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In recent years, the MACU campus has undergone many major renovations, leading to the aerial view you see today.



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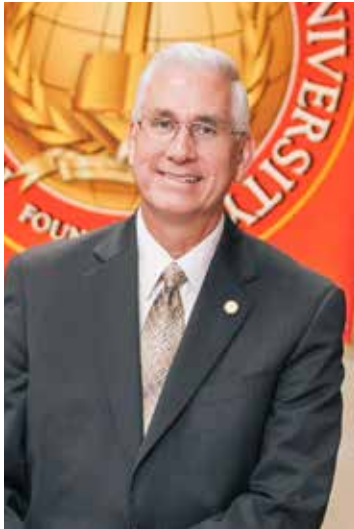


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WATCH MACU CHAPEL LIVE EVERY
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AT 10 A.M.

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New and returning students celebrate the beginning of the fall semester in Oklahoma City's Wheeler District, where Welcome Week festivities were held.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT


Dr. John Fozard, President



Recently, America's Research Group with Britt Beemer surveyed 200 Christian institutions of higher learning. Beemer asked presidents and academic leaders, "What makes education different at Christian schools compared to secular schools?"

Fifty-four percent of the presidents said that what made the campus Christian was "smaller class sizes and more caring instructors."

Frankly, those distinctions have little to do with being a Christian university!

I am often asked to explain the role of the President at a Christian university. My response has become very specific: "The chief priority of a President is to keep before the campus why we exist!"

If the center of what we do isn't Christ-centered and from a Judeo-Christian worldview, then we are really no different than any secular school!

The writer of Hebrews stressed: "For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:1-3).

The Greek word for "drift" creates a word picture of a ship whose anchor no longer grips the seabed, causing the boat to drift dangerously past the safe harbor. The people of the Mediterranean world were able to appreciate such nautical metaphors because they drew their illustrations from what actually happened at ports. The author of Hebrews deliberately chose that metaphor to arrest the attention of those readers to the seriousness of disregarding the gospel they had received.

There is something very relevant, even nautical, about MACU's mascot: the Evangel. The word "evangel" comes from the Greek word "euangelion", which means "one who brings the good news."

I concede that in the university's early years, "Evangel" was thought of mainly as one who preached or led worship in the local congregation. However, we must not limit being an Evangel to pastoring a congregation, as high and holy of a calling as that is! We need "Evangels" in government, in schools, in clinics, in research laboratories, in board rooms, in publishing houses, and most of all, in families.

While it is very important for MACU to know our mission statement, it is even more important to know how being an Evangel fulfills that mission! In fact, I will go so far as to say that being Evangels is what distinguishes us from many other institutions.

Last year, 90 students took part in one-on-one or small group discipleship. Sixty-five faculty and staff members served as mentors to those students. Why has discipleship become the heart of the educational experience here at MACU? It is because a lot of real-life applications cannot occur solely in the classroom! Sometimes, we need safe places to talk through our doubts. There is a need to come to grips with behaviors that need to be changed, healed and even forgiven. There is a need to understand how God has revealed Himself in His Son Jesus Christ and how the Bible has communicated God's revelation of Him who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life!"

We need a spiritual mentor to pray with us as we think through what commitment to the Lordship of Jesus really involves. We need spiritual mentors to hold one another accountable for consistent Christian living. We need disciple-makers who help us to build our lives upon a biblical foundation and not upon the shifting sand of feelings and popular polls.

British theologian David Jackman has aptly observed: "In an image-obsessed culture, where spin and political correctness rule, where 'coolness' is the criteria of value, we shouldn't be surprised to find the uniqueness of Christ downgraded, the realities of judgment and hell hardly mentioned and the need for repentance and holiness of life constantly undersold."

MACU must prepare Evangels, not only to proclaim the Good News but because men and women need help in understanding how to be committed to Him who is the TRUTH. Our graduates will not only bring hope to the world, but walk with others in their faith journey. Following Jesus is not simply one decision, one diploma, one year of learning. No, discipleship is a life, a life of constant fellowship with Jesus, constant growth in knowing Him and constantly coming alongside another to help him or her know the Lord.

This fall, one of our students asked if he could continue in his discipleship from last year. He had chosen to disciple two of his teammates. I smiled when I read his text! He who has been mentored is mentoring! I think he has captured the "why" we exist — and it has nothing to do with our caring instructors or the size of our classes!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

20 YEARS OF
PRESIDENT
FOZARD'S
LEADERSHIP



2,367
Students
Enrolled



401
Traditional
Students



1,966
Adult/Online
Students

2018-19
**MACU
AT A
GLANCE**

435
ADJUNCTS

135
STAFF

105
STUDENT WORKERS

33
FACULTY

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65 Staff and Faculty
Disciple Leaders



9,624 hours of
Community service



90 Student Disciples



4 New Degree
Programs Launched



\$146,750 raised
for student scholarships
at the 2019 Dream Gala



MACU Athletics

MEN'S SOCCER WINS SAC CONFERENCE, ADVANCES TO NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

49

SAC Academic
All-Conference
Team Members

50

Academic
All-SAC

14

NCCAA
Scholar-Athletes

35

NAIA
Scholar-Athletes

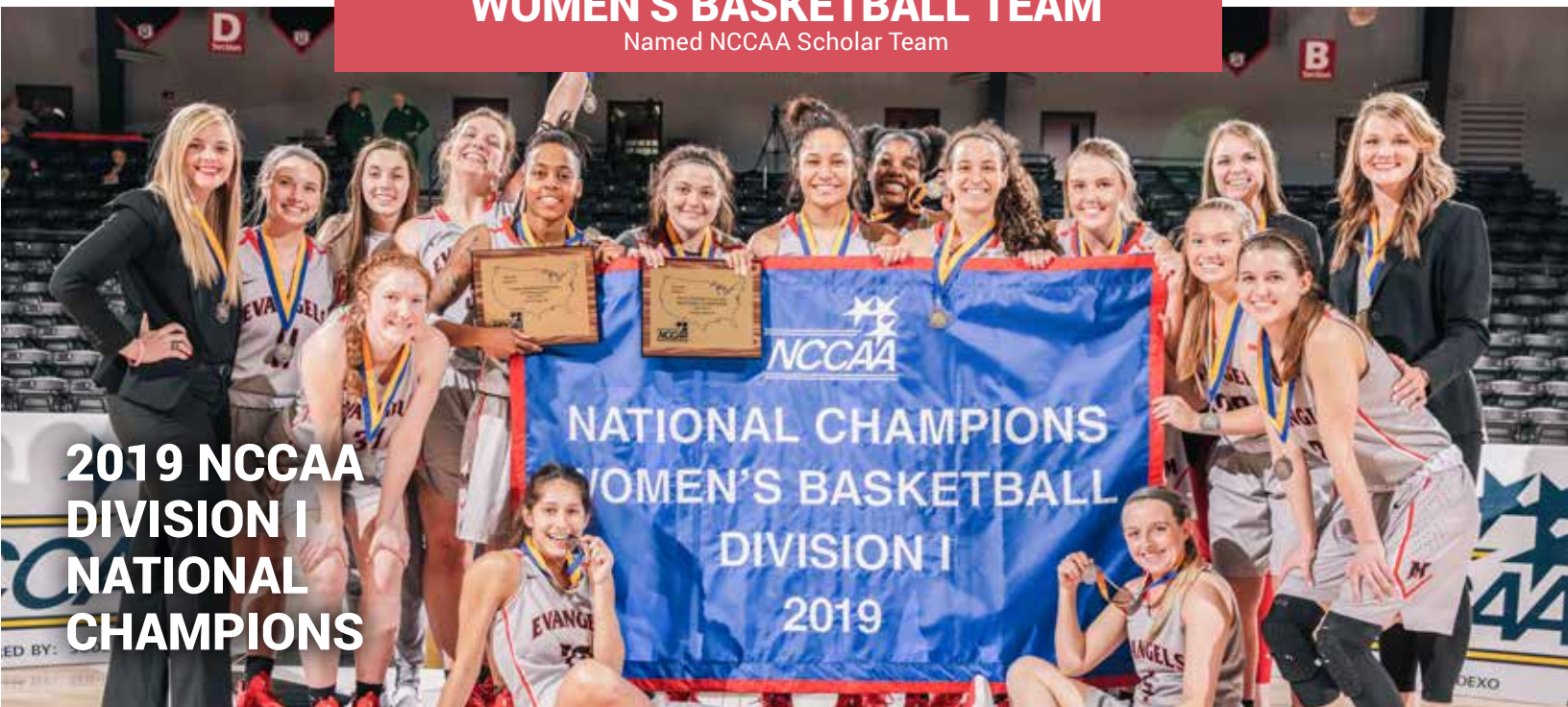
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Commissioner's
Honor Roll
Members

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

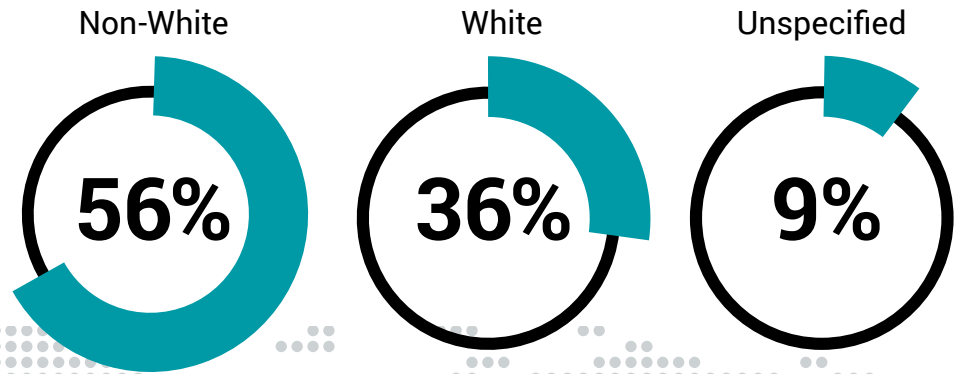
Named NCCAA Scholar Team

**2019 NCCAA
DIVISION I
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS**



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MACU STUDENT DIVERSITY



197

STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

70

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



284
Ministry Students








61
Bethel Bible Series Students



158
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Day, Richard and Joan	Oklahoma City	OK	Inhofe, Brodie and Bryce	Oklahoma City	OK
Deboer, John and Ruby	Hot Springs	AR	James, David	Oklahoma City	OK
Demlow, Anita	Vancouver	WA	James, Dee	Oklahoma City	OK
Denton, Kermit	Blanchard	OK	Johnson, Jean	Murfreesboro	TN
DeScottier, Leon**	Oklahoma City	OK	Jones, Bill and Jalene	DeWitt	MI
Dillman, Ray** and Kelly	Newcastle	OK	Jones, Shawn	Oklahoma City	OK
Dorsey, Mary C.	Moore	OK	Jones, Todd	Liberty	NC
Dover, William and Beverly	Sand Springs	OK	Joseph, Eric and Jill	Edmond	OK
Doyen, Rene	Denton	TX	Kay, Kelly	Oklahoma City	OK
Duncan, Scott* and Debra	Oklahoma City	OK	Kennedy, William	Norman	OK
Dunn, Clarence and Linda	South Prince George	VA	King, Robert	Norman	OK
Durr, Bobby and Glenda	Baton Rouge	LA	Kreke, Dennis and Nancy	Effingham	IL
Dutton, Lonnie	Blanco	TX	Kuiper, Odie and Carrie	Glastonbury	CT
Dwiggins, Jeff and Debbie	Edmond	OK	Lair, Robert	Edmond	OK
Earnest, Terrell** and Donna	Yukon	OK	Langford, Ron* and Lillian	Hamilton	OH
Elkins, Helen	Bastrop	LA	Langley, Mike and Dana	Shawnee	OK
Elkins, Ronald	Pasadena	TX	Lawson, Betty	Houston	TX
Emery, Richard and Ellen	Oklahoma City	OK	Layton, Leslee	Ponca City	OK
Engelaer, Cheryl**	Edmond	OK	Lease, Ken and Sharon**	Oklahoma City	OK
Engleking, John and Renee	Wagoner	OK	Leatherman, Jana	Newkirk	OK
Farmer, Alan and Paulette	Oklahoma City	OK	Lee, Bernice	Moore	OK
Fernelius, Dennis	Missouri City	TX	Lee, James and Luella	Bucyrus	KS
Fields, Jeff and Heather	Mcperson	KS	Leonard, Robert and Jean	Clinton	OK
Finley, Mark	Shawnee	OK	Limm, Jeff and Jayne	York	PA
Florea, Steve and Lisa	Norman	OK	Listen, Jackie	Noble	OK
Flores, Felix	Von Ormy	TX	Liu, Jin	Norman	OK
Fondren, Thomas	Edmond	OK	Luis, Jennifer	Newkirk	OK
Foster, David	Oklahoma City	OK	Lyman, Eric	Oklahoma City	OK
Fowlkes, Edgar and Carol**	Moore	OK	Macri, A. Melody**	Macomb	MI
Frankfurt, Ed and Allie	Oklahoma City	OK	Marino, Richard and Linda	Lake Wales	FL
Freymond, Richard and Jabet	Hacienda Heights	CA	Marshall, Darwina**	Oklahoma City	OK
Frick, John and Debbie	Oklahoma City	OK	Martin, Mary	Oklahoma City	OK
Fritts, Jason* and Kelli	Moore	OK	Martin, Ronda	Newkirk	OK
Fry, Lorene	Chelsea	OK	Martinez, Pedro**	Oklahoma City	OK
Fryland, Jonathan	Blue Ash	OH	McCord, Ron and Debbie	Oklahoma City	OK
Frymire, Cecil	Oklahoma City	OK	McCutcheon, David* and Adrienne	Osprey	FL

McCutcheon, Robert and Patricia	Venice	FL	Steffens, John* and Patricia	Edmond	OK
McDaniel, Jamie	Louisburg	KS	Stein, Laura	Oklahoma City	OK
McDowell, William and Becki	Venice	FL	Stephenson, Betty	Tulsa	OK
McInturff, Jerry	Shawnee	OK	Stevens, Colleen	Oklahoma City	OK
McLain, Thomas	Oklahoma City	OK	Stone, Sherri	Anton	TX
McMurry, Scott** and Robin**	Oklahoma City	OK	Stortz, Linda	St. Petersburg	FL
Mikesh, Carl and Shandee	Yukon	OK	Stubblefield, Dan and Karen	Pocahontas	AR
Miller, Glenna	Clinton	OK	Sutton, Loren and Elouise	Opelika	AL
Moeller, Marcus** and Hannah**	Oklahoma City	OK	Tapp, Charles, Jr.	Hot Springs	AR
Moody, Ryan	Norman	OK	Tedder, Verne	Bakersfield	CA
Moore, Ernest and Mildred	Wewoka	OK	Telford, Sam	Oklahoma City	OK
Morgan, Jim and Sandi	Oklahoma City	OK	Thies, Marilyn	Midwest City	OK
Morrow, Harriet	Collinsville	OK	Thiessen, Ed and Janet	Edmond	OK
Moss, Bob and Renee	South Bend	IN	Thornhill, Gary and Connie	Newcastle	IN
Myers, Marlin	Canby	OR	Thraikill, Karen	Norman	OK
Nance, Julie**	New Albany	IN	Tidwell, Ted and Jan	Tulsa	OK
Nicholson, Linda	Moore	OK	Tipton, Daniel and Terri	Oklahoma City	OK
Northcraft, Alexa	Raleigh	NC	Todd, Elaine	Flora	IL
Northcutt, Dana	Norman	OK	Torrez, Michael and Rosanna*	Albuquerque	NM
Northcutt, Walter, Jr. and Kathy	Edmond	OK	Townsdin, Ron and Stacy	Edmond	OK
Noss, Russell	Monroe	LA	Turner, Charles and Betty	Neosho	MO
Odom III, Paul	Oklahoma City	OK	Tyler, Dennis and Pat	Colorado Springs	CO
OHasson, Michael	Oklahoma City	OK			
Oldham, Glenna	Ridgeland	MS			
Oldham, Randy and Karen	West Monroe	LA			
Olson, Gary	Edmond	OK			
Olsson-Hume, Irena	Oklahoma City	OK			
Osborn, Richard	Oklahoma City	OK			
Overstreet, Eldon W.**	Newcastle	OK			
Pagel, Eli* and Kendra	Tuttle	OK			
Palmer, Ralph and Nan	Winchester	KY			
Parker, David (dcsd.) and Goldie	Liberal	KS			
Patadal, Elissa	Oklahoma City	OK			
Pearce, Sandra	Okeechobee	FL			
Pelgrim, Delta	Fairfax	VA			
Phillips, James and Barbara	Missouri City	TX			
Pi, Lele**	Oklahoma City	OK			
Pickens, Mark** and Elizabeth	Nichols Hills	OK			
Pickett, Kareen D.	Lake Wales	FL			
Pierson, Jim and Brenda*	Middletown	OH			
Pistor, Walter and Hildegard	Kalama	WA			
Price, Hannah	Ada	OK			
Qiu, Junsong	Norman	OK			
Qui, Lai	Norman	OK			
Rahhal, Patty	Oklahoma City	OK			
Ralston, LeMoine	Andover	KS			
Randolph, Spencer	Oklahoma City	OK			
Raney, Janice	Oklahoma City	OK			
Redding, Nancy	Oklahoma City	OK			
Reed, John	Oklahoma City	OK			
Reyna, Miguel	Oklahoma City	OK			
Richardson, Barry, Sr.	Marston	MO			
Rimmer, Terry and Jessica	Edmond	OK			
Ritchie, Darold and Ruby	Bristow	OK			
Roberts, Chuck and Twila	Oklahoma City	OK			
Robold, Claude* and Janice	Middletown	OH			
Romero, Daniel	Newkirk	OK			
Ross, Dennis	Edmond	OK			
Rouse, Michelle	Oklahoma City	OK			
Ruiz, Israel	Oklahoma City	OK			
Russell, Jeff* and Mary Carol	Oklahoma City	OK			
Ryan, Robert and J'Lyn	Runaway Bay	TX			
Sanders, Gina**	Oklahoma City	OK			
Sandlin, Barbara	Yukon	OK			
Sartin, Susan "Mici"***	Edmond	OK			
Savedra, Adrian**	Edmond	OK			
Scheffler, Stacy	Edmond	OK			
Schopflin, Bill and Paula	Oklahoma City	OK			
Schuster, Bryan	Oklahoma City	OK			
Seaton, Steven** and Rhonda	Oklahoma City	OK			
Sevier, Owen and Lea	Edmond	OK			
Shackleton, Jean	Oklahoma City	OK			
Shaw, Valerie	Kalkaska	MI			
Shroyer, Allen	Moscow Mills	MO			
Simon, Ron	Oklahoma City	OK			
Sinclair, William and Sandy	Olathe	KS			
Sloan, Stephen**	Bethany	OK			
Smith, Kimberly	Muskogee	OK			
Smith, Sheri	Norman	OK			
Smith-Hinderliter, Maxine	Clovis	NM			
Spence, Randall* and Pamela	Tampa	FL			
Staples, Craig and Lori	Ridgefield	WA			
Staton, Scott and Angela	Oklahoma City	OK			
Steed, Broderick and Deaun Maas Steed**	Yukon	OK			

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CHURCH SUPPORT: CHURCH OF GOD

40th Avenue Church of God	Hattiesburg	MS
Alva Church of God	Alva	OK
Bethel Church of God	Liberal	KS
Bonnie Church of God	Bonnie	IL
Brookville Church of God	Brookville	PA
Burkeville Church of God	Burkeville	TX
Camp Ground Church of God	Greeneville	TN
Capital City Church of God	Springfield	IL
Cedar Creek Church of God	Greeneville	TN
Celebration Church	Columbia	MD
Church of God	Detroit	MI
Church of God	North Apollo	PA
Church of God Southwest	Midlothain	TX
Community Park Church	Bryant	AR
Cookeville First Church of God	Cookeville	TN
Crossett First Church of God	Crossett	AR
Crossings Community Church	Oklahoma City	OK
Crosspointe Fellowship Church	Kilgore	TX
Crossroads Church	Mount Vernon	IL
Eagle Point Church of God	Little Rock	AR
East Side Church of God	Anderson	IN
Eastland Church of God	Lexington	KY
Emerson Street Church of God	Kennett	MO
Faith Community Church of God	Shawnee	OK
First Church of God	Venice	FL
First Church of God	Charleston	IL
First Church of God	Effingham	IL
First Church of God	Harrisburg	IL
First Church of God	Marion	IL
First Church of God	Elkhart	KS
First Church of God	Hugoton	KS
First Church of God	Hutchinson	KS
First Church of God	Winchester	KY
First Church of God	St. Joseph	MI
First Church of God	Doniphan	MO
First Church of God	East Prairie	MO
First Church of God	Jefferson City	MO
First Church of God	Poplar Bluff	MO
First Church of God	St James	MO
First Church of God	Hatch	NM
First Church of God	Ansonia	OH
First Church of God	Wauseon	OH
First Church of God	Bristow	OK
First Church of God	Clinton	OK
First Church of God	Cushing	OK
First Church of God	Holdenville	OK
First Church of God	Nowata	OK
First Church of God	Pauls Valley	OK
First Church of God	Pryor	OK
First Church of God	Darlington	SC
First Church of God	Greeneville	TN
First Church of God	Athens	TX
First Church of God	Ira	TX
First Church of God	Tyler	TX
First Church of God	Saltville	VA
First Church of God	Vancouver	WA
First Church of God	Martinsburg	WV
First Church of God	Point Pleasant	WV
First Church of God of Little Paint	East Point	KY

First Church of God Missions	Miamisburg	OH
Fresh Start Community Church	Moore	OK
Goodwill Church of God	Oak Grove	LA
Heritage First Church of God	Kingsport	TN
Highland Park Community Church	Casper	WY
Home Avenue FCOG	Trenton	OH
Hope Community Church of God	Andover	KS
Horse Creek Church of God	Chuckey	TN
Hucrest Community Church	Roseburg	OR
Jones Avenue Church of God	Oak Hill	WV
Lakewood Way Community Church	Lees Summit	MO
Landmark Church of God	Covington	LA
Liberty Grove Church of God	West Monroe	LA
Life Builders Church of God	Decatur	IL
Meade Station Church of God	Ashland	KY
Midland First Church of God	Salt Lick	KY
Midway Church of God	Oak Grove	LA
New Beginnings Church of God	Albuquerque	NM
New Covenant Church	Middletown	OH
New Covenant Church of God	Pekin	IL
New Dawn Fellowship	Odessa	TX
New Life Church of God	Bauxite	AR
New Song Community Church	Benton	AR
New Song Community Church	Bethel Park	PA
New Vida Church of God	Dallas	TX
North Crossings Church of God	Monroe	LA
NorthPark Church of God	Meridian	MS
Northside Church of God	Jacksonville	FL
Norwood First Church of God	Norwood	OH
Oak Grove First Church of God	Oak Grove	LA
Oaklawn Church of God	Hot Springs	AR
Oakmont Church of God	Shreveport	LA
Palm City Church of God	McAllen	TX
Parkgate Community Church	Pasadena	TX
Pekin First Church of God	Pekin	IL
Pine Grove Church of God	Carthage	MS
Place of Grace Fellowship	San Antonio	TX
Pleasant Prairie Church of God	Satanta	KS
Rainbow Community Church of God	Rainbow City	AL
Red Fork Church of God	Tulsa	OK
Restoration Church	Springfield	MO
Ridgeline Church of God	Chattanooga	TN
Rock Creek Church of God	Bessemer	AL
Salt and Light Community Church	Paducah	KY
Sapulpa First Church of God	Sapulpa	OK
Shartel Church of God	Oklahoma City	OK
South Sand Springs Church of God	Sand Springs	OK
St. Andrew Church of God	Camden	SC
Sullivan Church of God	Sullivan	IL
Teays Valley Church of God	Scott Depot	WV
Towne Boulevard Church of God	Middletown	OH
United Covenant of Hope Church	Houston	TX
Waynoka Church of God	Waynoka	OK
Welty Church of God	Welty	OK
Zion Community Church of God	Ottumwa	IA

CHURCH SUPPORT: OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Asbury United Methodist Church	Greenville	TN
Braden Park Baptist Church	Tulsa	OK
Bridgeway Community Church	Columbia	MD
Crosspointe Church, Inc	Ada	OK
Destiny Christian Center International	Del City	OK
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Enid	OK
First Baptist Church	Newcastle	OK
First Church of Deliverance	Chicago	IL
First Congregational Church of Morrystown	Morrystown	NY
First United Methodist Church	Newkirk	OK
Followers of Jesus Church of Christ	Tuttle	OK
Freedom Church	Mt Sterling	KY
Grit Church	Yukon	OK
Harvest Baptist Church	Iola	KS
New Hope United Methodist Church	Oklahoma City	OK
Newkirk First United Methodist Church	Newkirk	OK
Passion Ministries of Bethany	Bethany	OK
Shekinah Fellowship Church	Oklahoma City	OK
Summit Church	Oklahoma City	OK
Wilmont Place Baptist Church	Oklahoma City	OK

AFFILIATED CHURCH AGENCIES

Arkansas Christian Women Connection	Benton	AR
Church of God Ministries	Anderson	IN
Church of God Missionary Board	Elk City	OK
East Tennessee Women of the Church of God	Afton	TN
Missouri Christian Women Connection	Independence	MO

New Mexico-West Texas Ministries of the Church of God	Albuquerque	NM
The Church of God in Kansas and Okla. Panhandle	Satanta	KS
West Virginia Christian Women Connection	Culloden	WV
Western Oklahoma Association of CHOG	Clinton	OK
Women of the Church of Scottsbluff	Scottsbluff	NE
Wyoming General Assembly of the Church of God	Casper	WY

CORPORATIONS, VENDORS, AND OTHERS

Abel Law Firm	Oklahoma City	OK
Alvarez Trucking	Oklahoma City	OK
American Church Group of Indiana	Fort Wayne	IN
American Fidelity	Oklahoma City	OK
Associated Agencies, Inc., Thornhill, Gary	New Castle	IN
Aurelius Golf	Gilbert	AZ
Bank of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OK
Bill Warren Office Products	Oklahoma City	OK
Bohm & Associates, Bohm, Gary*	Barboursville	WV
Bott Radio Network, Inc.	Overland Park	KS
Butler Trucking, LLC	Newkirk	OK
Capitol Hill Florist & Gifts, Inc.	Oklahoma City	OK
Connelly Paving Company	Oklahoma City	OK
Cox Business	Tulsa	OK
Crossfirst Bank	Leawood	KS
Cumulus Broadcasting	Oklahoma City	OK
David Ridley Oil, LLC	Tecumseh	OK
DIFFEE FORD LINCOLN	El Reno	OK
Dixon Golf	Gilbert	AZ
Duck Event Group	Trinidad	TX
East Praire Ministerial Alliance	East Prairie	MO
Eli Lilly and Company	Princeton	NJ
Energy Weldfab, Clements, Michael	White Oak	TX
First United Bank Mortgage Co.	Durant	OK
Flanagan Land and Cattle Co., Flanagan, Joe	Texhoma	OK
Friends of Larry McAtee	Oklahoma City	OK
Fritts Farm Development Co., Fritts, Jason*	Moore	OK
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc	Rolling Meadows	IL
Go Figure Women's Fitness and Tanning	Columbus	NE
GuideStone Financial Resources, S.B.C.	Dallas	TX
Helix Desgin Group, LLC, Pagel, Eli*	Tuttle	OK
Heritage Integrated	El Reno	OK
Houston Financial Services	Oklahoma City	OK
I-75 Pierson Automotive, Inc., Pierson, Brenda*	Franklin	OH
IHEARTMEDIA	Oklahoma City	OK
ImageNet Consulting	Oklahoma City	OK
International Village Ministry	Norman	OK
Jana Tumpkin McQueen, DDS, PC	Southfield	MI
Keller Partners and Company, LLC	Washington	DC
Lamar Advertising Company	Oklahoma City	OK
Leisure Times Pools and Spa	Effingham	IL
Lingo Construction Services	Oklahoma City	OK
MACU Comunidad Hispana	Oklahoma City	OK
Martin, Jean, and Jackson Attorneys at Law	Ponca City	OK
McAlister's Deli	Dallas	TX
McClain Bank	Purcell	OK
McNeil's Funeral Service	Mustang	OK
Mercury Press, Inc	Oklahoma City	OK
MidFirst Bank	Oklahoma City	OK
Mike Hellack Chevrolet	Davis	OK
My Designs, LLC	Oklahoma City	OK
Odyssey Global Solutions, LLC, Pagel, Eli*	Moore	OK
Paycom	Oklahoma City	OK
PDQ America	White Oak	TX
Perry Publishing and Broadcasting Company	Oklahoma City	OK
PGT, Inc.	Nokomis	FL
Pinnacle Solving	Edmond	OK
Prosperity Bank	Oklahoma City	OK
Pumps of Oklahoma, Greenly, Dick	Oklahoma City	OK
Results Count Marketing	Nichols Hills	OK
Reynolds Ford Lincoln Mazda	Oklahoma City	OK
River Bluff Cabins	Rio Frio	TX
Shaw Financial Services, Inc	Edmond	OK
Stuart Graham Company	Edmond	OK
Team PDR, Inc., Mr. Ron Whitton*	Peoria	IL
Texas Hill Country River Region	Concan	TX
Oklahoma Center for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, O'Brien, M. Sean	Oklahoma City	OK
Tinker Federal Credit Union	Tinker AFB	OK
TPR Investments, LLC.	Blanchard	OK
True Sky Credit Union	Oklahoma City	OK
Tyler Broadcasting Corporation	Oklahoma City	OK
United Turf and Track	Arcadia	OK
Windsor Hills Neighborhood Association	Oklahoma City	OK
YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City	OK

FOCUS ON Student Life



Derek
Irvine

Serving people is more than just a passion for Derek Irvine — it's a way of life.

"Every day you wake up, service is mandatory," Irvine said. "It is not an option, it is required. That's why I try and live every day to the fullest and carry out my mission to serve others."

In his new role as MACU's Coordinator of Student Leadership and Activities, he looks forward to serving the campus community every day. Irvine filled the position — which oversees campus events, clubs and other activities — this summer.

He said it's a position he felt he was led to after spending the entirety of his young career in youth service and ministry.

Irvine has already made a name for himself in the Church of God, having served as a board member in his home state of Alabama. There, he held the position of Director of Youth and Young Adults Activities, where he oversaw youth events and activities for more than 20 churches in the state.

In addition to keeping the Church of God growing and effective in Alabama, Irvine helped keep youth and young adults engaged and active in church and worship.

"When you minister to young adults, you never know what you're going to get," Irvine said. "You can get a powerful praise and worship session, and the next day you can get a life crisis."

He said his work with youth provided the perfect segue into his new position at MACU.

"I love my Student Life team. I love this community," Irvine said.

But most of all, he said he loves the opportunity to impact a student's life, whether that's through daily interactions in the hallways, during campus events or even in a private moment of discipleship.

"I'm excited to impart some knowledge or plant a little seed into somebody's life," Irvine said. "The greatest legacy I could leave is, some day after a student has left and graduated and gone through the rest of their life, they will go back to a moment we had together and say 'Hey, Derek told me this.' I'm going to strive every day to do that."

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Stephanie Neely

After a 25-year career in retail, Stephanie Neely felt God calling her back to school — a call she answered when she enrolled at MACU at the age of 42.

"I fought that for some time, thinking that I was too old to go back to school," Neely remembered.

She said that lasted for about a week, until she heard a MACU advertisement on the radio and realized she needed to be obedient and listen to

God. Neely graduated in 2016 with a degree in psychology, which led to her becoming board certified as a biblical counselor.

Her education at MACU left such an impact on her that she hoped to find a way to stay with the university in a new capacity. When she noticed an open position with MACU's Student Life department, she said she knew it was where she needed to be.

"In retail I've worked, mentored, coached and disciplined," Neely said. "It's come full circle for me."

As the Assistant Director of Student Life, she's in charge of coaching, directing and issuing corrective measures in accordance with the university's code of conduct. Neely also oversees resident assistants and helps build them into leaders on and off campus.

"From freshmen to seniors, the students inspire me," she said. "Kids and young adults have always been my passion. I counseled young ones and now I'm looking forward to working with young adults who may not know exactly what they want, but they have a goal in mind. It's so exciting to share in their enthusiasm about their adult life beginning."

Neely said from her time as an adult student to transitioning into her role as a MACU staff member, her favorite part of the university remains its commitment to God.

"I'm able to bring the Lord into conversations here," she said. "It's one thing to give corrective action, but it's another when you can bring in God's Word and use it freely. I couldn't even share my faith when I worked in retail. Here, it's a part of life."



Tim Gibson

After serving in law enforcement for more than twenty years, Tim Gibson thought he was ready for a different path — but God had another plan.

Gibson had recently aged out of his municipality, leaving him unsure of where his career would lead him. For two days, he prayed fervently with his wife, asking the Lord what direction He wanted him to go in.

On the second night, he received a phone call from his brother, Cleveland County Sheriff Todd Gibson, who told him about a recent opening for the Director of Public Safety at MACU.

"What are the odds of that?" Gibson recalled, laughing. "It just landed in my lap and brought me here. I really feel like it was meant to be. A lot of strange things in my life have happened but this was just too perfect."

This summer, Gibson joined the MACU family as the campus's new police chief. He said in his more than two decades of law enforcement, he's filled nearly every role, from patrol officer to detective and private investigator.

Serving at a university is a new challenge for him — and one he said he's excited to take on.

"I love the diversity of police work," Gibson said. "I love waking up, going to work and never knowing what's going to happen. I'm able to be out and about, talk to people and meet people, really intentionally build relationships."

He said with a school of MACU's size, he looks forward to forming meaningful bonds with the students he sees every day.

"I got into the field because I wanted to help people," Gibson said. "I can see no better way of doing that than right here, at this university. It's where God wanted me to be and I know there is a reason for that."





Bless

this science lab which has been built for the edification of those seeking to search things out, the wonders and mysteries of Your Creation.

Bless our current science teachers and support staff, and thank You for those who have taught here in the past. Inspire those who will be called in future years with knowledge and skill.

PRAYER BY MR. ALTON HIGGINS

retired science professor, at the science lab's dedication ceremony on Sept. 9



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SCIENCE LABS BRING BIOLOGY PROGRAM TO THE NEXT LEVEL

With MACU's biology program surging in popularity and STEM careers on the rise, there remained a pressing need for updated facilities on campus. This summer, MACU met that need with the construction of new microbiology and chemistry labs.

"The growth rate for our program is faster than any other program," said MACU School of Science Chair Dr. Harold Kihega, who described the lab as a complete metamorphosis for the budding biology program. "As we continue to grow, the need for on-campus facilities was something we couldn't ignore."

Previously, biology majors had to travel more than 25 minutes off-campus to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in north Oklahoma City to use their chemistry lab.

Kihega said traveling across town for lab work made things difficult for working students and student-athletes, as well as those who needed to make up class time due to illness or other absences.

He said the new labs allow MACU to offer courses such as microbiology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry and genetics, some of which were previously unavailable to students.

"The beauty of science is that anyone can do it," Kihega said, adding that he hopes the labs' glass-front windows will allow more students to become interested in STEM as they see their peers at work.

But he said the most important thing is that science goes with the ethos of the university.

"We are training future nurses, doctors and scientists," Kihega said. "Teaching science from a Christian perspective means teaching our students how to comfort patients through a Christian type of atmosphere, and that is one of the most important things we could do at MACU."

In addition to providing current students with a state-of-the-art learning facility, the addition of the new labs also opens new avenues for future course offerings. Kihega said he hopes to add intersession and 8-week course options to the biology program in the future, providing more students the opportunity to enroll in classes at MACU.

"As our biology program enters its third year, we are just beginning to see some of our first graduates go into the workforce and enroll in graduate and medical schools," Kihega said. "It is an exciting time to be at MACU, and I am looking forward to seeing where we will go from here."

For more information about MACU's biology program, please call 405-692-3281 or email admissions@macu.edu.





Cristi &
Scott
Smith

AT MACU, Scott and Cristi Smith found more than an education — they found a passion, a purpose and most importantly, each other.

After graduating a year apart in 2006 and 2007, the couple married and pursued their joint calling of service ministry. In their now-home of Kansas City, Mo., they each fulfill life-saving roles in nonprofit organizations.

“When I was in school, I wanted to become a full-time missionary in Honduras,” Cristi Smith remembered. “I always prayed to the Lord to lead me there if that was where He wanted me to be.”

But as He often does, God had other plans in mind — plans that led Cristi Smith to Hope Faith, a day center for the homeless in Kansas City.

“I feel like Hope Faith is my Honduras,” Cristi Smith said.

Six days a week, the organization provides essential services for impoverished men and women including hot meals, clothing, telephone and postal access, housing and employment referrals, case management, showers, mental health counseling and medical services.

“It’s one thing to see homeless people on the street, but it’s something different when you know their name,” Cristi Smith said.

As Hope Faith’s Director of Operations, Cristi Smith oversees every aspect of the ministry, which serves more than a thousand individuals every month.

“The biggest thing for me are the medical services we provide,” she said. “Medical care is so expensive. We provide

the only free medical services for the homeless in the community, including things like prescriptions, full sets of dentures and eyeglasses. The people we serve have no other way to access these things. It’s incredible for me to be a part of and witness.”

Across the state line, Scott Smith carries out his ministry at Kids TLC, a nonprofit based out of Olathe, Kan. The organization, which doubles as a psychiatric residential treatment facility, works with children who have experienced severe trauma. The facility regularly serves child survivors of emotional, physical and sexual abuse, as well as those who have been neglected and even infants born addicted to drugs.

“Everyone wants to adopt a kid that’s cute, a kid that’s an angel child, and there’s millions of those kids out there in the world,” Scott Smith said. “The kids we work with are still great kids, but they’ve had really horrible things happen to them.”

He said at Kids TLC, the standard is that correction comes by way of connection.

“We are intentional about building relationships with children who may have never had a positive interaction with an adult in their lives,” Scott Smith said. “Things don’t just happen because you want them to happen. We have to be purposeful, just as Jesus connects with us and meets us where we are.”

In their respective ministries, the Smiths said they have leaned into the teachings they learned at MACU — and not just the ones that happened inside of the classroom.

“It was the meetings I had with professors in their offices

and in the hallways, it was going through life with other people and knowing that life is messy and it's okay to have hard conversations," said Scott Smith. "I can have difficult conversations with children because I've had them in the past and I can walk with them."

Most of all, he said, MACU impacted him by showing him what a relationship with the Lord really looks like.

"One of the most beautiful things about MACU is how you build real relationships with your professors, your classmates and most of all, the Lord," Scott Smith said. "It wasn't about reading chapter seven and having a pop quiz, it was real conversations about what you're doing with your life and the impact you're going to have on the world."

It's a sentiment his wife shares.

"MACU MADE ME WHO I AM," Cristi Smith said. "One of the most impactful courses for me was practicum. When I think about how I use my MACU education in my daily life now, I think about the bedside manner, the way I learned to de-

escalate situations and how to care for people," she said.

Because of the nature of her work, Cristi Smith said that she oftentimes works with individuals suffering from severe mental health problems and crippling addictions to drugs and alcohol.

"There is no one else to help them," she said. "If they get shot on the street, there's no one to call because they don't have a family or their families have abandoned them."

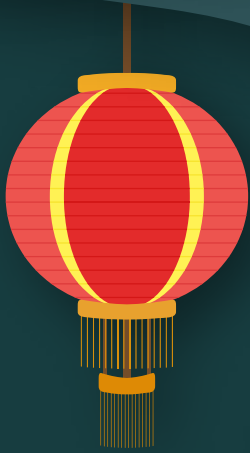
She said the most important lesson she learned was to meet people where they are and love them despite their circumstances.

"For me it's about loving people at the base of who they are, with no expectation of anything in return," Cristi Smith said. "The academics are important, but the humanity piece I learned in my time at MACU is irreplaceable."





MISSION POSSIBLE



A WORLD APART from the familiarity of home, four MACU students and staff members traveled to Asia this summer to prove that “everybody counts.”

Such was the theme of the mission trip, which saw the MACU group partner with a larger team and organization that has operated in Asia for more than 25 years. The organization, which requested to remain unnamed, specializes in therapeutic and restorative measures for abandoned young people with disabilities.

“The team’s prayer was that everyone they encountered would come to know how much they matter,” said Student Life Director Blake Carlson. He accompanied students on the trip along with Information Technology Database Specialist Lele Pi, who is a native of China.

The team spent a life-changing week working with abandoned children and young adults, spanning from newborns to 25 years of age.

“Because of social and economic constraints, families that have children with disabilities feel they have no choice but to abandon their children on the side of the road, at the steps of a business, or drop them off at a welfare center stating they will be back to pick the child up,” Carlson said.

Sadly, most of those parents never return.

“Through our partnership, our team experienced the chance to serve as a source of love to these abandoned children,” Carlson said.

During the week-long mission trip, MACU students and staff engaged in therapy play with the youth, nurturing bonds as they built, laughed, danced and learned together. This provided the students a firsthand opportunity to witness a restorative process blossom in the lives of young people who have endured great trauma.

Carlson said it’s an experience he will never forget – one that he knows left an indelible mark not only on the lives of his students, but the children they were given the opportunity to serve.

“Our team is forever impacted by the experience of God’s love for us and those that are abandoned and alone,” he said.

STUDENTS SERVE ON

Summer Camp Teams



MACU students Westley Dorton, Jania Berry, Makensey Saldana and Austin Kyle ministered in four states as a part of Camp Teams this summer.

Senior Makensey Saldana met Ashley during her Camp Teams experience, an Illinois woman who now serves as her mentor.

Admissions Counselor Jan Carlos Matias led a second team of three students on a Camp Teams trip to Bonita Park in Capitan, N.M.

This summer, a group of MACU students mapped their way across the U.S., where they spent their break ministering to youth at summer camps. The teams traveled to camps in Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi and Missouri this year, as well as serving closer to home at Camp Bond in Tishomingo, Okla.

Senior elementary education major Makensey Saldana, who served as camp student leader, described the Camp Teams experience as “life-changing.”

“MACU’s Camp Teams are dedicated to developing relationships with campers and teaching them the Gospel,” Saldana said. “There were many times we felt God testing and challenging our team in different situations, but at the same time, He was moving us through students and helping shape their spiritual life.”

She said the connections built through Camp Teams are irreplaceable.

“Throughout Camp Teams, you meet so many new people and youth, and you get to build great relationships with them.”

And those relationships last long after the sun sets on summertime.

In addition to making vital contacts with prospective MACU students, Saldana said she’s made friends and mentors, including a woman in Illinois who now serves as her mentor.

“Serving as a part of Camp Teams has prepared me for my future career as an educator,” she said. “It’s taught me how to be more patient and always find the best interest for people. It made me get out of my comfort zone. It’s an experience I’ll never forget.”



*Dr. Carol Fowlkes
School of Mathematics Chair*

MACU LAUNCHES OKLAHOMA'S FIRST DATA ANALYTICS DEGREE

With businesses becoming smarter at predicting future opportunities and risks through data analysis, the need for professional data analysts continues to rise – and with it, so does the value of a specialized education in the field.

To meet this growing need, MACU will launch Oklahoma's first-ever Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics in January.

"There is a big need for data analysts," said School of Mathematics Chair Dr. Carol Fowlkes. "Traditionally, many businesses would hire a general math major to fulfill this role, but there is a growing desire to have data analysts with specific training."

From business, sports, and health care to general sales, Fowlkes said data analysis is a booming career field – one that the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates to grow by 33 percent over the next six years.

"Data analytics essentially is taking big data, making it make sense and making predictions out of the data," she said.

Although data analytics is a budding career field, Fowlkes said only a number of colleges in the U.S. offer degree programs solely dedicated to the field – and none of them offer distinct benefits of the "MACU difference."

"Our degree programs stand out because MACU stands out," Fowlkes said. "We have professors who love their students, who teach traditionally secular classes from a Christian perspective. We have something that is distinctly ours, and now a degree that is unlike anything you can find in the state of Oklahoma."

The new degree, which will be offered 100% online, skillfully combines two of MACU's existing degree programs in management information systems (MIS) and mathematics. In addition, the degree program will be augmented with several brand new computer science courses.

Eventually, Fowlkes said the plan is to offer a certificate program for data analysis for those who already have a bachelor's degree. She also anticipates an emphasis program in data analytics to be added to MACU's existing MBA degree in the future.



*Dr. Bobbie Spurgeon-Harris
Executive Vice President*

MACU NOW OFFERING MBA CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

For students who already have their MBA degree or those who are looking to get a number of credit hours in a particular interest, MACU is proud to offer several new graduate certificate options based on existing emphases.

If you already have an idea of the career you want to pursue with your MBA, it's worth specializing in that field," said Executive Vice President Dr. Bobbie Spurgeon-Harris.

Spurgeon-Harris said the new graduate certificates allow students to specialize in one of five distinct concentrations, giving them a leg up in the workplace without the costliness of pursuing an entirely new degree.

Graduate certificates will be available in CPA accounting, health care management, management accounting, human resource management and international business. Each certificate program lasts about 18 hours, meaning they're also a time-efficient option for professionals who want to specialize in a particular career field.

"By pursuing a graduate certificate, you will stand out in the workplace because you have a specialization that your peers do not," Spurgeon-Harris said, adding that it's a perfect compromise for those wanting a new direction in their existing career.

MACU's new graduate programs are set to roll out in February 2020.

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MACU ATHLETICS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

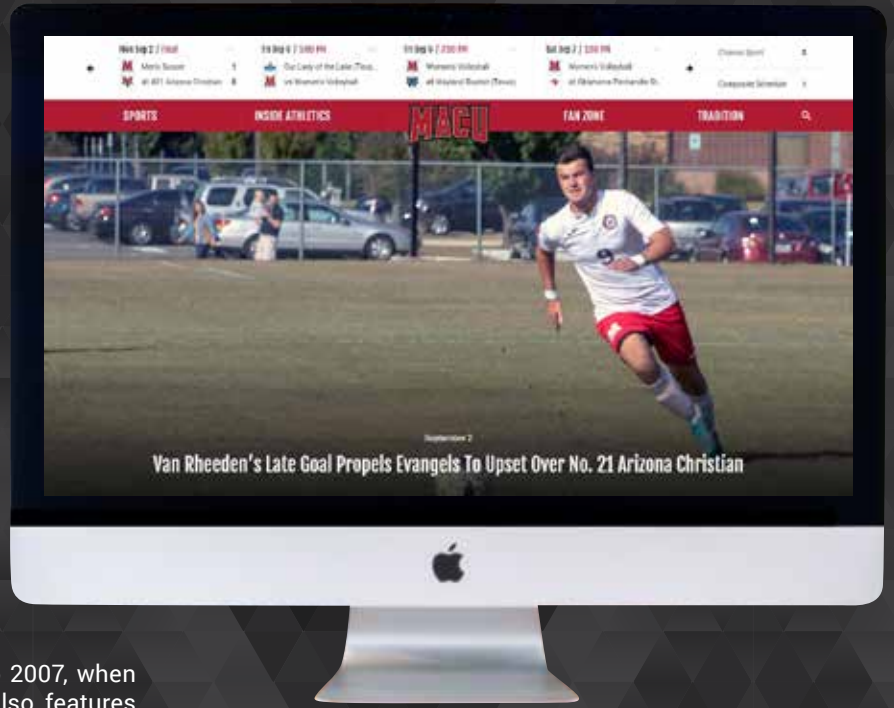
For the first time in nearly 10 years, the MACU Athletics website has a brand new look.

The new site provides an updated visual presence, as well as some major technical advances on the platform. The Evangels moved the site to SIDEARM Sports, a company based out of Syracuse, New York.

SIDEARM Sports manages over a thousand athletics sites, including some of the biggest names in college sports — including the University of Oklahoma, the University of Texas and the University of Michigan. MACU is one of six Sooner Athletic Conference schools to use SIDEARM.

The site is fully responsive, meaning the entire site can be viewed on both mobile and non-mobile devices. It boasts an updated stats section, with virtual record books dating back to 2007, when MACU's era in the NAIA began. The new site also features game photography and social media platforms much more prominently.

In addition, the site also includes a locally hosted live stats platform for each of the Evangels' seven sports, meaning that users will not have to leave the MACU site to enjoy the live stats for home games this year. This platform also interfaces



with other SIDEARM clients to pull players' bios, photos and season stats into the live stats experience.

Visit the site and explore to discover the all-new look and features at www.macuathletics.com.



WOMEN'S SOCCER BEGINS NEW ERA UNDER EVAN DRESEL

As the 2019 season approaches, the MACU women's soccer team enters a new era of the program's history. For the first time since the 2009 season, the program will have a single head coach in Evan Dresel. Dresel's mentor, Zach Bice, became the athletic director at nearby Westmoore High School this summer. The duo had spent the previous nine years as co-head coaches for both MACU soccer teams.

"The biggest challenge has been just getting used to some new roles for myself," Dresel said, "But it's been awesome to be able to just focus on one team."

Dresel has a solid group of returners, led by a back line that features senior Kelsey Janko. Junior Aubrey Robins is in front of returning junior goalkeeper Jennifer Starwalt.

The biggest loss for the Evangels comes at the top of the formation with the graduation of Brittney Stephens, but Dresel believes that the talent in the attacking portion of the formation will help balance the load offensively, making the Evangels more difficult to play against.

"I think we have weapons in different parts of the field," Dresel said. "That might make us a little bit less predictable in how we play."

The Evangels were picked sixth in the Sooner Athletic Conference preseason poll, a rating which Dresel thinks is fair, and he hopes that pushes the team to be better.

"We've set some lofty goals for ourselves," he said. "It's going to take a total team effort to achieve them."



MACU MEN'S SOCCER LOOKS TO BUILD ON LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS

In sports, it is often more difficult to sustain success once you have achieved it. For the MACU men's soccer team, that is the task they find themselves charged with heading into 2019. The Evangels are coming off the program's first-ever trip to the NAIA National Championship — where they advanced to the sixteenth round — and with new head coach Mitchell Sowerby at the helm, they are embracing that challenge head-on.

"The players obviously have high expectations for themselves," Sowerby said. "Because of the run they made last year, they want to achieve the same thing again and look to push on further."

On paper, MACU's offense is one of the best returning offensive groups in the Sooner Athletic Conference. The Evangels return four of their top five scorers from 2018, as well as 2017 SAC Offensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year Dominik Tajak.

The Evangels also have a solid unit returning in the back. Junior Simon Wieschemann has started every game in his first two years at MACU, and while the Evangels did lose some great players from the back, the newcomers will fit in nicely with the returning group. Liam Ward leads a group of three goalkeepers behind the defensive line, and the talent is deep in goal for the Evangels as well.

The Evangels won the SAC Tournament title a year ago, but the Evangels were picked second in the SAC preseason poll. Sowerby says that speaks both to the accomplishment of the 2018 team and also proves that there is still more room to go.

"That means that we have to work harder, we have to be better than we were last year," Sowerby said. "It's a challenge that we're still not the best yet — we want to be the best."

He said he doesn't doubt his team's passion for the upcoming season.

"They want to do it again, but they want to do better. They want to get into the national tournament, and they want to win it."

VOLLEYBALL FOCUSES ON THE FUNDAMENTALS UNDER NEW HEAD COACH

For the second season in a row, the MACU volleyball team will take the floor under a new head coach, as Kevin Fitzgibbon takes the reins of the program for the 2019 campaign.

With a core group of players returning to key positions, he remains hopeful that the team can find quick success on the court. Fitzgibbon said he knows that for long-term success to be achieved, it will take a concerted effort to return to the fundamentals of the game.

"That is one area where we want our focus to be this year," he said. "We may not be the biggest, we may not be the fastest, we may not be the strongest, but hopefully we'll be the most fundamentally sound. I believe that if we focus on those, we'll be good to go."

The Evangels have strong returning depth in the middle, at the setter spot and along the back row, with multiple returning weapons in each of those positions. Dianne Walter, Alexa Bass and Elena Hadzhieva return as seniors to the Evangels.

Bass, Morgan Van Meir and Ryann Hale all return at the setter position, and each has worked with the returning hitters in the past, which should help the Evangels find their offensive footing early. Walter and Skylar Brower are back in the middle of the front row, and Kaylie Walker and Maegan Plunk return on the back row as passers.

Coupled with a solid group of newcomers, led by FSCAA All-State outside hitter Hannah Focker, the Evangels should have an opportunity to be competitive right away.

"One of our team mottos is 'control the controllable.' So that's what we are going to strive to do, and I know we have a group capable of doing that."



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History and Social Studies Professor

KENNETH SCHELL

For the last 15 years, 2004 MACU graduate Kenneth Schell has served in Oklahoma City Public Schools as a teacher, department chair, athletic director and mentor to troubled inner-city youth.

Now, he's returning to his alma mater to teach history and social studies to a new generation of Evangels.

"I love the stories in history," said Schell, who spent eight years of his career at Roosevelt Middle School and the most recent seven at Capitol Hill High School. "I find that by learning about our past, we can learn about our future and where we're heading."

His passion for the past began as a child when he became interested in his family history. Schell's interests eventually branched out into World War I, World War II and the Civil War, ultimately culminating in his pursuit of history studies and his new position at MACU.

Schell said that as an alumnus, he feels an extra bit of excitement – and pressure – as he heads up a college classroom for the first time.

"No matter where I am, I always want to do a really good job," said Schell. "But as a graduate, you already feel so much loyalty to the school and it makes you really want to be the best you can be."

His time with Oklahoma City Public Schools underscores the passion he puts into the classroom. Schell was a finalist for the district's Teacher of the Year award in 2011.

"I want to build on the legacy of the people who taught me and helped make my career what it is today," Schell said. "MACU is part of my family. I will always remember the experience I had here, and I am looking forward to being a part of that for someone else."



School of Teacher Education Professor

DR. GAYLE FISCHER

In her 30 years as an educator, Gayle Fischer has taught all ages of students, spanning from pre-kindergarten to college.

"I truly love teaching," Fischer said. "It's always different, always changing and always impactful."

In addition to teaching and developing coursework in the Mid-Del and Norman public school systems, she has also worked at the administrative level. Fischer most recently served as the Director of Education at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla., which closed in 2017.

The school's abrupt closure helped lead her to her role as an adjunct professor at MACU, which transitioned into a full-time position this fall.

She has also been on various councils at national and state levels, including the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Oklahoma State Accreditation Team Board of Examiners.

As a full-time instructor and program director for the new Master's in Curriculum and Education, Fischer will teach in both MACU's traditional and adult Teacher Education programs. She said the latter will pose a unique challenge for her as she heads up a virtual classroom for the first time.

"I'm really looking forward to working with our adult students. Our master's programs are offered entirely online to help fit into a busy teacher's schedule, and that's going to be a different situation for me."

She said it's one of the things she's most looking forward to as she turns the page of a new chapter in her teaching career.

"No matter the age, the most exciting part of teaching for me is when you're working with a student and all of a sudden, you see that they get it," Fischer said. "That's the best feeling. That's why God called me to become a teacher and a professor. I will never grow tired of it."

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School of Adult Business Leadership Professor

DR. JESUS SAMPEDRO

For more than a decade, Jesus Sampedro has changed lives and inspired future Christian business leaders from his home in Venezuela, teaching in MACU's online Master's in Leadership program as well as in the Thomas School of International Studies.

Now, he's bringing his expertise and passion stateside as a full-time professor in the School of Adult Business Leadership.

"MACU is special to me because of the intentionality behind everything we do," Sampedro said. "There is a nice blend between kindness, excellence and relevance to the community being served through teaching."

He first came to the campus in 2015 as a chapel speaker, an experience that Sampedro said has never left his heart.

"There's such a sense of openness and humility," he said. "I was approached by strangers who treated me as if I were a dear friend."

It was that experience that imprinted a desire to serve a greater role in the MACU family on his heart. After ample time spent in prayerful consideration with his wife, the Sampedro family made a permanent move to the U.S.

In addition to teaching in MACU's online programs since 2009, Sampedro has taught business leadership in Venezuela for most of his adult life. He has also published five books on Christian leadership topics in Spanish and served as a member of the Christian Business Men's Connection for nearly 20 years.

"This is an opportunity for me to share my background and bring a sense of what global leadership means," Sampedro said. "Although I bring a different perspective to the table, I also invite my students to bring their life experience to the table. They aren't just going to learn from me, we're going to learn from each other."

He said that he and his students will become better professionals, leaders and Christians — together.

"Every moment in our lives is an opportunity for ministry," Sampedro said. "I am here, committed and focused on how to make a difference in the lives of the people I am serving through teaching."



School of Teacher Education Director

DR. VICKIE HINKLE

In the twelve years she has served as a professor in MACU's School of Teacher Education, Vickie Hinkle has witnessed hundreds of graduates make an impact as Oklahoma teachers, as well as helped see to the program's exponential growth.

Now settling into her new role as School of Teacher Education Director, Hinkle hopes to take the program to new heights and tackle new challenges.

Part of her duties as director include overseeing next year's accreditation visit, which Hinkle said will help continue MACU's proven history of producing top-notch educators. As the school prepares for the visit, she said one of the key factors will be bringing the program to meet the standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Established in 1954, CAEP holds universities to high standards of equity and excellence in educator preparation. Hinkle said adhering to that level of rigor helps set MACU's School of Teacher Education apart.

"Oklahoma has been through a lot with its teachers," she said. "I want to make our school a place where aspiring educators want to come, that they would value."

In addition to improving on the traditional School of Teacher Education, which offers bachelor's degrees for recent high school graduates and transfers, Hinkle also oversaw the addition of two new Master of Education degree programs this summer.

Specifically, she played a vital role in constructing the Curriculum and Instruction degree program, which she said helps prepare existing teachers become better equipped with best practices.

"MACU teachers are impacting the world as Christian educators," Hinkle said. "It's an exciting time to be a part of this school, and I am looking forward to my new role as director."



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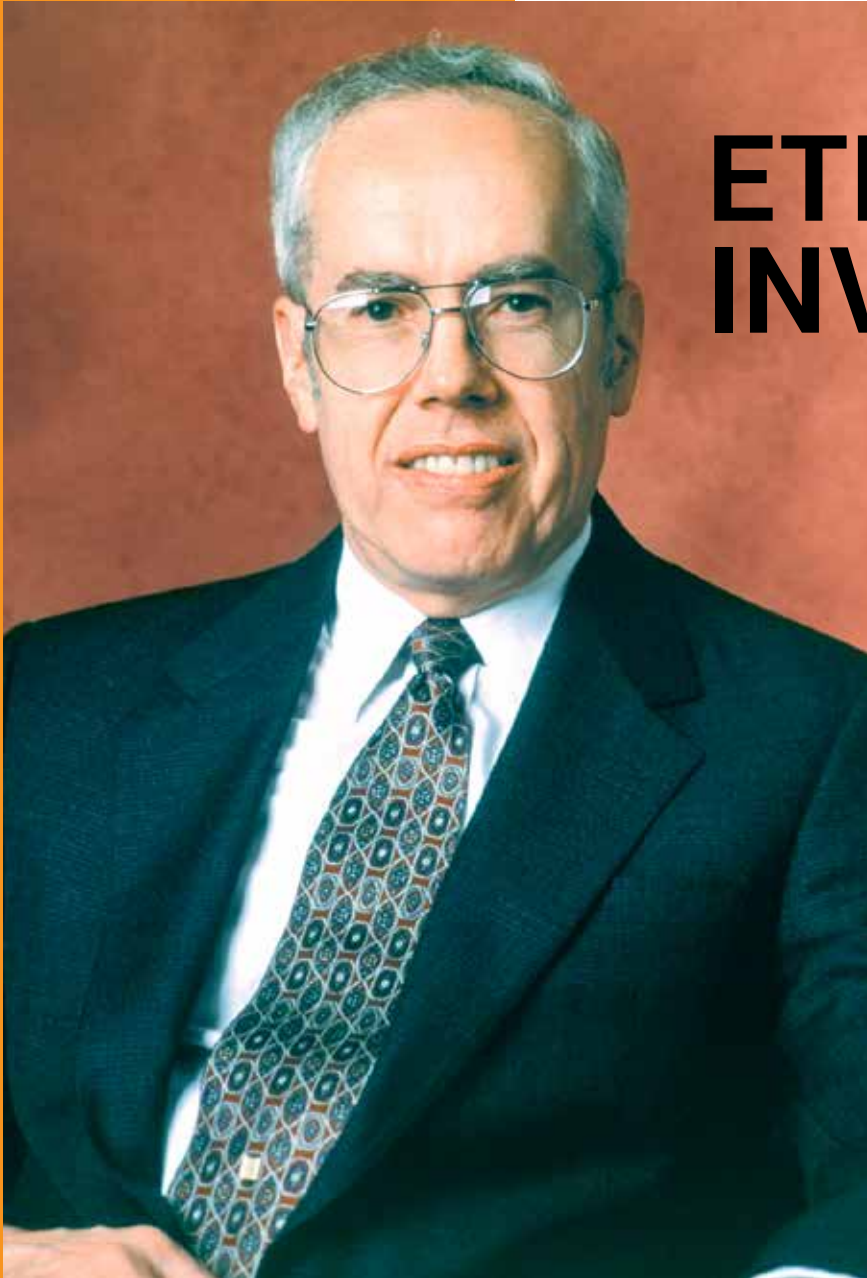
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ETERNAL INVESTMENT

With a mixture of joy and grief, MACU shares the news that Mr. Gary Burrell has gone on to his eternal place in heaven. Although many members of the MACU family may not know Burrell by name, you have undoubtedly witnessed the impact he left upon this university and the Kingdom of God.

Along with his wife, Judy Burrell, Gary Burrell played an instrumental role in seeing MACU through the university's financial struggles in the early 2000s. Without the gracious gifts the Burrells contributed to MACU, the university would not be open today, and countless student lives would never have come to be impacted within these campus walls and through our online learning opportunities.

"The university's future and mission was literally saved through the generosity of the Burrell family," said MACU President Dr. John Fozard. "Because they felt directed by God to give to MACU, thousands of graduates, generations of families and a multitude of people around the world have been influenced by Christian higher education."

Gary Burrell was the co-founder and chairman emeritus of Garmin, the American technology company known for its GPS devices. He helped launch the company as a small start-up in 1989, growing it into the global company it is today.

"The Burrell family is the quintessential example of how God enables people to become successful in business in order to materially bless His Kingdom's work on earth," Fozard said.

If you would like to discuss leaving your own legacy, we would love to talk with you about how you can make an eternal investment in MACU. Please call the Office of University Advancement at 405-691-3191 or email us at advancement@macu.edu.

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