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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



DEAR FRIENDS,

As we enter into the new school year, let us embrace this opportunity of a fresh start — continuing to make the MACU experience greater. God has done and is doing amazing things. Through His faithful servants, like you, a stronger Mid-America has emerged!

We are continually seeing growth and countless blessings here at MACU — from capabilities to provide more learning options, more on-campus living with the new residence hall, to providing educational opportunities globally.

For the past 15 years, it has truly been a blessing to be part of the Lord's plans and to serve as President of our prestigious university. I am proud of the many miraculous stories and accomplishments that have occurred throughout the years.

God's provision to redeem this school from debt is historic. We were literally at a "Red Sea" moment. The interest was compounding our inability to pay anything on the principal.

MACU survived due to courage displayed by the Board of Trustees, the generosity of the note holders, loyalty of the students, and dedication of faculty and staff. God redeemed this university. It was a demonstration of the faithfulness of God and people's trust in Him. Now, we are operating on a healthy, manageable budget — we know that even greater things are yet to come for our university!

Another gratifying moment was when we removed language barriers and became the first higher education institution in Oklahoma to provide a Master of Leadership degree entirely in Spanish.

This year, we are continuing the "Greater Education Model" (modeled after John 14:12). The model is comprised of four areas: Greater encounter with God; Greater engagement in learning; Greater emphasis on global issues; and Greater expression of doing good.

Through this model, I pray our students establish a relationship with God and a love for others that can only be accomplished through Him.

We know that greater things are yet to come for our students. May they be world-changers for Christ.


Dr. John Fozard, President



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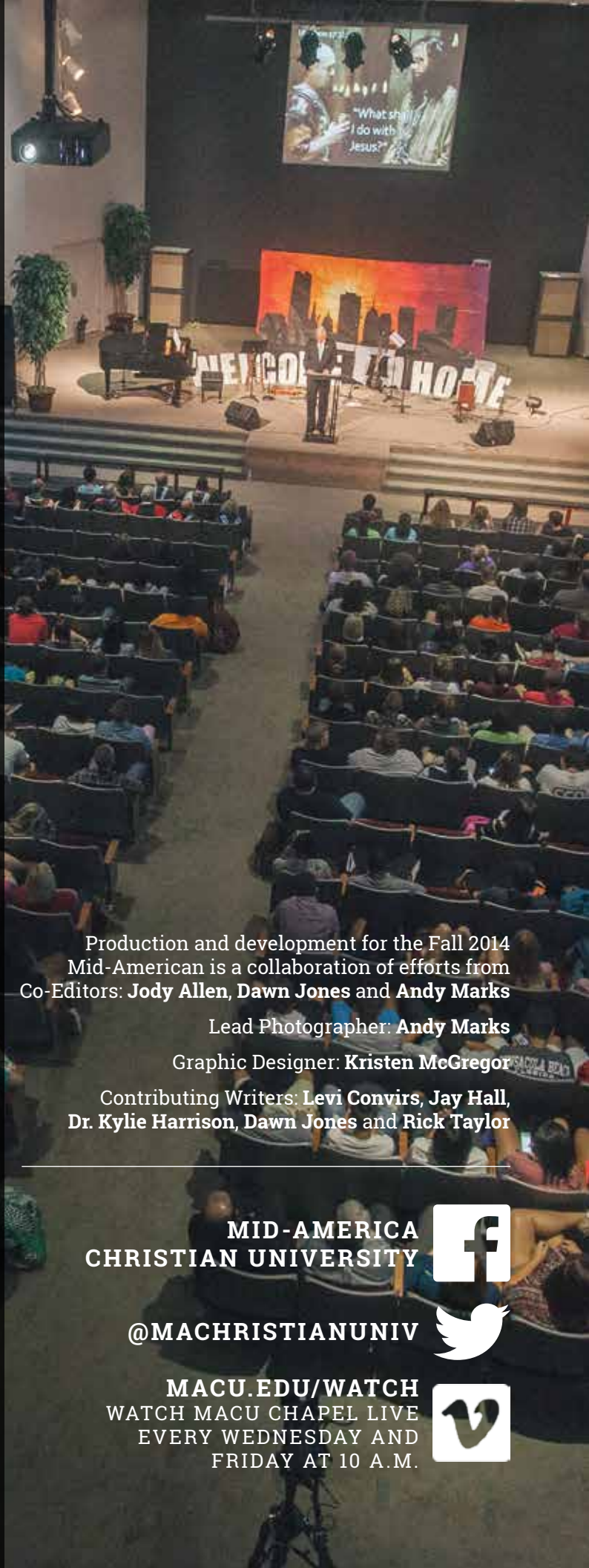
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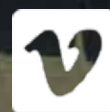
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GLOBAL LEARNER SUMMER ADVENTURES

MACU students and faculty enjoyed another exhilarating summer of international travel through the Global Learner program. The Global Learner program cultivates partnerships with organizations around the world to meet local needs and to share the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

CHINA

For the first time, MACU sent a team to China. The team was a combination of traditional and non-traditional students, and faculty. They traveled to Nanning, China, and were welcomed into the homes of locals who provided lodging

during their two-week stay.

While in Nanning, the team served at an English language camp working with approximately 150 students. Team members witnessed God's mighty hand at work in a country whose government has resisted Christianity. Every morning, camp staff began

the lessons with scripture and praise. Because of these devotions, many children asked team members to share their Christian faith.

The MACU team left Nanning knowing they had witnessed the incredible power of God stirring the hearts of the Chinese people.



UGANDA

A continent away, six members of the MACU community partnered with Water4, Mission Direct, and Mission4Water near Rukungiri, Uganda to drill a borehole well. The well will provide clean water for the 300 students at Aunt Mizzola Primary School and the nearly 25 households in the surrounding community.

Prior to the team's efforts, the community had only two options for water. One source was a muddy hole in a cattle pasture and the other was located almost

a kilometer away from the school, causing students to carry heavy jerry cans of water back to their classmates.

Trip Director Dr. Jay Hall recalled the process, "The highlight for me was starting and completing the well and getting to hand it off to the community and school."

The educational focus of the trip was on water scarcity; students also learned about food security, health issues, economic development, spirituality, and culture by participating in additional service projects around Rukungiri.

Team participant, MBA student Leah Whitney, elaborates, "The Ugandan people are extremely welcoming and friendly. This trip opened my eyes to a new culture."

The Summer 2014 trip is the fourth Global Learner experience in Uganda, but it was the first time that the borehole well was completely funded by generous MACU donors.



For more information on how you can support future Global Learner initiatives, go online to: <http://give.macu.edu>

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Nataly Barillas

After visiting with Nataly Barillas, a MACU senior earning a multidisciplinary degree in Behavioral Science and Music, it is no surprise she identified Joshua 1:9 as her favorite scripture. Whether at home in Moore, Oklahoma or halfway around the world in Rukungiri, Uganda – her journey has required her to step out in faith.

Nataly did not actually begin her college education at MACU. She started at nearby University of Oklahoma but felt that something was missing. She needed \$5,000 to cover costs related to transferring. God provided the funds within a week!

Barillas' courage and desire to rely on the Lord for everything and to bravely follow His leading is an inspiration for all believers.

Q&A WITH NATALY

Q: Nataly, you represent MACU Admissions in the Oklahoma City Hispanic community. What is your message to these families?

A: As a member of a Hispanic family, I have seen many families lose hope of sending their children to college. I have been in their shoes. I saw that there was an opportunity to go to college and I went for it. Seeing that everything lined up for me, I want to let other Hispanic families know that they have opportunities too.

Q: Tell us about your experience being on the MACU Water4 well building team the past two summers in Uganda.

A: It was especially exciting this year because the team was able to complete a well for the community. The water is very important to the children and families. I got to see how much they value the well and looked forward to its completion. It was a faith challenge just to go to Africa, but God taught me how Ugandans depend on Him. I took that and said, "God I want to depend on you for everything too!"

Q: What's ahead for you upon earning your degree?

A: I hope to pursue a Masters in Counseling degree so I can help families and married couples grow closer together.



"God was tugging on my heart. 'I'm not in your schedule.' He was right!"

— NATALY BARILLAS



WE CELEBRATE 15 YEARS WITH PRESIDENT FOZARD

Throughout the years there has been a legacy growing ever deeper in the hearts and minds of the Mid-America Christian University family. A legacy built upon faith in God's promises, determination for success and dedication to continuous learning. During the past 15 years, Mid-America has thrived nationally and internationally more than ever before under the unwavering and honorable leadership of President Dr. John Fozard.

Incessantly from day one, President Fozard's exemplary guidance has been demonstrated through providing transparency, building relationships, empowering leaders and ensuring student success. It is evident God has impressed on him how and where to lead Mid-America.

Through a question and answer interview President Fozard revealed challenges as well as great accomplishments.

Q: In 1999, what were your goals, expectations and priorities as the new President of Mid-America?

A: As a new trustee in 1998, I determined that I would assist the university in creating a distance learning model that would enable this school to become a global institution. I enrolled in a doctoral program for theological education, never anticipating it to be the preparation for the presidency. Later, I came across a quote by Peter Drucker, "In the Industrial Age people went to college. In the Information Age, the college must come to people." That articulated my vision for Mid-America as I embraced a learning network that could provide on-campus education but could also deliver higher education to the home, the local church and into any workplace. The world would be our classroom. I believed the university would one day be educating the heads of state in many nations, as well as expanding our niche of preparing church leaders.

Q: What obstacles, if any, challenged the vision of transforming Mid-America to a global institution that would provide more educational opportunities?

A: There was a colossal obstacle obstructing the vision and that was the school's indebtedness. It took me a few months to fully realize our fiscal predicament. The College's debt exceeded \$17 million, with \$10.5 million in 30-day demand notes. There is only one way to explain how we were able to become debt-free by 2006. It was God's miraculous power working through His people. Every trustee displayed a vibrant trust in God's generosity because each of them either remained on the board or accepted newly-elected positions knowing if God did not intervene, the school would close. Then, there were those faithful note-holders who graciously agreed to restructure their notes at lower interest rates. One cannot forget the loyalty and faithfulness of faculty and staff who demonstrated a loyalty to this school's mission, even though they were underpaid and under-resourced. Our donors could not give equal gifts, but each one gave sacrificially. In October 2006, the campus community celebrated the burning of the mortgage! One of the most satisfying moments was what it communicated to our students — that God can be trusted even with our "Red Sea" moments. It challenged our whole university to "Dream Bigger and Do Greater" because when one does God's will, they can expect God's supply!

“ You have to trust God as sovereign during the darkest days. You have the opportunity to run or to stand. ”

Q: Since your presidency, the university has undergone another name change. What were the reasons for changing the name?

A: When the school moved in 1985 from Houston to Oklahoma City, the school's name was changed from Gulf Coast Bible College to Mid-America Bible College. In 2003, I recommended to the Board of Trustees that we change the name to Mid-America Christian University. There were several reasons for recommending this. Many people misunderstood who we were and what degree programs we offered. For instance, as I traveled to South America to assess the technology infrastructure that would allow us to broadcast our classes internationally, I was immediately informed that 'college' in many nations meant 'high school.' Locally, people thought the only degrees we provided were ministerial degrees. The name change repositioned us to expand our degree programs internationally as well as being recognized as a Christian liberal arts university.

Q: In 1999, there were approximately 500 students enrolled and in Spring 2014 there were approximately 2,800 students enrolled. What are some of the reasons Mid-America has had tremendous enrollment growth over the past decade and a half?

A: The enrollment has grown significantly due to implementing global educational opportunities, providing online courses, removing language barriers and other bold initiatives. In 2004, we established the Thomas School of International Studies (TSIS). We recruited Dr. Enrique Cepeda as the school's

1999
STUDENT
COUNT 500

2000

ONLINE
MINISTRY
CLASS

Began with 15 students and now there are more than 2,000.

2003

NAME
CHANGED

Changed from Mid-America Bible College to Mid-America Christian University.

2004

THOMAS
SCHOOL OF
INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES

Master of Leadership degree entirely in Spanish, first in Oklahoma to offer this.

2005

TOLER
LEADERSHIP
CENTER

Able to train more than 80,000 leaders around the world, including both church and business leaders.

2006

MACU
DEBT FREE

The University's \$17 million debt paid in full.

2007

Accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

2012

J.E. MASSEY
CENTER

Named after one of our premier ministers in the Church of God — his recorded works are available through our university.

2013

KENNEDY HALL

Constructed debt free.

**MAJOR INCREASE
IN STUDENTS
STUDYING
MINISTRY**

In 1999, there were approximately 550 students total at university, now there are 535 in the ministry degree program.

**BETHEL
MINISTRIES**

Partnership with Bethel Series to provide students with an understanding of the Old and New Testaments. Began with 20 students, now close to 60 enrolled.

2014

**AWARDED
10 YEAR
ACCREDITATION**

**NEW RESIDENCE
HALL**

Provides housing to 102 number of students.

**CAMPUS
RENOVATION**

(Bookstore, Student Center, and Cafeteria) Student Center area increased from 1,200 square feet to 11,000 square feet.

**SEMINARS ON
WESLEYAN
THEOLOGY**

MACU is producing teaching seminars about Wesleyan Theology, has never been done before.

**CURRENT
STUDENT COUNT
APPROXIMATELY
2,800**

Executive Director. The TSIS has been responsible for helping to translate our Master's in Leadership degree entirely in Spanish. In the past year, we have been able to partner with organizations such as Connecting Businessmen to Christ and Heart to Honduras to offer certificate programs and professional training. In the next few years, we will be replicating that training in Costa Rica, Mexico and Nicaragua. It is not uncommon to have between 10-24 students enrolled within a degree or certificate program.

Q: During the past decade there have been two University Centers created. What was the concept for them and what services do they provide?

A: In 2005, I led efforts to establish the Toler Leadership Center with Dr. Stan Toler serving as the Center's CEO. Over the next four years, the TLC Conference trained more than 80,000 church and business leaders in Christian ethics and discipleship. In 2013, we had 535 students enrolled in ministry courses, almost the entire student population in 1999. Also in 2012, we established the J.E. Massey Center for Leadership and Ministry. Not only have we made Dr. Massey's homiletical training available worldwide, but we are now offering the Bethel Bible Series to approximately 60 students through that Center. One of the questions I am frequently asked is whether we have ever deviated from our original mission of training church leaders. In actuality, through these resources we have trained thousands and it is truly inspiring.

Q: In addition to these valuable online resources, what are some of the on-campus improvements?

A: In 2014, the University made \$10 million of capital improvements. Kennedy Hall, a new academic building, was completed and began being utilized in January. A new Student Center was opened in March, increasing the area from 1,200 square feet to 11,000 square feet. Also, in May we added a new bookstore providing students with much needed resources. In August, students began occupying the new three-story residence hall.

Q: In addition to offering Bachelor degree programs, Mid-America now offers Master's level education. What Master's degree programs are available?

A: Effective June 2005, the University was approved to offer Master's level degree programs. To date we have ten "areas of specialization" under four Master's degree programs. The programs include Counseling, Leadership, Business Administration (MBA) and Ministry. In addition, these programs include academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Q: Looking ahead, what do you envision the University to accomplish throughout the next decade?

A: When I came to this position I did not realize how much money it took to operate a private university. As a pastor, I had encouraged several students to attend Mid-America and our congregation had given contributions. Still, we didn't realize the annual cost of operations or the capital needs of building a campus for the 21st Century. Phenomenal growth has required us to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in software and technology to accommodate that growth. We are still working on automating many procedures. Yet, these are the 'good' challenges to have. We have moved from 'survive' to 'thrive.' Our message has not changed. Our preparation of church leaders has not changed. Our expanded emphasis on living the transformed life by the Holy Spirit's presence and power is exciting. Every day, the Lord is revealing great triumphs — including our most recent accomplishment of a successful accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in July. The HLC reaffirmed that MACU's accreditation in the Standard Pathways has been approved on a ten-year cycle.

I am humbled to have been allowed by the Lord to be a part of this great expansion of mission. I am fully committed to our vision motto:

**'PREPARING PEOPLE TO
DO GREATER THINGS FOR
GOD AND HIS KINGDOM!'**

BUILDING A GREATER CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR

True to the MACU motto of "Dream Bigger and Do Greater," as students returned to Mid-America for school year 2014-15, they were awarded many great new facilities and areas.

Phase One of the campaign is complete and was paid for through generous gifts from friends like you! However, there is still more to do. Consider partnering with MACU in educating and equipping our next generation of leaders. Please give the gift of a Greater Campus Experience to Mid-America Students!

PHASE ONE – COMPLETE!

Cost: \$6.1 million – PAID!



Student Center completed March 2014



Kennedy Hall completed October 2013



Bookstore completed June 2014

PHASE TWO – UNDERWAY!

Estimated Cost: \$10 million



RESIDENCE HALL #1: OPENED Fall 2014! Our residential campus is an important reflection of who we are as a Christian university. Since August students have been occupying this brand new 30,000 square foot living space.

The new Residence Hall features:

- Increased per-person space
- Availability of expanded suites
- Card-access security entry
- Laundry facilities on each floor
- Contemporary furnishings

RESIDENCE HALL #2: COMING SOON! This Residence Hall will be a duplicate of the new hall.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND OFFICE RENOVATIONS: Renovations for classrooms and offices are being planned.

PHASE THREE

Estimated Cost: \$10 million

Foreseeable additions to the campus could include expansion of the Gymnasium and a new Leadership Building and Auditorium.

GIVE ONLINE AT GIVE.MACU.EDU

SPECIAL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW RESIDENCE HALL

Families, churches, Sunday school classes, and other groups – this is your opportunity to pay tribute to someone who has touched your life, by naming a room or feature of the new Residence Hall in their honor or memory.

AREAS TO BE NAMED	# OF AREAS	CONTRIBUTION
Commons Area	3 areas	\$50,000
Expanded Suite	12 exp. suites	\$30,000
2-Room Suite	30 suites	\$20,000

For more information about the Greater Campus Experience or to make a Named Gift, contact Steve Seaton, Vice President for University Advancement at sseaton@macu.edu or (405) 692-3191.



NEW RESIDENCE

OPENED AUGUST 2014

NCE HALL

Join us for the Dedication Service
OCTOBER 15 at 10 A.M.!





COACH HOLLEY'S FINAL SEASON

Forty-two years helping develop the Christian foundations of young men who would use that base for productive, fulfilling lives.

Forty-two years as a basketball coach, molding consistently competitive teams that were often championship caliber.

At Gulf Coast Bible College (GBC) in the Spring of 1972, Willie Holley was given the opportunity to build an athletics program. Forty-two years later, Coach Holley enters his final season as men's basketball coach and concludes a storied career in which he has not only been a basketball coach, but the architect of something special.

"I've always been a part of building something," Holley said. "It is important to me that I'm part of something that is developing, that is growing. I like the challenges that come with building something, and this has provided me with the challenges I need."

Coach Holley has invested four decades into building an athletics program that has been the inspiration for many small Christian universities.

"Athletics are important to me because that's where my life changed," Holley said. "I had some great coaches growing up and my coaches developed me to succeed, to not accept mediocrity."

As Holley embarks upon his 42nd and final season, it's only natural to look back at the journey. In the early 1970s when Holley was fresh out of college, he began, in his own words, "chasing a lot of money by selling used cars."

It didn't take him long to

understand that was not his calling. Holley also realized he had to get back to the church, a vital part of his youth growing up on the family farm in Louisiana.

To those ends, he found himself in Houston taking courses at Gulf Coast Bible College.

"I got saved right before I went to Houston, and I'm going to be totally honest, that's where God sent me," he said. "Wherever God sends you, that's where you stay until God sends you somewhere else."

"God took me to Houston in 1972 and opened the door to coaching. I came into this thing with no experience; I had never coached before. I have been able to grow with it."

"This is where God put me, and He's given me a purpose and a mission. He gave me a vision for not only the basketball program, but the total athletics program."

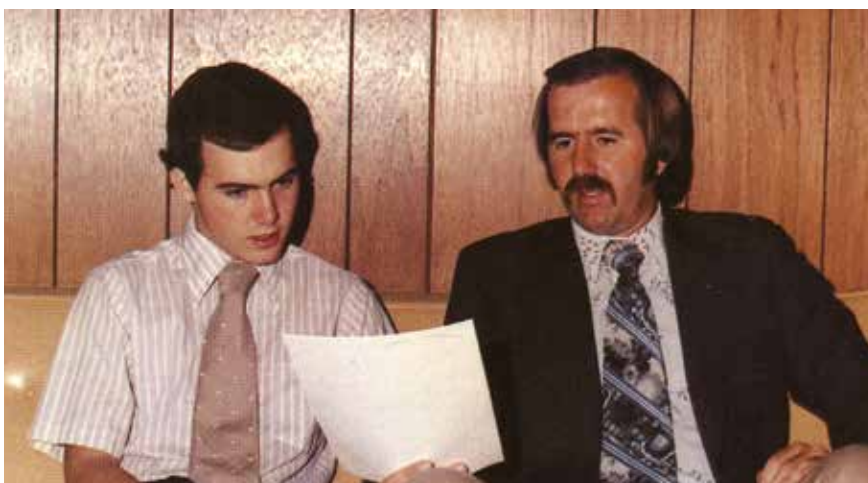
Drawing upon his youth and

the role sports played, Holley decided Gulf Coast Bible College needed an athletics program. He started the basketball program from practically nothing.

"I will never forget that first week," he said. "I went to the business office and asked how much money I had to work with. They called in the financial officer and he told me that I had a thousand dollars in the budget, but that didn't mean I had a thousand dollars to spend. We had no facilities, no uniforms and a few basketballs. We had half a gym with one goal that was fan-shaped, and if you tried to dunk on it, you'd pull it down."

"No place to practice, no budget and no place to play." I remember thinking, "Oh my goodness, what have you gotten into?"

But true to his nature, Holley rolled up his sleeves and went to work. He began building the basketball program and, as the Athletic Director,



Gulf Coast Bible College, 1979

he began constructing the program, eventually adding baseball, volleyball, women's basketball, men's and women's soccer and men's golf.

"Quite honestly, Willie was the program," recalled Pastor Steve Chiles, a member of Holley's first basketball team. "The school had no facilities and no budget. It was the lowest form of basketball I have ever played. Willie was a jewel of a coach. I have never had a coach who took such a personal interest in players."

When Gulf Coast Bible College moved to Oklahoma City in 1985, Holley was leading the way as it eventually joined the Sooner Athletic Conference in 2007-08 and became a member of NAIA Division I. The athletics program he started and nourished as Athletic Director has thrived.

Focusing on basketball, his career has been nothing short of historic. Holley's teams won NCCAA national championships in 1998, 2003, 2004 and 2007.

This year, his team will win its 12th game and in doing so, Holley will step into rarefied air by becoming only the 18th coach in collegiate history to win 800 career games. His record of 788-516 ranks 18th all-time and sits with the likes of Mike Krzyzewski, Jim Boeheim, Bob Knight and Dean Smith.

"I'm not going to lie to you, I've pondered 800," Holley says. "You know what 800 means in the record books, it's in the top 20 all-time and it's second all-time in NAIA. From a personal standpoint, that is gratification. It makes me feel good to see that my life



has been judged successful in the history of the game."

Coach Holley explains his fulfillment in building the program and the team effort that led to the distinction from other programs and overall success.

"Personally, the type of kids we're able to recruit, the average Joe, has the ability and talent; we help them get inspired," he said.

"The real satisfaction is seeing what you're able to be a part of and that it has brought recognition to those people. It's good to have 800 wins; I'm not going to say it's not. What's so much more gratifying is that the kids, the parents and the people who make donations have become a significant part of the game of basketball here."

The real impact of Holley as a coach is much more than just wins. His true impact is in the lives he has been able to influence.

"Willie is a mentor and used basketball to teach me some of the most important lessons about life," Chiles said. "Willie took me from a believer in Christ to a disciple of Christ."

As is the case with all building

This year, Coach Holley will become the 18th coach in collegiate history to win 800 career games.

projects, there is an end date. Eventually, the job is complete.

As Holley prepares for retirement, he knows it's neither the countless victories nor the championships that will serve as cherished moments. Instead, he will carry the memories of helping young men learn to live a Christ-filled life.

"I have countless former players," he said, "and once or twice a year one will call and he will say, 'Coach, I finally understand what you were talking about back then. I didn't understand it at the time, but I get it now.'"

"Those are great memories. It's been a road of developing good memories."



CHELSEA SWISHER
Lady Evangels

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Filling the net should not be a problem for the Mid-America Christian University Lady Evangels soccer team.

The talented trio of Chelsea Swisher, Cici Mitchell and Kaci Power returns after their standout seasons in 2013, in which the Evangels led the Sooner Athletic Conference in goals. Swisher had 19 goals and 14 assists, while Mitchell and Power both scored 13 goals.

"This women's team is one that has a lot of potential and returns a lot of experience," Co-Head Coach Zach Bice said. "This team will be an attack-minded team that will be a joy to watch."

Experience at forward will also be a plus. Senior Rochelle Bohuslavicky returns as do Juniors Brianna Jezioro, Alex Macias, Kayla Baldwin and Zana Bryan. Sophomores Taylor Moseley and Jamie Carroll also return. Defensively, Rachel Lynn returns after earning first-team All-NCCAA Central Region honors last season, as does Sophomore Michaela Power. They helped the Evangels post six shutouts in 2013.

In goal, the combination of Sophomore Kenady Maynard and Junior Kaitlyn Whitten will share time again this season. They alternated halves much of last season with similar results (Whitten notched 45 saves, Maynard had 41). Sophomore Taylor Files may also earn some playing time.

The Evangels opened the 2014 season on Sept. 2 against Jarvis Christian College. Both Chelsea Swisher and Cici Mitchell scored a hat trick supporting a 10-0 win. On Sept. 26, the Evangels will begin conference play at Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Second-year Coach Mike Freeman faces the task of blending a solid group of lettermen with a large and talented incoming class.

Junior setter Hannah Luedtke returns on the heels of an All-SAC honorable mention selection campaign, in which she ranked fifth in the SAC in assists (5.7 assists per match). She is joined by Senior Kahdejah Henry (96 kills) and Sophomore Larissa Runyan (178 digs, 79 kills).

Seven newcomers figure to get playing time, including Senior Lauren McKinney, who played for MACU's basketball team.

The Evangels opened the season by hosting the MACU Tournament on Aug. 29-30.

MEN'S GOLF

Just making the starting five will be a difficult chore for the men's golf team.

Coach Allen Duke's depth has assembled a strong 10-man team of returnees and newcomers, which ensures competition will be strong in qualifying rounds.

"A full roster of 10 players will automatically make qualifying for the starting five extremely competitive. Competition only makes your team better," Dukes said.

The Evangels return Juniors Jared McElhany and Ryan Harris in addition to Sophomores Jerry Miller, David Smith, Trevor Jennings and Tyler Kelpine. They are joined by 2012 letterman Daniel Copeland. Talented freshman Dillion Mooreland and Kade Rodgers round out the squad.

MEN'S SOCCER

Building on the success of 2013 will not be easy for the Evangels men's soccer team. Yet Co-Head Coaches Zach Bice and Evan Dresel believe a group of 19 newcomers, joining a holdover class of 10 players, can rise to the challenge.

"We really like our younger group of guys and feel they can be a great group for the future," Dresel said.

Raphael Bonelle returns for his senior season. The school's all-time leading scorer enjoyed a fantastic 2013 season (a school-record 15 goals and eight assists). Juniors Kevin Cabello, Tej Trivedi and Paul Copeland combined for 10 goals in 2013. Other returnees include Juniors Jose Dozal and Jonatan Loya as well as Sophomore Juan Mendez.

Goal tending figures to be in strong hands. Tyler McIntosh ranks second all-time in school history with eight shutouts.

A slew of newcomers will try to help build on last season's success that included a season high for victories (11) as a NAIA school. The Evangels advanced to the NCCAA National Tournament for the first time since 2009.

The Evangels opened the season on Sept. 2 with a 3-0 win against Jarvis Christian College. Conference play begins on Sept. 26 at Southwestern Assemblies of God University.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Roosevelt W. Hall

Through a unique partnership – Mid-America and JASCO Products Company have been providing JASCO employees with the opportunity to further their education.

At the end of Fall 2014, JASCO employee Roosevelt W. Hall, will obtain his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Ethics.

Q: What do you like best about your experience at MACU?

A: That it was free [laughing]. But seriously, it is a monumental opportunity for my employer to have a partnership with MACU so that our tuition is paid for.

I'm happy to complete my degree, and I have really appreciated the online experience. I didn't realize

I would like taking classes online this much. It has allowed me to work on schoolwork when it is most convenient for me and at my own pace.

Q: What are your future plans with your new degree in Business Administration and Ethics?

A: I am planning to continue on to get a Master's degree in Leadership. Hopefully, I'll be able to use my two degrees at JASCO. Right now I'm the Safety Coordinator, but would eventually like to advance.

Q: Do you have any advice for others considering going to college as an adult student (non-traditional)?

A: You've got to put in the time. It's time consuming but worth it! Quit making excuses and get out there and get started.

MACU STUDENTS HELP WITH U.S. SENIOR OPEN

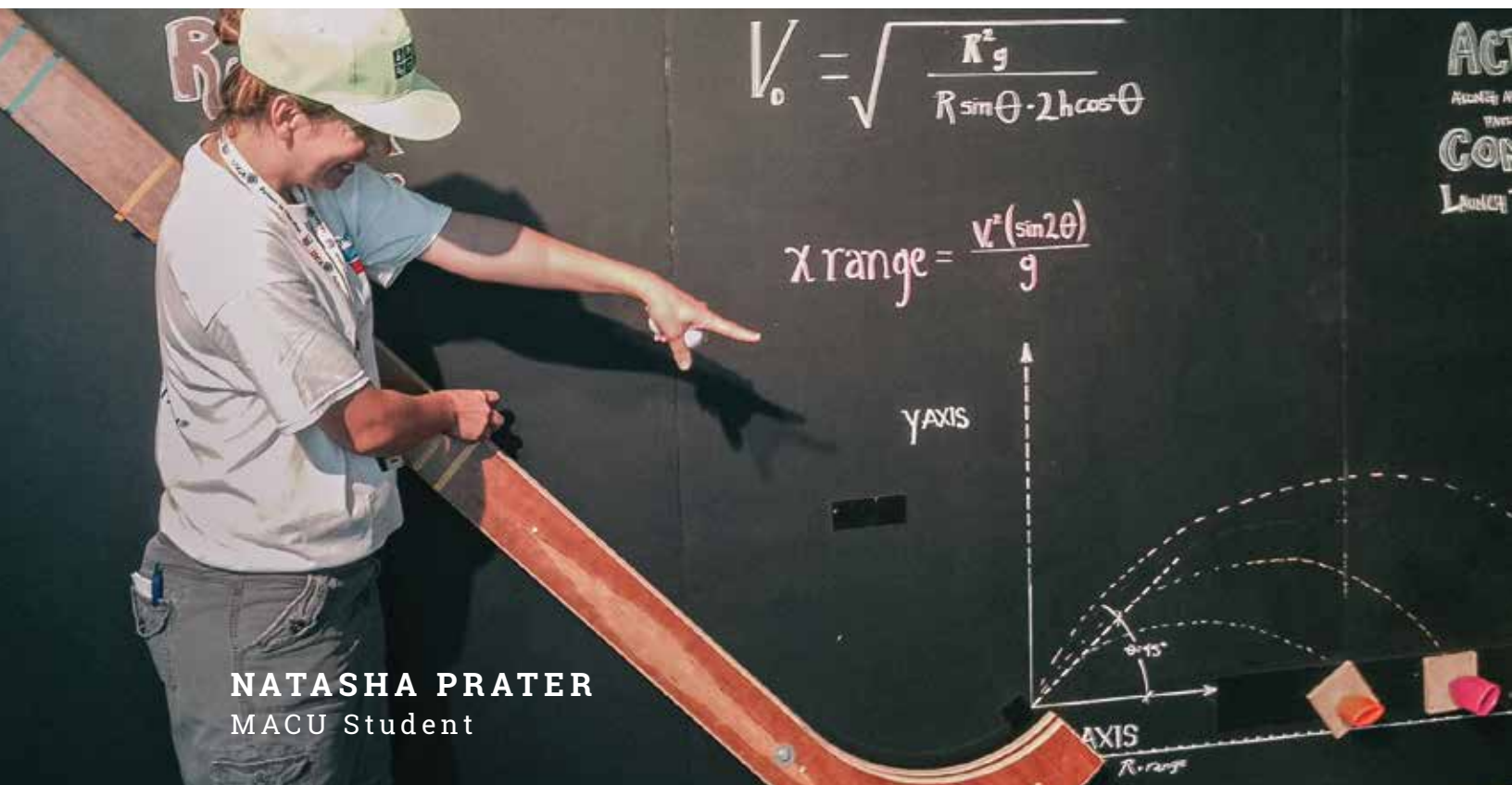
Students from the School of Teacher Education were awarded a memorable experience to volunteer in Chevron's STEM Zone at the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament July 10 - 13 at Oak Tree Country Club in Edmond, Oklahoma. Chevron hosts a hospitality tent at major sporting events called the STEM Zone to provide activities for kids to learn about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) in sports.

Chevron recruits preservice mathematics teachers to volunteer for their love of teaching and provide them with an opportunity to learn the STEM applications in sports alongside the community. A Chevron representative contacted Dr. Carol Fowlkes, Chair of the School of Math

and Science, to request student volunteers.

The demand for STEM occupations are rapidly increasing across the country. Chevron's STEM Zone, and other similar programs, help to cultivate an interest among today's youth in STEM education and future professions.

Many thanks to Dr. Fowlkes as well as Andrew Stroumbaugh, Natasha Prater, Rebecca Clyma, Javier Hernandez, Cici Mitchell, Jaclyn Russell, Dustin Welch, and Carrie Merritt who represented MACU at this prestigious event! The United States Golf Association posted an article on July 13, 2014 praising MACU students and alumni for their service during their summer vacation.



NATASHA PRATER
MACU Student

ALUMNI UPDATE - COMING SOON!

We want to hear from you! If you have a great story to share or want to let us know about a recent accomplishment, please email Dawn Jones, Director of University Communications, at: djones@macu.edu.

A photograph of two graduates in black caps and gowns. The graduate in the foreground is a Black woman with a wide smile, looking slightly to the side. The graduate behind her is a white woman, also smiling. Both are wearing blue stoles. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

COMMENCEMENT 2014

"Let's continue to pray that each of these students will continue to 'Dream Bigger and Do Greater' as they move into the next chapter of their journey."

– PRESIDENT FOZARD

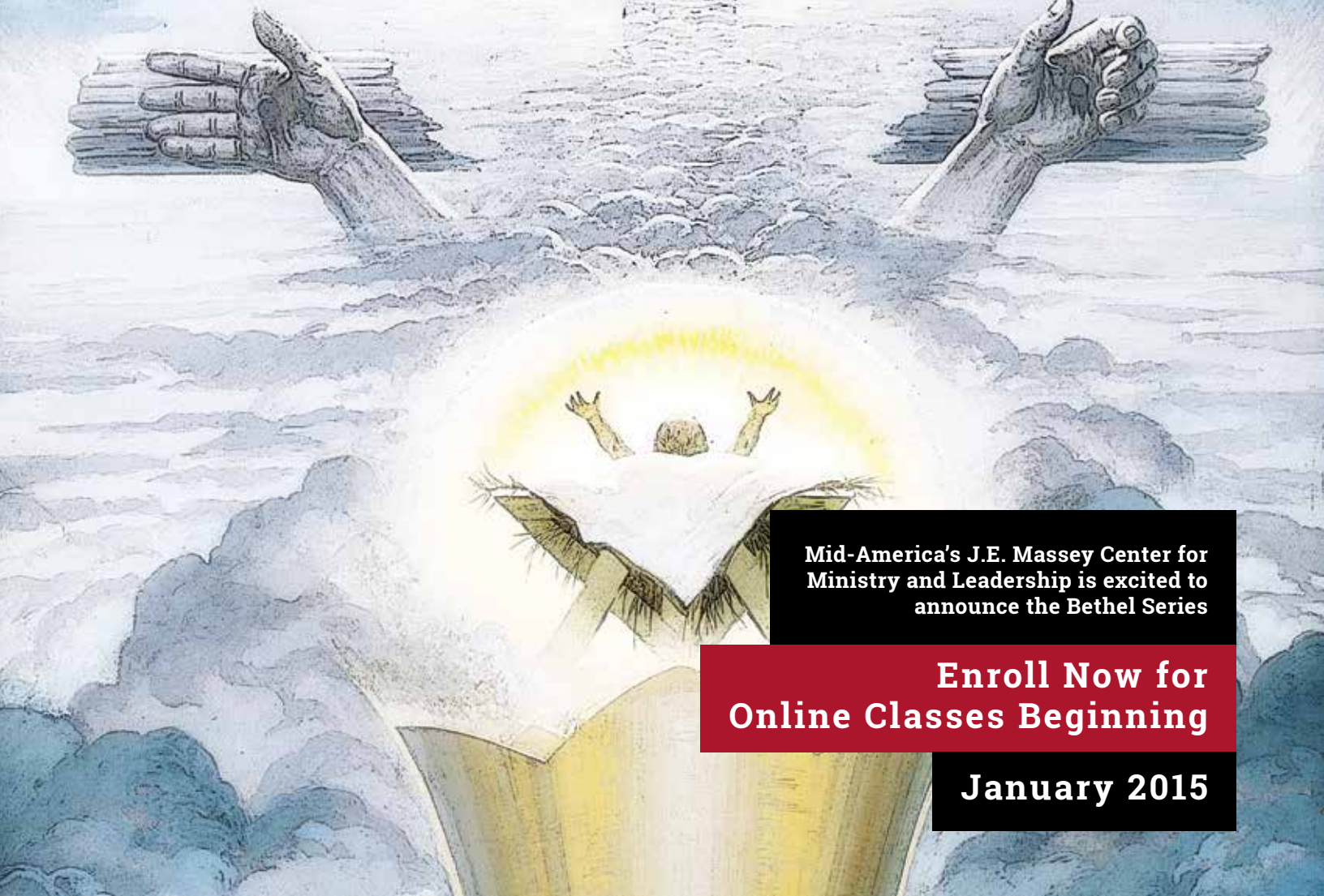
Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God continues to bless Mid-America Christian University with a wonderful group of hard-working students. The graduating class of 2014, comprised of 414 students, proudly and deservedly received their diplomas on May 3 at Crossings Community Church in Oklahoma City.

The ceremony included captivating musical performances and inspiring messages from many great leaders. The invocation blessing was led by Oklahoma Representative Anastasia Pittman, and the Commencement Address was delivered by U.S. Congressman James Lankford. The musical performances were performed by Candace Terer, member of the graduating class; Dr. Christian Morren, Chair of the School of Music; and Rev. Don Peslis, MACU Alumnus and Associate Pastor of Crossings Community Church.

In addition to graduates receiving their diplomas and recognition of excellence, two other honorary degrees were presented. The Doctorate of Humane Letter was awarded to Mr. Ralph Palmer for his 30 years of devoted service on the University Board of Trustees. The Doctorate of Divinity was awarded to Rev. Roy Dobbs for his dedicated service as Pastor of the First Church of God in Clinton, Oklahoma since 1973.

This graduating class has made a great impact on the university community and be missed.



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