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A pair of game-changing academic announcements were made as Lee received word that the state of Tennessee has approved its nursing program to move full speed ahead. In curriculum, Lee officials announced a newly constructed credit-hour requirement designed to make the path to graduation a bit easier.

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OPENING THOUGHTS FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CONN





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Lee University is often described as having a "big-tent" philosophy.

What do people mean by that? I recall the conversation—over twenty years ago—when I heard Lee described that way for the first time. I interrupted to ask: "What do you mean by 'big tent,' exactly?" The person in the conversation, who was a fellow college president, said: "Well, I mean that Lee seems to have room for lots of different kinds of people."

If that's what they mean by Lee as a "big tent," I couldn't agree more. Lee does have room under our "tent" for lots of different kinds of people, and I believe this characteristic is a key aspect of our richly stimulating campus environment, as well as the powerful impact Lee seems to have on students. We have a serious commitment to being a distinctively Christ-centered place, but still, under our Christian and Pentecostal tent, we want to be a place which not only welcomes many types of people, but also which learns from them and genuinely makes them part of our family.

University campuses, in my opinion, are at their best when everyone who lives here doesn't look, sound, think, worship, or behave in exactly the same way.

I was at a Lee Flames softball game today, and noticed that the roster of the opposing team showed every student athlete was a resident of Georgia. I thought: how boring! I'm sure they're all fine girls, and it has nothing to do with the state of Georgia—I love Georgia—but I would feel the same about being from Tennessee. Our Lee roster includes girls from six states and a couple of other countries. Geographically, we have a bigger tent.

Lee has a big tent religiously, too. We embrace our evangelical Christian identity, growing from our Pentecostal tradition and roots. So while we take our religious affiliations quite seriously, we believe God is pleased when many different followers of Jesus Christ feel "at home" here.

A tapestry gains its richest and most satisfying colors when various individual strands are woven together in an intelligent design. I like to think of Lee University that way. There is always room in God's masterpiece for lots of separate, even contrasting, threads. I hope Lee can continue to become, in more and more ways, such a place!

Lee Archaeology Program Gains Momentum



Screening for artifacts, former Lee professor, Dr. Dudley Gardner, left, is joined by archaeology students (l-r) Erin Williamson, Allie Webb, and Emma Leigh Evors.

ost of Lee University's visible growth over the last 20 years has been in new buildings and increased enrollment. Other kinds of growth have been less noticeable, such as the addition of an anthropology major and establishment of an archaeology program within the major.

Archaeology at Lee has developed over the past decade primarily due to the interests and research activities of Lee anthropologists, Dr. Richard Jones and Dr. Murl Dirksen. Jones and Dirksen have both done field research in Jordan as part of the Karak Resources Project (KRP), a collaborative research project, headquartered at Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee, which has been excavating a large Moabite site on the Karak plateau since 1995 (for more information visit www. vkrp.org). Researchers have conducted historical, geological, soil, and cultural studies in order to better understand and interpret the site within a larger regional context. As part of this international team, Dirksen and Jones have conducted ethnographic studies on village and Bedouin life on the Karak plateau. They have also participated in excavations at the site, and in archaeological surveys of surrounding areas in the region.

Inspired by work in the country of Jordan, Jones began developing research projects for Lee University and started conducting summer archaeology field schools with the U.S.D.A. National Forest Service, in the Cherokee National Forest. Most of this work involves ongoing archaeological surveys and excavations associated with the Cherokee removal period (1832-1838) and involve two important sites: Fort Armistead and the Unicoi Turnpike. Fort Armistead is the only U.S. Army fort used in the Cherokee removal that has survived in the archaeological record. This site provides a unique window into the time of the Trail of Tears.

In the summer of 2009, Dirksen expanded the archaeology program to include a joint effort with the Montrose Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Colorado, under the direction of Dr.

Dudley Gardner, a Lee alumnus and professor of archaeology and history at Western Wyoming Community College. Jones joined the fieldwork in Colorado the following year.

Lee students have worked along with Dirksen and Jones surveying and excavating in Paradox Valley, Colorado, but their most significant field experience has been assisting with the excavation of the Eagle Rock Shelter along the Gunnison River near the town of Delta, Colorado. Eagle Rock is located near the mouth of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison on the west side of the Southern Rockies. It contains multiple occupational levels and offers great potential for a better understanding of cultural changes from the Paleo-Indian period (10,500 B.C. to 9,500 B.C.), through the Archaic Period (9,500 B.C. to 1,000 B.C.), to the Formative Cultures (1,000 B.C. to 500 A.D.) in both the Southwest and throughout North America.

Dr. Gardner remarked, "At this site, every period is represented in the transition from big game hunting (Paleo-Indian Period), to mixed hunting and foraging cultures (Ar-

I learned more in ten days about archaeology during that trip than I may have in three months in a classroom.

It was awesome. ??

chaic Period), to the development of agriculture (Formative Period). This undertaking [at Eagle Rock Shelter]...will help us better understand the Paleo-Indian, Archaic, Formative, and Fremont/Ute periods in western Colorado, specifically from a standpoint of the use of cultigens and wild plant resources."

Over the past four years, students, acting as research assistants, have been allowed to work under the direction of professional archaeologists in supportive roles, such as, data recovery, screening for artifacts, mapping features, photographing the site, sketching of the rock art on the shelter walls, drawing lithic (stone) artifacts, cataloging, and storing recovered floral and faunal material, writing daily activity reports, and helping transport all the equipment into and out of the dig site. This is an incredible opportunity for undergraduate students from Lee to observe how professional archaeologists conduct excavations, and to get experience in all of the support work that is essential to this kind of research.

Liesl Reeve, a student from Knoxville who hopes to pursue a career in archaeology, commented about working in Colorado, "It was an amazing and irreplaceable experience, totally worth the time and money I put into it. I learned more in ten days about archaeology during that trip than I may have in three months in a classroom. It was awesome."

Findings at the Paleo-Indian level included charcoal, grass seeds, stone scrapers, and small animal bones. Excavation of the Archaic Era level has produced a snare, a reed sandal, a point with sinew still attached, bone beads, and a burial dated at between 2,000 and 3,000 B.C.

Dirksen believes that, "This is an exceptional opportunity for our students and faculty to be involved A

A sandal fragment unearthed during a recent expedition.



in such a world-renowned excavation. Having had archaeology courses and summer archaeology field school with Dr. Jones, they are well prepared to assist on this historic excavation."

"We do archaeology at Lee for two reasons," Jones said. "First, it gives students who want to do this as a career valuable experience; second, it is good community service that helps preserve and publicize our prehistoric and historic heritage." Work on these farms has turned up a large number of artifacts and other evidence of prehistoric occupation.

At present, Jones and Dirksen are setting up new spaces in the Lee University Mayfield Annex in order to curate and conserve the growing number of artifacts being collected. Jones reports that, "The administration at Lee has been very helpful in providing us space for storage, lab work, and, now, for curating our collections. We have a lot of equipment to store and maintain and an increasing number of artifacts and records to manage. In the future, I envision a website that will showcase our archaeological work and collections—a virtual museum, if you will—and, possibly, at some time in the future, a brick and mortar museum."





Editor's Note

The following entry begins a new Torch series highlighting selected trips abroad which meet the Global Perspectives requirement for Lee students. Because of the number of trips that occur every year, Torch could not possibly showcase all of them adequately. The purpose of the GP Focus is to give alumni a glimpse of this life-changing aspect of the Lee *University experience*.

Business Italy Trip In Its Eighth Year

By Bill Jaber

T ee University offers a wide variety of Lcross-cultural trips to fulfill the requirement of a cross-cultural experience. For the eighth consecutive year, the Department of Business offered the Business Italy Trip in December after the completion of the fall semester. The students spent ten days in Italy visiting the cities of Milan, Verona, Venice, Florence, and Rome.

The students completed course work before leaving on the trip. Upon arriving in Milan we visited Milan's beautiful twelfth century Duomo, the fourth largest church in the world. We also visited Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. We traveled to Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet where we visited the Courtvard of Juliet.

Upon leaving Verona, we traveled to Venice Mestre where we spent the night. The next morning was a walking tour of Venice, visiting St. Mark's Square and Cathedral and Doges' Palace. The students also had free time for individual sightseeing and shopping. That evening, we attended a church service in St. Mark's Cathedral.

From Venice the tour headed to Florence. We

visited the Piazza de Michelangelo, the Duomo, the Baptistery, Church of San Lorenzo, and Ponte Vecchio, the Accademia Gallery, viewing Michelangelo's David. Students had time for individual sightseeing and shopping in Florence as well.

From Florence, we traveled by train to Rome where on Wednesday, December 18, we attended the Papal Audience with Pope Francis. A bonus of our visit occurred when we were asked by ABC television, on site in Vatican City for the Pope's Christmas message, to attend the Good Morning America program from Rome after the Papal Audience. We were privileged to be very close to the Pope when he greeted the crowd and we also found favor with the GMA hosts, Josh Elliott and Robin Roberts, who tweeted two messages and a photo to her massive audience: "Hanging with great @LeeU (Lee University) students today at the Vatican. #GoFlames," and "@LeeU Just want the university to know the students I met today at the Vatican represented you well! They are gracious and wonderful.

After the GMA program, students visited the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica—the largest church in the world.

In Florence and Rome, we attended lectures at the Florence University of the Arts and the University of Rome Tor Vergata. The lectures were about entrepreneurship, family-run businesses in Italy. the current economic state in Italy, and the European Union.

While in Rome, we also visited the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, where we attended Mass, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and Paul's chains, St. Peter's chains, Basilica of St. John Lateran—the oldest and ranks first among the four Papal Basilicas in Rome. We also visited the Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs) that, according to the Catholic tradition, were the steps that led up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem, which Jesus Christ stood on during His Passion on his way to trial. We visited one of the catacombs, the Capuchin Crypt, the Colosseum, the Palatine Hill, the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, and saw the Circus Maximus. The students also had free time for individual sightseeing and shopping. In our tour of these different cities,

we walked about 10 - 15 miles a day. Everyone enjoyed the experience and was extremely tired by the end of our life-changing trip.





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Students pose near the Vatican with Good Morning, America host Robin Roberts who tweeted, "Hanging with great @LeeU (Lee University) students today at the Vatican. #GoFlames." The students were there for the Pope's Christmas message on December 18.

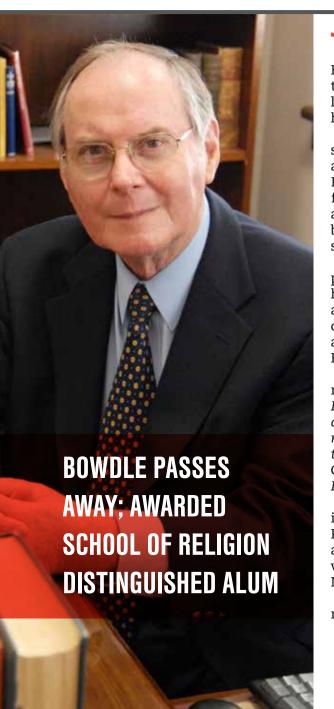


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ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS HONOR ALUMNI AT HOMECOMING

LAST NOVEMBER AT HOMECOMING, EACH DEPARTMENT NAMED A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OR ALUMNA OF THE YEAR. FACULTY IN EACH DISCIPLINE METICULOUSLY SCOURED THEIR ALUMNI ROLLS AND CAME UP WITH AN HONOREE FOR WHAT MAY BECOME AN ANNUAL HOMECOMING TRADITION.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF BIOS AND PHOTOS OF THE 2013 RECIPIENTS:



he Lee University School of Religion (SOR) honored Dr. Donald N. Bowdle as the first recipient of its distinguished alumni award. The Distinguished Professor at Lee accepted the award at Homecoming, and less than two months later, he passed away as he was leaving his office here at Lee, just having posted grades for his final semester of teaching.

At the presentation, Dr. Terry Cross, dean of the school of Religion said of Bowdle: "Having attended Bible college here at Lee in the 1950s and then returning in 1962 to teach full time for the next 50 years, Dr. Bowdle seemed to us to be the most worthy candidate of our very first School of Religion Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award. This award was not merely for his longevity in the various positions at Lee, but also for his excellence in teaching the Bible and theology to thousands of students who are currently ministering around the world."

Bowdle was considered a master of the Koine Greek text, and he published over 250 articles and book reviews. During his career at Lee, he received the Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Scholarship awards, and in 2010, was recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Educator Award by the Church of God. He has also served Lee in numerous academic leadership roles, including dean of Lee College's Division of Religion and chair of the Department of Bible and Theology.

Having authored and/or contributed to numerous academic journal reviews, curriculum and books, Bowdle's works include, Ellicott's Bible Commentary, Redemption Accomplished and Applied, The Promise and Power (cont.), seven chapters in A Journey Through the New Testament, and three chapters in Faith Foundations for Life and Ministry in the 21st Century. His article, "Holiness in the Highlands: A Profile of the Church of God," was published in Christianity in Appalachia: Profiles in Regional Pluralism by the University of Tennessee Press.

Bowdle earned his Doctor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia in American Christianity and his Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in ancient and medieval studies. He was also a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Edinburgh and Yale University. Bowdle received his Ph.D. and M.A. from Bob Jones University in New Testament text and theology and his B.A. from Lee College.

Bowdle is survived by his wife, Jean. Together they have three married children and seven grandchildren.

MENDIRATTA AWARDED SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR





ee University's Natural Science and Math Department named 2001 summa cum laude graduate Dr. Sudave Mendiratta its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

While at Lee, Mendiratta served as a teaching assistant, peer tutor, and contributed to two major research projects while completing his degree in three years. He received the department's Most Outstanding Graduate Award.

Following his Lee graduation, Mendiratta continued his work at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, serving as a teaching assistant, small group leader, and book discussion leader. He graduated Vanderbilt with his Doctor of Medicine degree in 2005, earning the Medical Student Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award.

Mendiratta's internship and residency were at Emory University School of Medicine where he earned 11 awards for excellence and finished as chief resident of the Department of Emergency Medicine in 2008. Subsequently, he joined the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Chattanooga where he rose to assistant professor, the program director of the emergency medicine residency, and the medical student course director.

"When reviewing our recent alumni, we as a department wanted to identify a person who has become not only successful, but also someone who is contributing significantly to the community," said department chair Dr. Paul DeLaLuz. "We believed that Dr. Mendiratta exemplifies this quality and is an alumnus that our current and future students can strive to model in their future careers."

-JILLIAN ELLIS

Dr. Randy Wood, department chair, congratulates Matis for being named this year's distinguished alumni for the History, Political Science and Humanities Department.



HANNAH MATIS WITH TOP ALUMNI AWARD

he Distinguished Alumna chosen for the Department of History, Political Science and Humanities was Dr. Hannah Matis.

Upon graduation from Lee in 2003, Matis was accepted to the M.A. program in Medieval Studies at Durham University in England. Following her completion of that degree, she returned to Lee and taught for one semester.

While teaching at Lee, Matis was accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to pursue training in classical languages before going on to the Medieval Studies program at Notre Dame, where she completed her doctorate last year.

"Hannah was a gifted student and has now been recognized as an equally gifted scholar," said Dr. Robert Barnett, distinguished professor of history at Lee. "As a representative of our program and of Lee in general, we couldn't be prouder of Hannah as she personifies those qualities of passion, intellectualism, and talent to which we would hope all our students aspire."

-MADELINE WATSON

Department Awards

Thompson, right, presents Business Department Distinguished Alumni of the Year award to Ray.



FOR LEE'S BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Darry Ray graduated from Lee in 1981 with a degree in business. Throughout college, he held multiple positions at the Holiday Inn South Cleveland, and continued working there after graduation as a hotel manager.

In 1988, Ray made a career transition to work at Life Care Centers of America, the nation's largest privately held senior housing provider. During the last of his 14 year tenure with Life Care, Ray served as president of American Lifestyles, Inc.-the assisted living subsidiary of Life Care.

In 2002, he left Life Care to form what would eventually become Legacy Senior Services, a management organization specializing in independent and assisted living facilities. Currently, Ray and his business partner Bryan Cook, also a Lee graduate, own and operate four assisted living homes in the Southeast.

Ray and his wife, Iris, currently reside in Cleveland, Tenn. They have three children. Brooke, Blake, and Christina, all alumni of Lee.

"Mr. Ray is the epitome of a distinguished alumnus," said Dr. Dewayne Thompson, chairperson of the Business Department at Lee. "His accomplishments include a stellar career as a corporate executive, a successful entrepreneur, consistent family man, and demonstrated faithfulness in his Christian commitment."

-MADELINE WATSON



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA FOR LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Ur. Susan Rogers received her Ph.D. and M.A. in English from the University of Alabama, after graduating from Lee with a B.A. in English. She returned to Lee in 1989 to teach, and then went on to obtain the rank of professor of English. In addition to core classes in composition and world literature, Rogers has taught courses in nineteenth and twentieth-century British literature, Romantic literature, and Victorian literature. She was an Appalachian College Association (ACA) Mellon Fellow at Alabama from 1994 to 1996.

"Dr. Rogers exemplifies the achievement, the impact, and the inspiration that we hold as goals for each graduate from our department," said Dr. Jean Eledge, chairperson of the department. "Her life has spoken and continues to speak in powerful ways to the students, colleagues and broader circles, with whom she interacts."

-MADELINE WATSON



SHIPPEE RECEIVES AWARD FOR BEHAVIORAL

& SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ur. Tetyana Shippee '03 was honored as the first recipient of Lee's Department of Behavioral and Social Science Distinguished Alumni award. The award was presented to Shippee in absentia by Dr. Karen Mundy-Judkins, professor of sociology at Lee.

"The vibrant faith and academic excellence of Tetyana testifies to a new generation of Christian scholars in sociology," said Mundy.

In addition to working as an assistant professor in the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health, Shippee is a widely published author. Her works have appeared in such publications as Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice, The Gerontologist, and American Journal of Public Health, among others.

Shippee came to Lee from Ukraine. She was awarded one of a limited number of scholarships offered by the U.S. State Department and arrived at Lee as a transfer student.

In 2004, Shippee received a Fulbright Fellowship to return to Ukraine to study jurist civil law. As a graduate student, she received the Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the Aging and Life Course Section of the American Sociological Association.

Shippee earned her doctorate from Purdue University in 2008 and currently lives in Minnesota with her husband, Nate, and their daughter, Milena.

-BRITAIN MIETHE

Department Awards

Dr. Jim Bilbo (left), former professor and chair of Lee's Department of Education, with Professor of Education Dr. George Nerren, hold a photo of Talley, who was honored in absentia.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

ill Talley was part of the first class of students to earn a Tennessee Teacher's License from Lee College

Talley began a sports career in high school as manager of the Bradley Central High School athletics team in Cleveland, Tenn. While at Lee, he coached a Dixie Youth baseball team and took a group of All-Stars to the Dixie Youth World Series.

After his graduation from Lee, Talley was hired as a football assistant and head baseball coach for Cleveland High School. Talley also served as academic counselor for the Texas Tech football team in Lubbock, Texas, coached high school football, and served as an athletic director before retiring.

"He challenged his players to play with intensity," said Lee professor, George Nerren, friend and former player of Talley. "He gave his best and expected his players to give their best." -JILLIAN FLLIS



he Lee University School of Music recently honored the late Dr. Brandon Wood as the first recipient of its Distinguished Alumni award. The award was presented by chair of Musicianship Studies, Dr. Phillip Thomas.

"We honor Brandon Wood because of his outstanding accomplishments and the ways in which he represented the Lee University School of Music as the kind of alumnus we highly prize," said Thomas. "He was an outstanding professional in his chosen field who determined to use his musical gifts to share the love of Christ."

After graduating from Lee, Wood studied at Florida State University, where he was the principal percussionist with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and played with the duet, North Star Percussion, which he cofounded. Over

the years, Wood also played with The King's Brass, an ensemble that provided innovative worship through sacred brass music.

DISTINGUISHED ALUM

BRANDON WOOD POSTHUMOUSLY NAMED

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

In 2012, Wood completed his doctorate in percussion performance at the University of Kentucky. While still in that program, Wood began commuting two days a week to teach at Lee.

On Oct. 28, 2012, at the age of 28, Wood was the victim of a fatal single-car accident as he returned home to Lexington.

At the time of his passing, Lee president Dr. Paul Conn, stated: "Since he first arrived on campus as a student, Brandon has been one of those students who was a leader, in every sense of the word, among his fellow band students and music majors. His death is a shocking and tragic loss, and he will be greatly missed by everyone in the School of Music and his many friends elsewhere."

-BRITAIN MIETHE

he long-elusive dream of a nursing program on the Lee campus is now quickly approaching reality.

Since the arrival of Dr. Sara Campbell in August 2013, the pieces of the puzzle have systematically come into focus. Dr. Campbell joined the Lee faculty, coming from her role as dean of the School of Nursing and professor of nursing at the University of South Carolina at Aiken. She holds the Ph.D. from Indiana University, and has varied experiences as a registered nurse, including the areas of mental health, the emergency department, and intensive care. As a nurse educator, Dr. Campbell served in academic leadership roles in Illinois and South Carolina before coming to Cleveland to develop and direct the new program at Lee.

Under Dr. Campbell's expert leadership, the curriculum has been developed and approved. Lee plans to offer a traditional, campus-based Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN), as well as a track for registered nurses who are already working profession als to earn their Bachelor of Science degrees (RN to BSN). This program will be offered in a hybrid format through the Division for Adult Learning (DAL).

On February 13, the Tennessee State Board of Nursing unanimously voted to approve Lee's nursing

program, granting permission to admit students to the new program. This approval is a critical step toward full implementation of the nursing program at Lee.

Throughout the development of the nursing program, the administration has been encouraged and gratified by the broad and enthusiastic support of the community health facilities in partnering with Lee to provide clinical placements for our nursing majors.

porary quarters in the recently acquired Monument Building.

CAMPUS NEWS

Other pieces of the puzzle that have come into focus include establishing an Advisory Council of delegates from a variety of clinical nonprofit- and for-profit agencies, community leaders, and faculty members; setting program admissions standards for students; and developing the mission, vision, and goals for nurse preparation at Lee.

Dr. Campbell and her search committee are currently interviewing candidates for faculty positions for the fall 2014 semester. Later this spring, the Nursing Admissions Committee will begin accepting students into the nursing program. Plans are already being made for a new state-of-the-art nursing building that will house classrooms, simulation labs, and faculty offices.

As these last puzzle pieces are added to the picture, the established vision of nursing at Lee—to graduate extraordinary Christian nurses who will influence and impact the holistic health of people worldwide—will come clearly into focus.

"Lee plans to offer a traditional, campus-based Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), as well as a track for registered nurses who are already working professionals."

—Debbie Murray

CAMPUS NEWS



he massive transformation of the south side of the Lee campus continues with the new Center for Communication and the Arts rising at the corner of Ocoee and Central being the dominant feature.

In the past three months, the two-story structure has come under roof with the shape of the structure now clear to passersby. Until recently, a plywood fence has hidden the progress from view of the hundreds who drive by on Ocoee Street every day. Now the structure towers above the fence to give a sense of how the new building will enhance the downtown architecture.

The demolition of the one-story former First Baptist Church offices on the corner of Central Avenue and Church Street has also opened the sight lines to the building. Until late last year, the building was being used as the temporary home for the Division of Adult Learning. The DAL has now relocated permanently to the former Monument Building, which was purchased last fall and the interior completely renovated to accommodate DAL, the Graduate Enrollment offices, and the nursing program offices.

At the same time, Campus
Safety has vacated their former
headquarters on the corner of 6th
and Church Streets. The house was
razed as major earth moving began
this spring. Over the next several
months, the landscape between 6th
and Central will change dramatically, as a "quad" is created and the
portion of Church Street between
6th and Central will be converted

into a boulevard.

Interior renovations to the former First Baptist sanctuary and educational wing, as well as exterior changes to the north face of the wing, will be taking place over the spring and summer. The sanctuary is being renovated to become Pangle Hall, a performance venue, and the Department of Business is slated to take over the two and three level educational space.

September 18 and 19 is slated as "Celebration 2014," a time when friends, alumni, and the campus will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of the south side redevelopment, highlighted by the dedication of the new communications building. Additional details about the event will be unveiled in future issues of *Torch*.











Lee University Shortens Path to Graduation

significant change to the academic requirements for all Lee University students was recently announced when President Conn told the student body that the number of required credit hours for graduation will be reduced by 8 percent, beginning fall 2014.

The announcement comes following a long process of institutional self-examination where questions were asked such as: "When can a person be considered educated? How many courses should someone take before they've earned a degree? What makes a Lee University degree distinctive?" One question started the process: How can Lee reduce the number of credit hours required for a bachelor's degree without sacrificing the quality or unique nature of the Lee experience?

Lee's curriculum change was painstakingly developed by the Pathways to Graduation Task Force, chaired by Dr. Carolyn Dirksen, director of Lee's Center for Teaching Excellence, and composed of faculty and administrators. The university took the step in response to a growing national and state focus on making the bachelor's degree more accessible. The national conversation at the highest levels reveals a changing landscape for university policies, encouraging the higher-education community to help Americans take their training and education to the next level.

"It's unprecedented for us," said Vice President for University Relations Jerome Hammond, "but the times call for it. We know families are working harder to get to college. We will work harder to get them through college."

"It gave us a wonderful opportunity to reevaluate our programs, focusing on the general core," said Dr. Debbie Murray, Lee's vice president for Academic Affairs, "and helped us to reaffirm our core commitments: the religion minor, service learning, and global perspectives, with a liberal arts foundation." Murray said the task force sampled student responses through advisors, conducted faculty surveys, and otherwise tried to get input, ideas, and solutions. "It was our pri-

ority, to hear everybody," Murray said.

The current path to graduation at Lee requires no less than 130 credit hours for all of its degree programs. Preserving the distinctive features of each Lee degree added to the challenge the task force faced. Each graduate completes an array of courses related to Lee's mission as a Christ-centered university. Lee also requires two additional elements, aside from traditional general education courses for bachelor's degrees: a service learning component, including eighty supervised service hours, and a global perspectives component, requiring each student to participate in a study abroad, or other approved cross-cultural experiences. These, along with science, math, composition, and humanities, all amount to a densely packed core curriculum, which posed a challenge to the committee. Where can you cut if you need all of it?

After much deliberation, the task force found a workable solution, and it is being swiftly implemented. Six hours will be trimmed out of the general core, and four hours will be eliminated in various ways from each degree program where possible, resulting in over 80 percent of Lee's bachelor's degree tracks requiring just 120 hours.

"The intended outcome was for students to easily finish a four-year degree within four years or less," Murray said. "Students sometimes come in with aspirations and dreams about all they want to study here, about a second major, another emphasis, or adding a minor, and often the practical reality of time and money changes their plans. Another outcome of this new plan is that for students who want to stay in school longer, and who can stay longer, these additional goals are more feasible. Students can do more in a reasonable amount of time."

Hammond summarized the change, saying, "The university is confident that this revised process maintains that important balance between quality and efficiency."



Campo Urges Lee Grads to "Choose Well"

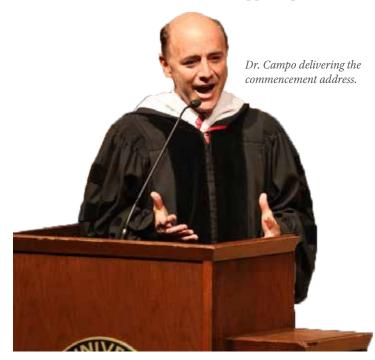
r. Carlos Campo delivered an inspiring address to 201 graduates at Lee University's Winter Commencement on December 14. Campo, a seasoned professor of English, college administrator, and current director of the Alliance for Hispanic Christian Education, used the poetry of Robert Frost to encourage the graduates to "choose well at the crossroads."

Analyzing Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken," Campo discussed issues of eternity, regret, and decisions. "Some roads preclude other roads," he said, and in concluding indicated a hope that we all will choose well, because the choices we make shape our lives.

The commencement wrapped up the weekend

of graduation events, starting with the graduate hooding Friday afternoon for 29 students earning master's degrees, and including the commissioning service Friday night, in which graduates and families heard from fellow grads Kyle Smith, Forbes Talley, Leah Fortune, Adebola Falabi, Kristina Byrd, Alyssa Oliver, Ashten Walker, Hunter Melton, Olivia Looney, and Casey Hogue.

Also at Commencement, Lee staff members Harold McCoy, David Labine, Vanessa Hammond, and Alan McClung were recognized for twenty consecutive years of service at Lee. Lee University Chorale presented special music for the morning.





Lee music grads (from left) Jamie Ben-Judah, Stephanie Hilliard, Hannah Johnston, Tyler Morrison line up to walk in Saturday's commencement.

Lee's Study Abroad Program Gets High Marks

n a recent ranking of U.S. study abroad programs, Lee University was listed as number four in the top master's institutions, according to data collected by the Institute of International Education.

The information published recently in "Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange" ranked universities by undergraduate participation and institutional type for 2011 and

2012. Lee's data showed an estimate of 92 percent undergraduate participation in its study abroad programs.

"We have a core requirement for cross-cultural experiences and a generous tuition-funding program for study abroad that makes it financially feasible for our students to take advantage of traveling and learning outside of the United States," said Angeline McMullin, director of the Global Perspectives program at Lee. "Thanks in part to this ranking, other schools are taking notice

and are beginning to make inquiries about how we are able to make study abroad happen for so many of our students. We're honored to be in that position."

Open Doors is a comprehensive information resource on international students and scholars studying or teaching at higher education institutions in the United States and U.S. students studying abroad for academic credit at their home colleges or universities.

-MADELINE WATSON



Students Represent Lee at TISL General Assembly

ee University recently sent a student delegation to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature's (TISL) General Assembly in Nashville, during which Lee president, Dr. Paul Conn, served as keynote speaker.

The General Assembly was held in the legislative chambers of the State Capitol. The student delegation consisted of Lee students Bailey Brents, Collin Crookenden, Lerryn Kidd, Timothy Monti, Zach Orrison, and Vania Ratliff.

In the House of Representatives, Brents, Crookenden, Orrison, and Ratliff won an award for distinguished performance of a delegation of representatives. Crookenden also won the Carlisle Award for his exceptional performance as a representative.

Lee was one of 44 Tennessee universities represented, including Middle Tennessee State University, Rhodes College, and Vanderbilt University.

All of the schools participated in activities from Thursday to Sunday, and there was a keynote address by Conn on Friday. Conn shared with the assembly of students the importance of specific leadership qualities and answered questions from the delegates.

TISL is a forum for aspiring college-aged students to discuss ideas and learn about state government, where students have the opportunity to participate in a mock government firsthand.

-BAILEY BRENTS

Three Faculty Receive Tenure

resident Paul Conn recently congratulated three newly tenured faculty at Lee. The honor was bestowed by a vote of the Lee Board of Directors. The honorees include LuAnn Holden, Dr. Timothy Miller, and Dr. Heather Quagliana.

Holden came to the School of Music as an assistant professor of music education in 1997, where she served as chair of the Department of Vocal Music from

2006–2011. Prior to Lee, Holden was a member of the Atlanta Symphony Chorus. She earned her M.A. in music education with an emphasis in choral music from Georgia State University and her B.A. in music education from Wesleyan College.

Miller joined the School of Religion as an assistant professor of philosophy in fall 2008. Prior to joining Lee, Millier was a visiting assistant professor of philosophy at Oklahoma Baptist University. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma, specializing in metaphysics, philosophy of religion, and early modern philosophy. His dissertation was awarded the University of Oklahoma's 2007 dissertation prize for the Fine Arts and Humanities.

Quagliana became a member of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty as an assistant professor of psychology in 2008. Prior to Lee, she taught at Community Christian College in Redlands, Calif., and Azusa Pacific University. Quagliana's clinical work and research focuses on children and families. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in clinical psychology, an M.A. in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, and her B.A. from Lee University.







Quagliana



even representatives from Lee traveled to San Diego for the annual NCAA national convention. The conference began on January 15 and ended with final voting on several items of legislative significance on January 18. Member institutions from all NCAA divisions (I, II, and III) attended the annual conference. This gathering, along with several other annual events, is a requirement for membership in the NCAA. Lee University is currently at the halfway point through the three- year membership phase, and the delegation found the convention informative.

Those attending were President Paul Conn, Director of Athletics Larry Carpenter, Senior Woman Administrator Andrea Hudson, Director of Special Projects Cole Strong, Compliance Coordinator Paul Cretton, Assistant Compliance Coordinator Jessica

McIntyre, and Dr. Mark Wickam, who serves as the faculty athletics representative. Each delegate attended several meetings that related to his or her area of responsibility, which provided an opportunity to network with colleagues from institutions across the country.

The most important meeting the Lee consortium attended was the Division II, Year Two Candidacy Meeting. As the process for acceptance moves forward, information received at this specific meeting was vital. Topics included NCAA expectations, NCAA DII resources, the annual report, championships and scheduling, logos, and the DII Membership Committee year-two campus visit.

During the conference, the Lee delegation was given the names of four NCAA representatives who will comprise a panel visiting the campus on April 3 and 4. This group will examine many facets of the university athletic program, including academics, administration, student financial aid, and student athlete well-being. This visit will allow

Lee University to showcase what has been accomplished during the first two years of the transition and give the panel an opportunity to offer feedback and suggestions as Lee heads into the provisional period.

"An important part of the trip was the Gulf South Conference meetings with the administrative teams of our conference members," Carpenter stated. "At these meetings, updates, athletic schedules, and important decisions regarding the GSC were discussed as they pertain to the remainder of this academic year and also the 2014–2015 school year."

Carpenter concluded, "Our hopes are that Lee University will hold full membership in the Gulf South Conference and NCAA Division II beginning with the 2015–2016 academic year."

-MARK WICKAM

Coach Furey Gets 300th Career Win

he 2013 men's soccer season for Coach Paul Furey's club will be long remembered. In its first year of NCAA Division II and Gulf South Conference competition, the Flames stunned GSC opponents by going 8-2-4 in conference play and placing second in the league standings.

The Flames became known as a group "that refused to lose." Overall, they battled to six ties and played in nine overtime matches. Playing without their two leading goal scorers, the remarkable team still fought their way into the championship match of the NCCAA national tournament before falling to Southern Wesleyan, 1-0.

For Coach Furey, it was a special year. The veteran collected his 300th career win during a win over GSC opponent Shorter University.

His team was also presented The Layton Shoemaker Sportsmanship Award, a national honor presented by the NCCAA. The award is in honor of the late Layton Shoemaker, legendary coach from Messiah College.

"This is a special honor in that it recognizes what we are really striving for," said Furey. "We want to represent Lee, the NCCAA, and our faith in a way that makes us different. Not that we are perfect all the time, but we strive to bring honor to Christ in the way we compete."

Lee senior midfielder Chevon Roberts was named a first-team NCCAA and NSCAA/Continental Tire Division I All-American. Roberts was joined on the All-American list by sophomore Gabe Franco, who earned a spot on the second team. Franco was earlier selected as the top defensive player in the NCCAA Championship.

Coach Paul Furey earned 300 career wins.



Travis Kiger is thrilled after scoring the winning goal in NCCAA National Tournament.



Softball Opens Season With No-Hitter

he Lee University softball team kicked off the 2014 season in style as starting pitcher Angie Hughes tossed a no-hitter to lead the Lady Flames past Tusculum College, 2-0. Hughes struck out 15 batters and gave up just three walks in the dominating performance. Lee was scheduled to play four games as part of the Armstrong Atlantic Tournament in Savannah, Ga., but inclement weather allowed for just the single game to be played.

The Lady Flames headed to Clearwater, Fla. next to take part in the Eckerd College Spring Tournament. Lee was pitted against competition from the softball-rich Sunshine State Conference and finished the three-day event at 2-3. Lee wrapped up play with a remarkable 3-2 victory over the host-school Eckerd by turning a game-ending triple play.

Hughes returns to anchor the pitching staff for the Lady Flames. The sophomore has already tossed two no-hitters in victories over Tusculum and Lee's conference opener at Union. Hughes is currently 3-3 with a 3.06 ERA. Newcomers Hailey Clark and Annabeth Pruett will look to provide depth inside the circle for the Lady Flames. First baseman Ana Coscorrosa and catcher Meg Macias

the Lee offensive attack.
Speedsters Laurel
Allen and Amanda
Lynn will help to set
the table at the top of the lineup.
Left fielder Dominique Hannah, right
fielder Lexie Dean, and second baseman
Lizzie Stevens will also return after
playing key roles in the Lady Flames'
success last season.

both return to help anchor

Lee opened up play in the Gulf
South Conference by winning
two out of three games at Union
University. The Lady Flames will
also renew their rivalry with
perennial softball power Shorter
University. The two clubs battled
as members of the Southern
States Athletic Conference before
making the transition to Division II.
Other tough conference tests will
include Valdosta State and
Alabama-Huntsville.

Angie Hughes has already hurled two no-hitters for the Lady Flames.



Leah Fortune is joined by Coach Matt Yelton, left, and Dan Wood, the executive director of the NCCAA.

Women Lose Only Once in Gulf South Soccer

he Lee women's soccer team finished with a remarkable 8-1-1 record in its first season as members of the NCAA Division II Gulf South Conference. Overall, the Lady Flames were 14-4-2.

The 8-1-1 record was good enough for a second-place finish behind powerful West Florida. The Florida club was the only GSC club to defeat Lee. Coach Matt Yelton's team battled Alabama-Huntsville to a tie.

The Lady Flames suffered a letdown in the National Christian College Athletic Assocation (NCCAA) National Championships, and after a 1-1 tie with Palm Beach Atlantic, they were eliminated from tournament play by a very strong Dallas Baptist squad.

Lee won its share of individual honors. Senior midfielder Leah Fortune was named a first-team NCCAA and NSCAA/Continental Tire Division I All-American. Fortune was joined on the All-American list by junior defender Laura Thacker, who earned a spot on the first team. Fortune, a NAIA All-American as a sophomore and junior, was earlier selected as the winner of the prestigious 2013 NCCAA Michelle Akers Award for Women's Soccer Division I. Since 1997, the NCCAA has presented the award to the women's soccer student-athlete who best models the values of America's first female soccer star. Akers played with passion and integrity while excelling in both the technical and tactical aspects of the game.

SPORTS

Women's Basketball Shines in GSC; Rowe Gets 400th Win

t has been another special year for Coach Marty Rowe and the Lee women's basketball team. A final regular-season victory over Shorter University sealed the Gulf South Championship for the Lee women who wrapped up the regular season with a 22-4 overall mark and 18-2 in conference play. Lee is in the second year of a three-year provisional period as it moves into full membership of NCAA Division II and the Gulf South. But Coach Rowe will be taking his club up against some very strong competition

in the National Christian College Athletic Association regional and national tournaments.

The Lady Flames are paced by All-American guard Hollie German, who is averaging 24 points per game and carries a 3.95 GPA. German,

> who recently went over the 2,000 mark in career points, has been named to the 2013–2014 Capital One

Academic All-America Division II basketball team.
Rowe reached a milestone in his career when he recorded his 400th college coaching win against West Alabama. Since that time, his Lady Flames completed a season-sweep of always powerful Union University. They traveled to Cleveland, Miss. and moved into first

place in the GSC with a convincing win over No. 21-ranked Delta State. Lee received 18 votes in the latest NCAA Division II poll, although they are not eligible for postseason play.

Junior Janna Adams reached the 1,000-point mark earlier in the year and has currently posted 11 double-doubles

(points and rebounds) this season.

Rowe has special praise for this senior group. Rachel
Lockhart, Karley Miller, and Myriah Iles join German as senior
leader. "All four have been with me for four seasons and are a
special group of young ladies," said Rowe. "Overall, it is the best
group I've coached, and they will be hard to replace." In the midst
of their fourth season, the seniors have helped the Lady Flames

win 106 games, and they have lost only 18 times.



Coach Rowe gets 400th career win plaque from AD Larry Carpenter.

Hollie German has scored over 2,000 points and is a member of the 2013–2014 Capital One Academic All-America Division II basketball team.

Lee Volleyball Opens Strong in NCAA

t did not take Coach Andrea Hudson and her Lee volleyball team long to show they were a force to be reckoned with in NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference. The Lady Flames defeated West Florida, the GSC champion, in a thrilling five-set match played in Walker Arena to open its first season in the new league.

Although Lee University is not eligible for NCAA postseason play, Coach Hudson's squad went on to place third in the final conference standings (12-6) and posted another 20-win season, going 22-11 overall. The Lady Flames took part in the NCCAA National Championship and placed in the final four, losing to

NCAA Division II, Point Loma in the semi-final round. Seniors Paula Martins and Camil Martinez earned spots on the 14-member NCCAA/AVCA All-American Division I first team. Both earned spots in the NCCAA Championship All-Tournament team.

Martinez joined an elite list of current or former Lee athletes to leave the Flames or Lady Flames for a short period of time to play for their country in world championship events. The senior setter for the 2013 Lee volleyball team was a member of the Dominican Republic team that earned a silver medal in the recent U23 Women's World Championships held in Tijuana, Mexico.



Camil Martinez competes against Roberts Wesleyan in the NCCAA Nationals.

Flames Struggle in Inaugural GSC Season

he Lee men's basketball team has ended its first season of competition in NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference (GSC). The season has proved to be a rugged battle each night, but the young Flames have shown resiliency in tangling with some of the premiere Division II programs in the nation.

Coach Tommy Brown's club delighted the home crowd at Walker Arena on Dec. 16 as Lee defeated West Florida 82-76 to open up the GSC era with a victory. Junior Cory Billingsley led the way with 24 points for the Flames.

Lee would score another milestone victory just three days later as they closed out the pre-Christmas schedule with a 72-59 victory over No. 25 Valdosta State. The contest marked the first victory against a NCAA ranked team in program history.

After a series of setbacks to start play in January, the Flames scored the most thrilling victory of the year on Jan. 23 when they topped West Georgia 83-80, thanks to a last-second 3-pointer by Billingsley. The victory snapped a six-game losing streak.

Billingsley has carried the scoring load all season long for the Flames. He averages a team-high 17.9 points per game while shooting a stellar 52.4 percent from the field. Junior-transfer Tyquan Roberts has provided a spark off the bench for Lee. The forward from Greensboro, N.C. averages 11.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest.

Freshmen Jamal Worthington, Jervon Johnson, and Stedmon Ford have all seen extended minutes on the court in just their first season with the Flames. Coach Brown has also relied heavily on the veteran leadership of senior Brice Sharp and junior Chad Lee. Sharp is a shutdown defender who usually draws the opposition's best scorer, while the always aggressive Lee leads the team with 5.5 rebounds per game.

The Flames picked the final game of the season to score their first road victory of the season, defeating rival Shorter University. Overall the Flames finished 10-16 and 6-14 in the GSC.

Senior Brice Sharp drives for layup for the Flames.



Runners Win at NCCAA Nationals

National Champs – Adam Gullette, Terris Elliott, Emmanuel Kipehumba, Justin Knutt. Cayce Bryan (center) won the 800 meters.



The Lee University indoor track team placed an emphasis on the 800-meter distance at the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Indoor Track and Field National Championships, and it paid off in the end.

The teams combined for two NCCAA National Championship performances and 10 total spots on the NCCAA All-American teams (eight coming from the two relay teams).

The women's 4x800-meter relay team of Brianna Prugh, Emily Bryan, Jessica Childers, and Cayce Bryan started the day with a second-place finish. They posted a time of 9:35.25 and finished just behind Indiana Wesleyan University's mark of 9:31.52.

Not to be outdone, the men's team scorched the field in the men's 4x800-meter relay. The foursome of Justin Knuth, Terris Elliott, Adam Gullette, and Emmanuel Kipchumba crossed the finish line three seconds ahead of runner-up Olivet Nazarene University (8:05.23).

"Terris got us off with a fantastic lead leg, and we just kept rolling from there," said Coach Caleb Morgan. "Justin kept us in lead with a strong second leg, and Adam gave us a strong enough lead so that Emmanuel could run a relaxed leg and stay fresher for the open 800 later today. I'm really pleased and grateful to get my first national championship as a head coach."

In addition, Cayce Bryan gave Lee its second national championship of the day with a time of 2:16.65 in the 800-meter run.

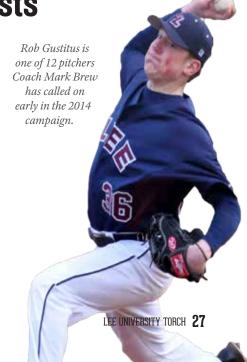
Pitching Is Key in Early Season Contests

oach Mark Brew will be the first to admit that Lee's move to NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference (GSC) will not be easy. The GSC is considered one of the best in Division II and owns national championship banners to prove its point.

After losing five pitchers from the 2013 squad to the Major League draft, Brew and his staff worked overtime to replace the dominant hurlers. Following a conference win over West Georgia at Olympic Field on the weekend of March 2, the Flames moved to 11-5 overall and 5-4 in the GSC.

Pitching has been a key in the early going, especially as the Flames claim 2-of-3 wins at Union University. Currently Nikolay Uherek and Dustin Lawson are leading the way for the pitchers, both owning 2-0 records. Jeremy Stawychny is 2-1, and Kyle Briner and Carlos Ditren have picked up victories. Jeremy Bales and Derrick Pitts have been key forces out of the bullpen.

The Flames have key GSC home dates in March and April against West Georgia, West Florida, North Alabama, and Christian Brothers, plus several interesting nonconference events at Lee's Olympic Field.



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hank you for supporting Lee in 2013. It was a milestone year for alumni engagement. Several long-standing giving records were broken, and we had a 48% increase in event attendance including the largest Homecoming crowd on record. But the most important record broken was the number of alumni who began supporting Lee last year.

If a university has vital signs one of them is alumni support. No matter how strong and permanent a university may appear, if its alumni are not broadly and consistently engaged in supporting the school it is a key indicator that the university is unwell. The simple reason is that we support what we care about and what we believe provides value. That support creates strength.

Last year a record number of alumni joined in with their support and helped strengthen Lee. We are deeply grateful to all of our alumni who keep Lee strong through their generous support in all its forms. Thank you.



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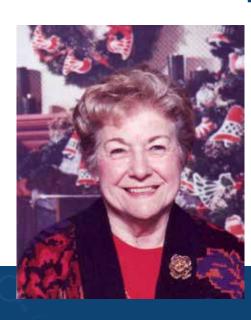
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WHO'S WHERE



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Lucille Settle Walker '45 passed away on December 8, 2013. Walker is one of the legendary alumnae of BTS and Lee. As a student, she worked in the president's office, was one of the first editors of the yearbook, Vindagua, and graduated as the valedictorian. Later she served on the faculty, teaching English and speech, and was a librarian from 1957-1962. She returned to Lee for a third time as director of Student Activities from 1978-1980 and director of Title IV, a federal grant program for tutoring students at risk from 1980–1987. She received the Distinguished Alumna Award in 1985, Lee's highest alumni award. In between her times at Lee, she served with her late husband, J. Herbert Walker, on the mission field, in ministry, and in education. They were the parents of two daughters, Sharon and Crystal. Memorials can be given in her honor to the J.H. and Lucille Walker Scholarship Fund at Lee University.

Carroll M. Helm '68 recently authored God's Mysteries and Paradoxes: Looking Through the Glass, Darkly, which examines paradoxes and how they permeate every area of existence. Carroll recently retired as associate professor of education at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C. He resides with his wife, Edna, in Mount Holly, N.C.

Randall L. Geren '69, a resident of Decatur, Tenn., died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on December 30, 2013. He was 67. He was a teacher and coach

in many area school systems and retired from Cleveland (Tenn.) High School after 30 years of teaching. He is survived by two children: Randall Lewis Geren II and Hollie Geren Rapello, and two grandchildren.

Raymond Mercado '79 lives in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, with his wife, Margie. Mercado holds a master's degree in theological studies and is the author of the first book of Pentecostal history of Puerto Rico, Breve Historia de la Iglesia Pentocostal en Puerto Rico. Mercado is professor of church history in Universidad del Caribe, P.R.

Kim Crank Ringler
'80 passed away on January 27, 2014 after a short battle with cancer. At the time of her death she was a dedicated employee at Lee, most recently as administrative assistant to the vice president of business and finance. She is survived by her husband, Randy, and four children.



Mysteries and Paradoxes:

Ringler

David Anthony Dehner '86 lives in Watson-ville, Calif., with his wife, Ruth. Tony serves as the director of vocal and choral arts at Monte Vista Christian School, voice instructor in Dehner Voice Studio, and sanctuary choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Salinas. Tony's Vocal Arts Program is an award-winning program, and he recently received the following recognitions: Monte Vista Christian School Educator of the Year; Santa Cruz County Educator of the Year; and Congressional Recognition for California League of High Schools Educator of the Year.





Renda Gilbert Wynkoop

**89 was recently selected to serve on the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Education Advisory Board. The EAB is responsible for developing programming and content for the IAPP of the Privacy Summit and Academy, providing education to privacy leaders in the industry. She currently serves as the manager of Legal Compliance (Privacy Office) for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Brian Archer '92 lives in Bethany, Okla., with his wife, Regina, and their four children. Brian is director of custodial services at Southern Nazarene University.

Wildes Crum '92 and Mike Tetreault '00 meet regularly at a North Atlanta Waffle House. Wildes lives in the North Atlanta area and is currently selling medical devices. Tetreault lives and works in Cumming, Ga., with his wife Kelly. Mike and Kelly recently welcomed Karleigh Grace in September 2013. They have two other children. Mike works in marketing and PR for the concierge medicine industry and is editor-in-chief of Concierge Medicine Today. He is the author of Branding Concierge Medicine and The Doctor's Guide To Concierge Medicine.

Vanessa Howard Wood '96 recently passed the national exam to become a registered medical assistant. She works as an RMA for Premier Surgical Associates in Knoxville, Tenn. She has worked as a medical assistant for

11 years and also writes a blog at vanessahwood.wordpress.com. She and her husband, Michael, have been married for 15 years, and live in Clinton, Tenn.

Jeanine "Nini" Rivera '00 married Raymond Robles on May 6, 2012. The couple resides in Clementon, N.J. where Jeanine is a health office coordinator for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and also a worship leader who travels and ministers with her husband. Nini says, "Together we work as a tag team in ministering the Word of God through word and song to many churches all across New York City and New Jersey."







Derek '04 and Sara Smiley Eledge '03 live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Derek works for local NBC affiliate WRCB as a photojournalist and video editor. Sarah works for Kenco Logistics as a senior accountant. They have two children.

Bryan Montgomery '07 lives in Danville, Ky., with his wife, Jill, and their two children. He pastors the Danville Church of God and serves on the Kentucky Church of God State Council.

Caleb Flynn '10 and his wife, Ashley Smith Flynn '09, live in Tipp City, Ohio. Caleb recently coproduced a live album with musician Ricardo Sanchez, where he was featured on a couple of songs, including the title cut, "Be Lifted Up." It is available on all major digital outlets and was featured in Praise Charts' "new and upcoming worship bands." Ashley is a fifthgrade teacher.

Matthew '11 and Kayla Smith Keyt '11 married in June 2011 and moved

to Tipp City, Ohio, in September 2013, from Cleveland, Tenn. Kayla is employed by an accounting firm (Kentner Sellers CPAs) in Vandalia, Ohio. Matthew works alongside his father-in-law in the family business, RDS & Sons, a commercial flooring and seating business for churches, schools, and businesses.

simone Plimpton Puccinelli '11 and her husband, Michael '11, live in Cartersville, Ga. She recently built a school for 500 orphans and poor children in Uganda—God's Hope Primary School. While at Lee, she started a nonprofit called Simone's Kids. Simone says, "Lee was an essential chapter in my life, and my life would be very different without the personal growth that took place at Lee University."

Patrick '13M and Nicole Whitecotton '13M both graduated last summer with their master's degrees in the Teaching American History program from Lee. They live in Knoxville, Tenn. with their two children and are teaching at South Doyle Middle School.

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