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Asbury University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, disability or religion in the admission of students and their access to educational programs and activities.
Recently I was privileged to join the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism in Cape Town, South Africa. Over 4,000 Christian leaders from 200 countries gathered to engage the pressing issues of our time. With the premise that Christ’s command to make disciples of every nation has not been rescinded, participants assembled around the theme God in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. There was agreement that it will take more than programs, meetings and resources to win the world for Jesus Christ. It will take believers who understand these times, and further, require a renewed conviction, passion and sense of urgency to reach those who have yet to know Him as their personal Savior.

The task before the working groups of the Congress was to consider how to both communicate and live out the gospel in every area of society and all human endeavors. While the task appears overwhelming, we know that Jesus still declares that “what is impossible with man is possible with God.” If we truly believe this (and I do!), the potential is unlimited. He provides the strength, wisdom and opportunity to reach the world and will equip us to accomplish that which He has commanded. The Holy Spirit will direct us how to reach every tribe, language, people and nation, all of whom are to be included in His Kingdom.

The path to reaching all for Christ begins with prayer: “If God’s people would pray as they ought to pray,” says E.M. Bounds, “the great things that happened in the past would happen again and again, and we would see miracles. The gospel would advance with a facility and power it has never known. If Christians prayed as Christians ought, with strong commanding faith, with earnestness and sincerity; God-called people, God-empowered people, would be burning to go and spread the gospel worldwide. The God-inspired person would go and kindle the flame of sacred fire for Christ, everywhere in all nations.”

Fueled by the fervor and zeal of spiritual leaders from around the world, the Congress concluded its gathering with a resounding call to action: first, remain agile in the ability to respond to new challenges and opportunities; second, to be strong theologically, firmly rooted in Scripture; third, provide reliable and credible contribution to Christian discussion and mission; fourth, identify and develop younger leaders; and, fifth, be strategic in gathering the right people at the right times in the right places.

In November, Asbury University held its 102nd Great Commission Congress (originally the Missions Conference), our week-long emphasis on missions and world evangelism. Chapel speakers, evening services, mission exhibits, all presented stirring challenges to the campus community for going to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and other places around the world. Friday’s chapel ended with an invitation for those who have accepted a call to serve in some mission capacity, to step forward to the altar and commit that response to the Lord. The altar was packed with students, overflowing into the aisles and standing shoulder to shoulder. As these young people came forward with unquestionable courage and strength, standing in steadfast resolve to follow the call of the Lord, it was truly a great moment to witness, one to which Asbury is no stranger.

And so it is, from Cape Town, to Wilmore, and all places beyond, God’s people are evidence of the eternal nature of His Word. There is an immediacy for this generation as we, His Church, make His gospel known in every region of the world and to every sphere of society. May God so empower us by His Spirit to complete this Great Commission.

President’s Message:
Potential Beyond Limits

“He provides the strength, wisdom and opportunity to reach the world...”

Footnotes:
1. Mark 10:27
2. Revelation 5:9
4. Dr. Doug Birdsall, Lausanne.org/news
Behind the Scenes

At Chapel

If you happen to stroll into Hughes Auditorium about 15 minutes early for Chapel, and you pay attention to your surroundings, there’s a good chance you’ll see Asbury University senior Emily Johnston moving from balcony to floor, from floor to behind the stage, from behind the stage to a particular camera location. You won’t see her during Chapel, but what she helps bring you during Chapel is amazing.

Johnston — the Chapel producer — and a whole host of other students, are busy working light boards, sound equipment, visual presentations and cameras from the first note of music to the final amen.

“We realize that what we do behind the scenes is mostly for other people,” said Johnston. “But I like to think of it as a learning opportunity for the students, as well. The students are learning things like how to work the cameras and some of the upperclassmen are learning how to direct others.”

The majority of the equipment operators at Chapel — working in a sound booth in the back of the auditorium, with cameras from the balcony and in the control center behind the stage — are members of a Media Communications class or volunteers. Some are assigned positions each week by Johnston, and others get assigned work through Rick Cook ’93, Asbury University’s Learning Resources manager.

“We have a rotation of about nine students available to work Chapel,” said Cook. “They’ll come in and set up the microphones on the stage, work at the rehearsals Monday and Tuesday nights, do all of the audio, lyric slides… they run the show.”

Johnston, who receives some scholarship dollars for her efforts, will remain in her position as producer until next December. At that time, one of the many directors she’s training will be selected to take over the role.

“We’re basically the practical experience for what the students are learning in their Media Communications classes,” said Johnston, who has training on all of the equipment. “I plan on being a producer of some kind when I get out of college. I like the structure of producing, finding the right people to do everything. This is a great experience for that.”

Lights, Camera, Chapel.

The praise music and speaker’s message may be what most people take away from Chapel each week… but the bands, preachers and speakers certainly aren’t the only ones who are bringing the special experience to life.

Senior Emily Johnston (above) is not only the producer, but she also sets up and tears down the cameras before and after Chapel every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Points of View
Each Chapel is aired live on cable in Wilmore and Nicholasville, by WACW radio and also is recorded by the students for purchase — saved on CD, DVD and VHS. To purchase, simply send your request to learning.resources@asbury.edu
The Ambassador goes One on One with Dr. Shelby Thacker

Dr. Shelby Thacker, Spanish professor and World Languages Department chair, has been teaching at Asbury University for 22 years. In this Q&A, he opens up about his interest in languages, the trips he has taken with students and his time at the University.

Q: How did you get interested in world languages?
A: “I was very fortunate in junior high school. I had a phenomenal Spanish teacher… She was just an excellent teacher, great motivator, wonderful person, smart as a whip.”

Q: Which language is the easiest to learn, and which is the hardest?
A: “The easiest one to learn is the one you hear from your mother, whatever that is, because all humans have the God-given capacity for language. For the human infant, all it takes is to be exposed to a language to master any language. For adults, for Westerners in particular, the most difficult languages might be some languages in the Asian family — Chinese, Japanese, for instance. You have a completely different sound system, different grammatical structures, different aspects and a totally different character set than what we’re accustomed to in the West.”

Q: What is the best trip you’ve taken with students?
A: “They have all been fabulous, each and every one. They’re all a little different. I think the students have always learned quite a bit, not just in academic terms but also in cultural terms. It’s really hard to pick out a favorite because they’ve all been just so outstanding.”

Q: Do you have a most memorable moment you can share?
A: “Many of them are memorable. Traveling with Dr. Bernie Reynolds ’59 is always an adventure just in and of itself… He’s so knowledgeable about the places we go. The students, they’re just hysterically funny on these trips because it gets them out of their Wilmore element. I think they’re a little more relaxed.

“Two years ago in summer school, I had some seniors who had gone with me to Spain, and I was trying to encourage my other students to think about going, so I would ask them for comments about their experience, and they made reference to two students who had gone on that trip with us… They said, ‘Oh, you know, remember when Student X and Student Y
climbed out the window in our hotel in Madrid. And I stopped because I had no recollection of that because I didn’t know about it. As it turns out, not only did they go out a window, but they also went down a drainpipe from the 12th floor. I nearly had a heart attack…I have talked to one of them since then who sheepishly acknowledged, ‘Oh, yes, that’s true. We didn’t tell you because we didn’t want you and Dr. Reynolds to be upset.’

Q: If I were to direct a new middle school student towards a particular language to study, which would you recommend?
A: “It’s hard to pick a particular language. The student might have access to Chinese, Spanish, French, German and possibly Latin. They’re all good. They open students up to different views on life, different cultures, different ways of looking at the world. And I don’t think there’s any particular language that’s more practical than another. Right now Chinese is a very popular language because of the politics and economics of the day. Once upon a time, it was French. Long, long ago, it was Latin. Some would argue that it’s Spanish in our culture right now…They’re all important for different reasons to different people. Americans have historically been somewhat monolingual, and there’s been a huge push in the last few decades to break down some of those linguistic barriers, and I think we’ve made terrific strides in that category.”

Q: What has been one constant since you started at Asbury?
A: “Great students. That is a strength of Asbury University. This is my 22nd year, and I’ve had great students every year.”

Q: What has changed the most since you’ve been here?
A: “Well, for me, it’s not about what has changed here, but rather what has not that is important: good students and colleagues firmly committed to Christ…The change from college to university, which is an important change, is not a fundamental change in the way students and teachers go about the academic business. What transpires between faculty and students, that’s exactly the same.”

Q: How have students changed?
A: “When I first came here, most students were Methodist… and that’s changed a lot. I think the demographics of our students have changed in the last couple of decades… I think our students are actually more relaxed now. That’s a really loose way of describing it. It’s not that they’re not serious; I don’t mean that. But I think there’s just a more relaxed outlook on life in our student body than 20 years ago.”

Q: What do you think will change at Asbury in the next 20 years?
A: “I think there will be a lot more Asbury students. I think there are going to have to be a lot more buildings on campus. I think there’s going to have to be a new chapel built on campus to fit the students… I think we’ll have more graduate programs 20 years from now. I don’t know what they’re going to be, but I know we’ll have more graduate programs. I think we’ll have more minority students as well because of general population trends.”

Q: What is one interesting thing that nobody at Asbury knows about you?
A: “If there’s anything interesting about me, that’s a pretty tall order. I used to repossess cars for a living. I worked at a bank. I was in the collections department, so I also did credit card collections. I delivered summons for the court system in Louisville. In Louisville, you had to deliver the paper document in person… It had to be put in the person’s hand. You can imagine how welcome it was for people who were being sued by stores and that sort of thing… I also worked in a federal prison. I was an interpreter there. When I tell my students about it, I always say, ‘Well, you know, I spent a year in prison.’ The students don’t bat an eye. They just assume that I was an inmate.”

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Photos by: Michael Haddock’11
Clutching the bridal of Del Prado’s Aden, Stephanie Keeley carefully guided the yearling through the routine she taught him. Move after move, he answered her commands as a police mount. He was ready for this day. Aden, who was born and raised on Asbury University’s 341-acre farm, began his training 15 minutes after birth. He was doing well in the demonstration for the “Breakfast with the Works” at Keeneland in October 2008. Unfortunately, the heavy Kentucky rain that day was too much for the young horse. Keeley watched in disappointment as he fell in the wet grass during an obstacle.

“I felt like I had let the whole group down,” Keeley said, noting Aden was calm and thoughtful. “He reacted much better than I did.”
 Shortly after the adoption fair performance, the WEG committee asked for the Asbury Police Mounts to perform a demonstration at the Equine Village during the Games. This feature exhibit area was created to offer equine entertainment, educational activities and lectures from the equine industries.

“The fact that the WEG was going to be here was a major draw for me to come to Asbury,” Karianne Skofstad ‘11 said. “What I was most looking forward to was being able to brush elbows with literally everybody who is anybody in the entire horse world — all across the globe. The opportunities this presents is just mind-boggling.”

Asbury University undergraduate and graduate students trained 10 Percheron-thoroughbred horses, each 3-years-old, to participate in the World Equestrian Games. Eight of the horses were to perform the demonstration, but all of the student trainers were to participate. “We’ve focused on our people — including them all in every part,” Siobhan Keeley said.

The Asbury Police Mount program has been in existence since 2001

It was reorganized in 2007 with 10 new colts. In addition to Aden, the other nine colts came from a Premarin breeder in Canada. Premarin, a medication used for treating menopause, is produced using the urine of pregnant mares. The colts that came to Asbury are considered a byproduct, and historically many were sold for slaughter. Today, such horses are sold for sport training and other purposes.

The nine weanlings were brought to the farm at 6-months-old having never experienced human contact. The equine students then trained each of the horses for three years. They start with ground training, work up to touch, approach and then drill riding.

After the fall, Aden did the obstacle again, without hesitation or falling. However, Keeley ’07 felt the damage had already been done. The Police Mount team had just submitted its application to the World Equestrian Games (WEG) committee, and now it would likely not consider Asbury University’s team as a spectator attraction at the Games to be held Sept. 25 through Oct. 10, 2010.

What Keeley didn’t know was a representative from the John Henry Memorial Adoption Fair had also been watching at Keeneland and invited the group to present at the Kentucky Horse Park in June 2009. The annual event raises awareness and funds for equine adoption. The Police Mounts program, then 2-years-old, performed a 30-minute demonstration and drill ride. The Asbury team didn’t know it, but WEG committee members were also at the adoption fair and were impressed.

As it turns out, it was the fall and Aden’s reaction the year before that captured the WEG’s attention. “He didn’t react to the fall,” said Siobhan Keeley ’04, Stephanie’s older sister and fellow horse trainer. “That was really impressive to them.”

When Aden fell to his knees, he stopped and waited for Keeley to give him the cue to stand up. “His reaction to the whole situation was the most impressive thing we did that day.”
At the end of their training at Asbury University, the Police Mount program sells the 3-year-old horses to a police department or a private citizen. The horses usually sell for about $10,000, which covers part of the training and care for them during the time that they are trained at Asbury.

Three years of training not only teaches the horses, but also the students working with them. As graduate student Chelsea Packard explained, training her horses has taught her responsibility, selflessness, flexibility and to take initiative.

“In life, and especially with horses, things may not always go according to plan,” Packard said. “It has been important for us to be flexible and adapt to the challenges placed before us. I’ve learned to celebrate small accomplishments that happen during our training. In a way, ‘Derringer’ has taught me to keep things simple and to celebrate the small joys in life.”

The Asbury Police Mounts demonstrated all of their techniques at the WEG. “We hope to gain more notoriety and attention to Asbury University as a place where you can learn about horses and the liberal arts,” Siobohn Keeley said. “We want our students to gain professional experience in the horse world and have Asbury be recognized with a reputation of having well-trained horses.”

“I hope people will be impressed by our dedication, and by how we treat our horses and how we treat each other,” Cherisse Brumley ’11 said. “I hope people will see that we train differently, and recognize that it’s our relationship with God that causes that difference.”

While Asbury’s ultimate goal is to train service animals as quality mounts for police departments, many of the horses have found homes as hunter-jumpers, fox hunters and eventing horses. Siobohn Keeley explained that police departments desired older mounts for police work because they require less training.

Younger horses are also unpredictable. Keeley compares them to teenagers. “Sometimes they are really polite and mature, and other times they completely lose their heads for seemingly no reason at all. As a horse matures, they do fewer silly things.” But Keeley notes, Asbury’s well-trained mounts don’t last long on the farm and are often purchased at 3-years-old.

One special horse is making his way to the Lexington Police Department. “Dinero” was the Brigadier Memorial Trophy horse at the North American Police Equestrian Championship in Harrisburg, Pa. Asbury was asked to donate the trained horse as a trophy for the winning police officer’s department. It just so happened that Lisa Rakes of the Lexington Police Department won the event and the horse.

From newscast and magazine features, to being the focus of television commercials and newspaper articles, the Asbury Equine Program has garnered unparalleled attention the past few months.

“We were honored for our program to be asked to demonstrate at the World Equestrian Games,” said program director Harold Rainwater ’69, humbly leaving out the fact that Asbury was the only university in the world asked to perform at the international event.

“We were very pleased with the presentations, but even more pleased with the responses. People from all over are asking about how these students were able to do so much with these horses.”

All of the attention given to the student trainers, amazing horses and the only university in the South with an Equine Management major is also leading to additional opportunities.

“In just a six-day span in October we participated at the National Police Horse Colloquium at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington and at the Keeneland race track,” Rainwater said.

In addition, the program was recently featured on a 30-minute Kentucky Life television program on the KET network.

“The students have impressed the horse world with their kindness towards their horses and their hard work,” said Siobhan Keeley. “They’ve really turned some heads on a world stage.”
The last thing on Susanna Elliott’s mind in 2006 when Alltech became the title sponsor for the 2010 World Equestrian Games (WEG) was what her involvement would be in the event. At the time, Elliott ’07 was living in a residence hall at Asbury University, taking classes and planning her wedding.

Four years later and Elliott led a public relations team at Alltech responsible for the communications campaign for the Games. Prior to the Games, she and a team of 23 full-time employees managed the day-to-day press releases and media relations for Alltech’s sponsorship of the WEG. Elliott and her team made sure that the messages about the Games stayed consistent nationally and globally among Alltech’s 67 offices in 38 countries.

During the Games, which were held in Lexington Sept. 25 through Oct. 10, Elliott worked at the press center. She called planning and participating in the games one of the “biggest challenges of her life, yet a great experience.”

This opportunity started when Alltech President Pearse Lyons hired Elliott to work as his assistant for nine months answering his e-mails. Elliott took this opportunity to learn the company inside and out. “I learned the president’s voice, how to quote him and what pleased him,” she said.

Before long, he had her writing press releases for the company. When the opportunity came available, he hired Elliott to be the public relations manager for the Games. The job has stretched Elliott professionally and personally as she has worked through balancing the demands of her work with her life, family and relationship with God.

“The enemy wants to make our lives so busy there is no room for Christ,” Elliott said. “The Blackberry never stops blinking. It is a constant struggle to give 110 percent to the job, but not sacrifice my family and Christ.”

After a health scare associated with stress from her work, Elliott knew she needed to find a balance.

With the support of her husband, Elliott now makes time for exercise, rest and teaching Sunday School at her church. “I realized spreading myself too thin isn’t good for anyone,” she said.

Elliott also credits her preparation at Asbury University with helping her to integrate her faith and her work.

“I really felt the professors encouraged us to be at the top of our field as well as a light for Christ in the field. They taught us that the two could exist simultaneously and did a brilliant job of equipping students to do that:”

Her faith is grounded in her work, her interactions with co-workers and in her daily decisions. Her boss touts her as the “moral compass” around the office by always choosing ethics and integrity over spin and exaggeration.

“Your faith puts you at a crossroads in your profession,” Elliott said, adding that choosing the “higher, harder road” is always the right thing to do for the company and as a Christian.
I remember sitting in my hotel room the night before flying to Honduras and thinking, “What in the world am I doing?” I was leaving my own country for two months and going to a place where I did not speak the language and did not know anyone.

I had been planning this trip for about a year — wanting to incorporate youth ministry and community health into a foreign-mission experience. Yet the enormity of what I was about to embark on had now set in. What I did not know was that in two months, I would be standing in the Tegucigalpa airport saying goodbye to some of my closest friends.

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In those two months of living in Honduras, God pushed me to go outside my comfort zone. In my learning a new language and culture, He challenged me to love everyone I came in contact with, and He opened my eyes to the bigger picture of the Body of Christ by seeing how He is at work across the globe.

My trip was funded by a grant called the Asbury University Initiative for Servant Leadership Internships for International Development (Initiative Grant), which allowed me to work at La Joya Clinic in Central Honduras. A big part of my time there was spent teaching health and hygiene workshops in the schools. We taught kids how to prevent illnesses by washing their hands, brushing their teeth, drinking clean water and keeping their homes clean. We spoke with teenagers about drugs, sexual activity, HIV and alcohol.

My heart was broken over and over as I saw these teenagers looking for fulfillment in all the wrong places.

While we talked a lot about prevention, the most valuable part of our time was the opportunity to share how Jesus Christ can break us free of vices.

The youth around La Joya spend their days working in the fields. Very few will leave their home to pursue anything else. Because of this, we decided to give them the chance to be kids again. We put on the first of what will hopefully be many youth events. The best part of the day was seeing 80 kids huddle around a Slip n’ Slide watching their friends slide down the sudsy blue tarps.

Most of my weekends were spent in Tegucigalpa, the capital city, working with Agape Christian Church. They gave me the opportunity to join in with their youth group and feel like I was a part of their church family. One morning, we went and served breakfast at the local dump to families who had constructed their homes using the garbage lying around the landfill.

Over the course of my time in Honduras, God changed my attitude from “visiting tourist” to fellow “brother in Christ.” I realized missions are not just doing a bunch of projects in a foreign country, but it’s about living everyday life with other people and sharing the love and grace of God with them as you go. Whether you’re in Honduras or Kentucky, you will find people who are searching for the same truth, answers, love and forgiveness. That is why we have been called to go and be a light no matter where we are.
Missions Granted

The Initiative Grant encourages internships for Asbury University juniors and seniors to perform volunteer service in the areas of international community, social and economic development, public wellness and treatment, literacy and education, and other public services in developing countries. The internships provide students with valuable experiences outside the classroom, which may motivate them to consider careers in international service. Students may participate in internships with religious, secular or governmental organizations. The program was established by a $1 million gift from Phyllis McRoberts ’53 West and her late husband, Stephen.

To find out how you can help continue Initiative Grant opportunities for students, please visit:
www.asbury.edu/student-life/service-opportunities/asbury-initiative
A selection of Chapels
held in Hughes Auditorium
this Fall (through October).
For more information, please go to
www.asbury.edu/student-life/chapel

August 23
Academic Convocation
Dr. Sandra C. Gray,
Asbury President
Dr. Gray shared about truth, humility and righteousness. Our president gave particular emphasis to the importance of biblical truth and how academic knowledge is not enough.

August 25
Rev. Greg Haseloff,
Asbury Chaplain
Rev. Haseloff spoke from Philippians 2 about unity, the mind of Christ and worship as they provide a framework for the key role Chapel has on our campus.

August 27
Rev. Bert Jones,
GO International
Rev. Jones shared from Genesis 25:27-34, highlighting symptoms of what was termed the Esau Syndrome. Emphasis was placed on behaviors that believers maintain that evidence their choice to trade away God’s blessing for temporal satisfaction just as Esau exchanged his birth right for a meal.

September 1
Colmon Elridge – KY
Faith Based Initiatives,
Frankfort, Ky.
Elridge left students with the exhortation of ‘profess Jesus with your mouth and prove it with your life.’

September 3
Rev. John Njoroge,
Ravi Zacharias
International Ministries
Rev. Njoroge delivered a powerful, apologetic message that pointed students to two realities: the primary message of the Gospel is to know Him, and the message of the Gospel requires a conscious decision of submitting the will.

September 10
Fall Revival – Rev. Hule
Goddard, Church of the
Apostles; Columbia, S.C.
Rev. Goddard delivered messages in all three Chapels of the week, as well as four evening services. He preached from John 15 throughout the week, as he began the first Chapel with the question of ‘how well do you receive?’ The messages Wednesday and Friday came from John 15:9-13 and gave the ABC’s of ‘receiving: Accept as a little child the love of Christ, Believing expressed in joyful obedience, and Comes to us in others’.

September 22
Peter Greer – Hope
International
Greer began with a simple exegesis of Jesus words that ‘the poor will always be with you.’ He was able to communicate with students about micro-financing and how it serves as a biblical response to poverty in our world.

September 24
Student Chapel:
Jonathan Ramsay ’11 &
Marie Giezendanner ’11
Giezendanner shared about her inner growth while serving an internship in The Hague, Switzerland. Ramsay spoke of his ‘up close’ encounters with sex-trafficking during his summer of ministry in Thailand.

Listen. Learn. Love.
Time may pull a person away from Chapel at Asbury University, but nothing can pull Chapel away from the person. It will forever tie Asburians past with Asburians present.
Chapel services are the heartbeat of Asbury University. It is the only time that the entire campus is regularly brought together to worship, learn and soak in the presence of our Lord. You can share in that experience with us.

LISTEN LIVE
Chapel services are streamed live by Asbury University’s radio station, WACW on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. To listen to Chapel services, visit www.WACW.com and click on “listen now.”

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Just as the Olympic athletes bundled up to brave the cold and put their talents to the test during the Winter Games in Vancouver this past February, Asbury University senior Janelle Gore bundled up, hit the city, and put a different type of talent to the test.

Gore, a Media Communications and Theatre and Cinema Performance double major from Orlando, Fla., covered the Olympics as a reporter for Lexington television station LEX18.

“I chose Asbury after learning how the Media Department and the Theatre Department work together so cohesively... I also just felt like what they were teaching — how to be salt and light in these very influential industries — was important to me.”

The instruction Gore received at Asbury enabled her to write, shoot and produce on tight deadlines. Now her experiences at Asbury have opened career paths in more than just broadcast news.

“I have skills in multiple areas because I’ve taken classes at Asbury like writing and radio and acting for the camera, which just create a well-balanced array of things I can offer,” Gore said.

Gore knows the bonds she’s made with professors and fellow students at Asbury will last long after she graduates in May.

“When friends graduate or when you graduate, you can look out for them. We all kind of network for each other... and try to help each other out so we can see each other succeed,” Gore said. “That’s a really special thing we have at this institution.”
Hakem Dermish '04 always loved sports, so having the chance to play college baseball and also aggressively pursue a career in sports journalism through a Media Communications degree at Asbury University, was everything he could have hoped for.

While at Asbury — and despite having the chance to free-lance for ESPN, NBC, CBS and work at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah — he learned there was much more in store for him than sports.

“I know God is the reason for my success and I am blessed to have the opportunity to impact others with my work on television.”

“Asbury was essential in preparing me for my future, both as a professional and as a Christian,” said Dermish, who is now a sports anchor and reporter for an NBC station in Washington, D.C. “Helping me solidify my faith in Christ and equipping me with the tools to be successful in my career is why I’m so thankful I attended Asbury. Bottom line... If I had to choose a school again, I’d be right back at Asbury.”

Dermish’s first job out of college was at a station in Marquette, Mich., and he was a sports reporter/anchor in Toledo, Ohio, before accepting his current position.

Dermish now lives in Fairfax, Va., with his wife, Caitlin, and says “walking the walk” is one way he can impact others in his profession.

“Authenticity is integral in any career, especially in television,” Dermish said. “People are looking at you at all times and how you react. I really hope to impact others with my compassion, genuineness and work ethic. Ultimately, my goal is to use the platform God’s given me to advance His kingdom.”
In the spring of 2010, my wife Jessica (McKelvey ’05) and I set out on a journey that would end up redefining the ways in which we live our lives. With the goal of hiking 2,200 miles of the Appalachian Trail, we set out in April from Georgia and began walking northward toward Maine. While the driving force behind attempting most adventures of this nature comes from a deep desire for personal accomplishment, ours began from quite a different place. For Jes and I, the trip was a chance to make a difference in other people’s, as well as our own, lives.

In February of 2010 we launched a campaign entitled “Walk To Water” as an effort to raise awareness and funds for a cause that has captured our hearts: providing clean water to the nearly 1 billion in the world that are without. Our hope was that by stepping into an adventure like hiking the Appalachian Trail, we would be able to help educate others about this plight. Then, just six months after launching our campaign, our initial adventure came to an unexpected close... but a new one is just around the corner.
Sadly, in the middle of our hike from Georgia to Maine, I broke a bone in my foot that would ultimately change the course of our journey. While in most cases this would be a seemingly simple injury, it was detrimental for someone carrying 30-40 pounds of weight on their back each day. After trying to continue hiking for nearly 100 miles after breaking the foot, Jes and I finally had to come to the reality that our plans would need to change.

In September, Jes and I found ourselves moving back to Lexington, Ky., and starting our lives over from a clean slate. Although we struggled with the reality of not being able to finish our hike, the bigger picture of what we were able to accomplish eventually rose to the surface. Something we had to remember was that the primary goal of our journey actually never had anything to do with hiking: it was about making a difference for other people. So often we live our lives serving ourselves that we forget about the power that an individual has to make a difference in the world around them! For Jes and I, our journey was about breaking free of our belongings and other trappings that often become the focus of our lives. By selling our possessions and taking a risky step, we were free to live our lives in a way in which we were not the center.

Since we began Walk To Water, we have been blessed to able to raise awareness about the world’s water crisis and share our story with thousands of people throughout multiple communities. In addition, donations and support have literally made the difference between life and death for more than 115 people that previously did not have access to safe, clean water. To me, however, I would have counted our campaign a success even if we had only been able to provide water to one person.

Our hope is that people will see the steps we took and realize that one family really can make a difference — no matter how big or how small. While this season of Walk To Water may be over for now, our desire is to keep WalkToWater.com open as a resource for others to learn about the water crisis and potentially begin a new type of campaign in the upcoming year.

After all, our hike may be over for now, but the need still exists. Until then, we pray that people will continue to educate their friends about the water crisis and commit to financially supporting organizations such as “charity: water” in their ongoing efforts to provide clean, sustainable water sources in developing countries. For more information, visit:

For more information, visit:
www.walktowater.com
www.charitywater.org
Asbury Athletics revitalized two programs in 2010, bringing diving back after a two-year hiatus and also golf after more than 30 years. The addition of men’s and women’s golf now gives Asbury 15 men’s and women’s varsity programs and increases the total of student-athletes to nearly 300.

After winning three national titles in swimming and diving in 2008 — Caitlyn (Taylor) Iddings ’08 took home the women’s 1-meter title and two other titles came in swimming — interest in the diving program fell. Asbury would end up competing in 2009 and 2010 without a single diver on the roster. That shortcoming was a glaring weakness, as Asbury would automatically fall 20 points behind in any dual or championship meet against teams with divers.

“Diving is an integral part of a swim team, not a lot of people realize that,” Athletic Director Gary Kempf said. “The rebuilding of the diving program helps us grow and compete on the national level. The two freshmen that (Head Coach) Dorothy Kempf brought in this year will help us do that immediately.”

Those two freshmen are Sarah Thomas from Markleville, Ind. and Sarah Pyles from Cincinnati, Ohio. Pyles is expected to give Asbury a boost at the NAIA National Championships this spring and the Kempfs are hopeful to add male divers in the coming years.

Back in Full Swing
After nearly 30 years since the last Asbury golf team took to the links, this year’s re-installment has already competed in some events this fall. The men and women are led by first-time Head Coach Steve Rehner ’79.

Rehner was able to bring in 15 players and also added two existing students to the team.

“The beauty of adding a new program is the ability and opportunity to find kids who are looking for a school like Asbury to further their education and athletic career,” Gary Kempf said.

The men won their first event, and also had their first medalist (best individual score in a tournament). The Eagles defeated fellow KIAC member Berea College in a dual match on Oct. 9 and Adam Ward ’11 (Wheaton, Ill.) shot a one-over-par 73 for the individual top honor.

In collegiate golf the top-five golfers are designated as the “team” and the best four scores in each round are counted in each tournament. Other golfers can be entered in the tournament but will compete as individuals and do not figure into the overall team score.

A positive in collegiate golf is with the limited number of golfers that score, the program is capable of growing rather quickly and competing within a few years. If the programs can add one or two excellent golfers each year, it should be able to be competitive in a short amount of time.

Asbury calls the Golf Club of the Bluegrass its home course. The 18-hole course is located in Nicholasville, Ky., only minutes from campus.

“The absence of a diving program and a golf team meant Asbury was missing out on kids who had a passion for their respective sports, a high academic standard, as well as a Christian environment,” said Gary Kempf. “We are now able to offer them that opportunity, as well as help our university grow by bringing in more student-athletes.”

To follow all 15 varsity programs, visit: www.asburyeagles.com
Reaching (and Scoring) Goals

As a senior in high school, Trent Popp ’12 led the state of Indiana in goals and points. The Indianapolis native was a highly recruited soccer star with a dozen universities pursuing his talents.

It took just one play in a summer club match to change everything. One collision — resulting in torn knee ligaments (both ACL and MCL) — stopped the pursuit from every university except one.

“After the injury, Asbury was the only school that still believed in me,” said Popp, who spent his freshman year on crutches, manning the team’s video camera and doing rehab. “I was worried that when I could play again, I wouldn’t be the same.”

After battling through an injury most athletes never make it back from, having a strong season as a sophomore and then leading the team in scoring this year, those worries are long gone.

“I wasn’t thinking about it (when the offers stopped coming in), but it was God that led me here,” Popp said. “It’s not just about playing soccer at Asbury, and I’m thankful… All of this was definitely meant to be.”

Photo by: Tyler Hoff ’11
Faces in the Crowd
Prior to classes beginning, Asbury University announced the hire of seven full-time faculty members. Included in that group were: George Martin Bilderback, D.V.M., as an associate professor of equine management; Ben F. Brammell ’98, Ph.A. as an assistant professor of biology; Channon Horn, Ph.D., as an assistant professor of education; Josh Overbay, M.F.A., as an assistant professor of media communication; Helen Rader ’80, M.A.Ed., as a full-time faculty member in education and adult professional studies; J.P. Rader ’83, M.A.Ed., as an assistant professor of education and head women’s volleyball coach; David R. Swartz, Ph.D., as an assistant professor of history.

On the Move
Dr. Bonnie Banker was appointed to the position of Academic Dean, beginning Jan. 1, 2011. Banker joined Asbury University as an instructor in Education in 1970 and is currently the Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies and Director of the Graduate Education program…

Dr. Stephen Clements ’83, associate professor of political science, was named Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Clements remains as chair of the Department of Business, Economics and Political Science, where he has been since 2008.

Wesleyan Tradition
Asbury University’s biennial Wesleyan Heritage Conference, took place in October, focused on women of the Wesleyan tradition. The campus welcomed Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison, Dr. Roger Green and Dr. Charles White as conference speakers.

Illuminated Class Ready to Shine
The Illuminated Class — along with 68 new and 13 returning members of the Awakened (Class of 2013), Zealous (Class of 2012), and Fearless (Class of 2011) classes — brightened up a cloud-covered day as classes began at Asbury University in late August. The 353 new students, including 285 first-time freshmen, hail from 39 states and 13 countries. More than 47 percent are from Kentucky.

The Admissions Office is excited to announce the offering of two new scholarships for incoming students for the fall of 2011.

These scholarships recognize families that have already invested in Asbury and those who are investing in full-time ministry.

The Alumni Recognition Scholarship is in the amount of $1,500 for children of alumni. We hope this scholarship will encourage more of our alumni to consider an Asbury education for their children. This is the first time we have been able to offer a scholarship of this kind in order to recognize and pay tribute to those who have chosen a Christ-centered education, not only for themselves but for their children. $6,000 over 4 years/$1,500 per year.

The Christian Ministry Scholarship is in the amount of $1,000 for students whose parent(s) are in full-time Christian ministry. Desiring to financially support our families who are in ministry and who resonate with the mission of the University, Asbury is reaching out to those serving in full-time ministry in church and para-church organizations. $4,000 over 4 years/$1,000 per year.

Students of alumni in Christian Ministry will receive the Alumni Recognition and Christian Ministry Scholarships for a total of $2,500 in lieu of the former Alumni in Christian Ministries Scholarship for $1,500.

You will see these new scholarships on your financial aid offer for the fall of 2011. The first financial aid awards will be sent towards the end of February and the first of March. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Again, congratulations to our alumni and those in full-time Christian Ministry. You are appreciated!
**Asbury Sponsors “College Awareness Day”**

The Asbury University School of Education, in partnership with the school’s Admission’s Office and with the support of a generous grant from PNC Bank, sponsored “College Awareness Day” for Black Achievers of Central Kentucky (grades 7-12) on Nov. 13. Held on Asbury’s main campus, at the University’s Challenge Course and Equine Center, the purpose of this day for Black Achiever youth was to enhance their college awareness and readiness by introducing them to various majors they could pursue in college, to college life in general, and to provide guidance for choosing among college and career options.

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**Name Change**

Asbury University changed the name of its adult degree completion program from ACHIEVE to Adult Professional Studies (APS). In its fifth year, APS is purposed to more adequately reflect the mission and direction of the program, academic offerings, and educational and professional goals of students. For more on APS, go to www.asbury.edu/aps.

**GCC Returns**

More than a century ago, Asbury University students wanted to maintain a year-round focus on the Great Commission Lifestyle, so on a few cool days in November of 1908, they held what was then called the Missionary Rally. Hoping to maintain that same focus on campus, in the local community and around the world, Asbury continued the annual event Nov. 1-5 with the 102nd Great Commission Congress (held on the Asbury campus). Committed to motivating, equipping and mobilizing Christians — individually and corporately — the GCC’s mission is to fulfill the Great Commission mandate in our generation. This year’s GCC speakers included former Asbury President Dr. Paul Rader ’56, Oreon Trickey (LaSalle Street Church in Chicago) and Lisa L. Thompson (The Salvation Army).

**Baseball Buddies**

The Asbury University baseball team scored big as the special guests of the Toyota Bluegrass Miracle League, an organization that has created a baseball league for children with special needs. The team served as “Buddies,” teachers and friends at the games held at Shillito Park in Lexington.

**Open Roads**

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear (right), Asbury University President Dr. Sandra C. Gray and several Kentucky lawmakers were in Jessamine County in September to welcome and celebrate a long-awaited and needed road improvement. Harrodsburg Road (US 68) has long been a traffic and safety problem for Jessamine Countians commuting to and from Lexington. The four-lane road was extended 5.7 miles from Southland Christian Church to the intersection of KY 29 just north of Wilmore.

**Moving Meetings**

After 120 years at the same site — a campground just a mile from the University campus — the Wilmore Camp Meeting will be moving to Asbury University in July of 2011. The Meeting is a week-long Christian camp for families that has a rich heritage of inspiring preaching, Bible teaching and uplifting worship.

**Sweet Sounds**

Distinguished American pianist Jerome Rose, who has been heard in major concert halls across five continents, performed at Asbury University Nov. 12 as a part of the school’s Artist Series events. The concert at Hughes Auditorium featured compositions by Brahms, Schubert and Chopin.
An Impact for Eternity

Asbury University. Start here. Impact the world. These seven words have come to hold a special place in my heart as it conveys a promise that those attending Asbury will be equipped to respond boldly to the Lord’s call on their lives. Interestingly, this phrase was originally created for a regional advertising campaign last spring that was launched to promote our student’s involvement in the Vancouver Olympic Games and our transition to Asbury University. But as we continued to explore the meaning and messaging behind the words, we realized its use should be expanded and should even serve as the underlying theme of our recruitment materials for admissions. We have a rich heritage to celebrate and a bright hope for the future because our God is faithful.

There are countless stories where students and alumni have allowed the Lord to work through them to change an individual life, bring hope to a community and even influence an entire nation. Generations of Asburians have faithfully served in a rich variety of professions and ministries and have effectively helped to change our culture. And for this we give praise to our Heavenly Father!

We are also thankful that our influence on the world stage continues to expand. This fall, Asbury University participated on several levels at the world’s largest equestrian event, the FEI World Equestrian Games held in Lexington. Asbury was the only university asked to demonstrate at the Games, and our student trainers did an excellent job showcasing our Police Mount Program. We were honored to host the South African Para Dressage team at our equine facilities on the Palisades Farm. And our Media Communications Program — well known for its students being hired as part of a broadcast crew for nine Olympic Games — was contracted to produce a 15-minute video segment that was shown in the stadium prior to the beginning of the opening ceremonies.

Back on campus, construction continues on the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts which is scheduled to open its doors for the Spring semester of 2011. The Center uniquely combines the best aspects of an academic facility with creative, cutting-edge elements found in professional environments. I encourage you to visit our campaign Web site at www.asbury.edu/buildingwindows to explore more about the new Center for Communication Arts and to view our live webcams of the construction.

The Lord has truly blessed us with a bold vision for moving forward, with growing world-wide influence and with the strong support of our alumni, parents and friends. Our mission is to equip and transform the lives of students seeking a Christ-centered education. We cannot accomplish this without your support and prayers.

With the end of the calendar year approaching, I would like to ask that you make a gift to Asbury University before December 31. Whether you give toward the Fund for Asbury University, the general scholarship fund, the Miller Center for Communication Arts, or another designation, your gift matters and is needed. You can use the reply envelope found inserted into this magazine, make a secure gift online at www.asbury.edu or call us at 800-888-1818 ext. 2104.

Together we can make a tremendous impact for eternity.

R. Gregory Swanson, JD ’78
Vice President for Institutional Advancement & General Counsel

Photo by: Amanda Meyer ’09
A Gift for Giving

Asbury University senior Cathrin Walker feels she’s been given “the gift of horsemanship,” and has a burning desire to use that gift to help others.

“I hope to utilize an ability to work with horses as a way to also reach people, those who have emotional or psychological needs,” said Walker, who is an Equine Management major. “I have a desire in my heart to help heal and positively influence lives.”

Aside from therapeutic training, Walker also utilizes the equine offerings at Asbury to lead a group of students in a vaulting program. Perhaps best described as a combination of gymnastics and dance — but all on horseback — Walker says vaulting isn’t offered at any other university.

“We’d like to see the program become competitive,” said Walker, who is from Germany and has been training in vaulting since she was 5. “We do shows at the Kentucky Horse Park, at fairs and for visitors, but if we could get the right horse, we could also compete.

“Even after I graduate I plan to stay around the Equine Center. It’s great to see how many lives God has touched through this already. It’s not about us and it’s not about the horses. It’s about God, and there’s a lot more in store for this program.”

Photo by: Zack Wilson ’11
Home Away from Home

Though Nancy and C.J. Hunter graduated from Asbury University in 1981, the couple has continued to influence the Asbury community. For more than 25 years, they have encouraged high school students from their youth group and community in and around Washington, Ky., to visit campus and have even led trips to campus themselves. Roughly 20 of the students introduced to Asbury by the Hunters have gone on to enroll in and graduate from the University.

Nancy, who teaches at Maysville Community College, has had the opportunity to get to know local high schoolers through serving as a youth counselor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Maysville and leading a weekly prayer breakfast for high school students. She encourages the students to consider Asbury because of the experience she had as a student.

“It was absolutely wonderful,” Nancy says of her time at Asbury. “I have made some of the best friends while I was at Asbury. Even though I teach at a community college, there will be no college like Asbury to me. I had one of the most wonderful experiences anybody could ever have at college... It is the most special place in the world to me.”

C.J. has also gotten to know students as the choir director at Mason County High School and the orchestra director for second through 12th grades in the Mason County School District.

“We brought C.J.’s choir a few weeks ago, and one of the adult leaders rode home with me that night, and she said, ’I have never seen a place where students were so friendly when they didn’t have to be,’ recalls Nancy. “She knew about Asbury... but until she was on campus, she didn’t understand what separates it and makes it truly so special.”

Nancy considers the spiritual atmosphere of Asbury to be what distinguishes it most greatly from other schools. She wants high school students...
not only to hear about Asbury, but also
to visit the campus because she knows
this atmosphere cannot be conveyed
through words alone.

“you can go to many universities for
academics, but to round out the whole
person — body, soul and spirit — I have
never been anywhere that that could
happen except Asbury… And it’s really
not something you can tell people. They
have to experience it, and that’s why we
have tried to bring so many students.”

Among the students introduced to
Asbury by the Hunters are their own
children, Katie ’06 and Charlie ’11.

“The thing that my husband and I
wanted most in life was for our children
to be able to go to Asbury,” said Nancy.
“We want them to experience what we
did because it was so meaningful and
life-changing for us.”

Because of the investment the Hunters
have made in students’ lives, many
more have also been able to attend
Asbury University and share in the
life-changing experience.
**1960s**

Christie Otter ’60 was named “Educator of the Year” by the Michigan Youth Arts Council. A concert in her honor, featuring the MYA student finalists, was held at Western Michigan University. She resides with her husband, Ernest Otter, II ’60 in Livonia, Mich. In 1980, Ernest established Pestco — the first environmentally aware pest control company in Michigan. The Otters have two children, Ernest, III and Dr. Kelly Otter, and they have four grandchildren. Ernest’s father, Dr. L.E. Otter, was director of Alumni Affairs at Asbury from 1955 to 1965.

Jim ’61 and wife Betty Lou Hollingsworth ’58 Pollock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 6, 2009. Jim returned to service as interim pastor at Trinity UMC, Bristol, Va., and plans to retire again in 2011.

Roberta Green ’65 Wood retired in 2007 after 31 years as a payroll administrator from Chesapeake Publishing Corporation in Elkton, Md. The Woods can be reached at P.O. Box 1818, Elkton, MD, 21922.

Constance Spencer ’66 Lewes lives at 9300 Colonial Mill Dr., Delmar, MD, 21875. She runs a business called Flawless Transitions, a move management company. E-mail: constance@wordimages.com

**1970s**


Ken Banter ’79 is Dean of Students at Peach County High. E-mail: kbanter@aol.com

**CORRECTION:** Bob ’79 and Diane Logue ’79 Treen welcomed granddaughters Kaelyn Elizabeth Treen born to parents Ben and Shannon Treen, September 2009, and Avery Bryn Yohe born January 2010 to parents Michael and Rebekah Treen ’05 Yohe.

**1980s**

Thomas ’81 and Barbara Deike ’80 Willett live in Georgetown, Ky. Tom is a Lieutenant and Haz-Mat Specialist with the Lexington Fire Department. Barb is an art teacher with Fayette County Public Schools and recently became a National Board Certified Teacher.

Jake Hanselman’86 was elected to his 5th term as Chairman, District 4, of the Orange County Republican Executive Committee (OCREC).

Lynn Gale ’88 married Kevin Roper, July 31, 2010. The couple resides in Cedarville, Ohio, where they are both on faculty at Cedarville University.

**1990s**

Mark ’90 and Carin Grigsby ’90 Wiles welcomed Madelyn Grace, born Feb. 10, 2010. She joins older sister, Catherine, and older brother, Matthew.

Paul Stanfield ’90 was inducted into the Vermont Principals’ Association Hall of Fame, May 7, 2010. He is currently the Media Relations Director of the Vermont Expos/Lake Monsters minor-league baseball team.

Michelle Medlock ’91 Adams is the author of “Counting Cows,” published through Candy Cane Press, a division of Guideposts. Michelle has published more than 40 books.

Andre Gazal ’91 received his Ph.D. in historical theology from Trinity International University and is currently a Professor of Theology at Northland International University in Dunbar, Wisc. On July 7, 2010, Andre and his wife, Agata Omelanczuk Gazal, welcomed the arrival of a son, George Stanislaw.

Ron Walker ’91 has become pastor at Faith Alliance Church in Madison, Ind. Sonja Carter ’93 Walker is teaching at Christian Academy of Madison.

Fred and Wendy Weiss ’92 McGuire announce the arrival of Madeline Ruth on Sept. 3, 2010.


Marlee Shelberg ’95 Moore and James Moore announce the birth of daughter, Olivia Christine, born June 16, 2010. She joins big sister, Amelia.

Dan and Marion Taylor ’95 Shute announce the arrival of Elias Matthew, born at 3:44 p.m. on Oct. 6, 2010 in Lexington, Ky. Elizabeth is the very proud older sister.

William “Spence” Spencer ’96 was promoted to the position of Senior Protestant Chaplain at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Colby ’97 and Kristen Ensey ’00 Atkins joyfully announce the birth of their third son, Parker Dean, born Feb. 17, 2010.
Sarah Stevens ’98 Lehman married David Lehman on June 19, 2010 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. They currently live and work in Singapore. Sarah teaches English at the International Community School of Singapore.

2000s

Brad and Yvonne Gurley ’00 Lingo announce the arrival of Camille Jayne on August 24, 2010.

Dr. Christel Brabon ’01 has completed her OB/GYN residency at Vanderbilt University and will be moving to Bangladesh to work at Memorial Christian Hospital with Samaritan’s Purse/World Medical Mission. You can read her blog at christelmadventures.blogspot.com.

Josh ’01 and Katie Rubach ’01 Gardner welcomed a son, Jacob Douglas, on Sept. 17, 2008.

Sarah McColley ’01 Harlow earned her National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification in Art in 2009.

Jessica Russell ’01 Hooker and Bubba Hooker welcomed their first child, Ellyson Kate, on July 12, 2010. They live in Maryville, Tenn.

Ric Speakman ’01 and Melissa Howard ’01 Speakman announce the birth of Hannah Grace on July 6, 2010. Ric is currently deployed to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan.

Mike ’01 and Meredith Hash ’02 Braun are living in Somerset, Ky., with their daughter Madelyn Grace.

Dana Putney ’02 married Morris Lane Harvey, Jr. on Sept. 4, 2010 in Lexington, Ky.

Jessica Stevens ’02 married John David Williamson ’02 on Oct. 3, 2009 in Memphis, Tenn. Jessica is the daughter of David ’73 and M. Jody Thacker ’74 Stevens and granddaughter of Beverly Harmon ’48 Stevens.

Peter V. Cook ’03 is Interactive Project Manager at Cornett Integrated Marketing in Lexington, Ky.

Matthew ’03 and Elizabeth Pinkston ’03 Jones welcomed daughter Anna Leigh on March 8, 2010. Anna Leigh joins big sister Mary Beth.

Marilyn Haddix ’03 Jones and her husband, Clint Jones, have moved to Fort Worth, Texas. They are both pursuing their Master of Divinity degrees at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology. Marilyn serves as the Director of Youth & Children’s Ministries at Meadowbrook UMC in Fort Worth.

Benjamin ’03 and Sandy McNally ’03 Taber announce the birth of Elliott Declan on April 19, 2010. Benjamin has accepted a position as Video Editor at the World Headquarter of One Mission Society in Greenwood, Ind.

Chad ’03 and Erin Moore ’03 Moler welcomed a son, Caleb Leighton, on Dec. 12, 2009. They live in Phoenix, Ariz.

Justin ’04 and Jessica McKelvey ’05 Meeker are back in Lexington, Ky. Justin is a Web Developer at Southland Christian Church and Jessica is a newborn and child photographer.

Jon Greenhoe ’06 is Assistant Director of Video Production at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Lucas Speakman ’06 completed his Ph.D. in computational chemistry from University of Georgia. He is senior software developer for Coraid, a data storage company. E-mail: speakman36@gmail.com


Rev. Jason Blankenship ’08 has been ordained by the Evangelical Church. Jason is Senior High/College Age pastor at First Evangelical Church in Macon, Ga.

Bradley Huster ’08 and Ashley Poore ’08 Huster were married in May 2010 and reside in Lexington, Ky.

Will Sears ’09 is Director of Communications for the Indiana Dental Association in Indianapolis, Ind.

Stephen Bush ’09 and Kelly Christensen ’09 were married July 31, 2010.

Mike Gilger ’09 and Megan Scott ’09 were married on July 16, 2010 at Sutton’s Bay, Mich., on the 45th parallel. They live in Traverse City, Mich. Mike is a Senior Interactive Designer at One Up Web and Megan has her own design studio, Hitch Design Studio specializing in custom identity design.

Katie Lee ’09 and Brandon VanVactor were married June 26, 2010.

Dave ’09 and Emily Davis ’09 Ruehr celebrate the birth of their son, Andrew William, on June 2, 2009 in Lexington, Ky. Andrew is the grandson of Jeffrey ’83 and Pamela Outerbridge ’81 Ruehr.

Ashton Bacon ’09 and Marshall Trisler were married on August 7, 2010 in St. Simons Island, Ga. They live in Natchez, Miss.

Elisabeth Marie Upahm ’09 married Max Jonczyk on Sept. 16, 2009 in Stow, Ohio.

Nate ’10 and Jodie Nichols ’09 Craddock welcome a daughter, Lucille Abigail, born Jan. 16, 2010. Lucy is the granddaughter of Larry Craddock ’83, Roger ’83 and Tracy Gilliam ’84 Nichols.

Joshua Howard ’10 works for Google at their international headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., as an Account Strategist in Online Sales Organization.

Daniel Drury ’10 and Tiffany Gregory ’10 were married on Oct. 9, 2010 in Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Jason ’10 and Sarah Brown ’10 Ellwood welcomed a son, Silas Gabriel Ellwood, on Sept. 16, 2010.

Joey Nunez ’10 is teaching English at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Tiffany Walz ’08 and Clay ’08 Hassler (left) — pictured here with Debi, Cameron ’13 and Erik Hassler — live in Winston-Salem, N.C., where Tiffany is the Assistant Director of the Student Union at Wake Forest University. She graduated from Florida State University in April with a master’s degree in Higher Education. Clay graduated from The Florida State University College of Motion Picture Arts with an MFA in August. His MFA Thesis film, “The Planeteer,” was chosen from the MFA class for an evening showing/gala dinner. He’s currently developing a feature film.

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Juanita May ‘31 Baunach, Education, 1/21/2010, Cleveland, OH
Orville McKay ‘34, Ministry, 10/3/2010, Midland, MI
Edwin Reeves ‘34, Ministry, 7/14/2010, Long Beach, CA
Mary Duncan ‘37, Education, 9/12/2010, Wilmore, KY
Clara-Lee Wheeler ‘37 Evans, Homemaker, 8/31/2010, Oviedo, FL
Howard Buckley ‘39, Ministry, 4/14/2010, Philadelphia, PA
Grayson Davis ‘39, Medicine, 8/20/2010, West Lafayette, IN
John Martin ‘39, Education, 7/2/2010, Mechanicsburg, PA
Dorothy Kuhn ‘41 Atchison, Education, 7/28/2010, Granville, OH
Saradell Ard ‘42, Education, 12/18/2009, Anchorage, AK
Martha McKenzie ‘42 Elkjer, Ministry, 7/5/2010, Apple Valley, MN
Harold Bradshaw ‘43, Medicine, 9/17/2009, Louisville, KY
Harry Snyder ‘43, Ministry, 9/11/2010, Flintstone, GA
Marilyn Watson ‘45 Grostephan, 9/8/2010, Minneapolis, MN

Jane Williams ‘46 Finn, Social Work, 2/15/2010, Dover, KY
Hugh B. Howard ‘46, Business, 8/1/2010, Marana, AZ
Marjorie Hutchens ‘47 Garnaat, Education, 7/8/2010, Grand Rapids, MI
William Spindler ‘48, Ministry, 9/21/2010, Ozark, MO
Wayne Aughinbaugh ‘49, Ministry, 7/26/2010, Montreat, NC
Elizabeth Wolf ‘49 Buckles, Education, 2/23/2010, Spokane, WA
Anna Weiler ‘49 Carrington, 6/1/2010, Olney, IL
Kenneth Harris ‘49, Ministry, 9/25/2010, Byron, MI
Gale Cook ‘50, Ministry, 9/22/2010, Denver, CO
Albert Fall ‘50, Ministry, 8/11/2010, Traverse City, MI
Robert Hochstetler ‘50, Ministry, 10/5/2010, Findlay, OH
Ralph Taylor ‘50, Engineering, 9/19/2010, Clearwater, FL
Peggy Woodfield ‘50 Watkins, Education, 3/16/2010, Annapolis, MD
Pauline Fall ‘51 Boss, Social Work, 10/16/2010, Spring Arbor, MI
Addison Clark ‘51, Business, 1/15/2010, Poultonyx, VT
Donald Elwell ‘51, Education, 3/7/2010, Suffern, NY
Harold Hankins ‘51, Ministry, 4/8/2010, Sylvania, GA
Evelyn Webb ‘51 Jamison, Ministry, 9/7/2010, Roanoke, VA
James Long ‘51, Missions, 7/20/2010, Phoenix, AZ
Lewis Theodore ‘51, Ministry, 2/8/2010, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Richard Burns ‘52, Ministry, 3/16/2010, Hollsopple, PA
Charles Dean ‘52, Education, 4/13/2010, Oak Island, NC
Marcus Kelly ‘52, Education, 9/17/2010, La Jolla, CA
Mary Holman ‘52 Westin, Library Science, 1/12/2010, Ann Arbor, MI
Harry McElroy ‘54, Ministry, 7/12/2010, West Lafayette, OH
Richard Bailey ‘56, Ministry, 10/10/2010, Charlotte, NC
Loman Fish ‘57, Ministry, 3/4/2010, Spencer, WI
C. Eugene Lain ‘57, Missions, 8/1/2010, Cranberry, PA
Stewart McCord ‘57, Ministry, 8/22/2010, West Palm Beach, FL
Jane Showalter ‘64 Watts, Education, 7/25/2010, Morral, OH
Tex Watson ‘69, Ministry, 6/2/2010, Macon, GA
Pamela Johnson ‘82 Harriman, Education, 8/24/2010, New Albany, IN

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Hugh Delaney, 1/31/2010, Cedar Crest, NM
Mary Elliott, 11/5/2010, Wilmore, KY
Harvey Hughes, 4/24/2010, Centralia, IL
James Mathews, 9/8/2010, Bethesda, MD
William McKnight, 5/8/2010, Grove City, PA
Isaac Reyes, 5/12/2010, Bowie, MD
George Ritchey, 7/4/2010, Lexington, KY
Stephen West, 7/17/2010, Indianapolis, IN
Ches Wymond, 11/7/2009, Madison, MS
OK, before I officially take the step into my new role as Asbury University’s Academic Dean in January, I’m going to take this opportunity to throw a pop quiz at you. We can’t let the current students have all the fun, right? I started teaching at Asbury 40 years ago, so 10 questions doesn’t nearly create the challenge I could give you, but it’s the holiday season and I feel generous. Let’s see how you do!

1 The new Center for Communication Arts is named for what former board of trustees member and retired Salvation Army commissioner?  
A) Steve Miller  
B) Barney Miller  
C) Andrew Miller  
D) Millard Filmore

2 Ten years before doing so, John Wesley Hughes pledged to found Asbury while studying at what university?  
A) Vanderbilt  
B) George Washington  
C) Harvard  
D) Wake Forest

3 Director of Asbury’s Equine Department Harold Rainwater was recently re-elected Mayor of Wilmore. He’s been Mayor for how many consecutive years?  
A) 12  
B) 23  
C) 31  
D) 34

4 What was replaced in Hughes Auditorium in 1989?  
A) The seats  
B) The ceiling  
C) The organ  
D) The stained glass

5 The total University property covers just more than how many acres?  
A) 300  
B) 550  
C) 700  
D) 850

6 Which of these is not one of the top 10 states that current Asbury students call home?  
A) Pennsylvania  
B) Florida  
C) Georgia  
D) Tennessee

7 Pictured here is a current Asbury coach. Can you name him?  
A) Jarred Miller  
B) Paul Nesselroade  
C) Bob Silvanik  
D) JP Rader

8 Which of these was the original Asbury Theological Seminary building?  
A) Hager  
B) Morrison  
C) Fletcher-Early  
D) Hughes

9 Asbury University’s annual yearbook, The Asburian, was first printed in what year? No, I was not a prof here at that time… stop it!  
A) 1895  
B) 1905  
C) 1915  
D) 1925

10 What former Asbury student and music professor had a tribute concert in his honor just a few weeks ago and has published more than 400 works?  
A) James Curnow  
B) John Philip Sousa  
C) Mark Schell  
D) Gary Kempf

Grading System  
9-10 correct answers = A  
7-8 correct answers = B  
5-6 correct answers = C  
3-4 correct answers = D  
0-2 correct answers = Come to my office, please

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Homecoming Queen and King

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Upcoming Events 2010-11

Dec. 10-11 Zweifel/Pritchett Classic
Dec. 10 Last Day of Classes
Dec. 13-16 Exams
Dec. 24-Jan. 2 Offices Closed – Merry Christmas
Jan. 6-7 New Student Orientation
Jan. 10 Classes Begin
Jan. 14-15 Opera Performance
Jan. 17 MLK Day (No Classes)
Jan. 18 Washington DC Alumni Reception
Jan. 18 Faculty Art Exhibit – thru March 21
Jan. 20-22 Alumni Board Meeting
Jan. 27-28 Winter Access Days
Feb. 3-5 Awakened Sophomore Musical
Feb. 7-11 Holiness Emphasis Week
Feb. 10-11 Scholarship Weekend 1
Feb. 17 Chorale Valentine Concert
Feb. 18-20 Men’s Retreat
Feb. 24-25 Scholarship Weekend 2
Feb. 24 Winter Festival of Music
Feb. 25 Artist Series
Feb. 26 Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Feb. 28-March 2 Student Renewal & Revival
March 4 Dedication of Miller Center
March 4-5 Sit-Com Taping
March 12-20 Spring Break

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