Welcome and welcome back to our students on campus! Fall is always an exciting time at LeTourneau University. We have some very excited students and that really charges up the atmosphere! There are many exciting things going on in our school, but this year you may have noticed some changes to the Education Building. We have added new poster prints on both floors (see pictures below) to replace the older pictures on the walls. Students now have some new furniture in the lower atrium. There are six new bistro-style tables for student interaction. Upstairs, there is new comfortable furniture for student lounge space. We are excited to provide these areas with well-needed updates. Special thanks to our decorator team: Mary Beth Trogdon, Becky Birdsong, and Brenda Pete.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” - Joshua 1:9
EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION OFFICE

This summer, our office worked very diligently to put all files in an electronic file system called eBridge that the entire university uses to hold documentation for students that attend LeTourneau University. We are required by the Texas Education Agency to keep documents for students for five years after they have been recommended. In the past, we have shredded all documentation for students following this five year period. Now, after a student is recommended for their standard or Principal certification, we scan their documents into the eBridge system which will enable students to request documentation for various items in their file in the future.

- Becky Birdsong

LEARNING LABS

It is that time again! The first session of the LeTourneau Learning Lab will be next Wednesday, September 12 from 12 - 2. We are so excited to see everyone! Our theme for the entire semester is "God's Creation" with the first week being "God created Me." We will learn about how God gave us five senses - sight, smell, touch, taste, and hearing.

Dr. Staples' Creative Expressions Class assembled a "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" Coconut Tree in the LETU Learning Lab to prepare for the Pre-School students that arrived on campus the week of September 10th.
LETU PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR RECEIVES EXCELLENCE AWARD

(LONGVIEW, Texas) - LeTourneau University Professor of Psychology Dr. Vicki Sheafer won the Frank Costin Memorial Award for Excellence at the 34th Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology conference for her poster titled "Using Drama to Enhance Learning of Classic Experiments in Social Psychology."

Her research poster was judged by institute faculty as best promoting quality teaching methods. Her award included a certificate, a check for $250 and a complimentary registration to a future NITOP conference.

Sheafer’s poster drew on the long history of psychology using drama as an active learning technique with many different kinds of psychology courses and for a variety of purposes. Sheafer has adapted a technique of having undergraduate social psychology students develop dramatic scripts to describe their research, then present the play to the class. Each play had to be at least 15 minutes long and was followed by a 17-question evaluation survey filled out by each of the 28 class members to assess their work. The questionnaire used a 1 (strongly disagree) to 7 (strongly agree) likert scale.

Sheafer’s research results showed that students enjoyed both participating in the activity and also watching the plays of others, that it allowed them to be creative, caused them to work hard, was interesting and helpful, and recommended that the professor continue to use the assignment in the future.

Runners up to the Frank Costin Award were a team from Auburn University with a poster on assessments.

Sheafer also was named the recipient of LETU’s Robert H. Selby Teaching Scholar Award in 2010 for exemplifying the highest standards of teaching excellence.

“Dr. Sheafer has a long tenure of dedicated service to LeTourneau University,” Dean of Education Dr. Wayne Jacobs said. “We are pleased that she, once again, is recognized for her contributions to the psychology profession. She represents the teaching scholar that LeTourneau University is proud to have working with our students.”
STUDENT SUMMER ADVENTURES

Kristen Stanley - Ireland

It was such a blessing to be able to go to Ireland with LeTourneau. While we were there we were to be setting up a drop off center where youth could come and simply hang out. In doing this we would be able to create relationships with the students and possibly change their lives forever. However, this wasn’t just a one way street; these kids changed mine and my group’s lives forever. They opened my eyes in so many ways, but the biggest was seeing that they needed love. They needed to understand that there were people who cared about their lives, and that they wanted them to succeed. Showing the love of Christ was all that we had to do, and that is just what we did. When these youth saw the difference and heard our testimonies many became interested in understanding who God was. My group and I each had a chance to see and be the light of Christ in some way or another. Since I’ve been back I’ve been able to stay in contact with many of the youth that I met, and talk to them even more about the love of Christ. I don’t regret the challenges that came when planning this trip, and I am grateful that God lead me and eighteen others to New Ross, Ireland.

Ricky Farris - Haiti; Internship LVMPD

This summer, I interned with the LVMPD, in the Crimes Against Youth and Families Bureau, with both Sexual Assault, and also the Sex Offender Apprehension Program (S.O.A.P.). My internship was mainly an observational time, watching how cases were investigated within the realm of sexual assault, both adult and juvenile, and also the laws and work of the sex offender unit, which I spent most of my time with. We were out in the field almost daily, verifying addresses and making sure sex offenders were complying with Nevada state law. This was an eye-opener for me as to how a police department and law enforcement office operates, and has begun to prepare me for hopefully my own career in the law enforcement area.

I was also blessed to be able to go on a medical trip to Haiti, where we brought medicine, a doctor, and two nurses along with 15 other people, ranging in ages 15 to 60. We came to strictly give medicinal care and to bring the Word of God to thirsty people, but ended up seeing the spiritual realm in...
ways that we did not expect. We saw supernatural healings that only God could have done, from making the blind see again, to saving a young girl who was close to dying of appendicitis. We also cast demons out of people and were His hands and feet in the battlefield. It was an amazing experience where I grew greatly in my walk with God and, also, in leadership skills as I led this trip.

Stefani Davis-Paraguay

Most would say that soccer and God do not have much in common, but a trip this summer showed this is incorrect. Through an organization called Athletes in Action (AIA), I was part of a women’s soccer team that traveled around Paraguay, South America to spread the gospel and the love of God, using soccer as our platform. We were able to show the hope of Christ to those that we encountered by spending quality time together and enjoying one another’s company while playing soccer. Each soccer opportunity allowed a few of us to share our testimony in hopes of encouraging our new friends to seek a relationship with Christ. Through the support of a local organization called Jesus Respond, we were able to reach young or school-aged children in all types of living situations, as well as high school and college-aged girls. As we visited the nutrition centers sponsored by Jesus Respond, we were able to bring several people to Christ and plant even more seeds. One might not think something as simple as soccer ball and a field could be anything but a place to hold a soccer match, but this time spent in Paraguay served as an important reminder of the numerous opportunities we are given every day to share our relationship with Christ to those around us. God will use everyday things and equip us with what we need, if we will only heed His call. The pictures show my AIA team praying with one of the college teams we scrimmaged, and the other is a photo taken of me and a team of kids that I coached at an orphanage.
FACULTY SUMMER ADVENTURES

Vicki Sheafer

On June 24-29, 2012, Dr. Vicki Sheafer went with a group from her church, Pine Forest Baptist Church, in Hallsville, TX to Jay, Oklahoma. There, they did Vacation Bible School and evening evangelistic services for Sycamore Springs Baptist Church. The church is a primarily Native American (Cherokee) church. Dr. Sheafer was in charge of teaching 3rd and 4th graders. The kids had a Bible lesson each day, followed by crafts, games, snacks, and music. On the last night at the church service, one of the little girls in Dr. Sheafer’s class gave her life to Jesus! Praise the Lord!

MAMFT GRADUATE ORIENTATION GATHERING

The photo below is of the first generation of LeTourneau University’s Marriage and Family Therapists: Restoring Families, Reconciling Communities, Changing the World. This photo was taken during an evening at the Provost’s house following an opening event for prospective students in the MAMFT degree program which was launched in August. We were blessed with students who flew in from Colorado, Tennessee, Louisiana, and throughout Texas. This first generation of MFTs will graduate in May of 2014 and begin a career and life calling to restore hope in relationships. The event was led by Drs. Roudkovski, Sheafer, Winsted, and Coyle – each of whom will teach in the program this Fall. A full set of courses are set to be offered this Fall including: The Personal and Spiritual Life of the Marriage and Family Therapists, Clinical Family Assessment, Professional Ethics for MFTs, Counseling Skills for MFTs, Research Methods, and Human Sexuality. In the Summer of 2013, full-time students will begin their clinical practicum and begin offering counseling services in our community for the underserved, underinsured, and others in need of individual, marriage, and family relational support.
KAPPA PSI DELTA/PSI CHI OPEN HOUSE

Kappa Psi Delta (the Psychology club) and Psi Chi (the International Honor Society for Psychology) sponsored an open house for all new and returning psychology students on Friday, August 31. All students who came were treated to ice cream sundaes and free psychology t-shirts. They also met the Officers for Psi Chi and were invited to become active members and participants of both organizations. Be on the lookout for the schedule of activities for the semester—coming soon!

(Pictured: Sydni James, President; Chelsea Mires, Secretary; Anna Crawford, Vice-President; Kenneth Friesen, Treasurer; and Dr. Sheafer, Faculty Sponsor)

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT BABY PROJECT

BY MRS. SARAH KRANZ

Several students were spotted carrying small bundles of joy at the beginning of the semester. No, there has not been a sudden rush of single students having babies...Mrs. Kranz' Human Growth and Development class was required to care for a 7-10 pound baby for 48 hours. Some students carried baby dolls with weights attached, while others elected to carry around bags of sugar or gallons of water. The students were required to journal about their experiences, including having to be awake for ten minutes every three hours during the night to "feed" a hungry baby. The project was intended to provide insight into how it feels to have one's sleep disrupted and the planning that it takes to get from one place to another with a baby in tow.
EGG DROP IN DR. TEEL-BORDERS’ CLASS

To kick off the fall semester, Dr. Julie Teel-Borders borrowed a team-building exercise from the private sector called the Marshmallow Challenge. She divided her classes into teams who competed to build the tallest free-standing structure out of 20 pieces of spaghetti (uncooked, of course), a yard of string, a yard of masking tape, and a marshmallow. The marshmallow had to be on top. The students, unsurprisingly, were highly competitive, motivated and innovative.

Dr. Teel-Borders also challenged her instructional strategies, EDUC 4333, students to lead an “icebreaker” and/or a team building exercise to begin collecting ideas for their own personal classrooms. Josh Francis (8-12 Social Studies) and Josh Youngblood (8-12 Mathematics) coordinated an egg-drop competition at the top of the stairwell of the Education Building. The teams of students had to design a structure that would keep an egg from breaking when dropped over the railing from the second floor down to the first floor below. The exercise involved collaboration and innovation. Some of the students built parachutes, while others nestled their eggs in elaborately insulated cocoons. A few ended up with scrambled eggs! The potential for collaboration and investigation is key in developing a class of eager, engaged learners.

SCHOOLTUBE EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Teachers and students looking for a place to share educational videos can turn to a free website called SchoolTube. The St. Louis-based site now has about 400,000 videos online. Featured videos include lessons on concepts such as the quadratic equations and a parody about school science-lab safety. YouTube boasts an entire section of educational videos called YouTube EDU — but some schools block the video-sharing tool because of the explicit content on other parts of the site. So SchoolTube’s founders saw the need for a K-12 alternative. Check it out at: http://www.schooltube.com/
**FREE LESSON PLANS FOR TEACHERS**

With the Internet there has never been so much knowledge right at our fingertips. YouTube alone is a wealth of information for parents and teachers. Of course, there's still the task of converting the information to an education-friendly format. TED-Ed is a website that helps you turn Web videos into customized lesson plans. There are already dozens of videos adapted from the wildly popular TED Talks. These plans include cool animations, quizzes and extra resources. But the real draw of TED-Ed is the ability to "Flip" any video into a lesson plan. You'll be able to customize the titles, quizzes and notes of any TED-Ed video and any video on YouTube. Here is the website if you are interested: [http://ed.ted.com/](http://ed.ted.com/)

**KINESIOLOGY CORNER**

**DAVID PLUNK: TULU BOLO TRIP**

David Plunk went on a sponsored trip through LETU’s Global Initiatives program to Tulu Bolo, Ethiopia. While there, he conducted a soccer clinic for the Hibretfiree Secondary School for over 130 boys and girls ages 12–17. He was able to make contacts with the principal and several of the coaches there. During his 6 days in Tulu Bolo, he worked alongside a missions team from First Baptist Church – Athens. In order to build ties and strengthen his relationship with the kids, he shared Ethiopian and American cultural differences and traditions. They also played different physical education activities and games (i.e., hopscotch, wiffleball, and various forms of tag). His last day in Ethiopia included a tour of the capital of Addis Ababa. Coach Plunk said, “In all, it was a tremendous and blessed experience.”

**SNO CONES ON THE ROAD**

Mary Beth Trogdon and Wayne Jacobs took the school sno-cone machine on the road this summer. Staff in the Registrar/Financial Aid/Admissions offices got a sno-cone party in June. In July, sno-cones were provided to Facilities Services. Both days were very hot and each group was thrilled to have a great way to cool off!
### SOE EVENTS: FALL 2012

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### STAR SPANGLED BANNER

I never thought I would hear our National Anthem being sung by a "hard-rock" group. Liberal talk-show hosts and comedians have recently criticized the National Anthem as being stupid, silly, too militaristic, and many more insults.

This band sings a version that will knock your socks off… a Navy veteran sings the lead.

http://www.starspangledbannerchallenge.com/

-Dr. Wayne Jacobs