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My father, John Milton Carter, Sr., passed away last spring. Dad was named after John Milton, the 17th century poet and statesman whose most famous work was "Paradise Lost." When I was young I tried to convince dad that Milton was right when he said, "They also serve who stand and wait." But, he didn't see the virtue of idleness and encouraged my four brothers to work hard and to do our best no matter the task. It took a while but we all learned that lesson. We learned other lessons as well.

I recall one particular time when I was alone with dad in the car that he asked me a question. The question came to mind because he had read somewhere that most young people didn't know who they were. They suffered from an identity crisis. So, he

I asked dad, "Pop, did you ever worry that one of us boys might get drafted and sent to Vietnam?" He replied, "No. After each of you boys accepted Christ as your Savior I never worried about you again. You are in His hands now."

asked me, "Larry, do you know who you are?" I answered tersely knowing that he appreciated succinctness, "Of course, I'm a Carter and a Christian." He said, "Good answer." And we drove on. In his mind and mine that answer encapsulated our identity. Dad taught us to know who we were.

On another occasion I asked dad, "Pop, did you ever worry that one of us boys might get drafted and sent to Vietnam?" He replied, "No. After each of you boys accepted Christ as your Savior I never worried about you again. You are in His hands now." He wasn't posturing - he meant it.

Dad's faith was deep and wide. He was a prayer warrior who absolutely believed in the promises of God. I remember coming home late one night and happened to pass by dad's bedroom on the way to mine. His door was ajar and I glanced in and saw dad on his knees praying. He always told us that he prayed for his boys by name every night and here he was doing it. I thought, "He really believes all this stuff, he really does." I lay in bed a long time thinking about the implications of what it meant to be a true believer.

After dad retired from Standard Publishing he and mom decided to move to Florida. I asked why they didn't keep their home in Cincinnati and be snowbirds. He replied, "Your mother and I could never be part-time church members." And they weren't. The church was their priority. Wherever dad went to church he was always involved as the preacher, a teacher, or an elder. There never was a question about his level of commitment to the church - he was all in.

One summer I was in Cincinnati visiting dad when I took a side trip over to Mt. Healthy to see the old

homestead. The neighborhood had changed radically since my boyhood from being predominately white to mostly black. The change had occurred while mom and dad still lived there and were one of the very few who didn't join the "White Flight". I pulled up in front of the house and parked the car and just sat there thinking about all the experiences our family had shared there. I noticed a black family across the street looking at me with concern and suspicion. So, after my moment of reflection I drove over to their house to let them know who I was and why I was there. I spoke to an older couple and a few of their grown children. I said my name was Larry Carter and before I could say anything else they asked, "Are you one of Mr. Carter's boys?" I said, "Yes." They all smiled and said what a great man he was. He had tutored one of their daughters. She had problems with her work in High School and dad had offered to help. He tutored her through High School and after graduation she went on to college to earn her bachelors and masters degrees. They were convinced she would never have been able to do it without Mr. Carter. I told dad of my encounter with that family and in his last weeks of life he recalled that moment with a catch in his voice and tears in his eyes.

Dad taught us about identity, faith, commitment and service. Those are the very things we endeavor to teach here at GLCC. Whether it be in the classroom or by example we know that it is these lessons that will lead to a meaningful and significant life.

Larry Carter
GLCC President

Expanding the Capacity for Learning at Great Lakes Christian College!

Please join us for a groundbreaking event!

Great Lakes Christian College will celebrate the official groundbreaking of the Expanding the Capacity for Learning Campaign and the construction of the Knowles Learning Center

Saturday, November 12, 2011 1:30 p.m.

on the lawn on the East side of Campus (behind the student Mall)



Knowles Learning Center

This building will expand the capacity and opportunities for research and discovery for our students who desire to learn and teach the Word of God. It will be an addition to the present Woodard Administration Building that relocates the Louis M. Detoro Memorial Library into the new Center and adds much needed office space for the faculty. This new office space will create an atmosphere of learning where professor and student can connect in a professional and yet informal setting. Relocating the Louis M. Detoro Memorial Library into the Learning Center would then give way to redesigning the old library and office wing into needed classrooms and additional cafeteria space which is a priority in order to accommodate the anticipated growth of our student body.

The amount required to accomplish this plan for growth is a faith-stretching and bold undertaking.

The Learning Center has an estimated cost of \$1.5 million dollars and gifts will be sought through a capital campaign fulfilled by three-year commitments.

CONSTRUCTION PHASES

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| • Phase One | New offices with conference area and cafeteria expansion | \$600,000 |
| • Phase Two | Louis M. Detoro Library relocation and remodeling for classrooms | \$900,000 |

LEADERSHIP GIFTS

One gift of	\$ 600,000	(\$ 200,000 / year)	equals	\$ 600,000
One gift of	\$ 100,000	(\$ 33,400 / year)	equals	\$ 100,000
Two gifts of	\$ 50,000	(\$ 16,700 / year)	equals	\$ 100,000
Five gifts of	\$ 30,000	(\$ 10,000 / year)	equals	\$ 150,000

PACESETTER GIFTS

Four gifts of	\$ 25,000	(\$ 8,400 / year)	equals	\$ 100,000
Ten gifts of	\$ 15,000	(\$ 5,000 / year)	equals	\$ 150,000
Twenty gifts of	\$ 7,500	(\$ 2,500 / year)	equals	\$ 150,000

INVESTOR GIFTS

Twenty five gifts of	\$ 3,600	(\$ 1,200 / year)	equals	\$ 90,000
Twenty gifts of	\$ 1,500	(\$ 500 / year)	equals	\$ 30,000
One hundred gifts of	\$ 300	(\$ 100 / year)	equals	\$ 30,000

TOTAL \$ 1,500,000

Knowles Learning Center

Expanding
the Capacity
for Learning

**\$1.5 Million
Campaign**



Expanding the Capacity for Learning

We completed the feasibility study at the end of April and with God's direction and a positive response, it was decided to move ahead into the silent/leadership phase of the campaign. The feasibility study revealed that GLCC was in a position to proceed with a \$1.5 million campaign to fund the Learning Center project. We see this facility having the potential of expanding the learning capacity and opportunities for our students. We are focused right now on raising the funds necessary to get started on the first phase which is the office complex (\$600,000). The completion of this first phase will kick off the process to expand and remodel the cafeteria. The second phase will be the new library and classroom remodel (\$900,000).

It is exciting to announce that we have secured a three-year pledge from a generous donor for \$600,000. The first gift of this pledge came in July \$300,000. This lead gift positions us to move forward into the construction of phase one. The groundbreaking and public announcement will be on Saturday, November 12 at 1:30 p.m. Please visit www.glcc.edu for more information and updates on this campaign.

Naming of the Learning Center

— from the desk of Larry Carter

The Administration of Great Lakes Christian College is pleased to announce that the new Learning Center will be named in honor of one of our most esteemed professors - Dr. Lloyd Knowles. Henceforth, our newest building will be called the Knowles Learning Center. The reason was twofold. First of all, our previously named buildings on campus are all in honor of those who have served Great Lakes in a special and unique way. We have the Woodard Administration Building, the Detro Library and the Doty Center. It follows naturally to have the next building be named in honor of another true servant who has played such an integral part in our College's history and growth. He has fulfilled the roles of professor, coach, dean of students, recruiter, mentor, and servant to the supporting churches. This leads us to the second reason. Because of his longevity of effective service, (he's been with us since 1970), his commitment to higher education, and his willingness to serve GLCC in so many ways, it seemed obvious that he was worthy of this distinct honor. Dr. Knowles humbly accepted the honor and only did so because of his desire to be helpful in furthering the ministry of Great Lakes Christian College.

\$1,500,000 Goal

\$788,558 Total 3-year commitments (9/23/11)

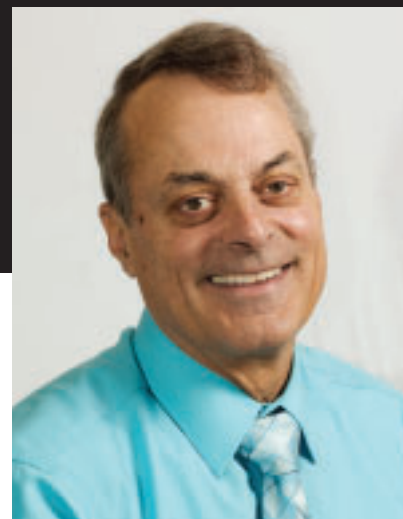
\$600,000 Phase One Goal

\$350,000 Cash on Hand (as of 9/23/11)



"It's been a real privilege to work all these years with the students, faculty and staff and administration I have known. GLCC is a very special place, with an atmosphere more like a large family than a small school. And yet, while it is a small college, it has over the years produced an amazing amount of highly capable people and high quality programs. Someday I will miss it all terribly but, God willing, not yet. I still look forward every fall to working in this environment as excitedly as when I first came here in 1970."

— Lloyd Knowles



If he had his way, this article would not have been published. In fact, he has made it known that in no way does he want anyone to "make much fuss" about this at all. Dr. Lloyd Knowles is, of course, speaking of the new Learning Center being named after him. So just to be clear, this article was not written to shine a light on Lloyd Knowles; rather it was written to shine light on what God can do through a person who is committed to pursuing the character of Christ.

At the tender age of 17, Lloyd realized that "the only thing that's important in this life is that which effects eternity." That realization set him on a path that eventually led him to, what was then called, Great Lakes Bible College. He was a 23 year old Milligan College graduate who was just finishing up his seminary work at Emmanuel School of Religion when he accepted the position as GLBC's professor of Christian Education. (He would also teach some history.) He admits that when he first came to the campus he wasn't quite sure what he had gotten himself into. He had never set foot on a Bible College campus before and had visions of professors and students filing down the halls each day holding candles and singing, "Let all mortal flesh keep silent."

However, Dr. Knowles says, "Three things happened early on at GLCC that assured me I had made the right choice." The first was that he was granted a great deal of academic freedom from the administration. Second, an older and more seasoned English professor named Rodney Vliet took the young professor under his wing and helped him adjust. The third may have been the most memorable for Dr. Knowles. He recalls attending a picnic at the home of then Director of Relations, Curt Lloyd. Still unsure of these older, straight-laced Bible College professors and administrators, he watched as President John Hasty took on the dean, Dr. Brant Lee Doty in a "very spirited" game of ping-pong! Lloyd's not sure who won the game; however he does remember the uproarious laughter and good time that ensued! He saw that these men were down-to-earth, fun-loving friends who truly enjoyed being with one another. It was then that Lloyd knew he was a part of something great.

Dr. Knowles has a very simple but challenging educational philosophy: Character building, first of all. For the past 41 years he has held onto that guiding principle as he has taught hundreds and hundreds of students here at the College. His influence and character-building stretches from generation to generation. In fact, he has now

taught 3 generations in some families! Although not listed on the syllabus; dedication, commitment, humility, service, and hard work are clearly taught in his classroom.

However, this character building mindset drives him to go much farther than the classroom. It's his desire not just to teach his students but to develop lifelong relationships with them. On most days you can find Lloyd coming to campus early, staying late and dropping by on weekends just to be available for his students. While his 41 years of teaching classes are all carefully recorded and documented, it would be impossible to clock the number of hours spent building character on the touch football and softball fields, in the hallways and in the cafeteria. (Ah yes, the cafeteria! Calculating those hours alone would take a genius!) These are the real classrooms where character is built.

While listing all of his diplomas, degrees, accomplishments, and awards here would seem very appropriate, he would rather the College not "make much fuss" about him. That is perhaps one of the biggest reasons he is being honored through this project. It's not about him. It's about what God can and will do through a person of character.

"Dr. Knowles humbly accepted the honor and only did so because of his desire to be helpful in furthering the ministry of Great Lakes Christian College." — President Larry Carter

When asked if he has plans to retire, he said the same thing he said when asked about retiring from softball, "I'll stay as long as am able to and as long as I'm not hurting the team."

Character building first of all. The College and all her students have been forever changed by the simple, yet challenging, desire of one servant who has devoted his life to "that which effects eternity." May we all have this mindset and allow it to drive us to become more and more like Christ.

"Working alongside Lloyd Knowles for thirty-three years has been a great experience. He is a man of integrity and industry, fully committed to Christian higher education. Lloyd is tenacious, persistent, even importunate on occasion, but always on behalf of the College and the cause of Christ. I am very proud to serve GLCC in his company." — George Brown



It is with excitement that we announce the *Expanding the Capacity for Learning* campaign that will position us for further growth and effectiveness.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." With greater urgency the words of Jesus still ring true today, even in a weakened and uncertain economy. The desires of our Lord and the need for workers in the harvest field continue to be the driving motivation behind Great Lakes Christian College. The need is great in the 21st Century to train, to educate, to send out those who can both live and preach the Gospel. Sending servant leaders into the harvest field with the Gospel is not just a goal of the past but our vision for the future.

For over 60 years, GLCC has pursued its original dream of providing leadership for the churches and communities in Michigan and the surrounding tri-state region. From its humble beginning of twelve students in a log cabin over a generation ago, GLCC has grown to more than 250 students dedicated to preparing themselves for a life of Christian service. Through the years, the College has kept its family-like atmosphere while establishing a reputation for

academic excellence. This excellence is a result of a qualified faculty dedicated to mentoring students and teaching them the Word of God.

GLCC's commitments to Biblical truth and practical ministry have been notable characteristics of the College for over six decades. Its graduates are spread across America and around the globe. They provide leadership and service for churches, educational institutions, businesses, and a wide range of professional fields.

GLCC is a remarkable blend of perseverance and progress. The decisions for growth have been forged in prayer and planning. Through it all, the College has emerged with greater intensity, a more positive spirit and a solid leadership. Today, stability is the standard and growth is expected.

This is why we are pursuing the Knowles Learning Center. This building will expand the capacity and opportunities for research, discovery, and mentoring for our students who desire to learn and teach the Word of God. It will reinforce our mission of graduating Christ-like individuals prepared to serve Him in the church and world.

It is with excitement that we announce the *Expanding the Capacity for Learning* campaign that will position us for further growth and effectiveness. You will see more of the campaign details on pages 3-5. I encourage you to pray for and partner with us as God leads you. We are close to reaching the first phase goal, which will allow us to build the first phase debt free. I call upon friends and alumni of the College to join with us to reach this goal and the total goal in a timely matter. We move ahead in faith believing that God will provide the resources necessary to put us in a posture for future enrollment growth.

Phil Beavers
Vice President of
Institutional Advancement

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2011 Distinguished Alumni and Divine Servant Awards

2011 Distinguished Alumni Award

Fred Zimmerman

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to an alumnus of GLCC who has served faithfully in the Kingdom of God and whose character is above reproach. This person must show a deep commitment to Jesus Christ. In addition, the recipient must demonstrate boldness, servanthood, and integrity in the home, church and community. A consistent loyalty to GLCC must be evident. Their service to the Kingdom must be carried out with outstanding talent, leadership in his or her field, and the continuing priority of bringing distinction to Jesus Christ and to Great Lakes Christian College.

It was the unanimous agreement of the Alumni Association that Fred Zimmerman met the criteria and should be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award as soon as possible. However, he died just 5 days later and the award could not be presented to him personally. Fred had already heard the Father say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Phil Beavers presented the award to Bonnie, on behalf of the Alumni Association, during Fred's memorial service on June 11 with his friends, relatives, and church family present.

Fred will always be remembered for his servant's heart, love for our Lord and his commitment to the Great Commission.



2011 Divine Servant Award

Andy Hansen

Each year recognition is given to a Senior student or alumnus whose life has consistently illustrated the sacrificial servant spirit as taught by Jesus Christ and demonstrated in the life of Dr. Brant Lee Doty. This award is the highest and most prestigious this College offers.

This year's recipient is Andy Hansen. Andy is a graduate of Great Lakes Christian College (1976) and Cincinnati Bible Seminary. He joined the ministry of Christ In Youth on July 15, 1985. He served as the Director of Conferences for 19 years,

and in May of 2004, the Board of Trustees appointed Andy to the role of President of Christ In Youth. Prior to this, Andy was the Associate Minister in charge of youth for 10 years at Kentwood Christian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan where our president Larry Carter served as Senior Minister. Andy has also served Great Lakes Christian College as trustee and has been invited to speak on numerous occasions.

His passion is to see thousands of youth touched for Christ and using their gifts for the kingdom. GLCC is proud of Andy and the huge strides he's made to advance the Kingdom of God through his sacrificial and selfless ministry to our youth.



Andy Hansen
and Ruth Doty



Imagine, leaving the halls of GLCC only to find an entire family of GLCC Alumni waiting to cheer you on as you begin your journey.

Those who attended the GLCC Graduate Banquet held last May witnessed the Alumni Mentoring Ministry in action for the first time. The Alumni officers, especially Susie Finkbeiner, have been working on this project for several months and we are excited to see how God will bless ALL of our graduates through it.

The purpose of the ministry is to create a sense of belonging and security for our new graduates while re-connecting past graduates with the College. Ideally this ministry will create relationships between those who are leaving GLCC to go out into the world and those who have already been working and ministering in the world for awhile. Our hope is that those who have already maneuvered their way through some of the rough spots can show the way for those who have just stepped onto the path. Imagine, leaving the halls of GLCC only to find an entire family of GLCC Alumni waiting to cheer you on as you begin your journey. Our Alumni hold a wealth of wis-

dom, experience and knowledge that our new graduates can benefit from as they leave our campus. In addition, the Alumni now have a way to "pay it forward" by caring for the new graduates just as others cared for them along their journey. GLCC's heritage is strong and rich and this program will help the new graduates realize that they are a part of something much bigger than they ever imagined. Strong alumni strengthening new alumni as they build the Kingdom together.

The concept is really quite simple. Each year the ten-year graduates will partner with the new graduates to act as mentors and encouragers. This year, we asked the 2001 graduates to come alongside the 2011 graduates. Several times during their first year after graduation, the ten year graduates will connect with the new graduates through emails, phone calls, notes, and visits. As the program moves forward, the class of 2002 will be asked to mentor the graduating class of 2012, and so on.

I also see this ministry as a way of strengthening the Alumni Association that we might better serve the Alumni of the College. As the Association becomes stronger, we will be better able to support the College. If you would like to know more about this ministry or how you can become involved, please contact the College or one of your Alumni officers.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27: 17) We are believing great things for this ministry and know that God will bless His church through it!

Glory to God!

Don Crain

President, Alumni Association

Missions Emphasis Week October 18-20

Featuring Mr. Wing Wong

Our speaker will be Mr. Wing Wong a Chinese Church planter from Hong Kong and this year's President of the National Missionary Convention. As always, in addition to having chapel each day at 11:00 a.m., we will have several mission agencies on campus to talk with our students.



ALUMNI NEWS

1950s

Earl L. Scott (1958-1963), age 71, of Fruitland Park, Fla., formerly of Vestaburg, passed away suddenly on August 1 in Saginaw, Michigan. He ministered with churches in Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois and Michigan. Earl retired from Wheatland Church of Christ in October 2010, after 48 years of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1970s

Fred Zimmerman (ARE 1979) passed from this life on June 6. Read more about Fred on page 7.

1990s

Corby Blem (BRE 1990) has been accepted as an ArtPrize Artist. His artwork entitled *Checkered Past: Freshman Nerds*, 1963 will proudly hang in Stella's Lounge in Grand Rapids.

Jamie Perry (1993-1997) went to be with the Lord on April 11. He was ordained by Elizabeth Lake Church of Christ and ministered at Algonac Church of Christ.



Dawn Blaker (BS 1998) and **Jeremy Miller** eloped on April 14, 2010. They had a public church wedding and reception for friends and family on June 12, 2010. The couple also announce the birth of Grayson Michael on

February 25, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

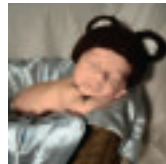


FUTURE CRUSADERS



Rachel (Lautzenheiser, 1999-2000) and **Aaron Lantzer** welcomed new addition Molly Jean on December 2, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 21 inches long. Molly joins

big brothers Christopher and Caleb and big sister Maddie.



Kimberly (Walter, 1998-2000) and **Jared Stetzel** announce the birth of their son, Rylan Wayne on April 16. He joins big sister Lilee Alayna, 7 and big brother Connor Dominic, 5.



Nine pound 1 ounce, Ellie Renee was born on July 6 to **Jordan** (BS 2007) and **Wendy (Beavers,** BS 2002) **Ickes**. Dad, mom, big brother Oliver, and baby are all doing well!

Benicio Leroy was born on June 1 to **Adrienn** (BS 2009) and **Anthony Vasquez** (2006).



On March 1, **David Alan** (BRE 2004) and **Annette (Leazenby,** BS 2002) **Deaton** welcomed Evelyn Glory to their family. Siblings, Abigail and Judah, are loving her every minute!

Emerald Jolene was born at 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 21.5 inches long on April

29 to parents **James** (BS 2007) and **Melissa (Ploof,** 2005-2009) **Bruin**. Jim is maintenance staff at GLCC and Melissa graduated from Ross University in December 2010 with a Medical Assistant certificate.



Betty Stacy arose with her Savior on Easter Sunday, April 24. Though Betty did not attend GLCC, she and her husband have been instrumental throughout its history, and a number of their children and grandchildren are alumni.

Send alumni news to key@glcc.edu

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ron and Marilyn Fisher have been presented with the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award by Cincinnati Christian University. They were married in 1956. Ron taught English while a graduate student at CCU. They served churches in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan from 1949 to 1971 when Ron was called to teach at Great Lakes Christian College where he served until retiring in 2001. During their 30-year tenure at GLCC, the Fishers also ministered on weekends with the Northview Christian Church in Coldwater.

Their ministry and ongoing contributions to the Kingdom serve to show us all what true servant leadership looks like. GLCC has been blessed and countless lives have been changed because of their willingness to be used by God.





Communicating with Eternity in Mind

(Note: This is a two part series. This first article focuses on interpersonal communication. The second article, which will appear in the spring 2012 edition of the Key, will focus on organizational communication.)

Have you considered that becoming a better communicator would allow you to more effectively communicate the love of Christ to others? If we are to spread the good news of the Gospel to all the world, we might want to stop to consider how effective we are as communicators. You are, by nature, a communicator. However, “effective” communicators have intentionally taken the necessary steps to develop, hone and sharpen their communication skills. Excellent communicators intentionally focus on improving in four critical areas: knowledge, experience, motivation, and attitude.

The most effective communicators consistently open themselves up to many varied and new communicative situations and are not afraid to engage in novel experiences and challenges.

Knowledge According to Spitzberg and Cupach, a part of our knowledge base is *content* knowledge (“knowing what” or “knowing that”). This information is collected from books, lectures, and the experiences of others. The remainder is *procedural* knowledge (“knowing how”), which involves learning what effective communicators do. (B. H. Spitzberg and W. R. Cupach, Handbook of Interpersonal Competence Research, New York: Putnam, 1993). Effective communicators use eye contact, touch, active listening, and constructive feedback. Knowing how Christ loves and being able to convey it to others with clarity and accuracy are vital if we are to win the world for Him.

Experiences From day one, we begin to imitate and model those closest to us. Improving relational communication, like developing effectiveness at any skill, is difficult work. The most effective communicators consistently open themselves up to many varied and new communicative situations and are not afraid to engage in novel experiences and challenges. Broadening our experiences will serve to expand our appreciation and ability to connect with others on many levels. This opens the door to relating these shared experiences with others in an effort to help them understand the many varied and individually unique ways in which Christ loves them on a personal level.

Motivation The desire to communicate effectively is perhaps as important, if not more important, than all the behavioral prescriptions we might employ. If we are strongly

motivated by our desire to be understood, believed and to have influence then we are likely to use effective communication techniques to accomplish our desire. Passionately prioritizing our mission to win the world for Christ will propel us to do whatever is necessary to become as effective as we possibly can be as communicators.

Attitudes Certainly we could predict potential differences in effectiveness between communicators who enter a relational situation with positive versus negative attitudes. Our attitudes largely influence the outcome of any interpersonal communication we engage in. Approaching those we communicate with as God’s beloved children and seeing them through the eyes of Christ will position us correctly as we enter into conversations with them and will eliminate any chance of us negatively influencing the outcome.

Being a communicator is innate. Becoming an “effective” communicator takes a concerted effort and an intentional determination on our part. The fact is that there is an eternal component to be considered. The energy and effort we devote to becoming the best communicators we can be has a direct result and eternal impact on the lives of others. Knowing this, will you take the time to evaluate and prioritize increasing your own ability to communicate more effectively for the Kingdom’s sake?

*Mike Harrison
Professor of Interpersonal
and Organizational
Communication*

New Faculty and Staff



**Matt Allison,
Professor of
Psychology/
Counseling**

GLCC is thrilled to announce that our new professor of Psychology/Counseling is Matt Allison, B.A., B.R.E. Matt

is the valedictorian of GLCC's class of 2001. From here he went on to earn his Master of Arts in counseling from Spring Arbor University in 2010. He has served in ministry at South Redford Christian Church (Redford, MI) and Dewitt Christian Church (Dewitt, MI). Matt has been serving as adjunct professor at GLCC since fall of 2010 and officially became faculty July 1, 2011. He plans to begin earning his doctorate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy this fall at Amridge University.

He and his wife Jessie (GLCC alum) have been married almost 9 years and live in Lansing with their two young girls Caroline and Cecelia.



**Brian Slenski,
Registrar**

Brian Slenski, B.A., M.S., began serving as GLCC's Registrar May 1. He supports and serves students, academic advisors, staff and faculty with regard to

all matters related to registration, records and fulfilling all requirements for graduation. He earned his Master of Arts degree from Elon University in May of 2002. He went on to earn his Master of Science degree in 2007 from Radford University. Brian joins GLCC after

serving at Alma College (Alma, MI), University of Tennessee (Chattanooga, TN), Miami University (Oxford, OH), and Radford University (Radford, VA).

He and his wife of 2 years, Amanda, make their home in Alma, Michigan. They just recently welcomed their son, Luke into the world.

**John Piercefield, Athletic Director/
Basketball Coach**

It is our pleasure to announce that John Piercefield became Great Lakes Christian College's first full-time Athletic Director on July 1.

We have appreciated so much the work that Scott and Val Aeder have done in a part-time capacity and have seen the program truly grow under their leadership. We look forward to their involvement in other areas of our athletic program.

New Trustees

**Mr. Mike Blakely,
Advancement Committee**

Mr. Blakely retired from the Michigan State Police and lives in Mason, Michigan. He serves as an elder at South Lansing Christian Church. His two sons and daughters-in-law are GLCC alumni.



A Madrigal Dinner and Concert

Friday and Saturday
December 2-3 and 9-10
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets on Sale Now!

**Mrs. Ann Johnston,
Advancement Committee**

Miss Johnston attended GLCC from 1987-1989 and attends His House Christian Fellowship on the campus of Central Michigan University. She lives in Vestaburg, Michigan and is very active in Bible Bowl as a coach and coordinator.

**Miss Anna Partridge,
Student Life Committee**

Miss Partridge is a senior studying Communications at GLCC and is from Cambridge, Ontario. She attends Outreach Christian Fellowship and is actively involved in both music and youth ministries.

Mr. Keith Peters, Finance Committee

Mr. Peters is retired although he does some consulting. He serves as an elder and worship leader at Memorial Church of Christ and lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Former Trustees

GLCC would like to thank the following people for their dedicated service as Trustees during their four-year terms which expired August 31:

Mr. Joseph Clark

Mr. James Lockwood

Mrs. Denise Timm

GLCC Trustee Named State's Top Teacher

Current Trustee Dr. Andy Gerhart has been named the 2010 Michigan Professor of the Year in a nationwide search conducted by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Dr. Gerhart is an associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Lawrence Technological University. We are honored to have Dr. Gerhart on our Board of Trustees.



Our Professors make a promise to our students. They promise to be *mentors* first, *instructors* second, and *scholars* third.

The Admissions Department continues to work hard to promote the many benefits of an education here at Great Lakes Christian College. We continue to see an increase in the opportunities to share our story. The big question is, "What makes GLCC different?" There are many things about GLCC that separate us from other colleges, even from other Christian colleges! Let me share one of the many.

Our Professors make a promise to our students. They promise to be *mentors* first, *instructors* second, and *scholars* third. This means that their primary function is to invest themselves in the lives of their students as brothers and sisters in Christ. Then they are instructors, prepared to bring the highest level of instruction to the classroom. Lastly, they are scholars. They promise to be current in research in their respected field.

What is different about that? It is completely upside down from most other colleges and universities! Most professors are researchers first. So

much so, they employ teacher assistants to teach their classes in their absence. And the mentor part is most likely to not happen. I do not mean this to be a slant to other institutions, just to relate how much different our professors approach their jobs.

And speaking of our instructors, do you know how prepared they are to teach? In preparation for a recent speech, I looked into our instructional staff by the numbers. Together our 11 full-time Instructors and Librarian (with faculty status) have just over 100 years on undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral education, and perhaps more impressive is their combined service to GLCC totals 165 years! That's impressive! And they want first and foremost to invest themselves into the lives of their students.

We have a lot to tell! Help us, won't you?

Lloyd Scharer
Vice President of
Enrollment Management

Fall Concert
Thursday, November 3
8:00 p.m.

- *Concert Choir*
- *Madrigal Singers*
- *Small Ensembles*



Dean's List

Spring 2011

Hannah Allison
Matthew Barnum
Benjamin Beck
Sarah Beery
Victoria Burr
Cashel Coe
Sarah Esquivel
Samantha Garland
Becky Gatzka
Jerod Harris
Colby Hetcel
Joanna Higgins
David Hodgman
Spencer Husch
Joel Ickes

Jennifer Johnson
Todd Jones
Kathryn Jones
John Joyner
Antonio Kelley
Nicole Kretzschmer
Ryan Lambright*
Jennifer Leathers
Sarah Lowe
Isaac Magley
Tommy Moehlman
Cortny Mollitor
Nathan North
Anna Partridge
Jeremy Paul

Laura Periso
Amy Robinson
Kayla Ruff
Hannah Sabri
Takawira Sithole
Natasha Smith
Christine Stauffer
Joshua Strickler
Margaryta Teslina
Kaela Webb
Aaron Woods
Rebecca Zeedyk

* Ryan Lambright was also on the Dean's List in Fall 2010. We apologize for the accidental omission.

Beyond the Classroom

Mike Harrison, Associate Professor of Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, recently became a facilitator with FaithWalk Leadership, a Ken Blanchard Company. Mike facilitated the Leadership Encounter at GLCC on August 27 with nearly 40 students and area church leaders. Mr. Harrison also worked with Denny Macha from HPower and Associates to facilitate a DiSC Profile Assessment Workshop for GLCC freshmen. Mike was certified as a DiSC facilitator in September.

Dr. Alvin Kuest, Professor of Christian Education wrote a book review for The

Stone Campbell Journal. The book was *The Adolescent Journey: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Practical Youth Ministry*. It will be in the December issue.

Marie Riggs, Administrative Secretary, attended the Association of Institutional Research/Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities workshop on Benchmarking (supporting decision-making and institutional effectiveness) using Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System (IPEDS) data in June in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. John Nugent, Professor of Old Testament, published "The Politics of YHWH" in the *Journal of Religious Ethics* 39.1, presented a paper on the Old Testament and social ethics and co-led a study group at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in April, spoke at a men's retreat in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and presented one paper on capital punishment and another paper on natural law theory at the Christian Scholars Conference in Malibu, California. Dr. Nugent also launched the website www.walkandword.com.

GLCC Choral Ensemble shines the light of Christ at the Michigan Prayer Breakfast

Historically the leadership of our country has turned to the Almighty God for strength and guidance. It was in that spiritual tradition that the Michigan Prayer Breakfast was held Wednesday, May 11. This event was sponsored by a group of individuals who are concerned about the spiritual welfare of the State of Michigan and it's people. This breakfast is a version of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington D.C. Such events are now held annually in nearly every state and in numerous communities across our nation.

Great Lakes Christian College is proud of our own Choral Ensemble which, under the direction of Dr. Esther Hetrick, was both humbled and honored to perform at this historical event.

Among the students who performed were: Erik Kreh, Jeremy Paul, Matt Zittel, Nathan North, Eden Alvey, Natasha Smith, Laura Swisher, Anna Partridge, Kayla Ruff, and Rebecca Zeedyk. The ensemble was accompanied by pianist Jerod Harris and guest violinist Gene Harrison (2010).

God has blessed Great Lakes Christian College once again by allowing us to have an eternal impact on not only the leadership of Michigan but also it's business community and citizens. Continue to pray for even more opportunities for the students and staff of Great Lakes Christian College to be the light of the world and salt of the earth to those who are in civil leadership, so that we might win the world to Jesus through our ministry.

2011 Women's Spring Celebration



This event is like none other GLCC hosts during the year. For one spectacular evening the Doty Center and the gymnasium are transformed into a beautiful setting for this wonderful night of fellowship. The room is filled with inspiring music, the aroma of a delicious meal, lovely flowers, and linen tablecloths. The Women's Spring Celebration is where hundreds of Christian women come together in celebration of all that God has blessed them with and for the chance to share these blessings with the College.

Our 2011 Spring Celebration was a wonderful evening to be remembered for years to come. Once again, we saw women catching up with old friends and making new ones, enjoying a delicious meal together and sharing rich fellowship with one another. The GLCC premiere men's ensemble, A Few Good Men, charmed and entertained the ladies and we were blessed by the message brought to us by Linda Norville.

Over 400 ladies representing 45 different churches came together for this annual celebration to raise funds for additional security on campus. The College is grateful to all the ladies who graciously contributed to raise over \$12,000.00 for the project! Their ongoing support and financial contributions are making a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.

Mark your calendar for our next Women's Celebration which will be held on Friday, April 27th, 2012 in the Doty Center. We are excited to announce that our speaker will be GLCC graduate Mitzi Saltsman (BRE 1979). She and her husband, Scott (BRE 1980) serve at Lake Area Christian Church in Freemont, Indiana. This event promises to be another evening filled with rich fellowship and lasting memories. You won't want to miss it!

If you or your church are not currently receiving information about the Women's Spring Celebration, please contact the College and let them know you are interested! See you there!

Run After Righteousness

Ministry Wives' Retreat

November 4-5, 2011



with Shelly Larson

Hebrews 12:1-2



Great Lakes Christian College

Sixtieth Annual Commencement

May 14, 2011

Associate of Arts

Melissa Renee Burghdoff *
Becky Ann Gatzka

Bachelor of Science

(All Bachelor of Science graduates have a Bible/Theology Major)

Ronald J. Bekkering ^^
Sarah Hope Brummel ^
Randy Charles Burghdoff
Robert C. Davis
Samantha Graham
Jameson Patric Higgins *
David Bryan Hodgman ^^
Jennifer May Johnson ^^
Kathryn Marie Jones ^
Todd H. G. Jones ^^
John Thomas Joyner ^

Susannah E. Kreh
Nicole Kay Kretzschmer ^^♦
Ryan D. Lambright
Jennifer E. Leathers
Dean Tyler Little
Britton R. Mailand ^^
Jessica Marie Novetske ^
Nicholas V. Prass ^ *
Adam Michael Robinson
Kayla Renee Ruff ^^♦
Spencer Thompson ^
Laura Elizabeth VanSteenis ^ *
Todd Anthony Warthen ^^
Michael Joseph Zeedyk

* In absentia

^^ Summa cum laude

^^ Magna cum laude

^ Cum laude

♦ Valedictorian

♦ Salutatorian



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Upcoming Events



OCTOBER

- 3 Madrigal Tickets on Sale
- 18-20 Missions Emphasis Week
- 20 Brandon Heath & Britt Nichole Concert

NOVEMBER

- 3 Fall Choir Concert
- 4-5 **Ministry Wives' Retreat**
- 12 **Groundbreaking Ceremony**
- 11-13 **Fusion**
- 20-26 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

DECEMBER

- 2-3; 9-10 **Madrigals**
- 13-16 Final Exams
- 17–Jan. 8 Semester Break

JANUARY

- 9 Classes begin
- 17 Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
- 27 Board of Trustees Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 10 Last Day to Withdraw/Incomplete
- 13-17 Week of Outreach 1

MARCH

- 6 Mid-Semester Alerts
- 16 Last Day to Withdraw Pass/Fail
- 28-Apr 1 Week of Outreach 2

APRIL

- 20-21 Michigan Christian Convention
- 27 Women's Spring Celebration
- 27 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 27 Senior Showcase

MAY

- 1 Honors Chapel
- 7-10 Final Exams
- 11 Senior Banquet
- 12 Commencement

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