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We are looking forward to our two graduation ceremonies on May 10 when we will celebrate the wonderful achievements of over 200 students who have learned from Bryan’s outstanding faculty. These students have been prepared in many ways to be like the Apostle Paul to stand in the marketplace of ideas (Mars Hill) and discuss the issues of our culture from a biblical world and life view. Because we live in a post-Christian culture, it is essential that our students understand the worldviews that underlie the values and ethics evident in our society. As our students wrestle with the ideas and issues of our day, I know they have been taught to think biblically and live missionaly, seeing an eternal purpose for their lives.

We welcome two new members to our Board of Trustees, Marcus Bellamy ’95 and Chris Cashion. Marcus serves as a pastor and educator in Dallas, while Chris has international experience in the oil industry as a CFO. I am so grateful for a Board of Trustees that takes seriously its role in preserving and strengthening the mission of the college, affirming along with our faculty and staff members each year our Statement of Belief.

In February our Board affirmed and made clear Bryan’s long history and current position regarding our creationist beliefs—that Adam and Eve, made in the image of God, were the first parents of the human race and that they did not evolve from lower life forms. And as they sinned, so death entered the world and demanded the sacrifice of the second Adam, Jesus Christ, to redeem our world.

This edition of Bryan Life features a Christian worldview perspective in action across the campus and around the globe. Our feature section spotlights the programs and other opportunities our faculty in the performing arts provide for our students. These programs evidence an excellence in preparation and performance that give glory to our God whether leading in worship through our new worship arts team, Devotion: singing in the Chorale or other musical groups; or performing in or producing plays, operas, or musicals. This edition also features Dr. Steve Bradshaw (Psychology) and Dr. Randy Hollingsworth (Communications) who excel through teaching and modeling a Christian worldview.

Thank you for continuing to support Bryan through your prayers and gifts as we earnestly seek to remain faithful to our mission of educating men and women for our Lord’s eternal Kingdom.

Stephen D. Livesay
Friday, March 28, marked the fourth annual Bryan College Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), held on the second floor of the library and open to the public.

Students across several disciplines and years went through a lengthy process to enter the conference, drafting proposals and abstracts, researching and writing on their topics of choice, and – if accepted – preparing lengthy presentations to share their knowledge with others. Of the 26 candidates, 17 were chosen (two of these collaborating), and they presented on topics ranging from pediatric cochlear implants and situational business leadership to the Pax Islamica and molecular mosquito identification.

This year featured exciting benchmarks for the URC. For the first time business students presented research in their field. SSG John M. Thompson, a graduating senior business administration student in the School of Adult and Graduate Studies (AGS), and also the Marketing and Advertising NCO in the Tennessee Army National Guard, was the first AGS student to participate in the research conference, discussing retention rates within the TNARNG. Additionally, German student Benedikt Müller was the first-ever international student to present.

Other presenters at this year’s conference included Ashton Alexander, Leila Barker, Olivia Eanes, Nathaniel Eastwood, Isaac Geyman, Joshua Grace, Robin Harrison, Corey Heartfield, Joanna Hill, Kristin Jager, Nicholas Johnston, Scott Rieckhoff, Alexandra Rogers, Sarah Vest, and Ryan Wolf.

URC co-founders Dr. Brian Eisenback and Dr. Salvatore Musumeci agreed that “At Bryan the learning is not always from teachers to pupils.” They said, “This conference is an example of a time when those roles are reversed. Bryan students are what makes Bryan such a special place, and this conference showcases their skills, their vision, and their passions.”

Faculty Chair Dr. Kathryn Saynes, who gave the URC closing remarks, commented, “The Bryan faculty could not be more proud of their students.”

*By Chloe Ann Nardone '13*
New Board Members

Marcus A. Bellamy ’95

An alumnus of Bryan College with a long-term career in ministry and a successful history in the business world, Marcus A. Bellamy ’95 is currently the lead associate pastor at 10,000-member Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Texas, led by renowned pastor Dr. Tony Evans. In this capacity, Marcus oversees not only the school of 460 pre-k to 8th-grade students the church runs, but also the church’s ministry programs, as well as strategic planning; establishing current and future goals, objectives, plans, and policies for the church; and training new leaders and ministers.

The ministries he oversees include a center for reconciliation, founded under belief in Biblical principles in 1 Corinthians 6:1 and Hebrews 12:14, which provides services to help members resolve all types of conflict between themselves and their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Marcus is excited and honored to join the Board of Trustees. Through his own experiences as a student at Bryan he “learned an enormous amount about ministry and leadership.” He says, “I’m so thankful to now be able to serve the school in this capacity, considering what an investment was made into me during my years there at Bryan.”

He and his wife Patricia live in Oak Leaf, Texas, with their two daughters, Faith (9) and Teela (5), and their recently adopted son Clyde (2).

Chris D. Cashion

A native of Tennessee and father to Bryan Alumna Ashlie Pereiras ’06, and close friend of Paul and Delana ’74 Bice, Chris D. Cashion has a longstanding love of and respect for the school that he now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Chris brings over 20 years of boardroom experience to the table and has much insight to offer on the Board’s finance committee. He has enjoyed great success in finance and business strategy in his more than 30 years in the Texas oil and gas industry. Currently the CFO of a drilling tool technology development and equipment manufacturing company, Chris also provided CFO services to five Shell Technology Venture Fund-owned start-ups. In the late 1990s he acted as COO of a privately owned oilfield service company, improving the company’s operating cash flow from a negative $300,000 per quarter to a positive $300,000 per quarter within only six months.

Confident that the Lord has prepared him for this position of service, Chris “could clearly see His hand preparing me for this” through his years of financial experience: “What better way to take how God has gifted me and give that to a place that is truly preparing students to become servants of Christ?”

Chris has actively served in The Gideons International for nearly 11 years. He and his wife Jyl have three grown children – Ashlie Pereiras, Amie Schexnayder and Christina Cashion – and currently reside in Houston, Texas, where Chris serves as an elder and Bible teacher in the church.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13
“I believe in a Bryan College education and would like to help more students, but I’m not sure how to go about it.”

Bryan College attracts many gifted Christian students. Scholarships and financial assistance help draw and keep these students so they will be better equipped to serve and make a difference for Christ.

Our alumni and friends recognize that keeping a Bryan College education affordable continues to be a growing need.

One of the most enduring ways to make a difference in the lives of Bryan students is contributing to or establishing a scholarship fund. There are several methods of giving in this way, and I have prepared a Bryan College scholarship brochure that answers many of the questions you may have. If interested, please contact me for your copy. As always, I am here to assist you in finding the most effective method for you.

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Dr. Mel Wilhoit
The quality of the performing arts programs at Bryan College has been celebrated for decades. From murder mystery dessert theatres to famous operas and holiday choral concerts, Bryan’s performing arts continue to delight audiences from miles around.

For prospective and current students Bryan offers what many larger colleges and universities do not – the opportunity for all students, regardless of field of study, to participate in the arts. Time, dedication, and talent are all that is necessary to have fun and glorify God in concerts, operas, plays, or musicals.

Because of the wide variety of creative outlets in the performing arts, interested students have no difficulty finding their niche. For instance, Bryan offers much to aspiring vocalists. The Bryan College Chorale and smaller vocal groups such as Women’s Chorus and Chamber Singers (once called the Madrigal Singers) have also been long-time favorites, performing in churches and at events nationwide.

Senior Katie Warren reflects, “The music program has not only been a learning experience, but a growing experience. My music professors push me to not only be the best musician that I can be, but also the best person that I can be.”

For those to whom acting appeals, the Hilltop Players and the Bryan Opera Theatre offer many opportunities. Since its inception over 40 years ago the Hilltop Players theater team has put on hundreds of plays and musicals and remains a major draw even to members outside of the Bryan community. The Opera Theatre, a relatively new addition, wows all who see its offerings.

Mr. Bernie Belisle, who has personally directed over 50 plays in his 21 years at Bryan, says, “We provide a great opportunity for students to learn the craft of theatre in an environment that supports their Christian faith.” Belisle emphasizes that “it’s a team effort; it’s creating something with other people that you could never create on your own.” And it is just that collaboration and diversity that gives the Bryan College Performing Arts its beautiful essence.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Justin Morhardt

Sophomore Justin Morhardt, catcher and first baseman for the Lions baseball team, is a music education major and played a pirate in Pirates of Penzance in February.

Majors Represented In the Performing Arts Include:

Communications
Politics and Government
English
Music
Christian Ministry
Mathematics
Exercise and Health Science
Liberal Arts

Performing Arts
American Sign Language Courses Possible for Fall 2014

A generous gift has been made to Bryan College by the Fred J. and Ruth Heflin Cofer Foundation for the purpose of helping the college reach out to disabled students. The foundation and Bryan College have discussed that using the monies to fund the creation of courses in American Sign Language (ASL) could be highly rewarding.

“We’re excited about this investment by the Fred J. and Ruth Heflin Cofer Foundation and the opportunity it will provide for current and future students at Bryan College,” said Vice President of Advancement Blake Hudson.

ASL classes could start in the fall semester of 2014, leading into a second class in the spring and potentially additional classes in the language to fulfil students’ foreign language requirements. The plan must first be approved by Bryan faculty and a qualified adjunct instructor found before new ASL coursework can be created for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Bradford Sample, vice president of academics, said that offering ASL “has the potential to allow the hearing impaired and the deaf to more fully participate in society and the church.”

The creation of student fluency in sign language could generate a pool of student workers the school could hire to translate in classes. This could enable Bryan to reach out to hearing-impaired potential students, in addition to opening up possibilities for ministry with Practical Christian Involvement, Break for Change, and Acts Project groups after even one year of instruction.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13

Students Return from Spring Break of Service

This year Bryan College once again sent over 50 students on Break for Change trips both domestically and internationally. Along with members of the faculty and staff, these students travelled to Atlanta, Ga. (Street Grace); Opelousas, La. (Hope for Opelousas); Detroit, Mich. (cross-cultural ambassadorship); San Diego, Calif. (City of Refuge); and Gyadier, Haiti (The Hands and Feet Project). Wherever they went, they carried the love of Christ to those around them, supporting social justice, ministering to the homeless and impoverished, teaching children, building relationships, and aiding orphans.

Reflecting on his team’s experience in Atlanta, senior Mark Mercier said, “Break for Change was phenomenal. God used a handful of people I didn’t even know to bless me and others in ways I couldn’t have imagined.”

Assistant Director of Faith and Mission Eric McEachron agreed. “This year Break for Change really saw the Body of Christ working together, with so many different talents complimenting each other in unity,” he said. “There were so many cases of right person, right team, right place. God wove the week together.”

Matt Stombaugh, Senior
On March 21-22 the Bryan Opera Theatre presented Gilbert and Sullivan’s renowned 1879 operetta *The Pirates of Penzance* to the delight of all who attended.

Supported by a full orchestra and a talented 20-member chorus, the cast swashbuckled, marched, and flounced their way through the clever and paradoxical plot. The performances showcased not only the wit and musical excellence often attributed to the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, but also the breathtaking talent of the students on stage. From the famed “Major-General’s Song” that has been parodied through the years to the hilarious “When the Foeman Bares His Steel” sung by the policemen who “uncomfortable feel,” each musical number built upon the last; from bass to tenor and alto to soprano, the voices of the entire cast astounded the audience, who sat breathless from alternating amazement and laughter.

“Being in the opera was one of the best experiences of my life,” recalled sophomore Brittany Feeser, who played Mabel, one of the lead roles. “Playing Mabel challenged me vocally but, to an even greater degree, it challenged me to believe in myself and shoot for my biggest dreams!”

Kim Keck, stage director for the performance, said, “It has been gratifying to see our younger students rise to the occasion in order to put on a great show.”

*By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13*
Meet Freshman: Mikela Badgley
History and Secondary Education Major

"I’m a first generation college student."

Where are you from? Would you tell us a little about your family?

I was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN with my mom, dad, and my cousin who came to live with us eight years ago. My cousin has a learning disability, but is enrolled at Red Bank Middle and making great progress. My dad works at Lowe’s, and Mom is a cashier at Bi-Lo. We go to Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank where I play flute in the church orchestra.

What professor has impacted you most and why?

Dr. Peter Held’s Worldview Class has helped me grow in my faith and learn about other worldviews and perspectives.

What brought you to Bryan College?

I wanted to go to a college that taught from the perspective of a Christian worldview while preparing me for the modern world we live in. Bryan seemed to have exactly the balance I was searching for. I was also attracted to the genuine friendliness of the people that truly express a Christ-likeness in that aspect. However, I would have never been able to attend Bryan had it not been for the Opportunity Program.

If you could speak to the people who fund the Bryan Opportunity Program, what would you say to them?

I’m a first generation college student! Neither my parents nor my aunts and uncles were able to go to college. Actually, no one else in my family has been to college. Coming to Bryan has strengthened my Christian faith. You’ve given more quality to my future and who I am as an individual. My parents and I are so grateful for this opportunity. We simply can’t thank you enough for making a Christian education at Bryan College possible for me!
HILLSIDE CHAT  
> DR. STEVE BRADSHAW

A passionate life spreads out to those around it, touching and forming them in ways that might not be evident at first, but drastically transforming the world, one life at a time. This is the life to which Dr. Steve Bradshaw ’75 has been dedicated. A deeper purpose shines through his eyes as he sits in the classroom and eagerly pours out knowledge about life, God, relationships, and the discipline of psychology.

His journey in psychology has been rich. After completing his bachelor’s in 1975 at Bryan College and his master’s at Georgia State in 1977, he returned to his alma mater to teach psychology. Since obtaining his doctorate in 1990 and his licensing as a Psychologist H.S.P. in 1992, his roles as professor and practitioner of individual, marriage, and family therapy have remained uniquely complementary. His time at Bryan has also included helping develop the 3+2 program, which enables psychology students to complete both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years of study between Bryan and Richmond Graduate University.

His contagious passion encourages learning, as evidenced by Kathryn Garrett ’13: “Dr. Bradshaw consistently gives of himself. His desire to see us actively interact with our studies often results in deep discussions that inspire me to explore difficult topics, resulting in personal and others’ healing.”

“I want what I do individually with students and in the classroom to echo into eternity,” Dr. Bradshaw says. “The Lord doesn’t call us to be successful, only to be faithful.” On earth, those echoes are heard when psychology graduates use their degree to do whatever God calls them to, whether in parenting, ministry, or professional psychology. In his words, “Those are the echoes that we won’t hear until eternity. I hope I’ve been a part of refining people’s kingdom voice, regardless of what they do.”

By Angela Schimpf ’13

Did you know?

Dr. Bradshaw is integral to the ping-pong ministry he started with fellow psychology professor Dr. Clark Rose. The two play against students regularly in the student center’s Lion’s Den.
HILLSIDE CHAT
DR. RANDY HOLLINGSWORTH

Humanities division chair and professor Dr. Randy Hollingsworth spends his days on the hill teaching communication courses. But anyone who knows “Dr. H” recognizes that he dedicates his life to much more than the classroom.

With a M.Div. in youth ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in speech communication from Florida State University, Dr. Hollingsworth arrived at Bryan in the fall of 2003. When asked why he pursued a career in communications he said, “I have always enjoyed interacting with people and ideas, and a communications degree has helped me develop personally and professionally in these areas.”

Bryan students attest that his passion for people and ideas is evident in the way he makes class material relevant to everyday life. Executive assistant to Congressman Jim Price, Faith Ammen ’09 mentioned that “the communication skills Dr. Hollingsworth instilled” in her have helped her communicate well “with everyone from presidential candidates to visiting constituents.”

The Bryan community also knows him as a family man who has a passion for ministry. Randy and Jennifer are like a home away from home for many. Students will often find themselves around their campfire, a board game, or even on their beloved boat. “Dr. H has never stopped demonstrating to us what it means to be a man of God that loves his wife, children and students” said senior Ben Rosenbaum.

In 2005 the Hollingsworth family ventured to Honduras to work with Eternal Family Project, where they met Yuri Lopez ’12, their translator for the trip. Yuri expressed interest in coming to the United States to play soccer, and three years later the Hollingsworths brought her to the US as a welcome addition to their family. This opportunity provided Yuri with the ability to earn a college degree, play soccer, and now work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Atlanta and travel with Operation Christmas Child. Yuri calls them “the family I always wanted.”

Dr. Hollingsworth does not simply teach how communication impacts culture, but he exemplifies this on a daily basis and has enriched countless lives with his presence and friendship.

By Chelsea Zimmerman ’11
Be True!

Dr. Hollingsworth inspires senior class

On Jan. 31, Dr. Randall Hollingsworth inspired the soon graduating Class of 2014 during senior chapel by regaling them with stories and heartfelt advice. Perhaps what stuck in the students’ minds most, however, was the series of gestures he taught them set to rhyming couplets.

He first reminded the seniors to be true, patiently enduring trouble for the Lord’s sake and not abandoning the good works that come from the Spirit. Next he called on them to remember the Source of their strength, seeing they can do all things through Christ. Dr. Hollingsworth asked them to be perpetual students, for the wise must learn the way of the Lord continually, delighting in His law and surrounding themselves with good counsel. Stand firm, he directed, like the “tree planted by streams of water” in Psalm 1:3. He emboldened the seniors to recall the greatest commandment of all: love shown, first to God and then to mankind. Finally, and echoing the Apostle Paul, the beloved professor pushed the graduating class to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (ESV).

Everyone who left the room that morning was newly refreshed, built up, and encouraged by what the beloved humanities division chair had to say. Be true. Can do. Must learn. Stand firm. Love shown. Press on.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ’13
In her time at Bryan College Chelsea Breaden has shone, not only as an admired athlete, but also as a student in the exercise and health science (EHS) department and an involved member of the Bryan community.

From Marietta, Ga., Chelsea played volleyball at the varsity level for four years, earning recognition in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) All-Academic Team in 2011, 2012, and 2013; in the AAC All-Conference 1st Team in 2012 and 2013; and as the AAC Player of the Week in September 2011 and October 2013.

Chelsea was appointed to the SGA events council during her sophomore year and has served on the council since then. This semester she has had the chance to join the worship leadership team and Chorale at Bryan, which has greatly contributed to her final semester. "I have always loved getting involved, and I appreciate all of the opportunities that Bryan offers its students," she explains.

This accomplished young woman graduates in May with an EHS background and plans to attend physical therapy school to become a physical therapist assistant. She wishes to keep volleyball in her life, hoping to coach at the middle- or high-school level while she pursues physical therapy. Eager to see what the days ahead hold, she says, "I am open to any opportunities that God leads me to in the future!"

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

STUDENT PROFILE
CHLOE BREDAEN, SENIOR
EXERCISE & HEALTH SCIENCE

STUDENT PROFILE
LUKE FOX, SENIOR
THEATRE

A nyone who has frequented the Hilltop Players’ performances in recent years would recognize Luke Fox. This senior theatre major from Burlington, N.C., had initially planned to enter college as a baseball pitcher. The Lord had other plans, however: rendered unable to compete due to an injury, Luke decided to join friends in a production of The Hiding Place. And thus a lifelong passion was born.

Luke has been involved in every performance by the Hilltop Players since his freshman year. Most recently he starred in You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown as Snoopy, and in Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest as Algernon Moncrieff. Though he enjoys directing and backstage, he admits, “Acting is my niche.” Hoping to pursue a career as a film actor, he plans on building professional connections through graduate school.

He also affirms the possibility of becoming a high school drama teacher. His interest was sparked by his work as a drama skills teacher for the Winshape Camp traveling team, helping inner city children and youth fall in love with the art of storytelling through acting.

In a piece of advice to students interested in theatre, he says, “You must be willing to work hard and understand the motivations of your character,” using both research and imagination. Luke has certainly followed these guidelines in his own college career.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13
GOD IS FAITHFUL

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His miracles are never-ending; his mercies are new every morning; great is His faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

Lamentations 3:22-24

What is your hope in? If it is in your spouse, your children, your job, your bank account or even something like your reputation, at some point these things will fail you. This world is out of our control, and no matter how hard we try to control our circumstances, we are bound to be let down throughout our lives. Doesn’t this cause you to long for heaven? I know it does for me.

How do you handle the disappointments in this life? In the past (and sometimes present day as well) I do things that only make the disappointment worse. I am a stress eater – there, I said it. I often turn to food to soothe my stress. So when you see me blowing up like a balloon, pray harder for me! Where do you turn? Anger? Bitterness? Revenge? Alcohol? Relationships? Gossip? Self-protection? I think as long as any of us have breath, the natural response is to rely on our own devices to get through our struggles, to be our own functional savior.

God longs for us to turn to Him. He does not force. He just waits patiently for all of us to “Be still and know that He is God.” We can never be the god of our circumstances. Being our own savior may work for a while, but our true Savior gently breaks our death grip on ourselves and draws us to Himself, through even the most trying challenges.

As we go through difficult days even here at Bryan, it is easy to look around at all of the roaring waves like Peter did when he stepped out of the boat to walk towards Jesus. The true Savior called to good ol’ Peter – He stretched out His hand and pulled Peter up out of the water as he was sinking in fear. He does that for us, right here and right now. As you pray for Bryan in the days ahead, pray for our Administration and Board of Trustees as they lead Bryan. Pray for our faculty and staff as we minister to each other and teach and lead our students. Pray for our students, who are learning from our actions about becoming servants of Christ in this broken world of ours.

Paulakay
Paulakay Hall, ’84

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”

Psalm 46:10

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Hosted by John '74 and Marilyn (Hawkins) '77 Eisenback

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Hosted by Phil '70 and Maye (Hayes) '71 Jepson and Suzanne (Rogers) Lattimer '03

APRIL 25 - RICHMOND
Hosted by John '68 and Naomi (Cox) '70 Corcoran

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Dr. Adina Scruggs '91
Associate Professor of Business,
Bryan College School of Adult and Graduate Studies

Dr. Adina Scruggs '91 is a Bryan College alumna with a passion for motivating others and offering marketing assistance to non-profits – particularly the Austin Hatcher Foundation in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Bethel Bible Village in Hixson, Tenn. One of three siblings to attend Bryan, Adina took the path of teaching. Her sister Annette Watt '93 teaches music and will be pursuing her doctorate in music, and her brother Dr. Glynn Stone, Jr. '95 pastors 6000-member Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview, Texas.

When Adina reflects on her time as a student, she remembers how Dr. Bill Lay and Dr. Jeff Bruel integrated their faith with business in the classroom. Today she pursues that same model of Christian worldview in her business classes. Usually after the first few weeks students openly share with her what is going on their lives, and they have spoken warmly of her caring nature.

Her enthusiasm shines in her undergraduate and graduate business classes ranging from accounting to marketing. Real-life experiences are how we can best prepare our students, she says. To this end she also assists Professor Brad Gatlin as an advisor to Enactus. During the career fair at the annual national expo, she enjoys motivating students to pursue opportunities. Ask Kelly Miller '12, a music major who landed a career with Con Agra when Adina prompted her to speak to the recruiters at their booth.

"Adina's dedication to God's call on her life has long been evident through her personal relationships and practical instruction in the classroom," says her brother Dr. Stone. "God has equipped her to empower students and expand God's kingdom through ostensible lifestyle evangelism. She has seized every platform God has given her in making Him known."

Adina and her husband, Gary, have three children, Kendall, Jacob, and Natalie, and reside in Hixson, Tenn.

Did you know?

Adina introduced her Bryan roommate Anita (Tucker) '91 to her husband, Tim '84 Hostetler.
Many life lessons have prepared Zac Brown ’01 for his new role at the Howard School, Chattanooga’s only inner-city high school. This historic school established in 1865 displays paintings of famous alumni such as NFL’s Reggie White in the foyer. Most students come from disadvantaged backgrounds, 91% receiving free and reduced lunches. Outside of school these young people face poverty, gangs, and shootings. How can that cycle be broken? Zac poses his conclusion: “They need to be educated.”

Originally from Dyersburg, Tenn., Zac came to Bryan College to build his faith and strengthen himself while pursuing a secondary education licensure in mathematics. Spending two months in the Acts Project, he traveled to YuvaLok School in Bangalore, India, and began investing in the lives of underprivileged children and rescued child laborers. There Zac realized how much student talents are nurtured when education and vocational training are paired with compassion and mentoring.

Rhea County High School hired Zac as a math teacher and head wrestling coach, though he had never wrestled. After a poor opening season, Zac told the team, “Gentlemen, as long as you stay with me and work hard, we’ll never have a season like this again.” Just three years later, the team finished ninth in the state with two state champions. Later he served as assistant principal at Hixson High School for two years then as principal at East Ridge High School for three years before coming to The Howard School in August 2013.

Howard’s faculty and staff understand that “students do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Having seen first-hand the importance of leading by example and becoming role models to the upcoming generation, Zac says, “Working as a team, our purpose is to serve. And by building relationships, we can have a lasting impact on young people.”

By Marica Merck
From the time I was six years old, sports have occupied a significant portion of my life. I played many growing up, baseball, basketball, golf, tennis, and soccer before eventually focusing on baseball and earning the privilege to play at the college level here at Bryan. The love of athletics runs deep in my family, and I credit my father for giving me two passions in life – a passion for Jesus Christ and a passion for sports.

I struggled for a long time trying to meld these passions together in a world that often separates the two. I am thankful I came to Bryan College, for it was here that I began to understand what it meant to serve God and glorify Him in all things. However, my problem was that I didn’t understand the place of God’s glory in my life. I played sports and then coached sports because I thought it was fun, or because I enjoyed being a part of the team, or because I liked the feeling of winning or hearing how well someone else thought I played or coached.

We do this in every area of our lives; we all like to hear good things about ourselves; we like to feel liked. This isn’t inherently bad, but when we – when I – begin to seek it above the glory of God, it becomes very dangerous. We must not seek our own praise, but His. His glory must have the highest value, more so than anything else in our lives.

We must work as coaches, parents, mentors, and students to find our identity in Christ first. When we begin to find our identity, our pleasure, our worship in the outcome of a sporting event we are missing why God created sport, why He cre-
ated men and women to be fast or athletic or skilled, or all three. The point of creation is not to occupy our worship but rather to stir our hearts to God! This is why we are created in His image, not that we ourselves may be objects of worship but that we may point those around us to the Image Giver.

This is the heart of athletics at Bryan: that students, coaches, parents, professors and many others would come face to face with Jesus Christ and His Gospel message through sport. May we, as His created beings, point not to our own success or own glory but to His! It is my prayer that the athletic department here at Bryan would be defined by men and women who love Jesus more than anything else and long to see Him receive the glory He deserves.

By Taylor Hasty ’06, Athletic Director, Head Baseball Coach

**SOFTBALL**

After returning to campus in the fall of 2010, the Bryan College softball program has completed its first four-year cycle and will be graduating its first full class of seniors this spring. During the last three seasons, the softball team has battled through a lot of adversity while also steadily improving their win-loss ratio—culminating this last year in a .500 season. And this is merely a small reflection of the prime potential that the team has continued to show with each passing year. When asked about his expectations for this season, Coach Rocky Stinson said: “We are looking to build off of last year’s success, I believe we have a mature group that is capable of going as far as they want to fight. We should be in the mix of things during our postseason tournament.” So far, this expectation looks like one that will certainly be both met and exceeded. In the opening weeks of this season alone, the ladies are were undefeated at home and already had more than half of their total wins from their first season.

By Matt Stombaugh, Senior

**BASEBALL**

At Bryan, members of the baseball program are confronted with the truth of the Gospel, receive a great education and get to be a part of a winning program dedicated to excellence in all parts. Over the previous 11 seasons (the program was restarted in 2002), the baseball team has finished as high as #2 in the AAC, broken records for wins in a season (41) and graduated over 60 players.

“We want to be a program of high character, giving glory to God, who allows us to play this great game,” stated Head Coach Taylor Hasty. “Discipline and integrity are vital as we strive for excellence in everything we do, both on and off the field. There is nothing we can achieve greater than sharing the Gospel with our players on a daily basis.”

This current team has really come together after a slow start. Through the first 11 games of the 2014 season, Bryan Baseball was 3-8 before going 19-5 over the past 5 weeks to currently sit one game out of first place in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. The Lions look forward to the final five weeks of the season as they compete for an AAC title and the opportunity to play in the NAIA Opening Round Tournament.
GOLF

The Bryan College golf program will complete its fourth full year of competition this semester and has proven to be a steady success both on and off the course. After spending 25 years in ministry in the Philippines, Coach Peter Bollant moved his family from Davao City to Dayton, Tenn., in order to give the program its genesis.

Right from the start, the golf team has faced some unique obstacles. Without a driving range or putting green on campus, the team has had to travel up to 45 minutes just for practice. Additionally, the fact that most NAIA golf meets take place during the week presented another challenge, in light of Bryan’s high academic standards.

Despite these challenges — and with much hard work — the team has been able to progress steadily, and as the men and women’s golf teams gear up for another season of match and tournament play the future looks bright. Currently the team itself is running at about the middle of the pack in the standings. However, several individuals are competing exceptionally well and stand a very good chance of qualifying for nationals. Another exciting highlight is Bryan’s hosting of the AAC Championship for the first time at Lake Tansi Golf Course in nearby Crossville, Tenn.

By Matt Stombaugh, Senior

ATHLETE PROFILES

ANTHONY SIMPSON

Year
Senior

Hometown
Nashville, Tenn.

Sport
Cross Country / Track & Field

Major
History (History Licensure option)

Plans after Bryan
Teaching high school history and coaching high school cross country and track and field

TAYLOR YATES

Year
Senior

Hometown
Bremen, Ga.

Sport
Softball

Major
Exercise and Health Science

Plans after Bryan
Becoming a licensed physical therapist and working as a physical therapy assistant in a nursing home setting
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Dean Risser '48 and Ella Lee (Hall) Risser celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28, 2013. They have three children and four grandchildren. Dean has pastored Grace Brethren churches in Tennessee, Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio for 39 years. Presently he is serving at Southern Grace Brethren Church as a Sunday School teacher, does visitation for the pastor and is involved in district mission work.

Cliff Branson '59 has recently been honored for two items: his 85th birthday and his 50th year of preaching.

John Corcoran '68 serves with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. The ministry's website recently featured a young woman named Lisa. John led Lisa to faith in Christ while she was serving time in the jail where he serves. To read the whole story, see www.goodnewsjail.org

Dr. Miriam Sailors '71 is in her 14th year as a professor of education at Spring Arbor University in Michigan. In addition to teaching responsibilities, she is a lead coach for the Formative Assessment for Michigan Teachers program, a major initiative for the Michigan Department of Education.

Tim Kimmel '72 recently published book on marriage: "Grace Filled Marriage: the Missing Piece. The Place to Start." He and his wife, Darcy (Dirks) '74 love it when churches and families are healthy and strong. Thirty one years ago, they founded the ministry of Family Matters, whose goal is to see families transformed by God's grace into instruments of reformation and restoration. The Kimmels have been married 41 years, and God has blessed them with four children, their spouses, and a growing flock of grandkids.

Alice White '55 recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Alice arrived in Zambia in 1959 as a missionary and is still active and involved in hospital administration, teaching women's groups and recently working with and thoroughly enjoying a youth group.

Lois (Gould) Richardson (nee Frieswyk) '56, retired after many years of working in overseas and stateside missions work, 33 years with World Venture (formerly Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society or CB International). Lois spent 20 of the 33 years in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa, and 13 years at the home office. She was also involved in a church mission's office and later a newly founded medical mission working in Senegal. Lois now lives the small town of Holly, Mich., and within an hour of both her daughter Lori (Gould) McKee '82 and her family, and son Greg Gould, and his family.

Steve '77 and Wilma (Mason) '78 Bailey are currently living in Tucker, Ga. They returned to the states three years ago after serving for 23 years as missionaries in Argentina. Their daughter was married recently in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Steve is currently the Regional Director for Latin America and the Director of Member Care Grace Brethren International Mission. Wilma assists in Member Care and as 'host mother' to two Chinese high school exchange students. Steve and Wilma are among the many who met on Bryan Hill, were married soon after and hope to visit the campus soon.
1980s

Brad and Kathy (Dallinga) Koenig ’84 recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Kathy is back to work on writing the second edition of her book. She is describing and analyzing the Esimbi culture, and sharing her wisdom on effective ministry with those who work in similar tribal settings.

Russell Eric Allen ’86 has joined Up-Words Reading as author of a series of illustrated books for young readers that combines complete phonics-based vocabulary integrity with consistent, recurring story lines and characters and a biblical worldview. You can read more at www.upwordsreading.com.

Chris (Bair) Meredith ’89 went back to school to get her RN after years of being a stay-at-home mom and homeschool teacher. Both her daughters are current students at Bryan, Rachel (Class of ’15) and Renee (Class of ’17). She feels truly blessed!

Tim and Debra (Masters) Schroeder ’89, very belatedly announce the birth of their youngest Adam Frederick in 2009. He is now 5. Their oldest, Buck (22), is currently serving as a medic in the Army; Ethan (20) works in the family plumbing business; Hannah (18) is a freshman at Bryan; and Isaac (14), Levi (11), Noah (9), and Abigail (7) complete the family. The Schroeders reside in Sebring, Fl where they continue to homeschool their children, work in their local church, and run the family plumbing business.

1990s

Chaplain (MAJ) Timothy Fary ’95 and Sarah Fary ’93, recently spent the day in Paris, France, with Marc Neddo ’92 and his fiance, Alisha.

Keri Ballentine ’91 published her third collection of poetry this year. What Comes of Waiting won the 2013 Blue Light Press Book Award.

Tracy (Berglund) Thomas ’93 is enjoying her 12th year homeschooling her three children, Collin (14), Lillian (9) and Elizabeth (6), and her third year as a Challenge A tutor in the Classical Conversations homeschool program. She and her husband, James, live in Rocklin, Calif., just a little too far down the hill to get any snow. Ever.

John Butler ’95 has been teaching math in an urban high school in Jackson, Miss. for the last six years. He and his wife, Casey (Brown) Butler ’95 have two children, Nathaniel (7) and Allysaa (19 months). Casey homeschools Nathaniel. They are active members at Redeemer Church (PCA), a multi-ethnic congregation in Jackson.
Brent and Tara (Luther) Randall ’96 welcome their third child, Caleb Joseph, born Jan. 10. He is also the delight of his grandparents, Drs. David and Sigrid Luther.

Patricia (Green) Talley ’97 and her husband, Nathan, live in Rhea County where he coaches golf and tennis. They have two children, Eva Grace and Lucas Aaron.

Victoria (Flowers) Patole ’05 and her husband, Sandesh, welcomed daughter, Isabella Daleen, on July 31, 2013. She brings joy to her parents with every new experience.

Patricia (Green) Talley ’97 and her husband, Nathan, live in Rhea County where he coaches golf and tennis. They have two children, Eva Grace and Lucas Aaron.

2000s

Nathanael and Christina (Freed) ’06 Martin were married March 24, 2012. Wedding party included Shanna (Niezwaag) Bechtel ’04, Samantha Niezwaag ’07, Erin (Becker) Barrick ‘08, Hannah Martin ’15, and Naomi Martin ’15. On March 3, 2013, they welcomed their first child, a daughter, Cora Faith.

Ben Kreloff ’99 and his wife, Danielle, live in Clearwater, Fla., and have been blessed with five children: Abby (11), Naomi (9), Luke (8), Steven (4), and John (10 mo). Ben continues working as a commercial real estate broker, and he and Danielle are both actively involved in their church, where Ben serves as an elder.

Katie (Flynn) Sosayachanh ’06 and her husband, Nil, announce the arrival of Jaxon Cole on July 8, 2013. Both his parents and his sister Saffron Jayde (3) adore him.

Kim Woody ’09 is attending Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, a graduate school of theology. She plans to earn a Master of Arts in Theology by next spring.
2010s

Sisters Sarah Ferrante ’12 and Kristen Ferrante ’11 are teaching at Mountain Mission School, a Christian residential school in Grundy, Va., for children in need. Sarah is the high school English teacher and Kristen teaches 3rd grade reading, 4th and 5th grade social studies, 6th grade English, and reading tutoring for middle school. Kristen is also the assistant coach for the girls JV basketball team. Sarah and Kristen live together as hall parents with the high school girls. For more information, check out the website www.mmskids.org.

Bethany Diamond ’12 recently moved from Congressman Chuck Fleischmann’s office to a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C., the National Center for Public Policy Research as the Assistant to the Executive Director. The National Center is dedicated to providing free-market solutions to public policy problems. She lives in Arlington, Va., just outside of Washington, D.C.

Liz (Olsen) Reid ’13 and her husband, Derek, are the proud parents of Theodoric Fritz, born Feb. 12, 2014.

RECENT GRADUATE
KATE-MARIE PARKS ’13

With a free semester between graduation and graduate school, 2013 alumna Kate-Marie Parks decided to pack up her bags and fly to Malunghat, Bangladesh, to work with Memorial Christian Hospital, assisting the nurses and shadowing surgeons. Kate-Marie has already had the opportunity to observe operations from colon reconstruction to mass biopsies, all performed with the limited resources of a rural hospital.

The biology major says that her time at Bryan helped her to “appreciate diversity and value different perspectives” as she learned to “find common ground to grow together,” a mindset that has become invaluable when living in a new culture and country. She has been accepted to physician’s assistant school at East Carolina University and will begin her graduate studies in the fall. You can follow Kate-Marie’s journey through her blog at bangladeshandbeyond.wordpress.com!

By Allison Baker, Senior

BOB HARPER ’44X
STUDENT, PATRIOT, MINISTER

In 1941, a young man from Stelton, N.J., named Robert William “Bob” Harper arrived on Bryan campus to study chemistry. He was sixteen years old. Two years later, Bryan College had to temporarily close down the chemistry department because the professors were called to Watts Bar Dam to work on World War II projects. Soon Bob was also involved in the war effort. He headed to the Army Specialized Training Program in West Virginia but was unable to continue due to failing eyesight. After six months at Valley Forge Hospital, Bob received a medical discharge and transferred to Houghton College, where he met his wife. Bob found that more than chemistry, he loved preaching the Word of God. He became a full-time minister and traveled through America and Canada teaching about Jesus. Robert William Harper—a long-time Bible teacher and pastor in the Maitland, Fla., area—went to be with his Lord in October 2013.

By Karin Carpenter ’86

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SHUNYALE GRIFFIN

As a program manager for TVA's intern, co-ops, and college relations, Shunyale Griffin manages the process from hiring to onboarding as they recruit talented college students from around the area. She works closely with departments to understand their needs in the recruitment cycle with the hope of converting interns to full-time employees.

During her five years with TVA, Shunyale worked as a recruiter before advancing to her current role as program manager. She was eager to enhance her leadership skills. When she decided to pursue an MBA with a human resources concentration, “Bryan was the choice for her; it was a no-brainer.” She received her B.S. in business management from Bryan in 2006.

Shunyale enjoys being in Bryan's SHRM-aligned MBA program with other working professionals and finds that “the diverse group fosters creative ideas.” Her fellow students hail from some of Chattanooga’s major employers such as Blue Cross. This broad perspective of professors and team members builds in-depth understanding, whether the course is in human resources, management, or strategy. “We’re all helping each other,” she says, noting that the team dynamic allows students to see the best practices in their field.

When asked who the most influential professor was, Shunyale chimed, “It’s hard to narrow down to one. Dr. Matt Benson’s charisma, enthusiasm about the students, and knowledge really captured our attention. There is a sense of community between the students and professors at Bryan make you feel valued and that your education matters. They want to see you succeed.”

By Marica Merck
Chris Clark and his wife, Carol, and their five children will be headed out after this semester to serve in the Dominican Republic, where Chris will be the chaplain for Santiago Christian School.


Olivia Ellis has joined the team of faculty as our newest music professor, beginning August 2014. Ms. Ellis attended Carson-Newman University and the University of Tennessee – Knoxville before moving west to undertake her doctoral studies in music at the University of Oklahoma. She is expecting to complete her Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA) this summer or possibly early next fall. Her specialties are in piano performance and pedagogy. Her master’s and bachelor’s degrees are also in music with specializations in piano performance.

Dr. Gary Fitsimmons was featured in the December issue of the Leads from LLAMA (Library Leadership and Management Association) newsletter.

Stacey Gates '06 has joined the AGS team as Coordinator of Academic Services. She will be working in the areas of faculty scheduling, training, and retention; curriculum development; and textbook management.

Dr. Scott W. Jones was the keynote speaker at the Sesquicentennial Celebration service at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in Mt. Hermon, La., on Dec. 15, 2013.


Dr. Sigrid Luther presented a session for the MTNA Chattanooga Area Collegiate Chapter joint meeting entitled “Recapitulation: Themes from My Musical Life” on Feb. 9. She and Dr. David Luther attended the MTNA National Conference in Chicago on March 22-25. She also judged the Cadet Conservatory Scholarship Competition in Chattanooga on April 13. She has been invited to be the banquet speaker for the state conference of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association in Knoxville on May 1-3, and as Chattanooga MTA president, will attend the state board meeting on May 31. The Drs. Luther were recently honored at the “Voices Uplifted” concert and given an original commissioned painting of Rudd Auditorium – created by artist Susan Cassidy Wilhoit ’05H – and an original choral piece composed by Dan Forrest.
Marica Merck judged a STEM Fair for McMinn County Schools on Jan. 18, 2014. Winners advanced to the International STEM Fair in Chattanooga.

Steve Paulson ’00 has accepted the position of Lead Instructional Designer with the AGS team. In his new role Steve will help Bryan transition to its new online classroom program, help to train faculty and staff in the use of online materials, and work on the structural components of AGS & dual enrollment courses. Steve has worked in IT at Bryan for 10 years, the last four as director.

Dr. Michele Pascucci’s article José Juan Tablada y el ideograma kotobuki: sus fuentes y su uso en ‘Li-Po’ appeared in the Winter 2014 issue of Hispanic Review (Vol. 82.1, pp. 43-66).

Col. (U.S. Army, Ret.) Ron Petitte recently wrote and published a book on the subject of human trafficking entitled Civilization at Risk: Seeds of Strife, which originated from a series of papers he presented at the Oxford Round Table beginning in the spring of 2008 at Pembroke College.

Dr. Adina Scruggs participated in textbook revisions for Cambridge Business Publishers accounting textbook, Financial Accounting for Executives and MBAs, 3rd Edition in February 2014. The new edition of the textbook (with revisions) will be available later this year. This textbook is currently in Bryan’s MBA course BUSB 521.

Bethany Smith and Caroline Redmond delivered a joint conference presentation at the Southeastern Writing Center Association (SWCA) Conference in Greenville, N.C., on Feb. 7. The presentation was entitled "A Year of New Starts: Building Community in On-Campus and Online Academic Support Centers."

Bethany Smith presented a paper to the Rhea County Historical Society about the first registered student of Bryan College. Entitled “The Rhetorical Choices of Amy Cartright Robinson,” the paper addressed Robinson’s rhetorical decisions as a writer, editor, historian, and archivist.

Whitney Smith has joined the AGS team as Admissions Counselor in the Chattanooga Center.

Dr. Mel R. Wilhoit reviewed the Chattanooga Symphony concert of Jan. 30 for the Chattanooga Times-Free Press online newspaper for Jan. 31. On the evening of Jan. 31, Dr. Wilhoit attended a Community Hymn Sing led by the renowned Alice Parker at Lee University Chapel in Cleveland. He also spent two weeks at Saints Bible Institute in Italy teaching fine arts and leading 25 students on a week of travel to Florence, Rome, and Venice.
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Word has been received of the death of Louise Post ’41, of Lancaster, Penn.

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Rev. Paul V. Syers ’50, of Mombaça, Ceará, Brazil, died Feb. 8, 2014.
Rev. Charles Lawson ’57x, of Westerville, Ohio, died May 28, 2011.

Marvin “Bud” Brannon ’59x, of Midlothian, Texas, died Feb. 23, 2014.
Larry Boaz ’61x, of Rockwell, Texas, died July 21, 2013.

Jeanie (Stevens) Cook ’67, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Jan. 12, 2014.

Dr. Harold Jenkins ’70, of Madison, Va., died Feb. 13, 2014.

Stephen Padgett ’92, of Crossville, Tenn., died May 3, 2013.


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