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Only one person and one person only will determine how good of a runner you become ... You will become as good as you let yourself be. That one person is you.

- a Coach

DEAN'S CORNER—FINISH STRONG!

On our traditional campus, we are about to finish the spring semester. That means the completion of another set of challenging courses, overcoming obstacles, and planning for the opportunities ahead. Some of our students will be graduating, or commencing. This is always an exciting and nervous time for students. Whether you are a current stu-

dent, a former student, faculty or staff, this time of year calls us to keep on striving to do our best in where God has placed us. Colossians 3:23 says it this way, "And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men." Whatever you are doing is your ministry. It does not have to be done in church for you to minister to others. Some

of the best ministry is to your family, co-workers and friends who God has placed in your path. Do that ministry heartily!

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ACCESS CONFERENCE

LeTourneau University was well represented at the 39th annual ACCESS Conference, which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 10-12, 2010. The ACCESS Conference focused on online education. Topics of the conference ranged from accreditation, assessment, and appli-

cation of best practices in the field of Christian distance education. Presenters from LeTourneau University included Dr. Wayne Jacobs, Karen Jacobs, David Shankle, and Dr. Ray Thompson. Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs presented two sessions on "Active Learning in

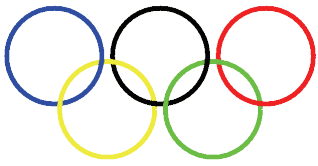
the Online Environment" and "Faith Integration in Online Courses."



Above: Dr. Jacobs Presents in Ohio

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OLYMPIC TEACHING, PART 2



In our previous newsletter, Dr. Jacobs shared the first part of being an Olympic teacher. Here are the remaining ideas for your toolbox.

8. **Repeat the important points.** The first time you say something, it is heard. The second time it is recognized, the third time it is learned. Three words to remember: repeat, repeat, repeat.
9. **Good teachers ask good questions.** Sometimes asking “Why” is the best question to spur discussions.
10. **You are not passing out information.** Teach your learners HOW to think, not WHAT to think.
11. **Learn what to listen for.** Don’t just ask for facts; ask for feelings and frustrations.
12. **Let your students teach each other.** Everyone should be a teacher and a learner.
13. **Avoid using the same approach for everyone.** Plan for differences in each area of your work (VARK).
14. **Never stop teaching.** Teaching is 24/7, not 7:30-3:00 pm. Consider your influence wherever you go.

GOLD KEY HONOR SOCIETY



The Gold Key Honor Society is the internal honor society for the traditional students at LeTourneau University. The students are elected to this society by the faculty based on the 3 L’s – Learning, Loyalty, and Leadership. They must have a 3.20 GPA and 90 hours of credit, of which 45 must be at LeTourneau University. At present, each year’s society has 13 members (1% of the total traditional student body). There are never less than 10 members. A party is held during the spring semester and they receive a pin. Congratulations to the following School of Education students who were part of this year’s Gold Key Honor Society Class: Stephanie Bush (EDUC) and Beth Hewitt (ISBS).

PACT CORNER

Three Things I Will Take Away From Student Teaching by Katey Schmitz, Austin Student Teacher

Over the past twelve weeks I have learned so much more than I ever thought was possible. It is easy to come up with super creative lesson plans and wonderful positive behavior reinforcement when you are studying about teaching in the confines of a college classroom but a whole new door opens up when you step into the actual classroom with real students. I truly feel that what I have learned during my student teaching experience is invaluable and is impossible to measure.

Time management was a big surprise for me. I had always heard that you have to be careful when creating lesson plans and pay attention to the time it might take, but that never really sinks in until you spend three nights creating an awesome lesson plan only to have it crash and burn because you don't have enough time to properly do it. Time management also refers to the time spent creating lesson plans and taking care of other teaching business. I learned very quickly that just because you have a conference period every day doesn't necessarily mean that you can use that time in any way that you want. In fact, most of the time you will have a meeting to go to, training to do, or meet with a student who needs a review on a lesson.

Flexibility was another thing I picked up on quickly. My mentor teacher is very adamant about teaching responsively to the students' needs and I agree whole-heartedly with her. Teaching this way is harder on the teacher because often they have to change up entire plans based on what the students need to learn, but I saw firsthand how effective this style of teaching truly is. It also helps to be flexible when working with others teachers and staff throughout the school. A flexible attitude and perspective helps smooth the bumps along the way. Flexibility also applies to my approach with the students. Student teaching has taught me that every child is different and responds to things differently. What works with one child does not always work with another. I heard this over and over in my college courses, but this was just another one of those things that never really sunk in until I experienced it for myself. (continued on next page)

Finally, the biggest take away for me is the students. I always knew that I loved children, I just never realized how much! I became so close to these students even on the days I thought I was going to pull all my hair out, I still wanted hugs from them when they left at the end of the day. I absolutely love watching the children learn and apply things. I can honestly say that I feel this is what I was meant to do. Overall, I learned an infinite amount about teaching during these past several weeks but I also learned a lot about myself. I learned that I really can do this and do it well. I also learned that this is what I need to do. I am looking forward to my first teaching position and first year so I can learn even more and become the best teacher I can be.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

The first Bi-annual Meeting of the School of Education Advisory Council (SOEAC) was held February 23, 2010. The SOEAC provides oversight to our traditional kinesiology, psychology, and teacher education programs. The committee is comprised of area educators and community members with various business and professional backgrounds. SOEAC members serve in an advisory role to the LeTourneau University School of Education Dean and faculty and as advocates for the school. Members play a valuable role as the council examines how best LeTourneau University's School of Education can provide quality leaders. The council informs, encourages, and provides opportunities for members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional programs and quality improvement processes.

- Provide strategic advice and support on a variety of issues
- Provide a forum for a dialogue between the School of Education and local educators, community, and business leaders to develop and share ideas within the broader external community
- Be an advocate and promote positive public relations for the School of Education
- Assist in the development of opportunities and strategies for the School of Education
- SoEAC board members will contribute experienced counsel through individual and group participation in order to achieve the overall purpose
- Whenever possible, attend and participate in the two meetings per year
- Serve as an advocate for LeTourneau University's School of Education in the community, including expanding its relationship with the region's business and education leaders.

Topics discussed at the luncheon included establishing a bilingual certification program, the need for math and science teachers at secondary levels, preparing students to be community leaders, service learning, partnering with local business and community leaders, changing needs in preparation of teacher education students, and the greatest needs of children in our community. The next meeting of the School of Education Advisory Council will be held October 5, 2010.

SOEAC MEMBERS

LOCAL BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Lynda David
Dan Droege
John C. Hardy III
Margaret Parker
Amy Reese
James Roberts
Deena Shelton
Kirk Shields
Philip Smith
Ana Walker
Virginia Wall
Don Winsted III

LOCAL EDUCATORS

Amy Allen
Kathy Baumgardner
Jody Berryhill
Virginia Booker
James Brewer
Stacey Bryce
Rebecca Cooper
Virginia Fender
Cindy Gabehart
Mary Greenwaldt
Wes Jones
Andrea Mayo
Lauren Milton
K'Dawn O'Rear
Adam Pautsch
Nancy Welch
Karen Williams



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SOE STUDENTS GO ON SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

Beach Reach 2010 by Westleigh Iffland (PSYS)

When you tell someone that for your Spring Break mission trip you'll be serving pancakes, giving free van rides and hanging around giant sand sculptures of Jesus, all to minister to intoxicated students, you get some funny looks. This however, is the exact mission of Texas Beach Reach. For the past thirty years it has provided Christian students an opportunity to reach out in love and service to their peers as they party South Padre Island. It's a physically demanding trip. Some nights we we're up till 3 a.m., while others we woke up at 1 a.m. and worked till 8 a.m. Although, it's amazing how energized you are on a

little sleep when God's working through you. It was such a blessing to be able to be the hands and feet of God all week. There was intense prayer, many people saved, relationships created and tons of pancakes consumed. On the last night we were there traffic became so bad and the clubs so full, that people started to party all over the island. There was a Mexican gang partying outside in the church parking lot, girls were being thrown beads to expose themselves and some girls were strip teasing in the back of trucks. God's heart was aching and there was nothing we could really do about it, so as a group we got together and

prayed. It was beautiful, and before we knew it the police came to settle things down. Beach Reach was definitely an eye opening experience, yet throughout the week it was amazing to see God's awesome beauty overpower even the darkest of places. In the end it was such a huge blessing to have the opportunity to serve in the unconventional manner that we did.



Utah 2010 by Candyce Braker (PSYS)

Spring Break is typically an anticipated week. However, for two years now, my eagerness for the arrival of spring break was not to sleep in, get ahead on assignments, or even relax with

friends. Spring Break to me and a lot of other LeTourneau students means a week to serve others. I spent 8 days traveling around Utah. I know Utah probably isn't the first place you think of when you think missions, but less than 5% of the state is evangelical Christian.

This year a group of 21 people came together and we drove over 3,000 miles to reach out to the people of Utah. We spent time at Brigham Young University, Temple Square, and two different polygamous colonies. God had divine appointments lined up for us each step of the way. We planted a lot of seeds and started a lot of friendships. Our purpose was to

break stereotypes and build friendships.

It is amazing to see how God opens doors for us in a place where the Christian population is slim to none. In a culture that is over 90% LDS, the chance to interact with someone that is of a different faith is rare, so we have the opportunity to share our lives and what it means to us to live as a Christian under the full grace of Christ.



CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR BY KATHRYN BAKER



The LeTourneau Children's Health Fair 2010 was visited by four neighboring schools. A total of 192 first and second grade students from Longview Christian, St. Mary's Catholic School, Southward, and Ware Elementary attended the Children's Health Fair on Thursday February 18, 2010. They were accompanied by their teachers and a few moms. The students seemed to enjoy every station they visited and learned a great deal about making good healthy choices.

Our school of education students and their professors manned six stations pertaining to health. The first station was Dr. Stephens' station 'The Book Stop Station'. Eight of her students worked this station by reading book

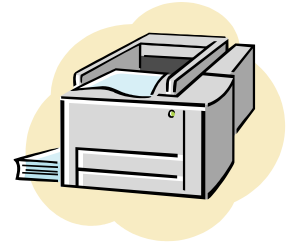
concerning health issues. They read and exercised their way through the books. The second station represented the Psychology Department. Dr. Melanie Roudkovski and eight of her students presented information about safety for children. They had three rotations--Play Safe, Stay Safe, and Be Safe. Station three was Mrs. Mills's station with eight of her students helping. They assisted the children in making paper bag hand puppets that portrayed a healthy child themselves. Station four found Mr. Haesecke's class teaching the children about having healthy hearts. The children made heart necklaces and exercised their hearts with various fun exercises. Station five was Dr. Trogdon's and his seven helpers assisted the children on two huge inflatables--a long slide and Jonah the Whale. Station six was manned by ETCADA--East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. They also had information concerning PECAAT--People Educating Children Against Tobacco. They spoke to the teachers' about their services and children's programs that were free to their schools. Natasha and Janet from ETCADA also spoke to the students about making wise health choices in regards to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. The children were wide-eyed at the material they were shown and asked good questions.

Each child was given a small backpack with several items of which included health items that had been donated by ETCADA and the Gregg County Extension Office. We were able to buy good books from Scholastic pertaining to many health issues facing our youth today--managing stress and anger, bullying, good self-esteem, stranger danger, healthy hearts, visiting the doctor, visiting the hospital, taking care of your body, personal hygiene, brushing their teeth, etc. We were also able to buy some of these books for their teachers. Each teacher was also given a few Health teaching materials from NASCO. Among these supplies were games about the heart and teeth. They were very excited about these materials that could be used in their classrooms. After reviewing the teacher's surveys of our Health Fair, it was clear that the fair was a huge success!

KINESIOLOGY CORNER

Kinesiology Lab Update

The KINE lab is continuing to be upgraded with the addition of four new computers this summer. The computers will be loaded with Windows 7 and software that will allow video capturing of movements and body mechanics for analysis in the kinesiology major classes. These will be especially beneficial to those students studying in the classes of kinesiology and exercise physiology.



LeTourneau Empowering Global Solutions Rehabilitations Outcomes (LEGS RO) project



The LeTourneau Empowering Global Solutions Rehabilitation Outcomes (LEGS RO) project does research to see how well assistive devices work for handicapped people in low-income nations. It doesn't do much good to give someone prosthesis or wheelchair if it doesn't function well for them in their home environment. Outcomes measures give quantifiable data to enable caregivers to serve their clients more effectively.

Over the last several years, the Rehabilitation and Outcomes team of LEGS has been assessing the performance of the LEGS M1 knee in Kenya and Bangladesh. This year they began a new project. In addition to doing outcomes for the LEGS M1 knee, Kinesiology (Rachael Follingstad, Cory Husk, and Corbin Skinner) and Biology students from LeTourneau will be doing research to determine how well the Regency Pediatric Wheelchair performs in low-income countries. *(Story continued on next page.)*

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LEGS, cont.

Conditions for wheelchair use in low-income countries differ significantly from those in the US. Floors are often less smooth; disabled children spend more time outdoors on rough uneven surfaces; grit often clogs mechanisms. If a chair breaks down, repair is difficult.

The Regency pediatric chair is an initiative of Joni and Friends who are distributing it globally as part of their Wheels for the World program. They are very interested in feedback from the LEGS Rehabilitation Outcomes study will allow JAF to enable them to better serve disabled children in low-income countries around the world.

So there is a venue for a study that allows for a three year follow up on pediatric wheelchair function, the project is working with Joy Town, a school for disabled children in Kenya. Joy Town was very recently adopted as ministry of Bethany Kids. Staff and volunteers with Bethany Kids are working to medically assess and provide for several hundred disabled children there.



Dr. Dick Bransford the director of Bethany Kids had this to say about the need for functional wheelchairs, "many could be much, much more mobile if the wheelchair were appropriate in size for their little bodies."

The photo shows children at Joy Town in wheelchairs that do not fit them well. We will be able to facilitate better wheelchairs for these children by funding the shipping of donated Regency wheelchairs from JAF.



Left: Rachel Follingstad (KINE), Ms. Karen Rispin, Elizabeth Richardson, Jedidiah Schlung, Corey Husk (KINE), Corbin Skinner (KINE)

PSYCHOLOGY CORNER

Third Annual DOK Retreat

DOK held its third annual retreat on February 25-26, 2010. Two of the guest speakers were representatives of the Department of Psychology. Dr. Sheaffer spoke to the group on Friday night about overcoming stress. Jessica Marshall, who is currently serving as RD of Davis Hall and Director of Student Publications, spoke to the group on Saturday about contentment and what keeps us from joy. Ms. Marshall is a proud alumna of LeTourneau University and the Department of Psychology. She was born and raised in South Florida. She graduated with her B.S. from LETU in December 2005. For the next year, she lived and worked in Australia. She returned to the U.S. and graduated with her M.A in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton University in 2009. She did her clinical internship overseas in the Lake District of England, where she worked with youth struggling with obesity/eating disorders in a health fitness residential setting.



Ms. Jessica Marshall and Dr. Vicki Sheaffer being presented with a gift for speaking at the DOK retreat.

Spring Job/ Graduate School Seminar

On Thursday, February 25, the psychology club had their spring seminar/ice cream social. In the first half of the seminar, Todd Malone (pictured with group) presented information on finding a job, networking, and resume building. Mr. Malone is a consultant at Leapfrog HR Executives and Executive Pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in Longview, TX. In between the two presentations, students enjoyed building their own ice cream sundaes. The second presentation

was conducted by Drs. Roudkovski and Sheafer on the topic of graduate school in psychology. Topics discussed ranged from steps to getting into graduate school, to what are graduate schools looking for in candidates.



left to right: Westleigh Iffland, Emily Johnson, Caleb Misegades, Kim Price, Amy Turner, Dr. Sheafer, and Christine Bedford.

KPD Spring Service Project

The psychology club did its spring 2010 service project at HiWay 80 Rescue Mission. The mission has been reaching out and touching lives for over 48 years. Our community has heard their cries and has come along side them so that we together can begin to make a difference. Because the community cares, last year the mission was able to serve over 46,000 meals, provide over 10,000 nights of lodging, have over 7,000 volunteers to help, and have over 50 professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Some of the members of the psychology club were able to join with the mission on Wednesday, March 3 to help prepare and serve the evening meal.



Year End Crawfish Boil

The Psychology Club held its year-end party Sunday, April 18 at Dr. Roudkovski's house. About 35 people attended the first annual Crawfish Boil. Everyone had a great time and about 70 pounds of crawfish and vegetables were consumed. Even those that had never eaten crawfish before eventually got the hang of getting the meat out of the shell. Dr. Roudkovski was glad to share some of her Louisiana heritage with the rest of us! The event was such a hit that everyone has agreed to make this an annual event. So if you missed it this year—watch for it again next spring.

2nd Annual East Texas Psi Chi Research Conference

The second annual East Texas Psi Chi Research Conference was held on the campus of UT-Tyler Saturday, April 24. The conference was a mix of psychology research topics, presented by invited speakers and students. A group of LeTourneau Students and faculty attended the event. Five LeTourneau psychology students had their research accepted for poster presentation at the conference: Catie Eubanks, Kim Price, Jonathan Timm, Lauren Touchberry, and Amy Turner. Jonathan's paper was also accepted for presentation during the conference. The poster presentations were judged during the lunch hour by anonymous judges. The judges chose three posters for awards of merit. The award was a monetary gift. LeTourneau's own Jonathan Timm won one of those awards. Congratulations to all! (Pictured left to right: Lauren Touchberry, Amy Turner, Dr. Sheafer, Kim Price, Jonathan Timm, Catie Eubanks, Kristen Griffith, Dr. Roudkovski.



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The Lori R. Long Outstanding Psychology Major Award

The Lori R. Long Outstanding Psychology Major Award is named in memory of former student and Psychology Major, Lori R. Long, who graduated in May 2003, and went home to be with our Lord in June 2003. The award is given to a psychology student (or students) of senior standing who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their academic, social, and spiritual contributions to LeTourneau University. The winner of the Lori R. Long Outstanding Psychology Major Award for 2009-2010 is Catie Eubanks, who is a double major in Psychology and Child Development. Congratulations to Catie—we are proud of you.



KPD Officers for 2010-2011

The Psychology Club is proud to congratulate and announce the officers for 2010-2011:

President—Candyce Braker

Vice-President—Emily Johnson

Secretary/Treasurer—Elise Lanning

Public Relations—Christine Bedford

Senate Relations—Lauren Touchberry



CERTIFICATION CORNER



TEA News Releases Online, April 2, 2010

Live chat now available for Educator Certification questions

AUSTIN – The Texas Education Agency’s Division of Educator Credentialing recently launched a live chat system to answer questions about teacher certification.

“I am pleased that we are using technology to provide immediate customer service support to individuals with questions about teacher certification in Texas,” Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said. “This new live chat system should alleviate some of the frustrations that result when phone lines are congested.”

The live chat can be accessed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To access this user-friendly feature, look for the grey chat box located on TEA’s Educator Certification Web page at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/sbecchat.aspx>.

The live chat system allows the educator credentialing division the ability to:

Provide quick answers to questions;

Chat with several clients at once, all with a click of a mouse;

Create a post-chat survey to let visitors evaluate their experience or ask any questions about improving customer service and expanding quality support; and

Analyze real time stats in order to quickly evaluate visitors to help better understand their needs and expectations.

For those who prefer the more traditional method of contact, the credentialing division still answers questions over the telephone, though wait times are considerably shorter using the live chat feature. By phone, teacher certification questions can be answered by calling the toll free number at (888) 863-5880 or the local number at (512) 936-8400.

TEACHER EDUCATION CORNER

Local Teacher Names Texas Intern of the Year By CHRISTINA LANE, Saturday, February 27, 2010, Longview News Journal



Nikita Mumphrey speaks to her class Friday at McClure Magnet School of International Studies. Mumphrey has been recognized as the 2009-10 intern of the year in the early childhood through fourth-grade category by the Texas Alternative Certification Association.

McClure Magnet School of International Studies and Longview ISD have a new set of "bragging rights," Principal Cynthia Wise said Friday.

Fourth-grade teacher Nikita Mumphrey, who's also a LeTourneau University student, received the statewide honor of being named early childhood education through fourth grade Intern of the Year by the Texas Alternative Certification Association. She'll receive the award at a conference in October.

The association selects one intern for the honor in each of the following categories: early childhood through fourth grade, fourth through eighth grade, eighth through 12th grade, and early childhood through 12th grade.

"I'm so honored to have received this award," Mumphrey said. "I'm humbled. I'm speechless. I know that if you teach, children will learn. If you vary your instruction to meet their needs, they will be successful and they'll exceed their goals."

Mumphrey is a first-year teacher who's also completing the last requirement to obtain her certification through LeTourneau. University supervisor Lynn Hall visits her class three times each semester and monitors her performance. Mumphrey also submits all lesson plans to the university.

Mumphrey has a master's degree in business administration from LeTourneau, but made the switch to education because it's her passion.

"I have always loved education and it's been part of each job I've held," she said. "God has a reason for everything, and timing is everything. I feel like I had to go the path I went down to get to where I am today."

Wise said Mumphrey is creative, differentiates her instruction to meet individual students' needs, and works with parents outside of conferences.

Mumphrey said her teaching method recognizes that children learn differently. Some students learn better by lectures, others by group activities, others by video, some by hands-on tasks, some students respond to music, and others learn best individually.

"My goal is not just for these kids to pass a standardized test," Mumphrey said. "I want them to have positive interaction with me. I want them to have positive interaction with each other. I want them to utilize technology. I want them to exceed their goals."

An association selection committee determined winners Feb. 22-23 based on classroom performance, contributions and participation in the school or district, and working with parents and peers. She is the second LeTourneau student to receive the honor. Laurie Taylor was recognized as the statewide early childhood through fourth grade winner for the 2005-2006 school year.

"We are proud of Nikita and her accomplishments in her first year of teaching," said Wayne Jacobs, dean of the School of Education.

"She is an example of the kind of students we are blessed to have in our program. Our teachers are some of the best in the state, and we are excited to have one of our 'shining stars' recognized in this way."

Early Childhood Workshop

The Early Childhood Workshop was held on April 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The key note speaker was James Hargrave. James Hargrave is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has taught in the public schools, has served as a Minister to Children, and as the State Preschool and Children's Consultant for the Alabama Baptist State Convention. In addition to Bible study curriculum materials and numerous articles for a variety of publications, James has written and co-authored several books and training modules for teachers. James leads training conferences across the country, and frequently speaks and uses humor and magic illusions to entertain at leadership banquets. Currently James is an Editor in Chief at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville where he lives with his amazing wife, Sharon. Together they attend First Baptist Church, Nashville, where James is an active deacon and teaches First Grade Sunday School.

The students from EDUC 3353 "Development and Learning of the Young Child" put on and presented the workshop. They did an awesome job of determining what they would present and bring it to fruition. There were 70 participants who take advantage of this opportunity to learn new ideas and walk away with things they made in each session. Some even won door prizes that were donated by Lakeshore Educational Store.



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Early Childhood Conference by Sara Turman

If you wanted a fun filled day full of exciting activities then you should have attended the early childhood conference! Saturday morning came early that weekend, but the day was worth the hard work. We were able to interact with different daycare leaders and early childhood teachers. The key note speaker James Hargave gave us awesome, inexpensive ideas of how to spark student's curiosity and interest. He was funny and a great speaker for the conference. Being in Mrs. Mill's Development and Learning of a Young child class gave us the opportunity to present at this conference. We presented activities dealing with the five senses, measurement, recycling, and water activities. As a student, I thought it would be difficult teaching adult teachers that have experience in the field, but it turned out to be an awesome learning experience. Not only were we giving them fresh ideas for their classrooms, they were giving us ideas for future lessons in our classroom. Overall it was a great, fun, and educational experience and a big success. Thank you to Mrs. Mills for all the hard work she put in to organizing the conference!



The Cry



The Cry was a public event that was held in Longview, TX on March 27 in the parking lot of Crossroads Church to raise awareness and funds to fight the human trafficking industry. We sought to gather churches for intercession on behalf of the victims of this industry and action to aid those who are already fighting this global industry. It consisted of a rally during the day, in which speakers from International Justice Mission, Not for Sale, Rapha House and Exodus Cry came and spoke on the cause, and artists such as Matt Black, Michael Goude, Set Free, City of Lights, and more shared their passion for the cause through music. There were many ways to

raise funds such as jewelry sales, Gumbo Joes, and a silent art auction in which all proceeds went for the cause. There was also a live brothel set up in which you could go through and hear testimonies of real girls who are still caught in this injustice and girls who have been set free from it. The evening consisted of a two hour prayer rally in which we invited the body of Christ to come together to cry out and intercede on behalf of the victims. This was followed by a Night Watch where we simply opened up the church for prayer all night. At 6:30am the next morning we closed out The Cry with a sunrise worship time in which we watched the sun rise over the night sky to remind us of the light God would now shine over this dark injustice because of the cries lifted up from His people.

The whole event started because of a small burden God put on five students [Danielle Culver (EDUC), Brett Miller, Sarah Black, Daniel Black, and Amanda Black (EDUC)] at the beginning of this school year. This burden grew into a huge passion for justice. The five started meeting weekly and praying about what God would have them do with this passion and thus, The Cry was created. It was incredible to watch God provide for this event. This was HIS event. We simply watched Him work. HE provided the guests (some in which blew us away that they would come to little old Longview, TX!); He provided a stage and sound; He provided funds; He provided prayer warriors. He did it all! Since the event many have come wanting to meet weekly and pray for the cause. Also since the event, the head pimp in Thailand was charged and sent to court 2 days later, and a brothel was shut down in Pasadena five days later. Those are just two things, but God is moving all around the world. He did not lie when he said, *"now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"* -Luke 18:7,8

Awards Chapel and Teacher Induction Ceremony

The following student teachers were recognized on Monday, April 26 at the Department of Teacher Education teacher induction ceremony: Beth Anderson Eric Anderson Kristen Baskin Amanda Black Mary Lauren Bright Stephanie Bush Eric Clark Laura Cole Angela Dorman Magen Douglas Gina Gaccetta Rebecca Gallagher Ellie Garrison Thomas Gober Meredith Hamm Jesse Hayes Sookwhan Kim Whitney King Chanel Longnecker Matthew McLaughlin Jacque Middlebrooks Meg Minatra Randal Nannanny Kylie Packard Anna Cole Eva Risse Jennifer Rutledge Misti Scaggs Emily Scheller Ashley Shepard Bryce Standridge Amanda VanDoren Melissa Vargas

The following teacher education students were recognized at awards chapel as Student Teachers of the Year: Stephanie Bush (Early Childhood through Sixth Grade), Laura Cole (Middle School), Ellie Garrison (High School). The TAIR (Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, East Texas Conference) Bracken Textbook Scholarship were given to: Jessica Shook (Early Childhood through Sixth Grade), Jessica Jorski (Early Childhood through Sixth Grade), Matthew Bradley (Middle School), and Garret Robbins (High School).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GRADUATES!

Bachelor of Arts

English - Language Arts, B.A.

Beth Noel Anderson
Eva Irene Risse

Sandpoint, Idaho
Fairbanks, Alaska

History, B.A

Ellie Garrison
Jacquelyn Rene Middlebrooks
Melissa Christine Bradley Vargas

Aztec, New Mexico
Alvin, Texas
White Oak, Texas

Psychology, B.A. And Child Development, B.S.

Caitlyn Michelle Eubanks

Parkland, Florida

Social Studies Education, B.A.

Kylie Dianne Packard

Lindale, Texas

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration Education, B.S.

Thomas Wellington Gober

Baytown, Texas

Child Development, B.S.

Marcita LaJerica Bowie
Sarah Marie Taylor
Amber Tara Webb

Longview, Texas
Hallsville, Texas
West Palm Beach, Florida

Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S.

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Laura Melissa Cole
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Dicole Magen Douglas
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Shreveport, Louisiana
Millville, Minnesota
Pueblo West, Colorado
Sugar Land, Texas
Lewisville, Texas
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Tokyo, Japan
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Magnolia, Texas
Missouri City, Texas
Blairs, Virginia
Longview, Texas
Kingsland, Texas

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GRADUATES!

Whitney Erin King
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Brian Adam Ostarticki
Jennifer Christine Rutledge
Misti Rachelle Scaggs
Ashley Kathleen Shepard
Dewones Antwon Smith

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Sunnyvale, Texas
Sutton, Alaska
Austin, Texas
Plano, Texas
Hughes Springs, Texas
Santee, California
Union Church, Mississippi

Kinesiology - Exercise Science Concentration, B.S.

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Memrie Dawn Ferguson
Kayla Marie Kerns
Job Marcel Louimeus
Deanna Fae Sullivan

Bullard, Texas
Longview, Texas
Germantown, Ohio
Miami, Florida
Diana, Texas

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James Wade Sinard
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Corpus Christi, Texas
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Rebecca Lynn Gallagher
Chanel Marie Longnecker
Randal Carter Namanny
Emily Christine Scheller

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Aptos, California
Houston, Texas
Tyler, Texas
Sugar Land, Texas

Life Sciences Education, B.S.

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Longview, Texas

Math BS, Physics as Supp. Field

Eric Maxwell Anderson

Meadville, Pennsylvania

Psychology, B.S.

James Andrew Christophersen
Kristen Michelle Griffith
Karissa MaKayla Hendrix
Kimberly Nicole Price
Taylor Victoria Taylor
Jonathan Ernest Timm
Amy Leigh Turner
Brittney Rose Wright

Fairfax Station, Virginia
Liberty, Texas
Lindale, Texas
Cypress, Texas
Longview, Texas
Topeka, Kansas
Missouri City, Texas
Humble, Texas

Science Composite Education, B.S.

Bryce Colby Standridge

Longview, Texas

MEET SOME OF OUR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SENIORS



Matt McLaughlin

Future Plans:

I have not decided where I will be working next year, but I do know that I will be starting my career in teaching high school math and coaching basketball.

Words of Wisdom:

College is a time to be serious and get a degree, but it is also a time to have fun. Find a way to balance both of these to have a good experience at LeTourneau and be fully prepared for the real world at the same time.

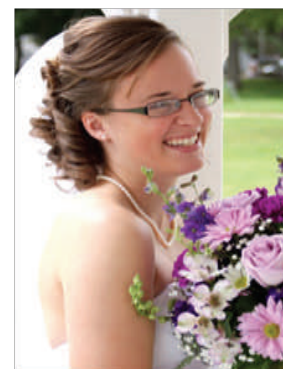
Anna Cole

Future Plans:

I plan to get a teaching job in Longview or a surrounding district!

Words of Wisdom:

WOW: Do your work as you get it, don't wait until the last second to get big things done. This is especially true when you start student teaching. Do yourself a favor and your kids a favor by working ahead and taking the time to do really good planning. It pays off!



Amanda Black

Future Plans:

Who knows?!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your path straight.

Words of Wisdom:

Soak up every moment! Live for Jesus, cherish friendships,
(and don't neglect your studies)



Jennifer Rutledge

Future Plans:

After I graduate I plan on working in a school district near Dallas, but who knows! I will go wherever God takes me!

Words of Wisdom:

Take advantage of all of the blessings God has given you! Especially the time you spend here and the time you spend with your friends – this will be one of the best times of your life!



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MEET SOME OF OUR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SENIORS



Kristen Griffith

Future Plans

After I graduate, my family and I will be moving into our first house. I intend to get a job doing something that has to do with my degree in the summer, have my second daughter in September, then start graduate school in October!

Words of Wisdom:

Always start your papers (any paper, any class!) a week earlier than you think you need to. It makes it so much easier to deal with unexpected delays!

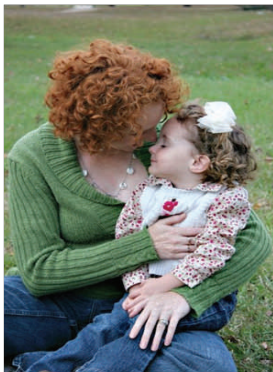
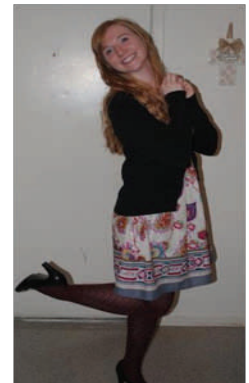
Kim Price

Future Plans:

I am getting married in July and will work somewhere in Longview until Sam is done with school

Words of Wisdom:

Laugh often with your friends and at you.



Misti Scaggs

Future Plans

Immediately: I am going to be a new Mommy in October!

Long Term: I plan to become an Early Childhood/Kindergarten Teacher with an emphasis on Montessori.

Words of Wisdom:

Don't plan, it only makes God laugh and throw you a curve ball! Just go with the flow and it will all come out in the wash, and if not, there is always Wal-Mart!

Marcita Bowie

Future Plans:

After graduation I plan to work with family services and next spring start on my masters.

Words of Wisdom:

I encourage others to trust God with their lives and know there is nothing to hard for Him. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, 'declares the LORD', plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



MEET SOME OF OUR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SENIORS



Whitney King

Future Plans:

After graduation I am planning on working in a district near Dallas in order to stay close to family and loved ones.

Words of Wisdom:

I would encourage upcoming student teachers to take notes while they student teach. Note what your mentor teacher does that you like and what you don't like. And note what you learn each day.

You'll be surprise how quickly you forget!

Chanel Longnecker

Future Plans:

After I graduate, I plan to attend Massage Therapy School to get my Master's in Massage Therapy in June. I will also be receiving my ACSM Group Fitness Specialist Certification and ACSM Personal Training Certification in May.

Words of Wisdom:

Use your time wisely and gain as much information as you can here because time will fly by.



Beth Anderson

Future Plans:

At the moment I'm a little unsure of what the future holds, but I would love to be able to move back to the Pacific Northwest and start teaching!

Words of Wisdom:

When you're frustrated with school don't get discouraged just remember that God provides and everything happens for a reason.

Laura Cole

Future Plans:

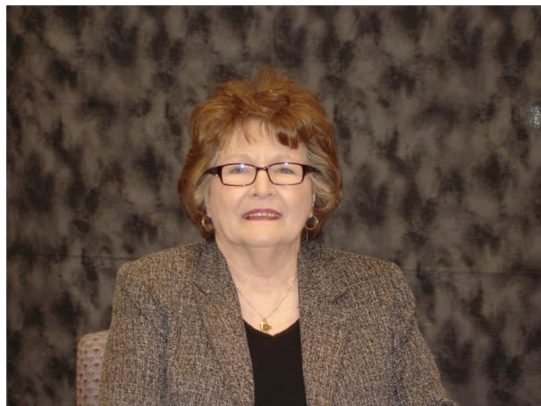
After graduation I will be getting married on June 12 in Colorado before I head to Virginia with my new husband! He will be working as an electrical engineer while I will hopefully be teaching middle school students :)

Words of Wisdom:

I think my advice would be that God has a wonderful plan for every person. Wait patiently as He reveals it to you and stride forward confidently knowing that God is both going before you and walking alongside you. Don't give up just because it's tough but keep working knowing God brought you here!!



LETU'S MARY ANN OTWELL SET TO RETIRE BY BRIAN HOWARD



After 17 years serving in many capacities at LeTourneau University, Mary Ann Otwell announced her retirement effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Otwell came to LeTourneau in the fall of 1993 where she reinitiated the women's basketball program in the fall of 1994. During her career at LeTourneau, two of her teams won the National Christian College Championships and produced five All-Americans. She was also named NCCAA Coach of the Year twice. Otwell graduated from Waldo High School in Waldo, Ark., in 1960 and went on to Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., where she played basketball and tennis. She graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and completed her Masters of Science in Education at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., in 1969.

Her coaching career began in 1964 at Richland High School in Essex, Mo., and returned to her alma mater, Ouachita Baptist University, in 1969 to coach volleyball and tennis, and also taught in the kinesiology department. She moved south

to Stephens High School where she won the State Championship and the Overall State Championship of all Divisions.

Otwell became the girls high school coach at Elysian Fields High School and was there for two years. She was then invited to begin the women's basketball program at Panola Junior College in Carthage, Texas. Otwell guided the school to a pair of National Junior College Championships and was twice named the National Junior College Coach of the Year and Texas Sportswriters Coach of the Year. She coached four All-Americans while at Panola.

After four great years at Panola, Otwell moved on to Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, to become the assistant women's basketball coach for two years, and then the head coach the next four. Otwell had NCAA Division I playoff appearances every year.

Prior to coming to LeTourneau, Otwell spent nine years before returning to the coaching sidelines in a private business. She began the LeTourneau program in 1993 and retired from coaching in the spring of 2001 with a 130-73 record. In her historic career, Otwell never had a losing season and amassed a 292-142 record.

Her services as a collegiate coach may have ended in 2001, but Otwell remained at LeTourneau and served as the assistant athletic director, senior woman administrator, NCAA compliance officer, advisor to the National Student Athletic Advisory Council and works to grow and develop the YellowJacket athletic club.

Otwell is a member four hall of fames – Ouachita Baptist University Athletic Hall of Fame, National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame, Panola Junior College Hall of Fame and LeTourneau University Hall of Fame.

The School of Education and the Athletics Department will have a reception to honor Otwell at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29 at the Steudler Lounge in the Solheim Recreation and Activity Center.

LETOURNEAU ANNOUNCES ATHLETIC AWARDS BY BRIAN HOWARD, SID

LONGVIEW – LeTourneau University announced its athletic awards at Monday's Chapel at the Belcher Center as Kayla Blucher (EDUC) was named the Scholar Athlete of the Year, while Matt McLaughlin (EDUC) and Marcel Louimeus (KINE) earned the Roger Erickstad Award. The Athlete of the Year went to JJ Rockmore (KINE).

Blucher, a native of San Antonio, Texas, played in all 36 games for the YellowJacket softball team. She batted .349 with 44 hits, 27 runs scored, seven walks, seven stolen bases, three runs batted in, one double and one triple. Blucher was selected LeTourneau's Female Scholar Athlete of the Year for the American Southwest Conference.

The Erickstad Award goes to a student-athlete who portrays the best Christian attitude and leadership in the following areas: Classroom (attendance and grades); Campus (active in clubs, groups and Bible study); Community (active in a local church) and Athletics (gains team respect and players look up for leadership). The award was given to Matt McLaughlin and Marcel Louimeus.

McLaughlin played in two sports in his senior season – men's soccer and men's basketball. McLaughlin played four years on the basketball team and one year on the soccer team. He was a two-year leader of FCA. He spent the 2008 spring break with the soccer team on a mission trip to Honduras. McLaughlin current is student teaching at Pine Tree and Longview high schools.

Louimeus played on the YellowJacket basketball team. He served as role model and shared his faith during a prison ministry in his junior year. Louimeus was selected team captain during his junior and senior seasons and was a part of the IMPACT program. Louimeus, during his senior year, has served as a resident advisor on the campus of LeTourneau University.

Rockmore is a native of Longview, Texas. He had an excellent career at LeTourneau, producing 1,160 points – fifth best in the LeTourneau men's basketball career record books. The senior played in 24 games, starting 23. He averaged 14.9 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. Rockmore scored in double digits in 19 games. He scored a career-high 27 points and pulled down six rebounds in a road win against Hardin-Simmons on Jan. 9.