continue his education at four other schools, culminating in his doctorate from Nova



Vicki Riley receives congratulations from Dr. King and Dr. Styons.

University; he was the first of the faculty with an earned doctorate. He was a driving force behind accreditation with both The Association for Biblical Higher Education and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Although he introduced counseling to the university and taught in that field throughout his career, his first love was always preaching, including the establishment of new churches.

It is with great pleasure that Mid-Atlantic has established in his honor the award "The Melvin Styons Outstanding Counseling Student Award." Vicki Riley '19 was the first counseling student to receive the annual award..



Dr. Melvin D. Styons and Dr. David S. King, Associate Professor of Counseling



Assistant Librarian Andrews Retires

ALICE K. ANDREWS ex'75, Assistant Library Director, was honored at a retirement reception May 6 and at commencement May 11 with a certificate and longevity award for 30 years of service to MACU.

Alice joined the library staff in 1989, serving under Director Trish Griffin. She continued working in acquisitions and assisting in other ways under subsequent directors Frank Dodson, Ken Gunselman, and currently Dr. Beth Strecker. She also served as interim director when the university was between directors.

Her training as a public school teacher and her heart for serving others served her well as she assisted both students and faculty in their academic pursuits. In addition, she worked alongside her husband, Dr. Gene Andrews, who was MACU's preaching professor. Together they served congregations as Gene preached and Alice taught and played the piano. Prior to their move to MACU and after Gene's full-time work with the university, they served the Kingdom in located ministry and other ministerial work and continue to do so in retirement.

Alice and Gene have two daughters, Jenny ex'00 (Matt '00) Dahmer and Lisa ex'02 (Robert) Denton and five grandchildren. We thank Alice for her many years of faithful service.

Moulden and Cross Honored

Lighthouse Award Recipient Robert W. Moulden

BOB MOULDEN IS a native of Gerrardstown, WV. His family moved to Virginia in 1956, where he graduated from Clarke County High School in 1965. Four years later he enrolled in Mid-Atlantic (then Roanoke Bible College), immediately gaining the respect and love of his classmates with his spiritual maturity. While in college he traveled and sang with “The Spokesman Quartet,” conducting numerous youth revivals and crusades and influencing others to enroll and pursue God’s calling. He graduated in 1973 and married Denise Modlin (ex ‘75) in August of that year. He was called to minister with Museville Christian Church near Chatham, VA, in January 1974. In August 1979, he and Denise took a ministry at Plymouth Church of Christ in Plymouth, NC, that lasted until his retirement in September 2014. During those years the church flourished, growing in number, service, mission outreach, benevolence, giving, and facilities. In addition to his ministry at Plymouth, Bob has preached numerous revivals and been involved in mission work and music ministry. He visited Central India Christian Mission (CICM) and took a team with him this spring, his sixth trip there since 1984. In his retirement he is working for CICM part-time as a field representative

presenting the mission to churches along the East Coast and doing supply preaching on Sundays for churches in the area. He also keeps a full schedule of singing with the trio Servant’s Song. He, along with Denise, has also mentored numerous young men and women in Christian service. In 2002 Bob and Denise established a Foundation fund to award to men studying for preaching or youth ministry to offset some of their educational expenses. In addition to money given in regular offerings, he and those at Plymouth church have raised many thousands of dollars through the years with projects such as pig pickin’s and making and selling apple butter, as well as ministry events such as concerts. These special funds have supported additional mission work and local benevolence. Very often such benevolence included organizing teams to spend hours, even days, doing physical labor. He has preached or sung for numerous events for his alma mater. He and Denise have three daughters, Kim, Kelly, and Kay, two sons-in-law, Eric Woolard and Ottis Cox (all of whom attended Mid-Atlantic), and five grandchildren, Allie, Macey, D.J., Niya, and Avery. Bob is well known and well loved throughout northeastern North Carolina



Lighthouse Award recipient Bob Moulden receives congratulations from President John Maurice.

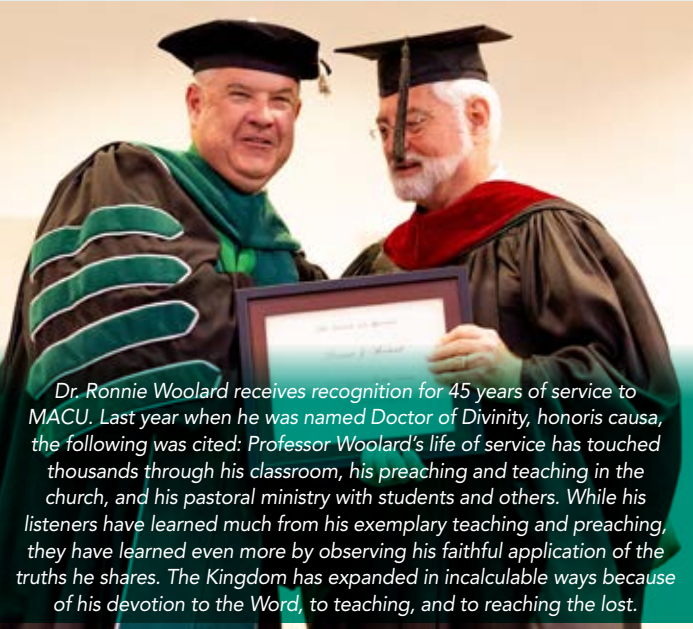
and beyond as a faithful preacher and exemplary servant, one who speaks, sings, and lives the Word. He received the award in recognition of his life as a faithful preacher, servant, and mentor. The Lighthouse Award is the second highest honor awarded by the University.

Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient Elizabeth H. Cross



ELIZABETH “BETH” HERBST Cross grew up as a preacher’s kid, daughter of Johnny and Cindi Herbst. She came to North Carolina from Cumberland, Maryland, where the Herbsts were ministering at that time. Beth is a 2005 graduate of Mid-Atlantic Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Bible and Theology and minor in Nonprofit Leadership and Administration. She is the retiring Executive Director of Help and Emergency Response, Inc. (H.E.R. Shelter), an emergency shelter and resource center for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Hampton Roads, Virginia. H.E.R. provides shelter and services to over 500 women and children every year. She is co-founder of the Coordinated Crisis Response System for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, a national Best Practice model; a member of the statewide Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance; and founder of the first domestic violence shelter in Chesapeake, Virginia. Beth and her team opened the RESTORE shelter for homeless families in 2018 and have been credited two Best Practice awards for the state of Virginia from the Department of Criminal Justice and the National Alliance to End Homelessness. In 2016 Beth was named one of “Forty Under Forty” in Hampton Roads, a recognition given to young men and women who are successful in their careers and involved in their communities. At that time she had served H.E.R. Shelter for ten years. She is wife to Aaron Cross ‘03, church planter and minister at Christ’s Fellowship Church in Portsmouth, Virginia, where they reside with her most important accomplishments: Isaac, 10; Josiah, 8; and Benjamin, 6. Beth received the award in recognition of her notable and selfless service to others. The Distinguished Alumni award is the third highest honor conferred by the University.

Service Longevity Awards



Dr. Ronnie Woolard receives recognition for 45 years of service to MACU. Last year when he was named Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, the following was cited: Professor Woolard’s life of service has touched thousands through his classroom, his preaching and teaching in the church, and his pastoral ministry with students and others. While his listeners have learned much from his exemplary teaching and preaching, they have learned even more by observing his faithful application of the truths he shares. The Kingdom has expanded in incalculable ways because of his devotion to the Word, to teaching, and to reaching the lost.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS included service longevity awards: Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministry Dr. Claudio D. Divino, Administrative Assistant/Academic Affairs Nancy E Duffer, President John Maurice, Housekeeping Supervisor Susan W. Outlaw, LMS Administrator and Instructional Designer Dr. Patrik Skultety, 5 years; Trustee Dr. Larry D. Cooper, 10 years; Adjunct Instructor Dr. R. Russell Mack, 10 semesters of teaching; Assistant Library Director Alice K. Andrews, 30 years; and Professor of Bible Dr. Ronnie J. Woolard, 45 years. Grace Minter and Joy Corbett earned the rank of first marshal and second marshal, respectively. Of the 31 individuals who received four-year degrees, 15 of them are vocational ministry majors (General Ministry, Youth and Family, Christian Ministry, Cross-Cultural, Applied Linguistics). This year’s 33 unduplicated graduates (number excludes those that received an AA in prior years; includes those completing degrees in August and December 2018 and in May 2019) brings the total number of graduates to 2,133 (1,376 legacy RBC/MACU and 757 legacy ECI/ECC).



Dr. A. Eugene Andrews

Andrews Addresses Class of 2019

DR. A. EUGENE Andrews, minister and adjunct professor, encouraged graduates with humor and scripture, challenging them to “always live for the glory of God by doing deeds that honor Him, seeking first His kingdom, watching your life and doctrine closely, and refusing to grow weary and give up.” Graduates also heard messages from Jacqui Nichols, valedictorian, and Leah Maclin, salutarian.



Valedictorian Jacqui Nichols



Salutarian Leah Maclin

2019 Honors Chapel Awards

- DISCIPLESHIP GROUP
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
Brealle White
- STUDENT BODY OFFICERS
FOR 2019-20
Ryan Kelley, President
Kendall Martin, Vice President
- RESIDENCE HALL RECOGNITIONS
Allie Hackett, Brandon Cabacar
- STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION
Dom Chasse, Zac Davis,
Micaiah Gilkes, Chris Gibbs, Leah Maclin
- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Marcus Simmons

- GENERAL MINISTRY
Chris Gibbs
- BARBARA A. WILLIAMS AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER
EDUCATION
Leah Maclin
- MELVIN STYONS OUTSTANDING
COUNSELING STUDENT AWARD
Vicki Riley
- YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY
Zac Davis
- MACU-ZONDERVAN
THEOLOGY AWARD
Darrien DeFederico

- MACU-ZONDERVAN
BIBLICAL GREEK AWARD
Darrien DeFederico
- STONE CAMPBELL JOURNAL
PROMISING SCHOLAR AWARD
(BIBLICAL STUDIES)
Abby Morgret
- THETA ALPHA KAPPA HONOR
CHORDS AND NEW OFFICERS
Jackson Cooper, Micaiah Gilkes, Tim
Gravgaard, Ashlyn Josephson, Leah
Maclin, Abby Morgret, Jacqui Nichols,
Josh Phillips; Gabby Howlett, President;
Kendall Martin, Vice President;
Tara Bird, Secretary

Class of 2019

SCHOOL OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES:



Dominic J. Chasse
BS | Youth and Family Ministry
& Biblical Exposition
Certificate: Family Life Education



Anissa N. Coles
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies
Minor: Family Studies



Jackson L. Cooper
CUM LAUDE
BS | General Ministry
& Biblical Exposition



Zachary C. Davis
BS | Youth and Family Ministry
& Biblical Exposition
Certificate: Family Life Education



Christopher P. Gibbs
BS | Biblical Exposition



Micaiah H. Gilkes
CUM LAUDE
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Dylan L. Johnson
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Jonathan P. Clifton
AA | Biblical Studies



Ashlyn N. Josephson
CUM LAUDE
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Joshua R. Josephson
BS | Youth and Family Ministry
& Biblical Exposition



Violet P. Krawchuk
BS | Cross-Cultural Ministry
& Biblical Exposition
Minor: Nonprofit Administration



Meghan R. Lee
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Tierra M. Lester
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Leah N. Maclin
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BS | Elementary Education
& Biblical Studies



James D. Matthews
BS | Biblical Studies



William S. Lane
AA | Biblical Studies



Jacqueline A. Nichols
SUMMA CUM LAUDE
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



McDixon Ogwo, Jr.
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Joshua P. Phillips
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Vicki F. Riley
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



J. E. T-wanna Simpson
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies



Louise M. Spry
BA | Biblical Exposition



Breanna L. Teetor
BS | Biblical Studies



Alexa G. Lanza-Castañeda
AA | General Studies



Brian D. Warren
BS | General Ministry
& Biblical Exposition



Aaron G. Warwck
BS | General Ministry
& Biblical Exposition



Ashley N. Webber
BS | Biblical Exposition



Pamela L. Wiley
BS | Counseling and Psychology
& Biblical Studies

DEGREE PRESENTED PREVIOUSLY OR IN ABSENTIA:

School of Undergraduate Studies:	School of Professional Studies:
Timothy S. Gravaard CUM LAUDE BS Business Administration & Biblical Studies	Kristy W. Ackerman BS Christian Ministry & Biblical Studies
Abigail C. Morgret SUMMA CUM LAUDE BA Applied Linguistics & Biblical Studies	L. Fitzgerald Parks BS Business Administration Minor: Biblical Studies
Bryce A. Pilliod BA Applied Linguistics & Biblical Studies	

Professional Studies:



Alison M. Lawrence
BS | Business Administration
Minor: Biblical Studies



S. Dean Williams
AA | Biblical Studies

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Honors, Recognitions at Spring Sports Awards Banquet

SENIORS LEAVING THE sports program were each given a Mustang blanket (Alex Stanley, Zac Davis, Chris Stowe, Leah Maclin, Talethia Alexander). Six spring athletes were named to the USCAA National Academic All-American Team. Also, 19 athletes were on the spring Dean’s List.



Athletes in Service

THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT made a donation of 25 blankets to Project Linus, which provides blankets to kids in tough situations, such as in the hospital or suffering abuse or other trauma. The mission of Project Linus is to “provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer ‘blanketeers.’” Wendy Flores (third from left), Administrative Assistant to the Registrar and a volunteer with Project Linus, received the donations for distribution.



Mersadeas Welling – Mustang on Mission, a service award selected by the coaches.



Brealle White – Mustang Pride, student-athlete that most embodies the ideals and characteristics desired in a MACU athlete, selected by the student-athletes.

Sports Program Grows

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ANDY Meneely reports that team rosters are filling up for the 2019 2020 school year. MACU will be fielding its first men’s baseball team, along with basketball (men and women), women’s volleyball, soccer (men and women), and golf (men and women). In addition, tennis, rowing, and cross country will be available in club format. For all things Mustang and up-to-date game schedules, check www.gomacumustangs.com/landing/index often.

MACU Hosts Community Prayer Breakfast; Brady Gives Message of Hope



ON APRIL 23 Trustee Roger Brady, Gen (ret), USAF, spoke to community leaders and friends who gathered in the chapel for a time of prayer and fellowship in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer.

Following are selections from his message “America and the Cult of the Individual.” (Author’s Note: For much of the societal statistics in this piece, I am indebted to Robert D. Putnam (Bowling Alone), Charles Murray (Coming Apart), Jean M. Twenge (Generation Me and iGen), Sherry Turkle (Reclaiming Conversation) and David Brooks (The Road to Character and The Second Mountain).

Setting aside a day of prayer is a very old tradition in America. In 1775 George Washington asked that a day be set aside for prayer and fasting. In the 1950s, Truman and Eisenhower declared days of prayer. Eisenhower established the National Prayer Breakfast, which numerous presidents have chosen to attend.

But one day of prayer stands out to me. In 1863, after the Union defeat at the first Battle of Bull Run, Abraham Lincoln called for a day of prayer and fasting. He said, in part:

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. . . .

It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”

I have lived through eleven presidents but don’t remember hearing anything like this from them. So what should today’s message be about? Regardless of where you stand on today’s issues, America is not very happy with

itself. Why?

Let me posit an idea. The generation of my grandparents and of my parents saw significant hardships – World War I, one of the world’s worst flu epidemics, the Great Depression, a second world war. But the nation survived together, largely through a spirit of community – “all for one and one for all.”

But we Baby Boomers came along and said, “This system of family and company and societal rules is rather confining. We want more. We want to express ourselves, to be free, to get ahead.” So many of us stepped on the train to the Land of Individual Freedom and Happiness.

We were the Me Generation before it was cool to be the Me Generation. Then we begat Gen X, the Millennial Generation, and now Generation Z. To Gen Z we issued a smart phone in 2010 and many of them, and us, have not looked up from the screen since.

We have become the cult of the individual in search of that illusive thing we call happiness, which is very much internally focused. And along the way we started to lose connection with those around us even though we may have thousands of friends and connections on social media. We no longer have to go out with friends. We don’t even have to talk to them; we just text.

But does this freedom to do as we choose and this abandonment of prior societal standards make us happier?

The mental health community says that 35 percent of Americans over 45 are chronically lonely, and only 8 percent of Americans report having had an important conversation with a neighbor in the last year. The fastest growing political group in America is called “unaffiliated,” as is the fastest growing religious group. The suicide rate in America has increased 30 percent since 1999.

We can seek to achieve success by the world’s standards, but having reached those heights, still feel lonely, alienated, and profoundly unsatisfied.

Adam and Eve fell for the idea that they could be like God. After the flood, some folks decided, “We need to build a great tower to the heavens so we cannot be scattered abroad.” At Mt Sinai the people decided to make their own God, one more to their liking. Having defeated the Amalekites, King Saul decided he’d keep a few of the spoils in contradiction of God’s orders. When David saw another man’s wife that appealed to him, he took her for himself.

All these actions were against God’s will, but God is not just the God of “no.” In every encounter with his people, he has said, “Be my people, and I’ll be your God.” He knows us and says to us,

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The rest that is promised is not the shallow happiness we often seek. It’s the joy fueled by the comfort of knowing that despite the very real, very difficult challenges that life brings us, our future is in the hands of the creator of the world. We are joyful living a life of commitment to his standards, to our fellow men, and to causes greater than ourselves.



New Ministries, Service

Dave Van Buskirk ’03 is now Lead Minister with Beechwold Christian Church in Columbus, OH.

Chris Brandow ’05 is serving Community Christian Church in McCoy, VA, as Senior Minister.

Tim Cyphers ’05 has been called as Worship Pastor for Valley View Christian Church, Edgewood, NM.

Danielle Hortelano ’08 has been called to be Director of Children and Youth Ministry for Mills River (NC) United Methodist Church.

Landon Elliott ’13 has been called to serve as Creative Arts Director for Center Church in Richmond, VA.

Ray Luyk ’13 is serving Goshen (IN) Christian Church as Senior Minister.

Brandon Davis ’16 is the Day Program Coordinator at Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Boston, MA.

Allie Morris ’18 has been called to West Park Church of Christ, Portsmouth, VA, to serve as Children’s Director.

Jackson Cooper ’19 is the Youth Pastor for Ocean View Pentecostal Church in Supply, NC.

Chris Gibbs ’19 is Senior Minister for Journey Christian Church, Elizabeth City.

Senior Tara Bird is an intern this summer at Middle River Regional Jail in Verona, VA, working with inmates through the jail’s counseling department.

Senior Amber Goodyear is serving this summer as Cafeteria Supervisor at Fort Caswell youth camp in Oak Island, NC.

Senior Cody Marks is serving as part-time pastor at Bethany United Methodist Church, Belvidere, NC.

Senior Britni Parker is a Chief Counselor (Counselors Supervisor) for the Older Girls unit at The Salvation Army Camp Sebago in Standish, ME. This is her fifth and final summer working for the camp.

Senior Destiny Robinson is interning with Project Transformation in Washington, DC,

to help facilitate summer and academic programs for low income families and youth.

Senior Kirstien Ward attended a conference in May working toward her PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) certification to work with children with special needs. She looks forward to incorporating equine therapy into her counseling work following graduation.

Junior Darcy Cichorz completed a spring semester internship with Community Church in Portsmouth, VA.

Junior James Hoffman is a summer intern with Tates Creek Christian Church in Lexington, KY.

Junior Dustin Mullins is interning at Nexus Church Planting Organization in Dallas, TX, this summer.

Sophomore Madison Atkinson is children’s director for Cabin Swamp Church of Christ, Columbia, NC.

Ordinations

Chris Gibbs ’19 at his home church, Pleasant Grove Church of Christ, Engelhard, NC, Mar. 24

Jackson Cooper ’19 at Ocean View Pentecostal Church, Supply, NC, June 1

Births

Buddy ’12 and **Danielle Ball ’12 Holloway:** Matlida Eris, Apr. 9

Stephen ’12 and Annalie **Brooks:** Benjamin Arthur, Apr. 15

Jimmy ex’07 and Ashley **McCloud:** Ellie James, Apr. 25

Spenser ’09 and **Allie Cecil ’10 Haskett:** Crew Maxwell, May 3

Weddings

Randy McCarty ’84 and Susan Smith, Apr. 2

Jacob Mullen and **Sarah Bowles ’17**, May 25

Matt Talley and **Angela Kemp ’06**, June 9

Other News

Congratulations to **Carol Cullipher Whitten ’90**, who was named Teacher of the Year for Georgetown Primary in the Chesapeake (VA) Public Schools system. She currently teaches second grade, but has also taught kindergarten and first and third grades at Georgetown.

Dr. Beth Strecker, MACU’s Library Director, graduated May 3 from East Carolina University with a second Master of Library Science degree with a concentration in academic libraries.

Officers for the Alumni Association for 2019-2020: **Dennis Crehan ’93**, President; **Connie Jenks ’87**, President-elect; **Helen Scott ’07**, Treasurer; **Rachel Hayes ’14**, Secretary.

Corey Goss ex’19 graduated May 3 from East Carolina University’s College of Criminal Justice/Law, where he was named Outstanding Undergraduate and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science (summa cum laude).

Lt. Col. George Sanderlin ex’94 relinquished command of the 614th Air and Space Communications Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA, on May 28 after a successful two-year command. This was the final leg of his Air Force journey as he retires after 24 years of active duty service on Aug. 1.

Corporal Vernon Siders Jr. ex’91, a detective investigator with the Davison (NC) Police Department, received the department’s Distinguished Service Award on May 29.

DATES AND EVENTS

For more information, visit macuniversity.edu

Aug. 12-16 Early Fall Intensive

Aug. 16-18 New Student Orientation

Aug. 19. Final Registration for Fall

Aug. 19. Classes begin, 2 pm

Aug. 20. Convocation

Aug. 25. @MACU B Haley, Speaking

Sept. 10 Grandparents Day

Sept. 23-27. . . . Mission Emphasis Week

Oct. 14-18 Fall Break

Nov. 7 Foundation Directors meet

Nov. 7, 8. Trustees meet

Nov. 9. Open House

Nov. 27-29 . . . Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 9-13 Final Exams Christmas Break

Jan. 13 Classes begin, 2 pm



TRIBUTE GIFTS

GENERAL FUND

David & Virginia Bateman (Honor)
by Real Life Christian Church

Gail Blanton (Honor)
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Vickie Cox (Memory)
by Gene & Alice Andrews

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by R.E. & Bonnie Everette

Maureen Gervias (Memory)
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John Hamilton (Memory)
by Christ in Action Class (Old Ford), Charles R. Gunning, Mr. & Mrs. Rayford Lilley

Don Manis (Memory)
by Anne Manis

John & Sherry Maurice (Honor)
by Lois Baton

Jonathan Parker (Honor)
by Randy & Valerie Parker

Timothy Turner (Honor)
by Jack & Nellie Taylor

Ernestine Woolard (Memory)
by Rosemary Church of Christ Patricia M. Woolard

FOUNDATION

Odin & Ruby Bennett, John West (Memory)
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by Dr. & Mrs K. W. Morris

MacArthur Britt, Jr. (Honor)
by MacAuthur Britt, Sr.

Al & Ann Clark (Memory)
by Richard & Joanne Clark, Carol C. Talbot

Alva Douglas (Memory)
by Amy Alligood

ECC Alumni Scholarship (Honor)
by Frank & Lois Harris, Carolyn Kustanbauter, Midge Segroves, Jonita Shoaff, William & Diane Ware

Florence Fritz (Memory)
by Denis & Madia Fritz

Robert & Margery Johnson (Honor)
by Crusader’s Class of Draper Christian Church

Dot Langley (Memory)
by Truth Seekers Class (West Park Church of Christ)

Ken & Linda Lewis (Memory)
by Keith & Pat Lewis

Master’s Twelve
by Beth BonDurant

Joyce Maurice (Memory)
by Estate

Matthew Maurice (Memory)
by Richard Kloss

Marshall and Viola Murphy (Memory)
by Floyd & Gail Lane, Emmett & Dolores Murphy

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



We Asked, God Blessed, You Gave

IN FEBRUARY MACU’S geothermal well collapsed, and we asked God’s people for their prayers and assistance. They responded with more than \$85,000, which has fully funded the well repair and has funded the replacement of other related HVAC equipment that had worn out. The new well is more than 500 feet deep and widened from 9 to 12 inches. This system provides power for heating and air conditioning for the Blanton Center (chapel, gym, library), Presley Hall (women’s dormitory), and Turner Hall (men’s dormitory).

Sympathy

is expressed to families and friends of:

Matthew Knight '58, Sept. 30

Ed Hertzog '73, Mar. 25

Maureen Gervais, Mar. 4 (former staff member)

Susann Hannaman ex'91, Apr. 21

Meghan Watson ex'13, May 1

John Hufton, May 21 (Trustee Emeritus)

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GUEST SPEAKER

B HALEY



August 25, 2019

MAIN SESSION: 5-7PM

FOOD • GAMES • INFLATABLES: 2:30-5PM

LOCATION

715 N. Poindexter Street
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

2:30-5 p.m.

Free cookout, games, and inflatables for your youth group!

5-7 p.m.

Guest speaker **B HALEY** (Drummer for TobyMac)
Worship led by **CRUZ RUEDA-LOPEZ '18**

For more information, contact brittany.meinsen@macuniversity.edu

MACUUNITED

A music and drama camp for teenagers coming to campus in the summer of 2020.

Watch for more details.

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Grandparent's Day September 10

Chapel: 9:30 a.m. | Chat: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy lunch and visit a class!
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FALL OPEN HOUSE – NOV. 9

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Campus Visits

Come for a Tuesday Tour to visit classes, attend chapel, enjoy a student panel, and learn about MACU. You are welcome to visit other days, too, as your schedule allows. Check the web site or contact admissions@macuniversity.edu for details.