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Discover GLCC... Our Purpose





I came across an article recently that talked about the current condition of higher education in America. The author, Patrick J. Deneen, a professor of political theory at Notre Dame, shared a concern about the type of student that is graduating from our colleges and universities. It's not good and it's not the student's fault. He writes, "We have fallen into the bad and unquestioned habit of thinking that our educational

system is broken, but it is working on all cylinders. What our educational system aims to produce is cultural amnesia, a wholesale lack of curiosity, history less free agents, and educational goals composed of countless processes and unexamined buzz-words like 'critical thinking', 'diversity', 'ways of knowing', 'social justice', and 'cultural competence.' Our students are the achievement of a systemic commitment to producing individuals without a past for whom the future is a foreign country, clueless cyphers who can live anywhere and perform any kind of work without inquiring about its purposes or ends, perfected tools for an economic system that prizes 'flexibility' (geographic, interpersonal, ethical). In such a world, possessing a culture, a history, an inheritance, a commitment to a place and particular people, specific forms of gratitude and indebtedness, a strong set of ethical and moral norms that assert definite limits to what one ought and ought not to do (aside from being 'judgmental') are hindrances and handicaps."

I believe we owe our students more. In the words of the aforementioned author he states that students still have a "longing and anguish... to know who they are, where they have come from, where they ought to go, and how they ought to live." The problem is most of our colleges and universities are not equipped to address those issues. They have become training centers, skill developers, job producers, and bastions of moral neutrality and even, in some cases, centers of nihilism. As a result they have little to say about the things that really matter. Since they have taken nullity for granted, colleges focus on the trappings of life rather than what lies at its core.

We, at Great Lakes Christian College, care about answering our students deepest questions. While we do prepare our students for a career – we care more about preparing them for life. To prepare them for life means to set a context for living. That context means teaching the Bible, inculcating Christian values, imparting the wisdom of the ages, having an appreciation for history and literature (especially the classics), and developing a gratitude for the goodness of God. This is what we strive to do. To us, higher education means not only that we focus on giving students a quality college-level learning experience but that we also insist that there is a "Higher" education that only comes from God Himself.

When you partner with us, through your prayers or your gifts, you are helping us to "prepare servant leaders for the church and world." But you are also helping us to produce students that have an understanding of history, an appreciation for good literature, a fixed moral compass, a knowledge of the world around them, a desire to be good citizens, and a love for the Lord. As a member of the Higher Learning Commission once said to me, "We need more colleges like yours."

- Larry Carter, President

Core Competencies

Core competencies are the attitudes and skills that every graduate should develop during a four-year program at GLCC. These qualities are necessary for success and excellence in any field of service. The General Education Requirements lay the foundation for the Core Competencies, and the majors strengthen and extend them.

1. **INFORMATION LITERACY:** Graduates will be able to research, locate, accumulate, and evaluate information necessary to sustain lifelong learning.
2. **CRITICAL THINKING:** Graduates will be able to apply reason and reflection (including quantitative analysis and scientific reasoning) to information, ideas, and arguments in order to solve problems and make decisions.
3. **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Graduates will be able to organize and present their conclusions, ideas, opinions, feelings, and beliefs to others in both oral and written forms.
4. **INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:** Graduates will be able to interact with other people one-to-one and in groups by applying skills in conversation, listening, conflict resolution, collaboration, and consensus-building.
5. **RESPECT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY:** Graduates will be able to understand, analyze, and appreciate the historical development of the knowledge, traditions, literature, values, and beliefs of human cultures around the world.
6. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:** Graduates will be able to manage resources of time, finances, individuals and groups, possessions, and the environment.
7. **SELF-UNDERSTANDING:** Graduates will be able to recognize, evaluate, and improve their weaknesses, strengths, gifts, and values.
8. **CHRISTIAN MATURITY:** Graduates will demonstrate Christian beliefs, values, conduct, and servant-leadership in their participation in the Christian community and engagement with the world.

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A tribute gift is a meaningful way to convey sympathy to the bereaved, memorialize a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or honor someone special with your gift to Great Lakes Christian College. Making a gift in this way shows your appreciation for the impact they have or had on your life. Any gift can be made "in memory" of or "in honor" of someone and we will notify the person or family of your kindness and thoughtfulness if we are supplied with a name and address.

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Thank You!

My GLCC Story: David Rawls

I grew up in a non-Christian home. After several years at the University of Arizona I moved to the Midwest to figure out my life. Shortly after this move I gave my life to Christ and decided to attend Great Lakes Christian College. Since graduating I have



been in local church ministry for 24 years. While at Great Lakes, God placed on my heart through students and professors a heart for international missions. Over the years I have sought to be involved in overseas missions through the local church. Recently I became the Director of Operations for Hope 2 Liberia, a missions organization, which is bringing hope to the Liberian people. I believe the greatest thing Great Lakes did for me is that it placed a hunger and thirst for the Word of God in my life. As a result this has made me a life long student of God's Word. This passion for learning I am now passing on to the church in Liberia. Thank you GLCC for your investment into me.

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Future Crusaders

Parents: Laura ('14) and Ryan Lambright ('11)

Name: Maci June

Born: 1/29/2016



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Alumni News

Karyn (Hardy) Harrison BRE 1989 was nominated to receive the Governor's Fitness Award for Overcoming Obesity 2016.

Ellory Harrison BS IOC 2014 is participating in a nonprofit management internship with Go International for five months in Quito, Ecuador. She returns to the states this July.

Paul Middlesworth of Baraboo, WI died on April 17, 2016. Paul graduated from Great Lakes in 1974. He received his Master of Ministry at Lincoln Christian Seminary. He ministered with churches in Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Illinois.

Donna Stacy ('69-'71) of Okemos, MI died on Friday, April 22, 2016 after a struggle with cancer. She is survived by Rick Stacy ('73) and her family.

The Alumni Association recognized Bob Hodgman as the class of 1966 representative (50 year graduate) at the Graduate Banquet and Commencement events on May 13-14. There were 7 others on the class roster for that year but were not able to attend.

Art Bush Receives the Brant Lee Doty Divine Servant Award

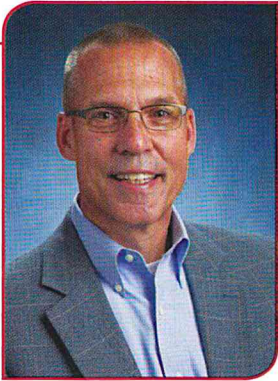
Art Bush (B.R.E. 1981) received the Divine Servant Award at the opening night of the Michigan Christian Convention April 8. Art began his ministry to young and old alike in 1976 when he established "Operation Evangelize Ministries". In 1991, Art started "Art Bush Ministry" located in Chesapeake, OH. Art has spent his life on the road speaking and singing for Christ - sharing the Gospel through music in churches, colleges, and community events. He has recorded 5 albums and 15 solo recordings.

Art has been married to Jean for 35 years and have two children. Art states, "The communicative power of music must not be minimized. Music is a valuable and important tool for the church to communicate its great message. We must be sure not to surrender it but to use it to encourage and build up lives for Christ."

(The Divine Servant Award is a recognition 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.)



Art Bush and Ruth Doty



The student body at Great Lakes Christian College has been growing more diverse over the last several years. Students come from various backgrounds; ethnically, socio-economically, and geographically. They come from farms and cities, large high schools and homeschools, from far away and within walking distance. While challenges come with

diversity, this has proved to be a blessing to our students and staff. We are able to understand how these backgrounds shape us and better equip our students to engage in a more diverse world.

This diversity is largely a result of our desire to become a more diverse community. As well, it changes how we may have once viewed an ideal or typical GLCC student. The recruiting model in a “small school” is best viewed as defining what a prototypical student is, where you will find him, and then going and getting in front of him with our story. While our story has not changed, it changes to whom we want to tell our story.

The ideal fit for a Bible college like Great Lakes Christian College is still pretty much the same. This ideal is a student who professes Christ, is active in their church, and desires to follow God’s call on their life in a located ministry. Where the ideal has broadened is in including students who may have not considered a future that includes ministry, but are open to possibilities. Ever-growing populations of potential students are really not sure what the future holds. We want to share with them that an education at GLCC will prepare them for a lifetime of servant-leadership in the Kingdom whether in vocational ministry, or volunteering in the church or service organization.

One great example is a recent graduate, Michael Vickers. Michael came to GLCC from Pontiac, Michigan unsure of what he wanted to do. He became an Interpersonal and Organizational Communications Major in addition to his Bible/Theology Major. Since his graduation last year, he has started his own tax business in Pontiac. Additionally, he is very active in his church and is serving in a leadership position as Associate Minister.

- Lloyd Scharer, Vice President of Enrollment Management

Summer Outreach Teams Schedule:

Our Summer Outreach Teams have been selected and are excited to kick off their summers in early June. They will come together at GLCC for training June 6-10 before they head their separate ways for the next 5-6 weeks. Teams will be traveling throughout Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio to serve at Christian camps and CIY Move events as they represent Great Lakes.

- June 12-17:** CIY Anderson, IN
- June 19-24:** Michiana Christian Service Camp (Niles, MI)
CIY Holland, MI
- June 26- July 1:** Hanging Rock Christian Assembly (West Labanon, IN)
CIY Holland, MI
- July 3-8:** Lakes James Christian Camp (Angola, IN)
CIY Holland, MI
- July 10-15:** Rock Lake Christian Assembly (Vestaburg, MI)
Michiana Christian Service Camp (Niles, MI)
Wolverine Christian Service Camp (Columbiaville, MI)
- July 17-22:** Wilderness Christian Assembly (Kalkaska, MI)

2016 Graduates

Associate of Arts

Tonya Brown

Lansing, MI

Bachelor of Science

Alexandria Belsky

Waterford, MI

Matthew Brooks

West Chester, OH

Tiffany Burr

Lansing, MI

Morgan Coney

Farwell, MI

Stacy Fowler

Lansing, MI

Shiloh Harris

Lansing, MI

Virginia Porter

Lansing, MI

Brady Roffey

Charlotte, MI

Whitney Scharer

Grand Ledge, MI

Bradley Keith Selleck

Grand Rapids, MI

Amanda Shoemaker

LaGrange, IN

Brandon Smith

Portage, MI

Kristie Stroud

Lansing, MI

Colton Wesley

Delta Township, MI

Amy Westbrook

Lansing, MI



Anthony Kaminski, freshman

in the world... and where some amazing games have been played in the past." The team was able to join their fans in the stands later that night to watch the Detroit Pistons take on the Denver Nuggets.

Game at the Palace

On February 10th the GLCC Men's Basketball Team had the privilege of playing against Grace Bible College at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Many Great Lakes students, faculty, and alumni were able to cheer on the Crusaders who fought hard and in the end fell short to the Grace Tigers with a final score of 100-55. Seniors Nathan Shelton and Danny Buegar were honored at halftime for this unique senior night. Shelton says, "It was really cool to know that we were playing on the same floor as some of the greatest players



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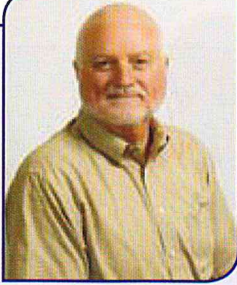
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Does the *Church* need a *College* to train *Church Leaders*?

Does your Bible College have a role to play yet in the life and ministry of your congregation? I think so for many reasons... two of which I'd like to address. Interestingly, we are seeing a growing trend of churches "hiring from within," and not seeking candidates with a Bible College education. Our churches should be commended for this practice and often have great people in them...quality people who can serve the Lord well in both volunteer and paid positions with distinction.

My concern, though, is connected to the specialized training that leaders and ministers need in the Word of God—it is the source of beliefs and practices of God that shape us into His ministers...His leaders that can transcend local communities and worldviews. The typical Bible College—and especially GLCC—has an unparalleled faculty educated in their various fields who carry great expertise pouring this into the willing minds of her students. We take our students through a detailed, mind-enlarging study of each Bible book as well as the theology it teaches. They should have the knowledge and training to create scenarios and occasions that develop others in these truths.

A second reason for a Christian education at a Bible College is the Christian Worldview creation/integration that filters through all courses—especially the General Education courses. The disciplines and categories of academia are taught by highly qualified teachers who have carefully thought through the challenges of modernity, postmodernity and our changing world—with the renewed minds of disciples. They are committed to assessing this and teaching students to respond to the world today and tomorrow with a Christian voice.

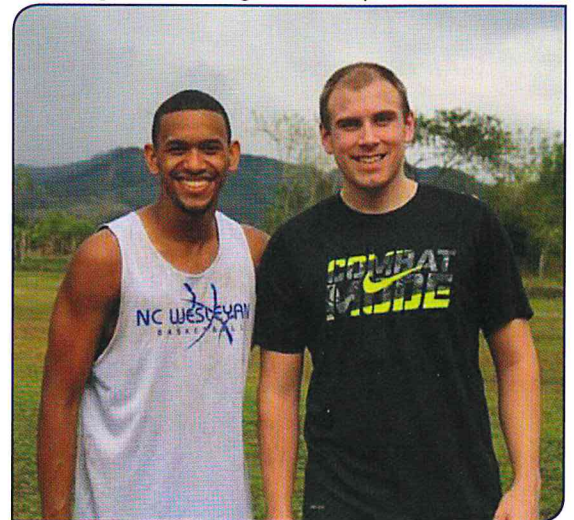
While I'm deeply committed to the local church's ministry of training and discipling her people, I believe her many programs would be significantly enhanced by trained leaders equipped in a Bible College setting ready to disciple others. Church and College...*let's work together to train the next generation of Church Leaders.*

*Dr. Dan Cameron
Professor of Theology*

Student Servants

Justin Grochowalski grew up in Wyoming, MI and graduated from The Potter's House, a private, Christian high school in 2008. After high school he spent six years working full-time for Request Foods, but after so long with the company and some transitions at work he started looking into options for going back to school. Justin's desire was "to go to school to grow in knowledge, but also to grow as a person and to learn how to walk in faith." He was very open to being led by God, and became interested in GLCC upon hearing about the 65th Anniversary scholarship. As Justin drove home from his visit to Great Lakes he saw the simple words "Trust Jesus" spray-painted on the corner of an overpass: this was the last bit of affirmation he needed to feel fully confident in his decision to enroll. He began attending here this past fall, and since starting, Justin has found comfort in the Christian fellowship he experiences daily through newfound friendships.

Justin joined a team of fellow students and faculty on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in February. The team partnered with GO Ministries and the area churches in the Dominican Republic to help with various service projects, children's ministries, and outreach ministries. Justin had previously spent some time in Cambodia doing missions work and had seen extreme poverty similar to what exists in the Dominican Republic, but what stood out to him the most about this trip was the powerful work of God through the churches and missionaries there and the joy the people experienced because of this. Justin had gone on the trip praying for God to use the trip to give him some direction, and by the end of the week he felt called to pursue an education and career in cross cultural missions. He is excited about this call, and plans to come back to GLCC next fall. He continues to seek God and allow Him to continually lead him. He says, "I've learned throughout my life that when you think you're about to do things God changes your plans."



Justin (right) with Angel, a local Dominican man, on the field before flag football.

Dean's List

Spring 2015 and Fall 2015
Two consecutive semesters of
3.5 GPA or above.

Joshua Bush
Anthony Carlson
Jedidiah Cooper
Sarah Hall
Nolan McCausey
Casey Monroe
Caleb Nightengale
Gabraelle Parrish
Alisha Schneider
Nathan Shelton
Amanda Shoemaker
Kristie Jo Stroud
Any Westbrook
Zackary Woiteshek

Beyond the Classroom:

Professor of Interpersonal and Organizational Communications, Mike Harrison, presented "Developing Authentic Leadership" to several Rotary Clubs in the Lansing area over the last several months.

Dean of Students, Ryan Bushnell, volunteers weekly with Dewitt Campus Life. He spoke for Lansing Youth For Christ's High School spring break trip in April. He is preaching at River's Edge Community Church while they search for a new pastor.

Vice President of Finance and Operations, Jim Lockwood, and Professor of English, George Brown, joined students on a mission trip to Dominican Republic in February.

President Larry Carter, Administrative Secretary Marie Riggs, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Phil Beavers, and Vice President of Finance and Operations Jim Lockwood were instrumental in getting the LatinoAmerican World Mission off the ground, and still are involved in moving it forward.

Professor of Old Testament, John Nugent, published an article on capital punishment in the book *Reading Scripture as a Political Act*, published a book review for the Stone-Campbell Journal, attended the Society of Biblical Literature conference, and taught a workshop on Daniel at the Statewide Teen Convention.

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Academic Calendar

Early Registration	July 21 & July 23
WOW (Women of the Word)	August 4 – 6
Golf Benefit	August 13
New Student Enrollment Day	August 24
Returning Student Enrollment	August 26
Classes Begin	August 29
Convocation	August 30
Fall Break	October 21 – 25
Board of Trustees Meeting	October 28
Ministry Wives' Retreat	November 4 – 5
Fusion	November 11 – 13
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 – 27
Christmas on Campus	December 9 – 10

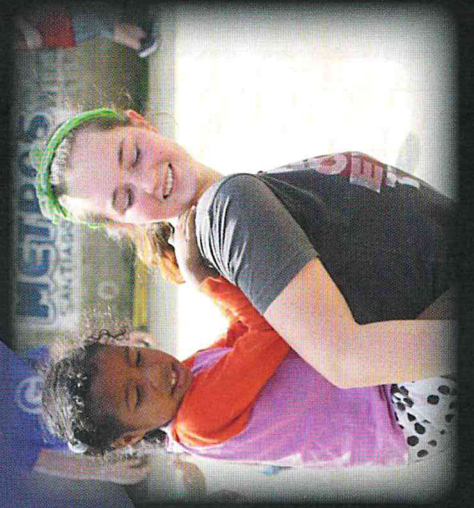
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On the cover Student Ryanne Gumfory with a Dominican girl

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