



Serving with Excellence

**TO THE
GREAT
LAKES
AREA**

**55
Years**
1949-2004

Past Presidents of Great Lakes Christian College

*Past Presidents of GLCC
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1950-1957*

*Charles Matthews
Second president
1957-1964*

*Louis Detro
Third president
1965-1966*

*John Hasty
Fourth president
1967-1975*

*James Greenwood
Fifth president
1975-1979*

*Curtis Lloyd
Sixth president
1980-1987*

*Philip Schlaegel
Seventh president
1988-1991*

*Jerry Paul
Eighth president
1994-1999*

*Larry Carter
Ninth president
1999-Present*



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One of the things that has surprised me, as president of Great Lakes Christian College, is the “lightning rod” aspect of this position. While I was warned by other presidents that a thick skin and a deaf ear are beneficial to the office, I wasn’t convinced that their experience would be mine. (One president told me that he received “hate mail” in his first week in office.) After all, the work of GLCC is so valuable and worthwhile to the Kingdom, who could possibly have a problem with who we are and what we’re doing?

Well, it seems that despite our personally perceived attributes and uniqueness, there are those who see it differently. Oh, there’s not many, most people think very highly of the College and what we’re accomplishing in the lives of our students, but there are enough detractors to warrant applying the sage advice of others. That certainly does not mean that we don’t listen if someone’s opinion is less than complimentary – we do. We know we’re not perfect and that we need to pursue excellence more diligently. We’re not averse to constructive criticism that helps to show us a better way, but that isn’t always the kind of analysis we receive. Some criticism is more of an attack than an attempt to call our attention to something that can be improved. I suspect we make an easy target for those who find purpose and esteem in opposing others.

Other criticism is so non-specific that it doesn’t mean anything. I have heard from some that they don’t like the “direction” the College is pursuing. When asked what that means they say, “Well, we heard from someone else that they don’t like the “direction” the College is taking, so I guess we don’t either.” There’s nothing specific — just an opinion. What’s interesting to me is that rarely have I had any conversation with those who feel this way. (Those conversations I have had always end with the person realizing they had a mistaken notion of who we are and what we’re trying to do.) When I hear these comments, I review in my mind the decisions that have been made and the actions taken over the last five years and how they affect our “direction”. For 55 years, GLCC has tried to serve with excellence. Whatever direction was taken, it was done with the intention of providing exceptional service to our constituents in the field of Christian higher education. From the beginning, the desire of the founders was to train men and women to be effective servants of the Lord. The “direction” was “to glorify God by preparing students to be servant-leaders in the church and world.” That purpose has not changed. That “direction” has not changed. We are still on task when it comes to fulfilling the original intentions of those whose vision began this college. After 55 years of serving with excellence, we are still committed to their mission. It has become our mission. Any “direction” we take is always within the context of that mission.

In partial fulfillment of that mission and our desire to be a college of excellence, this is where our “direction” has taken us:

- 80% of our graduates become ministers or missionaries.
- We have had a 50% increase in enrollment over the last six years.
- We received NCA accreditation and have been used as a model college at their convention for the last two years.
- We are in the best financial position the College has ever known.
- 80 students signed up for college sponsored mission trips last year.
- We are anticipating the construction of the Doty Center.
- The campus has been landscaped, paved, and remodeled like never before.
- We have a higher percentage of our faculty with doctorates than any other sister college.
- We are in the planning stage of partnering with Rochester College to form a Practical Ministries Graduate School.

These are just some of the things that have happened at Great Lakes Christian College. If ever there was a time to be excited about the “direction” of the College it is now. We are making an impact like we’ve never experienced before!

But, we have not yet arrived. Even though we’ve come a long way in the last 55 years, we still have a long way to go. We need your partnership in order to continue to serve with excellence and to be everything our founders envisioned. Our purpose is noble, our mission is God-honoring, and our “direction” is fixed.

55 YEARS OF SERVICE

Great Lakes Bible College began on September 21, 1949 with eight students for the first term of a three-term school year. Classes were held in the log cabin of Ralph and Doris Woodard at Rock Lake, near Vestaburg, Michigan. Ralph Woodard accepted the challenge as the first president in April 1950. As the first year began, 28 churches were committed to the support of GLBC. The first commencement took place in 1952, honoring three graduates: Newton Huffine, William Lower, and Eugene Thorpe.

The Dodge Estate, an historic landmark on Lansing's north side, was purchased and the campus of GLBC relocated under the leadership of the second president, Charles Matthews. Classes began on September 22, 1959 with sixty-one students. Five graduates were honored that year.

In 1965, Louis Detro became the third president of GLBC. His tenure ended prematurely with a tragic car accident on April 23, 1966 that took his life and injured the men's quartet of students traveling with him.

Property was purchased on the west side of Lansing and the campus moved again with classes beginning in the Fall of 1972. In 1975, President John Hasty resigned and James Greenwood took the helm until 1979. The programs expanded throughout the seventies and the number of graduating students increased.

In 1980, Curt Lloyd took the leadership role of the College as the sixth president. He saw many changes take place as a result of economic downturn and a decrease in enrollment. His tenure ended in 1987 when Philip Schlaegel, a trustee and retired businessman, was appointed as president. Mr. Schlaegel led the College through the construction of Memorial Hall in 1983. By 1990, Great Lakes had graduated 497 students. On May 9, 1992, the name was changed to Great Lakes Christian College.

On September 17, 1994, after a three year gap without presidential leadership, the College called Jerry Paul to be the eighth president. A mission statement was prepared that highlighted the vision of the College to prepare servant-leaders, and financial stability was established. In 1998, professor emeritus Dr. Brant Lee Doty died and the Divine Servant Award was initiated in his memory. "Doc" Doty was a significant leader throughout the history of the College. The planned Doty Center, a new gymnasium and multi-purpose building, will carry his name.

After five years of stability and growth, Jerry Paul resigned and Larry Carter became the ninth and current president of GLCC. Since 1999, the College has experienced growth and change. Student enrollment has increased 50% over a six year period, new programs and majors have been developed, and regional accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools was realized.

Currently, plans for the future include the Partnering to Change Lives campaign that will ultimately construct the Doty Center and the expectation to graduate the 1,000th graduate at the commencement of 2005.

Larry Carter addresses attendees of the Alumni Banquet.



NEW WEBSITE FOR GLCC ALUMNI

Finally, a website run by alumni, for alumni. glccalumni.com is a place to reacquaint with old friends, make new friends, post pictures, discuss topics of all types, chat live, and more.

Live chat mode allows you to catch up with other Alumni who might be online. Chat in real time without the phone bill. With 84 Alumni registered already, you will likely run into someone you haven't talked to in years!

There is a wide variety of topics to discuss on our message boards...everything from current sports, to camp memories, to ministry advice. There have already been over 2000 posts in over 60 different topics.

Share some of your favorite pictures—past or current—with other alumni.

Visit <http://www.glccalumni.com> today, register your name, and jump right into the action. There are alumni from all generations, all over the world that have joined, posted messages, and gotten involved. You never know who might be logged in when you visit... this will be a great new tool for alumni to connect and stay tuned to what is going on at GLCC.

For more information, e-mail Tom Flammer at alumni@glcc.edu.

ALUMNI RESOURCE NETWORK IN DEVELOPMENT

Have you ever realized what a diverse group of alumni GLCC has? The GLCC Alumni Association has developed the Alumni Resource Network (ARN) to connect fellow alum needs with alumni who can meet those needs. Through this network, we hope to increase traffic to alumni-owned businesses, help out alumni consumers through discounts not available to the general public, provide a place to list service resources, and encourage alumni relations.

- Clem's Collectibles in Grand Ledge, Michigan offers a 10% discount to all GLCC Alumni on all purchases. Clem's Collectibles is managed by Tom Flammer (BRE/AA 1998).
- Joe Moleski (BRE 1996), through his employer at Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, offers \$300 off closing costs on a mortgage.
- Dr. Larry Martin (BRE 1990) is available for seminars on a variety of topics such as counseling, marriage enrichment, and health issues.

Future additions to ARN will be listed at www.glccalumni.com. If you would like your business or service added to ARN please call Ron Klepal at (517) 321-0242, ext. 230 or rklepal@glcc.edu.

FUTURE CRUSADERS

Badongen, Marianne (Ellert, BRE/AA 2000) and Roy welcome baby girl Ana Marie. They live in Baguio City in the Philippines teaching Bible and English at the Philippines College of Ministry.

Christian, Mark (BRE 1987) and **Heather** (Elder, ARE 1987) announce the birth of Braedan Bailey on September 21, 2004. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins big brother Alex.

Conlin, Ethan Ansel made his entrance into the world on July 15, 2004 at 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and 20 inches. Ethan is the first child of current students **Jim and Erin** (Miller) Conlin.

Foust, Carter Daniel, born on June 29, 2004 weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches tall, is the firstborn son of **Chad** (BS 2000) and **Deanna** (Leghorn, BRE/AA 1999) Foust.

Johnson, Elijah Michael arrived on August 15, 2004 to greet parents **Scottie** (BRE 1994) and **Stephanie** (Saxton, 1990–1994) and four brothers and sisters in South Bend, Indiana.

Leazenby, Mollie Ellyce made her entrance into the world weighing in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 18.5 inches on August 9, 2004. Proud parents are **Jon** (BRE 2000) and **Carrie** (Foust, AA 1998).

Long, Elijah Samuel arrived on August 17, 2004 to meet proud parents **Sam** (BRE/AA 2000) and **Carrie** (Peterson, BRE/AA 2000). Sam received his M.Div. from Emmanuel School of Religion in May 2004 along with the Randy and Gigi Huffines Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies in the Old Testament. The Longs live in Bristol, Tennessee where Sam serves Holston Christian Church as the Associate Minister. Carrie teaches fifth grade.

Vert, Mallory Claire made her entrance on April 12, 2004. She joins mom and dad **Alex** and **Stephanie** (Clark, AA 1992), and big sisters Jaelynn and Breanna in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Whitaker, Matt (1997–1999) and **Teri** announce the birth of Ian Michael on March 29th. He is the joy of their lives.

ALUMNI in WRITING

Loftus, John (BRE 1977) announces the publication of two books, *From Minister to Honest Doubter: Why I Changed My Mind*, parts 1 and 2.

Nicksich, Dan (BRE 1987) wrote a drama titled *There's Something About Those Three Marys*, about three women who were instrumental in starting the First Christian Church of Somerset, Pennsylvania 175 years ago.

55TH ANNIVERSARY AND ALUMNIFEST SUCCESS



(Left to right): Terry Ferguson (BRE 1977), University Christian Church in East Lansing, gave tribute to the late Curt Lloyd; Wally Lowman (BRE 1997) leads worship with the South Lansing Christian Church Praise Band; Nathan Prong (1992–1997) giving an alumni testimony about how his days at GLCC affected his life; Bob Russell addresses those gathered for the 55th anniversary celebration.

Great Lakes Christian College celebrated its 55th anniversary on Friday, September 10th, 2004. The evening began with an alumni banquet at which the distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Servant awards were presented. 150 alumni and their families were present.

Following the banquet, was a main session featuring Bob Russell, senior minister of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. We all enjoyed a historical presentation by Phil Beavers (BRE 1978) which featured a video clip of a class in the log cabin. Nathan Prong (1992–1997) gave a wonderful testimony of his time at Great Lakes, and Terry Ferguson (BRE 1977) gave a tribute to our sixth president, the late Curt Lloyd. The Great Lakes Christian College choir serenaded us with acapella praise songs. We were then led in worship by a praise band from the South Lansing Christian Church. Bob Russell gave an invigorating sermon on Serving with Excellence in a Changing World. Four current students joined their voices in the long-running quartet *A Few Good Men*, for their final number they were joined on stage by many former members of *A Few Good Men*. After the main session, many alumni remained for a time of reunion and fellowship at the reception.

On Saturday morning, alumni were greeted with Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Beaner's Coffee, and were given a choice of three workshops to attend. Dr. Greg Linton led a workshop on Biblical Archaeology, discussing the role of archaeology in understanding the Bible and describing the ongoing work of the Karak Resources Project in Jordan. Dr. Alvin Kuest's workshop investigated various practical ways a local church can reach out to their hurting and seeking community. Dr. Esther Hetrick's workshop explored the issues of change related to worship. She gave examples of how to ask the right questions while navigating the "winds of change."

The main session on Saturday morning was filled with alumni talent. Worship was led by a group calling themselves the Light of the Pie. It was made up of former members of both the Light of the World and Shepard's Pie. Bob Russell gave another stimulating sermon based on the mistakes he has made throughout his ministry. We were then entertained by the Alumni Choir.

We then adjourned to lunch, followed by family activities. There were inflatables for the children (and the young at heart). There was a 60-foot inflatable obstacle course, which the children loved, but occasionally the children were cleared out so that adults could race through it. The inflatable Moon Bounce was also a big hit. Children enjoyed face painting and balloon animals. Later in the afternoon, we were able to watch the GLCC soccer team reign victorious over their opponent in a soccer match that ended in a score of 2-0. Then the alumni took the soccer field. The blue team was pitted against the white team in a match that was fun for all. In the end, everyone came out a winner.

This year's AlumniFest was like no other. It left everyone very excited about the momentum on campus. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend AlumniFest next year, it will be September 16–17, 2005.

ALUMNI NEWS

Ronald Klepal, Director of Alumni Relations

'50s FIFTIES

Carlson, Elton (1949–1952, 1957–1958) and Edna began their 57th year in the ministry in March of 2004, and their 55th wedding anniversary in April. They have 7 children and are parents of GLCC alumni: **Naomi Nash (Carlson, BRE 1972)**, **David Carlson (1970–1974)**, and **Steve Carlson (1971–1972)** and grandparents of current student **Crystal Carlson**.

'60s SIXTIES

Chesser, James (BSL 1969) has accepted a new position as professor of New Testament at Florida Christian College.

Garman, Sally (Doty, BCE 1968) left for Niigata, Japan to fill in for some missionary friends who are on furlough.

'70s SEVENTIES

Hansen, Andy (BRE 1976) has accepted a promotion to Executive Director of Christ in Youth.

'80s EIGHTIES

Amstutz, Jim (BRE 1987) and **Joyce (Thorp, BRE 1986)** have one daughter named Jessica who is 11 years old. Jim received his Masters at Emmanuel School of Religion and his Doctorate at Harding. He is currently preaching at East Superior Christian Church in Alma, Michigan. Joyce is the choir director at the church and works at a Christian Bookstore.

Bush, Art (BRE 1981) was the commencement speaker for Lincoln Christian College – East Coast.

Johnson, Dan (BRE 1981) has been preaching for 29 years, 17 of them at the Kalkaska Church of Christ.

Yarbrough, Rick (BRE 1984) and **Debbie (Lund, 1978–1979)** have two children: Rick is 20 and Laci is 16. Rick has been in the ministry in only four churches since graduation and is currently at Country Christian Church in North Branch, Michigan. Deb leads the children's ministry.

'90s NINETIES

Adams, Jeremy (1993–1995) and **Cindy (Graham, BRE 1998)** own J.C. Adams Funeral Homes in Leslie and Springport, Michigan. They were married in 1998 and have two children: Jacob, 2; and Caitlin, 2 months.

Fallot, Matthew (BRE 1997) and **Karen (Harden, BRE 1997)** have 2 children: Micah is 7, and Moriah is 3. They live in Midland, Michigan, where Matthew served as part time Associate at Midland Christian Church. He now works for Simoni Systems, Inc. in Saginaw where he designs and installs audio/video systems. For the last three years, he has been the Worship Leader at Midland Christian Church. Karen also serves in the church as she raises and homeschools her children.

Greenlee, Kevin (BRE 1998) is the preacher at Niles First Church of Christ in Niles, Michigan. Since graduation, he has been a youth minister in Dover, Ohio and an associate Minister in Sturgis, Michigan.

Hargrave, Shane (BRE 1995) received his MA from Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 2002. He has served in two churches and traveled Western Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. He now serves Lakota Christian Church in Middletown, Ohio, as Outreach Minister.

Harris, Ash (BS/AA 1999) and **Kelly (Harden, BS 2000)** just bought a house in Charlotte, Michigan and are expecting their first child in February. Ash works for The Center for

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WEDDING BELLS

Richards, Allen (BRE 1977) married Kim Ferguson Luft on September 9, 2004

WHERE are THEY NOW?

Ganong, Howie (former VP of Public Relations) and **Nancy Hooper** (former Director of Admissions) were married on August 28, 2004 and are now living in Indianapolis, IN.

Flick, Shockley (former music professor) contributed an article titled "Where to Draw the Line" to the July 25th edition of *The Christian Standard*.

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(Top to bottom): Barry Wood (EBC 1971) from Clare, Michigan; Becky Anderson (Bradburn, BRE 1980), GLCC Business Office Assistant; Elton Carlson 1949–1952, 1957–1958, the first student to ever register for classes at Great Lakes, serves in Griffin, Indiana.

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PAUL AND CATHY KISSLING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Cathy and Paul Kissling

Paul and Cathy Kissling are this year's recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Paul graduated in 1980 with a BRE. Cathy earned her BRE in 1991. Paul went on to get his Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield, England. In 1991, Paul was called to be the professor of Old Testament at GLCC and then transitioned to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs in 2000 where he led GLCC through the accreditation process with the North Central Association for Colleges and Schools. Cathy is employed at Farm Bureau in Lansing as Business Analyst. Cathy has also been a member of the Women's Spring Celebration committee that meets every year to plan for this major GLCC event. Both of their sons, Joshua and Jeremy, have attended GLCC.

BOB PRATER DISTINGUISHED SERVANT



Bob Prater

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Bob Prater. Bob is a current Trustee and has served the College in this capacity since 1986. He has served as chairman, vice chairman, and on the Finance Committee. Bob's service overflows to his church family at the First Church of Christ in Jackson, Michigan. Bob's investment of time, talent, and treasure in the Kingdom of God and in GLCC is appreciated.

Educational Networking through Eaton Intermediate School District in database development and web design. They also run a web design business at www.kineticwebmedia.com.

Haven, Erin and Kelly (Walter, BRE/AA 1999) have a 2-year-old child and are expecting another child in January. Kelly keeps herself busy by: running her household, teaching Sunday school, leading the women's Bible study and assisting in women's ministry activities, assisting Erin with directing the church's Christian Education department, and leading a praise team.

Krauss, Tim (BRE/AA 1998) is a missionary in the Dominican Republic. He works with pastors, construction workers, doctors, dentists, and translators.

Krill, Jeremy (BRE 1998) and Amanda (Arthur, 1995–1997) live in Hicksville, Ohio where Jeremy teaches 9th and 10th grade English. Amanda is a mommy to Riley, 2; and Gracie, 5 months.

Long, Austin (1993–2003) and Erin (Goodrow, BRE/AA 1999) welcomed Larry Austin III on November 13, 2003. Larry, born 10 weeks early, weighed only 3.8 pounds at birth. He continues to be a healthy baby boy and is growing well. The family is living in Lansing, Michigan. Austin manages a Beaner's Gourmet Coffee Shop near Grand Ledge and Erin is a stay at home mom with a successful Mary Kay business.

Lowman, Wally (BRE 1997) and Stephanie have a beautiful 8-month-old daughter named Hannah. Wally serves as the Associate minister at South Lansing Christian Church in Lansing, Michigan.

Moleski, Joe (BRE 1996) and Amy (Trumble, BRE/AA 1999) are living in Berkley, Michigan with their 18-month-old son Benjamin. They serve at Kensington Community Church.

Soulliere, Bob (BRE 1996) works full time for The Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne, Indiana in web design. He also does web design for The University of Saint Francis and oversees a project called IDEAL which is about special needs in education. Check out his newest website at www.glccalumni.com.

Stacy, David (BRE 1992) and Gina (Smith, AA 1991) have been living in the Cincinnati/Dayton area since 1994. They have two children: Collin is 10, and Claire is 4. They have been married for 14 years. David is currently working for Dell as a roaming Field Technician.

100s TWO THOUSANDS

Brown, Ben (1998–2002) and Crystal (Groves, BRE/AA 2002) just bought their first house in Lansing, Michigan. Ben works at the Michigan Catholic Conference as a "computer guy" while he continues to work on his Bachelor's Degree.

Bunce, Ryan (BRE/AA 2002) and Heather (Vance, BRE/AA 2001) have a daughter, Shelby, who is 1. Ryan works at the Michigan Catholic Conference as a "computer guy." Heather is a wife, mom, and babysitter enjoying every minute of watching her little girl grow up.

Clem, Regan (BRE/AA 2002) and Lindsay (Lepper, BS 2000) have two children: Isaac and Eli. Regan runs a comic book, game, and sports memorabilia store.

Conway, Pam (BRE 2003) is a leader for Nerve Ministries in Albany, New York. Nerve Ministries is a Jr. and Sr. High Student Ministry of Christ's Church of the Capital District.

Deaton, D. Alan (BRE/AA 2004) and Annette (Leazenby, BS/AA 2002) are living in Walled Lake, Michigan. Alan is a worship pastor and Electrician Apprentice and Annette is an engraver.

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CALLING FOR PRAYER PARTNERS

Great Lakes Christian College is looking for 55 prayer partners to commit themselves to prayer during the 2004-2005 school year. Requests will be made for students, faculty, administration, staff, and the campaign. If you would like to be one of 55 prayer partners during the 55th anniversary year, call Phil Beavers at (517) 321-0242, ext. 215 or sign up on our website www.glcc.edu. Updates and requests will be mailed and posted on the website on a regular basis.

A Life of Service Enhanced by GLCC

A TESTIMONY BY BUD DOWNS

I first came to GLCC simply because I wanted to enhance my spiritual life. Ok, so my minister, at the time, was Brant Lee Doty, and some of my friends were students. And maybe it didn't hurt that I won an essay contest which gave me two terms of free tuition. But still, I never intended to stay beyond one year. I didn't yet have a vision of the need for trained workers in ministry. I have no story of a sign in the sky or a deep burden to serve people, but God has some "strange" ways of selecting servants.

Two terms became a year (at that time, there were three terms in one year), one year became four, and then graduate work beckoned. In the process, my spiritual life was enhanced, my Bible knowledge increased, and somehow I did catch that "vision" thing.

I don't know exactly what it was that made me want to stay. Maybe it was the Bible courses that told me something about how God works. Or it could have been the involvement in ministry opportunities that accompanied my classroom work. It could have been the lives of my professors and the influence they had on my life. I know that all of these things worked together to express to me that there was more to life than "making a living."

I thank God for my alma mater. My first "dorm" was an unheated camp building. My second "dorm" was a remodeled chicken coop. But buildings did not a college make. It was not the facilities that kept me there but the excellence of the faculty, the students, and the fellowship. What kept me there most of all was the eventual commitment to a life of service to the God who had called me in the first place.

Bud Downs graduated from GLCC in 1960 with a BA. He now serves Cactus Christian Fellowship in Phoenix, Arizona.



Bud Downs

BUY A BRICK FOR THE DOTY CENTER PLAZA



A "Buy a Brick" campaign was initiated at the 55th anniversary celebration on September 10th, to assist in funding the Doty Center. This will be an opportunity for many alumni and friends of the College to show their support by buying an engraved brick that will display the names of those who donate, or those memorialized or honored. Each brick will be nicely engraved and displayed in an attractive manner at the main entrance of the Doty Center. A 4" x 8" brick will be engraved for a donation of \$75. An 8" x 8" brick will be engraved for a donation of \$125. A 12" x 12" stone will be engraved for a donation of \$250. You may purchase an exact replica of the brick or stone as a keepsake for an additional donation of \$50 (brick) or \$75 (stone). For an order form, contact Phil Beavers at (517) 321-0242, ext. 215 or pbeavers@glcc.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS (CONT'D.)

Gilroy, Ryan (BRE/AA 2003) and Rebekah have one two-year-old son, Jacob, and are expecting a daughter in October. They helped start a children's and youth program at All Nations Christian Church in Lansing, Michigan.

Heninger, Brian (BRE/AA 2002) is the youth minister at Columbia Church of Christ in Edon, Ohio.

Johnson, Jeremiah (BRE/AA 2000) is starting his fourth year as youth minister at Bangor Church of Christ. Recently, he has been doing a lot of administration in youth ministry and in other areas of the church. He also is helping to lead the church through a transition from the "board system" to a more elder-led/ministry team-driven style.

Locklear, Robert "Bubba" (BS/AA 2001) married Jennifer on June 8, 2001. They live in Lombard, Illinois. Bubba is the minister of worship and music at the Christian Church of Clarendon Hills and is working on an M.Div. with an emphasis in worship and spirituality at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Malcolm, Dan (BRE/AA 2001) and Aubrey (BS 2000) are living in Michigan. Aubrey is an office assistant at a daycare. She is currently taking prerequisite classes for a nursing program and hopes to start nursing classes next fall.

Robbins, Rose (BRE/AA 2001) continues to live in Lansing, Michigan and participate in various ministries at Mount Hope Church.

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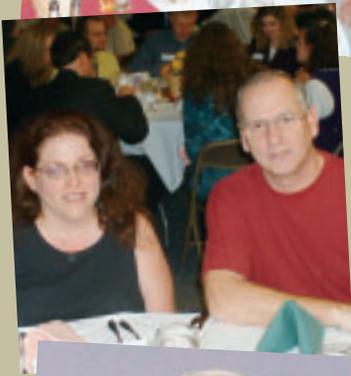


(Top to bottom): This happy family is: Caitlin, Jeremy (1993-1995), Jacob, and Cindy (Graham, BRE 1998) Adams from Springport, Michigan; David (BRE 1991) and Gina Rawls of Spencer Christian Church in Indiana.

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(Top to bottom): Kathy Blakely (BRE 1980); Joy Baade (BRE 1985), GLCC PR Scheduling Secretary; Ryan Gilroy (BRE/AA 2003), All Nations Christian Church, Lansing, Michigan; Lois Shive (Richardson, BRE 1985) and Fred Zimmerman (ARE 1979); Mike Mason (BRE 1972) presents the Distinguished Service Award to Bob Prater; Julie (Merrill, 1987–1990) and Mike Nicholas (BRE 1990) with Thad (BRE 1989) and Tracy (Green, 1987–1989) Beard.

CAMPAIGN AT CRUCIAL STAGE



The “Partnering to Change Lives” campaign crosses the twenty-four month mark and moves ahead steadily reaching two-thirds of our goal. We have received cash and commitments to fulfill the general fund through July 2006. As the campaign continues, the capital portion (building fund) of the campaign continues to increase. The bucket illustration shows the amount of \$156,000 presently in the building fund. We appreciate the partners who are standing with us and making commitments to our campaign. 360 individuals have made formal commitments and 46 churches have done so as well. We praise God for this generosity that will ultimately bring to reality the Doty Center on our campus.

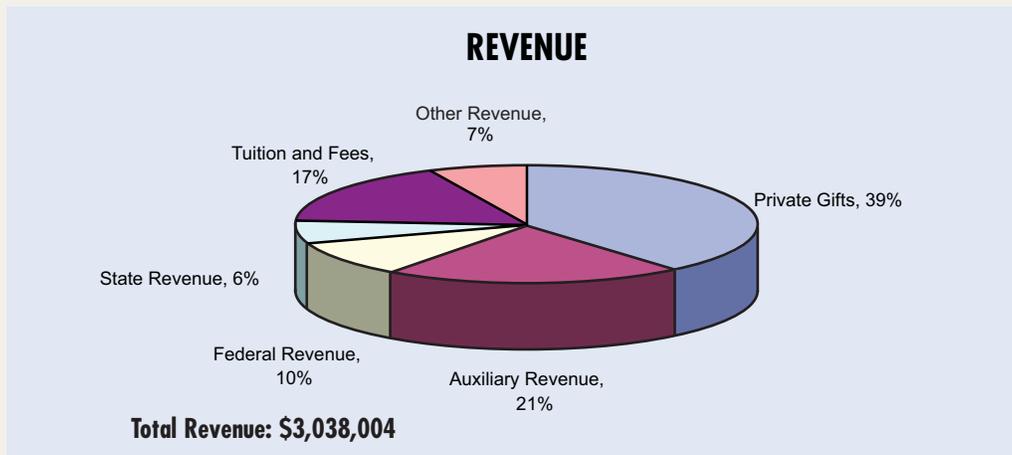
We anticipate that many lives will be changed as a result of the Doty Center. It will be used as a tool to serve our students, our churches, and our community. Knowing the potential impact of this new facility, we want to inform you that we are at a crucial stage in the campaign where the commitments that have already been made need to be fulfilled, and new commitments need to be made in order to finish the campaign. It’s time to step up and really make a difference and be a partner with us in this God-directed endeavor. God continues to bless GLCC with new students, financial stability, and expanded programs. Your commitment to the campaign or an increased commitment could be the motivator to help us reach our goal. If you would like to make a commitment to the campaign, please use the attached card to communicate your pledge.

We are pleased with the generosity of the Bangor Church of Christ who donated \$23,000 in cash and commitments to name a room in memory of our sixth president, the late Curt Lloyd. This effort initiates a campaign to raise \$60,000 in order to reach the goal to name a room in the Doty Center. Churches and individuals are invited to join the Bangor Church of Christ in this effort by making donations designated to the “Lloyd Memorial Room.” For further information, contact Phil Beavers at (517) 321-0242, ext. 215 or pbeavers@glcc.edu or utilize the campaign card attached in this issue.

AN EXCELLENT FINANCIAL YEAR

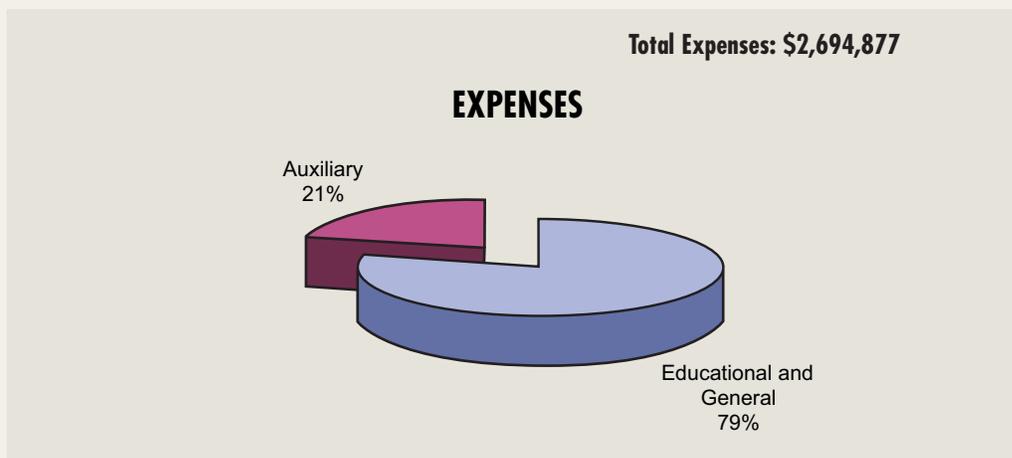
The fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 was very successful. The College continued to operate in the black with an increase in net assets of \$343,127. Many needed projects were completed such as improvements to dormitories and campus grounds. Additional computers were purchased for the Library and handicap door openers were installed in the Administration Building. The exterior of the Men's Dormitory was remodeled with new railing, soffits, stairways, and concrete walkways. In the Women's Dormitory, the hallways were remodeled with new ceilings, carpeting, lighting, stairways, furniture, and fresh paint.

Because of the additional revenues, we were able to increase student scholarships, and purchase equipment and supplies for the Cafeteria. The campus grounds were improved with increased security lighting, new outside furniture, and soccer field fencing. Praise God for His abundant blessings!

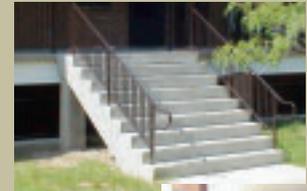


Private Gifts Revenue: \$1,173,182
 Auxiliary Revenue: \$645,099
 State Revenue: \$187,753
 Federal Revenue: \$292,582
 Net Tuition and Fees: \$514,850
 Other Revenue: \$224,538
 Total Revenue: \$3,038,004

Educational and General:
 Instruction, Student Services: \$1,042,238
 General and Administrative: \$816,894
 General Institutional: \$279,382
 Total E & G: \$2,138,514
 Auxiliary: \$556,363
 Total Expenses: \$2,694,877



DORM RENOVATION



This summer was a great time to get caught up on maintenance projects around campus. Besides the normal clean up, we replaced concrete walkways, soffits, railings, stairways, and lighting around the apartment buildings. The women's dorm was renovated and has a new look in the foyer and stairways.



AlumniFest 2004



(Top to bottom): Carole Lloyd and Wendy Acre (BRE 1983); Karen Fallot (Harden, BRE 1997) and Amy Moleski (Trumble, BRE/AA 1999).

GLCC FAMILY TIDBITS

Dr. Dan Cameron, Professor of Theology and Ministry, attended the NACC in Phoenix, wrote a book review for the Stone-Campbell Journal, and spoke at Family Camp for the Round Lake Christian Assembly in Lakeville, Ohio.

Dr. Esther Hetrick, Professor of Music, spoke for the three main sessions of Northwomen on the topic of worship and led a workshop at our 55th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Alvin Kuest, Professor of Christian Education, wrote three articles for "Teaching Tips for Life Span Development" a professor's guide for a new Life Span Development text from Worth Publications, edited by Janet Belsky. He has also been filling the pulpit on an interim basis during the month of August for West Lansing Church of Christ and led a workshop at our 55th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Greg Linton, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of New Testament, published an essay on *"The Nabataeans, Romans, and Byzantines in Central Jordan: A Comprehensive Bibliography"* in the Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan. Dr. Linton also led a workshop at our 55th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Larry Martin, Professor of Psychology and Counseling, led a health seminar in Wauseon, Ohio, gave a bird and plant talk at Ingham Medical Assisted Living Facility, and led fieldtrips at the GLCC pond discussing Aquatic Biology and Insects for a grade school class and your children during AlumniFest.

John Nugent, Associate Professor of Old Testament, was the main speaker on the subject of Christian Community at a young adult retreat for Duplain Church of Christ, St. John's, Michigan. He also published an article titled "Diverse Motivations for Planting House Churches" for Allelon Ministries at www.allelon.org, and attended a conference on the mission of the Church hosted by Allelon Ministries.

Brian and Betsy Carter

NEW DIRECTORS OF STUDENT LIFE



Great Lakes Christian College welcomes Brian and Betsy Carter as our new Directors of Student Life. Brian and Betsy met at Great Lakes Christian College in 1995 and were married after graduation in 1999. Brian holds a BRE in Bible Teaching and Biblical Theology, while Betsy holds a BRE in World Evangelism and Biblical Theology. They attended Emmanuel School of Religion (TN) and both received their Master of Divinity Degrees in 2004. Betsy's M.Div. is with an emphasis in Christian Care and Counseling. During their time in seminary, they served for two years in youth ministry in Tennessee and Brian served as the worship minister for a church plant in South Carolina.

In addition to his role as Director of Student Life, Brian plays many musical instruments such as guitar, bass, assorted drums & percussion, Irish tin whistle, ocarina, mandolin, hammer dulcimer, etc. and is a talented song writer. Brian is also very "outdoorsy" and loves camping, climbing trees, and building awesome campfires. Betsy loves to bake and cook; play the flute, tin whistle, and egg shaker; and loves creative projects of all kinds.

They also add to our campus their two dogs: Rex, a Siberian Husky; and Angus, a Black Lab. The dogs love the students, can't get enough of the pond, and have taken on the responsibility of chasing away the geese.

Betsy's favorite part of her new position is "getting to know the students and seeing all the potential that God has put in each one of them." She hopes the student body will be "a reflection of the Body of Christ - full of love, encouragement, and unity. This is a place where they can 'dig their wells' deep and prepare themselves for whatever ministry they go into, and if Brian and I can help prepare them for what is to come, then praise God!"

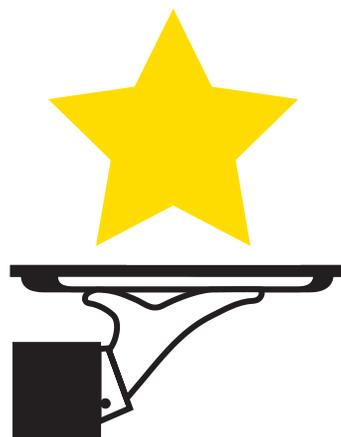
Brian and Betsy have maintained their goal to always work together for God as He has always provided a way. "We both have the same goal — to glorify God — and we love working together. God uses Brian to bring out the best in me through constant encouragement and challenging, and I hope to bring out the best in Brian...we usually balance each other out pretty well, and we believe in God's purpose in our lives together."

GLCC FOODSERVICE WINS AWARD

The National Restaurant Association Education Foundation and Coca-Cola names Creative Dining Services as winner of the 2004 "Winning Workforce" Award in the On-Site Foodservice Provider category. This award honors restaurant and foodservice operators who strive to enhance employee satisfaction and attract and retain desirable employees.

Creative Dining Services, headquartered in Zeeland, Michigan, is a complete hospitality management company offering a wide array of professional management services to clients in colleges and universities, business and industry, retirement communities, conference centers, and youth camps.

Creative Dining Services is the organization that manages the Great Lakes Cafeteria. Sheila Kennedy is our Dietician, Pat Parker is Foodservice Director, and Kathy Horton is our Cafeteria Assistant. The cafeteria also employs 22 of our students.



Ordinations

Congratulations to our students who have recently been ordained.

David Steigenberg: May 16
Oakland Drive Church of Christ, Portage, Michigan

Pat Baughman: June 13
Central Christian Church, Battle Creek, Michigan

Andy Goodrich: June 13
Duplain Church of Christ, St. Johns, Michigan

John Toth: July 25
Oasis Christian Fellowship, Wauseon, Ohio

ALUMNA HONORED AS LOCAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Roxanne Klauka (Auer, BRE 1982) is a third-grade teacher at Elliott Elementary School in Holt, Michigan. In July, she was named the Walmart-Sam's Club Local Educator of the Year. After graduating from GLCC, she taught in private schools for five years and spent 10 years at home raising her children. She then returned to GLCC and finished her teacher certification through our cooperative program with Spring Arbor University. This honor awards \$1000 to the elementary school. The school will build a clubhouse in memory of one of Klauka's third-grade students who recently passed away. Roxanne is married to Mike Klauka, Dean of Student affairs.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Oct. 19–Nov. 19	Pre-Registration for Spring and Summer Semesters
Oct. 23	Leadership Forum
Oct. 29–30	Ministry Wives' Retreat
Nov. 4	Choir Concert
Nov. 20–28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2–4; 9–11	Madrigal Dinner Theater
Dec. 15–17	Final Exams
Dec. 18–Jan. 3	Semester Break
Jan. 4	Registration
Jan. 5	Spring Classes Begin

For more information about any events, visit www.glcc.edu

Congratulations

*Pleasant View Church of Christ
Cassopolis, Michigan • 150 years*

*Rock Lake Christian Assembly
Vestaburg, Michigan • 85 years*

*Vestaburg Church of Christ
Vestaburg, Michigan • 100 years*

*Michigan Christian Campus Ministries
Lansing, Michigan • 35 years*

*Lake James Christian Assembly
Angola, Indiana • 75 years*

Let us know if your church is having an anniversary so we can recognize it in the KEY and celebrate with you!

LIVING MEMORIALS

A Memorial Gift is a way to express your respect for a departed relative or friend. An Honor Gift is a way to acknowledge special occasions such as a birth, birthday, anniversary, retirement, graduation, or just recognize someone special to you. Donors are listed beside or below the name of the person in whose memory or honor they contributed. Donations are listed through September 15, 2004.

IN MEMORY of

- Dortha Aiken** —by Owosso Church of Christ
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- Bienbenido Deleon** —by Mozell M. Huxtable
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Ministry Wives' Retreat

**"We're in This Thing Together
Ministry and Marriage -
A Rewarding Combination"**
October 29-30, 2004



with
Rick and Nancy Jett
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 and music by
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 Great Lakes Christian College

For more information please contact
 Judy Beavers jbeavers@glcc.edu
 or (517) 321-0242, ext. 232

MATCHING GIFTS

(as of September 15, 2004)

Eaton Corporation	100
Ford Motor Company	50
GenCorp Foundation Inc.	300
Merrill Lynch	100
Pfizer Inc.	3000
Pharmacia & Uphohn Foundation	400

Total: \$3,950

Check with your personnel department today to see if your company would match gifts to GLCC.

Serving Through Expansion

ENROLLMENT FACTS

We have 237 students enrolled this Fall. Praise the Lord! This brings our full time enrollment up 8% from last year. We expect this momentum to continue, especially with your assistance in encouraging students to consider GLCC as their educational choice. Our admissions department works hard to recruit students. Contact them about taking classes or to give them a name of a prospective student by calling 1-800-YES-GLCC (1-800-937-4522) or by e-mail at admissions@glcc.edu.

AlumniFest 2004



(Top to bottom): Steve (BRE/AA 2001) and Amy Dobyns, McBride Church of Christ, McBride, Michigan; Tom (BSL 1965) and Ruth Ann Schantz (Wiggins, BRE 1965).

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLCC AND UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Great Lakes Christian College is proud to announce an articulation agreement with the University of Phoenix. Through this agreement, Associate's Degrees issued by Great Lakes Christian College will be accepted by the University of Phoenix into their Bachelor of Science programs listed at right.

For more information about these programs, visit the University of Phoenix West Michigan campus website www.phoenix.edu/westmichigan or www.glcc.edu.

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