

# KEY Insights -





In a recent Trustees meeting we read and approved a vision statement that included these thoughts, "We are, by nature, a Bible College that 'seeks to glorify God by preparing students to be servant leaders in the church and world.' We understand that to mean that we are primarily in the business of training students for specialized Christian service. As such, our emphasis is on attracting students who have a desire to understand God's will for their lives and then

helping them decide how best to serve Him in His Kingdom. Our main reason for being here is to encourage, equip, and send out those who will be committed to a life of full-time service to our Lord, Master, and King, Jesus Christ."

We have seen the impact of our ministry through generations of our students. Tom Chamberlin graduated over 40 years ago and committed the rest of his life to serving the Lord as a missionary. Tom led a current student at GLCC, Dario Iturra, to the Lord while ministering in Chile. Dario graduated this spring from GLCC and is already working to plant churches in Chile and Colombia.

Fred Lab came to our College to play baseball. He had a nominal relationship with the Lord but he definitely wasn't thinking about serving Him full-time. But, while a student at GLCC the Lord got hold of Fred's life and led him to a life of ministry. He is the dynamic Senior Minister of Outreach Christian Church just outside of Ionia, Michigan.

Steve Higgs wrote to me several years ago to thank the College for the wonderful education he received here and for how this place had changed his life. Growing up he had been in a toxic church situation that left him bitter about the church. In fact, he wrote that when he came to GLCC he hated the church. But, when he graduated from GLCC he loved the church. Steve now serves as the Senior Minister of the Northwest Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois.

Sam Wrisley wasn't even a believer when he came to GLCC. But, while here he came to accept Jesus as Lord and his life has never been the same since. Sam is the innovative Senior Minister of Harvest Christian Fellowship of Muncie, Indiana. While there he has planted a second church in Muncie and has developed an incredible ministry in Liberia. In Liberia he has not only planted churches, he has also helped to build schools, and provided water for thousands of nationals. His daughter, Taylor, is currently a second year student at GLCC.

These are just some of the examples of those we have helped prepare to be servant-leaders in the church and world. The impact of these graduates will be felt for years to come – even into eternity. Multiply their number exponentially and you begin to understand the important work you are helping us to do. We believe that God began us and has sustained us to continue the work of preparing the next generation to serve Him.

Larry Carter
 President

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017

#### **ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

Samuel W. Anderson, Associate of Arts Darren L. Harris, Associate of Arts Sarah F. Lyon, Associate of Arts

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

(All Bachelor of Science graduates earned a Bible/Theology Major as their first major.)

Danny Buegar, Youth Ministry
Casey Buegar, Family Life Education\*\* ^^^
Jonathan Burr, Family Life Education
Joshua Bush, Advanced Biblical Studies ^^^
Anthony Carlson, History-Public Policy^^
Michael Chase, Jr., Christian Ministries^
Katelyn J. Cowles, Music-Single Instrument
Chris Fry, (Minor: Christian Ministries)
Sarah M. Hall, Family Life Education^^^
Dario Iturra Nunez, Cross-Cultural Ministries
James S. Jackson, II, Advanced Biblical Studies
Grace E. Lohrmann, History^^

Andrew Papp, Associate of Arts Claudia Silva,, Associate of Arts Edson Eduardo Silva, Associate of Arts Megan A. Wesley, Associate of Arts

Nolan J. McCausey, Music-Single Instrument\* ^^^
Caleb J. Nightengale, History-Public Policy^^
David D. Parks, Psychology/Counseling
Gabraelle E. Parrish, Advanced Biblical Studies^^
Christopher R. Rozdilski, History^^
Sarah S. Sager, Cross-Cultural Ministries^^
Alisha M. Schneider, Psychology/Counseling^^
Nathanael S. Shelton, Music-Worship^^
Nathan Shoemaker, (Minor: Youth Ministry)^
Gracia Marie Tader, Cross Cultural Ministries (Minor: TESOL)^^
Allison Elizabeth Wenk, Psychology/Counseling
Zackary J. Woiteshek, (Minor: Cross Cultural Ministries)^^

\*\*Valedictorian \*Salutatorian ^^^Summa cum laude ^^Magna cum laude ^Cum laude

# Meet Our Staff



#### **BUSINESS OFFICE**

(Back Row - Left to Right)

Chris Adleman, Director of Facilities

Bill Brossman, VP of Finance and Operations
Ryan Apple, Financial Aid/ Professor of Music

(Front Row - Left to Right)

Becky Anderson, Payroll & Benefits

Cindy St. Louis, Student Accounts/Bookstore



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

Mike Harrison, VP of Academic Affairs/Professor of IOC Bill Brossmann, VP of Finance and Operations Larry Carter, President Phil Beavers, VP of Institutional Advancement



#### **ACADEMIC OFFICE**

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James Orme, Director of Library Services/Registrar

Mike Harrison, VP of Academic Affairs, Professor of IOC

Ryan Bushnell, Dean of Students

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Jessie Allison, Director of Campus Life
Judy Beavers, Director of Outreach Ministries

Monica Price, Director of Student Success (not pictured)



#### ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Judy Carter, Admissions Office Manager Phil Beavers, VP of Institutional Advancement Sasha Lockwood, Athletic Director Josh Lockwood, Director of Admissions

# New Professors Hired



Sam Long Associate Professor of Old Testament and Ministry

Sam ('00) graduated from Great Lakes Christian College with his Bachelor of Science (Bible Teaching and Theology). He earned his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (Old Testament) from Asbury Theological Seminary

and his Masters of Divinity (Old and New Testament concentration) from Emmanuel Christian Seminary. For the last 20 years he has ministered in a variety of capacities including youth, worship, and preaching. Sam is married to Carrie ('00) and they have two children—Elijah (12) and Sophia (10).



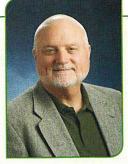
Kate Blakely Associate Professor of Cross-Cultural Ministries

Kate ('08) earned her Bachelor of Science (Interpersonal and Organizational Communication) from Great Lakes Christian College. She earned her M.A.R. (Theology) from Emmanuel Christian Seminary. Her Th.M.

(Theology/Ecclesiology) was earned at Duke Divinity School and she is currently in the process of achieving her D.Min. (Contextual Theology) at Northern Seminary. Kate will continue to work on her doctorate of ministry as she teaches here at the College. Kate is married to Andrew ('08).

## Other GLCC News...

With Sam Long coming on board in the area of Old Testament, Dr. John Nugent will become Professor of Theology taking the retiring Dr. Cameron's position. Mike Harrison, Professor of Interpersonal and Organization Communication has also taken on the responsibility of VP of Academic Affairs. Phil Beavers, VP of Institutional Advancement is now overseeing the Advancement and Admissions Departments as of January 1, 2017.



## Dr. Dan Cameron retires with scholarship in his honor

Professor Dan Cameron is retiring at the end of June. Dan has served GLCC well for over 20 years. He has been instrumental in teaching, mentoring, AND making life miserable for many students, if you know what we mean. His commitment to Christ and the Church has been exemplary and we desire to continue his legacy of faithful instruction through a scholarship in his name.

The Dan Cameron Ministry Scholarship has been established to assist students who are pursuing ministry as their vocation. This Scholarship will encourage students to finish their education and pursue their career in the church or in a church-related career. Dan is passionate about training the

next generation of Christian leaders. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to this Scholarship and help us continue the work Dan cares most about.

We are now accepting donations to this scholarship throughout the year to assist students for the next academic year. Please memo your gift "Cameron Scholarship." There is also opportunity to give online through our website.

Thank you Dan for your faithful years of service to Great Lakes Christian College!



# KEY Admissions

## College is YOUR investment in YOUR future.

#### Here is what you will receive when you attend GLCC:

- A calling: You find out where you're going in life.
- A future: You get the training to work and the intelligence to relate.
- A bond with your Creator: Faith-based education uncovers His plan for you.
- A knowledge of yourself: You discover who you may become.
- A circle of friends: You get colleagues for a lifetime.
- A perspective: You see where you fit in.
- A great education: Period.

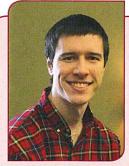
#### What is the investment in order to receive these benefits at GLCC?

Great Lakes Christian College is one of the least expensive private colleges (\$10,000 to \$15,000 less than most private schools) in Michigan. Here's your investment:

Tuition (15 credits per semester) Room & Board (12 meals/week) Fees		\$14,850* \$ 8,100 \$ 1,400
	Total	\$24, 350

\*Almost 95% of GLCC students get financial aid of some kind (averaging \$5,370 a year.)

CONTACT OUT ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS, 800-YES-GLCC



### Meet One of Our Graduates

Joshua Bush began his college career with a short time in the field of Industrial and Systems Engineering, but decided to transfer to Great Lakes after just one semester. He was eager to learn as much as possible about the Bible, leading him to join the Advanced Biblical Studies major. His rigorous coursework and personal relationships with professors helped develop him both personally and intellectually. The community experience of Great Lakes has also been impactful. Joshua says, "The people here are intelligent, kind, and they all hunger to learn more about God's Word, which is something I highly value in an educational setting."

Joshua graduated May 20 and has plans to use his education at GLCC as a step to continue studying the Bible and working toward a Masters in Divinity at seminary. His desire is to eventually attain a Ph.D. and use his education to teach graduate/ undergraduate college courses. As he learns and grows Joshua plans to devote time to writing articles, books, and other literature in the hope of influencing the faiths of fellow believers. Recently his paper on the "Noahic Covenant" was named a finalist in the Stone Campbell Journal ud Paper Competition. Great Lakes is proud to see both Joshua and Alumni Tommy Mohlman, a finalist in the Graduate portion of the contest, utilizing their education to continue studying and contributing to Biblical academia in this manner. Joshua reflects on this opportunity with anticipation and gratitude. "I am excited to present my research and I would like to thank John Nugent for providing his valuable insight, resources, and guidance through this process. I would also like to thank those who have helped analyze and critique this project to make it the best it could be.



# A Call for a Christian Higher Education

By: George Brown, Professor of English

C. S. Lewis, in his 1947 Abolition of Man, addressed his concern that the educational system was beginning to debunk value systems, that in denying

"absolutes" it was in effect creating "men without chests"-men with no spiritual or moral absolutes to guide them.

We have in the last 70 years come a long way down this unhappy road. A signpost on the way reads as follows:

"According to a UCLA study, although about 80% of college faculty describe themselves as "spiritual" and 64% describe themselves as "religious," only about half thought colleges should help students' moral development and fewer than one-third that colleges should be concerned with students' spiritual development. A majority of students (62%) surveyed in another UCLA study said that their teachers never encouraged discussion of religion or spirituality, nor even the meaning of life (56%)." Touchstone, (July/August 2006), 57.

What should be the purpose of a college education? Do we think Life's questions best left out of discussion, or that the business of college is to disseminate information in a moral vacuum? Is it not to teach truth, to inculcate virtues, to lead students into wisdom?

To study anything without seeing its relevance to the Godhead is to miss the more important lesson. To pretend that it is not the business of college to address the questions of morality or spirituality is disingenuous. It is impossible to educate students without also indoctrinating them. That is, our attitude toward a given subject communicates something about our belief system. To fail to make a spiritual and moral connection is to communicate an absence of a belief system. Out of a fear of imposing some absolute on a student who may be offended, education now mistakes the absence of an integrating belief with some "higher ethic" of tolerance of all views by saying nothing.

In some sad way the universities value "silence is golden" over the "golden rule."

But there is no true study of Art for Art's Sake, no Literature or History or Science apart from their ability to bring us into a greater awareness of the Creator Himself. The Creation sings His praises. And to study the Creation without heeding the song is to miss the message. To study History with no awareness of God working within, to ignore His Spirit moving in the hearts of men, is to miss the message.

What a quandary. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." And today's academics don't approach the beginning—either for fear of "meddling" in religious freedoms or from some fuzzy "separation of church and state" mentality. The consequence is generations of college graduates who have yet to see the connection between their field of study and the Greater Reality. They then are obliged to work at jobs because of the failure to see purpose. They exist but have no abundant life.

In order for a course to have relevance, it must speak to the heart as well as the head. Or as Plato said, "In order for learning to occur, reason must have an adequate emotional base."

Students learn both by reason and by revelation. When we fail to make students aware of the Spiritual Reality, when we steer clear of God, His existence, His purposes, His expectations, His manifestations in History, His calling to all of humanity, if in the very center of what our society believes to be the bastion of free thought, we ignore or avoid the most important thing, then what can we expect from people except "men without chests," men who lack courage, morals, compassion, love, hope, purpose. And what is the value of this education?

We want people to be wise, to understand the workings of the world around them, the workings of their own minds and hearts, but apart from the Revelation, reason can take us only so far. This is why I am committed to a College which holds Scriptural Truth as its integrating power, which teaches that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

## Minister's Children Scholarship

Starting in the fall of 2017 there will be a new scholarship offered that children of ordained ministers may receive. This is a tuition-paid scholarship for a full-time student who lives on campus and whose parent is a full-time, ordained or church-approved minister. The minister needs to submit a letter of reference from the church certifying their full-time approved status. The scholarship will be awarded after free Federal Aid and State Aid has been applied. The Scholarship Committee will make the final determination for the rewarding of this scholarship. The scholarship is to begin in the fall of 2017. For more information on this scholarship and other scholarships contact our Admissions Department at 800-YES-GLCC or admissions@glcc.edu.



## Tribute Gifts (through December 2016)

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.

## In Honor of ...

**Ruth Doty Ruth Doty Ruth Doty Edith Hertsel David Richards** Mildred Perry

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 3-5 WOW, Women of the Word 2017 Speaker: Julie Gariss

AUGUST 12
Golf Benefit

SEPTEMBER 30 "What's Next" E2 Leadership Conference

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 23 Choosing & Using Great Books for Young Children

> OCTOBER 14 Help! I Need More Ideas

DECEMBER 2
Love the Kids! How do I Work With the Adults?

(Designed for those who work with young children.
Taught by Miriam Hulett, Co-Director with Judy Carter
of The Early Childhood Education Program of GLCC.)

# RESTORATION APPRECIATION WEEK OCTOBER 10-14

Dr. Paul Kissling will be the Friday Speaker

NOVEMBER 3-4 Ministry Wives Retreat

COMING IN THE FALL!
Old Testament online classes

Contact Matt Allison
for more information, mallison@glcc.edu

# THIRD PARTY COMMENTS WELCOMED

Great Lakes Christian College seeks comments from interested persons about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency.

Great Lakes Christian College has been accredited by HLC since 2003.

The College is hosting a visit November 13 & 14, 2017 with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission. The team will review the College's ongoing ability to meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.

# Please send your written comments regarding the College to:

Third Party Comment on Great Lakes Christian College Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411

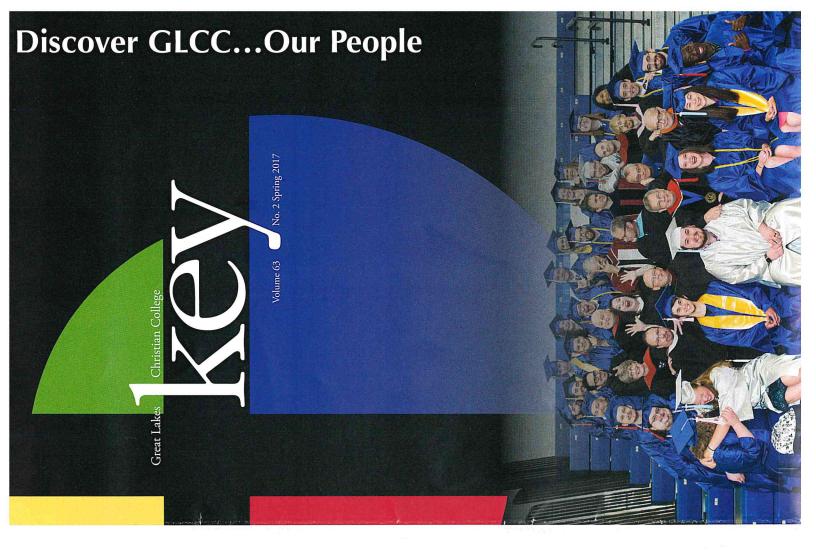
You may also submit written comments on HLC's website at http://www.hlcommission.org/comment.

Comments must address matters related to the quality of Great Lakes Christian College or its academic programs.

Comments must be received by the Higher Learning Commission by October 13, 2017.

## Camp Team Schedule

June 11-16	Lake James Christian Camp	
June 12-16	Christ in Youth, Anderson, IN	
June 19-23	Christ in Youth, Holland, MI	
June 17-23	Michiana Christian Camp	
June 26-30	Christ in Youth, Holland, MI	
June 25-30	Hanging Rock Christian Assembly	
July 2-7	Lake James Christian Camp	
July 3-7	Christ in Youth, Holland, MI	
July 8-14	Michiana Christian Camp	
July 9-14	Wolverine Christian Service Camp	
July 9-14	Rock Lake Christian Assembly	
July 9-14	Lake James Christian Camp	
July 16-21	Wilderness Christian Camp	



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