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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

90 Years of Vision Behind Us...

NINETY YEARS AGO, ON MARCH 19, 1925, AT 1:30PM IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY ON CHESTNUT STREET IN PHILADELPHIA, SIX BAPTIST MINISTERS FOUNDED WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE EASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

According to Gordon Baker, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Schenectady, New York at the time, and one of the six founders at that meeting ninety years ago that afternoon, there were two reasons for the founding of the Seminary. First, there was a shortage of Baptist ministers that were adequately qualified as ministers. In addition, they were ill-fitted and lacked the “intellectual equipment” for ministry in the first decades of the twentieth century. Second, and somewhat more problematic, those who were qualified due to education and culture lacked a relevant “message” for the people. Clearly, Baker was not attempting to be politically correct in his assessment of his clergy colleagues!

The churches were faced with a double difficulty: when they found someone who was doctrinally “sound,” he [sic] usually lacked education and may also have been quite deficient in personality. On the other hand, those with a good personality and the necessary educational prowess lacked a “vital message.”

Eastern was founded to “fix” this intellectual, theological, and psychological void among Baptist clergy, and sought to provide Baptist churches with pastors who were winsome, biblically informed, and culturally relevant.

Soon thereafter, college courses were added to the seminary curriculum to upgrade the academic

qualifications of prospective ministerial students. This was a forerunner of Eastern Baptist College, now Eastern University. Additionally, a few years after our founding, a correspondence school was added. It was an attempt to meet the educational needs of those who could neither travel to Philadelphia nor whose current life situation made theological education feasible to access. In other words, early on, our predecessors took the initiative to take our education where people lived. This was the predecessor for the myriad of online programs available throughout the country today. We see that, even then, we shaped our education and curriculum to the adult learner—like CCGPS does today.

Thus far we have had a great foundation and a great run. Now it is time to look towards the future to further innovate for tomorrow’s student. As we move forward, some of our strategic imperatives from our strategic plan calls us to 1) celebrate teaching and learning—as we always have done; 2) lead through innovative education—like our correspondence and college program; 3) provide pathways to academic success for diverse communities; 4) and last but not least, to continue to educate students to strengthen the global Church through faith, reason and justice. Eastern University has had a great tradition but we are poised for an even greater impact in our community and around the world.

ROBERT G. DUFFETT PRESIDENT

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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

An Observance: One That Embodies Who We Are Already

IF THERE IS ONE THING I HAVE OBSERVED AT EASTERN, IT'S A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO STRIVE TO HELP OTHERS.

The range of others is quite broad: it encompasses the poor, the disenfranchised, those marginalized, those with physical, mental, or resource limitations, and it includes those who possess ability yet lack opportunity. This solidarity seems to exist for many a group, local and abroad. It goes beyond mere agreement in word; it is evidenced by action: lectures, gatherings, vigils, marches, postings, meetings, programs, sweat equity—essentially everything one knows to do to bring attention to a cause. Interestingly enough, our new phrase at Eastern

is Wake Up the World; the irony is that this phrase isn't something we desire to become, but rather one that embodies who we are already.

The hope is that you will recognize a thread throughout the magazine. You will see time and time again how faculty, students, alumni, and staff all seem to march to the same tune of observance, wrestling with the problem, and ultimate action. You will note that Eastern University and its seminary, Palmer Seminary, have much in common; so much so that we decided to merge the two magazines into one. Palmer also has a history of recognizing societal needs and creating sustainable solutions. The hope is that you will embrace the entire magazine



and learn about areas of the University you were not familiar with before.

Lastly, I encourage you to do what so many are already doing: to wake up the world around you.

This call is not just to wake up to the problems around you, but also to the solutions that God, in His wisdom, has given to you for the spheres you influence, lead, and have come to understand.

SHERRY-ANN MORRIS PUBLISHER

A photograph of a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a brown tweed jacket over a grey sweater and a dark shirt, speaking at a podium. A microphone is visible on the left. The background is a blurred blue and white. A dark red horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title and author information.

Journey to
MATHETEUSATE

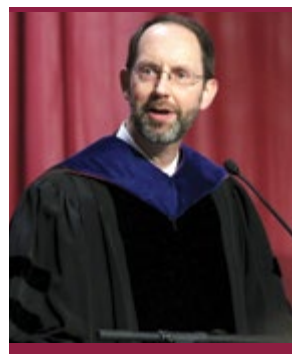
by KYLE MCDOUGALL

ON JULY 1, 2014 DR. KEITH
IDDINGS ASSUMED THE ROLE
OF PROVOST FOR EASTERN
UNIVERSITY. ON JANUARY
14, 2015 HE WAS FORMALLY
INSTALLED AND DEDICATED
DURING THE FIRST CHAPEL
HOUR OF THE NEW YEAR.

The day opened with a song by the choir and then the audience was invited to sing along to “May the Mind of Christ My Savior,” one of Dr. Iddings’ favorite hymns. Immediately following, President Duffett shared with the audience how special and unique this particular chapel was going to be. Not only would Dr. Iddings be installed, but the installation would be occurring in the midst of worship and praise, which serves as an expression of educational ministry and ties into Eastern University’s standard of faith and learning.

Steve Boyer, a co-chair on the hiring committee for the provost, introduced Dr. Iddings. Boyer shared some of Dr. Iddings’ impressive history and experience, such as his BA in Science Education from Asbury College and his PhD in Continuing & Vocational Education from the University of Wisconsin. He also included the 9 years that Dr. Iddings spent as a missionary in the Philippines. According to Boyer, however, he found Dr. Iddings’ greatest qualification to be his love for Christ.

As Dr. Iddings took to the microphone, he lightheartedly shared his moments of self-doubt while scraping ice off his car and wondering, “why am I here?” He then shifted to the more serious question of how God brought him to this position at Eastern University and, more importantly, why? To answer this question, Dr. Iddings took the audience back to his time spent in the Philippines. He described the difficult environment he found there, from poverty and corruption to sex trafficking and communist insurgency. Being in an area with such a true need for God’s intervention, Dr. Iddings was able to clearly feel God’s call there and see God’s work in the midst of chaos. This experience, however, caused Dr. Iddings to ponder the great commission of *matheteusate*, the Greek word meaning to “make disciples.” In fact, he was driven to work on doctrine and pursue Christian education in search of an answer to this thought.



that something in particular had caught his attention; the word *matheteusate* in the middle of Eastern University’s seal. This was exactly what he wanted to do—to make disciples.

So how did he end up at Eastern? Dr. Iddings brought the conversation to a year ago, when he was looking into this position, and explained

Dr. Iddings then shared the many unique qualities that he admires about Eastern University, including its value for diversity among people and ideas and its understanding that the world is different and those differences need to be embraced.

The common definition of quality has become the reduction of variability, however, Dr. Iddings’ reminded everyone that God intentionally created this world and His definition of quality is diversity. To illustrate God’s calculated variation, Dr. Iddings even posed the question, “are all leaves identical to one another?”

While preparing to bring his speech to a close, Dr. Iddings made sure to challenge his listeners and warn them of certain obstacles that can prevent proper discipleship. Whether it is sub-par motivations or a lack of humility and respect, these hindrances undermine the appropriate action and behavior of true disciples. Dr. Iddings explained that discipleship is not just about one’s personal relationship with God or transforming the world, but also what one desires and where one’s passions lie. Following this thought he inquired of the audience, “how do we encourage one another toward passions that are in parcel to having the mind of Christ?” To fear sin and to love God, according to Dr. Iddings, are passions and desires all should strive toward.

In closing, Dr. Iddings read from Joshua 1 and encouraged everyone to be deeply invested in the Word of God and to remember that God is with them every step of the way for strength and guidance. His final thoughts expressed how this guidance would enable him to do his part at Eastern University and he invited all individuals in the chapel to join him on his journey to *matheteusate*, to make disciples.

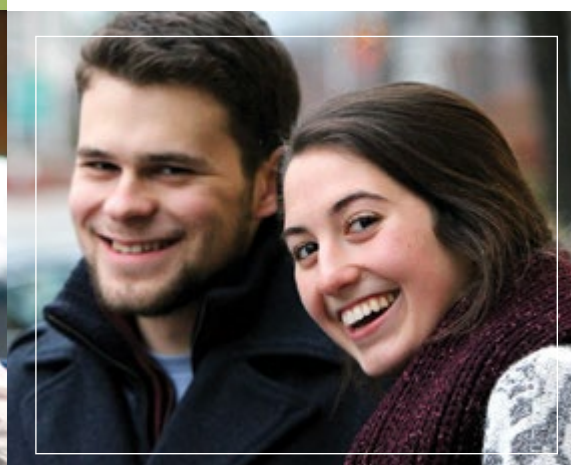
The final act of the chapel hour was a prayer for Dr. Iddings. With the participation of faculty, staff and students, Dr. Iddings was officially installed as Provost for Eastern University upon the word, “Amen.” †



STRATEGIC PLAN

FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

EU 2025



PRESIDENT ROBERT G. DUFFETT, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THE LEADERSHIP TEAM ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE EASTERN UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN TITLED, FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE: EU 2025.

The plan is a result of an inclusive process spanning several years with input obtained across the University from students, faculty, and staff in listening tour type settings. The plan was approved in October 2014 by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Duffett and Dr. Christine Mahan, Vice President for Institutional, Planning, Research and Assessment, have presented the approved plan over the last several months in multiple sessions geared specifically to faculty, staff,

students, administration and at Palmer Seminary, Esperanza College and at the Falls Center location.

Dr. F. Ardell Thomas '63, Chair of the Board of Trustees, commented, "not only am I very pleased with the outcome of the Strategic Plan, but the board as a whole has been very complimentary of it. It is more comprehensive than any plans of the past, but more importantly shows that it was developed from a grass-roots level rather than a top down approach. As a result, it is our belief that this plan will be successfully carried out and that Eastern will be all the stronger for it."

Foundation For the Future: EU 2025 articulates Eastern University's vision to become the

premier destination for Christian education among our peers in the Northeast. The institutional plan is grounded in Eastern University's mission, vision and foundational commitments. The eight strategic imperatives highlighted in the graphic are the centerpiece of our plan and will shape and guide plan activity.

In the development of the plan, external environmental trends were examined and a SWOT analysis was conducted identifying Eastern's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Specific environmental challenges include declining national enrollment and increased competition based on campus environment and facilities. Future trends in higher education provide Eastern with the

Celebrate teaching and learning excellence.

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Lead through innovative education.

Become the premier destination for Christian talent and career development.

Provide pathways to academic success for diverse communities.

Make Eastern University a great place to work.

Optimize stewardship of university resources.

Complete the first phase of a comprehensive advancement campaign.

opportunity to capitalize upon these identified strengths, including:

- **A strong missional identity**
- **Untapped advancement opportunities**
- **An established commitment to adult education**
- **Diverse educational initiatives, including the Seminary and Esperanza College**
- **A nationally and internationally recognized entrepreneurial spirit**

Finally, this plan also supports the much-needed campus physical improvements detailed in the University Master Plan. The funding for this activity will be secured through a capital fundraising

campaign. A companion piece detailing the Master Plan can be found in this publication.

Through the implementation of the strategic plan one can expect improvements in five years in the areas of enrollment, advancement, financial health, academics, facilities, student support and student success. Board of Trustee member, Richardson Merriman, summarizes the strategic plan this way: "I enthusiastically support and endorse the eight strategic imperatives which will propel Eastern University to the future—2025. These initiatives are fundamental and are the core of what Eastern is all about and aspires to become, and are essential to our very being.

We have focus and vision and now all of Eastern's stakeholders—the President, the Board, the Administration, the Faculty, and the students must work together to support and execute this plan. We cannot fail." †

by DENISE MCMILLAN

TO READ THE PLAN, FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE: EU 2025 IN ITS ENTIRETY GO TO EASTERN.EDU/STRATEGICPLAN

EASTERN UNIVERSITY'S MASTER PLAN

by **PERNELL JONES**

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, THE EASTERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY, AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY, ADOPTED A LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN FOR THE ST. DAVIDS CAMPUS AS RECOMMENDED BY PRESIDENT BOB DUFFETT AND THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan includes the construction of a new 20,000 square foot academic building that will house the Templeton Honors College and accommodate the needs of other academic divisions of the University. The first phase also seeks to convert the existing recreational gym into an expanded fitness center, develop a community park and fields complex on the University's West Campus, implement a new interior road (including a new primary campus entrance), and expand wellness and recreation space.

Subject to approval by the Township and other regulatory bodies, the University projects 5–7 years for completion of Phase 1. Ultimately, successful implementation of the plan is contingent on broad based support, financial and otherwise, by University trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, friends and neighbors. Projected costs for Phase 1 exceed \$40 million and will serve as the cornerstone for a comprehensive capital fundraising plan.

The consultant team for development of the Master Plan was led by Derck & Edson, an architectural and land planning firm located in Lititz, PA. Derck & Edson's roster of clients includes more than fifty colleges and universities. Their efforts, on behalf of Eastern, were supported by BHDP Architects and Comprehensive Facilities Planning, Inc.

Formation of the plan was guided by the University's Campus Master Plan Task Force. The Task Force included student, faculty, staff, administration and trustee representation, and interfaced with the consultant team over a span of seven months—methodically, and prayerfully,



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 1 New main campus entrance and campus directory
- 2 New Student Life Center
- 3 New/expanded Residence Hall
- 4 Recreation & Athletic Center renovation and expansion
- 5 New Academic Building (THC)
- 6 New Academic Quad

giving shape to the Master Plan. Some of the guiding principles subscribed to by the Task Force include:

- **Create buildings and facilities that are flexible and adaptable to support 2,300 students (including 1,178 residential students)**
- **Envision new or renovated facilities that enhance the overall student experience and compete with peer institutions**
- **Create a campus of distinction that capitalizes on the existing historic architectural style and unique natural campus setting**
- **Develop a plan that is sensitive to the environment and the University's resources**
- **Endeavor to optimize the University's relationship with its neighbors in Radnor Township**

A hallmark of the planning process fostered by Derck & Edson were multiple opportunities for sharing information with and obtaining input from members of the campus community. Faculty,

staff, and students were invited to interact with members of the consultant team, share their perspectives about strengths and opportunities inherent to the St. Davids campus, and to preview early drafts of the Master Plan and provide feedback. The community enthusiastically affirmed the plan that was ultimately adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Highlights of subsequent phases of the plan include construction of a student center; renovation and expansion of Fowler Hall for Music & Fine Arts; renovation of Eagle Learning Center for Business and Leadership; expansion and renovation of McInnis, including state-of-the-art science labs; renovation of Walton Hall as offices for the President and the Administration; formation of outdoor quad space for academic and social use; and circulation and wayfinding elements that optimize the campus views and the University brand. It is anticipated that full aspirations of the Master Plan will unfold over the next 15–20 years. †

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BRYAN STEVENSON '81 NAMED A PIONEER AMONG TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE



IN THE LAST SPRING ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE, WE WROTE ABOUT ALUMNUS BRYAN STEVENSON PREPARING TO SPEAK AT THE 2014 JUSTICE CONFERENCE. SINCE THEN, HE HAS HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR PROMOTING JUSTICE VIA A MULTITUDE OF CHANNELS. THOSE CHANNELS INCLUDE A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, A NATIONAL SPEAKING TOUR DISCUSSING HIS BOOK *JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION*, AND THROUGH THE POIGNANT SUCCESS OF HIS NONPROFIT, THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE.

In December 2014, Mr. Stevenson was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as a member of the newly established Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The task force returned their recommendations to President Obama in early March. Among the recommendations in the one hundred plus page report are: building trust between law enforcement and their communities, community policing, collecting data, training and technology. Recent events across the country regarding policing and law enforcement emphasize the critical nature and timeliness of this task force.

On a bitterly cold and blustery January evening I went to listen to Bryan speak at our neighbor campus, Villanova University, where he delivered their Martin Luther King, Jr. keynote address. Arriving a few minutes late, I found the large

auditorium filled to capacity, with students sitting on every available space on the floor, lining the walls, and overflowing out the doors into the hallway five people deep. I stood, listening intently, shoulder to shoulder with students and other attendees. I was struck by how so many people could be so quiet and attentive as Bryan spoke softly of his profound messages of the injustice he has seen. He imparted his recommendations for the future which were to change the narrative, protect hope, and promote change by remembering a person is more than the worst thing he or she has done.

My Google alert for Bryan Stevenson does not disappoint as I regularly receive updates and I am inspired by his work advocating for justice across the country. Mr. Stevenson was Eastern University's commencement speaker in 1999 and has recently appeared at Skidmore College, Cleveland State University, and Baylor University. He will be the commencement speaker at Rutgers University—Camden and The College of Holy Cross. His book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, in addition to being a New York Times Bestseller, has been nominated to the 2015 Shortlist for the Andrew Carnegie Medal For Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. Many colleges and universities are selecting it as their one book, or seminar, or summer reading selection including, most recently,

the University of Delaware. He appeared on the CBS News program, 60 Minutes, on April 19th, 2015 and was featured in a segment to discuss how his TED Talk impacted his life and his cause. On April 16th, 2015, Bryan Stevenson was named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the Pioneers category for his work with the Equal Justice Initiative.

A recent living out of Bryan's mission was evident in the national media on April 3, 2015 when Anthony Ray Hinton was released from prison in Alabama after being incarcerated on death row for 30 years for two murders he did not commit. Bryan had been working on this case for 16 years and it had gone all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, who eventually overturned Mr. Hinton's conviction. In a video on CNN Mr. Hinton gave this extremely moving testimony of his faith in God; "There is a God. He sit(s) high but He looks low. He will destroy but yet He will defend, and He defend(ed) me. I just want to thank Him. He sent me not just a lawyer but the best lawyers, and I couldn't have made it without them." †

by DENISE MCMILLAN

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE VISIT EJI.ORG**



Music Student Performs with *Gospel Legend*

FOR THE AVERAGE MUSIC MAJOR, WORKING WITH ACCOMPLISHED ARTISTS AND GETTING VALUABLE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE DOESN'T COME UNTIL AFTER GRADUATION. Dennis Atkinson is not your average music major. As a sophomore studying music composition, Dennis has managed to run his own production company, work alongside numerous Grammy-nominated artists and raise his teenage daughter, all while pursuing his bachelor's degree at Eastern.

Coming from a musical family in North Carolina, Dennis started his journey by playing the drums at his local church but found his true calling after moving to Philadelphia and taking a strong

interest in film scoring. "There's something about the music and the connection with the storyboard that gives me goosebumps. It's like magic," he said. "But to really do film scoring, it takes a significant step and you have to have some type of professional training."

Though he had already made significant steps in his musical career by playing venues like the House of Blues and collaborating with seasoned professionals like Genuine and Jazmine Sullivan, Dennis knew that he needed a degree to carry out his dreams of working in Hollywood. He sought the counsel of friend and Grammy-award winning producer, Steven Ford '14, who directed him to

the music department at Eastern. After enrolling in the program, Dennis quickly learned how to adjust to life as a full-time musician, full-time student and full-time dad. "God really worked it all out for me," he said. "I'm more serious and more focused about my future and my career now. And I definitely want to be an example to my daughter."

Perhaps Dennis's most significant accomplishment as a student was his recent work with six-time Grammy nominee and six-time Stellar Award winner, Richard Smallwood. After hearing Dennis play a few piano keys at one of his live recording sessions, Smallwood's musical director invited Dennis to join the gospel legend for a live performance in mid-January. "I usually view Richard from the couch. So to actually be on stage with him was amazing!" he said. With the new composition training that he had gained at Eastern, Dennis was able to approach Smallwood's dynamic style with wisdom and clarity and he was soon invited back for a second performance in March. "Truthfully, I was more humbled than starstruck," he pointed out. "I was so thankful that God has blessed me with a gift that has allowed me to be a blessing to others. And I thank God that I stayed at it."

Already halfway through his time at Eastern, Dennis is looking forward to more opportunities like this in the future. Inspired by the accomplishments of mentors, Dr. Ron Matthews, Dr. David Manness, and David Bryant, he hopes to make significant strides both inside and outside of the classroom. "These professors really know their stuff," he said. "It's not just about being in the classroom for them. Sometimes you have to do something and be hands-on." Dennis hopes to one day earn his master's and doctorate degrees in music and has even considered teaching. He also continues to manage his production company, D.L.A. Productions, and is actively pursuing a future in film scoring. "I believe that everyone is created to solve a problem and whatever that problem is that you're meant to solve, that's what you're called to do in life," he said. "For me, it's creating more music. I've learned that you have to follow your heart and know that these gifts are from God. Find out what you're called to do and just do it." †

by **ELYSE GARNER '13**



SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

by DR. BETH BIRMINGHAM, MBA '00

ON JUNE 21, 2014 WE LAUNCHED THE EASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT (SLD) AFRICA RESIDENCY IN KIGALI, RWANDA.

2014 was a special year in that it marked the anniversaries of a few of our programs, including the 30th anniversary of our MBA in Economic Development, the 20th anniversary of our MS in Nonprofit Management and the 15th anniversary of our programs in Africa, our MA in Organizational Leadership as well as our MA in International Development, teaching integral missions to leaders and future leaders throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Why do we do this work? Where the finger of God points, the hand of God will make a way. Fifteen years ago I escorted our representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Paula Fleck, to Cape Town to review our first residency there. I only remember three questions she asked me, all of which were easy to answer:

“Are you booking my ticket?” Yes.

“Are you a teetotaler?” (Look it up) No.

“Why would Eastern go to this effort to offer programs in Africa?” Ahh, my dear new friend Paula, it is because we are peculiar; called to be a peculiar people.

Eastern’s mission has always had a focus on justice and service in the places of the world that need it most. Frederick Buechner calls that place where “our deep gladness (of service, of participating in God’s transformation) and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Eastern’s mission is to be where there is a yearning for an integrated way of thinking and addressing poverty while recognizing it is not only a material or physical battle but a spiritual one as well. The world recognizes the continent of Africa as *the* place to focus and watch for its enormous potential, beauty and resources in the coming decades. We want to be part of that great story.

The School of Leadership and Development was created and called to serve where the needs are greatest, where the economic systems of the world have passed millions of people over. We believe it is exactly where Jesus would be and where we must be. He has been so faithful throughout the past 15 years as we hear all of the impactful stories of more than 1200 alumni serving in over 83 countries. Personally, in the 18 years that I have served, I have never known any other community like Eastern, which is completely peculiar—set apart for God’s unique purposes. I hope that never changes.

Some of our favorite NGOs represented in the student body in 2014 included World Relief, International Justice Mission, Samaritan’s Purse, World Vision, as well as the regular recruits we get from our 15 year partnership with Cornerstone Christian College in Cape Town, South Africa. There were 14 professors teaching over 2.5 weeks that represent 9 different countries: 4 African countries, Singapore, India, Canada, Trinidad and the USA. Seven of these professors are Eastern/SLD Alumni who are so passionate about what they experienced at Eastern that they want to continue to serve as part of this “peculiar community.”

Thanks for all YOU do to make these programs possible and available to a population of leaders that would otherwise have no options and access to develop their leadership and service to poverty-alleviating initiatives on the continent of Africa. †

2014 ANNIVERSARIES:

MBA IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 30 YEARS
MS IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT 20 YEARS
MA IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP 15 YEARS
MA IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 15 YEARS

A photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a grey blazer over a light blue shirt and dark trousers, sitting on a stool. He is positioned next to a large, complex astronomical instrument, likely a planetarium projector, which is mounted on a base and has various lenses and controls. The background shows the interior of a planetarium dome with its characteristic curved structure and lighting.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ASTRONOMY EDUCATION

by STEVEN SANDERS '01

EASTERN UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO REAP AN IMPROVED PEDAGOGY AND NOTORIETY SOWN BY DR. DAVID H. BRADSTREET '76.

Dr. Bradstreet has been writing planetarium curriculum since 2007 and in order to keep up with technology he knew that an update to the Julia Fowler planetarium was necessary. Funding was secured through several donors and a very generous donation by Conrad Fowler. Thanks to these donations a significant upgrade will be coming in May 2015, making the Julia Fowler planetarium the most sophisticated and highest resolution planetarium in a 20-foot dome in the world. New software (*The Layered Earth*) and hardware (*SciTouch*) will enable a new age of astronomy education at Eastern University, allowing for a more integrated audience experience. The dome will essentially be turned into a smart screen with direct interaction via the patented *SciTouch* laser controller.

In line with Dr. Bradstreet's passion for teaching, 3D binary star models and a program called 'Tides' are being added to the planetarium software suite sold by Spitz, Inc. The new features will allow students all over the world to visualize difficult concepts in hopes for a greater understanding of creation. 'Tides' will also be sold as a desktop program allowing teachers without a planetarium to access the program. The unique 3D binary models have also been incorporated into the latest version of the most widely-used desktop planetarium software in the world, *Starry Night*, written by Simulation Curriculum.

Three recently refereed astronomical publications and the official naming of Asteroid 1990DB = 5826 Bradstreet by the International Astronomical Union have paved the way for a book contract with Zondervan. Dr. Bradstreet's book is scheduled to be published in early 2016. Co-authored by Steve Rabey, the book will take a look at the supposed divide between astronomy and faith in our current Christian epoch and attempt to demonstrate that one can be both an evangelical and a practicing scientist without compromising either.

The future of astronomy education is very bright at Eastern University. Dr. Bradstreet believes in the sciences as a critical part of a liberal arts education and the fruits of his labors are students who leave Eastern University with the ability to critically think about the universe around them and the incomparable Creator and Sustainer who called it good. †



Conrad J. Fowler

by JAMES G. ROGERS CPA
VICE PRESIDENT FOR PLANNED GIVING

Eastern University is grateful for the generous support of Conrad Fowler, whose donations of time, talent and treasure benefit the entire Eastern community of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

CONRAD FOWLER AND FAMILY PICTURED ON EASTERN'S CAMPUS.

IN THE MID-TWENTIETH CENTURY, WHEN ELECTRONS WERE YOUNG AND THE EARLIEST COMPUTERS WERE STILL IN THEIR INFANCY, CONRAD FOWLER HAD AN IDEA. An engineer by education and training, the 1943 University of Pennsylvania graduate created American Electrical Laboratory. What eventually became AEL Industries grew to a leadership position in the design and manufacture of a variety of electronic systems, radar receivers and microwave integrated circuits. Mr. Fowler holds a patent in his field and has authored articles in scientific and management journals. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Security Industrial Association.

During World War II, Mr. Fowler served in the U.S. Navy. After the war he married. His wife, Judy, and he had two daughters, Debbie and Janet. Their families gave the Fowlers four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Judy died in 2006.

What is now Eastern University and one of its schools, Palmer Theological Seminary, caught Mr. Fowler's eye in the mid-1980s. Rev. Robert Matherly BD DMin '61, a well-known and respected Baptist minister in the Philadelphia metropolitan area, introduced Mr. Fowler to then-President Robert Seiple. Mr. Fowler's business acumen eminently qualified him for membership on Seiple's President's Advisory Council. Service on the school's Board of Trustees followed, and Mr.

Fowler's experience made him a natural for the Finance & Property Committee. There began a long, close relationship with Eastern that thrives to this day.

In addition to hands-on service on Eastern's Board of Trustees, Mr. Fowler has helped connect the University with others of like-mind and interest, one of whom also served on the University's Board.

Taking an active role in the life of a complex university is a study in diversity. Mr. Fowler has engaged generously in every campaign and fundraising effort Eastern University has had over all these years. Fowler Hall stands proudly near the main entrance of the University's St. Davids campus. A member of *The George S. Claghorn Heritage Society*, Mr. Fowler has participated multiple times in the University's Charitable Gift Annuity Program. He has also been a regular contributor to Eastern's Annual Fund, which provides support for student scholarships and general operations of the University.

Mr. Fowler has also been keenly mindful of Palmer Theological Seminary, the Eastern school he also helped steer and support financially in his years of active Board service.

Over the years, Eastern's astronomy presence has remained particularly interesting to Mr. Fowler. He has helped underwrite both equipment and

programmatic needs of this popular academic program. Mr. Fowler's generosity went no small distance to help put two state-of-the-art telescopes on the roof of McInnis Learning Center. He's also focused philanthropic attention on the



TELESCOPE AT MCINNIS LEARNING CENTER.

financial needs of the University's Julia Fowler Planetarium.

Those familiar with the science and practice of the identification, attraction and nurture of capable trustees are quick to focus on three qualities: wealth, wisdom

and work. A strong, viable Board of Trustees requires a mix of men and women to cover amply all of those qualities. Trustees like Conrad Fowler are rare. He and the very few like him embody all three of those qualities—and a lot more.

It has been and continues to be a personal and professional privilege to know and work with Mr. Fowler since almost the beginning of his rewarding association with Eastern University. As the University approaches its next steps forward from the adoption of a Campus Master Plan, my prayer is that men and women of every University constituency will follow the exemplary leadership of Trustee Emeritus Conrad Fowler. †



MENTORSHIP ON THE PATH FROM ESPERANZA TO EU

ESPERANZA COLLEGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN DEDICATED TO HELPING ITS STUDENTS SUCCEED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

As a leader in innovative education, Esperanza is seeing its graduates move on to furthered education and fulfilling careers that fit their passions. Paul Cardona '11 and Adamary Sosa '12 are two such students. As recent graduates with associates degrees in education, both Paul and Adamary were inspired by the teaching at Esperanza and seamlessly transitioned to Eastern University to pursue their goals of teaching. "The Professors at Esperanza College always challenged us and made us think beyond the classroom," Paul said. "They helped us see how the work we were doing would benefit us outside of school and in the future." Now, with bachelor's degrees from Eastern firmly in hand, both students are working full time in their field and earning their master's degrees in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

One of the most significant resources available to Esperanza students is the support of faculty and staff. For Paul and Adamary, the mentorship of Professor Roberto Luciano was invaluable to their success as students and professionals. As the Director of Esperanza's Early Childhood Education concentration, Roberto has made himself available as a source of guidance and encouragement for all his students in hopes that they will excel in the pursuit of their career goals. "I believe proper mentorship helps students succeed after Esperanza College because it is the fuel that ignites their vision to be a 'college graduate,' ready to continue on their journey to further their education beyond what they may have thought to be unattainable," he said.

It is because of this sort of devotion that students like Paul and Adamary are continuing to succeed after Esperanza. "Roberto instilled not only the knowledge I needed to grow, but the passion and love for the field I am in," Adamary noted. "He has

taught me to believe in myself, in my dreams and in my goals. He has taught me to be a fighter and go after what I want. It is because of him that I am

"He has taught me to believe in myself, in my dreams and in my goals. He has taught me to be a fighter and go after what I want."

—ADAMARY SOSA '12

where I am today and I will forever be appreciative and grateful for his presence in my life." †

by ELYSE GARNER, '13

Q + A

Deans' Corner



College of Arts and Sciences:
Dr. John Pauley

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ADMINISTRATOR IN HIGHER ED?

I ask myself that question quite often...

FAVORITE AUTHOR AND WHY?

John Ortberg. His latest book *Soul Keeping* is masterful.

WHAT GETS YOU UP EVERY MORNING?

A loud alarm clock and lots of coffee!



College of Business and Leadership
Dr. Douglas Clark

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ADMINISTRATOR IN HIGHER ED?

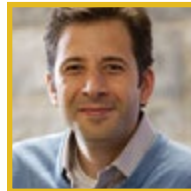
It's the ideal role for living out what matters most to me: Continual learning, big ideas, informed decisions, and service excellence.

FAVORITE AUTHOR AND WHY?

I've come to appreciate Jim Collins' writings on leadership (*Built to Last*, *Good to Great*, etc.). I always find his analysis compelling and grounded in solid research on organizational effectiveness.

WHAT GETS YOU UP EVERY MORNING?

I'm most energized by opportunities to invest in individual relationships that taken together result in higher levels of our team's success.



Templeton Honors College:
Dr. Jonathan Yonan

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ADMINISTRATOR IN HIGHER ED?

I became a dean because I love the core liberal arts mission of teaching and learning about truth and I want to serve that sacred space that always needs to be protected in our world. The term *dean* comes from the same Greek root as the word *deacon*. It simply means *servant*. The dean is called to serve the college so that it can fulfill its purpose.

FAVORITE AUTHOR AND WHY?

Right now, it is TS Eliot. I love how precisely he depicts the soul of our modern world in *The Waste Land* and other lesser known poems. But even more, I love how comprehensively he offers hope in *The Four Quartets*, not by glossing over Modernity's characteristic problems, but by wrestling with them.

WHAT GETS YOU UP EVERY MORNING?

Two things: First is my love of learning. I love my conversations with students, colleagues, and with the books I read and (in part) I'm paid to keep having these conversations. This means that quite literally, I get paid to do what I love! Second is that I love to see my students grow into thoughtful, mature, poised, and godly adults. These two things keep me going!



Esperanza College:
Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier MDiv '92

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ADMINISTRATOR IN HIGHER ED?

For me this was not a goal but a calling. The work of the college was shown to me and I was asked if I would give consideration to coming to be the dean. It was a matter of much prayer and discernment.

FAVORITE AUTHOR AND WHY?

I am eclectic in my readings and do not have a favorite. My discipline integrates readings from different theologies, religious education, psychology and methods of research such as grounded theory and participatory action research. Social justice is a running theme in many of these for me.

WHAT GETS YOU UP EVERY MORNING?

God's calling and the passions of that calling in my heart. †

“FOR ME THIS WAS NOT A GOAL BUT A CALLING.”

DR. ELIZABETH CONDE-FRAZIER MDiv '92

IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

EASTERN UNIVERSITY BIDS FAREWELL TO **DR. CHRISTOPHER HALL**, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SPIRITUAL FORMATION, AS HE BECOMES PRESIDENT OF RENOVARÉ.



COLLEGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies

Loeb School of Education has had its new Instructional Coach Letter of Endorsement program approved to commence in January 2016. This will be a four course graduate program.

Loeb School of Education has seen significant growth in its fully online Master's in Special Education program.

College of Arts and Sciences

Dave Unander/Biology 11th version of 'Tropical Agriculture & Missions' taught for Au Sable Institute; for the past 4 years, it's been offered in Costa Rica in collaboration with Assoc. for Development through Education, founded by Eastern alumnus Tomas Dozier.

Social Work Faculty and 15 social work students attended the Annual Convention of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work in Annapolis Maryland, Nov. 6–9, 2014.

Professor **Stephanie Perez Jarmul** presented a workshop on "Lifting A Community Out of Poverty Through Higher Education in Their Own Backyard" that highlighted the recent expansion of the BSW program at the Esperanza College site.

Rick Jonsen/Business presented a paper at the Christian Business Faculty Conference in October titled: "Organization as Community: Implications for Human Resource Management Theory and Practice."

Communication Studies Eight Communication Studies students had their papers accepted to present at the annual Eastern Communication

Association conference in April—two of them on Top Paper panels.

Susannah McMonagle '06/Communication Studies presented papers at the International Association of Communication and Sport Conference and also the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Conference.

Chris Hall/Christian Studies "Reading Scripture with the Church Fathers." *Catalyst*, February 2015. "Historical Theology and Spiritual Formation." *The Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*. 7:2 (Fall 2014).

Nursing Our 2014 NCLEX-RN pass rate of 95.24% is 13.27% above the mean pass rate for all BSN schools in Pennsylvania for exams taken between July 2014 and September 2014.

Dr. Christina Jackson and Corinne Latini wrote the chapter “Touch and Hand Mediated Therapies” in the 7th ed. of *Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice*.

Dr. Christina Jackson wrote the chapter “Smoking Cessation” in the 7th ed. of *Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice*.

Eastern University hosted the induction for Delta Tau Chapter—at Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Member schools include Eastern University, Holy Family University, Immaculata University, and Neumann University.

Jenny Tibbels '99/Theater Producing Director of “My Father’s Daughter” at the Annenberg Center, Philadelphia, February 6–8, 2015.

Workshop Facilitator, Women in Leadership and Ministry, City Seminary New York, January 10, 2015.

Dr. Andrew F. Bush/Missions and Anthropology published the book *Learning from the Least: Reflections on a Journey in Missions with Palestinian Christians* (Wipf and Stock, 2014). Delivered a paper entitled “Mission and the Palestinian Diaspora” at the national conference of the Evangelical Missiological Society, Atlanta, GA, September 2014. The paper will be published in their annual journal. Dr. Andrew Bush and Senior Eastern University Student **Carolyn C. Wason** will deliver a paper entitled “An Inter-Generational Conversation Concerning the Validity of Western Mission” at the Evangelical Missiological Society, New York City, NY on March 28, 2015. This is the first time a student will be presenting in this conference.

Esperanza College

Our students were recognized at the Latinas United for the Cure program of Susan G. Komen on March 7 at the Marriott Hotel. One of the students, **Gloria Claudina Torres**, addressed the attendees to tell about her experience participating in the program.

The first cohort in Medical Assisting is graduating in May. The valedictorian and salutatorian are both in this cohort. The curriculum has prepared them not only to go

into the field of medical assisting but to go on to nursing as well.

Dr. David Hurtado is hired as Administrative Dean for program expansion. For the last 11 years, Dr. Hurtado was at Regent University in Virginia where he served as Associate Dean for Administration of the School of Communication & the Arts and taught a variety of courses as an adjunct faculty. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Broadcasting, a Master’s degree in Business Administration, and a Ph.D. in Communication. His academic area of expertise is in the use of entertainment and transmedia storytelling to bring about social and spiritual change. He has also researched innovative models to help bridge the education gap among minorities.

Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier MDiv '92 The academic dean received the Star of Excellence Award from the William Seymour College. The award is for service to the Evangelical Church and broader community in ministry that exemplifies the heritage of social holiness and engagement of critical issues as witnessed in the ministry of Bishop Seymour, father of the modern Pentecostal movement. It is for showing commitment in promoting education within the Evangelical tradition and championing the cause of full enfranchisement of members of the community who have been marginalized by realities of race, class, and political standing. (April 17, 2015 Lanham, MD.)

Palmer Seminary

Dr. Paul Alexander As a fellow and alumnus of the Shalom Hartman Institute & American Jewish Committee’s Christian Leadership Initiative participated in a three day Study Retreat that focused on “Land and Jewish Identity in Israel and North America,” January 30–February 1, 2015 in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Dr. Al Tizon gave the Annual William Menzies Lectures at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines January 12–16, 2015. The theme was, “Preaching as if the World Matters: Essentials and Goals of Missional Preaching”.

Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard Elected Vice-President of Main Line Black Interdenominational

Ministers Alliance. Re-Elected Recording Secretary for Baptist Pastors and Ministers Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity. Presenter for Evangelical Women Leaders of the National Association of Evangelicals March 3, 2015 topics: “Birthing the Birthright and Midwife Leadership Style” & “Stone Jar Women Transform The World.”

Dr. David Albert Farmer celebrated the 25th anniversary of the publication of his book *And Blessed is She: Sermons by Women* edited and in part written by David Albert Farmer and Edwina Hunter. One journalist at the time called the book a “missing piece” in the history of the church and in women’s studies. The book has been in use in seminaries and women’s studies programs for twenty-five years.

Dr. Benjamin Hartley gave a paper in Nashville in September for an academic gathering sponsored by the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner in the United Methodist Church. The paper “What’s In a Word: Diakonia and Deacons in the Bible and Today” will serve on a committee to prepare legislation for the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner of the United Methodist Church in preparation for the UMC’s General Conference in 2016.

Templeton Honors College

Templeton Professor **Dr. Jeffrey Dill** was quoted in the New York Times article “The Case For Free Range Parenting” published on March 20, 2015.

Templeton alumnus **Joshua Meservey '07** was interviewed on C-SPAN’s *Washington Journal* on the Somali extremist group, al-Shabaab, which had threatened the Mall of America in Minnesota. Joshua is the Africa Center Associate Director for the Atlantic Council.

Templeton Professor **Dr. RJ Snell** has won a competitive yearlong Visiting Fellowship at the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.

Templeton junior **Abigail Storch** was awarded the De Jager Prize by the faculty of Wycliffe Hall at Oxford University, for her outstanding essay on how John Donne and George Herbert baptized secular love poetry into devotional poetry. †

EASTERN UNIVERSITY NAMED TOP COLLEGE FOR OLDER STUDENTS

EASTERN UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY ONLINE RESOURCE, BESTCOLLEGES.COM, AS ONE OF THE 50 BEST COLLEGES FOR OLDER STUDENTS. Eastern was the only university in the Philadelphia area to make the list and stands as the top ranked university in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

According to the list, “nontraditional” students are described as adults aged 25 or older “who took

time away from academia before beginning or continuing an undergraduate degree.” Schools in the top 50 list have a nontraditional student body of 25% or higher and were chosen based on high quality academics, student

engagement, and the amount of programs geared towards adult students.

Eastern University was found to excel in all of these areas and has a personal profile on the BESTCOLLEGES.COM website. †

JUBILEE CONFERENCE 2015

On February 20–22, 2015 Eastern University and Palmer Theological representatives made their way to the Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. The conference attracted 3,000 college students and hosted dynamic speakers who addressed practical aspects of the gospel and how it changes everything. Eastern University President, Dr. Robert G. Duffett, spoke to a standing room only crowd at a workshop entitled “GIFTEDNESS: Knowing Who You Are Changes Everything.” Thank you to everyone who participated in this workshop and helped to make it a great weekend. Visit EASTERN.EDU/JUBILEE for more.

CREATION FESTIVAL 2015

Faith comes from hearing. It’s time to raise your voice! Eastern University is looking forward to participating in Creation Festival 2015. Join the celebration on June 24–27, 2015 in Mt. Union, PA and visit our booth to speak with our admissions team and learn how you can discover your voice at Eastern University! Visit EASTERN.EDU/CREATION or connect with us on social media for more.

JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2015

At Eastern University, we don’t just talk about justice. We live it out. We’re excited to participate in the 2015 Justice Conference on June 5–6 in Chicago, Illinois to help promote biblical justice in the U.S. and around the world. In the past, notable Eastern alumni like Bryan Stevenson ’81 and Shane Claiborne ’97 have been keynote Justice speakers. This year, we are looking forward to connecting with the Justice audience and promoting our vision to Wake Up the World! For more information, visit EASTERN.EDU/JUSTICE.

ESPERANZA PRAYER BREAKFAST 2015

Esperanza College will once again host its biennial National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference June 16–18 in Washington D.C. This premier national event will be attended by President Obama and brings together Hispanic faith leaders from across the country to network, advocate, worship, and pray. For more information, visit ESPERANZANHPB.COM or ESPERANZA.US. †

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

CREATION FESTIVAL 2015

June 24–27, 2015

JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2015

June 5–6, 2015

ESPERANZA PRAYER BREAKFAST

June 16–18, 2015



EASTERN STUDENTS ATTENDING JUBILEE INVITED DR. DUFFETT AND HIS WIFE CONNIE TO JOIN THEM FOR BREAKFAST.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WAKE UP THE WORLD?

by DENISE MCMILLAN



*At its essence,
the brand of
Eastern University,
or the truth we
live by, centers
on actionable
transformation.
As transformation's
beneficiaries and its
agents, we are meant
to "be" and "do"—to
wake up the world by
leveraging our rebirth
into new life and
hope for others.*

—TOM RIDINGTON

WAKE UP THE WORLD. You may have heard it around campus recently, or seen it on an advertisement on a Septa train in Philly, or you may even be seeing it in this publication and thinking, huh? What is Wake Up the World? What does it mean to me as an Eastern student, alumnus, faculty member, staff member, or friend? How do I go about it? Do I set an alarm for 6:30 in the morning and yell "Good morning World, WAKE UP!" and consider it done?

In introducing Paul Vinod to the Eastern University community for a presentation last October, Tom Ridington '78, MA '81, Executive Vice President of University Relations said, "Paul has taught me about point of view." Paul Vinod of The Gravity Field and the creative mind behind the Eastern University Wake Up the World concept, explained connecting with people all starts with having and adequately expressing a point of view, "If you have a point of view it can overrule everything." He used the company Nike Inc. to illustrate how an organization can be more and stand for more than just their product; it can also stand for an ideal. As most of us know, Nike Inc. is primarily a sneaker company, but with their well-known slogan "Just Do It" they convey an inspiring ideal, which is that anyone can be an athlete. For Eastern University, we are so much more than the degrees we offer, we are this body of people trying to live out Jesus' words of the Bible and Wake Up the World proclaims this ideal. Paul Vinod further explains, "we are all wired to be part of something bigger because God made us that way. We ought to aspire to something bigger than us. Only when we do that will we start to see something—CHANGE." Wake Up the World is the Eastern University point of view. Paul Vinod emphasized we should be thinking everyday, "that is the whole point of us living—to Wake Up the World" and "What am I doing to Wake Up the World?"

For God so loved the World he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him (John 3:16-17).

As followers of Christ, we're called to love and have compassion for the world and those in the world. It seems easy to do; the world is full of natural beauty such as mountains, lakes, deserts, and oceans. The world is full of people who are beautiful simply because they were made by God. The world is full of things made beautiful by their intricacies, and made by people using their God-given gifts, such as art, architecture, medicine, technology, the written word.

But the world is also filled with sin and brokenness. The broken parts of the world are in evidence everywhere. We read about it online, we watch it on our tablet, we hear about it in our neighborhoods.



The list of sin and brokenness is long: sickness, war, hunger, poverty, injustice, inequality, persecution, addiction, to name but a few. The broken parts are asleep, are shut off from Christ.

If the broken parts are asleep, how do we wake them up? We disrupt the brokenness, with Christ's message of love to "wake up" to the beauty of His grace and salvation. The beauty of God's world; the world He so loved He gave His one and only son. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." [John 13:34-35].

Tom Ridington explains it, "At its essence, the brand of Eastern University, or the truth we live by, centers on actionable transformation. As transformation's beneficiaries and its agents, we are meant to 'be' and 'do'—to wake up the world by leveraging our rebirth into new life and hope for others. To brokenness and injustice, we respond with grace-fueled capability emerging from our faith in Christ informed by reason and motivated by justice."

To Wake Up the World is doing—it's action. What kind of action? It's inspired action. It's easing the suffering, delivering food, advocating for peace, teaching someone to read, speaking out and up, building community, lessening the burden, sharing kindness. The action or doing is an important aspect of the point of view. "How we Wake Up the World will be different for all of us since we are wired differently and have different callings," explains Brand Director Dan Peirce. A couple of phrases that capture the spirit of the point of view are "Don't Just Be. Do." and "We're not meant to just be something, but to do something". It is inspired doing, doing with a purpose. The hope is if you are someone associated with Eastern University, you will be inspired and according to Dan Peirce, "the goal is a compassionate ability to touch people's lives and to intersect with the problems of the world in that transformation."

In a recent Waltonian article titled *A Wake Up Call*, Shane Claiborne '97 wrote regarding the concept of Wake Up the World: "We need a movement of Christians who are awake and paying attention—who are reading the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other, wrestling with what it means to follow Jesus in today's world... Wake Up the World has to start with you."

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Whether a student, alumnus, faculty member, staff member, donor or friend, the Eastern University principles of Faith, Reason, and Justice are instilled in you such that you have everything you need, while you are here and beyond, to embrace our point of view, create believers and Wake Up the World! †



EASTERN STUDENTS WAKE UP THE WORLD THROUGH DANCE. THE DANCE PROGRAM IS LED BY A FACULTY OF DANCE PROFESSIONALS WHOSE EXPERTISE INCLUDE EDUCATION, PERFORMANCE, CHOREOGRAPHY, COMMUNITY BASED ARTS AND AFRICAN STUDIES, DANCE MEDICINE & SCIENCE, AND MULTIMEDIA EXPLORATORY WORKS.



EASTERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY 7,040 VOLUNTEER HOURS, SERVING WITH 21 LOCAL PARTNER NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND EASTERN UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAMS IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA. OUR PARTNERS HAVE IDENTIFIED THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY FOR SERVICES TARGETING ISSUES SUCH AS EDUCATIONAL INEQUALITY, HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS AND LACK OF STABLE HOUSING, AND POVERTY.

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**DISRUPTIVE
FORCE**
TO WAKE UP
THE WORLD

by SHERRY-ANN MORRIS



“FOR ME, IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE *WHY* BEHIND WHAT WE DO AS IT IS TO UNDERSTAND *HOW* WE SHOULD BE DOING IT,” MUSED ROSS WOODS MBA ’14. WOODS, FIELD OPERATIONS MANAGER AT CAPITAL ACCESS, TOOK AN INTERESTING PATH TO HIS CURRENT POSITION WHERE HE IS “DEPLOYED ON A PROJECT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY.”

As a State vendor, Capital Access oversees New York Rising Acquisition for Redevelopment program which assists homeowners whose homes were substantially damaged in Hurricane Sandy. Woods shared that he has his job now “because of a connection that was facilitated by an Eastern professor. Beyond this, Eastern prepared me to think critically and equipped me with the business, leadership and development principles that I utilize on a daily basis.”

Woods found his way to Eastern through a friendship with Michael Sheridan, Academic Coordinator in the School of Leadership and Development and a member of his church. “I struck up a friendship with Mike, as I respected his family and his walk with God, and I wanted the input of an older man in my life,” Woods said.

Woods makes clear that he “chose Eastern because it was the only school I could find that offered an MBA with a focus on economic development and viewed business as a tool to serve the ‘bottom of the pyramid’, which is a very unique distinctive. It is also unique in how it integrates faith into every aspect of the program.” It was his “dissatisfaction with the corporate world and the hollow focus on ‘the bottom line,’” that drove Woods to search for more.

“I discovered my love for being involved in work that matters and this eventually led me to Eastern.” Woods was looking to impact change in the cultural landscape of the nonprofit sector. In pursuing his MBA in Economic Development, Woods found his current job, an interesting hybrid that he appreciatively notes as being “a very rewarding experience to be a disruptive force for good, especially considering we are working to implement a government funded program!”



HURRICANE SANDY DEVASTATION IN SOUTH BEACH, ON FATHER CAPODANNO BOULEVARD, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK.

Capital Access “offers families that have lived through a very trying experience, having lost everything, an opportunity to begin a new chapter in their lives.” Woods understands that his stewardship, through contract management, positions him to significantly change lives every day.

When asked if Eastern really is a place that wakes up the world, Woods responded with, “well, it woke up my world!” He elaborated by allowing access into his past; “God was plotting my course every step of the way. He was molding and shaping me at different points in my life to have me seek the education and skills I’ve obtained, so I can serve Him in the way He uniquely plotted out for me. It took me working in corporate America and the nonprofit sector to instill the passion I now have to be a disruptive force to help wake up this world.

Woods concluded the interview with the Psalm that he prays for guidance,

**Show me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my life.
Rescue me from my enemies, Lord,
for I hide myself in you.**

**Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God;
may your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.**

(Psalm 143:8b-10, NIV) †

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FINDING TRUE BEAUTY THROUGH SERVICE AT EASTERN

by SHERRY-ANN MORRIS
& KYLE MCDUGALL

ONE OF EASTERN UNIVERSITY'S COMPELLING MISSIONS IS TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO "WAKE UP THE WORLD." By realizing God's inner call to go out and to do, students become aware of their ability to make a difference in the lives of others. Regardless of resources or capabilities, waking up the world means that you make yourself available and willing to serve no matter what the circumstances may be. Elliot Martin, an Eastern University senior, has truly embraced the Wake Up the World point of view.

For the past three years, Martin has been volunteering with Eastern's Youth Against Complacency and Homelessness Today club, better known as YACHT. On Thursday nights and Saturday mornings, the group gathers together to pray, make sandwiches, and then ventures into the city of Philadelphia to distribute food and connect with the homeless.

What originally drew Martin to the YACHT club was his desire to give back, as well as get to know those who both differ from and challenge him. Since the purpose of his education was to better himself and become more knowledgeable, he sought out an opportunity to "do good for others and take the focus off of himself."

While Martin's intentions were set on helping others, his experiences with YACHT have made a major impact on him personally. He has learned that "everyone has something they can teach you," as well as the value of a simple conversation. The homeless he has encountered "love the opportunity to just talk with someone," and have shown Martin that "you do not need all that much to be happy." This time at Eastern has allowed Elliot Martin to find "the true beauty in people; all made in the image of God." †



WOMEN'S SOCCER IN ZAMBIA

by **ASHLEY LIKELY '16**

LAST SUMMER I EMBARKED ON A TRIP WITH THE EASTERN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM TO ZAMBIA, AFRICA.

The purpose of the trip was to share the love of God through soccer with children in Lusaka and Macha. We held clinics at different schools in the area, played with the local children and taught various skill sets to the children. Being in Zambia opened my eyes to all the poverty out there in the world and I came back with a different perspective.

I remember playing out on the field and as soon as our hosts brought out big gallons of clean water, all the kids rushed over to fight for a cup. The water they usually get ends up coming from dirty rivers, so they never really have fresh, clean water. The kids in Africa go without a well-balanced meal every day and I never once heard them complain. The children would come play with us on the dirt soccer field, leave to go to bed and come back in the same clothes, still covered in dirt from the day before. Taking a shower before bedtime is not something they have the luxury

of doing. These children live without TVs and electronics. They live in huts with a tarp as their roof, so if it rains, they have to sleep on the cold, wet dirt.

Despite this, the amount of joy the kids showed was unbelievable to me. One moment that stuck out to me was the last day in both Macha and Lusaka. I remember getting ready to play with the children in Lusaka and getting out the soccer balls and jerseys and just seeing their faces instantly light up. They were so happy at the sight of a soccer ball and the chance to play with us; it was incredible for me to see something so little mean so much to them.

For the team, this experience was huge because we hadn't had the best season and there were relationships that needed to be tightened and made stronger. The trip allowed some of the girls to show a different side of themselves that maybe the rest of the team had never seen, which made everyone a lot closer. We were vulnerable,

which allowed our weaknesses and strengths to come out over the course of two weeks in a different and uncomfortable environment.

On the trip, I learned that I really have a heart and passion for children. When I went to Africa, I had no clue what I wanted to do with my life, but when I left, I knew I wanted to work with children. My hope is to go back to Africa again before I graduate. I hope to give back to the children of Lusaka and Macha and be able to bring food and clothing when I visit.

When I hear wake up the world, I think of facing your fears, making an impact and going outside of your comfort zone. It doesn't even have to be by going to another country; it could be changing lives in your own state and making a difference, even if it's in a small way. Waking up the world involves helping others, reaching outside of your comfort zone, spreading the love and word of our Lord. It's about being energetic about life and embracing life's crazy, beautiful obstacles! †

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: LAURA MARTIN, AUTHOR ASHLEY LIKELY, LYDIA PEACHEY.





WALKING WITH GOD

From Kenya to Eastern...and Back

DR. JOSPHAT YEGO IS AN ACCOMPLISHED AND WELL-SEASONED EDUCATOR. With over 40 years of experience in teaching, counseling and school administration, it's hard to believe that his journey began as a young boy in Africa, with barely enough money to go to school.

Raised by his grandmother in one of the poorest villages in western Kenya, Yego knew early on that he loved to learn and he wanted to share that love with others. But without the annual \$1 tuition to attend the local school, it seemed unlikely that his dream would ever become a reality. It was then that his fellow villagers stepped in and changed the course of his life forever. "I was the poorest boy in the school and the villagers helped me," Yego remembered. "People sold what they had just to help give me an education."

Thanks to the selfless help of his fellow villagers, Yego's path toward academic excellence had begun. Having always wanted to be a teacher and possessing a strong heart for the Lord, Yego pursued his bachelor's degree in Biblical Education at Scott Theological College in Kenya, after which he took his first teaching role at a local Bible college. He hadn't been there long, however,

when his talents as an educator were noticed and he was given the opportunity to pursue graduate work in the United States. For many years afterwards, Yego continued to take his career to new heights with various opportunities to further his experience in higher education in both the U.S. and Africa. In 1998, after forming an Educational Leadership program in East Africa through World Vision, he was led to Eastern University where he paved new paths for international students, performed invaluable administrative work, and served as Associate Professor for Education in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies. But even as the world grew larger for Dr. Yego, he never forgot about his small village back home in Kenya.

By the late 2000's, thoughts of retirement were drawing near. Though he had been back to Kenya several times to preach in his local church, Yego was beginning to see a greater need in his home country that would require a more permanent visit. "It's very hard for people to comprehend why there is so much poverty in Africa," he said. "I came from nothing in Africa, and what I have now, I want to hand over. I wanted to go back and help the people who helped me all those years ago."

After waiting on the Lord and finishing out his responsibilities at Eastern, Dr. Yego was finally granted retirement in December 2014. He returned to Kenya in February and has great plans to serve his homeland.

"God has blessed us with whatever we have touched. I did not do anything to God to warrant these kinds of blessings. So why not just say thank you to Him and give it back?" he said with a smile.

In addition to ministry in his home church, Dr. Yego is printing and handing out Bibles in the Nandi language for people who cannot afford them. He is even studying counseling so he and his wife can effectively train new leaders in the Kenyan church. Of all the things to come, Dr. Yego says he is most looking forward to reconnecting with his church family and praising God for the work that He will do. "I have seen God in all of this," he said. "It's not me who did this. It is God working through me. I have seen so many things in the last 60 years but the most important thing I have learned through it all is to be faithful in your walk with God." †

by ELYSE GARNER, '13

MASSAGING A SLEEPY CULTURE

by BRIAN K. PIPKIN



ON FEBRUARY 16, PALMER SEMINARY OF EASTERN UNIVERSITY AND THE BAPTIST PASTORS AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY, CO-HOSTED THE 34TH ANNUAL FRANK B. MITCHELL LECTURESHIP AT MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The lectureship, in honor of Rev. Dr. Frank B. Mitchell, Jr. and black history month, welcomed guest lecturer Rev. C. Ramónt Morris who spoke on the topic “Massaging a Sleepy Culture.”

Using the analogy of massaging, Morris opened his message by comparing the church to a masseuse. A complement to the masseuse, explained Morris, is when you go to sleep, and much of what we do in church life today is massaging a sleepy culture.

“Our culture today is sleepy on the things of

God—to the righteousness of God, to the morals of God, to the ethics of God, to the commands of God, to the Word, will, and way of God,” said Morris.

A native of Morrilton, Arkansas and pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois, Morris spoke in the morning and afternoon, calling the crowd of over 100 to rethink the way church is done in light of a lethargic culture.

Morris, an outspoken tell-it-like-it-is kind of preacher, warned against what he called “inquisitive minds”—those sitting in metaphorical windows gazing outside the church to find satisfaction “not in the Bible, but in booze, not in the Divine, but in drugs, and not in Christ, but in the casino.”

Drawing from Acts 20:7, the story of Paul’s lengthy sermon, Morris asked the question:

What put Eutychus to sleep? Morris believes it was the “routine of ingrained modes of tradition,” something with which the church is too comfortable.

“We are in the routine of doing and it’s not reaching anybody. It’s not summoning anyone to Christ.”

Like the lamps of Acts 20:8, much of what the church does today, said Morris, is flickering lights—traditions and theologies that divert and distract people from Jesus. This preoccupation of dogmatic nonessentials erects barriers to what Morris called “the requirement of innovative ministry.” Instead of the much-needed entrepreneurialism of Christian leaders, Christian folks are wasting time “arguing in huddles” about how visitors look, dress and smell, and too little time contextualizing the gospel.



CLOCKWISE THIS PAGE: MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA; THE MITCHELL FAMILY, GLENN VENEY, JEANIE JOHNS, CAROLYN MITCHELL, GLORIA VENEY, MARSHALL MITCHELL; PROVOST IDDIGS; REV. JAMES MOORE, SR., PASTOR, SECOND MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA; ATTENDEE ENJOYING THE LECTURESHIP; GUEST LECTURER REV. C. RAMÓNT MORRIS (ALSO PICTURED OPPOSITE).

“Are you strong enough as leaders to challenge what may be nothing more than flickering lights in your churches?”

Morris expressed his desire for church leaders to move beyond a flickering-light tradition that perpetuates what he identified as a spiritually disinterested culture. “Are you strong enough as leaders to challenge what may be nothing more than flickering lights in your churches?”

Following Morris’ morning lecture, the Dean’s Office of Palmer Seminary hosted a luncheon with speaker Rev. Alexander Graham Houston, Palmer alumnus and pastor of Cohansey Baptist Church.

Houston spoke on “Fight the Power” in which he argued the necessity of confronting dehumanizing systems of oppression through prayer. “We are fighting against powers—not people. We fight what we do not see, and we fight through spiritual warfare.” Houston continued, “A praying church is a powerful church.”

After lunch, Morris concluded the day with the call to rethink church practices, preaching, and politics in light of socially vulnerable populations. What we need, explained Morris, is insightful preachers—preachers who do not hide behind the comforts and securities of the pulpit. “Preachers need to do less proclaiming and more demonstrating,” he said.

Morris called on leaders to allow people to belong before they believe. “The church should be about the sick. Folks won’t come in your church and know how to be churchy. If they come beside you and smell, then let them smell.”

Morris continued, “We need to employ the requirement of innovative ministry—not convenient ministry—for those who have fallen out and fallen dead in the church.” If we do this, he argued, we will awaken a sleepy culture. †



Palmer Seminary Celebrates First Openseminary Graduating Class

by ELYSE GARNER '13 & YOLANDA WHIDBEE

PROGRAM LEADER DR. WYNAND DE KOCK IS PICTURED WITH THE CLASS OF 2015 OPENSEMINARY GRADUATES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) KEVIN ANDREW BUSZA, SHONDA RAE GREENE, RONALD MICHAEL MARMON, TISHYRA MONIQUE MCNEIL, DONNIA MELTON-TOGBANYAHN, QUINTON PHILLIPS, SHEILA TOLBERT, KERRY LANCE TURK.

AS PART OF ITS MISSION TO BRING THE WHOLE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD, THROUGH WHOLE PERSONS, PALMER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY EXPANDED ITS APPROACH TO THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BY INTRODUCING ITS OPENSEMINARY PROGRAM IN 2012. The program was originated in Cape Town, South Africa by Dr. Wynand de Kock in an attempt to combine theological study with practical realities within local churches. After seeing significant growth since its creation in 1999, the program quickly caught the attention of the Eastern University administration and is now the newest addition to Palmer's Master of Theological Studies degree. After three years, Palmer Seminary was proud to graduate its first Openseminary class this May.

Designed for students in active ministry roles around the world, Palmer's Openseminary is perhaps best described as a "seminary without walls"; one that meets students where they are through the remote combination of theory and practice. According to Dr. de Kock, this online program is for students who not only desire to expand their biblical knowledge, but also seek a deeper understanding of God and how they can better serve their respective faith communities.

"I wanted to study something that I absolutely loved..." noted current student, Janelle Spedding. "When I saw this degree program where I could really be delving into the Bible and studying the Bible and what it means to me in a practical way, I was just fascinated by that."

One of the most unique aspects of the Openseminary program is its ability to connect students all over the world through its online format.

By combining online reading and research with one week of residency on Palmer's campus each semester, the program allows students to pursue deeper theological education while simultaneously putting it into practice through active service in their local churches.

Kerry Lance Turk, an Openseminary graduate from Texas, was immediately drawn to the program thanks to this unique approach. "I looked around for other programs and found that with the quality of education and the topics that were being taught, Openseminary was much more

affordable than some of the other programs that I researched..." he said. "With the flexibility that Openseminary provides, it allowed me to juggle all the different aspects of my life and also get the quality education that I needed." Quinton Phillips, another Openseminary graduate, also found great value in the program's transformative qualities. "In this program, I was pushed to examine my belief and gain better understanding of why we do what we do," he said. "I know I am a different person walking out of this program than who I was walking into it."

With a total of eight Openseminary graduates at its commencement ceremony on May 16th, Palmer Seminary is proud of the work these students have accomplished. Because of their ability to successfully complete a new program they knew nothing about, Dr. de Kock expressed his high respect for them as risk takers and serious students of the Bible. "My encouragement to them is to remain courageous," he said. "When I think about courage and the origin of the word, it's about heart. My prayer for them is that they will continue to have big hearts and be encouragers, enabling others to have big hearts in life, in a world that is incredibly challenging." †

INFORMED & TRANSFORMED

by BRIAN K. PIPKIN

FEAR IS A KIND OF PARALYSIS. IT RENDERS ITS VICTIMS INACTIVE. IT NEGATES CREATIVITY, COURAGE AND PASSION. Fear is the god of procrastination, passively perpetuating evil in our world by immobilizing would-be courageous individuals with obstacles, tragedies and the universal “what if I fail” question.

But Jennell Maddox overcame her fear.

Like the Jonah of old, Jennell found herself running from God. After receiving her diploma from Eastern’s School of Christian Ministry (ESCM), she began investigating undergraduate degrees at Eastern University. She narrowed her decision between business administration and organizational leadership. She had one dilemma, however. She was afraid of math.

Unsure how to proceed, she picked what seemed like the easiest option and the one requiring less mathematical skill—organizational leadership. Upon sharing her decision, Jennell’s admissions counselor, sensing her reluctance, asked the question: Are you running? “I knew this was God because I was already running,” Jennell said. Her counselor advised her to “stop running, face your fears, and go forward.” Jennell

agreed and, stepping out in faith, enrolled in business administration.

Jennell learned how to step on and over her fear in order to pursue God’s call on her life. “It’s kind of like dust your feet off and keep moving, and that’s what I did,” she said.

Now with a certificate in one hand and a bachelor’s in the other, Jennell is one step closer to her dream of becoming a senior pastor of a multicultural ministry once she completes her Master of Divinity degree at Palmer Seminary. “My main goal has always been ministry. I have always had this drive for ministry.”

Jennell describes her experience at Eastern University as stretching her mind, theology, and thoughts. “If I can utilize a phrase that summarizes my experience with ESCM, Eastern University, and now Palmer Seminary it would be ‘I am a life that has been informed and transformed.’”

Growing up immersed in other cultures, Jennell is no stranger to cross-cultural ministry. Most recently, she participated in a travel course offered at Palmer Seminary whereby a group

of students traveled to Tijuana to explore the immigration issue first-hand. Following her trip she said, “A piece of my heart was left in Tijuana, Mexico.” She continued, “As a result I will be returning in the summer with my youth mission team to render any hand that we can to the city of Tijuana.”

“My Tijuana experience,” said Jennell, “has laid the foundation that has shaped me to push beyond my comforts of the Philadelphia lifestyle.”

Jennell is committed to God’s call on her life, whatever that may entail. “Each decision I have made in my journey with God has been uncomfortable,” she explained. “I have pushed past my feelings and anxieties to be obedient to God.”

For Jennell, love casts out fear. And love requires risk-taking. Jennell pushed past her fears in order to be a better servant of humanity. “I am willing to continue to face my fears and push myself so that I can push others into the arms of Jesus.” †



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ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMPLETES

RECORD SETTING SEASON Eastern University Women's Basketball ended the 2014–15 season with numerous record setting accomplishments. The Eagles went undefeated at home, beat three teams that were nationally-ranked (including the No. 1 team in the nation) and advanced to the Freedom Conference Championship. The season ended with a Top 25 national ranking from D3Hoops.com and a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history.

MEN'S BASKETBALL'S SHAQUAN TURK

FEATURED ON ESPN.COM ESPN, the "worldwide leader in sports," featured footage of a high-flying, one handed dunk by sophomore, **Shaquan Turk**, in a regular season Men's Basketball game vs. Manhattanville College. This is the first time a major national sports network has featured an Eastern University Athletics video.





VOLLEYBALL REACHES NCAA REGIONAL FINAL

After winning their seventh straight Freedom Conference Championship, Eastern University Volleyball advanced to the NCAA Regional Finals. The Eagles have been named conference champions seventeen times since joining the NCAA in 1992 and have made it at least as far as the Sweet 16 for the last four seasons.

EASTERN FIELD HOCKEY RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association announced the 2014 Collegiate National Academic Team Awards and recognized Eastern University Field Hockey for its success in the classroom. As a team, Eastern Field Hockey had the second-best GPA in NCAA Division III for the fall 2014 semester. The Eagles had a combined 3.60 GPA and 3 players (**Kaitlin Murphy, Alexis Rosa and Karissa O'Connor**) who were named Scholars of Distinction.

FOUR STUDENT ATHLETES SELECTED TO EXCLUSIVE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ACADEMIC ALL-AREA TEAMS

Eastern University had four student athletes selected to the exclusive Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area teams. Students on these teams are chosen based on a combination of scholarly and athletic success and must be sophomores or older with GPAs of 3.2 or higher. Representatives from Eastern included:

- **Ben Barnhart**, *Men's Soccer*
- **Eric Giovagnoli**, *Men's Soccer*
- **Josey Rupert**, *Women's Cross Country*
- **Katrina Pisch**, *Volleyball*

(Pisch was named Performer of the Year)

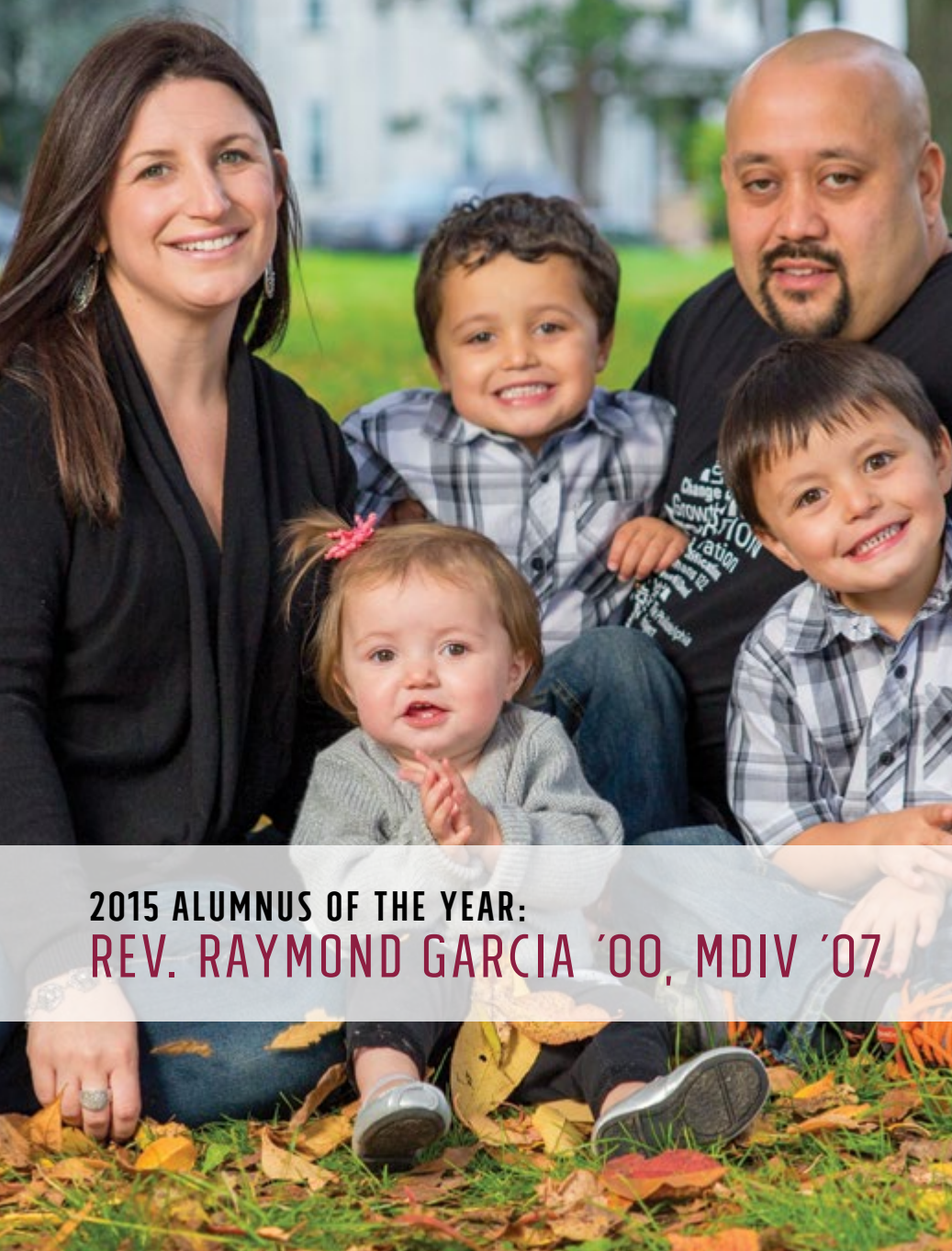
EASTERN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS INDUCTS NEW CLASS INTO THE HALL OF HONOR

On Oct. 12, Eastern Athletics inducted the 2014 class of the Hall of Honor. Eastern Athletics honored two individuals and, for the first time, an entire team. **The 1987–1988 men's basketball team, Chip Olson '90, and Erin Meredith '06** will join the 14 existing members of Hall of Honor. Inductees are recognized for their contribution to Eastern Athletics and the Eastern community as athletes or alumni.

Erin Meredith emerged immediately as a talented setter for Eastern Volleyball. Meredith was named All-Conference and All-Region Rookie of the Year. Meredith went on to earn All-American Honorable Mention status twice and Second Team once and helped Eastern Volleyball to a 127–25 record and four PAC championships from 2002–2005.

Chip Olson was the center forward for the Eastern Men's Soccer team that advanced to the NCCAA National Championship tournament in 1987 and has been an avid supporter of Eastern Athletics since graduating in 1990. Olson, the CEO of Olson Research Group, supported the creation of Olson Field.

The 1987–1988 men's basketball team was one of the most successful men's basketball teams in Eastern history and had five players reach at least 1,000 career points. Coached by Hall of Honor member Nate Ware, the 87–88 squad won 30 games while only losing six times. The team won the NAIA District 19 title. †



2015 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR: REV. RAYMOND GARCIA '00, MDIV '07

REVEREND RAYMOND GARCIA GRADUATED FROM EASTERN UNIVERSITY IN 2000 WITH A MAJOR IN YOUTH MINISTRY AND MINORS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES AND COMMUNICATIONS. He received his Master of Divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary in 2007. Rev. Garcia is the Founder and Executive Director of The Philadelphia Project and Pastor of Roxborough Church. His wife, Michelle (Thomas) Garcia '09, is also an alumna of Eastern University and serves with him in his ministries. They have three children, sons Isaiah and Nathan, and daughter Cadence.

The Philadelphia Project is a nonprofit organization founded in 2010 to serve the needs of Northwest Philadelphia through home repair ministry and children's after school and summer camp programs. The Philadelphia Project partners with Roxborough Church, where Ray is Pastor, to deliver its programs. Ray felt the call to help this community on his heart as early as 1995 and in 1998, as a student at Eastern, he began praying with his mentor for God to guide him on how to help. At Eastern, Ray learned how to ask the question, "how can we take our faith and

allow it to impact the way we live every day?" At Palmer Theological Seminary Ray started thinking theologically about "what it means to act justly in our own neighborhoods." He spent the next thirteen years as a youth pastor taking students on mission trips to help other needy communities. The plans for The Philadelphia Project began to solidify during this time.

In 2015, The Philadelphia Project will host 1500 teen and college age volunteers from across the



REV. RAYMOND GARCIA

country. Ray said of these volunteers, "we seek to equip those coming and serving with the tools and knowledge they need in order to be proclaimers of Justice, and advocates for the Gospel truth in all situations as they leave Philly and head back home." Ray stays connected with Eastern by mentoring Eastern students through his internship program and has been on campus to speak at the Homecoming Chapel in 2014 and Encounter Weekend in 2015.

Ray said of being named Alumnus of the Year: "Being selected as alumnus of the year is something that was extremely surprising and incredibly honoring. I know of many folks who have dawned the halls of EU and who are doing great things for the Kingdom and are making major contributions in their fields. To be considered amongst them for a reward like this is quite humbling and encouraging. The thing that really spoke to my heart and encouraged me the most was knowing that this was a peer elected award. Considering that these great women and men who also share with me the alma mater have considered my name for election is very encouraging and humbling to the core." †

by **DENISE MCMILLAN**

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THE PHILADELPHIA PROJECT
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FOR REBECCA BLAKE, VISUAL ART AND CREATIVE STORYTELLING ARE MORE THAN JUST HOBBIES.

Since graduating from Eastern in 2006, they've become her life's work and the foundation for her ministry at Beacon Presbyterian Church in Kensington, PA. While earning her bachelor's degree in Theology and Creative Writing, Rebecca was challenged by Eastern professors and classmates alike to wholeheartedly examine her theological beliefs and embrace her creative potential.

After graduation, she went on to pursue various vocations that would further her love of art and faith, including a year at Princeton Theological Seminary, transformational work at Broad Street Ministry, and ordination in the Presbyterian Church USA. In the fall of 2010, after recognizing a need for community-building and faith-based ministry in the Philadelphia area, Rebecca invested in Beacon, where she now serves as Co-Director and Co-Pastor.

"Beacon is a neighborhood faith community and gathering space that invites people of all ages to grow together through arts, learning, and faith," she said. "Over the last four and a half years, what began as an art studio grew into a vibrant faith community that is committed



REBECCA BLAKE, '06

to proclaiming and being Good News to its surrounding neighborhood." To reach out to their neighbors, Beacon engages people of all ages and backgrounds through regular bible studies and worship services, after-school care for local children, and creative workshops for the community. With the help of her co-pastor and a team of volunteers, Rebecca handles everything from writing sermons and handling communications to working with children and

2015 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR: REBECCA BLAKE '06



renovating their facilities. "Every day is different, and I wouldn't want to be doing anything else. I truly feel as if I'm living into my calling and vocation every day, and it is a real gift."

Looking forward, Rebecca is hoping to see continued growth at Beacon and furthered fellowship with people in the community. By doing this, she hopes to share the love of Christ and increase her opportunities to share the gospel. She says, "God's redemptive and reconciling love shines brightly at Beacon and in

our neighborhood, through relationships built and strengthened, voices heard, stories shared, art made and faith lived out with grace and authenticity." †

by **ELYSE GARNER, '13**

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BEACON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
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ALUMNI NEWS

Class Notes

1950s

William Zulker '53, DMin '78 is celebrating 64 years of marriage to his wife Isabel and 58 years in the Gospel Ministry. Bill has been taking flying lessons in both helicopter and airplane. His most memorable moments at Eastern were serving as Assistant to the President (for both **Dr. Seiple** and **Dr. Hestenes**). He was a member of the administration for 30 years serving in various offices. He writes a monthly column, "The Way it Was in Lebanon County," for the Lebanon Daily News. For more, check out WilliamZulker.com.

Joe Tatta '55 has welcomed two more grandchildren to his family with the birth of his son's twins. His daughter, **Jo Louise (Tatta) Varnum '81**, has remarried and his granddaughter, **April Tatta '10**, married Eric Hankins. Joe celebrated 50 years as an instructor at Main Line Adult School and was also honored for his lifetime of service by the Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association. Joe recently wrote and published his memoir as well as published *The History of Italian Americans in Radnor Township*. His favorite memory from Eastern was "one above all—meeting and courting my future wife **Carol (Hill) Tatta '58**."

Robert Vance '55 continues to serve as a pastor and does mission trips to South America where he trains pastors (and teaches in the Spanish language). He is the Associate Pastor at Laurel Community Baptist Church in Bellingham, WA. Bob's favorite memories of Eastern include the beautiful campus and wildlife that was so enjoyable. He watched birds and the variety was amazing. He most enjoyed the classroom experience in his history classes with **Dr. Lee Allen**. Something his classmates would be surprised to know was that Bob and his wife toured Scotland this past summer and he shot his first bull elk in the ID mountains this past fall.

Maynard Hatch '57, BD '60 and **Ruth (Cordle) Hatch '57** live in Indianapolis, IN. They marked their 55th

wedding anniversary with a quiet dinner where they also celebrated Maynard's successful surgery for melanoma.

Ed Warner '58, MRE '60 served as organist at Manayunk Baptist Church, Philadelphia for 20 years and retired from that position in 2012. He also served as treasurer of the Alumni Council for many years. Ed also served as vice-president of Friends of the Library Executive Board.

M. Douglass Willey '59 recently began his fifth stint in interim ministry since his retirement in 2000.

1960s

Carolyn (Bjorn) Stringham '60 is remarried, retired from teaching, and moved from ME to OR in 2011. She married Chuck Stringham (to whom she was engaged to in 1959–1960). She has three children and eight grandchildren. Family life has been busy since she was on the East Coast and he was on the West Coast. Carolyn spent 30 years teaching high school English and 36 years as Director of the Ocean Park, ME Library. She enjoys reading, walking, knitting, and dabbling in writing. Her favorite memory from Eastern was skating on the pond in the winter and warming up at the log cabin. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she has spent a good portion of her life aboard Alaskan Airways—flying from coast to coast and keeping houses on both coasts.

David Beals '60 is living in the house where he was raised in the 1940s and 1950s. David was recognized by the state legislature of OH for outstanding service. He has been a church pastor, teacher, director of a theater group and executive director of a referral crisis center, and inner city work. He enjoys reading, writing, poetry, essays, cards, and letters. David's favorite memories of Eastern include being president of the Student Council and fraternity as well as the friendliness and closeness of the campus. Something his classmates would be surprised to know about him is that he drove from PA to CA seven times and one time he ran out of gas at the Grand Canyon. He also started the country's first teen-to-teen hotline.

Graham Freeman '60, BD '63 preaches each year to the men in the Durham Rescue Mission. He is also preaching each Tuesday to the A cell block in the local jail (the A block is for the worst criminals of the B blocks). Growing up in the Baptist Orphanage and Philadelphia helps the men to identify with him.

Charles Hackenyos, the husband of **Joyce (Parkinson) Hackenyos '60**, shares that Joyce is an Alzheimer patient and, sadly, her memory is failing. He did share some of her accomplishments: she was a teacher at Bala Cynwyd Jr. High School and Frankford High School from 1960–1979. She was a choir member in the Northeast Oratorio and a council member at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, both in Philadelphia.

David Horton '60, BD '63 is retired and is contemplating moving to a retirement community. He is retiring from the Stephen Ministry leadership team. David's favorite memories from Eastern include the spiritual life week, the beautiful fall colors, and the walk from Hainer Hall to Walton Hall.

David Bevington '62 is still pastoring two small churches, playing old favorites on the piano at his local nursing home for the dinner hour, walking a mile a day and staying active. He will celebrate his 77th birthday by going to Disney World with his wife, Doris. This May he will have been ordained for 50 years.

Laurence Thoren '63 and **Betty (Hill) Thoren '65** married in 1963 and have four children, 15 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He took four basketball teams to the state playoffs tournament. He is on the Board of Directors of a faith-based drug/alcohol rehab. He enjoys hunting, fly-fishing, and golf. Larry's favorite memories of Eastern include meeting his future wife and playing on the Delaware Valley Conference championship basketball team.

Gordon Andersen '64 MDiv '67 has been married to **Marietta (Rowland '60) Andersen** for 50 years. They have one daughter (who passed away in 2010) and three grandchildren. He was a pastor for 33 years,

servicing churches in RI and MA. He was also the volunteer coordinator for Old Colony Hospice and did 14 mission tours to La Romana, Dominican Republic. He retired in 2000. He likes decorative painting primitive style as well as cane and weave chairs (he is able to cane). His favorite memory from Eastern was meeting his wife, Marietta. His classmates would be surprised to know that he is in his 12th season as a front desk associate for the Lafayette Hotel in Old Orchard Beach, ME. He also only used his nickname in college.

William Armstrong '64 was an All-Star in the Chester West Little League. Bill was a Delco Baseball League umpire for more than 20 years and worked in high school and collegiate games in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland as well as umpiring in the Wilmington Semi-Pro League. He was president of the Delco Officials Association, Interstate Umpires Association and District Board 11 IAABO (basketball officials) as well as serving as vice president of the Delaware County Chapter of PIAA Basketball Officials.

Ken Carpenter '64, MDiv '72, DMin '79 married Trudy in 1967 and they have four children and five granddaughters. After 5 years of military service as a Naval Officer, he was ordained as an American Baptist minister in 1972. He retired from parish ministry in 2007. During his military service, he earned the Bronze Star for Service in Vietnam. He and Trudy enjoy world travel and the White Mountains of NH. He also enjoys jogging, exercise, reading, camping, and collecting antique trains. His favorite memories of Eastern include working in the kitchen and cleaning up the dining hall after meals, which helped pay the bills and where great friendships were made while cleaning dishes. The Wayne Diner was also a routine pleasure. His classmates would be surprised to know that he began cello lessons when he retired in 2007. He says he "enjoys this wonderful instrument, but I am not quite ready for Carnegie Hall!" His college ring has been on his right hand for 50 years! It has been to Vietnam and other countries in Southeast Asia and Europe.

Betty (Stanley) Chan '64 enjoys her two daughters, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and their families, as well as her friends and congregation. She retired in 2005. She enjoys oil painting, classical piano, traveling, filmmaking documentaries, writing,

and photography. Betty's favorite memory of Eastern is walking around the lakes on campus, absorbing all the serenity and thankful for that protective atmosphere. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she makes archival films of personal lives, is a published author, and has had many one-woman-shows of her paintings.

John De Boer '64 will be celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 with his wife, Sherry. He has worked with college students as a college pastor and has performed many weddings. He has been the longest serving member on the DRB at Grand Valley State. He is also a LMSW licensed in MI as well as an ordained pastor. He has served a student congregation for the last 31 years before he retired. He is now at Bethany CRC, an inner city ministry in Muskegon. John's favorite memories from Eastern include great conversations with **Dr. Ferre** and her theologian brother; Betty picking beer bottles as candle holders for the German Club dinner at the log cabin and the professor was not sure if she could join in the song "A Mighty Fortress" with those centerpieces. His classmates would be surprised to know that he is a first generation immigrant and speaks fluent Dutch. He was born in the middle of the Nazi occupation of The Netherlands. He is also a Mayo Clinic patient and has had 3 metal joints for the last 16 years.

Norie (Newell) Erickson '64 has been married to Eric for 48 years and they have three children and one granddaughter. For 15 years, she served 12 different churches as an Interim Minister in the PCUSA. She is now a Chaplain at Four Season Retirement Center. She enjoys reading, traveling, crocheting, and knitting. Norie's favorite memory of Eastern was enjoying the beauty of the campus with friends. Her classmates would be surprised to know that after 50 years, she finally visited France in April.

Susan (Scamman) Girdwood '64 and Frank Girdwood '63 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. They have two children and three grandchildren. Though now retired, Susan was a high school English teacher, Director of Waterbury Area Council of Churches, and a substitute teacher for 14 years. She also served in ministry with Frank for 35 years in American Baptist Churches in PA, CT, and ME.

Her hobbies include traveling with their RV, reading, and her quilting group who makes quilts for a pediatric unit at the Eastern Maine Medical Center. Susan's favorite memories from Eastern include English classes with **Dr. Ingles**, cheering on the soccer team, and "sticky buns" at the Wayne Diner. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she is an avid Red Sox fan.

Lorna (Bixby) Hansen '64 has been married to Rob for 42 years and they have 3 sons, including **Rick Hansen '98**, and four grandchildren. She taught reading to special education high school students for 27 years. She also taught 1 year in Tachikawa, Japan. She is very active at church as a missions advocate, in women's ministry, Bible study & retreat leader, and Sunday school teacher. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for International Ministries. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, and playing the piano. Lorna's favorite memories from Eastern are the life-long friendships. She says, "though we might not see each other often, we can always pick up where we left off." Her classmates would be surprised to know that she has had the opportunity to travel to France, Austria, Germany, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Myanmar.

Margaret (Johnson) Hewitt '64 has been married to Bob Hewitt since 1967 and they have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. After graduation, Peggy worked as a social worker at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and then at the Camden County Welfare Board in NJ. She has been very active in the UM Women over the years and her hobbies include quilting, genealogy, golf, and reading. Peggy's favorite memory from Eastern is accompanying the touring choir to Puerto Rico and staying with **Magali Marchany's '64** family. She remembers that she had to do a lot of babysitting to earn the money for the trip. She also loved working for **Dr. Kannwischer** as his student secretary. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she won a blue ribbon at the county fair for her gingerbread!

John Hill '64 is married to Jeannette DeJong. He is Emeritus Professor of Politics and History and the first (and so far only) Curry College Fellow. He is also the author of *Democracy, Equality, and Justice: John Adams, Adam Smith, and Political Economy*. One of John's hobbies is gardening. His favorite memory



Eastern University welcomes our new Vice President for Advancement, Lisa Titus.

Lisa will be leading fundraising activities, capital and endowment campaigns, and building and maintaining strong alumni relations. If you see Lisa out in the community, please give her a warm Eastern welcome!

from Eastern is the 1963 choir trip to Haiti and Puerto Rico. His classmates would be surprised to know that he is writing a book on happiness.

Roger Kennett '64 is married to **Carol (Lundberg) Kennett '66** and they have three sons and they travel as often as possible to see the family, which includes six grandchildren. They also enjoy taking cruises. They have shared experiences in the Mediterranean, Tahiti, and the Panama Canal. He was on the faculty at Oxford University, University of Penn School of Medicine, and Wheaton College. He also published his first book on production and applications of monoclonal antibodies. Roger likes listening to and playing music, biking, boogie boarding, and poetry. His favorite memories of Eastern include meeting Carol, learning how to learn as well as learning biology in **Dr. Sayles'** classes, and singing in the choir directed by **Frosty Anderson**. His classmates would be surprised to know how much he enjoys boogie boarding and riding his bike 15+ miles on the boardwalk... even at age 73.

Cynthia (Pirro) Lyman '64 was married for 49 years to **Kerry Lyman '64** until he passed away on January 10, 2014. They have three children, three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She retired from both Downingtown High School after 31 years and West Chester University after 13 years. She enjoys singing, reading, and tutoring ESL students. Cynthia's favorite memories from Eastern are meeting Kerry and getting engaged in the wisteria circle.

Sylvia (Whitman) Maloney '64 is married and has two daughters and five grandchildren. She retired in 2002 after working for 30 years for the State of New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services in the field of adoption. She enjoys reading, gardening, genealogy, and quilting. Sylvia's favorite memories of Eastern include the beauty of the campus, the friendship of **Cindy (Pirro) Lyman '64**, and going on the train to Philadelphia to explore the city. Her classmates would be surprised to know about the time she talked **Della Rogers** (Director of the women's dormitory) down from her panic about taking Tylenol and sherry... she thought she would die.

Linda (Alexander) Kohler Morford '64 says it is fun to visit Eastern and remember her days there, as that is where she met and married her husband, **Gilbert Kohler '66**. They served three churches in MI and one in OH and raised three kids. After Gil's death, Linda was fortunate to reconnect with her high school sweetheart, Jim Morford. They have been married for 11 years. She is retired from teaching high school in Monroe, MI. She is currently the National Chairman

of Fashion Committee for Model A Restorers Club and loves to travel. She especially loves our national parks and solar eclipse events! She also likes knitting, quilting, and the Model A Ford automobile. Linda's favorite memories from Eastern include the choir trip to Haiti and researching the Walton family history and the building of Walmarthon for a class with **Dr. Bowman**. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she is the fashion coordinator of the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. She competed in all the fashion exhibits for the grand opening in 2013. She also writes for the Model A News.

Robert Morrison '64 has been a senior chemist, data analyst, statistician, and ordained minister. He attends Faith Baptist Church—Online Missionary, and enjoys reading and computer programming. Bob's favorite memory was Christmastime at Eastern. His classmates would be surprised to know that he has pastored two churches.

Earl Hulings Reeder '64 has been married to Judi Rhodes for 50 years and has two children and one granddaughter. After retiring from secondary education as a science department head, Earl joined a corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Department of a major German chemical company and retired from it. He served as a Presbyterian elder, deacon, choir member, clarinetist and Sunday school teacher in NJ and participated in church mission trips to Paraguay. Now he is a Lutheran Christopher, choir member, clarinetist and team member of mission trips to Eastern Europe. He has been District Deputy Grand Master of NJ Freemasonry, was director of Bridgewater, NJ traveling soccer teams, a soccer player, coach and high school referee. Continuing with music, he is a singer in a German Club men's chorus, in community choruses, in a swing band with his clarinet, a member of chamber music groups at Settlement Music School in Willow Grove, and a singer and clarinetist in an Elderhostel chorus in GA. Earl's memories from Eastern include the classroom time, business office work with Business Manager **Col. Hendler**, dating his future wife, playing his saxophone at basketball games in 1962 & 63, and graduation. Likewise, **Prof. Frosty's** emphasis on memory work in speech class proved to be invaluable in his professional and retirement careers. His classmates would be surprised to know that he was diagnosed with a stage 4 NHL cancer in 2001. After having a bone marrow transplant, his cancer has been in remission for 13 years.

Phillip Robinson '64 has been married for 45 years to his wife, Nancy, and they have three children. He

ran the family oil business for 40 years. He taught school and coached soccer, ice hockey, baseball, and lacrosse. He still coaches soccer and ice hockey at Upland Country Day School. His hobbies include golf, gardening, still playing hockey and softball, reading, and surfing. Phillip's favorite memories from Eastern include having great friends, playing sports, and Sadie Hawkins Day. His classmates would be surprised to know that his company raised over \$500,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Ruth (Widmaier) Smiley '64 is the widow of Tom Smiley and has 3 step children and 7 grandchildren. She was in administrative posts at Eastern, University of Pennsylvania, and Penn State in registration, business, management, and financial aid areas. She also taught Sunday school classes of mixed ages in several inner city Methodist churches where her husband served. Ruth's hobbies include gardening, sewing, reading, touring Switzerland with her family, yoga, and library classes. Her favorite memories from Eastern are cramming for exams "til all hours," being an RA under **Mrs. Rodgers**, her German study group, and sunbathing on Doane Hall roof. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she started yoga classes and civil war studies after retirement. She also has had an extensive mixed-border garden and donates separated perennials as a spring "mission" each year.

Lois (Meeden) Swenson '64 was married to **Jon Eric Swenson BD, THM '66** until his passing on July 14, 2010. They have three children (including **Erica Swenson Elliott '88**) and four grandchildren. She loves to walk outdoors in the beauty of God's creation. Lois' favorite memory from Eastern is from the Fall of 1963 when she met her husband-to-be in the gym lobby when they were talking about "Our Town" (the play by Thornton Wilder) that was performed that weekend. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she walked the narrow ledge outside the top of a church bell tower when she was 8 years old.

Ralph Wagner '64 and his wife, Susan, spend their winters in AZ and summers in NY. They have seven grandchildren. He was an American Baptist minister for almost 40 years, and is now an interim pastor for a Federated UCC, DOC church in Wellsville, NY. His hobbies include golfing, fly-fishing, hiking, cooking, gardening, biking, and writing. Ralph's favorite memories from Eastern include **Dr. Grigolia** and **Dr. Allen**, who inspired him as a freshman and allowed him to fall in love with learning. His classmates would be surprised to know that he ran 15 miles/day in his 30s and 40s.

After leaving Eastern, **Marjorie (Kinsman) Williams '64** taught high school English for four years before moving to IN. She married Jon Williams in 1974 and will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this summer. She has had a fulfilling career as a high school English teacher for 35 years. Her spiritual life has been enriched by engaging in a wide range of Bible studies, teaching the Bethel Bible Series Course, serving as a local coordinator and teaching at an English Language Bible Camp in Latvia, and teaching in an outreach ministry to adults for whom English is not their native language. Her hobbies include gardening, photography, scrapbooking, and reading. Marjorie's favorite memory from Eastern was the Mission in Music trip to Puerto Rico and Haiti in the spring of 1963, which was the highlight of her college years. She will always remember climbing to the top of the Citadel and singing the Hallelujah Chorus and witnessing the Easter baptisms of Haitian believers in the local river. Her classmates would be surprised to know that she and Jon moved to AZ and they look forward to an active retirement lifestyle in this Southwestern setting.

C. Thomas Bailey '65 and wife Regina have three children and five grandchildren. He is President of Empire State Special Needs Experience, Inc.—operator of Lions Camp Badger. He also serves as Treasurer of the regional Lions district and the Rural Economic Area Partnership of Tioga County. Tom is an Elder and Treasurer at church. He is also the Co-Chair of the Personnel Committee and the Chair of the Operating Team at Camp Whitman in the Presbytery of Geneva. Something his classmates would be surprised to know is that he is a retired superintendent of schools.

Linda Kay Brown '65 shares that her first career was teaching Linguistics and English for International students in Guatemala, Singapore, TN, and NC. In her second career, she is self-employed as a Real Estate Appraiser from her home office. Yoga continues to be a long time hobby with her 70th birthday week devoted to stretching at a Sivananda Yoga Resort in the Bahamas. She is on a couple boards and the Rotary Club. She also enjoys QuickBooks, digital photography, current events, literature, poetry, and book discussions. Linda's favorite memory of Eastern is working afternoons in the Admissions Office with **Dr. William Zulker '53, DMin '78** and **Linda Flewelling** using the latest mid-'60s technology. How she marveled, watching the large automatic typewriter chugging out form letters with names inserted no less! They would then fold, stuff, and mail to high schools throughout PA and NJ. Something her



GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1965 CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH REUNION AND LED THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSIONAL.

classmates may be surprised to know is she still treasures the birthday present from her hall mates from freshman year: a silver charm bracelet with the names inscribed, room by room, pair by pair. Lucy, who introduced her to southern buttered grits, was her roommate. Also, back in ME, she is renovating an 1870s village house and its attached barn.

James Burns '65 has created an anti-discriminatory curriculum. Jim coached soccer and wrestling for 10 years and track for 30 years. He enjoys pottery, Chinese brush painting, and haiku poetry. His favorite memory from Eastern is touring with the choir and the first Mission in Music trip to Haiti. His classmates may be surprised to know that he spent four years in the Peace Corps, teaching from grade school through college. He has also been to 25 countries.

Jeanne (Dingle) Emerson '65 and her husband, **Kingsley Emerson '62, BD '66**, have three children: **Kingsley Emerson '93, Kevin Emerson '92**, and **Jocelyn Emerson '95**, and five grandchildren. King retired in 2000 and they moved to Hamden, CT, where Jeanne grew up. When they were first married, Jeanne taught school and became a minister's wife and mother. She shares that her "greatest professional accomplishment was raising three children." She is the Office Manager at the First Baptist Church of New Haven. They are also working with a team of members on helping to resettle refugees in New Haven. Jeanne's favorite memory of Eastern is the bulletin board in Walton Hall where students would put up ads. She says she answered one of the ads... "He was looking for riders to CT. I have been riding with him ever since!" They celebrated their 50th anniversary in June 2014.

David Henderson '65 is married to Sheila, has three children, and his mother, who celebrated her

100th birthday in April, lives with them. He retired in September 2009 from primary care in a solo medical practice in Bristol, VT. He enjoys fly-fishing bamboo rod restoration, playing the mandolin in two groups, and working part-time as a driver. David's favorite memories from Eastern include his friends and teammates, Hainer Hall (not), and **Tom Byron BD '58, George Claghorn BD '44, Dr. John Ruth '56, and Miss Frey**. Something his classmates would be surprised to know is that he is not a Boston sports fan, does not like bagpipes, and has never had bottled water.

W. Stanton Holloway '65 and his wife, **Judy (Hill) Holloway '65**, have three grandsons. They visit their son and family one week per month on Cliff Island, ME. Stan completed 30th in the JFK 50-mile ultramarathon in November 2012. He enjoys golf, running, personal finance, landscaping, and visiting family. Stan's favorite memory from Eastern is the 1965 undefeated season in tennis where he played #1 singles. Something his classmates would be surprised to know about him is that he returned to teach psychology classes at Eastern four years after graduation.

John Hoyes '65 has served on several boards in OH. He has many more memories of Eastern, but his favorite is the "family" of students. His classmates may be surprised to know that he directed the last Lake Geauga Co. Summer Headstart program.

Andrew Kane '65 has three sons and ten grandchildren. He was a pastor for 34 years at the United Baptist Church of Oakland and is now retired. He enjoys furniture restoration and McGrath Pond charters. His favorite memories from Eastern include the Lambda Pi Kappa activities, basketball, and the North Wayne Protection Agency.



2015 MARKED THE FIRST YEAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY GRADUATED TWO SIMPLE WAY SCHOLARS, MALSIELLA MARTINEZ AND JESSE MARTINEZ.

J. Wesley Kennett '65, MDiv '69 and his wife, Sarita, were married for 35 years until she passed away in July 2014. He was Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Juan, PR from 1969–1981 and the Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church in San Juan from 1983-1993. His favorite memories of Eastern include the choir tours and the Mission in Music in 1963 and 1965.

Judith (Glover) McGloughlin '65 has three children: **Charlie McGloughlin '92** (who is married to **Amy Yoder McGloughlin '94**), **Mimi (McGloughlin) McKay '95**, and Carl McGloughlin. She also has six grandchildren. Her husband, Charles, passed away in 2003. Judy's favorite memories of Eastern are the classes she had with **Professor Beardsley**.

Deloras (Trimmer) Moon '65 retired from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church as Director of Children's Ministries, but she continues to work part-time as Administrator at St. Andrews Montessori School. Her husband, **Bob Moon '64**, is retired from Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA. They spend their summers at their cottage in Uniondale, PA and have two married children. Besides her career as a Christian educator, she served on the Jones County Board of Education for 23 years. She also served as President of GA School Boards Association, the state association for Boards of Education in GA. She enjoys golf, reading, traveling, and cruising. Deloras' memories from Eastern include sociology class with **Professor Tony Campolo '56, BD '60, ThM '61** and Sadie Hawkins Day her freshman year, which ended in a "flour fight." Something her classmates would be surprised to know is that she and Bob love to follow Mercer Bears Basketball... traveling to away games and tournaments.

David Phillips '65 retired from the oil industry in the early 2000s and became a permanent FL resident. He and his wife summer in Ocean City, NJ and are active in both communities. He held various professional positions in the petroleum industry. He also earned a 100-ton captain's license in boating. Dave's favorite memory of Eastern was the commuter lounge. His classmates would be surprised to know that he had his own boat, a Sundancer 310 and piloted it from FL to NJ.

Alistair Rae '65 has been married to Bonnie for 49 years, has four children, and seven grandchildren. He retired from banking in 2002. He is a retired captain in the USNR and is on the South Bethany Town Council, sings bass in The Nautical Sounds, and is a watercolor painter. His favorite memories from Eastern are being accepted for admission and starting watercolor painting with **Professor Miller**. Something his classmates would be surprised to know is that he ended up singing in a barbershop chorus.

Fred Shiffer '65 is married with three sons and two grandsons. He retired after 47 years in education as a teacher, librarian, assistant principal, director of technology, and supervisor of adult education. He enjoys traveling, reading, and following UCONN basketball. Fred's favorite memories of Eastern include the dining hall/dish room and soccer.

Dale Slaght '65 retired in 2004 with 32 years as US Foreign Service Officer. He retired with the rank of Career Minister, the highest rank below Ambassador. He moved to a 20-acre hobby farm on the outskirts of Statesboro, GA in 2006. He says he "never appreciated how dependent farmers are on matters over which they have limited control." He married his wife, Jean, in 1970 and they have three adult sons, including **David Slaght '10**. Dale sings in the choir

and is a substitute Sunday school teacher at church. He is an active member of The Gideons International, former president of the International Church Ministries group, and enjoys playing golf twice a week year round. His favorite memory from Eastern was meeting several classmates, who today are close friends. Something his classmates would be surprised to know is that he has just written a book entitled *Roll Away the Stone—Lazarus: The Rest of the Story*. It was released by Xulon Press in March 2015.

Charles Spears '65 retired in the fall of 2007 and relocated from coastal NJ to central PA in 2008. He and his wife, **Jean (Wieland) Spears '65**, live near their son and help with the care of their two grandchildren. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 18, 2015.

Charles worked as a religious education director for the US Army Chaplaincy for 39 years, serving at Ft. Monmouth, NJ. Jean retired as Professor of Education at Monmouth University in 2008. Charles is an ordained Elder, does volunteer work in religious education, youth work, and older adult ministry. He enjoys traveling, bike riding, and reading (especially history). Jean is a Penn State Master Gardener and just received a certificate from Penn State for 500 volunteer hours. She enjoys long-distance bicycling and volunteering at the Cumberland County Historical Society. Charles' memories of Eastern include the small classes and the opportunity to become personally acquainted with professors. Jean's memories are the excellent teachings in a wonderful student-to-professor ratio and the accessibility to the professors. Something their classmates would be surprised to know about them is that Charles spent his career working in a military setting and Jean spent 44 years in the field of education.

David Stiller '65, and his wife, **Connie (Kreider) Stiller '66**, moved out of their PA home and now live with their children. In the spring and fall they live with their daughter, **Sonja (Stiller) Martin '89**, in OH where they homeschool her three daughters. During the winter, they move with the granddaughters to western NY to continue homeschooling, since the girls ski competitively throughout NY and New England. David and Connie summer in Spokane, WA with their son, **Geoffrey Stiller '91**, and his family. David is a retired science teacher and science department chairperson. He was also an adjunct professor at several universities and colleges. He is part of the Free & Accepted Masons in White Haven, PA and a past Master. He is a past Master Gardener in PA and ID, and a past Reservist with the ID Department of Fish

and Game. He enjoys distance bicycling, fly fishing, fly tying, gardening, mushroom hunting, small/large game hunting, archery, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, and handgun target shooting. His favorite memories of Eastern include **Joel "Frosty" Anderson** and the College Choir, Mission in Music tours, late night lab work in the science building, sharing a "Kitchen Sink" at Barson's Ice Cream Shop, and the "honey pots" along the path to Walton Hall. Something his classmates would be surprised to know is that he started downhill skiing at age 67, he enjoys making venison jerky and helping the ID Department of Fish and Game do steel head pit-tagging.

Doreen Veazie '65, MA '67 has two children and three grandchildren. She has been a workshop leader and consultant to the State of CT and neighboring hospitals for music education/music therapy to the special needs child. She enjoys leading drum circles in various school systems and spending time with her grandchildren. Her favorite memory from Eastern was studying world cultures with **Dr. Grigolia**. Something her classmates would be surprised to know was that she traced her ancestry to the Cree Indians of Quebec. She also loves camping and using her own tipi at music festivals.

Robert Walk '65, MDiv '68 and **Kathy (Bustard) Walk '66** celebrated 49 years of marriage. The two met at Eastern in 1962. For the past decade, Robert has served as chaplain at Simpson House, a continuing care retirement facility in West Philadelphia. In this capacity, he has supervised many Palmer Seminary students.

David Reid '68 has been the senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Reading, MA for 33 years. He is married to Nancy Lindgren Reid and he has three sons and two grandsons. He has published more than two dozen sermons and 15 journal articles. He also loves golf.

Steven Stewart '68 retired in June 2013 from the Harrisburg Academy after 44 years. He served in education for 45 years as a middle school history teacher. He served as an athletic director for 26 years and a coach for 30 years. He served in administration within day camps for 14 years. Steven is married to Joanna and they have one son and one grandchild. They have been long time Sunday school teachers at church. His favorite memory of Eastern was playing Saturday soccer games or home games. He also remembers moving the library from Walton to Warner Library his freshman year.

Lee Cattell '69, MDiv '73 was married to **Harriet (Reckless) Cattell '70** until her passing in 1994. He

was pastor at the Milway Bible Church for 18 years and a teacher at the Pilgrim Academy for 30 years. His favorite memory from Eastern is dating Harriet and the society outings.

Doris (Lamon) Gough '69 is married to Bradford Gough. She is a retired Spanish/English/Journalism teacher and high school counselor. She enjoys reading, walking, and traveling. Doris' favorite memory from Eastern was the Girls' Field Hockey Team. Her classmates would be surprised to know that they love to travel! They have visited all 50 States and 6 of the 7 continents. They still need to travel to Australia. Antarctica was the most thrilling, pristine, beautiful place she has ever visited.

Melissa McBain '69 has two adult sons. She writes and performs solo shows professionally. Her drama, *Alter Call*, will be produced in 2015 in Philadelphia. She loves to knit while watching sports events. Melissa's memories of Eastern include the English Department, which was top-notch in the 60s, the formal dining with friends, and the informal, impromptu gatherings at the "smoking chapel."

John Courtland White '69 married **Cathie (Baird) White '69** upon graduation with several EBC friends as attendants. They moved to Asheville in 1993. They have traveled extensively, including the former Soviet Union. Now retired, they say they love Asheville, but prefer Florida in January. Jack did cancer pharmacology research and taught Biochemistry and Pharmacology at the Medical College of Virginia and at Wake Forest University Medical School. He co-authored 50+ research papers and book chapters. For eight years, he traveled to third world countries with the "OneSight" foundation for two-week clinics to provide eye care and corrective lenses. He has been a Sierra Club leader and environmental activist. He coordinates and leads a hiking group and assists in the maintenance of a local state park. He is an avid photographer and a leader in his regional nature photography club. He has lectured informally on the comparative biology of vision. He is developing an interest in Astronomy and Cosmology. His favorite memories from Eastern include meeting Cathie within an hour of arriving on campus, working with his Zeta Pi Sigma-Alfa Pi Omega pals on various service projects, and their many trips to the KoP Burger King. He says, "every time I order a Whopper, I remember piling too many of us into Joe's Mustang or Lee's Corvair." He also enjoyed working with Pat and Sue on the Science Club's evolution debate. His classmates would be surprised to know that he has been known as "Courtland" since 1973. He does enjoy being "Jack" sometimes.

1970s

R. Bruce Johnson '70, MDiv '73 is enjoying time with his wife, **Deb (Clemson '71)**, family, and especially his first grandson and looking forward to a granddaughter on the way. He enjoys weekly lunch with the guys, reading, traveling, and golf. Bruce retired in November 2013 after 40+ years in ministry, including campus ministry at Eastern (1972–1976), four pastorates, church planting, and World Mission Support. He last served 10 years at Clifton Park Center Baptist Church, Clifton Park, NY. He volunteers with the ABCNYS Pastoral Care Team, facilitates two pastor support groups, is an instructor for online Association Lay Studies Program—Baptist Heritage, and enjoys supply preaching. Bruce has several favorite memories from Eastern which include: learning that there was more to this Christian thing than nominal church member, returning to the setting where he grew up spiritually to work in campus ministry, enjoying work with gospel teams, Angels of Harmony, concert series culminating with Andre Crouch & the Disciples, and designing the first RA training program with **Robin Luce**.

Christine (Hadley) Laquintano '70 and her husband, **David Laquintano '72**, will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary in June. They have three sons and two grandsons. She retired from teaching music and directing the choirs at The Ellison School and Organist Choir director at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Ocean City, NJ. Currently, she is the organist and choir director at Kemble United Methodist Church in Woodbury, NJ. She tutors and leads music activities at an after school program in Chester. She enjoys their Philadelphia orchestra and opera tickets and the regular music programs at Swarthmore College next door. Time in Florida, Italy, and the Adirondacks will round out the coming year. Her favorite memory of Eastern is the winter tour through New England with their gospel team, the "Peacemakers." Her classmates may be surprised that she and David still do tent camping!

Ruth (Sharpless) McKinney '70 and her husband, Cecil, have two children and four grandchildren. They moved to Montgomery, AL in 2012 to be near their son and his family after living in VA for nearly 40 years. After 26 years of teaching music, she retired in 2006. She has been a church organist and pianist, as well as director of church choirs and private piano teacher. They lived in Slovakia from September 2008 through February 2010 as Venturers with the VA Baptist Mission Board. They taught English as a Foreign Language as an outreach tool for a mission plant in Nové Zámky and an established Baptist church



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in Komárno. Since moving to Montgomery, she has become an ESL teacher at First Baptist Montgomery. As for her favorite memories from Eastern, Ruth says she always enjoyed the Tune Tangles that were held each year, pitting classes against each other in a musical challenge.

Cynthia (Channon) Rydelnik '70 was married in 1973 to Sigmuid, who passed away in 2006. They have one son. After 20 years of working for NY State, she retired in May 2014. She has been Choir Director there since 1991. Cynthia's favorite memory from Eastern was singing in the college choir.

Jo Ann (Jones) Walczak '70 has two sons and five grandchildren. She was a middle and high school English teacher for 31 years in PA and one year of teaching spoken English in Fuzhou, China. She also did six ministry trips to China from 2000–2008. Currently, she is the editor for C. Hope Flinchbaugh Editorial Services, a freelance writer (blog and publications available for view at www.joannjoneswalczak.blogspot.com), and a producer of a weekly radio program for Chinese: www.blogtalkradio.com/voiceofhope. She also enjoys book club/reading, grandmothering, walking, and time with friends. Jo Ann's favorite memories of Eastern include taking off in **Sue (Sprague) Vivian '70's** new mustang to find the seniors (they drove to the Catskills), Junior semester abroad in England with **Cindy (Klein) Christopher '70** and **Shirley (Sprague) Ziegler '70**, her buddy **Linnea (Thoren) Brown '71**, and her gang: **Linda (Arnold) Anderson '70**, **June (Gormley) Goodrich '70**, **Sharon and Sharon**, and **Sue (Sprague) Vivian '70**.

Ray Withers '70 has been working as an ELL instructor in the public and private schools. All his family continues to live nearby and he enjoys the richness of Lancaster County, PA. Ray's favorite memory from

Eastern was being intrigued by the sights, sounds, and smells of the log cabin during choir rehearsals. Something his classmates would be surprised to know is that it would be really awesome for us 1970s to see one another again.

Ellen (Longmore) Brown '70, MAR '74 was ordained in 2011 and has served as Interim Pastor at churches in OH and RI.

Albert "Bill" Clayton '71 earned his Doctor of Education from Capella University in April of 2014—40 plus years after graduating from Eastern. This was soon followed by triple-bypass surgery that May and then retirement from NRUFCF (a nonprofit financial institution) in August.

Congratulations to **Philip E. Jenks '71** who was inducted into the Morrisville-Easton Central School (Morrisville, NY) Wall of Fame in a ceremony on April 10, 2015. He was one of eight recognized for their outstanding achievements in their lives and career, and for their contributions to the community. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain management specialist from 1964–1968. He served as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern, chief communicator and editor for ABC USA, communication officer for the National Council of Churches, a reporter for The Mercury in Pottstown, PA, and a freelance writer. He retired in 2012 and has worked as a blogger at cakesandale.org and a contributor to seniorcorrespondent.com. He has been a member of numerous faith organizations including the World Council of Churches, Religious Communications Council, and the National Association of Ecumenical and Interfaith Staff. He has also belonged to the American Legion, and the AFL-CIO. He has volunteered his talent and time for Heartsong, an organization that

provides music and art therapy for special needs children and for the Port Chester middle and high school bands.

Congratulations to **Jean (Morse) McIntire '71** who was honored as the 2015 Music Alumna of the Year at the Eastern University Music Gala on April 10, 2015.

Philip Guistwite '74 is currently working on a PhD in Marriage and Family at Northcentral University. He is a retired US Army Chaplain, serving 20 years active duty and four years in Reserves. He is also a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. Phil recently left his job of 10 years with PA Counseling Center in Lebanon, PA and is currently working with CareNet Counseling Centers of Wake Forest Baptist Health Center. He and his wife, Jeannie, celebrated 42 years of marriage and have three children and two granddaughters.

Nancy (Morrison) Hansard '75 and her husband have retired to TN after living in MD for 25 years. They have two children. What she remembers most about Eastern is the beautiful campus. She remembers painting the rock, sneaking out at night (yes, girls had a curfew, but boys did not). She remembers her lunch buddies too, **Sam Foster '75**, **Bob MacMath '75**, **Debbie Cooke '75**, **Barbara (Gould) Beech '75**, and **Karen (Evans) Cook '75**.

Robert Tyson '75 has two grown children and his favorite memory from Eastern was how great the campus looked after a snowfall.

David Bradstreet '76 is the Director of Physical Science and the Planetarium and Observatory at Eastern. He is a "rock star" in the field of astronomy education and the go-to guy for educators with his incredible teaching tools for the Planetarium, his programs that teach binary stars (his major expertise), and giving tours/lessons to thousands of school children in our area.

James Sioma '78 received the Apex Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Care Centers in 2014. This is a patient choice award for the whole state of Pennsylvania.

Rebecca (Pun Kay) Gutierrez '79 has two daughters and two grandchildren. She is a Medical Technologist at a local hospital and at an urgent care facility. Becky's favorite memories of Eastern include the soccer games, being chased by the Canadian geese, and the deliciously fresh cafeteria donuts.

Pamela (Niece) Powles '79 married her college sweetheart, **Dave Powles '76**, the week after graduation. They have been married for 35 years last May and have three children, including

Cassie (Powles) Eccles '08. After teaching in public schools for seven years, she decided to stay home and raise her children. She currently teaches French and Spanish classes to homeschooled students and has homeschooled her own children through high school. They have been at St. John's Baptist Church in South Philadelphia for 25 years with Dave as pastor and she as director of music. She also gives piano lessons to children and adults. Pamela's favorite memory from Eastern is meeting Dave, the pond and the waterwheel. They spent many happy hours walking around campus getting to know each other. She is also thankful for her professors, especially **Dr. Boehne** (French) and **Dr. Fernandez** (Spanish). †

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1950s

Henry Skoog '52, BD '54 February 12, 2012

Barbara (Dixie) Stearns '57 December 13, 2012

Kenneth Wilcox '57 March 30, 2014

Walter Ketcham '58 June 29, 2014

David Crawford '59 May 18, 2014

John Carey Himes '59 December 24, 2014

Williamae (Stevens) Abrams Kilkenny '59, AB '64 January 3, 2015

1960s

John Kilpatrick '60 August 4, 2014

John "Mac" McCully '60, BD '63 December 20, 2014

Robert E. Brown Jr. '62 November 5, 2014

Daniel W. Corcoran '62 November 18, 2007

Thomas Heywood '62 June 25, 2014

Carl Kruhm '62 October 4, 2014

Peter Geiger '64 January 29, 2015

Kenneth Jewett '65 August 20, 2014

Dorothy M. Lincoln '66 February 11, 2014

Louise M. Thoren '66 February 8, 2015

1970s

Lynette "Cathy" Lyon '70 January 21, 2012

Mary M. Warwick '71 January 5, 2012

Lisa (Shiffler) Guilmette '73 July 28, 2013

Heidi (Rogers) LaCroix '74 August 13, 2014

Alan Cranstron '75 February 24, 2013

Debra (Pincin) Gambrell '77 March 27, 2014

Edwin Quigley '78 February 3, 2015

1980s

Howard Fritz '81, MDiv '84, DMin '05 April 19, 2014

Marie "Tillie" McClure '84 June 11, 2014

Althea McDowell '85 November 20, 2014

Robin Littlejohn '89 August 22, 2013

1990s

Alfred DiGiovanni BA '90 January 24, 2015

Mary Noel Keough MS '91 September 20, 2014

Ralph Pester '91 March 20, 2015

Susan Ryan '93 December 12, 2013

Steven Kelley '94 March 26, 2014

Joanna Dyer-Boyce MA '95 September 10, 2014

C. Wilbert McCabe MEd '95 November 13, 2014

Kristine Wickward '95 July 13, 2014

Benjamin Badoud '97 June 21, 2014

Lori L. Sullivan MBA '97 March 30, 2014

Randy Francis MBA '98 November 24, 2014

Wesley Allen Wright MBA '98 June 11, 2014

2000s

Albert Burba MBA '00 January 25, 2015

Holly Gaudette '03 July 27, 2014

Nicole Mathewson '04 December 15, 2014

Clair "Dean" Falls BA '05 January 19, 2015

John Harley MA '05 February 1, 2014

Latona Horne MEd '08 November 4, 2014

Faculty/Staff

Ronald MacClay (Business) November 27, 2014

Nola Maddox Falcone (Former Seminary Trustee) January 5, 2015

Marvin Meyer (Biology) February 1, 2015

Honorary Alum

Dean Smith DD '87 February 7, 2015

MEET YOUR ALUMNI COUNCIL:

Esther (Sprowls) Ashbaugh '72

SECRETARY / TREASURER



1972



PRESENT

MAJOR: Mathematics

CURRENT EMPLOYER: Ellucian – Principal Technical Writer

FAMILY: Married to Tom Ashbaugh '72; 3 children

WHY DID YOU SERVE ON THE COUNCIL?: To give back to my alma mater

FONDEST STUDENT MEMORY: Working on the yearbook

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1950s

Robert Berger MDiv '54 reports that he has many happy memories of City Line & Lancaster Ave. This past September he celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination. During the past four years, he lost his wife, his son, and his daughter. He would like to know how many survivors there are from the class of 1954... he would love to hear from you.

1960s

Having served as an American Baptist pastor in WV and NJ and as an American Baptist Chaplain at Michigan State University, **Roger Palms BD '61, MDiv '71** spent 22 years as editor of Decision Magazine. He continues to write, teach, edit and help authors develop their books. His 16th book, published in 2014, is *Refocusing the Evangelical Mind, A Call to Return to Biblical Beliefs and Behavior* which is available for Kindle and on Amazon.com. He teaches at writers' conferences, colleges and theological seminaries in the U.S. and other countries around the world. His most recent teaching assignment has been in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan where he taught Christian writers. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Fort Myers, FL.

1970s

David M. Brown MDiv '74 is currently serving as Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland. This is the second time he has served this church during a time of transition. His wife, Ellen Longmore Brown '70, MAR '74, is serving as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Delaware, OH.

1980s

Richard Sharber MDiv '80 serves as a hospice chaplain/bereavement counselor in Totowa, NJ, and pastors Hamburg Baptist Church in northwest NJ. Dick and Susie live in Oakland, NJ.

Since his graduation, **R. D. Macaleer DMin '86** has continued his education and written a book: *The New Testament and Bioethics: Theology and Basic Bioethics Principles*, which was published this past January.

1990s

Adalia Gutierrez-Lee MDiv '92 is about to take up a new position with IM in Valley Forge. Her husband, **Ray Schellinger MDiv '93**, will continue to serve at Deborah's House in Tijuana, Mexico, until a replacement is found.

After 25 years of mercy ministry at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, **David Apple MATS '94, DMin '99** has written *Not Just a Soup Kitchen: How Mercy Ministry in the Local Church Transforms Us All*,

which is a book for anyone serving in or leading diaconal or mercy ministries.

2000s

Lois Osgood Mitimore MDiv '03 is celebrating 10 years as pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Salem, NJ.

Carmena Pyfrom MDiv '04 reports that she became the first woman in the history of the Church of the Redeemer Baptist to be licensed to preach in September 2004. In May 2011, she became the first woman in the church's history to be ordained. In May 2012, she launched Purpose-Driven Walkers with a motto of "Do you really want to be made whole?" In December 2012, she was a co-author of *The Voices of the 21st Century*, published by Hope of Vision Publishing. She has been serving as a member of Palmer's Alumni Task Force since its inception. She also completed the Rock n Roll Half Marathon in Dublin, Ireland on August 4, 2014.

Byron Wess DMin '08 released his book in the Spring of 2014. It is entitled *From Within the Storm* and was released by CrossLink Publishing.

2010s

Paul Cruz ESCM '10 has been the director of the Philadelphia branch of Chosen People Ministries since July 2011. Much of his work is in Bucks county or other suburbs. He speaks at churches and community groups throughout PA as well as some missions conferences. His wife, Linda, continues to assist in ministry as well as handling a day job in the health industry.

Robert Jay Adams MDiv '11, was installed at his new place of worship called "God's Church" on November 17, 2013.

Clinton Hoggard MDiv '12 has entered the DMin degree program at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ. Currently, he is an Associate Minister at Vine Memorial Baptist Church in West Philadelphia. He hopes that in the future he will serve as an Adjunct Professor at Lancaster Bible College of Philadelphia.

R. Allan Copenhaver DMin '14 serves as the Pastor of the Sutton Baptist Church in Sutton, WV. Along with his pastoral duties, earlier this year Allan assumed the role of WV Site Coordinator and Recruiter for Palmer Seminary. He began in this role at the beginning of the year and has spent the past several months interacting with current and potential students as well as others associated with the program. †

Deceased Alumni BY CLASS YEAR

Jeanette Ferguson (Knight) Dube BRE '35
September 27, 2011

Omar N. Barth BD '41 July 1, 2014

Joseph Edward Hakes BD '41 February 23, 2012

Leon C. Nelson ABTHB '43 December 8, 2014

Ferne J. Whitney Ely BRE '44 October 4, 2012

David P. Foulk ABTHB '44 February 5, 2012

Robert E. Foster BD '44 February 16, 2015

Donald B. Johnson BD '44 September 21, 2014

Ralph R. Covell ABTHB '45 February 2, 2013

Velma (Kirk) Hartman BSM '45 July 25, 2012

Herbert Ramikur ABTHB '47 August 6, 2014

Frances K (Jorgensen) Ross '47 March 6, 2015

Doris I. (Smith) Rambikur '49 March 5, 2015

William B. Greer ABTHB '52 January 24, 2013

Cornelius Schoonejongen ABTHB '52,
MDiv '67, DMin '76 February 6, 2015

Andrew T. Yousko BD '52 April 10, 2015

Andrew Jensen BD '54 January 28, 2015

Arthur L. Johnson BD '56 March 28, 2015

Allan M. Falls BD, THM '57 October 18, 2012

Jessie Edwin Crone BD '59 December 31, 2012

Richard Wry MDiv '60 January 22, 2013

Lynn B. Hinds BD, MDiv '60 April 5, 2014

John McCully Sr. '60, BD '63 December 20, 2014

Frank "Ted" Reid BD '63 November 29, 2014

Charles Case BD, MDiv, DMin '65
November 17, 2014

Noah S. Martin BD '66 November 16, 2014

Don F. Hodson MDiv '67 June 6, 2008

Wil C. Goodheer MAR '74 April 11, 2014

Richard M. Wolfe, Sr. MDiv '75 September 10, 2014

Ross Goldfus DMin '85 August 13, 2012

Naomi S. Hemphill MDiv '85 November 21, 2014

Joyce (Mix) Meister MAR '88 August 12, 2014

Robert S. Miller MDiv '88, DMin '96 March 2, 2015

Fred Howard Shapiro DMin '98 October 22, 2014

Jacquelyn E McLaughlin ESCM '00 March 21, 2015

Clifford "Kip" Mickelson MDiv '00 August 9, 2014

Helen Wenger MTS '03 May 19, 2014

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