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**FHU trustees** lead prayerfully. Board Chairman John Law invited faculty and staff representatives to join trustees for a lunch reception at their April meeting. Board Secretary Scott Latham led a prayer, while the trustees encircled the FHU employees. Latham asked for God's blessings on students past, present and future and their families, faculty and staff, friends and associates. He asked that everyone be encouraged and thoughtful, while seeking the mission of glorifying God.



Countless people are part of Freed-Hardeman's mission — helping students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship, and service. They include:

**students**, who impact the world, as they learn and serve;

**trustees**, who lead through prayer;

**faculty and staff**, who go the extra mile to guide students; and

**alumni and friends**, who support students with their time, experience and gifts.

Whatever role you play in the story of Freed-Hardeman, thank you for reflecting His glory,

Joe Wiley, Ph.D.

President



**FHU faculty and staff** impact not only students but also their professions around the world. Professor of Bible and philosophy **Dr. Ralph Gilmore** will participate in a debate hosted by the Warren Christian Apologetics Center, in conjunction with Buckeyes for Christ (college outreach ministry), at The Ohio State University Tuesday, Sept. 27 at The Ohio State's Mershon Auditorium. **Gilmore will debate Dr. Alex Rosenberg**, author and Duke professor. **"Is God a Moral Monster?"** will be the question debated. FHU student **Noah Icenhour** is assisting and coordinating students who will attend and receive credit as part of the Engaged Learning Initiative. The debate will be livestreamed, also.



**FHU alumni** help those who follow them. **Jonathan Lowery**, who completed a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University and post-doctorate research at Harvard University, teaches at Marion University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Associate professor Dwina Willis discussed his commitment to providing challenging internships. "He generously provided Dr. Rachel Salmon's students the opportunity to do a small section of his research at Harvard. Now recent graduate **Jordan Newby has worked with Jonathan in his lab at Marion**. He is giving an unparalleled opportunity to Jordan." Lowery stays involved on campus, as well; he attended Newby's University Scholars' Day presentation and spoke to students.



**FHU students** inspire others and make their world better now. Faculty and staff provided feedback for FHU student **Brandon Gosselin** before he finished in the Top 300 speakers in the world through Toastmasters International. A high school scholar-athlete and valedictorian, Gosselin was in a four-wheeler accident in 2013. Though **battling traumatic brain injury**, he became a college student in Oklahoma and later felt called to attend FHU, so he transferred. Gosselin plans to be a motivational speaker and write a book about overcoming challenges. "This is the future I was meant for, and this is why I survived. My goal in life is that God will be glorified in everything I do."



Cast members from each club show join hosts and hostesses for the finale of Makin' Music 2016. Plans are already underway for Makin' Music's 40th Anniversary show April 7-8, 2017.

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*Patsy Loden and Dr. Don Shull cut the ribbon at the dedication. (Patsy and her late husband, Woody Loden, were lead donors for the Loden-Daniel Library.) Lead donors John and Rosemary Brown join Hope's family in the ceremonial ribbon cutting, also.*



# Hope's ARC Builds on Dreams

*The FHU family gathered April 8, 2016, to celebrate the realization of a beloved librarian's dream and thank John and Rosemary Brown and other donors, as the Hope Barber Shull Academic Resource Center was dedicated. The facility opened for student use in February.*

Hope Shull "had loved libraries long before she knew me," her husband, Don, said. "I cannot say enough about the Browns," he added. "They knew Hope a lot longer than I did. When she was a fifth grade girl donating books to her elementary school library, they knew her. They knew the kind of building she would want."

The Browns, alumni from Kalamazoo, Michigan, were lead donors for the construction of the library. "When you hear people talk about Hope's dream," Rosemary Brown said, "this is definitely a fulfillment of that dream."

Dr. C. J. Vires, provost and vice president for academics, called the new facility, "a beacon that guides us as we move forward with enhancing the undergraduate learning experience. It will allow us to go farther and move faster than we had only dreamed of at one time."

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Wade Osburn, library director, said, "Hope was a part, especially in spirit, of the entire planning process. I am so pleased her legacy has been preserved in the form of a library."

Will Shull said of his mother, "She knew not only what the library was and should be, but what it could evolve into." The aim was "to place the library at the center, the core of campus, to make the heart of the university be where information is free," he said.

At the dedication ceremony, the University Chorale presented an original composition by Dr. Alan Kinningham, a professor in the fine arts department, entitled "The Ark of Hope." A commemorative portrait of Hope Shull, painted by alumna Jennifer Reeves, was unveiled by Dr. Joe Wiley, FHU president, and the Barber and Shull families. The portrait hangs in a reading area located near the west entrance of the new facility.





Hope Barber Shull served as library director until shortly before her passing March 10, 2013, following a battle with cancer. She had long dreamed of a larger Freed-Hardeman library that would increase the materials available and better meet the expanding and shifting role of libraries. She had met with the architects and was instrumental in the planning phase of the building. It bears her imprint in its design and in its aim to better serve students, according to Wiley.

The 49,599-square-foot-facility opened to rave reviews. When Don Shull visited the three-story facility after it opened for its first day of business, he pronounced it beautiful. "It's the kind of library Hope dreamed of," he said. "From the beginning, Hope wanted a building that was designed to look beautiful, to be state-of-the-art, and, of course, to be highly functional." At the dedication ceremony, he declared, "If Hope were here today, she might even be speechless."

The ARC is home to the Loden-Daniel Library, the Hope Barber Shull Library, KC's Coffee House, the Learning Center and the Center for Instructional Innovation (CII). It also provides reading

and study areas, wireless Internet access, group study rooms and a quiet room.

The first floor is designed for socializing, working in groups and enjoying coffee from KC's. The Learning Commons and help desk, where students can receive technology assistance for class assignments, are near the east, first-floor entrance. Stacks of books on compact, moving bookcases, the university's archives and the reading room are on the second floor. The third floor houses tutoring and testing areas, private study rooms and the CII.

Students are impressed with the building. Arthur Martin, a senior from Swansea, Illinois, was the first student in when the doors were opened. He said, "It greatly adds to places students can congregate. It has a plethora of spaces students can study and hang out." He was also pleased with the number of help desks, particularly the availability of the tech desk, and accessibility for students with handicaps. His greatest enthusiasm, however, was reserved for the compact, moving bookcases. "When I saw those," he explained, "I said, 'Hogwarts!'"



## LIBRARIES AT FREED-HARDEMAN:

The library originally was located in a room adjacent to the Old Main Lobby.

The **Stephens house** (where the Loden-Daniel Library now stands) was purchased and became the new library.

In 1957, W. F. (Jack) and Nena Lawhorn of Stringtown, Texas, donated funds to build the Lawhorn Library, which adjoined the Stephens house. The two were called the Stephens-Lawhorn Library. The Lawhorn Library was later expanded and the name changed to the Lawhorn-Stephens Library. After the Stephens house was removed, the building was known as the **Lawhorn Library**.

In 1974, the **Loden-Daniel Library** was opened on the site previously occupied by the Stephens house; it was connected with the Lawhorn Library. Dedicated to the memory of F.W. Loden, II and James L. Daniel, the fathers of principal donors F.W. (Woody) Loden, III and Patsy Daniel Loden, this part of the Academic Resource Center continues to be called the Loden-Daniel Library.

In 2016, construction was completed on the **Hope Barber Shull Academic Resource Center**. The Lawhorn Library was removed, and the Loden-Daniel Library was renovated as part of the new facility.

1 The University Chorale, directed by Dr. Gary McKnight, sings "The Ark of Hope," written by Dr. Alan Kinningham. 2 Dr. Don Shull speaks at the ceremony. 3 Jennifer Reaves' portrait of Hope is unveiled. 4 The library staff pauses on opening day. 5 Students enjoy KC's Coffee House in its new location. 6 Lead donor John Brown watches as the ceremony unfolds. 7 The second floor of the center is quiet before opening day. 8 Members of the Barber and Shull families, along with John and Rosemary Brown, celebrate the opening of the university's newest building.





FROM DARK TUNNELS TO SUNLIGHT

# God's got this.





*Faculty members Drs. Richard and Barbara England and learning center coordinator Connie Pritchard accompanied Freed-Hardeman students to Europe for the Spring 2016 semester. As the world woke to headlines about terrorists' attacks in Brussels March 22, the three leaders implemented plans and maintained constant communication with students, families and administration, as events unfolded. The following pages contain excerpts from Barbara England's journal during those days.*

We woke up in London. At about 10:30 a.m., we took a taxi to St. Pancras station to catch the 12:38 EuroStar to Brussels. Security and passport controls were normal routine now. After traveling so much, it was reassuring when they stopped us so often. After all, if they stopped people like me, surely they would stop the sketchy-looking people who could be bringing in the bombs.

### **MARCH 21**

We watched movies and waited for the kids to return from free travel. Our first group of four girls was due to arrive that night. It was a fun, relaxing afternoon. I believe God knew we needed that for what was about to happen.

That evening around 9 p.m., the first four girls came in.

### **MARCH 23, 1 a.m.**

Exhausted. Exhausted is how I feel right now. At 8:30 yesterday morning as I stumbled to the table, Richard had his computer up and said, "Oh, no." He was looking at the accounts on his news feed. "Explosions at the Brussels Airport." All I could think of was we had five students

leaving Greece at 8:30 flying into the Brussels airport.

And we had five in London headed for the Eurostar train scheduled to leave at 12:58.

I spent much of the morning going between iPad, iPhone and computer, using Facebook, email and text messages to stay in contact with our students, their families, the campus administration and our family.

Was I worried? Not really. I was too busy staying focused on getting our students in the air and here safely and getting our students in London to a safe place.

Richard looked up the flight with the girls in the air headed to Brussels and tracked it. I checked the airlines and everything kept saying, "on schedule to arrive in Brussels." From what we were seeing in the news, we were hoping their flight was going somewhere else. It looked like they were headed into Frankfurt, but then the plane turned and was headed toward Düsseldorf. The girls later told us that the pilot was speaking in Greek and they heard him say "terrorist" and "explosions." They were scared. A very nice man in front of them who spoke English

translated for them. When we were finally able to make contact with the girls, we had a plan. They were going to train from Dusseldorf to Aachen and taxi to Verviers. The borders were closed in some places, and none of the trains were running in Belgium. When the girls finally arrived around 4 p.m., we all ran down the stairs and to the door. The girls were surrounded with tears of joy and hugs.

Another group in London started sending me messages as soon as they woke up. They were supposed to catch the train to Brussels. The frantic texts were coming: "What should we do?" Another plan was hatched. One of the girls knew a guy with Lipscomb University who was studying in London. So we started trying to contact them. I called the states; no one was at work yet. We got names from the website and got on Facebook and started contacting people listed there. Connie was finding their location and where our girls were to see if they were close. The student got me a phone number, and I left a frantic message. The faculty member in charge in London called me back and said they







would get the girls and keep them until we could take care of them.

Late that afternoon, the Frerots (a Belgian couple, Jean Marie and Suzanne, who are missionaries in Verviers) came over. They were very concerned. We talked. They hurt for their country and fellow Belgians. They hurt for us. I could see it in their eyes. Before they left, we held hands and prayed — we in English and they in French. I don't know what was said in French, but God did. Suzanne probably didn't know what we said, but God did.

#### **MARCH 23, 9:05 a.m.**

I slept last night. I'm not sure how, but I slept and woke up feeling pretty rested. But now, after being up 50 minutes and reading the news and Facebook, I am once again exhausted. This might be the new norm.

We woke up to an email with a plan. A plan for today, I have discovered, is all I need to focus on. Today...four of our five girls in London are flying to Frankfurt. Our three guys in Spain are flying to Frankfurt. The plan for today is for them to meet at the airport and train to Aachen, Germany. Then, they are to take a taxi to Verviers if they can't train into Belgium. Yesterday the trains in Belgium stopped everywhere, and a taxi was the only way in to Belgium.

So, right now we sit and wait. I stare at the news, at Facebook, at my email. I reread text messages from yesterday, and go back and look at the comments in my posts from friends: prayers being lifted continually for our safety, for wisdom for all of us to make the right decisions and the right choices.

Social media has been very good. The cell phone towers were not working yesterday, and social media was the only way we could stay connected during part of the day.

#### **MARCH 24, 11 a.m.**

Yesterday we worked in Verviers, getting the students from London and Spain back. They arrived just after 10 p.m.

When we arrived at the train station, it was locked. We spent several minutes trying to find an open door and trying to contact the students by texts. The things going through my head: Had something else happened? Had a threat to the Verviers train station been made? Had the trains stopped again? Primary thought: Where were our kids, and how were we going to get them to us? The last text had been, "We are at Liege. Getting on a train at 9:24 to Verviers. The train takes 30 minutes." Where were they?

After a long five-minute wait, we heard from them, "Okay. Be there very soon." While we were waiting, an unmarked van pulled up with two men and a woman who had her head covered. One man got out; they were talking and after a long few seconds they got back in and left. I was afraid they were suicide bombers. That's what the last two days have done to me!

Finally we saw them. We hesitated a second, and when we knew it was them, we started walking very fast towards them. I grabbed the first one and then started pulling them all into a big group hug. The relief of seeing them, hugging them, is indescribable.

We walked back with the students, some of whom were visibly shaking from nerves and fear. While the three guys were calm, some of the others finally felt they could let go.

When they came up the stairs, nine pairs of arms waited to grab each one and hug them. It was a great reunion.

The students described how afraid they were to fly. They wanted to get back to us because they did not want to fly home alone. They looked for people with black gloves (like the terrorists had worn) at the airport. The fear this act of violence has put in all of us is not right. My trust of my fellow man has left.

#### **MARCH 24, 11:23 p.m.**

Today the email came. The semester was being cut short. We called the kids into the room and let them read their email. No one said anything for a few minutes. It was a sad moment because the kids were losing half their trip. I know they were sad. But some were very relieved. I think their parents were more relieved than they were.

I watched these kids grow up this week. They aren't the same carefree kids we brought six weeks ago.

I felt a lot of emotions when I read the email. I was sad; through the senseless act of terrorism, we have lost the freedom to travel. These cowards have turned the world upside down in many ways.





### MARCH 25, 7:57 p.m.

The plans are set. We need to keep a low profile until we leave.

Today we tried to get tickets canceled for a trip we were supposed to make to Paris. We couldn't get the train tickets canceled, so we came back. When we got back, the military was positioned by the doors to the train station, and a policeman was going in.

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*At that moment, when we came out of the tunnel into the beautiful sunlight, I knew God had been with us. I looked over and saw a hillside covered in daffodils. Everywhere they were beautiful, and I thought, "Everything is going to be fine."*

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Beginning with Tuesday, this has been a stressful week. I have had a small headache all week. I'm probably dehydrated, and when we get back, I will probably fall apart. Right now, knowing we have an exit day plan helps.

Praying that Monday morning we can slip out of here quietly and unnoticed.

### MARCH 26, 8:46 p.m.

Richard and I had to go to Aachen again. We were able to get the tickets fixed so they could get a refund. As we came back, I stared out the window thinking this probably would be the last time on this trip that I would be coming from Aachen. I remembered the first time we came — the day after we arrived. The fields had been covered with snow, and it was gray and cloudy. Today as I looked out, I saw green fields, blue skies and cows grazing in the field. As our journey got closer to Verviers, the train went through a tunnel. Everything went black, and I thought about riding trains through tunnels. We have done that a few times since we got here. Usually, I'm thinking that I hope no one is coming towards us. Basically, since we can't look out the front of the train, we just have to trust God that there's not a train racing towards us. I was thinking about all of that and how God has taken care of us this week. At that moment, when we came out of the tunnel into the beautiful sunlight, I knew God had been with us. I looked over and saw a hillside covered in daffodils. Everywhere they were beautiful, and I thought, "Everything is going to be fine."

We came back and ate pitas and frites from the pita man around the corner. Then we hid Easter eggs and had an Easter egg hunt. This week has been very stressful but it has ended well. "God's got this" are the words that have kept me going.

### MARCH 28 — Homeward bound

Today we woke up and took our bags to the train station. Richard and I were the last ones out of the facility. It was hard locking it up, knowing that our trip had been cut short because of evil in the world.

Yesterday, Jean Marie Frerot preached a sermon about love. He spoke in French, but I followed along with the verses.

It was a very thoughtful and thought-provoking lesson. I listened to the words he was reading in French as I read my Bible. In response to the horrible acts of terrorism that had been carried out in his beloved country, he spoke of our answering with love.

We left today and walked through the crowds. A major flea market was in the streets. So much for slipping out unnoticed.

### MARCH 29, 12:22 p.m.

I'm in the air and flying back. How do I feel? It's a mixed bag of emotions. I'm happy to be headed back but also sad.

My stomach was queasy at the Delta check-in counter. One week ago today, three guys with bombs came into the Brussels airport. I, like so many innocent people last week, was checking in for a flight to the United States. Those people were hurt or died near the check-in counters. Those were people just like me. I thought about those people today, people excited to be leaving and not knowing when they entered the airport what was going to happen.

I'm not ready to end the relationships that we have formed. The kids have been great. In many ways, it felt to me that we became a more solid group after what happened last week.

Later —

We landed in Detroit, and it felt very good to be on American soil. We understand everything the people are saying on the plane. I'm more excited to be here. Things that I hadn't really thought about that make me comfortable are announcements and advertising that I can understand.

### APRIL 2

On March 29, we arrived in Nashville a little later than scheduled. Before we left the area where we got off the plane, Richard led a prayer of thanksgiving. Then we headed toward the front of the airport. When we got there, it was unbelievable.

A very large group of parents was there, as well as administrators, to welcome us. There were a lot of hugs and tears of joy.

Dr. Wiley (FHU's president) shook everyone's hand, and then we all held hands in a circle, as he led a prayer. He was crying, and it was a very emotional moment. It was nice to be able to pray openly and in public. That freedom is something I probably have taken for granted and somehow this event makes me realize that. We left with Jenny (Johnson) and Josh (Barber) after we spoke to a reporter. It was all very exciting; by the time we made it back to Henderson, we were exhausted.

The next day a reporter called and we talked to her. Newspapers carried the story, and my mind was swirling in a fog. Thursday was even worse, and Friday when we went to a faculty meeting, an AP reporter called. It's all been rather surreal.

It feels strange to be back. I find myself thinking, today I was supposed to be in Paris. The calendar reminder pops up every day on my computer telling me where I am supposed to be today. At first I didn't want to see it, but now I think I will leave it. It will remind me of the group I shared six weeks with and how, although a tragic event cut our trip short, we shared a wonderful trip.





I told someone earlier this week, "The world is full of evil and we cannot let evil overshadow the good and positive in the world." We talked with the students before we left Monday about being a "light" in the world, especially when the dark clouds were so thick. We felt that we were experiencing an opportunity to let that light shine. And, oh, how our students shined! The news reporter asked us how long we had been taking trips like this with students. We told her around 10 years. She asked us after this experience would we go back again. Richard answered, "Absolutely we would go back! We can't let events like this stop us from doing things like this."

I believe providing our students with the opportunity to see other cultures, the arts and the beauty of God's world is as important as any lecture in the classroom. Maybe it's more important.

### APRIL 2 — Afterthoughts

Tonight I'm thinking about a man we met in Brussels. On the day we arrived, exhausted from the transatlantic flight, we had to find our way out of the Brussels airport. We went down three stories after we retrieved our luggage, to the exit that led to the train station. We had to pay the diablo tax to leave, and we found a very kind clerk who spoke English. He was very patient, as he validated our Eurail passes one at a time and printed out not one but 20 tickets for us to leave the airport.

When we returned two weeks later from Milan, Italy, at 4:30 p.m., we found the same clerk and told him how much we'd appreciated his kind, patient and caring manner the last time we came through so tired and confused. He was once again very kind and arranged for an attendant to accompany us through the gate to the train. He printed out the train schedule and smiled at us as we waved goodbye.

I'm thinking about that Brussels airport employee who was just doing his job when he made a good impression on me, a weary traveler. I wonder where he was Tuesday, March 22. I hope he was at this desk helping someone else, far away from the explosions. I hope he didn't decide to run up to the entrance near the departure check-in to grab a cup of coffee.

When there is a face to connect to a tragic event, it makes it even harder to comprehend why someone would do something so senseless. It makes me sad all over again, sad for Belgium and sad for our world.

### APRIL 3

One week ago today I sat in a worship service in Verviers, Belgium.

The deadly attacks on March 22 were fresh on our minds, and we were planning to leave the next day. The plans were for us to leave early Monday morning and travel by train to Liege, Belgium. There we would catch a train to Frankfurt, Germany, where we had hotel accommodations arranged for the night before our Tuesday flight home. My emotions were mixed, as they had been all week — glad to leave but also sad.

The sermon that Jean Marie Frerot preached was in French, but I totally understood the message. The lesson was a message of LOVE. A message of LOVE in response to the awful events that his fellow Belgians had suffered. LOVE that Christ had for us and LOVE that the Lord had to endure the crucifixion.

### APRIL 3, 10:23 p.m.

Billy (Smith), minister of the Henderson Church of Christ, preached tonight about understanding tragic events.

We really can't; we just put our faith in God, and we know where all the evil comes from.

Every night I have dreamed about trains and students. I have a lot of students, and I'm trying to get them somewhere. We have to walk, then catch trains, then walk some more. We don't stop traveling. Tonight, I'm hoping I dream calm dreams, and if we travel, I hope our trip is smooth.

### APRIL 8

I still dream about trips and trains...





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- Dr. Barbara England





# To HAITI *with*





# LOVE

## Nursing Professor Teaches Students More than Healthcare during Mission Trip to Haiti

Seven Freed-Hardeman University nursing students journeyed to Thomazeau, Haiti, in January, hoping to make a difference in patients' lives but they were unaware of the difference the patients would make in theirs.

As the first group of students to accompany FHU assistant professor of nursing Dr. Sarah Pierce, they prepared with a weeklong session of classes regarding Haitian culture, religion, medical practices and language. Students also learned about common diseases and corresponding treatments. They developed teaching projects for LiveBeyond's patient population. LiveBeyond is a faith-based humanitarian organization that provides medical and maternal health care, clean water, education, orphan care and community development, while it spreads the gospel of Jesus Christ. The organization serves maternal health, children, women and men. Students developed lessons focused on the importance of healthy eating and of using well water instead of contaminated sources. "I saw the heart of a servant in my students. Not once did they complain," Pierce said.

### Byenveni nan Ayiti (Welcome to Haiti)

LiveBeyond's compound is located 1,538 miles from FHU's campus. Founders Dr. David Vanderpool and his wife, Laurie, established the volunteer organization to provide medical care in Third World countries that have suffered from either natural or man-made disasters.

As a previous volunteer at LiveBeyond, Pierce knew the environment would provide her students with opportunities to practice what they had learned in class. Nursing juniors Carly Bedsole, Amanda Bond, Taylor Clifton, Bailey Smith, Allie Lusk, Leanna Amacher and Micah Heffington embraced their Haitian patients, offering everyone they encountered Christ-like love and kindness, Pierce said.



*Top: FHU student Amanda Bond and a young Haitian girl share an embrace.*

*Middle: Haitian children display their craft projects.*

*Bottom: FHU students take a nearly two-mile uphill hike, visiting Maizie, a burn victim and patient at LiveBeyond's clinic.*





"They were open to whatever needed to be done and made the patients feel like they were equals," Pierce said. The students gave affection to patients freely. "Touch is really important in the Haitian culture," Pierce said.

Pierce's students were equally impressed seeing her work outside the classroom. "You can truly tell she loves her job," Clifton said. Smith said Pierce took every opportunity to teach them while in Haiti.

"I learned a lot — not just about healthcare but also just watching her character; the way she was with patients taught me a lot," she said.

During the trip, Bond was not expecting to have as many hands-on medical experiences as she did. "I ended up doing a lot more than I expected," she said. "Everything I learned, I was able to practice."

Her first patient was a baby girl about three to four months old who was dealing with worms and pertussis. "The mom handed her baby to me, I did my head-to-toe assessment, and I had to decide which

medicines to give her," Bond said. "It's rewarding; all of the hard work and studying pays off. It's nice to be able to put it into action. It's fun and it's kind of scary because you want to get it right."

### Early Mornings, Prayerful Days

Many of the students chose to wake up at 5 a.m. to watch the sunrise. They also began each day with prayer and devotionals before heading to the clinic, where they would serve patients, including one who walked eight hours just to be seen. Their memories of their patients incite laughter and some tears.

For Bond, it was another pediatric case that involved a 2-year-old with burns from a cooking fire. Because of limited access to treatment, the child's mother packed the burn with charcoal and baby powder. The child, however, was inconsolable until the doctor began to sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" to her. It calmed her down, and she stopped crying.

"I held her down while other people removed the charcoal and baby powder from her body. After that day, I knew I couldn't go into pediatrics," Bond said.

Clifton cried every day while in Haiti. "You don't think about seeing starving kids or people walking around with severe burns," she said.

But when situations proved emotionally challenging, the students held onto their faith. "Our purpose was not only to do medical work but also to show how our work was through Jesus and His love," Bedsole said.

Each evening the students recorded video journals and documented their experience in a written format.

"When you are over there, you feel overwhelmed, overjoyed and blessed," Clifton said. "Nothing you do in this life matters, unless you are serving God and His people."

### Closer to God

It was a week of little sleep, high energy and eye-opening experiences for the seven students.

"While you're there, you don't feel tired at all; you're on a spiritual high. When I got back, I was exhausted," Clifton said. "I can honestly say when I was in Haiti, I have never felt closer to God. I had a different mindset. We were able to incorporate our spiritual life in caring for our patients. There's so much joy in helping others."

The students said their encounters with the Haitians of Thomazeau would impact their lives forever.

"Since we've been home, I try to see Jesus in everyone," Bond said. "It's easy for us to be negative and judgmental. I try not to be so negative all of the time and not take anything for granted."

Clifton said she does not complain as frequently since returning from Haiti. "I go home to a house with air, heat, running water, food and a bed," she said. "In Haiti, they don't have any of that."







*Left top to bottom: Haitian children gather around one of LiveBeyond's transportation trucks. FHU student Micah Heffington talks with young patients while at the LiveBeyond clinic. Professor Sarah Pierce stands with her students, Carly Bedsole, Micah Heffington, Leanna Amacher, Taylor Clifton, Bailey Smith and Allie Lusk at the top of a hill. Taylor Clifton and Robertho display their craft projects.*

*I learned a lot — not just about healthcare but also just watching her character; the way she was with patients taught me a lot.*

Lusk credited Pierce for helping them feel the presence of Jesus while in Haiti.

The students are hoping to return to Haiti next year for another nursing mission trip.

"I want to stay for a longer period of time and develop more relationships with the people," Bond explained. "I want to be there for them and see their progress, especially the people who accepted Christ and were baptized."

### **Going Back**

FHU's missionary outreach in Haiti will expand this summer to include business majors, who will work with LiveBeyond in

July for an Engaged Learning Initiative (ELI) special project called Mission in Management: Business Ventures in Thomazeau, Haiti. Business students will have a long-term objective of assisting with the development of a sustainable business operation in the region.

With Matthew 28:19 as their foundation, calling for Christ's followers to make disciples of all the nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, students will identify, assess and implement viable business ventures including import and export operations.

"FHU students are mission minded. Serving in Thomazeau, Haiti, allows our students to apply their business acumen to the benefit

of the people who live there. The vision for this work is to assist in the development of an economy that will lift the Haitians out of extreme poverty through sustainable businesses that will provide prosperity. All of this is being done in the name of Jesus, where we will serve with the ultimate goal of seeing people turn from a life of darkness found in the voodoo culture to a life of light found in Christ," said Mark Steiner, former dean of FHU's college of business. Steiner's passion for this mission has led him to accept a position as chief operating officer of LiveBeyond.





Family of N. B. Hardeman, including the Bradshaws, spend a day in Henderson. Robert Bradshaw, Emily Bradshaw, Joanne Powers Bradshaw and Brad Bradshaw pose with the Bucy Tower in the background. The tower contains elements from the Milan-Sitka Building and is surrounded by quotes from previous Freed-Hardeman presidents.

# HARDEMAN LEGACY

## RELATIONSHIPS IMPACTING THE WORLD

Walking the paths family members did when their work began impacting the world from a West Tennessee college town, N. B. Hardeman's granddaughter, Joanne Powers Bradshaw, and relatives from Georgia and Texas met in Henderson April 28, 2016. In addition to being welcomed by FHU faculty, staff and students, family members were greeted by Henderson Mayor Bobby King and several life-long friends.

Family members who arrived that morning began their day at the Henderson City Cemetery. It is where Hardeman, his wife, Joanna Tabler Hardeman, her parents, Eliza and Ephraim Tabler, and other family

members are buried. A marker, perhaps the oldest in the graveyard, bears the name of Archibald McCorkle, a Revolutionary War veteran. McCorkle was the grandfather of Ephraim Newton Tabler, whose daughter, Joanna, married Hardeman. "Archibald," Bradshaw said, "was always a part of our family history."

Leaving Church Street, the family traveled to Freed-Hardeman for daily chapel, which included reading two of Hardeman's favorite verses, I Corinthians 14:40 and I John 3:2. Dr. Greg Massey, FHU history professor, presented the program following the devotional. He shared correspondence

and stories of three Freed-Hardeman alumni who maintained communication with President Hardeman after they left the college. After sharing details of their accomplishments, questions and lives, Massey summarized, "The most important thing about this school is relationships. What can only make this school transcendent and important are the relationships in Christ."

Following chapel, family and friends met at Old Main, which was built by Hardeman and A.G. Freed in 1908 to house National Teachers Normal and Business College. The University Chorale performed in the



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lobby of Old Main under the direction of Dr. Gary McKnight. Following updates from Dr. Milton Sewell concerning plans for restoring the historic building, guests spent time in Chapel Hall, where daily chapel was once held.

Following lunch in the Hope Barber Shull Academic Resource Center, family and friends visited at the Hardeman House, where Hardeman lived 1915-54. Bradshaw and her family also lived in the house for a while in the 1930s.

Bradshaw attended Freed-Hardeman College's primary department as a child and graduated from the two-year college in 1949. She continued her studies at

Rhodes College (formerly Southwestern at Memphis) and the University of Tennessee Pharmacy College, Memphis. She worked as a pharmacist until she married and began her family. She now lives in Atlanta.

"It's amazing how much she remembers," Joanne's granddaughter, Emily Bradshaw, said. "I always heard a lot of stories about her life growing up here. She learned to swim at Chickasaw, and now I spend time there, also."

Emily just completed her freshman year at FHU. She continues her family's connection with a small West Tennessee town that still creates relationships that change the world.



An illustrated portrait of N. B. Hardeman greets guests in Old Main.



Dr. Charles Tucker, associate professor of engineering, discusses the Hardeman House with the Bradshaw family of Atlanta, Bryan (grandson of N. B. Hardeman) and Rebecca Hardeman of Austin, Texas, and friends, including Dr. Milton Sewell, chancellor, and Kay DeLay.



Joanne Powers Bradshaw returns to the seat she once occupied as a child in Chapel Hall.



Family, friends, faculty and administration meet in the lobby of Old Main and enjoy a private performance by the University Chorale.



N. B. Hardeman's descendants Robert Bradshaw, great-grandson, Emily Bradshaw, great-great granddaughter, Joanne Bradshaw, granddaughter, and Brad Bradshaw, great-grandson, reflect at the Henderson City Cemetery.





# Sacrifices FOR His Word

## TARBETS' GIFT BRINGS RARE BIBLES TO CAMPUS

Long-time minister David Tarbet and his wife, Paula, have spent more than a decade building a collection of rare Bibles and other manuscripts from the 1500s and 1600s. Now, thanks to their generosity, Bibles typically seen only in museums are housed in Freed-Hardeman University's Hope Barber Shull Academic Resource Center. Much of the David and Paula Tarbet Collection is on public display; some items, however, are kept in the university's archives.

The Tarbets have collected a variety of antiques through the years. "As our tastes changed, we went from collecting old bottles to rare Bibles," he said. "Several years ago while preaching in New England, we decided to search for 16th and 17th century Bibles. We narrowed our interest to Bibles printed in English," he explained.

The couple began pursuing their new interest by contacting antiquarian book dealers in the Northeast. In 2004, a dealer in Boston referred them to a man in western Massachusetts who had purchased a box lot at a local auction. "At the bottom of the box was an old Bible wrapped in a cloth. Since the cover was not in good condition, the dealer was not interested in keeping it," he said. That Bible turned out to be a 1599 Geneva Bible. "The

Pilgrims who sailed to America on the Mayflower in 1620 brought Geneva Bibles printed in 1599," Tarbet said.

First published in 1535 by Myles Coverdale, the Coverdale Bible was the first complete Modern English translation of the Bible. The Tarbet collection includes the 1550 edition. "It is very difficult to find today," Tarbet said. "In the last 25 years, only four copies have appeared on the market."

The largest and most valuable item in the collection in terms of monetary worth is the Great Bible. It was often chained to the lecterns of cathedrals in England. St. Paul's Cathedral in London had six copies chained to lecterns so, readers would not be able to steal them, Tarbet said. Printed in 1539, it was authorized by England's King Henry VIII to be used in worship services of the Church of England, thereby making it legal for the masses to have access to the Bible.

John Rogers, building on the work of William Tyndale, published in 1537 the first printed scriptures translated in English from the original Greek and Hebrew. Since he published it under the pseudonym of Thomas Matthew, it became known as the Matthew's Bible. Rogers was imprisoned and burned at the stake for his efforts. Tarbet prizes this Bible most highly. "The 'value' of





*This copy of The Great Bible is the most valuable in the collection in terms of monetary worth. It was published in 1566, when Bibles were chained to cathedrals' lecterns.*

## About The Tarbets:

David and Paula Tarbet, after his 50-year full-time preaching career in Connecticut, New Mexico and Texas, now spend their time helping churches of Christ in New England. They spend approximately six months each year with the New Milford, Connecticut, congregation where he is the evangelism minister. The Tarbets' son Timothy, a 1991 graduate of FHU, is the pulpit minister. David Tarbet teaches Bible studies, writes gospel teaching articles for the local newspaper and edits "Christ for Today," a direct mail publication.

Two additional months each year are spent working with other congregations in the Northeast and hosting seminars on "How the Bible Came to Us" in various places. His work in New England is sponsored by the White Rock Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas.



Tarbet is also the volunteer director of The White Rock Fund, which provides grants to churches of Christ for missionaries. More than 60 missionaries around the world benefit from grants provided by the fund.

a rare Bible is in the eye of the beholder," Tarbet said. "Although the Matthew's Bible (1549) is not the most expensive Bible in the collection, it is the most valuable to me because of what it cost in terms of human sacrifice to print and distribute it," he said.

When Mary I became queen of England, she attempted to return England to the Catholic Church. In addition to executing John Rogers, she executed approximately 300 other individuals — clergy and laity, men, women and children — who purchased, read

Most of Tarbet's Bibles are printed on linen rag paper; the material was abundant because of the large amount of linen rags during the Black Plague, Tarbet said. People took the rags and sold them to paper makers. The paper, fortunately, has maintained its readability over the centuries. The volumes are bound in leather.

Tarbet said he began gathering rare Bibles because it occurred to him that many universities had such a collection, but none of the universities associated with churches of Christ had a significant

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Also included are the Bishop's Bible (1552-1572), the Douay-Rheims New Testament (1600) and a 1613 King James Bible.

The oldest copies of the word of God in the collection are two Latin leaves produced by monks or priests in England circa 1210. Hand-written copies on vellum were taken by priests in their preaching throughout the countryside. The collection also includes leaves of I, II and III John (1552) translated by William Tyndale, often referred to as the "father of the English Bible."

number of rare Bibles. "I decided to see if I could put such together with a view toward donating it to a Christian university," he said. The couple chose to give the collection to Freed-Hardeman because three of their four children attended FHU.

"Freed-Hardeman is honored to be the recipient of this rare collection," William Tucker, a Freed-Hardeman assistant vice president, said. "It carries with it an obligation to protect, maintain, preserve and display it in a worthy manner."



# Life at Freed-Hardeman

With academics at its heart, FHU is uplifting, enriching and even downright fun. From campus concerts and shows to cheering on the Lions and Lady Lions to praying with hundreds of friends, days and nights are filled with memories that alumni retell for years. From road trips with suitmates to serving others in West Tennessee and around the world to competing with social clubs...here's a glimpse of life at FHU during the 2015-16 year.











## TOLLING OF THE BELL

Dr. Clyde Woods, retired Bible professor, issued a challenge to students Aug. 19, 2015, at the annual Tolling of the Bell ceremony. He urged students to honor their parents, their Freed-Hardeman family and their own families. Woods and his wife, Ann, also a retired teacher, and freshman Matthew Johnson were the "masters of the bell." They rang the bell a total of 14 times, once for each decade the university has been in existence.

## WELCOME HOME

FHU welcomed new students Aug. 15, 2015, as they moved into their residence halls. Returning students, faculty and staff extended a helping hand to assist with the moving in process; then new students were introduced to university organizations, local businesses and their families at FHU 101 and West Tennessee 101. Students and their families were treated to a cookout served by faculty and staff in Heritage Commons.





# HOMECOMING

FHU was "Wild with Pride" Nov. 13-14, 2015, for Homecoming. Activities for students, alumni, parents and prospective students were all a part of the week. Members of Homecoming royalty were introduced in chapel, and Queen Bailey Burnette and King Austen Oakley were crowned at the basketball game. FHU Theatre presented the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel." Food trucks, Lion Walk, a concert and a talent competition were also a part of the weekend.



# RUSH

Nearly 2,000 prospective students attended Freed-Hardeman's R.U.S.H. ("Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights") weekend Sept. 18-20, 2015. Guests spent the weekend discussing "The Summit," as speakers focused on overcoming difficult times and reaching spiritual heights. Stories of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Sinai, and the Mount of Transfiguration were used to show God's presence in life's uncertainty. Students were encouraged to "climb from the valleys to reach the summit."







**BENEFIT DINNER**



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Alumnus and media personality Steve Bowers interviewed Ebola survivor Dr. Kent Brantly at the Annual Benefit Dinner Dec. 4, 2015. Declaring himself profoundly grateful for what God has done in his life, Brantly said, "I wish every day I woke up with the reality of thinking, 'I'm alive because God loves me.'"

Although referring to the strain of being in the public eye, Brantly added, "I never get tired of recounting what God has done in my life. I'm alive, and God expects something from me."

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# MR. AND MISS FHU

Freed-Hardeman University announced Mr. and Miss Freed-Hardeman University March 14, 2016, during chapel. Will Cobb and Amber Pippin were selected by the faculty and staff based on their character, influence, involvement, leadership and academic ability. They are considered to be the seniors who best embody the spirit of FHU.

Other nominees for Mr. FHU included Jordan Newby, biology major from Knoxville, Tennessee, and Austen Oakley, Bible major from Florence, Alabama. Also nominated for Miss FHU were Kati Yenawine, who is pursuing both a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance and a Master of Business Administration, and Julia Tesh, studio art major from Clemmons, North Carolina.

# LECTURESHP

The 80th Annual Bible Lectureship at Freed-Hardeman University, Feb. 7-11, 2016, addressed the theme, "In My Place: The Servant Savior in Mark."

Under the leadership of Dr. Doug Burleson, lectureship director, late-night lectures were designed for college students, Kids' Lectureship held classes for preschool through fifth grade, and Teen Lectureship attracted participants in grades 6-12. In addition to the youth and family ministers' workshop, the Lectureship included a workshop for Bible class teachers and one focused on serving the Hispanic population.

This year's event was dedicated to Cecil May, a well-known Bible scholar and minister. He was honored at the Annual Appreciation Dinner. Details about the 81st Annual Bible Lectureship, Feb. 5-9, 2017, are online at [fhu.edu/lectureship](http://fhu.edu/lectureship).





# SAC HOSTS BUTCH JONES

Butch Jones, head football coach of the University of Tennessee Volunteers, spoke at Freed-Hardeman University April 22, 2016. FHU's Sports Advisory Council hosted the dinner and speech to raise funds for the university's intercollegiate athletics program. Following his remarks, Jones answered questions from the audience and met guests for photos.



# MAKIN' MUSIC

Sigma Rho took the sweepstakes prize for their presentation of "Cab-tastrophe" at Makin' Music April 8-9. Second place went to Chi Beta Chi for "A Change of Heart in the Park." Xi Chi Delta's "Bargain in the Bayou" took third place in the sweepstakes competition and the Spirit of Makin' Music award. The 39th annual production of the show was dedicated to Dr. E. Claude Gardner, former president of the university.



# GRADUATION

Students celebrate the culmination of their FHU journeys at graduation ceremonies in December and May. University trustee, preacher and author Dr. Jay Lockhart delivered the May commencement address, as he encouraged, "Wherever you go, go as a great servant."

Two students were presented 2016 Faculty Scholarship-Leadership Medals by Dr. C. J. Vires, provost and vice president for academics. Selected by a vote of the entire faculty, the medal is the highest honor bestowed by them. It has been presented annually since 1938. This year's recipients were Jordan Newby, who received a Bachelor of Science in biology, and Austen Oakley, who was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Bible.

# PINNING CEREMONY

The nursing pinning ceremony is a tradition dating back to the 1800s. Recognizing the accomplishments of graduates and their participation to the nursing profession, the ceremony is a time when that they may wear on their nursing uniforms. Additionally, as a demonstration of their commitment to the nursing profession and the well-being of those they will care for, they light their lamp and recite the Nightingale Pledge. Each 2016 graduate of FHU's accredited nursing program had secured employment either before or within a week of graduation.





# LIONS



**12** of 14 Lady Lion volleyball players were named to the **All-Conference Academic team**, which requires student athletes to maintain a **3.0 GPA**.



The Lady Lions compiled a **16-14** record on the season and finished with a record of **5-7** in conference play.

Lady Lions soccer reached the 2015 American Midwest Conference Tournament Quarterfinals.

The team compiled an **8-7-2** record on the season while finishing **5-5-2** in conference play.

Senior **Allie Moss** was a **Second Team All-Conference** selection, while **Michelle Bennett** was an **Honorable Mention** selection.

Lions soccer finished the season with a **5-9-1** overall record and **3-7-1** in conference play.



**10** Lady Lion soccer players were named to the **All-Conference Academic team**, which requires student athletes to maintain a **3.0 GPA**.

Senior **Ana Aponte** and Sophomore **Nina Carolissen** were named **First Team All-Conference**; **Lauren Cherry** and **Kennedi Van Ravestein** were **Honorable-Mention** selections.

The Lady Lion and Lion golf programs opened up their season Sept. 7 and took home **first place team honors** as they were led by freshmen **Drake Stepter** and **Brittany Myers**.

**NINE**

Lion soccer players were named to the **All-Conference Academic team**, which requires student athletes to maintain a **3.0 GPA**.

**Andrew Guzzi**, **Jermaine Steele** and **Nassar Ssempe** were **All-Conference Honorable Mention** selections for the 2015 season.

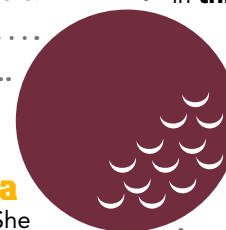
Nina Carolissen received **Newcomer of the Year** honors for the American Midwest Conference.



The Lady Lions won the **Natural State Golf Classic**.

The Lions finished **second** in the **CBU Classic** with **Zack Morton** in **second place** and **Garrett Daniels** in **third**.

The Lady Lions won in the **CBU Classic**. **Bettina Almeida** was the **runner-up**. She tied the ladies' program record with a **74**.



**Lance Moore** won the **individual title** and the **team** finished **second** in the **New Orleans Invitational**.

The men's golf team also produced strong finishes throughout the season as they took home **second place honors** at the **Tri-Match Invitational** in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

The team finished **second** in the **conference tournament** with a team score of **313**, a program record.

In the fall, **Easton Lavelle** was an **All-Conference** selection with **two tournament championships** and **six top 10 finishes**. He set a **program record** with a three-round total of **1 under par**.



The **Lady Lion basketball** team ended the 2015-16 season ranked **13** in the NAIA Coaches Poll.

The Lady Lions finished the season with a **27-8** overall record and **20-4** in conference play.

**Taleeah Cross** was named to the **WBCA All-American Team** and to the **NAIA All-American Team**. The junior averaged 17.1 points per game. She was also an **All-Conference selection** and the **AMC Player of the Year**.



**Lions basketball** finished the season ranked **19** in the NAIA Coaches Poll. They had a **25-8** overall record and an **18-4** record in conference play.



**Evan Forhertz** and **Isaiah Harrison** were **honorable mention All-American** selections.

**Isaiah Harrison** was the conference's **Defensive Player of the Year** with **62 blocked shots** and a member of the **All-Conference team**.

**Lion Head Coach Jason Shelton** compiled a record of **225-135** for his career at FHU. Shelton was named **AMC Coach of the Year**.

**Evan Forhertz** was a **Second Team All-Conference selection**, leading the AMC in assists.

Senior **Orlando Bass** was selected to the **First-Team All-Conference squad**, **Second Team NAIA All-American** and was named the

**AMC Co-Player of the Year**.



Lady Lion Head Coach **Dale Neal** surpassed **600 wins** in his career at FHU.

**Chase Young** was named to the **First Team All-Conference Squad** as the designated hitter. He had a .340 batting average with 60 hits, 43 RBIs and 11 homeruns.

**Brandon Guske** was named **AMC Pitcher of the Year** with an 11-2 record and a 1.82 ERA.



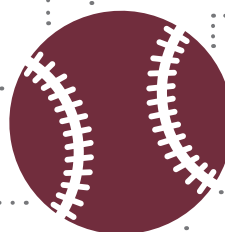
Two **Lion baseball** players were selected as **Pre-Season All-Americans**, junior right-handed pitcher **Brandon Guske** and second baseman **Houston Looser**.

The team finished the regular season with a record of **40-17** overall and **19-8** in the AMC.

The Lions advanced to the **regional play-offs**.

**Houston Looser** received a conference **Gold Glove** award and was named to the **Second Team All-Conference**.

Other **Second Team All-Conference** selections were **Zac Carter**, **Garrett Ferguson**, **Pete Trollinger** and **Nolan Huber**.



During the 2015 season, FHU hosted the **Freed Speed Open** (with 10 teams competing) and the **American Midwest Conference Championship**.

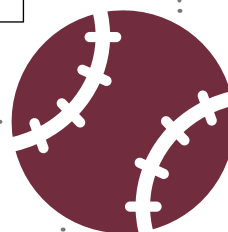
**Blaine McKinney** led the **Lion cross-country** team every race throughout the season and in the AMC Championship.



**Sloan Scott** led the **Lady Lion cross-country** team the entire season and finished 11th overall in the AMC Conference Championship, narrowly missing All-Conference honors.

**Katie Sholl** batted .346 and was a **Second Team All-Conference** selection.

**Makenzie Prince** was named the conference **Newcomer of the Year**. She recorded 12 wins with an ERA of 2.51 and 139 strikeouts.



The **Lady Lion softball** team finished the season with an overall record of **27-20** and **19-8** in the AMC.

**Caitlyn Carter** was named **AMC Player of the Year**. She batted .508 with 84 hits and 31 RBIs.





# Aponte Wins Heart of a Lion Award



*Ana quietly goes about her job and makes a difference each day by the way she approaches life.*

Freed-Hardeman University women's soccer player Ana Aponte was named the 2016 Heart of a Lion Award recipient. The Charlie Smith Heart of a Lion Award is given annually to an FHU senior athlete who has demonstrated qualities of courage, determination, hard work, exemplary performance and service to others. Athletes are nominated and selected by the Freed-Hardeman intercollegiate athletics staff.

"Ana is a true student-athlete in every sense," said Mike McCutchen, FHU athletic director. "She is committed to excellence in all areas of her life and has been able to maintain a balance that includes spiritual, academic, social and athletic development. Ana has been a true Champion of Character and deserves the 2016 Heart of a Lion Award."

Aponte, a defender from Knoxville, Tennessee, was named to the American Midwest All-Conference team last fall. She started every game, leading a defense that conceded only 11 goals against conference opponents. However, her contribution to the Lady Lions went far beyond the stat sheet. As a senior and the most

experienced defender on a young team, she was a vocal leader on and off the field.

In addition to her soccer expertise, Aponte has excelled in the classroom, earning a 3.62 grade point average. She was named to the American Midwest Conference All-Academic team three times during her career with the Lady Lions. She was also a two-time NAIA Academic All-American and was named to the NSCAA All-Region Academic Team. She graduated in May with a degree in psychology and will begin FHU's master's program in clinical mental health counseling this fall.

Jason Elliott, head coach for the Lady Lion soccer program, said Aponte was very deserving of the honor because of her strong work ethic.

"Ana has been the hardest worker, and she has tremendous character," Elliott said. "She is a leader in church activities, and you never need to worry about her actions off the field. In my 16 years here at Freed-Hardeman, I would place her at the top in character, attitude and work ethic. Ana quietly goes about her job and

makes a difference each day by the way she approaches life."

As for Aponte, she described herself as surprised but really happy she won because it is the highest honor a senior athlete at FHU can receive. "I always try to put things into perspective," she said, "and I know that I can always set a better example for my teammates, work harder to be a better person and get better at my sport."

Aponte called her FHU experience awesome. "I have made some of the best friends I hope to have for a long time," she said. "I have played center back with my best friend, and we really work well together," she said. "I am going to miss playing defense with her."

"I feel like I've grown a lot as a person and as a Christian," Aponte said. "I love all of my teammates; they have helped me to become a better athlete and person."



# Track And Field Joins FHU Spring Sports Slate

Freed-Hardeman University will add track and field to its intercollegiate offerings next spring, according to Mike McCutchen, athletic director. Derrick Spradlin, cross

country coach, will also coach the track and field team.

Spradlin signed his first two athletes April 28. The first signee was Cameron Miller, a thrower from Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky. The second signee, on the same day, was Keelan Murphy, a sprinter from Mayfield, Kentucky.

In addition to the nine athletes Spradlin has signed thus far for track, the cross country team will compete in distance events. "Many distance runners expect to be in competition in both the fall and spring semesters,"

Spradlin said. "In the past we've lost recruits to other schools because we could not offer track in addition to cross country."

Also, he anticipates track will help the cross country runners because they will get more race experience and have additional opportunities to train in the spring.

Spradlin expects the team to participate in distance runs, sprints, jumps and throws next year. He hopes to add other events in the future. Both male and female track and field athletes are still being recruited. "I've been very encouraged so far by the number of inquiries from both interested potential students and current students," Spradlin said. He may be contacted at [dspradlin@fhu.edu](mailto:dspradlin@fhu.edu).



*Cameron Miller signs to throw for FHU; he is the university's first track and field signee.*

## Sanderson to Lead **Men's Basketball**

Freed-Hardeman University has named Jim Sanderson, former head coach at Faulkner University, the new head coach of the Lion basketball program. He began his duties June 1.

Sanderson coached 24 years at Faulkner University, where he posted a 481-296 overall record that ranked him among the NAIA's top 10 winningest coaches. He led the Eagles to an NAIA National Championship in 2001. He capped off his career there in 2013 with an NAIA National Tournament appearance and a 29-6 record.

Sanderson led Faulkner to six conference tournament championships and received Coach of the Year honors on five occasions. He garnered National Coach of the Year honors in 1999 after leading his team to a 30-6 overall record.

Sanderson attended the University of Alabama, where he obtained a Bachelor of

Science in physical education in 1982. He currently is pursuing a Master of Science in guidance and counseling.

"My family and I are very excited about being back in college coaching and the opportunity to become a part of the Freed-Hardeman family. We are very familiar with the Christian campus environment, which will help us make a difference in the lives of young people," Sanderson said.

Mike McCutchen, FHU athletic director, said, "Coach Sanderson is a proven winner, but more importantly he has a strong commitment to Christian education. He and his family are a great fit for FHU, and we look forward to having them become part of the FHU community."



*Photo by  
Ryan Bartels - Faulkner*



# Freed-Hardeman Basketball Alumna Reflects on 100 Years

## Four months into her second century (as she puts it) Bertha DeHoff Smith looks back at a

life filled with hard work and hard times; however, thanks to friends and a family filled with love, she can say, "It all worked out just fine." In an autobiography written for her family, she uses those words to conclude her accounts of various struggles.

Born Dec. 28, 1915, in Vanndale, Arkansas, the centenarian has lived in several states. She now makes her home at Saint Bernards Village in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where she lives independently.

Her life's journey took her from a small school in Black Oak, Arkansas, a two-mile walk from her home, to many places in the United States and abroad. She remembers being unhappy at school and feeling "very inferior to others." Her attitude changed the next year when she had "a very loving, caring teacher." That teacher ignited within Smith a desire to be a teacher herself.

Several years later, at the urging of her brother, George DeHoff, she enrolled at Freed-Hardeman College. A former FHC student himself, he even paid her tuition, so she could study in Henderson, Tennessee. "He swept floors and shined shoes to do that," she said.

She arrived at school in 1935 with a limited wardrobe. She lived in Oakland Hall (now Hall-Roland Hall), which housed the home economics department in the basement. Handy with a sewing machine, she enrolled in a home ec class. The teacher allowed her to use the machine to do extra sewing to improve her wardrobe.

Smith remembers her time in the dormitory fondly. Having lived a somewhat isolated life on the farm, she thoroughly enjoyed living with all of the other girls. Like all students who have some rules discussions with their dorm moms, she recalled making toast in the dorm room, which was against the rules. Her dorm supervisor made a special visit to see her when she smelled the evidence.

W. Claude Hall was her English teacher. "He walked in and asked if you had read the lesson," she said, "and if you raised your hand that you had, he began to ask you questions about some of the words that were in the assignment." Some students were caught when they couldn't define the words. Smith said she escaped that misfortune by never saying she had read the lesson. She remembers other FHU teachers, including C.P. Roland, who taught Bible, and Joe T. Rivenbark, who taught her social studies class.

All, however, was not study. Smith joined the Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. N. B. Hardeman and a social club. She also





joined the basketball team, a sport she had played since elementary school. (As a sixth grader, she played with the high school girls.) Dick Stewart coached the team, which she said played everywhere. She added that they "had a really good team that won most of our games. "The team wore red and black uniforms, part of which they had to furnish themselves. In the student newspaper, the team is referred to as Lionesses or Lassies.

Women's basketball in 1935-36 was played by six-person teams, two guards, two forwards and two centers, who were restricted to either the offensive or defensive end of the court. Smith was a guard on the FHC team; her job was to prevent the opponents from scoring, get the ball to half-court and pass to a forward on her team.

At age 100, Smith remains active and says she has no health problems that are not controlled. She even assists with the direction of an exercise class at Saint Bernards. She participates in many activities there and attends the Southwest Church of Christ.

Although she said she has no advice for living to be 100 "other than the good Lord," she concluded her autobiography with a few tips:

### You might live to be 100 if...

- 1 You have good genetics.
- 2 You exercise all your life.
- 3 You have a great sense of humor.
- 4 You stay interested in your fellow man.
- 5 You appreciate the contributions of others.
- 6 You continue to learn.
- 7 You try new activities.
- 8 You improve yourself.
- 9 You maintain an attitude of love and gratitude for the blessings God has given you, including salvation.



*This story was referred to Seasons by Lance Brown. A member of the Lion basketball team in the 1980s, he is now an administrator at Saint Bernards. His daughter, Bailey, is currently on the FHU volleyball team.*



*This photo of Bertha DeHoff Smith standing in front of her 1935-36 Freed-Hardeman College basketball teammates is published in her autobiography, "My Story."*



# Doors Open for Students with New FHU Graduate Degrees in Behavioral Health, Business and Education

## DOCTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

FHU's Doctor of Behavioral Health, beginning Fall 2016, will be one of the first such degrees in the state, according to Dr. Mike Cravens, who is spearheading the program. The professional doctoral degree will prepare post-master's, licensed clinicians to provide advanced-integrated care in a variety of behavioral health settings. The D.B.H. is designed to meet the needs of working clinicians who may enroll on a full-time or part-time basis.

The 60-hour program will be delivered face-to-face and online. The curriculum includes traditional courses, virtual sessions, live chat, clinical rotations and livestreaming video consultations. A capstone research project will focus on students' career interests.

## M.B.A. IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Also beginning August 2016, individuals starting or already at work in the healthcare field can add an M.B.A. in healthcare management to their résumé with as little as 30 credit hours of study. The program is catered to those working in healthcare management who would like to advance, as well as current undergraduates who are eyeing employment in the area. Internship hours bring on-the-job experience, while corporate scholarships can cover a portion of the cost.

Those who complete the degree will be prepared to enter a field expected to grow by more than 20 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with a median salary listed at more than \$90,000 in 2014.

## MASTER OF EDUCATION IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

To be offered exclusively online in 2017, the Master of Education with a concentration in instructional technology will bring students another way to build a career in schools. The 31-credit hour program may be earned in four semesters.

A special feature of the instructional technology program is the possibility of earning credit for previous learning. Candidates will be able to earn as many as 18 hours by demonstrating competency in courses from the instructional technology core.

Dr. Monte Tatom is developing the curriculum for the M.Ed. in instructional technology, which will follow the standards of the International Society of Technology in Education.

# FHU Undergrads Encounter, Embrace and Engage with ELI

As FHU students venture into the world beyond lectures and textbooks through FHU's Engaged Learning Initiative (ELI), they are gaining hands-on experience, working with partners and putting their knowledge into practice. ELI began Spring 2016 with four projects.

Members of the Art Guild visited art venues in central and northwest Arkansas, including Crystal Bridges, the Arkansas Art Center and Eureka Springs. Their assignment was to create original art inspired by the trip for display at Scholars' Day.

Students enrolled in health arts courses attended the "Bodies Revealed" exhibit at Discovery Park in Union City, Tennessee. Prior to the trip, they examined the process of donating a body to science and the preservation process. The project concluded with group research and individual reflective writing.

A joint literary/artistic project explored historical figures who have used the western landscape as impetus for creative work. Students traveled to north central New Mexico to experience the landscape, cultural flavors and historical backdrop of texts and ideas for Exploring the Southwest through the Eyes of Artists and Writers.

Nursing students attended the 2016 Tennessee Nurses Association's Legislative Summit, where they viewed the legislative process and heard perspectives about key healthcare issues.

In 2016-17, ELI will include 12 projects recommended by a committee of five faculty members and approved by the vice president for academics. Courses include diverse topics in Bible, business, biology, photography and literature.

For one of these courses, students will study the books of James through Jude

and develop a service project, putting the biblical text into concrete practice.

Photography students will participate in a worldwide effort to provide portraits to those in need. FHU will serve as a site for Help-Portrait.

Students of Victorian literature will research crimes reported in period newspapers and explore the relationship between those accounts and crimes depicted in Victorian novels, plays and poems.

Through these and other projects, ELI enhances the academic experience. Moving from theory to applied practice, it connects the classroom to the real world. Students encounter ideas in a challenging environment, embrace their own God-given potential and engage the world in vocation and service.



## First Students Receive Doctorates from FHU

In December 2015, four educators — Jeremy Qualls, Judy Hoover, Stephanie Coffman and Antonio Burt — were the first graduates of FHU's Doctor of Education program, and additional doctorates were conferred in May for the program that began Fall 2014. FHU's second doctoral degree, Doctor of Behavioral Health, will begin Fall 2016.



## Brad Montague Leads New Team at Mid-South Youth Camp

Summer 2016 is full of excitement, new opportunities and favorite traditions at Mid-South Youth Camp. Campers have been greeted with a new leadership team, a new tower for the camp bell and, some may receive a campership (camp scholarship).

Brad Montague, creator of Kid President, GO! Camp and Montague Workshop, was announced as director of MSYC in February 2016. In addition to his mission of "being the person you needed when you were a child," he and his wife, Kristi, have a long love for MSYC from their days as campers and counselors to holding their wedding on the grounds.

The MSYC team also brings a wealth of experience with camps and young people, including many years in various roles at MSYC. **Gayle McDonald**, continues in her long-time role as assistant director. The team also includes: **Tim Anderson**, former camper and current member of the MSYC board, as the activities coordinator; **Matt Cook**, FHU Bible teacher, as spiritual education coordinator; **Travis Coleman**, FHU student, as caretaker; and **Ally Rogers**, continuing as junior camp director and registration coordinator.

## Amber Buckley Lyons Memorial Bell Tower and Campership

FHU alumna and Henderson native Amber Buckley Lyons has been memorialized with a bell tower and a fund to help young people attend Mid-South Youth Camp.

"Since Amber loved MSYC so much, her father, Dale Buckley, and I endowed a campership in her memory; we also wanted to do something that was more visual and

tangible," Bill Lyons said. "We can think of no more fitting tribute to her than the Amber Buckley Lyons Memorial Bell Tower, which is retrofitted with the old MSYC Bell."



The bell will continue to call campers to devotionals and meals, as well as announce the changing of classes and recreation periods. The endowment assists youngsters who otherwise would not be able to attend the summer camp. Camperships will be awarded each summer.

Amber Lyons, who died Nov. 19, 2015, following an extended battle with cancer, had attended MSYC many times. "Mid-South Youth Camp was a magical place for Amber," her sister, Leigh Simpson, said. "She would love knowing that future generations of children will experience the same joy that she did." Contributions to the memorial fund may be made online at [give.fhu.edu/amberlyons](http://give.fhu.edu/amberlyons). Camp information is available at [fhu.edu/msyc](http://fhu.edu/msyc).







## Dr. Robert Spencer Brings Diverse Experience as Director of Nursing at FHU/Dickson

Freed-Hardeman University has named Dr. Robert Spencer director of the university's nursing program at Dickson. Spencer is a seasoned nurse educator and practitioner. Trained in both the nursing and legal professions, he is a registered nurse, a board certified family nurse practitioner and an attorney-at-law practicing in Nashville. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Austin Peay State University, a Master of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Nashville School of Law. Classes in the B.S.N. program begin this fall.

## Scholarship Honoring Roberta Edwards Helps Students from Developing Countries



A scholarship has been established at Freed-Hardeman University in memory of Roberta Edwards, missionary to Haiti killed Oct. 10, 2015, in Port au Prince.

The scholarship is intended for Christian students from developing countries with financial need.

Edwards, who had worked in Haiti for 20 years, was the administrator and "mom" at SonLight Children's Home. She also directed a nutrition center which fed 160 children two meals a day, five days a week, and provided funds for schooling them.

"Roberta loved the Christian environment at Freed-Hardeman and dreamed of giving her foster children the opportunity to earn an FHU degree. She was so thankful that one of her sons was able to realize that dream and graduate in 2014 and that one of her daughters was then able to begin her degree in 2015," Dr. Jesse Robertson said. "For Roberta, Henderson and FHU provided the ideal environment for moving these young adults toward success — in the deepest meaning of the word." Contributions may be made at [fhu.edu/giving](http://fhu.edu/giving).



FHU/Dickson received **donations from the Goodlark Educational Foundation and TriStar Horizons Medical Center (HCA Healthcare Foundation)** to help with the university's campaign to fund a new health sciences wing at the Renaissance Center. The health sciences wing will house the Bachelor of Science of Nursing (B.S.N.) program that begins Fall 2016. The newly renovated \$1.1 million wing features labs for anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry and microbiology, a nursing skills lab, a nursing simulation observation room and a nursing classroom.



Ben Selbe, FHU

Leslie Lewis, NSCC

**FHU/Dickson and Nashville State Community College signed an agreement** to offer a seamless transition for NSCC associate degree students to earn a bachelor's and master's from FHU/Dickson.



## Dr. Jason Brashier Leads as College of Business Dean

Freed-Hardeman University has announced the appointment of Dr. Jason Brashier, a member of the business faculty since 2005, as the dean of the College of Business.

For the past three years, he has been the director of institutional effectiveness and the liaison with the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges.

"The FHU College of Business has a reputation for graduating students who are well-prepared academically for work in their chosen field, exhibit a strong work ethic, are service-oriented and possess a high degree of integrity grounded in Christian faith. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the College of Business in its efforts to help students grow in faith, scholarship and service," Brashier said.

He holds a Ph.D. from Northcentral University, an M.A. from the University of Alabama and a B.B.A from the University of North Alabama.



## FHU/Memphis Faculty Serve Graduate Students in a Variety of Fields

More than 85 percent of FHU's graduate students in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences are enrolled through FHU/Memphis. Located at the Bucy Center in East Memphis, graduate studies are offered in education, theology, business and counseling. Dr. Bryan Black is director of the MBA program, Dr. Mark Blackwelder is director of graduate studies in Bible, Dr. Mike Cravens is director of graduate

studies in behavioral sciences, and Dr. Karen Cypress is director of graduate studies in education. Students participate in traditional classrooms, web conferencing and online courses. Application and other information is online at [fhu.edu/memphis](http://fhu.edu/memphis).

Faculty members Dr. Jeff Cozzens and Dr. Aarek Farmer have held student seminars and professional development sessions

on topics including leadership, testing, motivation in education, etc.

Under the guidance of Dr. Karen Cypress, director of special education, FHU is reconfiguring its special education program to accommodate new requirements set by the Tennessee Department of Education. FHU plans to implement a new special education degree in Fall 2018.



The first FHU/Dickson graduates receive degrees at May commencement. **Demetria Walker, Kristina Roberts and Joshua Aldridge** each receive the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.



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Week 8: July 24-29



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Boys Basketball Camp	July 10-14
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MANNING

Football legend **Peyton Manning** will speak at Freed-Hardeman University's 52nd Annual Benefit Dinner **Friday, Dec. 2, 2016**. The event typically raises more than \$1 million for scholarships at FHU, helping students develop their gifts for His glory.

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## 2016-17

**August 20** – Welcome Home: New Students Arrive

**August 24** – Tolling of the Bell; Fall Semester Begins

**September 16-18** – RUSH: The Desert

**October 28** – University Scholars' Day

**December 2** – Benefit Dinner Featuring Peyton Manning

**December 16** – December Graduation

**January 18** – Spring Semester Begins

**February 5-9** – 81st Annual Bible Lectureship  
Identity in Crisis: Daniel's Vision for the Future

**April 7-8** – 40th Anniversary of Makin' Music

**May 13** – May Graduation



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