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MACU President Dr. John Fozard and students
at Community Day, September 4, 2015.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



## DEAR FRIENDS,

It's always an exciting time on campus when students return in the fall. They have had their summer experience, have a sense of renewal and are charged with new possibilities. Faculty and advisors are also charged with high expectations for their students' success.

This back to school was even more special than in years past because September 7 marked the 30th Anniversary of the campus dedication ceremony upon moving from Houston, Texas to Oklahoma City. Therefore, it was fitting to rededicate the Chapel in celebration of this milestone and due to the tremendous renovation that took place during the summer months. [See pages 18-19 for Chapel renovation and rededication.]

Thirty years ago, then President Dr. John Conley led the dedication that was themed "The Future Starts Here." Due to the hard work and dedication from so many throughout the years, that theme has proven true.

The move to Oklahoma was a necessary "leap of faith" due to concerns regarding safety, low enrollment and the facilities.

We committed to the relocation and have continued to grow in many ways, including student enrollment, degree programs offered and distance learning options.

In fact, in October 1985 there were 249 registered students; our current student enrollment is more than 2300.

Additionally, we now offer degree programs and specialized certificates in more than 10 countries, in both English and Spanish. Through the Thomas School of International Studies (TSIS) we have been able to educate and train hundreds of students throughout the world.

You'll also be pleased to know that the number of ministry students continues to rise. More than 60 years ago, our university was established as a direct request from the Church of God to have a centralized location for training and preparing students in pastoral and ministerial leadership.

Still today we have remained at the forefront with 330 ministry students currently enrolled. These students will be the next generation of leadership for the Church of God, as well as many other churches. Therefore, we believe it is vital that they receive handson training in mentoring, preaching, evangelism, church administration, church operations and other key areas.

Also, I am pleased to share with you that on Wednesday, October 21, we will be dedicating the newest residence hall in memory of the life and ministry of Dr. Lillie McCutcheon. She was an inspiring evangelist, visionary pastor, author and church leader.

There is no truer expression of a Christian university than its campus community. Having a facility named in honor of Dr. McCutcheon helps to reflect our foundation and vision.

All of these components—from increased degree options, optimal learning environments, apprenticeship-focused education and more—are what makes Mid-America a university on the rise.

Due to the continued support through prayer and financial gifts from our friends, like you, we are ensuring that our students have a GREATER experience.

This President's Report is a testimony to God's goodness and the faithfulness of our supporters. I pray that you are blessed by what you read.

Dr. John Fozard, President

# ENROLLMENT

### MINISTRY MAJORS

College of Arts & Sciences (CAS): 46 College of Adult & Graduate Studies (CAGS): 284

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### DID YOU KNOW?

99% of Freshmen receive scholarships or some form of financial assistance

MACU cost 25% less than other private universities nationwide,

MACU does not charge out-of-state tuition



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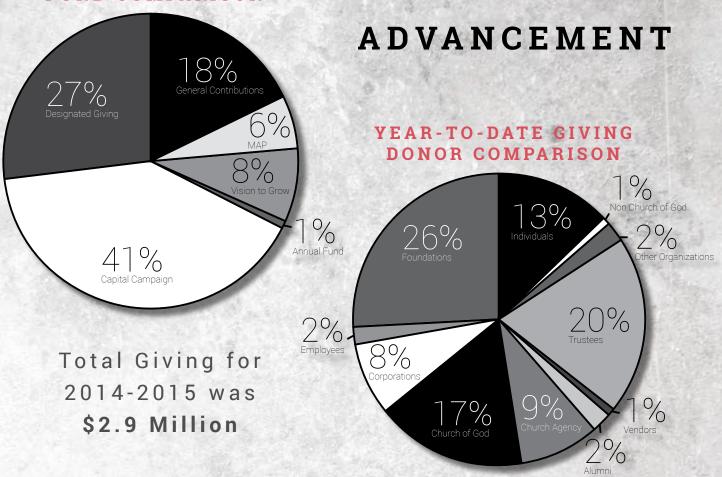
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# Happy 30th Anniversary

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# BUILDING A GRE EXPERIENCE



PHASE ONE - COMPLETE! Cost: \$6.1 million - PAID! Student Center: MARCH 2014 Kennedy Hall: OCTOBER 2013 Bookstore: JUNE 2014

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE: GIVE.MACU.EDU

PHASE TWO - NEARLY COMPLETE!
Estimated Cost: \$10 million
Residence Hall #1: FALL 2014
Residence Hall #2: SEPTEMBER 2015 Chapel Renovations: SUMMER 2015 Administration Building & Office Renovations: 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.

# ATER CAMPUS





Johanna Gibbs said a few years ago that her life was not going in the direction her heart desired so she prayed and asked God to direct her path. Originally she studied Sociology and while working in her field of study, began to feel that her life's work was in ministry and missions.

During her time working in a Sociology department, she also began serving at her church as a translator for mission teams visiting Costa Rica. While serving at the church, a mentor encouraged her to contact Dr. Enrique Cepeda with Mid-America's Thomas School of International Studies (TSIS). Johanna had not been aware of the Master's in Leadership degree program.

"The master's degree totally changed my perspective of ministry. I knew I wanted to continue my education and that I wanted it to be Christian based. So this was an accomplished desire for me. I had great expectations for the program and I really love what I've learned. This has all been God's plan and immediately after completing the program there was a need for a youth leader in my church. I was able to put into practice what I had just learned," said Johanna.

Johanna knew that was confirmation that she had to continue this 'path of growth.' She explained that she then contacted President Fozard and shared with him her desire to continue education and go deeper into the Bible. Following their conversation, Johanna enrolled in

the Bethel Bible Series. Upon completion, she will become a certified Bethel teacher.

"I have served as a disciple in my church for seven years. I'm ready to do it formally and be certified."

Johanna prays that God will place her in the ministry profession and remains focused on His plan for her life.

About me: "I have a daughter who is now seven years old. Actually a lot of the changes and perspective in my

life is because of her. I went through a hard time when she was a baby and my life took a different turn. I had a desire in my heart to be with my daughter. I asked the Lord to allow me to be with her for five years [and not working]. Honestly, after the five years I've asked the Lord to allow me to continue studying. This is my testimony. The Lord hears me. Once my daughter turned five in September, in October I began the Master's program. Five years exactly, God answered me. How God has answered my prayers and is in my life is actually a great testimony for my family as well."

Highlights: "At the end of the Bible Counseling certificate program, Dr. Cepeda and President Fozard came to Costa Rica for the ceremony. It was another great experience. After that, I had an opportunity in May to walk in the graduation in Oklahoma City for the master's program. It was great to be a part of such a great ceremony at Crossings. It was also great to see the university. I'm very close with my family and my father was able to join me at the graduation. These experiences along the way help make it clear to me that God is working in my life."

Advice to others: "Most people I work with in rural areas of Latin America, it is hard for them to dream. It is difficult for them to have an idea of what they can do and accomplish. I would advise them: first, believe in God and yourself; second, have a desire to become better.

We have to trust God. He will provide. Also, many people believe the degrees are only offered in English. The master degree is

offered in English. The master degree is offered in Spanish which helps to remove language barriers. Years ago when praying for direction, God gave me the verse Psalm 37:9. 'Delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.' He will seek the petition of your heart, you don't even have to ask. He hears you. While you delight yourself in Him, He will help you."

# Bethel Series







The Bethel Series is designed for Pastors and Ministry Staff, Sunday School Teachers, Bible Study Leaders, Christian Counselors, and those who desire a deeper understanding of the Bible.

The Bethel Series Online is designed to equip students in comprehending the major themes throughout the Old and New Testaments by drawing together biblical stories and passages that otherwise may seem disjointed. Biblical messages are studied in direct relationship to their historical context.

MACU is committed to making the Bethel Series affordable to all. There are four semesters to the Bethel Series.

For those wishing to take the course for personal growth or to obtain a Bethel Series Teacher

Certification, the cost is \$100/semester.

For individuals seeking college credit, the course is \$1,125 for three hours of undergraduate or \$1,746 for graduate college credit.

High school honors students looking to get a jump on their college career are eligible to take the Bethel Series at a reduced rate of \$175 for three hours of college credit.

To learn more about the Bethel Series Online at MACU or to hold your place in the next class, visit bethelonline.macu.edu/





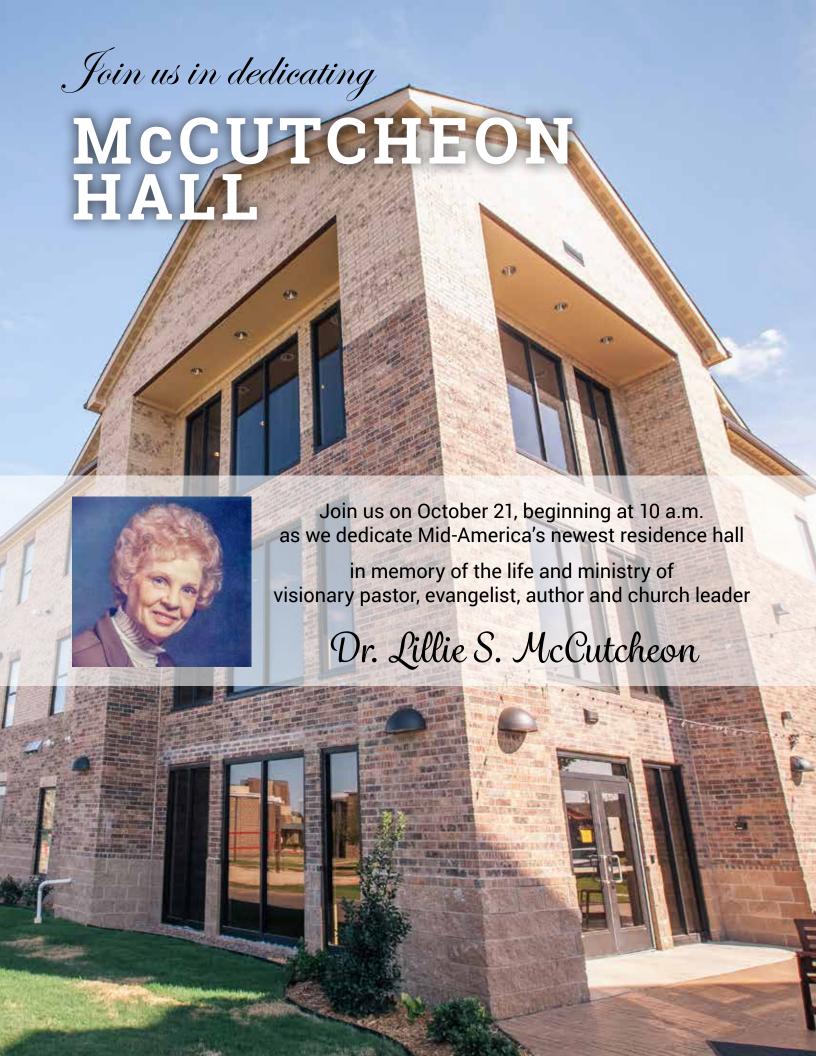
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2-Room Suite	\$20,000

If you would like to discuss naming opportunities and/or have questions about how you can be part of the Building A Greater Campus Experience campaign, please call me at (405) 692-3134, or email: sseaton@macu.edu.

> Steve Seaton Vice President for University Advancement





# 30TH ANNIVERSARY & DEDICATION

Students, faculty, staff and friends of Mid-America are no strangers to attending a one-hour weekly chapel service on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. However on Wednesday (Sept.2), the first chapel service of the fall semester, was unique to previous services for a couple of reasons. Not only was the newly renovated Chapel unveiled to students, but there was a rededication ceremony of the facility to kick off the 30th anniversary of the university's relocation from Houston, Texas to Oklahoma City.

Administration chose to capture this extraordinary service by inviting a special guest to lead worship, multi-award winning Christian vocalist Sandi Patty.

Rev. Steve Seaton, Vice President for University Advancement, led the prayer of dedication. "It was 30 years ago this next week another campus community gathered to dedicate this building and to have the first chapel service in this room. Now 30 years later, we gather to rededicate this place. ... We are grateful for those who have given gifts so that this work might be completed."

Due to a gift of more than \$350,000 from JASCO Creating Hope Foundation, Chapel renovations were

completed during the summer months while most students were not on campus. The renovations include, but are not limited to: new carpet, handicap accessible stage ramps, new stage with theater curtains, stateof-the-art video and sound equipment which ensures top-quality live streaming video to students across the world. You laid do:

The chapel service itself proved inspirational to most attendees with Sandi Patty reminding students to center themselves on Jesus who is the very heart of worship. President Dr. John Fozard charged students with "removing distractions from their lives to focus on what is most important". Fozard asked students to "media fast"—put their cell phones away for four consecutive hours in order to pray, listen to God's word and get to know Jesus Christ.

The Chapel renovations are part of the campaign, Building A Greater Campus Experience, established in 2013 which also includes development of residence halls, classroom building and library.

"What incredible momentum! The Lord has blessed Mid-America and we simply must follow His plans as we prepare and train these students," Seaton said.



# CHAPEL DEDICATION PRAYER

Written/led by Rev. Steve Seaton, Wednesday September 2, 2015

"Kind Heavenly Father, Your Word asks us a question...

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

he will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. (Psalm 24)

30 years ago this next week another campus community gathered to dedicate this building, and to have the first Chapel service in this room. Now 30 years later, we gather to rededicate this place. The work done over the summer is inspiring to us, and we are grateful. We are grateful for those who have given gifts so that this work might be completed. We are grateful for those in the Maintenance and IT departments who have given many hours of labor to this project. But most of all, Lord, we are thankful to YOU, for once again it is you that has made this new day possible!

So, beginning today, we commit ourselves to the worship of you ALONE, O Lord, in this room. We will prepare, and sing, and listen and pray as if you are in this room, for you have promised us the blessing of your presence when we gather in your name.

The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

So, today we dedicate this, YOUR house...

For the worship of God in prayer and praise, For the teaching of the everlasting Gospel, For the celebration of new life in baptism, For the celebration of your death, in Holy Communion, For the strengthening of those who are tested, For the training of those who serve, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace, To the glory of His Son, who loved us and gave himself for us, To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

# OCTOBER CHAPEL SERVICES

#### 2: Celebration of Culture

We will be highlighting the Eastern Orthodox Church. The purpose of the Celebration of Culture bi-annual services is to embrace other cultures and learn about the diversity within our society.

7: President Dr. John Fozard

9: Vice President Jessica Rimmer

14: President's Signature Series

The President's Signature Series is an opportunity for business leaders in the community to visit MACU and speak into the lives of the students. Generally, the speaker will also speak in a Business class after Chapel, as well as eat lunch with students.

16: FALL BREAK - No Chapel Service

21: Rev. Jeannette Flynn

We will also have the building dedication ceremony for McCutcheon Hall. NOTE: Earlier in the day, the Board of Trustees will meet for their bi-annual meeting.







# GLOBAL

Earlier this summer, nine students and two sponsors from MACU's Global Learner program ventured into the depths of the Amazonian rainforest for an opportunity to enhance the lives of the indigenous people in that region.

With the Global Learner program's service-learning trips abroad, students' awareness of global problems is sharpened, and they have the opportunity to make a positive impact in selected areas.

On May 17, program director Beccah Bland, along with nine students, left the States for a tenday trek into the South-American country of Ecuador. Through a partnership with Water4 and Reach Beyond, the team was enabled to make a difference in the communities by assisting them in a clean-water project.

In an Ecuadorian community known as Santa Rosa reside members of the Shuar tribe. The MACU group was able to work closely alongside the Shuar to begin a project that will eventually make clean water more easily accessible to the community. The group dug trenches to lay pipeline that would transport clean water from a spring located down the side of a cliff to spigots outside of each Shuar hut.

This was very difficult work," recounted Bland. "Especially when you add in the heat of the jungle and the far-from-normal living and eating conditions. Many of us, at some point, made the hike down the cliff to bring buckets of water back to our hut. Our students learned firsthand the value of having clean water so easily accessible."

The inconvenience of not having clean water nearby has caused the Shuar to adopt alternative methods of hydration. One drink that the

Global Learners had the chance to become familiar with themselves was chicha.

Kavla Baldwin, a senior Math and Business major, recounts her experience of trying the chicha for the first time.

"We all got to experience chicha, which is a drink that is made from plants or roots being chewed and moistened in the women's mouths. When the missionaries first told us about it, I was very uneasy with the idea of drinking something that had already been in someone else's mouth. It had a very strong and sour taste, but it actually wasn't as bad as I had expected it to be. I don't think I could drink it all the time like

the people of their community do, but not to do so would have been considered rude to our hosts. The offer of chicha was the community's way of welcoming us and

accepting us in their community. It was a very stunning experience.

Unlike other trips I

have been on, God

revealed himself to

me in a new way.

- Beccah Bland

Another issue that is amplified with the lack of clean water is hygiene.

"When we awoke on the second morning, we were instructed to wear the same clothes we had worn the first day. We spent a full day working and sweating through moist and muggy temperatures on the first day and threw all of our clothes in a bag. Now we had to put those back on. This was the only time on the trip I almost broke down," explained Bland. "Our guide wanted us to experience what the people of the Shuar experienced. He didn't want us to make them feel bad since they were going to be wearing the same clothes, so we had to adjust."

"We worked so hard out there," said junior Business Administration major MaKailee Davis. "We dug trenches all day and only got to bathe in a river. My body has never been put through so much physical labor. We had some very emotional moments. We also had some very spiritual moments. It really brought our group together and closer to God.'

For Tyler McIntosh, a senior Secondary Social Studies Education major, the trip was an understanding of just how close he could actually be with God.

"It was the most intimate time with God that I have ever experienced. We were out in this wild tropical rainforest without any technology. No light, no distraction.

It's just you, the jungle and God."

During the time we spent in the jungle, I was able to draw closer to Him because I couldn't do it on my own.

Just as importantly, I witnessed my students be changed. I can honestly say none of them came back the same way they left. Through all the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual challenges we faced, I knew it was all God's work, and it was good - even when I felt like it wasn't. We were stretched and vulnerable. We had to open up to one another and trust each other," Bland said.

'You think you are going on this trip with a chance to change the world," added MaKailee. "I thought I was going to just go in there and change Ecuador, I never realized that Ecuador would change me. I would encourage any and all of our students to go on a Global Learner's trip. The experience is more than worth it."



Clint McBroom is a soon-to-be three-time graduate of Mid-America. He currently serves as the pastor of the First Church of God in Newton, Kansas.

Clint graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry, as well as a Master's in Business Administration which he obtained through the online degree option. He began work on his Master of Ministry degree in October of 2014 and was recently selected to serve as the Church of God representative on the Young Leaders Forum for the Global Wesleyan Alliance, which met in Oklahoma City in early September.

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As a traditional student with dreams of becoming a youth pastor, he immediately fell in love with the school, forging relationships with his peers and professors that would prove to be lasting. It didn't take him long to realize that youth ministry was not the avenue he wanted to pursue, however. After just one semester on campus, a discouraged Clint headed home to Wichita, Kansas to take a semester off.

During his break, God blessed Clint with another kind of relationship, a special one with a woman named Rebecca that would lead to a marriage. With the newfound inspiration of his developing family, Clint found the motivation he needed to finish his degree. Remembering the lasting impression the school made on him in his first semester, it was an easy decision to begin classes through Mid-America's online program. In fact, the newlyweds earned their Bachelor's degrees together.

Shortly after their graduation, Clint and Rebecca moved to Colorado for Clint's first full-time pastoral opportunity. While the experience was great, things didn't turn out as they had hoped, and the couple decided it was best for them to trust God's plan for their lives and return to Wichita. Clint found work at a sign company and served as an interim pastor on the weekends at the First Church of God in Newton, a town just thirty minutes north of Wichita. It was during this time that he completed his MBA, graduating from Mid-America for a second time in December of 2013.

Though Clint traveled many roads that didn't always lead to where he wanted, he remained faithful. In August of 2014, God's blessings were revealed again in Clint's life as he was brought on as full-time pastor of the First Church of God in Newton. Today, he and Rebecca are loving life as Clint continues his education through Mid-America's online program while pastoring the church and Rebecca works with domestic violence victims. He was recently selected by Dr. Ron Duncan, general director of Church of God Ministries, to serve as one of two Church of God representatives on the Young Leaders Forum for the Global Wesleyan Alliance.

"My time at MACU was and still is a beneficial part of who I am as a pastor and as a person today. MACU taught me how to serve. My education was phenomenal, but what really stuck out to me was the relationships that MACU was able to foster. I still keep in touch with the friends I met in that first semester. I was also left with no doubt in my mind that my professors really cared about me. They didn't just treat me like another student, they really cared about every high and low I experienced along the way. They put their time and effort into making sure that I received the best education, opportunities and advisement. I felt like I was their only focus. Now, I want to serve people in that same capacity."

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#### **MEN'S SOCCER**

When the Evangels step on the field for the 2015 season, co-head coaches Zach Bice and Evan Dresel will employ 11 seniors, arguably their most experienced team to date. However, experience is only an asset if it's on the field and Bice and Dresel know firsthand how fragile that

Expectations were high heading into last season coming off the program's National Christian College Association (NCCAA) Central Regional championship and appearance in the NCCAA National Tournament. But injuries to three of the top five scorers from the 2013 season dampened any chance for further postseason success. The Evangels are praying for better fortune this season.

Returning this year after missing all of last year is senior midfielder and all-time leading scorer Raphael Bonelle. Bonelle led the Evangels in both goals and assists the last two seasons he was healthy. Seniors Peterson Neri and Kevin Cabello are also returning after injury-riddled seasons in 2014. Neri was limited to just one match, while Cabello made seven appearances and scored four goals, which still tied for second on the team.

The leading returning scorer from last season is senior midfielder Danny Hernandez. Hernandez scored a teamhigh eight goals in his first season with the program while also tying for the team-lead with two assists. Another senior midfielder, Devin Theisen, finished tied for second with four goals, while senior Tej Trivedi scored three goals and also had two assists. Senior midfielders Paul Copeland and Jose Dozal each scored two goals last

Senior forward Matthew Corrigan and senior midfielder Anas Bellaarbia will add to the veteran depth this season. Corrigan had two assists last year and Bellaarbia dished out one helper.

Sophomore midfielder Martin Mata is back after recording one assist last season. Senior midfielder Seth Barton, junior midfielder Juan Mendez along with Eric Koeninger, Luis Santana and Martin Carrion return to give the Evangels a plethora of options in the middle this season.

The steady Tyler McIntosh returns at goalkeeper this season for the Evangels. McIntosh is the program's alltime saves leader and has started every match in the net the past three seasons.

Manning the defensive front for the Evangels this season will be senior Jonatan Loya and sophomore Tyler Buchanan. Both saw action in every match last season for MACU and will be again be counted on for solid defensive efforts once again this year.

The Evangels began the 2015 season on Aug. 22 in Olathe, Kansas. The Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) opener will be Oct. 6 at home vs. Texas Wesleyan University.

#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Coming off the program's first-ever National Christian College Athletic Association Central Regional championship, the Lady Evangels return eight starters that should once again have the Lady Evangels in the thick of the postseason hunt.

One hole the Lady Evangels will have to fill is the loss of two-time leading scorer Chelsea Swisher, who ended her career third all-time in both points and goals while ranking second in career assists.

The leading candidate to take over as the team's offensive go-to player will be senior forward Cici Mitchell. Mitchell has produced 13 goals in each of the last two seasons and recorded a team-high nine assists last

Senior midfielder Brianna Jezioro also returns after finishing fourth on the team with six goals last season. Senior Kaci Power will look to pick up where she left off last season, when an injury limited her to 10 matches. In those 10 outings, Power scored four goals and dished out four assists that came on the heels of a 13-goal effort in 2013.

Kayla Baldwin, another senior midfielder, returns after scoring one goal during a 2014 campaign that limited her to nine starts in 10 appearances. Also returning is junior forward Taylor Moseley, who played in all 21 matches and starting 16 times. Junior midfielder Jamie Carroll and sophomore midfielder Amaris Smitherman are also

back and will provide depth in the middle for the Lady Evangels.

In the net, senior Kaitlyn Whitten returns after starting all 21 matches last season at goalkeeper with 97 saves and a 1.53 goals-against-average. Adding depth in the net will be Kenady Maynard, who played in two matches last year and 18 matches with 17 starts in 2013.

Anchoring the defense for the Lady Evangels will be a trio of senior defenders in Rachel Lynn, Alex Macias and Zana Bryan. Nicole Albritton saw action in six games last season and will again push for a role in her sophomore

The Lady Evangels also welcome back Rochelle Bohuslavicky, who last played in the 2013 season and scored one goal with two assists. Newcomers to the program that will look to make a mark are: Taylor Moore, Laney McDonald, Brittney Stephens, Shelby Farrar, Allie Summerfield, Cindy Ramos, Angelica Ceballos and Rebekah Lindsay.

The Lady Evangels kicked off the 2015 season on Aug. 25 at Grace College. The Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) opener will be at home on Oct. 6 vs. Texas Wesleyan University.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball head coach Mike Freeman is excited about the 2015 season since he is armed with the most talented roster of his now three-year tenure.

The Lady Evangels have a nice balance of talented newcomers along with seasoned veterans, led by senior setter Hannah Luedtke. Luedtke was everywhere last season, leading the team in assists (630) and blocks (67). The versatile setter also ranked second on the squad in kills (116) and digs (240).

Senior Shannon Niemeier is also key to the Lady Evangels' attack this season. Niemeier recorded a teamhigh 271 kills despite missing the first 10 matches of the 2014 campaign.

Junior Larissa Runyan and sophomores Melissa Hoppal and Mary Burkhead will also factor into the Lady Evangels' offensive plans this season. Runyan had 96 kills last season while also ranking fourth on the team with 170 digs. Hoppal finished fourth on the team with 109 kills in her first season with the program, with Burkhead notching 73 kills and ranking second on the team with 53 blocks as a freshman last year.

Defensively, the Lady Evangels will lean heavily on the senior duo of libero Camera Broadnax and defensive setter Jenny Pratt. Broadnax led the team with 418 digs, while Pratt was third on the squad with 231 digs. Junior defensive setter Jamie Shoenecke will also vie for playing time after appearing in 11 matches last season.

Impact recruits that Freeman has added that are expected to pay dividends this season include: sophomore Laurel Church and the freshmen foursome of Emily Lynch, Katelyn Caldwell, Breanna Glover and Karlie

The Lady Evangels began the 2015 season in a trimatch against Jarvis Christian College and Loyola University on Aug. 26. MACU will then open the home schedule on Aug. 28 against Dallas Christian College. The Sooner Athletic Conference opener for the Lady Evangels is set for Sept. 15 at home against conference newcomer Bacone College.

#### GOLF: MEN'S & WOMEN'S

Men's golf head coach Allen Dukes will field arguably his deepest and most talented team in his now three years at the helm. Dukes guided the Evangels to the Central Christian College Spring Invite championship last season and the roster for the upcoming campaign lends itself to making even more noise this year.

The Evangels should enjoy a nice balance of veterans and newcomers for the 2015 season. Returners that Dukes will employ include David Smith, Dillion Mooreland, Jared McElhany, Jerry Miller and Tyler Kelpine. Dukes will also welcome six new additions to the program, highlighted by Nathan Chadd. Chadd was a Seminole State (Okla.) College standout that Dukes called "one of the best signings in the history of the golf program."

Chadd helped Seminole advance to the National Tournament both years he competed, including capping his run there by shooting a spectacular 66 at the NJCAA

Division II National Tournament in Scottsboro, Ala. Also new to the MACU program and looking for a role this season will be: Austin Davis, Daniel Wyatt, Parker Lepley, Ryan Reddington and Wilson Prada.

> "We had a stellar recruiting year and our men's team will be much improved," Dukes said. "However, we are competing in arguably the toughest NAIA conference (Sooner Athletic Conference) for golf in the country so we still have a ways to go."

> Dukes is also set to lead the first MACU women's golf program in school history this season.

We're going to have one girl (Tori Plumley) compete as an individual this year and we feel like we have a real good chance to land some of this year's best senior girls for next year," Dukes said.

Plumley comes to MACU from Harrah High School in Harrah, Oklahoma. She was an All-Conference selection for the past three years.

The first tournament of the 2015 season for the MACU golf squads will take place Sept. 8-9 at the Southwestern Christian University tourney at Lake Hefner golf course in Oklahoma City.



Many thanks to Oklahoma City's professional soccer team, Energy FC, for joining MACU fans to cheer on the Evangels for the soccer season opener on Sept. 4. It was also Community Day on campus and served as a successful event to end the first week of a new school year.



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