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We are in the homestretch of our campaign to raise funds to build the Garth Pleasant Gymnasium. Over the past year and a half, generous friends and alumni have stepped forward to provide just over \$3 million toward this long-awaited project. *We are within a million dollars of breaking ground.*

And now we have a target. We plan to break ground by May 2016.

The Garth Pleasant Gymnasium is about more than sports. Our enrollment growth has steadily increased over the past few years. Although this is a good "problem" to have, we are running out of space to accommodate all of our students for chapel. We've just celebrated spring commencement off-campus with an overflow crowd. Intramurals, student musical and theater organizations, and community groups are all looking for more opportunities to meet, play and perform on our campus.

The Garth Pleasant Gymnasium is about more than a building. It's about building *character*. Our students learn more than how to make a living. They learn how to live with personal integrity and respect for one another. It's about building *faith*. As a Christian college, we challenge our students to view their lives and careers in terms of God's will. And it's about building *community*. Using the diversity of our student body, we work together to envision and create a just, fair and peaceful world.

Enjoy reading this issue of the *North Star* to learn more about how God is blessing the students at Rochester College. Feel free to give me a call or send me a note, and I'll be glad to let you know more about how you can be involved in the Kingdom work happening here.

John Tyson, Ph.D.
President



Junior Milton Cribbs (who graciously posed for our cover shoot) is one of many Rochester College athletes anxiously awaiting the completion of the Garth Pleasant Gymnasium. A transfer from Ferris State University, Cribbs has certainly made his mark on the basketball court and in the RC community during his short time as a Warrior. In his first season, he had some incredible moments, like when he scored the "buzzer beater" 3-point shot to secure the win against Indiana University Northwest, and the game he put up 28 points and 18 rebounds. Cribbs earned A.I.I. Player of the Week, All-Conference Second Team, All-American Honorable Mention, National All-Academic Team and National All-Tournament Team honors. When he wasn't hooping, he served as video production manager for RC's student media, Shield.

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- 1** RC Theatre Department closes the curtain on another outstanding year of productions, including *The Butler Did It*, *Little Women: The Musical* and *Eleemosynary*.
- 2** Author of *The First Phone Call From Heaven*, philanthropist, columnist and sports reporter Mitch Albom addresses a crowd of more than 500 at the 2015 Partnership Dinner.
- 3** A group of nearly 20 students spent spring break immersed in the city of Detroit during Campus Ministry's annual Urban Plunge. Pictured are Kalita Zila, Danielle Fecteau and Laura Corp, along with Hannah Brackney, all happily sorting and boxing food for the Focus: HOPE mission.

4 RC joined in celebration of our vibrant academic community during the 12th annual Academic Symposium in April. We were honored to present the academic achievements and capstone projects of 91 students.

During the annual Academic Awards Ceremony, departmental honors, service and athletic awards are presented to RC's top performers. Here, sophomore Matthew Burrows accepts the Eckstein Biblical Languages Award from Dr. Keith Huey, chair of the Department of Religion and Bible.

Dr. Haja Razafinjatovo, an educator and government leader from Madagascar, shares his inspiring story during the keynote address.



5 Campus ministry interns spray paint Ken dolls in preparation for the annual "Akenemy" Awards, a fun-filled evening featuring a red carpet and awards given for student-made films.

6 The Student Nursing Association hosted a 5K fundraiser on the Paint Creek Trail in late March. Funds from events such as this support the efforts of the SNA, which includes awarding nursing scholarships, participating in medical mission trips, and attending state and national conventions.

7 Students enjoy a photo booth at the graduation party hosted by the Alumni Association. The event allowed students to take a break from preparations for final exams while honoring the graduates.

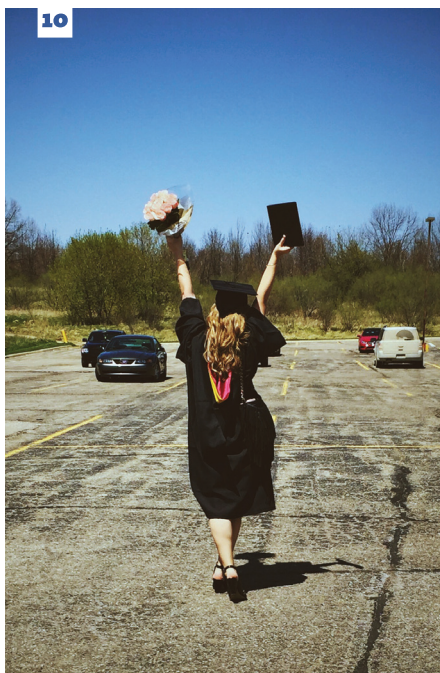
GRADUATION

8 Rogers Biina and his "adopted parents" Larry and Kay Norman rejoice with Biina's family and friends who watched the ceremony from Uganda, East Africa via FaceTime.

9 It has quickly become tradition for the graduates of the School of Nursing to add a little (or a lot) of flair to their caps.

10 Upon finishing her education degree and graduating summa cum laude, California native Holly Hemmings posted this photo and the following message on her Facebook: "Rochester College you have been good to me. You've been my home for the past four years. I've made some of my best friends living in your dorms; I've felt God's presence in your chapel; and I've learned to love who I am because of you."

11 To the mass communication faculty who she got to know while obtaining her degree, Kaylee Anderson said, "Thank you for helping me fall in love with public relations, for pushing me harder and for making me be the best I can be. Thank you for always having an open office door and doing everything you can to help me in any way. Thank you for being you. You have constantly been a light in my life."



Tea at Downton Days to Tiger Baseball in the D: Warrior Adventures Offer Fun for All

Participating in the first Warrior Adventure of the new calendar year, alumni and their guests recently experienced a bit of "Downton Abbey." The group visited Meadow Brook Hall, the 110-room Tudor mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge. The hall is located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Based upon the popular Masterpiece Theatre television series, Meadow Brook's annual Downton Days occurs each winter. The alumni group took a Sunday afternoon behind-the-scenes tour titled "A Servant's Life." The interactive tour focused on the role of the house staff in a country estate by allowing guests to imagine being interviewed for a staff position.

"We were greeted at the servant's entrance by a butler," said Larry Stewart, director of alumni relations. "The head housekeeper then met us in the servants' parlor to explain the high standards required for employment before leading us through the mansion." At the conclusion of the tour, guests enjoyed tea and scones in the servants' dining room.

The Alumni Office introduced the Warrior Adventures in 2013. In addition to Meadow Brook Hall, groups have visited the Detroit Zoo, Detroit Tigers games at Comerica Park, the Detroit Historical Museum, and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Planners currently are considering options for a theatre event in the fall.

"The Warrior Adventures are designed to allow former students to reconnect and once again enjoy one another's company," Stewart said. "We select significant tourist attractions, arrange a group rate, and then spend most of our time the day of the event enjoying the venue. Most adventures include a period of time when we all gather together."

The next Warrior Adventure is scheduled for alumni, their families, and their friends on Saturday, July 18, at Comerica Park. The evening will feature the Detroit Tigers as they face the Baltimore Orioles and a post-game fireworks show.

Tickets for this year's Detroit Tigers Night are \$38 each (Tigers ticket price). Participants will receive a \$10 voucher for stadium food purchases courtesy of the Alumni Association. As usual, there will be drawings for door prizes, including a set of four tickets to another Tigers game provided by Kevin Stewart ('04) and The Stewart Team of ReMax Defined in downtown Rochester.

The reservation deadline for the July game is June 17. A limited number of tickets are available. They will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To purchase tickets, visit WWW.RC.EDU/ADVENTURES.



FREE MONTHLY SEMINARS OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY



Rochester College and The Stewart Team, led by Kevin Stewart ('04), have partnered to bring the Rochester community free, monthly seminars hosted by a variety of local professionals in the areas of personal finance, insurance, retirement, small business growth and enhancement, taxes, long-term estate planning and care, and many others.

"My team and Rochester College are invested in the Rochester area, and we share a commitment to this community. We want to provide our community the opportunity to learn and grow, particularly in areas like financial responsibility, in times when the economy is

in a healthy place," said Stewart.

The variety of subject matter highlighted in the series allows attendees of all ages to benefit. Several RC students attended a recent budget planning session and learned about the importance of living below one's means, saving and paying off debt. "These are lessons I now know, but wish I had paid more attention to in my early 20s! It means a lot to share with young people and watch the light bulbs go off as they learn something new," said Stewart.

For more information on upcoming "Imagine This" seminars, visit WWW.RC.EDU/IMAGINETHIS.

Storm Authors Text Based on Decades of Teaching New Testament at RC

After more than 20 years teaching on the Book of Acts, Dr. Mel Storm, professor of New Testament, recently published *Living Lord, Empowering Spirit, Testifying People*. This volume provides a readable and pastorally-sensitive treatment of the textual and exegetical issues in the book of Acts.

Storm says he hopes the book will encourage others to read the Bible more carefully. "While Acts narrates events that happened in the earliest years of the Christian movement, I have come to understand Acts as a theological narrative, which means the primary concern of the writer is religious instead of historical. Simply put, Acts is more about what God did through the Church by means of the Holy Spirit than it is about what the Church did in spreading the Gospel."

Storm continues, "Furthermore, Acts, which is really a continuation of the Gospel According to Luke, highlights the importance of the resurrection of Jesus and the intended inclusive and global nature of the community of Jesus."

Storm says as his understanding of Acts changed, his teaching was shaped accordingly. However, because he was primarily teaching to general students who have little in-depth knowledge of the book, he grew frustrated with the textbooks available for the course.

"Texts were either too shallow or simply too difficult for the general student. I wanted to write a book that would present my understanding of Acts in a clear and straightforward manner in no more than 200 pages," Storm said.

Like his earlier book (*The Man from Nazareth*, 2006), what Storm created works well for the 2000-level textual classes he teaches at Rochester College. The text highlights key words, offers questions for reflection, and

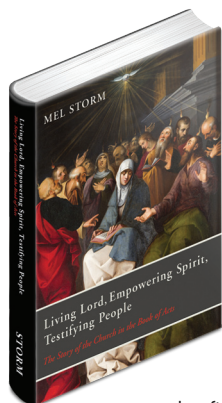
features an organized structure that allows for maximum access and comprehension. "It is a rare privilege for our students to be taught by the person who wrote their textbook!" said Keith Huey, chair of the Department of Religion and Bible. Additionally, Storm says the book was also created with a church setting in mind.

Zac Watson, assistant professor of English, provided editorial assistance on the project. "We are proud of the way this book represents our academic community here at Rochester College," said Huey.

Living Lord, Empowering Spirit, Testifying People is available from Wipf & Stock, and you can also find it on Amazon in paperback or Kindle editions.



Dr. Mel Storm



Matchynski Chosen to Advocate for Scientific Funding on Capitol Hill

Dr. Jessica Matchynski, assistant professor of psychology at Rochester College and a postdoctoral fellow at Wayne State University, was recently selected as one of 10 fellows in the 2015 Society for Neuroscience's Early Career Policy Fellows Program. The prestigious program provides opportunities for early career neuroscientists to learn how to become effective advocates for science and how to encourage others to do the same.



Dr. Jessica Matchynski

Although many neuroscientists may not be particularly comfortable in the advocacy role, there is a need for younger scientists to learn how to communicate the importance of federal funding for scientific research. In recent years, across-the-board spending cuts have sliced \$1.5 billion from the National Institutes of Health budget and \$356 million from the National Science Foundation. While there has been a reprieve from those cuts, "sequestration" could make a return later in 2015. Additionally, even if it stays dormant, science budgets remain very anemic.

As part of the fellowship, Matchynski joined more than 50 neuroscientists at the society's 9th annual Capitol Hill Day in March. For almost a decade, neuroscientists have expressed their support for increased federal science funding while visiting with members of Congress during this event.

Matchynski and fellow group members met with eight legislative offices representing Michigan and Iowa to discuss the latest advances in the field of neuroscience and share the economic and public health benefits of investment in scientific and biomedical research. In total, SFN members met with 81 offices representing 26 states and the District of Columbia.

Matchynski describes the experience as eye-opening and inspiring, and says she left feeling confident in her ability to make a difference and excited to encourage others to do the same. "All of the legislative offices attentively listened to my team's causes. Moreover, the majority expressed support and interest in touring a laboratory in their home state. I truly felt my representatives and senators are advocating for research," she said.

The group's work did not end there, however. After participating in "Hill Day," the fellows committed to engaging in at least three additional advocacy-related activities at their home institution over the course of the year. To guide them through their activities, each fellow is paired with a team of previous fellows and faculty members from the SFN Government and Public Affairs Committee.

Matchynski plans to continue her fellowship by inviting the House members to a laboratory tour at the Detroit VA Medical Center, holding an advocacy workshop for the post-doctoral association at Wayne State University, starting a blog updating her colleagues on neuroscience related topics, and holding an advocacy outreach event at Rochester College to gain public attention to current issues.

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MacKinnon Contributes Article to Volume of Sociology Encyclopedia

The recently published *Social History of the American Family: An Encyclopedia* includes an article penned by Rochester College faculty member, Dr. Gordon MacKinnon. "War on Terror" explores the role of the family as an important social unit throughout history and how terrorism has shaped individual development and identity.

In addition to his role as chair of the Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences and professor of psychology, MacKinnon operates a private psychological practice where he works with individuals and families in the areas of crisis events and traumatic-induced experiences.

His article chronicles a brief history of terrorism as it has impacted the American family since Sept. 11, 2001. MacKinnon presents the notion that as mass violence has become a part of the American experience, adults and children alike are constantly exposed to the anxiety, fears and threats of potential terror attacks.

"Today's teenagers and young adults have only known a world in which terrorism is a realistic threat. The goal of terrorist acts is to induce a wide-ranging fear among civilian populations. As a result, individuals and families recognize their vulnerability to mass violence in the U.S. Because terrorist acts are somewhat random to the public at large, innocent families may become the unknown targets of a terrorist threat," said MacKinnon.

He goes on to point out the highly disruptive effects that exposure to such traumatic events has on one's well-being as well as marital and parenting relationships.

"These types of experiences create vulnerability, a loss of control, fear and anxiety. As these affect the family system, understanding concepts such as resilience and family cohesion have been useful in assisting families to become more inoculated from stress," he said.

The four-volume set which includes MacKinnon's work is available at WWW.SAGEPUB.COM.



Dr. Gordon MacKinnon

RC Says Farewell to Beloved Faculty & Staff



PAULA BONBRISCO

"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" is more than just a verse from Micah 6:8. This message is also at the heart of the 12-year journey Paula Bonbrisco, director of Rochester College's Academic Center for Excellence, has taken.

Bonbrisco's time at the college has been significant, both to her and to the campus community. In 2003, after the college received a federal grant, Bonbrisco began working for the ACE Lab in order to start an academic support system.

The early years of ACE focused on retaining freshmen students and helping them succeed in one or two primary subjects, usually math and composition courses. Under Bonbrisco's guidance, ACE has expanded its offerings over the years to include tutoring for 10 subjects, supplemental instructors for freshman Bible courses and an online composition instruction system.

Bonbrisco says the tutors are the backbone of the program. "I tell the tutors they have the ability to make a difference in people's lives. Having a college degree does make a difference in someone's life. If tutors can help students accomplish that, then they have really helped someone take another step in their journey," Bonbrisco said.

With mixed emotions, Bonbrisco retired at the end of the 2015 school year. Not surprisingly, her next chapter will begin in Colorado where her only son and two grandchildren reside.



ALLIE KELLER

After overseeing the library's operations and staff for the past nine years, Library Director Allie Keller has retired.

In addition to her role in the library, Keller has also taught Information Literacy and Art Appreciation at Rochester College, a position for which she is well qualified. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Memphis State University, a Master of Library Science degree from Villanova University and a master of art degree in art history from University of West Virginia.

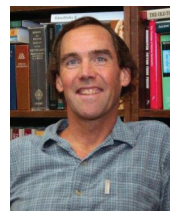
"Art is something we all should know about. We should appreciate what people can make with the artistic gifts God has given them. Art impacts

history, literature, psychology and more," Keller said.

She says she will miss her staff and working at the college. "RC has been a good experience for us, and we've enjoyed it very much," she said.

Her husband, Dr. David Keller agrees, but he and Allie are also excited to retire and move closer to their family in Kansas City, MO. Keller relates her upcoming move to the wisdom literature in the biblical book of Ecclesiastes.

"There is a season for everything, and this is the season to be more of a grandma," Keller said. "I love my staff, and I love the library, but it's time to do something else."



CRAIG BOWMAN

Dr. Craig Bowman, professor of Old Testament and one of the most multi-talented "Renaissance men" ever to teach at Rochester College, has retired from teaching full-time and soon will move back to his native California.

While Bowman's presence at RC will be missed, he hopes to continue to teach online courses for RC. Currently, Bowman teaches two online courses in RC's graduate program in missional leadership and has taught online for undergrad programs as well.

"It's been a blast. I'm very grateful I have been able to pursue archeology and design new courses. That's something larger institutions do not always permit," Bowman said of his 15-year tenure at RC.

Bowman has certainly left an indelible impression on students and colleagues alike. Recently, his former students held a dinner in his honor to show appreciation for the profound influence he has had on them. His devotion to scripture and exacting attention to method and writing excellence made him a significant influence on many of RC's best students.

Bowman also inspired the RC community with his recent struggle with leukemia, which included a bone-marrow transplant. Those who know him found it hard to think of him (an avid biker, swimmer and runner) as being debilitated by a life-threatening disease. But in typical Bowman fashion, he fought through hard and dark days to recover his health and return remarkably to his demanding fitness regime.

Having experienced such a miraculous recovery, Bowman possesses a new understanding of God. "I see God as an emotional being, with emotions that exist beyond our own; one who is intimately concerned with our sufferings, who mourns with us, and laments with us as well as helps us. This in Hebrew is called *kessed*, the illogical loving loyalty of God," Bowman said.

In his retirement, Bowman plans to care for his father, spend time with his youngest daughter and grandchildren and, most importantly, celebrate life.

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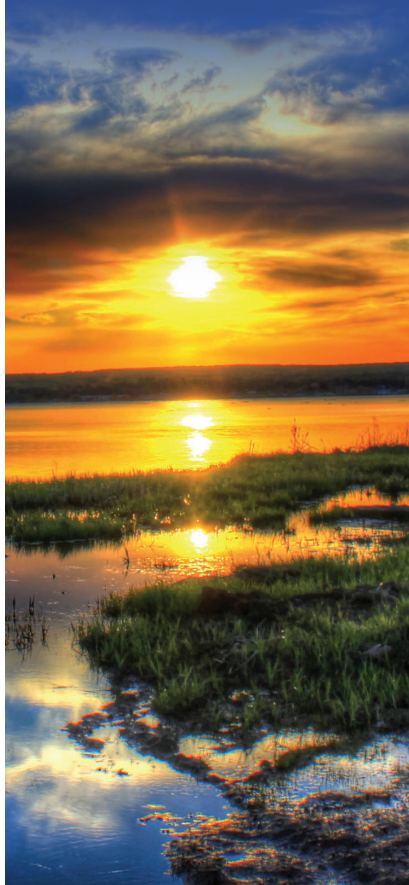
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WARRIOR WRAP-UP

THE WARRIOR WAY

Warrior athletic teams have been among the best in the country on and off the field in both the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association. During the 2014-15 athletic season, RC sent five teams to the USCAA national tournament, and added 18 NAIA scholar-athletes to its record of accomplished student players. The RC athletic program ranked in the USCAA Director's Cup top three for the second consecutive year, an honor given to the most successful athletic programs in the league. This past year was also the first competition season for three new programs as the men's tennis team, men's bowling, and women's bowling teams all began competitive play. The Warriors continue to build on a rich history of success while striving to earn new achievements in the future.

BASEBALL

The Warriors made back-to-back appearances at the Small College World Series in 2015, including being ranked as high as #5 in the country. After beginning the season in Vero Beach, Fla. 6-0, the Warriors stood as one of only three undefeated teams in the NAIA. The Warriors' World Series appearance was powered by NAIA top-five defense and first team all-A.I.I. performer, Blake German. The team was also active in the community, partnering with Habitat for Humanity and Woodside Bible Church's Christmas Serve Project.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RC experienced another tremendous men's basketball season led by head coach Clint Pleasant, who celebrated his 100th career win at RC this season. The Warriors made it all the way to the USCAA national championship game where they finished runner-up in the USCAA, while qualifying for the A.I.I. conference tournament as the #4 seed. Sophomore Paris Pereira led RC, collecting first team all-A.I.I. and first team USCAA All-American honors. Off the court, the team took time to read to students at various elementary schools throughout Oakland County during National Reading Month. The team also hosted the second annual Travis Bass Classic, which helps raise awareness and funds for ALS.

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team concluded another outstanding season under head coach Clayton Bissett, finishing in second place at the USCAA national championship. RC won three tournaments this season and was led by first team USCAA All-American Chet Ryeson and second team All-American Mason Motte.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team began its inaugural season under first-year head coach Evan Valeri. The Warriors played in 12 matches against some of the toughest NAIA and NCAA division III competition around. RC was led by #1 singles player Kyle St. Pierre.

MEN'S SOCCER

RC returned to the USCAA national tournament for the second year in a row under the guidance of first-year head coach Tony Hermiz. RC concluded its regular season by winning four consecutive games and finishing with a mark of 8-5. Daniel Seargeant was named a second team USCAA All-American, while Joey Beshara was awarded honorable mention. Beshara, Seargeant and Justin Kane were named honorable mention all-A.I.I. performers.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Playing one of the toughest schedules around, the Warriors missed the postseason for the first time in fifth-year head coach Eric Sims' career. With just one senior on the roster, RC finished with a mark of 7-23. Sims' young crop of players was led by junior Jackie Highstreet, who collected first team all-A.I.I. honors. The Warriors raised funds for breast cancer research in November and culminated the effort by hosting a "pink game" in December.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING

The bowling teams began their first season under the guidance of head coach Rick Maruszczak, facing some of the top NAIA competition around. (The Warriors bowling team competes as an "emerging sport" within the NAIA as the sport continues to grow around the country.) Jeff Suma, Jr. led the men's team, while Renee Spicuzza was key to the women's lineup during the first season of competition.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

In its second season since returning to the RC athletic program, the women's cross country team continues to build on a solid foundation. The Warriors competed at the A.I.I. conference tournament for the first time this year. The Warriors finished fourth at the conference championship and were led by Emily Guirey and Kelsey Wright-Alexander.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The women's golf team concluded its 2014-15 campaign by finishing in the top three during its final three tournaments of the season. The Warriors featured a lineup led by Kristin Loisselle and Lindsay Baslock. The team saw just two golfers graduate, and expects to be highly competitive in the coming season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Featuring quite a young roster, the women's soccer team won four games in 2014. Coach Todd Stank's lineup saw six newcomers receive considerable playing time this past season. The Warriors will replace senior leaders Emily Guirey and Kaylee Khoshaba, both of whom received A.I.I. honorable mention, along with fellow teammate Jessica Ollila. The team hosted its annual Breast Cancer Awareness Game in October, which helped raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Warriors 2014 season was arguably the most impressive in recent memory. Under first year head coach Shannon Murphy, the Warriors finished runner-up in the USCAA and qualified for the A.I.I. conference tournament. The team finished with 26 wins and was led by first team all-A.I.I. performers Paige TenBrink and Lexus Medina; second team selection Chelsea Potter, and honorable mention performer Tara Vandenburg. The team also joined in the support to fight breast cancer by hosting a "pink game" of its own.

CLUB SPORT — MEN'S HOCKEY

Competing as a Division 1 member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association, the Warriors hockey team maintained a top-25 ranking for several weeks during the fall semester. During the 14-15 season, the Warriors won the "Battle of the Jug" series against the Oakland University Grizzlies by a margin of three games to one. The team also celebrated a road victory against the highly-ranked powerhouse, Liberty University and ended the semester earning a hard-fought split against the University of Michigan-Dearborn Wolverines. Additionally, senior Josh Botimer ended his collegiate playing career ranked third in the nation in points among defensemen.



THE FINAL QUARTER

The long-awaited Garth Pleasant Gymnasium will provide a first-class setting, propelling RC's top-ranked teams to new heights.

COLLEGE PLANS TO BREAK GROUND ON GARTH PLEASANT GYMNASIUM IN MAY 2016

Plans for construction of the Garth Pleasant Gymnasium are now on a fast break, with ground-breaking set for May 2016.

The development was propelled by two major gifts from friends of Rochester College. Bill and Shirlee Fox, owners of Bill Fox Chevrolet in Rochester Hills, ignited fundraising for the project with a matching gift of \$1 million.

Alumnus Mark Ide ('71) and his wife, Missy, pledged \$1 million for the new gym in December 2014, which is the largest alumni gift in the college's history.

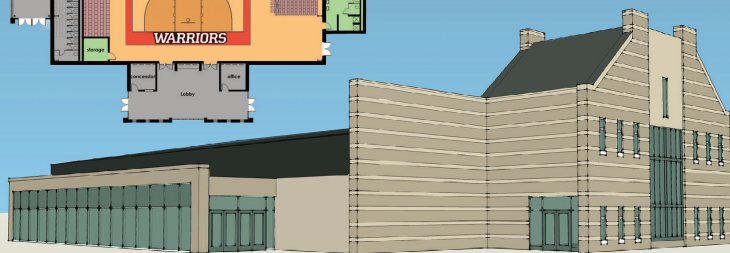
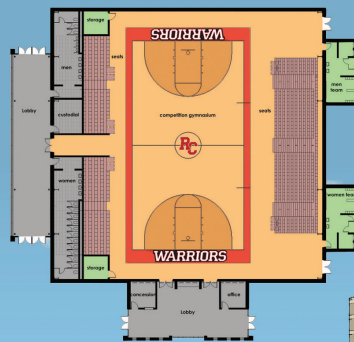
The Board of Trustees authorized the administration to announce at the 2015 Partnership Dinner that RC will break ground on the long-awaited project in May 2016.

While holding a symbolic gold shovel, Tom Rellinger, vice president of development, made the announcement, which was answered with loud cheers from an audience of nearly 550 guests.

Rellinger said current fundraising has moved past 75 percent completion with funds raised totaling \$3,027,920 against a projected budget of \$4,056,134. The initial estimate of \$3.8 million for the project, which was made in June of 2013, has been revised for current projected construction estimates, he said.

To complete the fundraising campaign, the college is actively seeking donors. It has created a \$1,000 and \$2,000 "Final Quarter Club" with a goal of finding 500 donors to pledge \$1,000 over 12 months, and 250 donors to pledge \$2,000 over 12 months.

"We are excited to be nearing our fundraising goal so we can break ground," Rellinger said. "The gym will offer a suitable home for our five-time national champion men's basketball team and many of our other teams. We are looking for people to join us in our efforts so we can build this gym!"



BUILDING SPECS



- Projected completion by February 2017
- 20,000 square foot facility; first of three phases
- Includes a regulation performance court for NAIA competition
- Accommodates nearly 1,000 guests utilizing both permanent and bleacher seating, with additional floor seating for 500-750

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- 100 permanent seating chairbacks
- Main bleacher seating
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- Score table (one time & 3-year options available)
- Trophy Case
- Concession booth
- Players bench seating (40 chairs)
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THE KEY PLAYERS

Auto dealer Bill Fox decided long ago to share his success with others, especially the community he has called home for almost 50 years.

Opening as Bill Fox Chevrolet in 1967, Fox's dealership flourished and grew alongside its home city of Rochester Hills. Fox and his wife, Shirlee, always believed in contributing to their community, which included supporting Leader Dogs for the Blind, Crittenton Hospital, Rochester Rotary Club and, of course, Rochester College.

The Foxes' most notable and recent gift to RC has been to kickstart fundraising for the Garth Pleasant Gymnasium with a matching gift of \$1 million.

This significant gift is a remarkable indication of a long-term friendship between two men.

Fox's first affiliation with Rochester College (then Michigan Christian College) came when Coach Garth Pleasant asked him to serve on the college's athletic advisory committee. The dealer and coach become fast friends, with Fox even asking Pleasant to conduct his wedding.

"He's always been a great guy, great coach," Fox said. "You can never say anything bad about Garth. He's always been a super coach and super person. We became close friends over the years."

The two men share a desire to influence their community in positive ways, especially to build good character and life-transforming faith in young people.

"Some of the boys Garth has taken have been rough around the edges and he helped them become really good people and good men," Fox said. "I totally admire that. I graduated from a high school whose motto was 'builders of boys and makers of men,' and I always think of Garth when I think of that motto because that is what he has done throughout his career."

While Pleasant has been the direct, daily influence on young people, he says he couldn't have done it without support from people like Fox. "Bill has been a great giver to the community and other worthy causes. I think Bill appreciates what Rochester College has done for the community and how it has helped the lives of young people," Pleasant said. "His gift is a way for him to say thank you to the college for the way it has affected the lives of young people."

Fox says he has always had a passion for education and he wants to help others teach and support the next generation.

As he became more acquainted with RC over the years, he saw the effect not having a gymnasium was having on the small college community. "I see a real need for a gym. A college of that caliber, with its quality sports teams -- not having its own gym was a real turn-off. I thought this is something that has to happen," he said.

Fox believes his gift alongside the contributions of hundreds of others will benefit not only the college, but the community as well. "I'm in full support of building this gym for Garth, the college and the community. I hope we're successful."



FOR HIS FRIEND,
FOR HIS COMMUNITY

BILL FOX

FOR HIS ALMA MATER

MARK IDE

Mark Ide credits his experience at Michigan Christian College with giving him a solid foundation on which to build his life—both professionally and personally.

A 1971 graduate, Ide's company, Ide Management Group, owns and manages skilled nursing and assisted living facilities throughout the United States. With more than 2,000 employees, the company has annual revenue of \$150 million and facilities in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Along with his wife Missy, Ide has pledged \$1 million for the college's new gymnasium, which is the largest alumni gift in the college's history.

Ide said, "The school aided me in my business success, and I am happy I am in a position to help the school improve."

Looking back at his time at the college, Ide points out the relationships he built with teachers, such as Sue Reich, Don Shull, Larry Journey and Bill Shinsky, who all became not just teachers but friends as well.

Ide remembers an encounter with Shinsky. "Once Coach Shinsky made a statement that the totem pole belongs on the island and will never be moved. The next morning it was on his front lawn. I don't know how it got there," he laughed. This is, of course, the same totem pole that was refurbished in 2011 by a group of donors and will be prominently displayed in the lobby of the new gymnasium.

These relationships and the educational foundation gave Ide a "solid academic base and helped him gain confidence," he said.

Ide went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in social work from St. Louis University, and an MBA from the University of Tennessee.

Known as an entrepreneur, consultant, leader, coach and acquisition specialist, Ide spent 15 years working for non-profit organizations. During this time, he developed a passion to improve the care and rehab services offered to seniors.

His company turns around struggling facilities using a team of healthcare professionals with years of experience in intermediate, skilled and assisted living facilities. Ide Management provides consulting, counseling, training and management to each facility on a consistent basis to improve the overall operations of each facility.

"We adhere to a philosophy of 'residents first,'" Ide said. "This philosophy is the foundation of the company and continues to make our facilities leaders in the health care industry."

Ide also manages a not-for-profit company, Gone Fishin', which assists employees dealing with hardships. In his free time, he loves to travel with his wife and spend time with his children and granddaughter. He can be found fishing in Canada, hunting at his cabin in Tennessee, golfing in Florida and sitting by the lake in Carolina.

In addition to his financial support of the college, Ide devotes his time serving on the RC Board of Trustees. "I want to see the school gain more recognition as a Christian educational institute we can all be proud of," he said.



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ENDOWMENTS SECURE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Although the campus of Rochester College has visually changed over the years, alumni and friends from every decade have enjoyed the scenic woodlands. The grand oaks and towering pines are a favorite feature of the campus for many. They are also a reminder that there has been life before us, and there will be life after us.

What is left behind after the action of a lifetime? We think of our legacy in many ways—our life’s work, our descendants or maybe our written words. Your legacy can also be an investment in the mission of Rochester College—helping us carry on programs important to you.

Below, meet two alumni who are dedicated to helping Rochester College educate students to be salt and light for years to come.

DON CARTER { a family affair }

When the first shovels of dirt were turned over in an empty field on Avon Road more than 50 years ago, Donald and Marie Carter were there.

At this momentous occasion, the couple knew they were investing in a plan to build a Christian college in the north. What they probably did not know was they were also building a legacy.

This legacy lives on through what is now known as the Carter Family Endowed Scholarship. Donald and Marie’s son, Don Carter, started the fund in honor of his mother in 1991. At that time, the scholarship was known as the Marie A. Carter Endowed Scholarship. Upon his father’s death in 1994, Donald Sr.’s name joined the title. Eventually, Carter’s wife and sister also passed away, and it only seemed fitting to honor their memory as well.

After all, Rochester College has truly been a family affair. Members of the immediate and extended Carter family have been faculty, students, Associates and even hamburger-flippers at college fundraising events. Although the family has contributed in other ways to the financial success of the college over the years, the scholarship fund is their most important investment.

“I am a firm believer in things that go on after one’s death. Endowments are a great way to help others for many years,” he said.

Carter says he also believes in the need for higher education. “There wasn’t anyone in my father’s family who had ever obtained a college degree, so education became paramount to my dad. He instilled this in my brother and myself, and now we’ve done the same for all our children,” said Carter, who attended RC in the early 1960s.

When reflecting on his time at the college, Carter recounts several enjoyable memories, including his days as a basketball player for Coach Bill Shinsky and as a residential student.

"There's no question the college had a big impact on my life. You could really tell your professors had a great love of Christian learning and tried to convey that to us," he recalled.

Carter hopes his family's scholarship will continue to allow young adults the same unique learning opportunities for years to come. He has even recently recruited his nephew, Lance, to help carry on the family tradition by supporting the fund.

"I've met many of the students from Rochester who have received our scholarship, and I'm always very impressed with them. I hope that because they got a scholarship, they will give back and continue to support the college later in life," he said.

JANICE COOPER *[a proud daughter]*

If Rochester College had a say, Janice Cooper would get her family's Daughter of the Year Award.

The youngest of eight children, Cooper recently established the Cooper-Kennedy Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of her late father and mother. "My parents have always been my role models. I don't do anything for me; it's all because of them," she said.

Cooper, who attended Rochester College in the mid-1960s, says Christian education was critical to her parents. She remembers how adamant her father, a former Church of Christ minister in the Chicago area and one of the founders of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, was that all of his sons go to college. Her mother was just as determined her daughters do the same.

All but one (who married and started a family after high school) of the eight Kennedy kids obtained at minimum a bachelor's degree.

The proximity to her family and familiar Christian standards were what drew Cooper to RC when it was her turn to carry out the family tradition. When Cooper looks back on her time at the college, she says the relationships between students and faculty and the close-knit community made a big difference.

"You didn't get lost in the shuffle. If someone didn't know you already, they got to know you. It felt like you were away from home, but you weren't really away from home," she recalls fondly.

Cooper went on to complete her bachelor's degree at the (undeniably larger) University of Illinois, but she says her time at RC made her feel well prepared to learn in lecture halls with more than 300 students.

"By that time, I was ready. I'd had two good years in the Christian environment at Rochester."

Today, Cooper lives in Atlanta, Ga., where she is managing partner at Cooper CitiWest JV, a full-service real estate asset management firm currently overseeing assets in 18 states and Puerto Rico.

She is also owner of the Kennedy-Cooper Consultants Group, and the former REO director at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This role alone involved supervising over \$4 billion in single-family REO sales and participating in the formulation of some of the most significant public policy decisions relating to REO management and disposition.

Certainly, Cooper's own accomplishments are something to be proud of. Yet, it's the legacy started by her parents that gives her the most pride. She says it dumbfounds her that people still talk about her dad even though he's been gone for almost 40 years.

The opportunities provided by the Cooper-Kennedy Endowed Scholarship Fund will surely have a similar lasting impact.

"The good you do lives on. There's a lot of pride in that," she said.

WHY ARE ENDOWMENTS IMPORTANT?

An endowment creates financial stability, allowing colleges to be less dependent on unpredictable sources of revenue such as annual gifts, state or federal appropriations and enrollment increases. The resources produced by endowment funds can support a variety of activities, including scholarships, professorships for distinguished and dedicated faculty, or academic initiatives that enhance an institution's ability to be a leader in higher education.

Endowment funds are invested, or are available for investment, to produce revenue. The revenue from these investments is available for scholarships, faculty positions and educational initiatives. The principal for these funds is protected, thus ensuring the fund sustains itself in perpetuity. A strong endowment allows a college to focus on the business of educating students, instead of raising money to cover annual operating expenses.

WHO WILL OVERSEE MY ENDOWMENT?

Rochester College has several entities available to oversee your endowment gift: Rochester College Foundation, Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan and the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester. Each entity

has its own board and investment committees who have legal fiduciary responsibility for overseeing endowments. Endowment funds are invested to ensure a healthy and safe return with distributions being made to the college each year. The college also accepts and manages endowment funds directly, providing greater flexibility for college administrators.

Donors can specify if they want their endowment funds to be restricted or unrestricted. Restricted funds are donor directed as to how the proceeds can be used. An example might be a scholarship for students going into ministry. Income from unrestricted funds is disbursed annually and allows the college administration to direct income toward areas of greatest need (e.g., the funding of a new faculty position).

Endowment funds provide one of the most secure sources of revenue to Rochester College. Come join us as we endeavor to secure our mission. Help us safeguard a bright future.

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GOBBLES & GLORY

CHAD & JAMES HAMPTON
SHARE THEIR WILD LIFE
OF HUNTING FOR
GOD AND BIG GAME

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AN AFTERNOON IN OCTOBER
2004, JAMES HAMPTON ('04)
VENTURED INTO THE WOODLANDS
OF MAYVILLE, MICH., TO HUNT
DEER; A PASTIME HE AND HIS
TWIN BROTHER, CHAD ('04), HAVE
ENJOYED SINCE CHILDHOOD.

It was a picturesque fall evening—the kind Michiganders look forward to all summer—the kind where the crisp autumn air rustles the vibrantly hued leaves; where the sun beams through the trees, illuminating God’s colorful masterpiece and warming one’s skin a final time before the interminable winter comes.

Yet, after climbing his way up a towering oak and settling into the tree stand he had erected, James did not ready his bow and arrow. Instead, he tuned in to the tranquil landscape and began to pray, which he did ceaselessly as dusk fell upon him.

At the time, James was preparing to graduate from Rochester College with a degree in science and Biblical studies. He was also caring for his wife, Susan (Smith '98), who was recovering from the cancer she had been diagnosed with shortly after the couple married, working a job he disliked, and struggling to find God’s purpose for his life.

As he recalls the moment that would shift the trajectory of his and Chad’s lives, James says: “I shared with the Lord how I felt, and that I was done pursuing my own plans. I promised to start pursuing His, and I asked what He wanted for my life. As I continued to pray, I heard the Lord tell me in my spirit, ‘I want you to hunt for me like you hunt for these animals, and teach people to do the same.’”

Unsurprisingly, James did not return home celebrating a successful hunt. But after pouring through scripture later that evening, he rejoiced in a different blessing—the vision he now had for what would become Huntin’ The Truth Ministries.

IN SIGHT

If there's any substance to the saying, "stick to what you know," the Hampton brothers are certainly on the right path. Raised in a Christian home, James and Chad say they've had a relationship with Christ since the young age of 7. Shortly thereafter is when their father introduced them to hunting, sparking a passion that propels them to this day.

"The Bible says God reveals himself through His creation, and there is something about being in the outdoors that drives us to spend as much time in the woods as possible. We take the opportunity to hunt God's creatures very seriously," said James.

Having spent most of their lives engaging in the gospel and hunting, Chad says there are some very important parallels between the two. "If you look up the definitions for 'hunt' and 'seek,' you will see they are almost identical. They both have the general definition 'to search for or pursue with force.' If you replace 'hunt' in verses that include 'seek,' it puts a very interesting spin on the verse," he said.

He goes on to cite scripture such as Psalms 14:2, which says, "God looks down on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, or any who seek [hunt] God."

"God is looking for 'hunters' of Him. James and I want to teach people how to do so with the same passion, dedication and intensity used in hunting animals," Chad said.

TAKING AIM

This desire is the aim of the Hampton's multi-faceted vocation, Huntin' The Truth Ministries, whose mission is to "create and restore relationships with Jesus Christ through hunting and the outdoors." The three parts of HTTM include a local ministry, or what they call their "home chapter" in Lapeer County, Mich.; a chapter development program; and a national speaking ministry.

The local chapter, as well as the seven others that have been established through various churches countrywide, focus on ministering to youth who do not have a father figure, as well as physically challenged men, women and children. "Our goal is to get them hunting in God's creation, build relationships with them and share the gospel in the process," James said.

The speaking aspect of the ministry has given the Hamptons the opportunity to travel the U.S., using their love of hunting and the outdoors as a vehicle to build God's kingdom. Annually, Chad and James speak at 15-20 events, including wild game dinners, men's ministry gatherings, prayer breakfasts, hunting camps and conferences, and Sunday morning church services.

With such a robust schedule of public speaking engagements, it's hard to imagine a time when a brief seven minutes in front of an audience would render James uneasy. Yet he recalls standing in Dr. David Fleer's preaching course during his time as a student at RC, feeling quite uncomfortable and unsure as he delivered his first sermon.

Afterwards, Fleer gave James a compliment he says he'll never forget. "[Fleer] said, 'One day people will enjoy listening to you preach and speak.' That had a big impact on my life, even though he probably never realized it. Little did he or I know that God would call me to preach and speak in public for a living," said James.

Chad's start in ministry had similar (Rochester College) roots. He adds he will always be thankful for the time he spent at RC, the lifelong friendships he made and the influence the people and professors had on his life. "God used some professors to spark a fire in my heart to be in ministry and serve His people. I actually started in ministry at age 20 during my time at RC with an internship as a youth pastor. The courses were great preparation for me to enter the adventure and challenges of this calling," he said.



as a toddler and being given an experimental drug to prevent any reoccurrence, he was left paralyzed from the chest down. Although the subsequent legal battle resulted in instant wealth for him and his family, he divulged he had recently attempted suicide after struggling to find fulfillment and purpose.

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—JAMES HAMPTON

HAPPY HUNTING

Nowadays, not only do people enjoy (and pay for) a speech or sermon by the Hampton brothers, they are oftentimes convicted by the gospel message so eagerly and affably shared with them.

James recalls one such man who requested to speak with him and Chad after they had addressed guests at a wild game dinner in northern Michigan a few years ago. The young man explained that after battling blood cancer

"He then asked us if we could help him. We explained we would love to pray with him and try to help in any way we could, but only God could fulfill the void he had in his life," James said.

The Hamptons say moments like this, where they see Christ touch someone's life, are their favorite part of what they do. "It's why we do it...to see lives impacted by the love of Christ," said Chad.



"THEN GOD SAID, 'LET US MAKE MANKIND IN OUR IMAGE, IN OUR LIKENESS, SO THAT THEY MAY RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA AND THE BIRDS IN THE SKY, OVER THE LIVESTOCK AND ALL THE WILD ANIMALS, AND OVER ALL THE CREATURES THAT MOVE ALONG THE GROUND.'"

SHOOT!

Ultimately, their brotherly bond is strong, and they make the near constant contact work. In fact, as if the two weren't spending enough time together running HTTM, in 2014 they signed a deal for an outdoor reality mini-series with The

BE THE FACTOR

James reinforces the motto that is heard time and again throughout episodes of "Twin Factor"—*"BE THE FACTOR* in the woods. *BE THE FACTOR* in your family. *BE THE FACTOR* for Jesus. Our goal for everything we do is to have an impact on the

Pursuit Channel. Written and directed by the brothers, "Twin Factor" also stars the dynamic duo. In the show, Chad and James give audiences a behind-the-scenes look into the adventures that arise while building a successful brand, running a ministry and raising a family (James and Susan have two children— Jimmy, age 13, and Abigail, age 9; Chad and wife, Joi, have a 4-year-old named Alijah). Of course, the thrill of hunting big game gets documented along the way.

Chad and James say they are often asked, "What is 'Twin Factor?'" or "What is the twin factor?" While the obvious answer is that it involves the twins trying to be a factor in harvesting animals and doing their part to manage God's creation, Chad says the focus of the show is not what most people would think. The brothers say they chose the title "Twin Factor" for mostly spiritual reasons. They also chose the text from Genesis 1:26 which says, "Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals and over all the creatures that move along the ground'" as the theme scripture for the show.

"As we see from this verse, the idea of 'twins' came from God. He created us as twins with Him and Jesus ('let **us** make mankind in **our** image'). The scripture goes on to say He created us in His image so he could have a purpose, just like Adam had a purpose in the garden, and Jesus had a purpose on earth," said Chad.

He continues by explaining the word "factor" means "to have an impact on the outcome of something."

"So we are all created as twins with Him, so we can have purpose and make an impact on the outcomes of peoples' lives for Jesus," said Chad. He excitedly declares, "We **all** have the 'twin factor' for Christ! That's the main message about us and our show."



lives of people God allows us to come in contact with and help bring souls back into the kingdom. Whether through our show, ministry or families, [we strive to] be the factor, and encourage others to do the same."

As for what Chad and James are aiming for when they think about the future, their sights are set on God's plan. "Our target is people who do not know Christ and would never step foot in a church, but would attend our events or watch our show. We feel led to try and reach as many people in that audience as possible. We are open to wherever and however God decides to lead us in that adventure," Chad said.

TWIN FACTOR

Although these moments are the most memorable for Chad and James, the brothers also have a long list of good times they have shared while working alongside one another over the years...if you can even call it working. "Our two passions in life are God and hunting. Since we own a hunting ministry, work and play just blur together," James said.

The Hamptons are grateful for this setup. They mention how few people of the world's population are twins (2 percent, according to The Twin Foundation), and note the rarity of also being able to work together day in and day out. "Chad and I have a blast with each other! We feel so blessed to be able to labor for the Lord and His glory together in ministry and business and enjoy it very much!" said James.

James said spending so much time together has its challenges. He half jokes that Chad tends to get on his nerves easily...but he realizes Chad could probably say the same of him.

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Jim & Susan Clark

Dave & Teri Zito
Ed & Ronda Rosenbaum

classNOTES

1973

David Penn recently earned a master's degree in history from the University of Nebraska. He also holds a bachelor's degree from Rochester College (1994), three additional master's degrees, a graduate certificate in school superintendency, an educational specialist degree, and a doctorate degree. For many years, he taught and served as an administrator in Chicago area public schools. He currently serves as an online history instructor for Southwestern Christian College and as a professor of history at Joliet Junior College. In addition to his academic responsibilities, he serves as the pulpit minister of the Robbins Church of Christ in Robbins, Ill. He can be contacted at kennedy123@aol.com.

Lynn Shinsky is retired after 39 years of teaching. Lynn and his wife, **Holly**, live close to Farmington, NM. They have five children and nine grandchildren. Lynn climbs 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado during the summer, and Holly works with Melaluca and natural food co-ops. Both assist with school-age children at church through Leadership Training for Christ. Lynn can be contacted at lynnhikers53@hotmail.com

1987

Joey Tilton is chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. Joey and his wife, **Becky (Kreh-'88) Tilton**, have three children, Ashlyn, Zac, and Faith. Joey can be contacted at jbazf@suddenlink.net.

1990

Sarah (Anthony) Vickstrom ('09 CEL) was recently promoted to a lead teacher position in the Great Start Readiness Program at the Creative Hands Early Learning Center. Sara and her two sons live in Plymouth, Mich. She can be contacted at slvickstrom@comcast.net.

1996

Amy Bull has returned to college for a degree in early childhood education. She plans to pursue a specialization in sign language so she can work more effectively with hearing-impaired families and children. Amy lives in Xenia, Ohio, and works as an assistant teacher at Grace Learning Center. She can be contacted at amybull19@gmail.com.

1998

Stacey (Bowers) Bousho graduated in the fall of 2014 with an MBA from Ohio Christian University. Stacey and her husband, **Mark Bousho ('99)**, live in Clarkston, Mich. They have two daughters, Eva Christine and Charley Anne.

2001

Abigail Joy joined Maddie Jane in the home of Troy and **Jennifer (Kirby) Armstrong** on June 9, 2014. The family lives in Grand Blanc, Mich. Jennifer can be contacted at jenarmstrong5@hotmail.com.

2010

Justin and Lisa (Ambrose-'09) Eimers welcomed Elias Malachi on Feb. 20, 2015. Lisa completed her Master of Arts degree in human services/counseling with a cognate in executive leadership from Liberty University on Dec. 19, 2014. The family lives in Grand Blanc, Mich. Justin can be contacted at jeimers@rc.edu.

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2000

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Campers prayed for the college community in small groups during Summer Jam 2000. Now known as Elevate, the event has combined the best features of a Bible camp with those of a youth rally since 1992. Many have been introduced to the college and strengthened spiritually as a result of the week-long event.

Summers were pretty quiet on the campus of Rochester College until 1980, when Coach Garth Pleasant introduced his Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp. Gradually, additional summer programs like Elevate, Junior Scholars and Shakespeare Camp began to appear. By the end of this summer, hundreds of individuals will visit or spend extended amounts of time on campus.

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