

ALUMNI NEWS

TRACS REAFFIRMATION FOR TEN YEARS

Special points of interest:

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GREAT NEWS FOR THE COLLEGE!! Williamson Christian College received a ten year reaffirmation of its TRACS accreditation in April after a presentation by President Oosting and Dr. Tony Buchanan, Director of Institutional Effectiveness. The meeting was held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The College was initially accredited by TRACS

(Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools) in 2002 which enables the College to utilize federal grants and loans for students. There will be an annual report due plus a major study done at the five year interval. This accreditation is in addition to the accreditation by ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) received in February 2007.



Angela Good '08



Seth Kalb '08

NEW FACE FOR THE LIBRARY

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The main part of the WCC John W. Neth, Jr. Library, located at the Seaboard Lane site, has had a large rollup door in place since the building was built. There are no windows on the lower level although there are several on the second level. At some point the College intends to put in a second floor which would restrict the light from those windows. The space will now

have four large windows which will cover the 12 foot high by 10 wide space. The windows have been ordered and will be installed in the latter part of June. What a transformation this will be for the reading area which has a computer with Internet access and tables and chairs for comfortable student study. Alumni contributed to this project (see separate article, page 3). Alumni gifts were

matched and the large rollup door was sold. A donor from a local church and two faculty members also contributed to the project.



BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT

We have nine more alumni as of May 3, 2008. The SGA President, Zach Jameson, led the procession with the Bible, as is our custom. The speaker this year at Baccalaureate was William Guice, associate pastor of The People's Church. He had just completed a master's degree from Fuller Seminary. For Commencement the speaker was Dr. Morris Chapman, President of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The 2009 Management and Ethics graduates are

Sabrina Alexander, Chris Cobern, Bethany Harris, Jon Mason and Annette Potts.

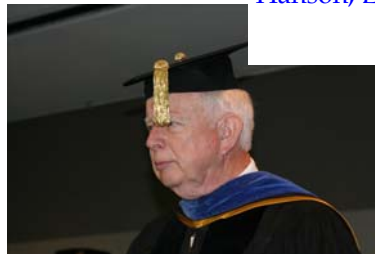
The Leadership and Ministry graduates receiving the Bachelor of Science degree are Angela Good, Janet Hanson (former Student Government President), Seth Kalb and Leann Koleas.

Leann Koleas and Annette Potts both graduated Magna Cum Laude. As usual, President Oosting gave the graduates their final questions and a book to read as the gift from the College.



Pictured above:
Chris Cobern, Annette Potts, Janet Hanson, Leann Koleas

Left: Dr. Oosting



Wendy Johnson, CFO with Becky Lewis,
Class of 2000 & WCC Trustee



Pictured below: Dr. Don Atkinson, Dr. Mary Maddox,
Dr. Jim Harvey, Dr. Richard Baxter, Dr. Susan Huckaby



A special THANK YOU to Kolinda Duer (2006), Betsy Kinder (2000), and Becky Lewis (2000) for help with Commencement Reception. (Cakes by Kolinda)

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

The Alumni Luncheon was held on Commencement day at The People's Church. A total of six alumni attended the catered luncheon at The People's Church. They were Cindy Cole (Class of 2005), Sherry Lovett (Class of 2003), Lucy Sircy (Class of 2004), Alan Sircy (Class of 2007), Jennifer Alexander (Class of 2007) and Krista Jameson (Class of 2006).

Dr. Don Atkinson spoke to the group and President Oosting brought the group up to date on events at the College. Faculty attending in addition to Dr. Atkinson were Dr. James Harvey, Dr. Richard Baxter, Dr. Mary Maddox and Dr. Sharon Landers. This is intended to be an annual event. The date for 2009 is May 16.

COUNSELING SEQUENCE

There will be a series of counseling courses offered beginning June 7. Included in the series will be General Psychology (prerequisite), Introduction to Counseling, Biblical Foundations of Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Crisis Counseling and Conflict Counseling. The courses are offered on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the College at 771-7821 to get further information.



At the May 2, 2008, meeting of the Board of Trustees the Presidential Search Committee was formed. Dr. Oosting will retire from the position on June 30, 2009. The Committee will meet June 4 to begin the process of determining what characteristics and qualities the next president must have and to set a timetable for the selection process.

Trustees on the search committee are Doug Fultz, Tom Miller, Jerry Dibblee, Bill Higdon and Ed Alexander.

JUNE 2 COHORT

The May cohort (Gamma/Delta 08) has been delayed to June 2 and changed to Monday which will allow this cohort to merge later with the Alpha/Beta 08 cohort that began in February. It is not too late to enter this cohort. Think of people you would recommend for Williamson. Gamma/Delta 08 is for both Management & Ethics as well as Leadership & Ministry majors. The Epsilon/Zeta 08 cohort in September will be Leadership & Ministry as well as Worship & Music.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Enrollment in this program has continued to appeal to a number of the people who inquire about attending the College. As a result, **the College will begin another cohort in Worship and Music in September 2008 if at least eight full-time students enroll in it to begin on that date.** Please spread the word about this to those who might be interested. Please let Dr. Oosting or Diane Del Chiaro know of names/phone numbers of persons who may be contacted.



Sabrina Alexander, Class of '08



ANTICIPATION!! Jon Mason, Seth Kalb, Bethany (Krehbiel) Harris

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

It is anticipated that interviews will take place in early 2009 with the new President ready to assume the office on July 1, 2009.

Any alumni who have ideas to share with the Presidential Search Committee may submit these thoughts to Ed Alexander, Chair of the Board of Trustees. He can be reached at ealexander@thepeopleschurch.org.

There will be opportunities for input from the various College constituencies during the process.

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTE TO LIBRARY PROJECT

Twelve alumni recently made contributions to the Library Project. The contributions were all made prior to May 3, the deadline for the matching funds. A total of \$1,025 was received from alumni. The twelve alumni who donated to the project were (listed alphabetically) Jennifer Alexander (2007), Jeanie Anderson (2002), Bill Bedi (2002), Scott Bellar (2004), Marilyn Byrd (2006), Cindy Cole (2006), Terri Day (2001), Kolinda Duer (2006), Mike Dupree (2001), Betsy Kinder (2000), Sherry Lovett (2003), Nancy Shurson (2003) and Lucy Sircy (2004). Seven different graduating classes were involved. See the separate article (page 1) about the change this will bring to the John W. Neth, Jr. Library. Several alumni were involved in calling other alumni to make this effort a reality.

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Significant improvements to the Seaboard Lane landscape were made by current students on May 10th. Workers included Zach Jameson, SGA president and wife Krista (Dillon) Jameson, Class of 2006; Brooke Franklin, VP; Nicole Norman with husband Ken and 3 girls; Jeff Sweeney; Julie Benavides, Wendy Johnson and Dr. Oosting. New shrubs and flowers were planted, all hedges trimmed, with new mulch applied. Come by to see us if you are in the area. See the grounds & visit the library.