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"One student said that she had been wanting to get a degree from an accredited Christian College for a long time and that now her dream could become a reality."

Several years ago, while going through our annual process of evaluation, we felt moved by God to figure out a way to be more diverse in both our staff and student population. Our College is very much of one color. While this does reflect the heritage of many of the churches represented by our current students, it doesn't represent the city or state where God has placed us. We are located on the outskirts of Lansing and only an hour and a half from Detroit. These are cities that are blessed with various ethnic and racial groups. It is to our detriment that we have not been in a position to experience the richness that kind of diversity can bring. We wanted to do something about it. Yes, there is encouragement from accrediting associations to emphasize diversity, but our motivation wasn't born of the desire to be politically correct, it was from a desire to be obedient to the Father and to enjoy the blessings He brings through others. Once that desire was made evident, God began to open doors.

Matt Parker, the Director of the Institute for Black Family Development, contacted us to discuss the possibility of offering classes in Detroit for those who had a desire for continuing adult Christian education. For many years he has been involved in helping others to be better parents and citizens but felt that now was the right time to offer more than certificate training. After several meetings it was determined that there was enough interest to offer an Associates Degree in Family Life Education and to establish an extension site. As a result of working with both the Association for Biblical Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, we now have a fully accredited extension site in Detroit. Great Lakes Christian College is in the Motor City! Our first Detroit class began July 14th with eleven students! They

are truly excited and grateful to be able to further their education in a Christian College setting. On one of the visits to that campus we had the opportunity to talk with most of our new students, and what they told us was gratifying. One student said that she had been wanting to get a degree from an accredited Christian College for a long time and that now her dream could become a reality. Another student said that this also was a dream come true. Because of experiencing financial hardship through most of his adult life, he never seemed in position to attend a Christian College and be trained for ministry. His dream came true. Still another, a man 52 years of age, said that he got detoured in life in his twenties and thought he'd never get the chance to earn a degree that could make a significant impact on his church and community. Now, his prayers have been answered. Their positive reaction to our presence in their community was echoed by most of the others. It has been wonderful to see God at work!

Because of the success of our efforts in Detroit we are working with Matt Parker to possibly expand our program to other communities in Michigan. His Institute has branches in many of those cities and he feels there is a need in the African American community for more programs like ours. This kind of effort takes a lot of prayer and money. This is where you can help. We need your prayers that God will not only open doors in other cities but that He will move individuals to give substantially to fund a scholarship for future potential students. We, together, can make an eternal difference in the lives of these students and in the communities in which they serve.

By Larry Carter President



Kathryn Stehle and Mary Lou Platner (BA 1965) enjoy the Alumni reception for Mary Lou's retirement.



Brian Carter (BRE 1999), Brian Walter (BRE 2000), Travis Fox (BS 2006), Ryan Apple (BS 2002), Ryan Hullah (1997-1999) made up "Light of the Pie" and led us in worship all weekend.



Ruth Doty and Diane Gorsuch (1967-1968) sign MaryLou's quilt during the Alumni reception for Mary Lou's retirement.

ALUMNIFEST 2006

It was another great homecoming weekend for Great Lakes Christian College and even the rain could not dampen the spirit. It began with the Alumni Dinner on Friday night where approximately 100 people mingled with attendance dates ranging from the 1960's to 2006. This dinner was made free for all members of the 2007 Alumni Association. After the dinner, Fred Lab presented a \$2500 check to the Doty Center building fund from funds raised during the Softball-athon last March. Dinner adjourned to the main session where Mel Harrell was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award by his son Kevin.

Craig and Rhonda Gates then traced their roots through GLCC. Rhonda's connection began when her family moved to Lansing so her father (Ron Scott, IPP 1976) could attend GLCC's first adult education program. Both Craig and Rhonda had brothers and sisters that attended GLCC which played a big role in the reason they came to GLCC where they met in 1975, fell in love, and became the first couple to be married in the GLCC Chapel. Since then, their connection to GLCC has not grown cold. Their ministry, Christ's Mission to the Yucatan, has hosted over 150 students and faculty from GLCC providing a cross-cultural ministry experience for our students. Currently, two of Craig and Rhonda's sons as well as two of their nieces are attending GLCC. The decision to attend GLCC has forever changed the lives of these two people. Rhonda says, "Craig and I feel that all of our deepest and most heartfelt friendships started here at GLCC and continue even today."

Sam Wrisley gave two very touching discussions on... touching. The first focused on "Do you need to be touched?" He talked about our daily need to be touched by Jesus and our continual unworthiness. From a passage in Mark 1, Sam points out that Jesus was willing to touch the most disgusting people. Even when our hearts are dirty and disgusting, Jesus will still touch us.

Saturday morning focused on "Who are you touching?" Are you willing to touch the icky things that Jesus would have you touch? It all boils down to two types of people: those who touch other peoples' lives and those who do not want to get dirty. We are no one without Christ.

The weekend wrapped up with lunch and inflatable toys for the youngsters and the young at heart. The GLCC soccer team played with Northland Baptist Bible College and last but not least was the annual Alumni Soccer game.

A great time was had by all. There is much anticipation as plans are already underway for AlumniFest 2007 which will feature an emphasis on all of GLCC's missionary alumni. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this event, please contact Rhonda Gates at rkgates@comcast.net.

Kathryn Stehle, Lois Hawver, Betty Stacy, and Judy Saunders

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD by Judy Beavers



Dr. Daniel Cameron – Professor of Theology

EDUCATION:

- B.A. San Jose Bible College 1968–1972
- M. Div. Lincoln Christian Seminary — 1975–1979 (while serving as Sr. Minister at Putnam, IL)
- Doctor of Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School — 1979–1988 (while serving the church in Peoria, IL)

SERVICE:

- 1988–1990 Great Lakes Christian College
- 1990–1992 Sr. Minister in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada 1992–1999 — Professor at Boise
- Bible College, Boise, Idaho
- 1999–Present Professor of Theology, Great Lakes Christian College

Excerpt from Judy Beavers' presentation at AlumniFest...

I graduated from Great Lakes in 1978, and came back in 1987 to work as Christian Service Director. About a year later, Dr. Daniel Cameron came here as a professor. We crossed paths several times, as he became an advisor to some of young men who were pursuing preaching in churches, and he helped mentor them. As I sat in his office, I instantly appreciated his honesty, his passion for the church, and his *fervor* for ministry students. Allow me to stop at this point and give you some synonyms for '*fervor*:' enthusiasm, zeal, obsession, dedication, commitment, vehemence, eagerness. Those words pretty much sum up Dan Cameron's drive and energy for the Word, for Theology, for his students, and for the Church.

Dan stayed at GLCC for only two years — from 1988–1990, and then accepted a pulpit ministry in a church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Dan returned to GLCC in 1999 as Professor of Theology to challenge students, to be involved in their lives, and to serve the College with great *fervor*.

After several months, Dan was called to become part-time preaching minister at the Duplain Church of Christ where I am the part-time Worship Coordinator. I am in awe of Dan's unstoppable service in the kingdom. Without asking him, I'm pretty sure that he would say that he can't decide which ministry to give more to — the College, or the church. I hasten to add, that he serves both ministries very well. He serves well at the bedside of dving folks from the church and to their families. He serves our students by sharing in their lives around the tables in the cafeteria. Dan serves the congregation through sermons that are biblically sound and sometimes painfully honest and personally transparent. Dan teaches his classes imparting MUCH knowledge using not only the Word and other great textbooks, but the textbook of his life — his own personal experiences. Dan and Donna have a vital ministry with people in the hospitals. Dan counsels many, and teaches others about calling and about sharing their faith.

His sense of humor is uncanny (synonyms: weird, eerie, strange mysterious), but his humility, his honesty, his loyalty, his intelligence, his *fervor* — is to be honored.

I have the privilege of seeing both sides of the ministry and service of Dr. Dan Cameron — the privilege of seeing him *live out* and *do* in the church — exactly what he teaches in the classroom.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

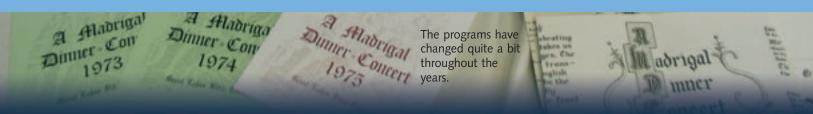


Mel Harrell

Melvin Owen Harrell was born the sixth of seven children in the Harrell household in Montcalm county, Michigan. His son Kevin (ARE 1978) had the honor of presenting the award to his father. Kevin regaled to us a heart-warming story about how Mel met his wife (Karen) when they were in third grade. Mel Harrell attended GLBC from 1956-1963 during the transition from Rock Lake

Christian Assembly in Vestaburg to Lansing. As soon as he started College, Mel began preaching. He was ordained around 1959 at his home congregation of Ferris Center Church of Christ. Since then, has preached all over the state of Michigan, as well as in Indiana, Ohio, and Florida including a 5 year stretch as the Camp manager at Rock Lake Christian Assembly. He now leads a house church in his own home in Crystal, Michigan.

Mel was a trustee for GLCC for two terms. Mel and Karen's children Kevin (ARE 1978) and his wife Denise (1976–1978), Nathan (1978–1980), Scott, and Tami Epperson (1987–1988) as well as his oldest grandchild, Ryan (current student) continue to grow the Harrell roots through GLCC.



MADRIGAL MEMORIES

While some of the costumes have changed over the years and some of the decorations have changed, the beauty and pageantry of the Madrigal dinner, with its occasional mischief making by the jester and company has remained constant.

- 33 years of Madrigal memories
- The Madrigal Dinner was started in 1973, by John Wakefield. The first year it was primarily a concert, and there were 15 singers.
- 186 different singers involved from 1973-2005
- The first Madrigal dinner had a total of 467 people attending.
- Beef was served as the main course for the first 15 years, and bread pudding was the "Figgie pudding" dessert until 1995.

- Lloyd Knowles was the first jester and continued to play the role for 14 years, with a few recaps, most recently as an "old" jester in 2002.
- 1973, there were 3 performances, at a cost of \$6 per person.
- Dr. Doty (BRE 1975) was in charge of the drama from 1974-1981, and adapted 15th century plays.
- By 1977, this had grown to 6 performances (held during one week, Mon.-Fri., with a noon matinee on Friday!)

- George Brown started directing, based on Doc's medieval adaptations, in 1978, and began writing the drama in 1982 and has continued to the present, 23 years!
- 1982, it became 2 weekends.
- 1993 was the first year that we used GLCC students as servers
- 1994 was the first year we cooked the meal ourselves.
- This year we anticipate over 1200 people will attend one of six performances

We had 33 singers come back for our Madrigal reunion: 1 from the first Madrigal Dinner, Marsha McCormick (CSC 1975); a few singers who sang under Shockley Flick's leadership, a few under Gary Gregory, and 1 under Gary Sprague's leadership. The majority were from 1990 to the present under Esther Hetrick's direction. We also had one mother and son combination in the Madrigal reunion choir—Kelly Warren (Steere, ARE 1981) and her son, Brendan Warren (a freshman this year). The reunion choir sang two favorites: "Masters in this Hall" and "Carol of the Bells."





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GLCC was recently blessed with a \$100,000 gift annuity. The couple that

gave this gift will receive \$6,500 yearly for the rest of both of their lives as well as a \$36,353 charitable tax deduction in the year it was given. This type of planned gift is a blessing to us and ultimately to them. I appreciate their vision in assisting Great Lakes in this way. A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) has become a popular way to give to the College as well as receive income in pre-retirement or retirement years. Interest rates of 6.6%, 7.5%, and 9.2% can be very appealing to those who are charitably minded and are 60, 70, and 80 years of age respectively. This is a great way to make a gift, increase your income, and slice your tax bill - all in one transaction. A CGA is a contract in which you exchange a gift of cash or securities for a guaranteed fixed income each year for the rest of your life while receiving a charitable deduction in the year of the gift and tax-free income for a period of years. You will find that making this type of gift brings about a personal satisfaction in knowing you are making a gift of lasting significance.

For example the case of Mrs. Jones, age 70, who had certificates of deposit that were nearing maturity. She took \$10,000 from one of the matured CDs and gave it to University College for a Charitable Gift Annuity. For that gift Mrs. Jones received an annual income of \$670 (6.7%), of which \$362.47 will be tax free for around 15 years; and an income tax charitable deduction of \$4,385; and the immediate satisfaction of making a truly significant gift. (If this gift was funded by appreciated securities there would

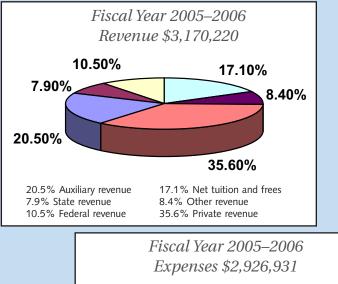
be some capital gains tax avoidance.)

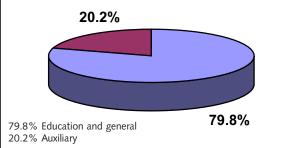
I can provide you with a free gift annuity analysis that answers all your questions.

Please e-mail me (pbeavers@glcc.edu) or call 517-321-0242, extension 215, to learn more of this charitable opportunity.

The Doty Center project is an ongoing challenge. As of July 1, 2006 we have approximately \$500,000 in the building fund. We continue to function under the theme "Partnering to Change Lives" as we solicit gifts to this fund. The proposals we have submitted to foundations are still outstanding and word will not come until late November. At that time we will evaluate our position and determine the direction necessary to finish the project. We move ahead with great expectation of this building becoming a reality with God's direction and timing. Please pray for this project and consider a priority gift. If you would like more information on the Doty Center project, please contact Phil Beavers, pbeavers@glcc.edu or 517-321-0242, extension 215.

By Phil Beavers Vice President of Institutional Advancement





The fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was very successful. The College continued to operate in the black with an increase in net assets of \$243,289.

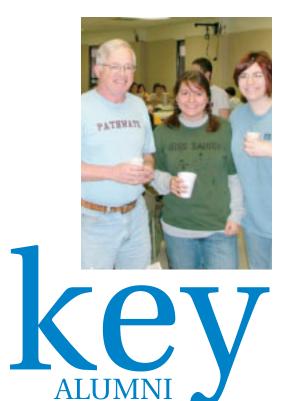
WHILE YOU WERE OUT...

Many people think that summer is the slow time during the year for a college. But summer is our opportunity to make repairs and gear up for the next school year. After the students move out for the summer, our maintenance crew is always busy! They get to work very early in the morning so they can get the majority of their work done before the heat of the day.

Many improvements were made to the buildings and grounds, including an exercise room in the men's dormitory, roof repairs and remodeling in the administration building, and campus landscaping. The service road for the campus was resurfaced and a parking lot was installed for the soccer field. We continue to update the technology center and classrooms for our students.

Thankfully, our maintenance crew did not have to shoulder the load alone. A volunteer group of about 15 people from Elizabeth Lake Church of Christ in Waterford, Michigan came for one day in early August and had a campus work day. They cleaned the men's dorm, threw out old furniture, arranged wood-chips around all the trees, weeded, and did general maintenance in the offices. They did a really great job and were really excited about GLCC. Thank you Elizabeth Lake Church of Christ!





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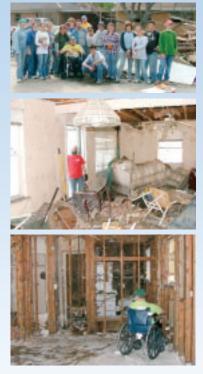
to key@glcc.edu."

We have been blessed to see so many good things going on in the lives and ministry of our alumni. To this end, the alumni have been given this space in each issue of our KEY to highlight KEY alumni. This space will feature stories and/or information about our alumni in action. Of course, we need your help in getting these stories! Please pass along your story, or stories of alumni you know to be considered for publication in an upcoming issue to key@glcc.edu.

One such story from our last Week of Outreach...

Gulf Coast region finds Great Lakes Christian College students and alumni working side by side in relief efforts

A group from GLCC went to New Orleans in early April to assist in disaster relief efforts headed up by Crossroads Missions and Journey Christian Church. They arrived and were excited to find Tom Chamberlin (BRE 1974), Les Crooks (BRE 1996), and Reggie Olson (1972-1973) already participating in the relief efforts. "It is what we are about," said Lloyd Scharer (BRE 2003) Director of Admissions and College Relations at GLCC. "How good it is to see our students and alumni fulfilling our mission of raising servant-leaders for the church and world!"



Top: Our team of GLCC students along with a group from a church in Kentucky gather with the homeowners for a picture in front of the pile of rubble they pulled out of the house.

Middle: Current student Christina Vorrell surveys the work ahead of the team.

Bottom: Current student Jacob Garber rests after a long day's work and surveys a job well done.

Upper Left Photo: Tom Chamberlin (BRE 1974) pictured with current students Melissa Ploof and Christina Vorell last April.

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Larry Sims (1974-1976) is the new Field Services Manager for IDES. Larry is available to speak at churches, conferences, and other events to promote the ministry of IDES. www.ides.org

On February 3, **Ed Harnish** (BRE 1975) celebrated 30 years in local ministry; and on June 21 he marked his 19th anniversary at Marlboro Christian Church in Alliance, Ohio.

Carol Ridenour (BRE 1977) lost her battle with cancer and passed away on July 19.

1970s

Bill Baumgardner (BRE 1987) joined the Cincinnati Christian University faculty to direct service learning — Christian service activities, internships, and graduate field education. He will also teach in the ministries department.

1980s

Brian Heninger (BRE 2002) accepted a youth ministry position at Central Christian Church in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Current student **Jordan Ickes** and **Wendy** (**Beavers,** BS 2002) were united in marriage on July 14.

Jessica Klepal (2001-2005) married Jordan Brown on August 12.



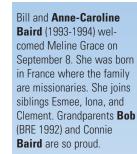
Dan Nicksich (BRE 1987) had devotions published in the Fall of 2005 issue of *Devotions*, the Winter 2005-2006 issue of *Secret Place*, a short article in the January 22, 2006 issue of *Evangel* and a sermon titled "In God We Trust" in the June 2006 online edition of *Preaching*.

WRITINGS

Congratulations to the White Pigeon Church of Christ in White Pigeon, MI which celebrated its 35th anniversary on September 17 with the burning of the mortgage.

Carolyn (1965-1968) and Guy Modlin (BSL 1968), Wayne (BSL 1967) and Sue Michael (1963-1967), Jim Harnish (BRE 1975), Ed Geans (ThB 1970), Sally Garman (BCE 1968), and Larry (BSL 1970) and Susie Vollink (1966-1969) at a reunion dinner on February 23.





Braydon Mikeal **Kennedy** arrived on May 30 at 7 lbs. 14 oz to parents **Chad** (BRE 2000) and **Wendy** (**George**, BS 2000) and big brother Kenan.

Lance (BRE 2003) and Laura (Skiver, 1996-1998) Stomm had their third child, Traejen Alexander — 7 lbs., 14 oz., 22 inches.

Reggie and **Brandi** (**Goodrow**, BRE 1999) **Clem** had their first child on June 20. Elle Jean came into this world at 8 lbs., 12 oz., 22 inches.

Jared and **Kimberly** (**Walter**, 1998-2000) **Stetzel** and sister Lilee welcomed Connor Dominic on August 3. He made his entrance at 4 lbs., 9 oz., 17.5 inches.



Ryan (BS 2002) and Darcie (Foust, BS 2000) Apple welcomed Micah Christian at 10:45 a.m., August 22. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 15 oz., 20 inches and joins sisters Dorian and Elliana.

Baby boy Baruch-El Rishon has brightened the lives of **Tim** (BS 2005) and Kasey **Berry.** Born on September 16 at 1:23 a.m., he weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz., and was 20.25 inches.

Jeff (BRE 1999) and Susie (Riggs, BRE 2002) Finkbeiner had a baby girl on September 25. Elise Marie was 8 lbs., 6 oz. and 21 inches. She has lots of long black hair.



FUTURE CRUSADERS



Director of Admissions: Lloyd Scharer Mike Klauka (BRE 1983) resigned in September after almost eleven years with GLCC in different capacities but most recently as Director of Admissions and Athletic Director. The College appreciates the years of service he has given and the love he has for his alma mater. We wish for him God's blessings.

Lloyd Sharer (BRE 2003) has accepted the position as Director of Admissions and will continue his work with community relations. His new position will be the Director of Admissions and College Relations. Lloyd has served the past three years as registrar and Director of Community and Alumni Relations. Lloyd strives to communicate the attributes of GLCC to prospective students. Lloyd says, "I can't wait to share the mission and ministry of GLCC with high school students, and then to see them come here and see the effect that GLCC has on their lives."





It is no small feat to convince busy people that literature is an integral part of their growth to spiritual maturity, a true aid in living in the here and now. Read any good books lately? Read? A book? I just haven't found the time!

Now, if the "shoe" fits, it's only because we haven't heard from the other foot. Good books, like good shoes, let you walk around in somebody else's world. They support your soul. They wear well. Inasmuch as the book is well-written, it lets you experience vicariously a myriad of otherwise impossible circumstances. It's cheap entertainment. You can do it on a shoestring. Because you empathize with the feelings of the character, you also struggle alongside as he works to resolve the problems he faces.

But to get back to the issue (shoes), it is no small feat to convince busy people that literature is an integral part of their growth to spiritual maturity, a true aid in living in the here and now. Let's consider a common condition in the human experience: suffering.

In the words from that learned friend, Bildad (who happens to have a propensity for putting his foot in his mouth), "Please inquire of past generations, and consider the things searched out by their fathers." He's addressing Job on the problem of suffering (Job is and he's not; strangely enough, this makes Bildad the expert). And the advice he gives is to take counsel from those who have gone through this, to learn from others. Good advice. But it is not enough for Job to hear or to read what others have felt and discovered concerning suffering: he too must grasp for his own answer.

This seems a good place for a footnote from *Norton's Anthology of English Literature*, 3rd ed., Vol. I, p. 886:

Whether the cosmos is friendly to man, or indifferent to him, or hostile to his aims and aspirations is a subject which the writer of tragedy explores. From the book of Job though the great Greek tragedies and on to Shakespeare the tragic dramatist shows man suffering and trying to find the meaning of his suffering The essence of his nature is brought out by suffering: "I suffer, I will suffer, I learn by suffering: therefore I am."

The fact that man suffers, that every man suffers, is not the problem. The problem is that men have not accepted the truth concerning their situation and, therefore, have fabricated answers of their own — answers which are but fiction. Literature is often based on a false premise. Indeed, any premise which rejects the truth of Scripture is false. This does not negate a book's value entirely. Many times the writer discloses to us the way he alone feels or thinks; sometimes he speaks for a majority. Regardless, books let us know how other people feel and think. If we read only as a background study for evangelistic outreach, we accomplish much. But books often do something more.

Sometimes they let us know how we feel. They capture those vague and uncertain feelings and hold them in time and place, giving us an opportunity for introspection, for realizing that we are not alone in our struggles.

Sometimes they stagger us with a new thought, a new perspective, a clarity of some difficult concept. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "A mind stretched by a new idea never goes back to its original shape." Even in rejecting a new argument, the mind wrestles with it, strengthening the thinking of the reader.

Another reason for reading: Carroll Burnett says, "R.I.F.!" which is an acronym for "Reading Is Fun!" to which I say, "Not always." As the Preacher said: "But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion to books is wearing to the body" Ecc. 12:12.

The conclusion, then, is to realize that by reading we are able to expand our awareness, in time, in place, in feelings and thoughts, in quantity and quality. So what has this to do with Christian growth? Your walk is not limited to that pedestrian action of the feet. A poet, E.E. Cummings, wrote, "for every mile the feet go the heart goes nine." You cannot read without your mind going somewhere, without your spirit being involved. Your task is to walk by the Holy Spirit, in all your experiences.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" Prov. 3:5-6. He is able to guide our thoughts, to help us to see truth, even in the most unlikely places, like books.

George Brown Professor of English

S C H O L A R S H I P S

Great Lakes Christian College makes available several grants and scholarships to students who demonstrate special ability and/or who show financial need. The following scholarships are funded by GLCC and generous benefactors. These scholarships reduce the cost of education for students and the need is getting greater. As you will see, these scholarships assist students who want to be preachers, missionaries, educators in the public and private schools and churches, youth ministers, and musicians. If you would like to contribute to any of these scholarships to encourage next year's students, please contact Phil Beavers, 517-321-0242, extension 215 or pbeavers@glcc.edu.

Target Student	Scholarship	Qualifications	Use
Deerfield Church of Christ	Clyde Klauka Scholarship	All	т
Financial Need	Christian Ministries Scholarship	All	T/F
International	Russell Ash Scholarship	All	T/B
Ministry	Mellie & Mae Amstutz Scholarship	All	T/B
Ministry	Robert Monroe Scholarship	Junior / Senior	Т
Ministry or Missions	Jeremy Johnson Memorial Scholarship	All	Т
Missions	Ronald W. Fisher Mission Scholarship Fund	Junior / Senior	T/R&B/B/F
Music	Mary Martha Hargrave Music Scholarship	Junior / Senior	T/B
Music / Christian Education	The Joan (Lotridge) Dickinson Scholarship	Women students	T/B
Native American	Danielle Kuest Scholarship	Junior / Senior	T/B
Northeast U.S./Canada	New York Scholarship	All	Т
Novesta Church of Christ	Wanetta T. Little Scholarship	All	Т
Preaching Ministry	Carter Ministry Scholarship	Junior / Senior	T/RB/B/F
Preaching Ministry	Christian Leadership Scholarship	All	T
Preaching Ministry	Good Samaritan Trust Fund	Junior / Senior	T/B
Preaching Ministry	The Pine Run Scholarship	Senior	T/B
Special Award	Dr. Brant Lee Doty Fund for Higher Christian Education	All	T/R&B/B/F
Special Award	Louis Detro Scholarship Fund	Junior / Senior	T/R&B/B/F
Special Award	The Edmund Scholarship	All	T/B
Teacher	Christian Education Scholarship	GLCC/SAU student	Т

Key: T=tuition RB=room & board B=books F=fees



"When a decision is bathed in prayer it will ultimately generate the necessary result." In a society where our young people grow up void of the vital characteristics necessary to become the future leaders of tomorrow, our concern needs to be: what kind of example in leadership do we provide? I have had the opportunity to be a leader in corporate management and as well as serve the Lord as an Elder at the West Lansing Church of Christ. I believe the same principles can be applied in both circumstances.

In I Timothy 3, Paul identifies the characteristics and guidelines necessary for leadership in the church. One must be temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, etc... These same characteristics are also needed in my leadership in the workplace.

As a Director for Farm Bureau for nine years, I represented many agents and agency managers. I have learned from dealing with all of these people that one characteristic that is necessary in a leader is caring. There is a cliché, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." My workers came from a variety of backgrounds, and it seems that fewer and fewer are based on Christian morals. These are hurting people in a hurting world and they crave love and acceptance.

Consistency is what workers expect most in their jobs according to survey results. It was very important to be consistent in my treatment of each and every worker. While I learned that I had to show them that I cared about them as individuals, I could never imply that I cared for one over another. I had to be consistent in my praise as well as my reprimand.

Whenever a disturbance arose, my flesh response was to react out of frustration and verbalize how I felt. In order to avoid this and the painful feelings it can cause between co-workers, I have learned to pray before confronting any individual. I have also learned to intently listen to my employees and find out what it was that prompted them to act in the situation. This has allowed me to be more consistent and caring in my approach and the result has been that not only am I more at peace, but my employees are also more at peace because they feel that I care and they know that I will hear their feelings.

Finally, to be a leader in the workplace or in the church, one must realize that there are times when decisions must be made that are unpopular. But when that decision is bathed in prayer it will ultimately generate the necessary result. It is my belief as a servant-leader in the church and world that "caring without responsibility is not caring." Jesus lived it out better than anyone.

Individuals want to be appreciated and respected in the workplace as well as in the church. A leader must be able to care for the "flock." The lives of those we deal with are crumbling all around them and they need to feel confident in our leadership and example. I once heard an industry icon make the following statement in relation to managers in the workplace: "Managers manage things, Leaders lead people." Caring leadership is the catalyst that produces confidence in the people we lead. It is the ingredient that makes all the difference in people's lives.

Joe Solitro

Agency Manager, Farm Bureau Insurance GLCC Trustee Elder, West Lansing Church of Christ

MEET THE FACULTY

Great Lakes Christian College is proud to present our two newest faculty members: Ryan Apple, Instructor of Music; and Ron Peters, Instructor of New Testament. It is interesting to note that both Apple and Peters were co-valedictorians of the College's Class of 1999.



Ryan Apple, Instructor of Music

BRE — Great Lakes Christian College – 1999
BS — Great Lakes Christian College – 2002
MM — Central Michigan University – 2005
Ryan graduated from GLCC in 1999 with a Bachelor's of
Religious Education, with a Music minor. Not long after this, he decided to come back and finish his Music major. He graduated again with a B.S. in Music in 2002. He then went on to
Central Michigan University, to earn a M.M. in Music
Composition in 2005.

"When I first graduated from GLCC and went into youth ministry, I thought I would be happy continuing to enjoy music as a side hobby. A few months into my ministry, I realized that music was really where my heart was, and that if God gave me the opportunity, I would love to be involved in music full time."

Ryan is fascinated by music theory. "I love discovering the intricate ways in which God has ordered sound, and I love the absolutely unique and profound communication that music provides."

This semester he is teaching applied guitar lessons (9 students), Music Theory II, Aural Harmony II, Class Guitar, and leading a praise team ensemble known as "Cross Culture." In future semesters, he will be teaching Music History, Introduction to Music, Arranging for Worship Team and Band, and other levels of Music Theory and Aural Harmony classes.

Ryan feels blessed to be given the opportunity to come back as a professor and be involved in shaping the character and minds of today's students. "My four years as a student on the campus of GLCC were the most formational years of my life. The College is a great place to learn Christian character: both in and out of the classroom."

Ryan hopes to instill in students a deep appreciation for God's creation of music, and to think about music through a Christian worldview. He has been studying about the relation of music to theology and numerous other concepts that Christian scholars such as Jeremy Begbie are beginning to touch upon.

Ryan and his wife, Darcie (Foust, BRE 2000), have three children: Dorian Emma (age 3 1/2), Elliana Grace (almost 2), and Micah Christian (born 8-22-06). Ryan's hobbies include: playing guitar (classical, acoustic, electric) and composing music for various instruments, reading and playing ping-pong, basketball, and card games. "I'm a pretty big fan of the television show *Lost*."



Ron Peters, Instructor of New Testament

BRE — Great Lakes Christian College – 1999

M.A. — NT Biblical Studies, Cincinnati Bible Seminary – 2003

Ph.D. — (in progress) NT Biblical Studies, McMaster Divinity College Ron chose to study New Testament (NT) due in large part to his interest in the Greek language. "I discovered my passion for studying the Bible in the original language while a student here at GLCC.

Ron is teaching Acts, Johannine Literature, and NT Exegesis (Advanced Greek). "I love teaching from the Gospels

and Acts. Luke/Acts has always been of particular interest to me. Teaching NT Exegesis was a dream come true. As I said, I love the Greek language and I love studying the Bible in its original language. It brings me pure joy to be able to help others develop this skill."

"Coming to work at GLCC is like coming home in a number of ways. As an alumnus, GLCC has many fond memories for me. I have a deep and genuine affection for this place. As a Lansing native, teaching at GLCC allows me to minister to my home community. Since coming to work here, I feel like I have come home. I am overjoyed to be here."

His goals as a teacher are two-fold. First, he wants to help students grow in their personal relationship with God, to see their love for and commitment to God grow and strengthen. "Most importantly my desire is that the lordship of Christ would be the defining characteristic of their relationship with God, as I constantly pray it will be so for me." Secondly, he wants to help prepare them for service in and to the Church. "Ministry is an overflow of our relationship with God. We cannot love Christ and not love his body. If we love Christ, we will also love his body. My desire is to work with the student both in and out of the classroom. I hope to forge relationships that will endure beyond graduation."

Ron and his wife Suzanne own a coffee shop in Eaton Rapids called the Evelyn Bay Coffee Company. Suzanne runs the shop. "Suzanne is my biggest cheerleader. My success is due in no small part to the constant support and encouragement she gives me." Their daughter Jenelle is in 8th grade at New Covenant Christian School.

Ron's interests are varied and extensive including: golf, football, guitar, and running. He has also studied marshal arts. "I am a huge fan of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis."

TRANSITIONS



Vice President of Academic Affairs: Mark Christian (BRE 1987)

Mark Christian (BRE 1987), Professor of Interpersonal and Organization Communications, is our new Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Mark says, "I see this as an opportunity to help the College, serve my fellow faculty, and demonstrate to my students the principles that I teach them in my communication classes."

He gives the analogy about his son, Alex, in the various sports that he plays. If Alex's coach wanted him to change positions on the field and truly thought it would be for the good of the team, then Alex should do it without question. Mark views this move as being good for the College. After much discussion with Larry Carter, Mark decided that if his "coach" thought it would be for the good of the College, then it was his duty to accept the new position and give 100% toward being successful at it. "Greg Linton left some big shoes to fill, and personally, I do not feel qualified to fill them, but I know I am working with an outstanding team that can get the job done with excellence even while filling in the gaps left after Greg."

His primary goal in this position is the re-accreditation process with ABHE and HLC. This is a very big responsibility and it takes the cooperation of every employee of the school. His secondary goal is to create a communication trail to re-unite the decisions of the past with the future of the College tracking the trends that we have been through. He also strives to improve communication in general between Administration, Faculty, and Admissions so all departments can work more seamlessly together.

Mark continues his work as Senior Minister with the Mt. Pleasant congregation as well as keeping up with teaching all of his previous Interpersonal Communication classes and helping out in the Christian Ministries department when possible.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



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A Madrigal Dinner and Concert

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Women's Spring Celebration April 27th, 2007

Treasure in Jars of Clay 2 Corinthians 4:7



With Kay Moll

2006-07 Men's Basketball Schedule

November:		
Fri-Sat 2-3	Cincinnati Christian University Tourname	ent
Fri 2	vs. Cincinnati Christian University	8:00 pm
Fri 10	East West University	7:00 pm
Sat 11	Dayspring Bible College	1:00 pm
Fri 17	Emmaus Bible College	7:00 pm
Sat 18	Emmaus Bible College	11:00 am
Mon 20	Lincoln Christian College	5:00 pm
December:		
Sat 2	Oakland City University	3:00 pm
Mon 11	East West University	7:00 pm
January:		
Thurs 18	Rochester College	7:00 pm
Wed 31	Fairhaven Baptist Bible College	7:00 pm
February:		
Sat 3	Dayspring Bible College	12:00 pm
Wed 7	Fairhaven Baptist Bible College	7:00 pm
Sat 10	Lambton College	1:00 pm
Wed 14	Rochester College	7:00 pm

Bold indicates a home game



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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

February

Pre-Registration for Spring Semester
Fall Choir Concert
Ministry Wives' Retreat
Mitch McVicker Concert
Fall Choir Tour
Thanksgiving Break
Madrigals

December

January

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7-9	Madrigals	
19-22	Final Exams	
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Registration

Classes Begin

Trustee Meeting

Last Day to Add/Drop

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17-25	Week of Outreach 1
April	
2-6	Week of Outreach 2
17	Admissions Open House
20-21	Michigan Christian Convention
27	Women's Spring Celebration
27	Trustee Meeting

May	
8	Honors Chapel (new day)
14-17	Final Exams
19	Commencement

ON THE COVER

Top: Heather Saltsman, Mallory Bohnett, Sarah Scott, Michal-Ann Sapp. Bottom: Alisa McNerney cleans windows at Ruth Doty's house with the women's volleyball team.

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