

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from Carey

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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LETTERS FROM CAREY



Carey Friends and Supporters,

As we conclude our fall trimester and move forward into the winter term, we are thankful to God for keeping us safe and providing an atmosphere which has allowed our students to progress toward their goals. We ended the fall trimester with a 3.4 percent increase in enrollment. Most schools in our area were pleased to have a level enrollment or minor increase. When you receive this magazine, we will be in our winter trimester, and we expect to have an increase over winter 2019 of nearly 5 percent. The Lord continues to bless us.

Our primary goal is to keep our students and employees safe as we move forward. Elsewhere in this magazine, you will find a report of our current status. With the safety of our students in mind, we have decided that all classes between the Thanksgiving Holiday and January 11, 2021, will be online (professional programs will follow their schedules). We have reduced housing fees considerably for the winter term. If for some unexpected reason, a student needs to stay in the dorms and have meals in the cafeteria during this period (international students, athletes, etc.), we will add back the discounted portion on a case-by-case basis. The purpose of this long break is to eliminate excessive movement between dorm and home, which increases the possibility of spreading the virus to the campus and to the student's home community. I hope and pray that this will help to prevent spreading infections.

Considering that many families have already made travel plans for Spring Break, we have decided to allow Spring Break as scheduled, but we are trusting our students to maintain CDC recommendations during this time and especially as they return to campus.

I continue to remind you of our need for financial support during this critical time. We have experienced unexpected expenses to fight the COVID-19 virus— masks, disinfectants, cleaning materials, plates/utensils, etc. If you are able to help us to defray these costs, we would be so thankful. If you have unused gift cards that you could donate to support students who are stranded and unable to travel home, you may mail them to Valerie Bridgforth, Office of Student Support, WCU Box 195, 710 William Carey Parkway, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

We ask for your continued prayers as we deal with the unprecedented months ahead.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

*Tommy King
President*

CAREY

THE WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE



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COURAGEOUS

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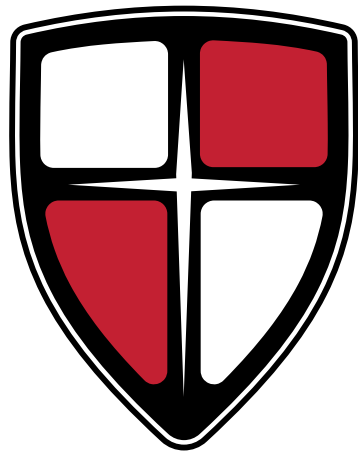
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BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

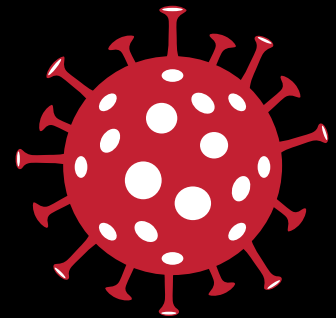
JOSHUA 1:9

WCU *Announces* 2020-21 Theme

EACH YEAR WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY CHOOSES AN ANNUAL THEME VERSE WHICH FOCUSES THE UNIVERSITY ON A BIBLICAL CONCEPT. THE THEME FOR 2020-21, "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS," IS BASED ON JOSHUA 1:9.

After the death of Moses, Joshua became the leader of the Hebrew nation and faced the daunting tasks of entering and taking possession of the Promised Land. God's word to Joshua was a word of encouragement: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of a good courage. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Strength and courage are sterling virtues essential for faith and success. At Carey, students are encouraged to expect great things, and to attempt great things, with an unwavering faith in God.



COVID-19 Statement

The students, faculty and staff of William Carey University are doing an excellent job in preventing the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. Everyone fills out an online survey daily to report symptoms or possible exposure to the virus. Anyone who has been exposed or who tested positive for the virus is quarantined immediately to reduce further exposure. We are transitioning from the health survey to a mobile app which will make the daily reporting easier on everyone. While we have had some positive cases on campus, with the cooperation of the entire Carey family, we are pleased with the health and safety of our campus to this point.

BEN BURNETT, PH.D.
*Executive Vice President
Dean of Education
Professor of Education*

Administrator *Promotions*

IN MAY, THE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED PROMOTIONS WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THREE ADMINISTRATORS: DR. GARRY BRELAND, DR. BEN BURNETT AND DR. TERESA POOLE.



DR. GARRY BRELAND

Breland joined WCU in 2007 as vice president for academic affairs. In 2019, he was awarded a second title, associate provost. With this most recent announcement, Breland has been elevated to the position of vice president for academic affairs and provost. Before coming to WCU, Breland was vice president for academic affairs at Hannibal-LaGrange University in Hannibal, Missouri. He holds a bachelor's degree from Carey and master's and doctoral degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



DR. BEN BURNETT

Burnett joined WCU in 2014 as dean of the School of Education after serving as superintendent of the Lamar County School District since 2008. Initially named acting executive vice president, Burnett is now the university's official executive vice president and also continues in his role as dean of the School of Education. He holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi.



DR. TERESA POOLE

Poole joined WCU in 2018 as chair of curriculum and instruction for the School of Education. She has now been named associate dean of the School of Education. Before coming to WCU, she served as a science teacher, principal, curriculum director, and associate superintendent in three Mississippi public school districts. Poole holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Jackson State University and a doctoral degree from the University of Mississippi.

“We are fortunate to have these talented, highly qualified people in new leadership positions at William Carey University. I congratulate them and look forward to working with them to help shape the future of our university.”

DR. TOMMY KING, WCU PRESIDENT



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

College of Health Sciences

A 74,000-SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE CORNER OF TUSCAN AVENUE AND CHERRY STREET. WHEN COMPLETED IN 2021, IT WILL BE THE NEW HOME OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES – AND THE LARGEST STRUCTURE WCU HAS EVER BUILT.

WHY SUCH A BIG BUILDING?

Enrollment at the College of Health Sciences has doubled over the last five years. Expanding on its historical foundation, the Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing, the COHS added new programs for students – pharmacy, physical therapy, health information management, and health administration and education. Health care programs are available at WCU's Hattiesburg, Biloxi and Baton Rouge campuses.

- The College of Health Sciences announced a record-breaking enrollment for the fall 2020 term. More than 1,000 students enrolled in fall classes.
- In September 2019, the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine was authorized by the Commission on Osteopathic College

Accreditation to expand the size of its incoming class by 100 percent over a three-year period.

- For a decade, the medical school has admitted 100 new students each year. This fall, it welcomed more than 150 first-year students. In 2021, the incoming class will be 175 students. The year after that, it will be 200 students. The ultimate effect will be to double the size of the medical school from 400 students to 800 students.
- The new building will house the School of Nursing and all other Hattiesburg campus health programs except for the medical school, which will expand into the buildings vacated by the College of Health Sciences – Fail-Asbury Hall, Mary Ross Hall and Thomas Hall.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

STUDENT *Center*



THE UNIVERSITY BROKE GROUND IN SPRING 2019 AT THE FORMER LOCATION OF OLD TATUM COURT. THE PANDEMIC CAUSED DELAYS, BUT THE STUDENT CENTER IS SET TO OPEN IN EARLY 2021. HERE'S A PHOTO HISTORY OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND A LOOK AT WHAT THE BUILDING WILL INCLUDE:

1ST FLOOR:

- Event space & catering kitchen
- Baptist Student Union

2ND FLOOR:

- Large student recreation center
- Diner/Grill
- Large, partially covered patio
- Student lounges

3RD FLOOR:

- Computer lab
- Group study rooms
- Student Support offices
- Residence Life offices





WCU alumnus, master's degree student, and tech expert David Kanga checks light and sound levels at Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium before a pre-pandemic graduation ceremony.



RECORD

Enrollments



COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health Sciences at Carey announced a record-breaking enrollment for the fall 2020 term.

Overall, enrollment has doubled over the last five years.



Dr. Janet Williams

“We are thrilled in this time of crisis for our country that we are able to allow students to move forward with their educational needs,” said Dr. Janet Williams, associate vice president for health programs.

Due to the growth of the College of Health Sciences, and a simultaneous enrollment expansion authorized for the WCU College of Osteopathic Medicine, a 74,000-square-foot College of Health Sciences Building is under construction at the Hattiesburg campus.

When completed in 2021, it will house the School of Nursing and all other Hattiesburg campus health programs except for the medical school, which will expand into the buildings vacated by the College of Health Sciences – Fail-Sbury Hall, Mary Ross Hall and Thomas Hall.

WINTERS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The School of Music posted a record-breaking enrollment for the fall term and is finding alternate ways to maintain its performance schedule.

“William Carey has the highest enrollment of music students in school history and one of

the largest schools of music in the state. This record enrollment is a testimony to the work of our dean, Dr. Wes Dykes, his faculty and staff,” said WCU President Dr. Tommy King.

During the pandemic, Winters School has pivoted to virtual performance to allow students and audiences to share music and worship. With musicians and singers observing COVID-19 safety protocols, concerts are livestreamed or recorded at Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. Online concerts in October featured performances by WCU’s Symphonic Winds, Carey Jazz Lab, String Orchestra, Chorale and Worship Choir.

“A state-of-the-sound lab, Tuscan Studios, is also in development. The need for instruction in the latest methods of technology has never been more important. This studio will be used to train students to thrive as leaders in church, school, and music industry technology settings,” Dykes said.

“We are motivated to see students choose William Carey because we know they will not only get a great education – they will have the

opportunity to grow in character. Our deepest desire is to see them be the best at what they do when they graduate and make a difference in the world.”

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

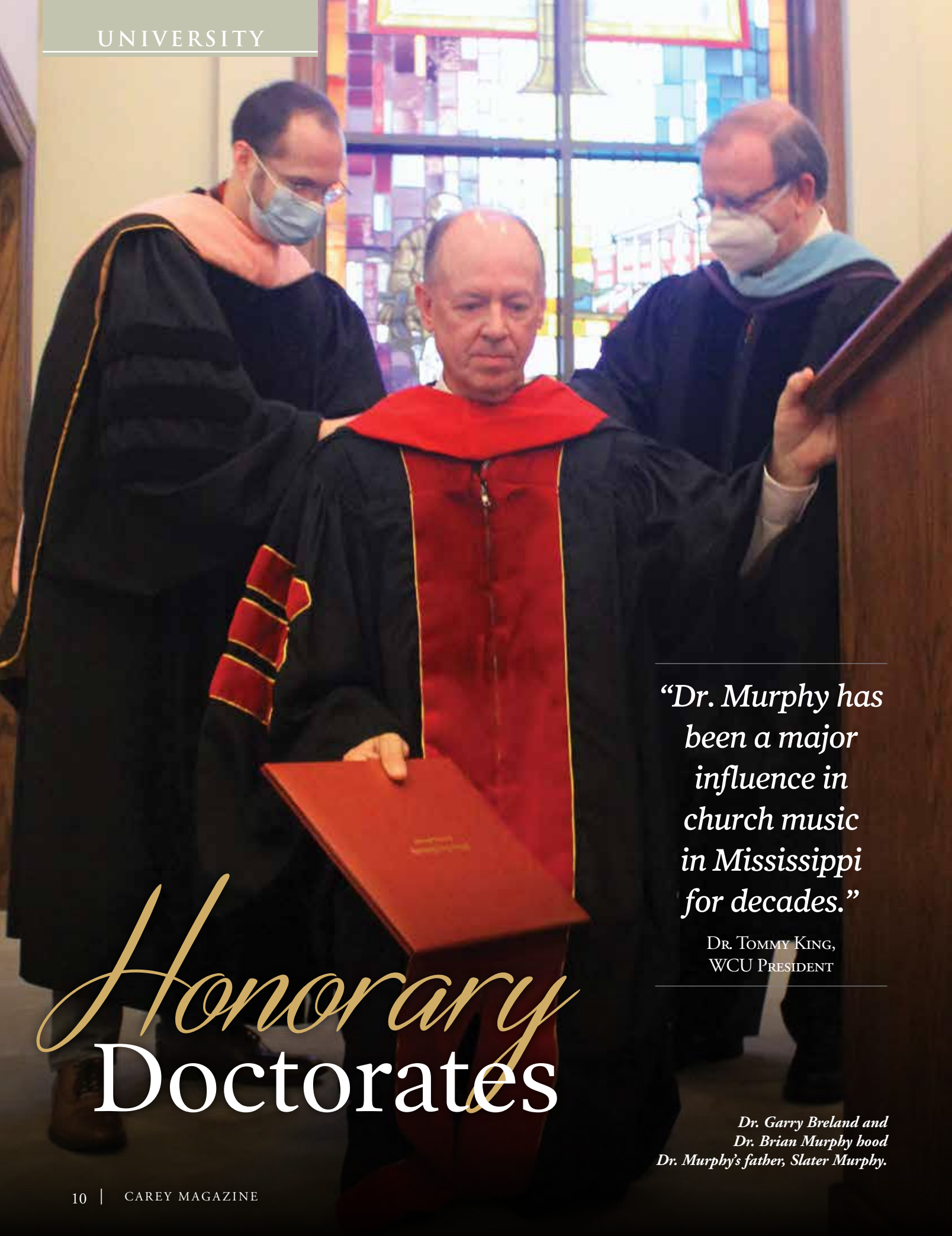
The School of Education has posted a record fall enrollment as well as an all-time record enrollment. When WCU started classes on Aug. 24, the School of Education had an enrollment of 1,705 students. This represents an increase of 35 percent over last fall. The undergraduate program increased by more than 50 percent with an enrollment of 532 students. Other than undergraduate, records were also posted in Educational Leadership and the Alternate Route program.

“This growth comes as the result of hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff, but it is also a sign that many more people in Mississippi are considering education as a profession,” said Dr. Ben Burnett, WCU executive vice president and dean of the School of Education.

“Our mission is to help solve the teacher shortage in our state, and this record enrollment is encouraging because it shows we are making progress. We are thankful for wonderful students who are helping to make this possible.”

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, WCU’s School of Education is the largest in the state – graduating an average of more than 500 graduate and undergraduate students in each of the last three years.





“Dr. Murphy has been a major influence in church music in Mississippi for decades.”

DR. TOMMY KING,
WCU PRESIDENT

Honorary Doctorates

*Dr. Garry Breland and
Dr. Brian Murphy hood
Dr. Murphy's father, Slater Murphy.*

REV. SLATER MURPHY

Rev. Slater Murphy received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Carey June 24 during a private ceremony at Bass Chapel.

“Dr. Murphy has been a major influence in church music in Mississippi for decades. His witness for Christ and his unique talent for challenging church members to develop their full potential are characteristics that make William Carey proud of our graduate,” said WCU President Dr. Tommy King.

Murphy earned a bachelor’s degree in music from Carey 1979 – but his decision to attend college in Hattiesburg was almost accidental.

“There was no church music degree available at Tulane University in my neighborhood. So, where was I going to go? I just kind of wandered into the music office at William Carey, on a Saturday, and there was Dr. Winters,” Murphy said.

“He invited me into his office and said, ‘Well, let’s do an audition, let me hear you do something.’ So I did something very simple and, on that day, he offered me a music scholarship, which was undeserved. My professors and friends loved me and showed me mercy. Show mercy in your prayer life. Ask God to give William Carey guidance. It is in times of testing like these that God refines our character.”

After graduating from WCU, Murphy attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and earned a master’s degree in church music. He was associate pastor in music at Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus for

26 years. Since 2011, Murphy has served as director of the Church Music Department at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Murphy thanked his family: “My wife, Marsha, deserves at least half of this degree. She has earned it alongside me. She is the epitome of a worship pastor’s wife in the way she conducts her life.”

During the ceremony, two WCU officials placed the doctoral hood over Murphy’s head. One was Dr. Garry Breland, WCU provost and vice president for academic affairs. The other was his son, Dr. Brian Murphy, an assistant professor of music at WCU’s Donald and Frances Winters School of Music. Father and son perform dual organ/piano recitals as the “Murphy Mixture.”

SEN. ROGER WICKER

The university conferred the Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa, upon U.S. Senator Roger Wicker Aug. 27 during a ceremony on the Hattiesburg campus.

“Roger Wicker has given his whole life to serving others. From his years in the military, to his service as a U.S. Representative and now U.S. Senator, his service has been impeccable. WCU is honored to recognize Senator Wicker with this degree,” said Dr. Tommy King.

Wicker began his career in public service in the Mississippi Senate representing Lee and Pontotoc counties. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2007. Since 2007, Wicker has represented Mississippi in the U.S. Senate. He has also served on active duty

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in the U.S. Air Force, retiring from the reserve in 2004 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

“It’s wonderful to be back among friends. It’s been terrific to work with Dr. King over time at the federal level, after the tornado and other occasions when we could be of assistance,” Wicker said.

“I’m so humbled, absolutely down to my very core, and this will always be one of the highest honors I could possibly receive.”

Prior recipients of honorary degrees from William Carey University include Dr. Alton Oschner, Chester Swor, Eudora Welty, Leontyne Price, William Winter, Charles Pickering, and Trent Lott.

BELOW: *Dr. Tommy King, U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, and his wife, Gayle Wicker, pause for a photo with Hattiesburg Mayor Toby Barker and university officials.*





Trustees Approve

New ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



CAREY HAS ADDED SEVERAL NEW MAJORS AND CONCENTRATIONS IN BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Master of Science in Anatomy Education (collaboration with COM)
- Master of Education in Special Education Administration
- Specialist of Education in Interscholastic Athletic Administration
- Specialist of Education in Special Education Administration
- Specialist of Education in Dyslexia Therapy
- Doctorate in Educational Leadership: Administrative Licensure Track

WINTERS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Bachelor of Science in

- Worship Leadership
- Worship Technology
- Dance



2020 Retirees

CAREY HONORED THE 2020
RETIREES WITH ENGRAVED
CRYSTAL PLAQUES.

Tradition Campus



**GARY
BLACKWELL**

20 years

Dr. Blackwell was an assistant professor of biblical studies and assistant director of BSU.



ROBERT ELLIS

27 years

Dr. Ellis was a professor of business administration and coordinator of Tradition management information systems.



**DEBORAH
BLACKWELL**

14 years

Deborah Blackwell was a records specialist in the registrar's office.



**JULIA
MANSELL**

31 years

Julia Mansell was an assistant professor of nursing.



**JAMES
MCCAY**

49 years

James McCay was an assistant professor of business administration.



**COLLEEN
STEWART**

30 years

Colleen Stewart was student account representative and collections specialist in the business office.



**DR. BENJAMIN
WADDLE**

52 years

Dr. Benjamin Waddle was a professor of physical education and athletic director.



WILLIAM CAREY
UNIVERSITY

BATON ROUGE CAMPUS

Earns Full Approval

from Louisiana State Board of Nursing

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY AT BATON ROUGE GENERAL HAS EARNED FULL APPROVAL FROM THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING.



Dr. Alicia Lundstrom

“We are thrilled that our Baton Rouge campus has received full approval, and we are excited to implement our LPN Advanced Placement program beginning in spring 2021,” said Dr. Alicia Lundstrom, dean of the WCU School of Nursing.

“It is the ministry of William Carey University School of Nursing to improve health outcomes in Mississippi and Louisiana by graduating students prepared both academically and spiritually. We look forward to the growth we know is coming on our Baton Rouge campus.”

WCU at Baton Rouge General accepted its first bachelor’s degree nursing students in fall 2018.

In addition to meeting academic standards, nursing schools must graduate a class of students before they are eligible for full approval. WCU at Baton Rouge’s inaugural class graduated in February 2020. The second class graduated in August 2020.

“We’re very proud of our graduates. As a group, the inaugural class achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the national board



exam on their first attempt. The second class is currently awaiting approvals to test for the national boards. The dedication of our faculty has been an integral part of this success,” said Dr. Catherine Belden, campus director of WCU at Baton Rouge General.



Dr. Catherine Belden

accelerated advanced placement program for licensed practical nurses. Already available at WCU’s Hattiesburg and Tradition campuses, the program provides a flexible route for LPNs to earn bachelor’s degrees in nursing:

- Students can attend classes full-time or part-time.
- Students attending full-time can complete their degrees in 18 months. Students who exercise part-time options have 30 months to complete the program.
- No entrance exam is required, and students can test out of some courses.

For more information, visit wmcarey.edu/nursing or contact:

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Conner Receives CYP "Forever, Young" Award

DR. CASSANDRA CONNER, DEAN OF THE TRADITION CAMPUS, RECEIVED THE "FOREVER YOUNG" AWARD FROM THE COAST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ORGANIZATION. CYP IS A DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING LEADERS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST.



School of Pharmacy Participated in

Pet Therapy Program

In August, Chelsey Kennedy, a third-year Doctor of Pharmacy student, and Dr. Ashley Hawthorne, assistant professor of pharmacy, were joined by two furry friends at Singing River Hospital during Chelsey's clinical rotation. The two new puppies are part of Singing River's Pet Assisted Wellness Services (PAWS) program.

The hospital uses specially trained dogs to raise patients' spirits and to help their overall well-being while they are in the hospital.



In September, the campus celebrated the opening of the long-awaited Coca-Cola Student Lounge.

Coca-Cola Lounge Ribbon Cutting

ATHLETES

Return To Campus



The university welcomed athletes back to campus in mid-August as soccer and cross country teams opened preseason camps. "We have all waited patiently to be able to play sports again," said Head Men's Soccer Coach Barry Farrell. "We are excited to welcome all our athletes back to campus. Training sessions have begun, and expectations remain high as always, as we strive to win all three trophies this year."

The 2020-21 campaign will look very different from years past. In late July, the NAIA announced that all fall sports national championships would be moved to the spring, and the Southern States Athletic Conference moved the championships in soccer and volleyball as well.

"After a long break away from my second home and my second family, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world right now," said senior women's soccer player Gabby Vincent (SR/Gulfport, Miss.). "Seeing my girls and coaches after months of separation overwhelmed me with excitement."



CAREY
CRUSADERS

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The men's indoor track & field team won their first-ever NAIA national title in March 2020. The Crusaders claimed five individual national titles and 14 players earned NAIA All-American honors.

The women's indoor track & field team finished in second place with five individual national titles. Twelve athletes earned All-American honors.

Coach Blake Hegstrom was named NAIA Indoor Men's Track & Field National Coach of the Year.



GOLF

Ashton Maddaloni was named 2019-20 Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She has a 4.0 GPA and is working on a master's degree in interscholastic athletic administration.

"Ashton is a very determined student-athlete who puts as much emphasis on her education as she does her sport," said Head Coach Jeff Mixon. "She has been a proven leader on our team and a mentor to the younger players."



ARCHERY

Carey Archery Head Coach Johnnie Stinson received the AIMS High Point Award from the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Foundation at a ceremony in the Ben Waddle Complex. Coach Stinson received this award for going above and beyond all expectations while serving as a volunteer to enhance and build the Archery in Mississippi Schools program.



*Justice Wright's
graphic illustration*

2020 STUDENT ART SHOW

From paintings to pottery, a variety of artistic voices were on display in the 2020 Student Art Show. The hollow stare of Bailey Adkins' "I Saw Seven Birds" portrait draws the viewer into the wonder of its hidden narrative. Art fans are invited to a soft get-away in the coastal paintings by Bill Westling and then carried over to the tropical abstractions by Jessie Parker. The exhibit showed the talent and skill in the rising artists who are refining their craft in Carey's art department.

Sarah Ellen Gillespie supported local artists because she believed in the importance of collecting creative voices. The museum carries on Sarah Ellen Gillespie's legacy and supports young artists in the community as well as William Carey University's art department.

The Sarah Gillespie Collection is the largest known collection of Mississippi art. The collection includes more than 600 works by Mississippi artists, including Walter Anderson, Kate Freeman Clark, Andrew Bucci, Marie Hull and many others.



ABOVE: "I Saw Seven Birds" by Bailey Adkins



Jessie Parker's tropical abstracts



ABOVE: Bill Westling's coastal abstracts

LEFT: Rebecca Thompson's organic pottery



ONLINE LABS

AS COVID-19 CAUSED CAMPUS TO CLOSE, SUMMER CLASSES WERE TAUGHT ONLINE. EVEN LABS? YES, EVEN LABS. CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS PROFESSORS SPENT DAYS PACKING AND SHIPPING SUPPLY KITS SO STUDENTS COULD PERFORM LABS AT HOME.

#CanDoCarey



Stay Connected!

ALUMNI DIRECTORY PROJECT

STAYING CONNECTED TO OUR ALUMNI IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY LAUNCHED AN ALUMNI DATA VERIFICATION PROJECT IN OCTOBER. TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT, WE ARE PARTNERING WITH A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PUBLISHING FIRM, PUBLISHING CONCEPTS (PCI), TO HELP US REACH OUT TO ALUMNI NEAR AND FAR.

Thanks to all of you who have already updated your information through this project. We look forward to completing the project by October 2021.

We understand security and privacy are concerns, but please know that PCI is a trusted partner of William Carey University.

Up-to-date information is vital for us to connect alumni with former classmates and friends, and we want to be sure that you receive the latest news and invitations to our events. Another benefit of the project is that we will be publishing an alumni directory available exclusively to Carey alumni.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Shearer, director of alumni relations, at (601) 318-6561 or pshearer@wmcarey.edu.

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Alumni Spotlights

Ben Austin *State Teacher of the Year*

BEN WAS NAMED THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR. HE TEACHES HISTORY AT PETAL HIGH SCHOOL AND IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST TEACHERS EVER TO RECEIVE THIS HONOR.

"I still can't believe it. It hasn't worn off yet," Ben said. "I feel blessed and honored. I'm a fourth-year teacher, and I was very surprised by it."

He became a teacher despite thinking as a child that he would follow in his father's footsteps in chemical engineering. When he was 12, Austin's parents became missionaries in Lima, Peru, and moved there from Baton Rouge. Austin attended the International Christian School of Lima where his history teacher, Casey Herring, named him the student Most Likely to Become a History Teacher.

That experience started him on a journey to become a teacher. When he graduated in 2011, Austin enrolled at Carey, where his sister was also studying, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in secondary education. He was very active on campus, including serving as BSU president his senior year. After working as a recruiter for William Carey, he took on a job at Petal High School and has taught there ever since. He met his wife, Erin, at Carey. She has two Carey degrees in counseling psychology.

The Mississippi Department of Education's Teacher of the Year program honors one teacher from a pool of candidates, one nominated by each district statewide, for the award. The teacher chosen then represents the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition. Along with the award, the winner receives a \$5,000 stipend, a classroom technology package and year-long travel expenses relating to Mississippi Teacher of the Year activities.



Debra Rowe Houghton

Mississippi School
Administrator of the Year



DEBRA WAS NAMED MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2019-20. SHE EARNED THE SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREE FROM CAREY IN 2020. SHE HAS SERVED AS THE PRINCIPAL AT MANNSDALE UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MADISON FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

Prior to earning the Specialist degree from Carey, she studied at Mississippi College, earning a master's degree in education leadership in 2012. She taught at MC as an adjunct instructor for several years.

In addition to earning the School Administrator of the Year award, she is also Mississippi's National Distinguished Principal, an honor for educators across the country.

"My most rewarding professional experience as an administrator is watching the growth of my students and teachers," Debra said.

Debra's husband, Corky Houghton, is a former Choctaws assistant football coach. The couple has been married for 31 years. The Houghtons have three children, Haley, Chase and Kelsey.

The 2020 Mississippi Administrator of the Year program honors a person demonstrating superior ability to inspire teachers, showing exemplary leadership skills and staying active in their communities. Debra receives a \$5,000 stipend and will share her expertise through presentations to improve education in the Magnolia State.

CAREY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION *Welcomes* **THE CLASS OF 2020!**



WELCOME! THE WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS A NON-DUES LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION SERVING MORE THAN 30,000 GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING THE GRADUATES OF MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Join or start one in your area!

CLASS NOTES

New job? Promotion? Marriage? Baby? Send us your Class Note so we can share it with your fellow alumni in The Carey Magazine.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

You will automatically receive the monthly alumni newsletter, our bi-annual print magazine and invitations to alumni events.

GIVING TO CAREY

Make a gift online anytime to the annual fund, your favorite scholarship, or any other Carey entity you wish to support. No amount is too small, and each gift benefits the university's rankings by increasing the number of alumni donors.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with the university, your department/school and the alumni association via our Facebook pages and other social media.

WCU PRESIDENT DR. TOMMY KING CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2020.

"First, let me say how much we admire your persistence in completing your degree requirements. Many of you went through the 2017 tornado and are now enduring the COVID-19 crisis, yet you have not let these hindrances keep you from achieving your goals. We are so proud of you," King said.





Alumni Council Launches Carey Kids Program

CAREY ALUMNI PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KEEPING THE CRUSADER SPIRIT ALIVE. CAREY ROOTS RUN DEEP, AND MANY OF YOU ALREADY HAVE MULTIPLE CAREY GRADUATES IN YOUR FAMILY.

Carey Kids is a legacy engagement program designed to foster Carey loyalty and excite children and grandchildren of alumni about their future at the university. The newest generation of Crusaders will receive birthday cards, gifts, and invitations to university events throughout childhood. Children ages 0-16 are eligible, and there is no cost to alumni for this program.

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2020 ALUMNI Hall of Fame

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Hall of Fame celebration did not take place. The inductees will be officially honored at Homecoming 2021 along with the 2021 inductees. These four alumni have outstanding careers in health care and education, and we are proud to honor them as the 2020 Alumni Hall of Famers.

DR. ROCHELLE DAHMER

2003

Rochelle earned her Master of Education degree from Carey in 2003. She taught English at North Forrest High School for seven years before moving into higher education at Jones College, where she has taught English since 2008.

She was Jones College's Humanities Teacher of the Year in 2011-12, and North Forrest High School Teacher of the Year in 2004-05. She also was named Tulane University's Southern Institute Tolerance Teacher of the Year in 2004-05.

Rochelle has served as leader and member

of many professional organizations, including MADE, the Two-Year College Association of Mississippi, and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She has presented in many conferences including delivering the keynote address. Rochelle has been in the classroom for 23 years, 10 in K-12, and 13 at the junior college level.

She and her husband Philip have two children, Melissa, 30, and Donavon, 23. Melissa is a nurse and actress, and Donavon is a second-year medical student at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.



DR. DANIEL EDNEY

1983



Dan earned his bachelor's degree from Carey in 1983, graduating summa cum laude and first in his class. In 1988, he graduated first in his class at the University of Mississippi

School of Medicine. During his internship and residency at the University of Virginia, he again won awards including Most Outstanding Resident and the Internal Medicine Award.

He practices internal and addiction medicine

in Vicksburg and is active in medical missions work, having traveled to Indonesia, Lebanon, Haiti, Kurdistan, and Nepal with Mississippi Baptist Disaster Response as the medical team leader. He founded First Baptist Church Medical/Dental Ministry and has served as trustee and chair of Baptist Medical Dental Missions International Board.

He is a member and leader of many professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, Mississippi State Medical Association, American College of Physicians, Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, American Board of Preventive Medicine, and the

American Society of Addictive Medicine.

Dan was active on campus at Carey as SGA president and has been an active alumnus, serving as trustee and chair of the William Carey University Board and recipient of the Young Alumnus Award.

Dan's wife Lori is also a Carey grad (class of '83) and currently serves on the WCU Board of Trustees. They have three children, Daniel, Meredith and Meg (Carey class of '20); and two grandchildren, Benjamin and James. The Edneys are active members of First Baptist Vicksburg, where Dan is a deacon, Lori is a women's ministry leader, and they both teach Sunday school.

DR. ANGELA HAWKINS

2016

Krisha Angela Hawkins graduated from Carey's School of Nursing in 2016 with a Ph.D. in Nursing Education. She also has an MBA and a master's in nursing. She has 20 years of experience as a Registered Nurse and is also an executive career mapping strategist. She uses her perspective as a healthcare professional and senior-level administrator to share her passions about workplace-related issues.

Angela currently serves as the National Deputy Director of Support Services in the Veterans Health Administration, the largest public healthcare organization in the nation. Her division has national oversight of the VHA Learning Management System, Interagency Training, Training Evaluation, Accreditation, Marketing and Communication, and Mandatory Training (MT). She has been integral in the national roll out and implementation of educational initiatives for veteran healthcare that impacts opioid safety, COVID-19 and a host

of other issues. She has served as the national voice and coordinator for the field learning officers, a subject matter expert for agency education and training initiatives, and co-chair of the National VA MT Subcommittee.

Angela has been involved in the design and delivery of training programs since 2003 and has taught and coached leadership and communication skills for executives and managers at all levels and disciplines. She has designed and implemented numerous training programs for a wide range of clients both inside and outside the federal government.

She is an annual speaker and presenter at the American Society for Public Administration Conference, a certified Crucial Conversations Trainer, and is certified to teach coaching, mentoring and training programs.

Angela lives Jackson and is the proud parent of three children, Marissa, JaMorris, and Jamal.



DR. BRETT VALENTINE

1987



Brett earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Carey in 1987. He double majored in chemistry and biology.

Some of his activities on campus include student government, Pi Beta Sigma, and BSU. In 1988, he studied biochemistry as a Rotary Scholar at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He completed his education with the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in 1993. While in dental school, he won the Robert Finch Oral Pathology Award, was published in "Dentistry Magazine," and was a member of MDA and SMDS (past president).

Brett practiced general dentistry in Hattiesburg for six years with his late father-in-law, Dr. Tom Rhea Philips. He moved to Sumrall and opened Sumrall Dental Clinic, where he has practiced for the past 26 years.

Brett and his wife Alesia are members of

Temple Baptist Church, where he is involved in the music ministry and mission trips to Mexico and Kiev, Ukraine, for dental missions. He served as chairman of deacons in 2018 and taught seventh grade boys Bible Fellowship for 12 years.

Brett has served multiple times on the WCU Board of Trustees over the past 25 years, under Dr. Edwards, Dr. Kennedy and Dr. King, and was chairman of the board in 2018.

Brett and Alesia have three children. Rhea Phillips Valentine Witmer resides in Chattanooga with her husband, Ryan. She is a Certified Therapeutic Recreational Specialist at Parkridge Valley West Hospital. James C. Valentine resides in Richland with his wife, Sara Golson ('18) Valentine. He is in his second year of graduate school studying entomology. Brett D. Valentine resides in Jackson, where he is in dental school at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.



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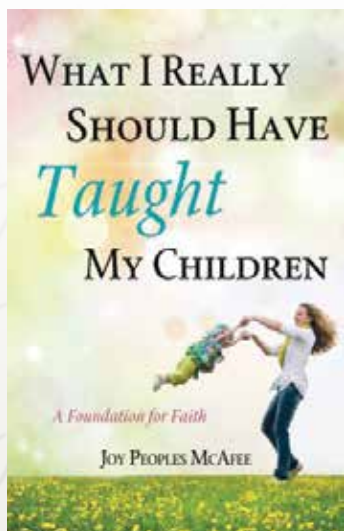
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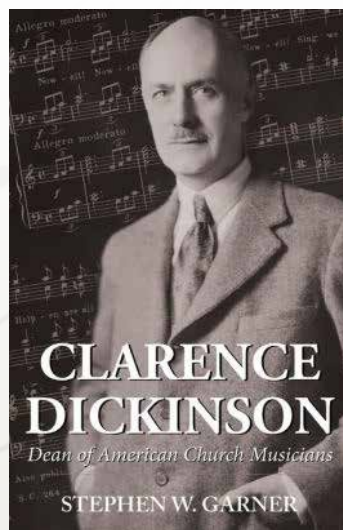
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60s

JOY PEOPLES MCAFFEE '67 Joy moved from Pensacola to Delray Beach, Florida, three years ago to be closer to her son. She has written two books on Christian living: "What I Really Should Have Taught My Children" and "I Was Born for This: the Purpose of Life." Read about them at joypeoplesmcafee.com.



STEVE GARNER '69 Steve has published a biography of Clarence Dickinson, for whom the Dickinson Church Music Collection in Rouse Library is named. The book is titled "Clarence Dickinson, Dean of American Church Musicians," and is published by Gatekeeper Press in Columbus, Ohio. Steve and his wife Sherron are both Carey graduates and live in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



70s

JOSEPH K. BYRD, '75, '80 Joseph has been inducted into the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Southwestern Region's Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor bestowed by the region upon a member. He was selected because of his brotherhood, leadership, and service at the local, district, regional and national levels. He is also a past member of the WCU Alumni Executive Board. Byrd recently retired as the Vice President/ Dean of Students at Xavier University of Louisiana. He is pictured here receiving the Hall of Fame Award from Dr. Everett B. Ward, General (National President), of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



80s

KEITH MITCHELL '81 Keith and Karla recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary with a photo shoot on campus. Karla is retired from Mississippi Power Company and Keith from the State of Mississippi. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Keith said, "The motto for our marriage is 'On Christ the Solid Rock We Stand.'"



TREY FOLSE '82, '85 Trey has accepted a post as assistant state superintendent of system relationships at the Louisiana Department of Education, where he is leading teams and assisting districts as they reopen and adapt amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He and his wife Patty (also a teacher) have four children, Will, Abby, Jack, and David, and three grandchildren, Jacob, Sophie, and Davis.



DON BIADOG '83 Don was re-elected two years in a row as Chaplain for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7907 in Poway, California for 2020-2021. Don is pictured here (front left) with VFW 7907 Officers.



CHARLES LEROY HUGHES '88 Charles is the director of the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra and just welcomed his third grandchild, born September 30.

LARRY KNIGHT '88, '90

Larry has been named the new pitching coach by the Jones College Bobcats. He goes to JC after coaching at Petal, Hattiesburg High School, and Sumrall High School. He was named USA Today High School Coach of the Year in 2009, and more recently was named Pine Belt Sports and Sports 601 Baseball Coach of the Year. At Carey, Larry was an All-Conference and All-American pitcher. Larry and his wife, Pam, have three sons and are members of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.



90s

BRENT HOUSE '93 Brent's short story "Nocturne for the Firstborn" was published in "Pithead Chapel," an online literary journal. His first collection, "The Saw Year Prophecies," was published by Slash Pine Press. He is also a coeditor for "The Gulf Stream: Poems of the Gulf Coast" and a contributing editor for "The Tusculum Review."

DON '96 AND RACHEL

(SMITH) FRAZURE '96 Rachel graduated with a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and will be pursuing a career in Medical Social Work. Don was appointed director of choral activities at Greenville University. He will continue to serve as pastor of worship arts at Christ Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois, where he has served since 2006.

VALERIE BEARD BOBO '98

Valerie and her husband, Scott, have moved to Midland, Texas, where she has taken a position with the Midland School district as K-2 Reading Specialist at Bunche Elementary.

TERRI CLARK '98 State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota has named Terri Clark as dean of lifelong learning and workforce development. She moves to Florida from Hattiesburg, where she served as dean of workforce and community development at Pearl River Community College.



JENNIE NOONKESTER '98, '20 Flora Fiction accepted her piece "Concentric Demotion" in its Spring 2020 publication and "Man of Her Dreams" in the Summer 2020 edition. Jennie has two sons and teaches at Hattiesburg High School.

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MICHAEL '02 AND MELINDA (GRICE) DUKES '02 The Dukes announce the birth of their daughter, Evie Rose, on January 9, 2020. Evie joins big brother, Cameron, 6. Michael and Melinda reside in Picayune and both work for the NASA Shared Services Center at Stennis Space Center. Michael is the lead developer in the Intelligent Automation Services department, and Melinda is a financial auditor.



LAURA HUDSON CAMERON '04, '05 Laura and her husband, Lee, announce the birth of their son Evan Hudson Cameron, born May 20, 2020.



MATTHEW SMITH '04

Matthew continues as an associate professor of chemistry at Walters State Community College in Morristown, Tenn., but after serving in an interim position for a year, he is now the Dean of Natural Science as well. His wife, Beth Ann, is also a Carey grad ('04).

Class Notes

Continued

TANYA VAUGHN '06 Tanya works for Dow Chemical as an Analytical Technologist, M.E. She and her husband, Klint, have three daughters.

ALLEN BONNER '08 Allen has transitioned from ADA coordinator at Carey to full-time counseling practice. Dr. Bonner will continue to teach at Carey in an adjunct role.

KOURTNEY HOLLINGSWORTH '08, '16, '17 Kourtney has been named to a federal position at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. She is the agency's new lead civil rights analyst, lead investigator and lead equal opportunity specialist. Kourtney is one of the youngest people ever selected for Leadership Mississippi and Leadership Jones County and was awarded the key to the City of Laurel. In 2013, she was inducted in the William Carey University Alumni Hall of Fame.



10s

CALEB '11 AND APRIL (BRELAND) HINTON '11 The Hintons proudly announce the birth of their son, Foxton Davis Hinton, born on October 24, 2019.

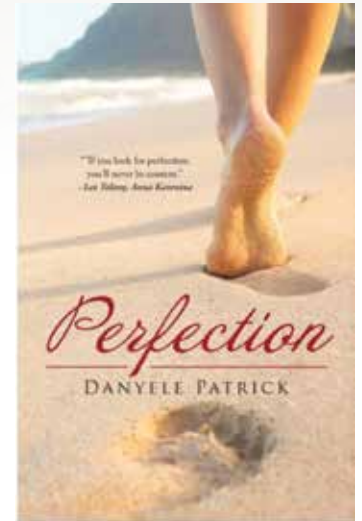


BRUCE GRISSOM, JR. '12 Bruce recently joined Hattiesburg Clinic Purvis Family Practice Clinic. He provides care for patients of all ages. He is board eligible in family medicine by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and is a member of the American Association of Family Physicians and American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He is excited to return to the Pine Belt and fulfill his goal of being a physician in our community.

MICHELLE WADE '13 Michelle was selected as Saraland School System's Teacher of the Year for 19-20. She went on to compete for Alabama Teacher of the Year. Michelle has been teaching at Saraland Early Education Center and Saraland Elementary School for seven years. She established an auditioned show choir of more than 50 elementary-aged students which earned superior ratings at national level competitions. She also founded the Mobile International Children's Choir program, which has more than 60 students representing 10 countries.



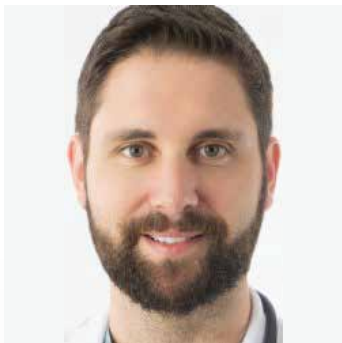
DANYELE PATRICK '14, '20 Danyele has written a novel, "Perfection," and has been hosted at several bookstores for signings. The storyline follows Georgia, a Hollywood actress with her own show and the myriad problems that come with it.



ARLANA HARGRAVE '15 Arlana was named by Gulf Coast Woman Magazine as one of the "100 Successful Women to Know." Hargrave is a realtor with EXIT Magnolia Coast Realty and a nurse. She is also one of the authors of the best-selling book, "Trailblazers Who Lead." The book was released in June of this year. Arlana has a master's degree in nursing from William Carey and an MBA from Alcorn State University. She also serves as the secretary of the William Carey Alumni Association of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



JORDAN W. STEELE '15 Jordan has joined West Point Medical Clinic and Urgent Care in West Point, Mississippi. He attended Itawamba Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Mississippi State University in 2011. He earned his medical degree from William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015. He completed residency training at North Mississippi Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Program in 2018. He recently completed an emergency medicine fellowship at NMMC in partnership with Relias Healthcare. He has extensive emergency department and urgent care experience. He and his wife, Dr. Janee Routh Steele, have two sons, Barrett, 7, and Reese, 2. He enjoys spending time with family, hunting and golf.



CARISSA BOLDEN-WINDHAM '16 Carissa has begun working as a family nurse practitioner with Coastal Family Health Center in D'iberville.

LYNN BUCKALEW '16 Lynn is serving as the new director for the RN-BSN program at Mississippi College. She moves to our sister school with an accomplished history of working in the hospital and healthcare industries. She previously taught nursing at Hinds Community College, and in 2016, she earned a doctorate in nursing education and administration at Carey.



TYLER BYRD '16 Tyler is working as a psychiatrist at Cullman Regional Medical Group. A native of Oneonta, Alabama, he received his undergraduate degree from Birmingham-Southern College and his medical degree from William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After medical school, he completed his general psychiatry residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. While in residency, he volunteered his time completing mental health evaluations at the Cullman County Jail and has been working with Cullman Regional to develop care protocols for emergency department patients with acute mental health issues. Tyler and his wife have one son and one dog. In their free time, they enjoy reading and trying new restaurants.



SKYLER HENSARLING CALDWELL '16 Skyler graduated from Mississippi State University's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program this year. She will stay at MSU as a rotating small animal medicine and surgery intern.

LAURA SCOVEL '16, '18 Laura married Ethan McCarter on March 14, 2020. Ethan is the oldest son of Carey alumni Tracy Leonard McCarter ('92) and Craig McCarter ('92). Ethan's grandmother, Madelyn Sims Leonard, studied at Carey from 1966-68. The couple reside in Greer, South Carolina, where Ethan is studying at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



KARA DEARMAN '18, '19 Kara and Todd announce the birth of their son, Frank Everitt Dearman, on June 11, 2020. Frank's grandfather Keith Dyess ('90) is also a Carey graduate. Kara and Todd live in Millry, Alabama, where Kara teaches math at Southern Choctaw High School and Todd works at PCA.



FRANK GOODMAN '18 Frank was named 2020 Resident of the Year by the American Academy of Osteopathy. During his time at Carey, he served as chapter president and national coordinator for the Student American Academy of Osteopathy. He is currently a third-year resident at Oklahoma State University Family Medicine Medical School in Tulsa.



BRANDEN "SHEPP" SHEPPARD '19 After making it to the final four at Carey, Branden went overseas and played basketball for the Pointers in Giessen, Germany. He recently returned from a basketball trip to Dangriga, Belize. Branden has a beautiful six-month-old daughter. He sends greetings to the best coach ever, Steve Knight.

Alumni & Faculty Passings

M.L. FALER '57

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Died May 4, 2020

YVONNE FULTON '76

Died May 6, 2020

DENISE RENEE DAVIS COBB '05

Died May 19, 2020

LONNIE RAY REYNOLDS II '14

Died May 20, 2020

JERRY "BUCK" MCRANEY '73

Died May 23, 2020

SIBBIE MILNER DAVIS '76

Died June 10, 2020

FRED L. ROANE '62

Died June 11, 2020

ROBERT W. RILEY '62

Died June 12, 2020

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Died June 14, 2020

BETTY HART '52

Died June 18, 2020

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CHICHESTER '83**

Died July 27, 2020

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Died July 27, 2020

DONNA RATHBUN BLACKBURN '69

Died July 29, 2020

LANCE SANDERFORD '00

Died August 1, 2020

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Died August 5, 2020

MARILYN ANN SIMMONS '71, '81

Died August 9, 2020

BRENDA INEZ PITTMAN '10

Died August 10, 2020

CHARLES BENDON GINN '65

Died August 17, 2020

ELIZABETH "LIBBY" BROOME '53

Died August 21, 2020

**RICHARD HERBERT
"DICKIE" ECUYER '75**

Died August 21, 2020

**MELBA SUE ROPER
BROWN '64 OR '68, '79**

Died September 5, 2020

LEONARD MACK LOPER '66

Died September 9, 2020

CLYDE WILLIAM GREER '64

Died September 14, 2020

VICTOR MARIDUEÑA '67

Died September 16, 2020

IVA DEE BONDURANT '38

Died September 25, 2020

MARY M. "PEGGY" FORTMAYER '96

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Died October 13, 2020

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