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takes students through
Colorado's rough terrain

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whose lives are making
a difference



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FROM THE

president's desk

If I were looking for one word to describe the last decade at Rochester College, I would use the word "growth." Growth is evident in nearly every aspect of the college from the physical plant to the spiritual mission. This growth has allowed for expansion in programs and facilities and provided opportunities for greater service to the Kingdom.

I often have the opportunity to walk around the campus with visitors. In every instance, someone at some point will mention the beauty of the campus and the tremendous positive changes in the physical plant. Nearly every square foot has been renovated over the last decade. Our new buildings have established a higher level of excellence for design and function. Our classrooms now are fitted for the latest technology for our faculty and our students. The new theatre is equipped with outstanding technology, numbers of special effects, and a functionality that adapts to a variety of venues.

The progress continues this summer with the installation of 100 new parking spaces to meet the growing demand for parking. If you have not been to campus in the last three years, please make plans to stop by and see the changes. You will be pleased with what you see.

Academic growth is another area important to the college. Student acceptance rates into graduate school continue to indicate the quality education students receive at Rochester College. The Academic Symposium held each spring presents seniors with an opportunity to present the fruits of their study to faculty and peers. Several faculty members completed doctoral degrees in the last year, and faculty are presenting papers at national meetings, speaking at national conferences and lectureships, and accepting invitations to prestigious events such as the Oxford Roundtable in Oxford, England.

Spiritual growth, however, is most critical to our mission. I am so pleased to see on our campus the resurgence of commitment to missions, both domestic and international. This year our students have worked with missionaries on four continents. Our students served as leaders in the "Invisible Children" presentations in Rochester. Each Spring a number of our students build "shacks" on the campus lawn and spend the weekend in those shacks to raise awareness and money for Habitat for Humanity. The number of workshops and seminars presented as a service to regional churches has grown tremendously. Our mission includes statements about service to the greater community, and our students and graduates are living that mission.

I hope this issue will be a blessing to you today!

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph. D.

President, Rochester College

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Rochester College makes a global impact as our community reaches from Rochester Hills out to the corners of the world

RECAP:

**SERMON SEMINAR
2006 ATTRACTS MORE
THAN 200**

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Over 200 ministers and church leaders from such diverse places as Michigan, Texas and the West Coast packed the Rochester College theatre in May for the Ninth Annual Sermon Seminar. Attendees heard from several guest lecturers including Duke University professor Stanley Hauerwas, who addressed the theme, "Dare We Live in the World Imagined in the Sermon on the Mount." Sixty different Michigan churches were represented in addition to several from outside the churches of Christ (nearly 33 percent). The next conference will be held May 21-23, 2007.



RECAP:

**WOMEN RECEIVE
INSPIRATION
DURING MINISTRY
CONFERENCE**

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Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. hosted the first Women in Ministry Conference in 2005. This year, the committee decided to host the conference at Rochester College immediately after the Sermon Seminar from May 23-24. Under the theme "My Soul Thirsts," the program began with a small luncheon at the Dodge Mansion where 25 attendees

were inspired to keep stepping forward as gifted Christian women by Lucy Hogan, professor of preaching at Wesley Theological Seminary. Conference presenters included Jackie Halstead, Charne Robarts, Amy Bost Henegar, Sara Barton, D'Esta Love, Candace Cain, and Jeanene Reese. Next year's session in Dallas, Texas will focus on more practical ways to do ministry.

RECAP:

**RETREAT UNITES
CHURCH LEADERS**

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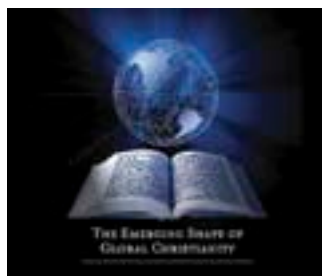
Rochester College hosted the Church Leadership Retreat in Muskegon, Mich. August 4-5. The first of an annual tradition, the retreat brought together elders, ministers, and their spouses from churches throughout Michigan and Illinois for an informal opportunity to network, spiritually renew, worship, and enjoy leisure time. The retreat served as a forum to bridge the gap between churches in Chicago and Metro-Detroit while promoting the mission of the College. Speakers Randy Harris, John Barton, and Sara Barton presented ideas for churches to implement and help one another as Christ intended.

RECAP:

**EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES \$5000
GRANT**

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Five education majors were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as part of the Students Helping Students Literacy Program sponsored by the Kirt Foundation. This past July, Monta Finegan, Rusty Tennant, Jamie Nelson, Heather Matson, and Jill Bilot spent three weeks tutoring students at Woodland Elementary School in the Avondale School District. The objective of the program is to prepare college students for careers as teachers while supporting a local school.



RECAP:

**SCHOLARS
EXCHANGE SPIRITUAL,
INTELLECTUAL
DIALOGUE**

www.rc.edu/csc

Over the next four years, the Annual Christian Scholars' Conference (CSC) will be held on the campus of Rochester College. The last conference, held in late June, featured five plenary sessions and a keynote presentation by Dr. Shaun A. Casey of Wesley Theological Seminary under the theme "Mind, Word, and World: Christian Scholarship, Scripture, and Political Realities." The CSC calls together Christian scholars from a wide variety of disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences to develop their own academic research and to reflect on the integration of scholarship and faith.

RECAP:

**ROCHESTER/AUBURN
HILLS COMMUNITY
COALITION
PARTNERSHIP**

www.rahccoalition.org

Rochester College recently joined efforts with the Rochester/Auburn Hills Community Coalition to raise awareness of the drug and alcohol issues facing local teens. During the College's last spring break the two partnered to host Youth Dialogue Day where teens and local business people discussed the media and its affect on youth. This past June, they organized an awareness night called "Movie under the Moon." Candace Cain, vice president of student services at RC said, "We had around 140

people, mostly families from the area. We were able to talk about our cause and gave away donated pop and popcorn. The weather was perfect and the movie funny. It couldn't have gone better!" Bryan Barnett, newly elected mayor of Rochester, and former member of RAHCC visited the event and Judge Nancy Tolwin Carniak, a RAHCC board member, brought her children.



NOW AVAILABLE

**A CAPPELLA CHORUS
RELEASES 20TH
ANNIVERSARY ALBUM**

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The Rochester College A Cappella Chorus celebrates 20 years of music with a new album entitled "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Roughly forty students recorded six of the 21 numbers on the CD. The other tracks were lifted from previous recordings.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Joe Bentley, professor of music and chair of the department of music, theatre and visual art, has nurtured the growth of ensembles like A Cappella Chorus, Concert Band, Autumn and Ekklesia as well as the annual review, *Celebration*. Bentley said the songs on the album represent the best of his twenty years with the group.

"How Can I Keep From Singing?" along with the 2004 recording, "A Light in the Dark" is available in the Rochester College bookstore, online and during performances. The cost is \$15.00.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

FALL FESTIVAL QUICKLY APPROACHING

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The Rochester College Fall Festival returns bigger and better than ever on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 11am–5pm. Held on Rochester College's campus, the festival is a delightful day of fun for college affiliates, friends and the surrounding community. The festival's many attractions appeal to families and people of all ages: prize giveaways, live bands and singers, community vendor booths, food court, and "X-treme" events such as a rock wall, gigantic slide, Orbotron, an obstacle course, trampoline-bungee jump, and moonwalk. The children's area includes "X-treme" events, games, and entertainment especially for youth.

SATURDAY–TUESDAY OCTOBER 7–10, 2006 DEANS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS OCTOBER

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During the fall break October 7–10, 2006, guests from eleven institutions will gather on the campus of Rochester College for the annual Student Deans' Conference. The conference is designed for student services personnel from postsecondary institutions affiliated with Churches of Christ. This year's

theme is "Living & Learning: Cultivating Collaboration Between Academics and Student Affairs Staff." Research indicates that these two branches of a university must collaborate to ensure that classroom learning is enhanced and solidified by extracurricular activities. The conference presenters include Steve Moore and Dr. Tim Elmore who both work with Growing Leaders of Atlanta, Ga. and Dr. Mimi Barnard, director of residence life and housing at Abilene Christian University.



THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2006 ROCHESTER COLLEGE PRESENTS "AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL MEDVED"

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Rochester College presents an evening with Michael Medved, a nationally syndicated radio talk show host, on October 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, Mich. Medved is a best-selling author and veteran film critic in addition to the host of a daily three-hour radio program on politics and pop culture. Born in Philadelphia and raised in San Diego, Medved attended Yale Law School with fellow classmates Bill and Hillary Clinton. The dinner is an effort to reach out to the greater Christian community in the tri-county area. To learn more about Medved, visit his website www.michaelmedved.com.



SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2006

JIM WOOD SEMINAR

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"The Quest for Congregational Unity" is the theme of this year's Jim Wood Seminar to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rochester College. Designed especially for small churches, the seminar provides ministers and leaders with tools for internal and external growth. Dr. Carlus Gupton, a minister and educator from Knoxville, Tenn., will address the topic, "How can we be united when we're so good at dividing?" The cost is \$25 (single) and \$35 (couple).



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2006

HOMECOMING 2006: "A REGAL HAPPENING"

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Homecoming will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006. It is open to all students, alumni, faculty/staff, and friends and is absolutely FREE! There will

be fun games, activities and prizes during the tailgate party and following the alumni basketball game. The alumni award ceremony will take place prior to the Warrior basketball game. And of course, no homecoming would be complete without the crowning of the King and Queen during halftime! After the game, everyone is invited back to campus to take a walk down Memory Lane followed by the fall play in the Richardson Center Theatre. Remember, alumni get student rates!



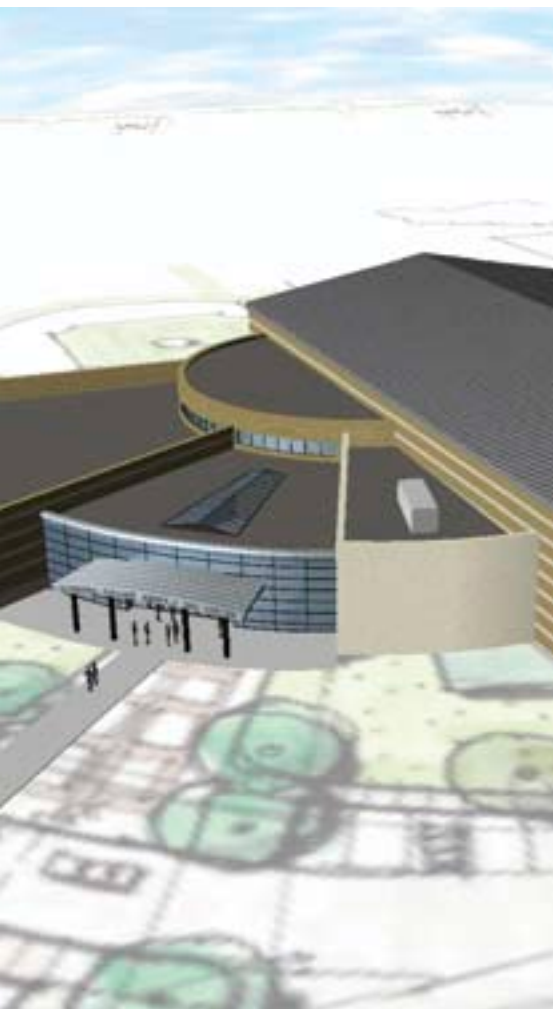
SATURDAY MAY 12, 2007 PARTNERSHIP DINNER MOVING AFTER 33 YEARS

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Partnership Dinner XXXVI is leaving the Cobo Center after 33 years. The May 12, 2007 event will be held at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. The speaker for PD XXXVI will be Retired General Tommy Franks. Franks' remarkable career in the military covered a time span from the Vietnam war through the recent moves into both Afghanistan and Iraq. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. General tickets are \$125 for adults and \$75 for students. Tickets and sponsorships may be paid on a monthly basis by check, debit or credit card, or automatic bank withdrawal.

development news

ISOM CHALLENGE GRANT MAXIMIZES IMPACT OF GIFTS



Rochester College is in the midst of a capital campaign to construct an arena and recreation center on the campus. The arena and recreation center will provide Rochester College and the community with a 65,000 square-foot facility that includes a performance gym, two activity gyms, running track, fitness center, and offices.

Some philanthropists catch the excitement of the vision, donate, and feel that their contribution toward the cause is fulfilled. Then there are donors like Gerald and Lucille Isom from Philadelphia, Pa., who want to see their gift encourage others to give as well.

Gerald and Lucille Isom recognize the importance of the athletic center to the future of the College, the success of its athletic program, and the health of its students, faculty and community. As a result, the Isoms designed their donation to encourage other donors to give as enthusiastically.

The Isom Challenge will donate \$1 to the arena and recreation center for every \$2 donated to the project, up to a total of \$1.2 million. In order to break ground on the facility, the College must raise \$5 million of the total expected cost of \$10 million. To date, donors have eagerly responded to the Isom Challenge by contributing over \$800,000!

The Isoms have helped charities meet their goals through challenge grants in the past. Several years ago they offered a substantial gift as a challenge to complete the Rochester College campaign to build a new library. As the founding president of the Rochester College National

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING DINNERS

Rochester College will host several dinners across the country where the Isom Challenge will be introduced. Below are a list of tentative dates and locations for the dinners. Stay tuned for details about these and other upcoming events.

- DALLAS, TX — SEPTEMBER 21
- WASHINGTON, DC — SEPTEMBER 23
- ROCHESTER, MI — NOVEMBER 10
- CHICAGO, IL — DECEMBER 1
- NASHVILLE, TN — DECEMBER 4

For more information about the dinners contact Doug Edwards, vice president of institutional advancement, at 248.218.2020 or dedwards@rc.edu.

Advancement Board, Gerald's efforts led to the construction of the Isom Atrium café, which is now a popular part of student social life.

Gerald spent a number of years as an innovative leader in the insurance industry. Using creative management strategies, he helped to advance companies such as the Fireman's Fund, Transamerica, and the property and casualty division of CIGNA. He is often quoted in textbooks and is esteemed by his peers.

The Isoms are offering everyone the opportunity to play a big part in changing the face of the campus and improving the quality of life for students, faculty, and the community through a donation to the Athletic Center project. Every donation is maximized to make a significant difference. Now is the time to act! •

LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENT, ALUMNUS DONATES COMMISSION TO ATHLETIC CENTER

Over the next six months, Kevin Stewart, a realtor with Real Estate One in downtown Rochester, will donate 10% of his sales commission towards the construction of the RC athletic center.

He will honor a listing or purchase made by an employee of Rochester College or referral from an employee of the College. Kevin, who is the son of RC bookstore manager and director of alumni information Larry Stewart and teacher certification specialist Lynne Stewart, decided to make this special offer to benefit the college while serving the needs of employees and their friends.

"I grew up with the school and as a child I never thought about being anywhere else," he says. "I wanted to find a way to contribute to the College and I'm excited about the opportunity to help build the new gym."

Kevin graduated from Rochester College in 2004 with a degree in Marketing.

Even though real estate sales have been slow over the past few months, Kevin ranked 7th in sales out of 80 agents in his office during the first quarter of this year. If you or someone you know is planning to sell or buy a house, please feel free to contact Kevin Stewart at 586.255.0480. •



Kevin and his parents, Lynne and Larry Stewart, stand on campus in front of the Ham Library.



Dr. Gordon MacKinnon talks with a student in the new Counseling and Psychology Center.

GRADUATE STUDIES IN MINISTRY AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

In Spring 2005, the Higher Learning Commission and the State of Michigan granted approval for Rochester College to offer Graduate Studies in Ministry and Biblical Studies. The faculty of the Bible and Religion Department have been looking for ways to further the education of Biblical Studies and Religion majors while serving local ministers and their congregations. This program brings together those ambitions.

The Masters of Religion Education program at Rochester College is designed to provide advanced preparation in the traditional disciplines of theological scholarship to prepare men and women for professional and lay ministry in the church, and to prepare students for further academic work in these disciplines.

The members of the faculty of graduate religion at Rochester College share the belief that quality graduate theological education stresses excellence, careful and critical thinking, and the disciplined pursuit of truth in a community of fellow ministers and scholars. Believing that ministry in the church should be characterized by rigorous engagement with the church's scriptures, her history, her theology, and her shared life together, the Masters program at Rochester College leads students in the exploration of the traditional theological disciplines: Biblical Studies, Theology, History, Preaching, Teachings, and Caregiving.

The program is a 36-hour graduate degree, built around five foundational courses and two tracks: Ministry or New Testament. Each track offers the opportunity for a written thesis or two elective seminars with comprehensive examinations. Students graduating with this degree will be well equipped for both ministry and further scholarship.

Applications are continually being reviewed. For information or to receive a catalog or application, contact Dr. Rex Hamilton, Director of the Graduate Program at 248.218.2114 or by email at rhamilton@rc.edu.

CAMPUS COUNSELING CLINIC TO OFFICIALLY DEBUT

Fall 2006 will see the official opening of Rochester College's Counseling Clinic. In the plans for many years, the clinic is the realization of many people's ambitions to serve RC's students and employees. This institution strives to educate the whole student, and opening the counseling clinic fulfills a component of the College's mission.

Dr. Gordon MacKinnon, chair of the Behavioral Sciences Department, along with Dr. Robyn Siegel-Hinson, opened the clinic to students in the 2006 spring semester. The role of the psychology clinic is to help meet the psychological and developmental needs of young adults who face major life transitions and adjustments.

"For several years now there has been discussion about the emotional needs of our students such as the transition to college life, the strains of the academic rigors and being involved in ever changing relationships. We were aware of the importance of maintaining an on-campus counseling center but

each year it was pushed to the back burner for various reasons. In 2005, the Board of Trustees decided to make this need a priority, and as a result, plans were put into place bringing this clinic into a reality. We could not be more pleased," explains Candace Cain, vice president of student services.

Professional psychological counseling services provided to Rochester College students at the clinic include individual psychotherapy, marriage and family psychotherapy, and psychological and neuropsychological assessments to identify learning challenges. Students needing these services need not leave campus to receive the assistance of highly qualified professionals. All psychotherapists and counselors in the Rochester College Clinic hold the highest licensure in the state of Michigan in their respective professions.

The psychology clinic is under the direction of Dr. Gordon MacKinnon. Dr. MacKinnon can be reached at 248.218.2122 for a consultation. •

Rochester College is proud to announce the conferring of upper level degrees among several of our faculty and staff members.

JULAYNE HUGHES, A Cappella Chorus accompanist, received a master of music from Oakland University (May 2006)

MARK JOHNSON, director of information technologies and maintenance support, received a master of science in business information technology from Walsh College (March 2006)

PAM ROBSON, director of off-site programs for CEL, received a master of arts in counseling from Oakland University (May 2006)

JEFF SIMMONS, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies, received a doctorate of business administration from Nova Southeastern University (March 2006)

The College also recognizes the appointment of **MICHAEL WESTERFIELD**, president of Rochester College, to the design team for the Academy for Assessment of Student Learning for the Higher Learning Commission.



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PROFESSOR BIKES 100 MILES IN CANCER FUNDRAISER

Bible professor **CRAIG BOWMAN** has once again teamed up with the Lance Armstrong Foundation in the fight against cancer. In 2004, Bowman participated in the Ride for the Roses in Austin, Texas with former student Katie Kirkpatrick Godwin, who succumbed to cancer in January 2005. Together, they were able to raise nearly \$30,000 for cancer research. During the first ride on June 25 in Orange County, Calif., Bowman rode in honor of Godwin, alumni Jan Green and Kris Rosequist, psychology professor Gordon MacKinnon and his father, and several members of Bowman's own family. He hopes to raise \$15,000 by September 1 in order to qualify for the Ride for the Roses on October 8, 2006. For more information on the Lance Armstrong Foundation visit www.livestrongchallenge.org or contact Craig Bowman at 248.218.2143 or cbowman@rc.edu.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RECRUITS NEW TALENT

It takes a team to build a winning athletic department, and Rochester College is well on its way. Three new coaches are joining this year's roster.

AMY JANCZAREK, a Siena Heights All-American soccer player, will lead the women's soccer team as head coach. With over 20 years of experience as a soccer player, camp counselor and assistant coach, Janczarek is planning to bring her A-game to her new team.

Alumnus **BRIAN THRIFT** (pictured at left) scored big as a student athlete during his tenure at Rochester College from 1994-1998. He joins Coach Garth Pleasant as an assistant for the men's varsity basketball team and head coach for the men's junior varsity team. Thrift holds a master's degree in special education from Abilene Christian University and has coached both high school and college basketball.

JOSH BAILEY is taking over as head coach for the women's varsity basketball team. A former state champion as a member of the Westbury Christian basketball team, Bailey continued his athletic and academic career at Lubbock Christian University. In 2005, he was voted Coach of the Year by the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference while serving as head coach of women's basketball at Zoe Christian School and athletic director at Parkway Christian School.

designing the future

For alumni Casey Remsing and Elliot Jones, the jobs they began as students became careers they never expected



If you had asked either one of them six years ago where they would be today, Elliot Jones (01) and Casey (Arnett, 03) Remsing may have told you they weren't sure—but it certainly wouldn't be at Rochester College. At the time, they were just two students, both budding graphic designers, working their way through college—and then came Larry Norman.

Norman, at the time the vice president of Enrollment Services, pegged both students to come and work in his office, Jones as a recruiter and Remsing as a copywriter for outgoing publications. Soon after, Norman also hired Jeff Bennett (98) to be the College's first graphic designer. Although none of them realized it at the time, over the next four years they would become a groundbreaking team at the College, pushing the boundaries of marketing to prospective students beyond anything that had been done before. A new website and immense growth in publications, including an annual postcard series, *Inside RC* newsletter, posters, and viewbooks, soon lay in their wake.

But that growth was isolated to Enrollment Services. Eventually, the College's expanding publication needs forced the team to split, moving Bennett across campus to the Advancement office in early 2004. Jones and Remsing, both through with college and working full-time by this point, continued to work solely in Enrollment Services, while the other departments on campus suffered from the lack of a central design hub. In the meantime, these departments hired freelancers or developed pieces themselves. The overall message being projected by the College was both verbally and visually disjointed. "We worked hard to establish continuity within Enrollment while Jeff was doing the same in Advancement, but it wasn't benefiting the campus as a whole because our scope was so limited," says Remsing. "It seemed to us that we could do twice the work in half the time if we were together in a central location, serving everyone at once and projecting a consistent image."

By the fall of 2004, Bennett, Jones and Remsing began to research how marketing and design services were organized at other colleges and universities. Armed with their findings, they drafted a

proposal for a central marketing department that would serve the entire campus. The administration agreed, and in October 2005 the Department of Marketing and Design was formed. Norman took on the role of vice president of integrated marketing communications, which encompasses the office of Public Relations as well as Marketing and Design. Jones was appointed director, and Remsing found her niche as publication designer. By this time, Bennett had moved on, and Leah Clark, a graduate of the prestigious College for Creative Studies in Detroit, had come on as the new graphic designer (Clark has since moved on as well).

The new department has been widely accepted across campus, making the transition relatively easy for everyone. A design request form, available on the College's intranet site, serves as starting point for each and every design project. From there, the team works with the requestor to hammer out all the details of the piece, including a timeline for completion and the steps it will take to get there. Quotes are secured from a wide pool of print vendors, the expansion of which has been another benefit of the consolidation. "In the past, with each department using its own vendor, our resources were limited," says Jones. "Now from our central location, we can bounce quotes off multiple vendors and secure a better price and quality than we could in the past."

Today, the College is producing more design work than ever, and utilizing more types of media than anyone could have predicted just two years ago. Any events being advertised, marketing materials being distributed, or signage being displayed—anything that will represent the College or bear its name—goes through the office of Marketing and Design.

Jones and Remsing are pleased with the turn their jobs have taken, and feel a sense of accomplishment that they had a hand in its evolution. "Our vision is to create a consistent message to all those who come in contact with the College," says Jones, "so that when someone glances at a piece of media, from a postcard to an advertisement to something on the web, they recognize right away 'this is a Rochester College communication.'" •

GO INTO
ALL THE

World

ROCHESTER COLLEGE SUMMER MISSIONS

Rochester College is on a mission. While the physical campus of the College might be small, the impact of its Christian mission has spread throughout the world. Students, alumni, staff and faculty have trekked across the globe, targeting four of the five major continents and leaving behind an imprint of faith, hope and transformation among the many lives they were able to touch during the summer. Here's a brief glimpse into their journeys.



Photo by peacecorps.org

MISSION: SOUTH AFRICA

Keyvonne King, a social work major and 2002 graduate, is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the tiny country of Lesotho, located inside the border of South Africa.

MISSION: BRAZIL

In June, Jeff Simmons, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies, along with his wife Pattie, led a group from the Rochester Church of Christ on a missionary campaign to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



MISSION: AUSTRALIA

A group of students, led by English professor Zac Watson, spent six weeks working in Australia with missionaries Todd and Kara (Nulty, 04) Tipton.



MISSION: PANAMA

Carol Van Hooser, assistant professor of biology, spent 10 days during the month of July in Central America providing medical and evangelistic care for children in Panama.



MISSION: UGANDA

18 students spent a six-week ministry internship in Jinja, Uganda. They were led by John and Sara Barton and Scott and Danette Cagnet.



Belvedere Palace, Vienna

STUDENTS SET TO TRAVEL TO *Vienna* STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM TAKES FLIGHT

Rochester College students eagerly await a semester-long stay in Europe this fall. The group will join about thirty-five students from Oklahoma Christian University (OCU) via a partnership with RC's GEO (Global Exploration Opportunities) program.

OCU has successfully conducted study abroad programs since 1986. John Osborne, director of international programs, said that the University selected Vienna as a host site based on its well-preserved history and culture. Osborne described Vienna as the heart of the Habsburg Dynasty, which ruled a significant portion of Europe during the thirteenth century.

"One of the reasons why these programs are so spectacular is that it offers something different for everyone," says Osborne. "Maybe it's their first time traveling outside of the U.S., so it becomes a perspective shaping experience. Some began to see God and their faith in new and fresh ways and develop relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ

from other countries. For others it's a way of developing new academic interest such as language or history."

The students will begin the program with a field trip to London for five days, then spend a week in Italy. They will also visit a concentration camp in Vienna and have the opportunity to do independent travel in other European countries. The antique Castle Neuwaldegg in Vienna Woods, 20 minutes from downtown Vienna, will serve as the group's temporary residence.

OCU faculty will instruct the students in courses such as aesthetics/music appreciation, German language, and optional courses in mission experience, and fitness and wellness. John Barton, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Rochester College and GEO coordinator, will be co-teaching a European civilization class and providing instruction for a Bible course. The program also offers students opportunities to continue their spiritual development through daily devotional

times, access to local churches and work with clothing and food distribution to refugees and shelters for children.

"This is a great opportunity to see a part of the world that I have been dreaming about since I was a young child," says Stephanie Knoblock, junior behavioral science major. "I am a social work major and this will give me firsthand experience on other cultures, which is something a book cannot provide." Knoblock is also eager to explore her German heritage while abroad.

Freshman Cami Heater is also excited about the trip. "Besides our school work, I want to learn to value and appreciate other cultures and see how I can relate to them. I want to learn to be open-minded and excited about our differences, as well as our similarities," she says.

John Barton and his wife, Sara, campus minister at RC, will accompany the students on the trip. For more information on GEO, contact John Barton at 248.218.2026 or jbarton@rc.edu. •

Shaping the Future

ALUMNI RECEIVE AN A+ IN THE CLASSROOM

Rochester College is producing a number of high quality professional teachers who are teaching locally and abroad and making a difference in the lives of hundreds of eager young minds.

One such student is Kristan Shields (Tori, 02). Since graduating from Rochester College, she has taught at two local charter schools. She currently works at Conner Creek Academy East in Roseville, Mich. along with several other alumni. Shields taught 6th grade last school year, but will soon take over the middle school special education program.

"Rochester College offers a great education program. I have heard my administrators comment on the quality of the teachers that have been produced from Rochester College's education department. The professors in the program proved to be up to date on current education issues and trends," Shields says.

She returns the knowledge given to her by the College by serving on the Educational Advisory Board.

"Since graduating, God has not stopped blessing," proclaims David Brazle (06).

It only took two months for Brazle to land a full time job after student-teaching. Brazle had heard horror stories from other students concerning the education job market and feared the worst. With a degree in secondary math in tow, he initially began substitute teaching for the Rochester School District. Several applications and three interviews later, Brazle received a call from the principal at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

"It was one of those times that I didn't know exactly what to say. I wanted to scream and jump up and down, but I didn't want him to think that he had just hired a mad man," exclaims Brazle. "So I politely and sanely responded that I would be delighted to join their team of professionals."

Brazle is looking forward to teaching math in his very own classroom at Lahser High in the fall. In the midst of his teaching, he said he is constantly reminded of two people—Jim Dawson, one of his education professors, who always challenged the students to diversify learning and Gary Turner, his math professor.

"Gary Turner stays in the back of my mind when my students ask if I can show them how to do math on the calculator," Brazle says. "I just hear Mr. Turner saying, 'technology is a tool, not a crutch' and I proceed to show my students how to do the problems manually."

A self proclaimed life-long learner, Ryan Peasley (02) is fulfilling a dream by teaching. He is in his third year at Brooklands Elementary in Rochester Hills, Mich. as a second grade teacher. Peasley's relationship with the school began when he worked as a student-teacher with Patricia Pfaendtner, who is also an adjunct professor at RC. He said he gained a wealth of knowledge and support from Pfaendtner.

"Rochester College provided me with teachers who are genuinely honest about the positives and negatives of teaching," he explains. "They made themselves available





*Clockwise from top:
Rochester College alumni
and teachers Kristan (Tuori, '02)
Shields, Ryan Peasley ('02), Mandy
(Helwig, '02) Oberst, and David
Brazle ('06)*

FEATURE MAKING OUR MARK



SHANNON (HILLMAN) JONES, '99
Sterling Heights, Michigan

Currently teaching 8th grade special education at Crary Middle School, Waterford, Michigan



JOHN PLEASANT '03
Rochester Hills, Michigan

Currently teaching 5th grade at Brooklands Elementary School, Rochester Hills, Michigan



INGA VANDERMARK '04
Rochester, Indiana

Currently teaching 3rd grade at Roslyn Academy, Nairobi, Kenya, Africa

and they didn't sugar coat the profession."

Pfaendtner's advice also came in handy when Mandy (Helwig, '02) Oberst entered the job market.

"She gave us a plain, simple, honest bird's eye view into being a teacher. She told us how much time we will devote to our students, how much of our work we will take home, how politics play a role in our future careers as well as how much of our own money we will spend on supplies. Luckily Mrs. Pfaendtner gave us a rude awakening because I knew that my promised job was not entirely locked in," explains Oberst.

Oberst spent seven years in college. Even though she had always planned to be a music teacher, she took extra courses to gain certification in math and elementary education as

a precaution. The extra time and effort would pay off, as she would soon learn.

In February 2003, she took a permanent substitute teaching position in the L'anse Creuse School District as a middle school choir director and elementary music instructor. The district did not renew her position the following year, yet within a few months she received an offer from the Bloomfield School District to teach music at Eastover Elementary School. Oberst's teaching career finally seemed to be on track.

Mandy married Jason Oberst in 2005 and bought a home at the beginning of 2006. Then, in a sudden turn of events she received news that she would be laid off at the beginning of the fall school year. However, Oberst had favor with the school principal who

recognized her value and fought to keep Oberst's job. God heard Oberst's prayers, and although she will no longer be teaching music at Eastover, she is anxious to begin a new challenge teaching kindergarten.

"I bring my Christian attitude to work with me every day. It is ironic that in a public school I cannot tell my students that I go to church, yet they all know," she says. "At Rochester College I was told that it would shine through. They were right! It helped me keep my job."

These are just a few of the outstanding teachers working in the field of education, yet there are many more stories to be told. Check out the photos on this page to learn more about where these alumni are making their mark. •



MEGAN (GRAHAM) MARTIN '03
Auburn Hills, Michigan

Currently teaching 7th grade English at AGS Middle School Fenton, Michigan



JASON DEBANDT, '01
Troy, Michigan

Currently teaching vocal music at West Bloomfield High School, West Bloomfield, Michigan



TINA RIES '01
Rochester Hills, Michigan

Currently teaching 5th grade at Conner Creek Academy East Roseville, Michigan

FUTURE TEACHERS EMBARK ON A

Journey of a Lifetime



Students going on the trip were (from left, top) Heather Coffee-Borden, Leah Garner, Melissa Sears, Abby Spangler, Cortnee Beeks, Tiffany Durham, Beth Jones, Amy Stewart, Marley Brown, (front) Rebecca Kiger and Kristen Herdman.

Leah Garner puts her training into practice in a Muskogee classroom.

The Teaching Across Cultures Field Immersion Program is a compulsory component of the Rochester College preservice teacher preparation program. The two-week Maymester course is the in-school component of a required education course. The purpose of the program is to allow students to live and work in a culturally diverse community which differs considerably from their normal environment.

Students travel to Muskogee, Okla. where they stay in the Volunteer Cottage at the Murrow Indian Children's Home. The home has approximately twenty Native American children ranging in age from 7 to 18. During the school day, the Rochester students are placed in various schools of the Muskogee public school system. In the majority of cases, these are the classrooms in which the children from the home are enrolled. This allows the students to make a connection between the school and home life of the children.

Leah Garner took part in this year's teaching program immediately following her graduation ceremony on May 6. She completed her degree with a major in language arts and a minor in elementary education. Like most teachers, Garner developed a

passion for teaching at an early age.

"As a child I would play school for hours at a time with friends in my basement. I had a chalkboard, school books and school desks. I would model what my teachers would do in class at home," she says.

Although she loves education, Leah initially was not thrilled about traveling out of state for the teaching program.

"Many people complained about having to go all the way to Oklahoma for two weeks, but the complaints quickly vanished and I think we all realized why we were going on this trip."

Garner was assigned to the third and fourth grade class. A typical day started out at the school assisting the teachers, but the Rochester students were also given the opportunity to teach their own lessons and spend one-on-one time with the students.

After school each day the preservice teachers tutored the children from the school. Following supper there were opportunities for interaction through sports, games, and "just hanging around" with the children. On the weekend, the Rochester students visited the Cherokee National Heritage Museum in Tahlequah, Okla., where they learned more about native life and the Trail of Tears dur-

ing which the Cherokees and other eastern tribes were forcibly relocated to Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

"I believe this trip was such an amazing experience for everyone, even the professors. I along with several others broke down crying a few times because we became so attached to those kids, and we felt it was unfair for them to deal with certain issues at such young ages."

"One of the girls made me a Mother's Day card, and inside the card said I was the best mother she had ever had. It absolutely broke my heart. The children at Murrow are amazing young people. They don't have everything in the world like many American kids, yet they are so happy and appreciate everything they do have."

Like most of the participants, Garner learned a great deal about herself through the experience and it reaffirmed her passion for teaching.

She lives in Sterling Heights, Mich. with her husband Kevin, a native of England and 2004 Rochester College alum. She continues to keep in contact with the students from Muskogee via phone and letters and hopes to visit the school again in the near future. •

road to the rockies

Students use the backdrop of Colorado as an open classroom

18 students went on the Rocky Mountain trip. Here, some of them can be seen climbing the dunes at Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado.

The 3,000 mile mountain range formed by the Rocky Mountains stretches as far north as British Columbia in Canada and as far south as New Mexico in the United States. The vast terrain comprises some of the most unique physical attributes of America's natural landscape creating the perfect learning experience for an earth science class.

Led by David Brackney, associate professor of physical science, seventeen students departed Michigan in mid-May on a 700-mile trip to Colorado. The two-week excursion is part of an earth science field study course that allows students to gain credit for surveying the geological landscape of Colorado. As the students quickly learned, parts of the rugged, barren terrain that make up the Rockies along with the 100 degree temperatures are seemingly unearthly. The group participated in grueling hikes through fossil beds, sand dunes and gold mines and even treated themselves to an all-natural mud bath in the Colorado River.

Brackney designed the earth science field study to breathe life into topics in geology. Like last year's trip to the South Dakota Badlands, he wanted to give the students the chance to witness geological processes in action.

Future teacher Jamie Nelson (02) agrees. "It is a great way to actually see and experience what you are learning about. One day we were reading about metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary rocks and then we were

able to see them in their natural state. We weren't just looking at small rock samples. We were hiking up mountains that were formed from these different rocks. You just can't do that in a traditional classroom."

Although she already has a degree in counseling psychology through the College's Center for Extended Learning, Nelson is pursuing a second degree which will allow her to work in primary education. She will begin student teaching this fall.

"I'll be graduating with a degree in elementary education in December. I was looking for an opportunity to broaden my base of knowledge," explains Nelson. "I knew this trip would be an excellent way to collect information that I can use in my classroom. It would afford me an experience to share with my students and it also sounded like a lot of fun!"

Nelson describes the view driving up Pikes Peak as "breathtaking" and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison as "awe-inspiring." Elk deer would often appear from nowhere offering the students a chance to get many close-up photos. Although Nelson admits that she is afraid of heights, she worked up the nerve to peer over natural cliffs and even participated in a white water rafting trip—a decision she would later regret.

"The first half of the trip was great, but near the end of our rafting we came to our final class three rapid. We reached Siedel's Suck-hole and the next thing I remember is be-



*Top: Black Canyon at Gunnison National Park, CO
Bottom: Hiking Crags, near Colorado Springs*

ing slammed into the bottom of the Arkansas River," says Nelson.

After inhaling a fair portion of the river water, Nelson remembered the instructions from the rafting guide, who told the rafters to relax and lay back if they happened to go overboard. One of the groups managed to pull Nelson aboard their raft and she slowly regained her composure.

"I'll never forget the frightened look on the other RC students faces as they looked at me. I just kept saying 'I'm okay' as I kept taking deep breaths."

A chipped tooth and a small scar on her nose and wrist are permanent reminders of the rafting trip, but Nelson counts the chaotic adventure as a blessing. "My experience white water rafting drew me nearer to God. I was very close to drowning and these types of experiences remind you that life is delicate and fragile. It also reminded me how much I need God and to rely on him more," she says.

Aside from encountering the power of the white water, the sheer beauty of the landscape revealed the amazing artistry of God's handiwork. "It is very difficult to visit places like the Great Sand Dunes, the Black Canyon or the Rocky Mountains and not see the majesty and power of God," asserts Nelson. "Witnessing the vast differences in environments from one location to the next cries out that He exists and is with us. I challenge anyone to visit these places and try to deny that God exists." •

A day at the Rochester Regional Chamber
with *kristin graham*

Kristin Graham, a senior business administration major, accepted a three-month long internship with the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce in late March. The chamber serves over 850 businesses in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. With only three full-time employees, Graham's contributions to the various networking, sponsorship and marketing activities organized by the chamber were greatly appreciated among the staff.

A budding event planner, Graham spent 10 hours a week learning the art of project management under the direct supervision of the chamber's executive director. Although she's completed the required 150 hours for the intern program, she plans to continue to volunteer her time. Read more about Graham's internship experience:



Q | What do you do?

A | I am the personal assistant to the Executive Director, Sheri Heiney, at the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce. I get to attend every meeting, presentation, and consultation Sheri assigns to me. My goal is to be an event planner. She gives me special assignments so I can gain experience with events.

Q | How did you get your internship?

A | I made up a list of all the event coordinating companies in Michigan and I started calling them to see if they were offering any positions. I didn't realize there was a better way of finding an internship until I remembered our Career Services department. So, I immediately scheduled an appointment with Joan Sullivan and she helped me with my resume. When I was meeting with her she asked if I was looking for an internship and that she had met with Sheri just that same day. Joan faxed Sheri my resume and then I followed up, interviewed and got the position.

Q | What are your career aspirations?

A | I would like to be an event coordinator, either for weddings and parties or corporate events and conferences. I would like to be one of the top event coordinators in Nashville. After event coordinating for 15 years I would like to start a small business that carries fashionable clothes that are modest.

Q | What kinds of people do well in this business?

A | People who aren't willing to settle for something less than the best will succeed in this business. They are always striving to bring in more and better businesses to the community. Another key skill to success is how you cooperate and communicate with the members of the Chamber. Local businesses are your customer, so you have to know what they want, and give it to them within reason. To be successful in a small Chamber of Commerce you have to know a lot about a lot of things. The Executive Director is the accounting department, the Human Resources Department, and almost everything else.

Q | What do you really like about your internship?

A | There are two main things that I love about my internship. The first is the people I get to meet and work with on a day-to-day basis. I get to hear stories of how some businesses got started and why some are struggling. I love to go home and say, "I just had lunch with Jennifer Granholm's husband," or "I just had dinner with Olympic gold medalist Hayes Jones." It has given me great experience on how to handle myself with professionalism. I love to hear stories of how the Chamber has benefited a company and it gives me joy to know that I've been a part of that. The second reason I love my internship involves Rochester College. Sometimes sitting in a classroom makes you wonder if you're ever going to use the information they're teaching you. But after my internship I've grown to appreciate accounting and realized that it is relevant even if you aren't an accounting major (thanks Sorensen). I was proud that I had to write a memo and knew how to do it (thanks Danny). I saw the actual culture of this organization and could identify things about it (thanks Cohu). I'm really glad my education is paying off. I'm proud to say I'm a Rochester College student.

Q | What do you dislike?

A | I don't think there is anything I dislike. I wish I was paid, but I think part of the experience is not being paid.

Q | What is the biggest misconception about your internship?

A | The biggest misconception about being a personal assistant is that I follow Sheri around with pen and paper and she gives orders. I don't get her coffee or lunch, and I don't take all of her messages. My internship is to gain experience at what she does on a day-to-day basis. I still receive my own projects and assignments.

Q | How can someone get an internship like yours?

A | Any college student has the best resource: the Career Services department. They will help you with your resume, finding a part time job, internship, or career after you graduate. The best part about it is that it's free! •

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

2005–2006 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Eight months may not seem like much, but it is enough time for plenty of extracurricular activities on and off campus. Each school year presents students with opportunities to use their training in ministry and mission work as well as display their talents during community building events. This page highlights some of the brightest and best moments of the 2005-2006 campus calendar.

- 1 | Seniors bid farewell to the game with coach Justin Lewis
- 2 | Students enjoy the Big Squeeze contest on Beautiful Day
- 3 | Getting hands-on experience in radio at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts
- 4 | Midnight Breakfast, where staff serve the students, is always a favorite activity
- 5 | At the Academic Symposium, Matt Lamb presents his group project
- 6 | Wilbur and his eight-legged friend in the spring play, *Charlotte's Web*
- 7 | Mission team members get their hands dirty during a spring break trip to New Orleans
- 8 | Marching in the Invisible Children Global Night Commute
- 9 | Joanne Shinsky gives the baseball team a pep talk before throwing out the first pitch on Opening Day
- 10 | Even after a four-year hiatus, Fall Festival is still a hit
- 11 | The men's basketball team focuses on the game
- 12 | The music of Motown comes to life during *Celebration*
- 13 | Students stand tall during an archaeological tour of Tel-Tamar, Israel
- 14 | Shack-A-Thon volunteers raise funds for Habitat for Humanity
- 15 | Ben Abbate performs during a jazz guitar recital
- 16 | Getting psyched for Homecoming



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where life takes us

Rochester College is proud to have alumni all over the country and the world, making their mark wherever they go. In this issue of *Northstar*, we celebrate those who are going the extra mile to help people in need.



LINDY EMERSON—
An apprenticeship in the Bronx has its rewards



Emerson boarding a subway train in the Bronx.

Children from Emerson's home church in the Bronx.

Don't worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34)

Words to live by according to Lindy Emerson, an interdisciplinary studies major who graduated from Rochester College in 2005. Anyone who knows Emerson might say that she wears this slogan on her sleeve. The scriptural reference can be found in the signature line of every email she sends and as a header on her online blogspot. In her line of work, it's critical that she learns to take life one day at a time.

Emerson accepted an apprenticeship with the Bronx Fellowship of Christ in New York City after graduation. From day one, she along with three other full-time church planters and a network of lay leaders began establishing home ministries throughout the spiritually deprived borough.

"It isn't for the faint-hearted. I am here not because I always wanted to live in one of the poorest boroughs of NYC or because I wanted to live in an urban area, but because I wanted to be obedient," she explains. "I initially came to this job upset that the Lord was sending me here, but because He had

opened the right doors, I came. This city is in desperate need of somebody to come and live out Jesus around their neighbors."

Prayer is the first order of business for Emerson before she takes her neighbor's child to preschool every morning. Her work schedule varies from then on. Some days she meets with people in the community to help them with their English using a program called Let's Start Talking, which references the book of Luke. With this program, Emerson is able to help the participants with their English and open up a door for conversation about Christ. Sometimes she schedules meetings to mentor and pray with leaders from local home churches or she spends time building relationships with at-risk teens. There are also times when she assists immigrants with common social issues like dealing with landlords.

No two days are the same for Emerson, and neither are her nights, which are typically filled with the blaring sound of salsa music into the wee hours of her bedtime. Among other things she is learning to understand people from different socio-economic backgrounds, but some people have the wrong impression about what she really does as a church planter.

"People either think I am this crazy street evangelist converting people to Christ right and left, or there is the misconception that my days are boring and very laid back. There are seasons of busyness and seasons of more prayer and reflection due to weather, people's schedules, contacts we've made in the community, etc, etc."

Rochester College's ministry courses and close-knit community strongly influenced her decision to focus on mission work. She spent three summers with a group of students and faculty in Africa experiencing the highs and lows of ministry. Emerson said she came to the College hoping to find "a man and a degree" and although she didn't get the man, she believes she was transformed and better prepared to follow the Lord's direction for her life.

"I want to share the love of Christ with people until I die, but that isn't a career—it is a lifestyle. I may do that through working in ministry, or perhaps working in business, counseling or teaching. I have no idea what path the Lord is going to take me down, but I'm confident that it will be a way I can love people and learn from people."

To keep up-to-date with Emerson's progress, visit her blogspot at lindyerin.blogspot.com. •

STEPHANIE ARNETT— Building dream homes is all in a day's work with Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

When Stephanie Arnett (06) came to Rochester College in 2002, it was to become a kindergarten teacher. Somewhere along the way, she decided she wanted to save the world in the process, possibly by taking her teaching degree to inner-city Detroit.

Fast forward a couple of years, and a new hit television show suddenly changed Arnett's well-laid plans.

"I started watching Extreme Makeover: Home Edition when it first came on the air, and I thought it was the most incredible thing. It lit a fire under me. My family thought I was crazy, because all of a sudden, I just wanted to build houses for people," she says. "I still wanted to save the world, but I had the urge to do it out of the classroom and on a construction site."

In the summer of 2004, Arnett got her chance. Extreme Makeover came to the home of the Vardon family in Oak Park, Mich, and at the insistence of her family, Arnett went to the site, intent to make a connection and get her foot in the door. There she met Matt Plaskoff, the production's general contractor. In spite of her optimism, she wasn't prepared for the offer he would make her: to come and work as an intern for him that week.

"My family was leaving the next day for a vacation in Washington, D.C.," she laughs. "I was the one who planned the trip in the first place! But I dropped it all to stay and work with Extreme Makeover."

The week only strengthened Arnett's desire



Arnett takes a break on the site of the latest Extreme Makeover: Home Edition project in Armada, Michigan.

to "build houses for people." She changed her major to Marketing after being told a business degree would be her best asset in the field. Over the next two years, while she finished college, Arnett kept in touch with some of the contacts she had made at Extreme Makeover, particularly the location manager, Chris Larsen. Then, this past July, just two months after graduation, Larsen called to tell her that they were coming back to Detroit, and he wanted her help.

"Even though we'd communicated several times, I was still shocked that he not only remembered me, but also that he had held onto my email address and phone number and sought me out to come back and work with them...it was pretty flattering given how many

people he works with per show."

This time around, as Extreme Makeover built a house for the Gilliam family in the small town of Armada, Arnett worked with the location crew, managing the day-to-day needs and organizational aspects of the production.

Now that the week is over, Arnett isn't quite sure what her next step will be, but she knows the line she wants to follow.

"The feeling you get knowing you're helping people in such a huge way is really humbling," says Arnett. "Whether it be on a scale as big as Extreme Makeover or something smaller, like Habitat for Humanity or a weekend service project, is irrelevant. It just feels good to make a difference." •

ED WORK—A former colonel finds his niche in the candy business

A former lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force, Ed Work spent twenty-five years of his life on assignment across the country and abroad.

He changed zip codes to accommodate temporary residency in places like California, Arizona, Alabama, Maryland, Turkey and Greece. After retiring from the service in 1995, Ed settled into a career as a special projects manager. By day, Ed is busy trouble shooting problems for contractors and financial analysts, but by night he and his wife Joan are the proud owners of a small candy company.

The side gig is the result of a ministry called Rainbow Christian Services (RCC), a local children's home for abused and neglected youth. The ministry, run by the Falls Church congregation where they attend, helps displaced children and will soon inaugurate an adoption program. Seven years ago, Ed and Joan purchased several vending machines and placed

them in local businesses. They maintain and restock the candy machines with goodies like bubble gum, peanuts and M&M's and donate a portion of the proceeds to RCC.

"We started the business because we thought it would be a fun and interesting way to raise money for the children's home," says Joan.

When Joan is not helping out with the Works Candy Company, she moonlights as a florist and church photographer. Ed assists in planning the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services at the church. He is also an active jogger and has run the Army 10-miler each year for the past 13 years.

Ed obtained his associate degree from Michigan Christian College in 1965. He received a bachelor's degree from Harding College two years later and went on to pursue an MBA at the University of Arkansas. After a lifetime of working, Ed is looking forward to an extended vacation of rest and relaxation.



"I've retired once. I plan to retire again soon. I'd like to get a motorcycle and tour the U.S. I'd also enjoy doing what the Sojourners do for a while," he says. Ed is also considering focusing on his candy business full time after retirement. The Works live in Alexandria, Va. They have two sons and one grandson. •

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Roman Cariaga, class of 1963



Wayne Baker, class of 1962



Berkeley Hackett, class of 1962

ALUMNI TAKE ON LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The year 1962 might well be remembered in American and world history as an age of uncertainty. As American troops fought on foreign soil in the Vietnam Conflict, a storm ensued along the southern border signaling the beginning of the Cuban Missile Crisis. In this same year, the U.S. Supreme Court declared mandatory prayers in public schools unconstitutional. And while astronaut John Glenn hovered high above these troubles as the first American to orbit the earth, the South African government imprisoned Nelson Mandela for rebelling against apartheid.

In the midst of wars and rumors of wars, three charismatic students were preparing for graduation from Michigan Christian College (MCC). Surely, the future looked bleak for these young men who witnessed so much despair, but God seemingly had other plans for them.

ROMAN CARIAGA began his education at a Bible school in Zamboanga City in the Philippines. A missionary saw Cariaga's potential as a future leader and sent him to MCC for additional education and training. After completing his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Christian University, he returned to the Philippines and taught at the Bible school in Zamboanga before eventually serving as the school's director from 1965 to 1970. After the Bible school closed, Cariaga moved to Butan City, purchased 60 acres of land and built Sunrise Christian College, now the largest collectively church-owned facility in the Philippines.

Cariaga is now the College's chancellor, and his son Samuel, has taken his place as president. Cariaga and his wife, Lina have a total of six children. Their son Salvador is a church planter and oversees the church newspaper and website. Salvador's son Peter recently enrolled at OCU and hopes to follow in the legacy of Christian leadership started by his grandfather.

WAYNE BAKER is the epitome of the All-American college student. While attending

MCC, he played basketball, served as class president, sang with several musical groups; joined more than one social club, and worked for the Northstar. He also received enough votes from his classmates to be deemed runner up for Mr. Michigan Christian College and befittingly went on to marry the homecoming queen, Darlene Pobur.

A natural born leader, Baker's destiny as president of York College in York, Neb. seemed to be written in the stars. The mid-western town of 8,000 people is a long way from his roots in Taylor, Mich. Baker is the college's nineteenth president and has guided the growing institution since 1996. The halls of York have produced some of the nation's finest Christian men and women including RC president Dr. Michael Westerfield and RC English professor Thomas Golden.

BERKELEY HACKETT spent his childhood in Walled Lake, Mich. After completing his education, he and his wife Charlotte became active in the mission field and relocated to Nairobi, Kenya in East Africa. At the time there were very few members from the churches of Christ living in the country, leaving him with only a small network for support and resources. Hackett's dedication to the impoverished country eventually led to the construction of a \$1.6 million Christian school.

Today the Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute provides 1,400 young people with a high-quality technical education. During an annual lectureship in 1996, Hackett stated, "I am in Africa because of Michigan Christian College."

It is quite possible that these three men might have chosen another path had they decided to attend a different institution. By becoming presidents of Christian colleges, they were endowed with a responsibility to both education and ministry. Their legacy in the history of Michigan Christian College is an inspiration to this generation and beyond. •

1962

PAUL CROSS and his wife Terri are offering their fourth Alpha Course (www.alphausa.org) at the Montgomery Church of Christ. Paul is employed by Sandia National Laboratories and Terri is the owner of Theresa M. Cross, Ph.D. & Associates. The couple lives at 8008 Loma Larga, Corrales, NM 87048.

1973

After fifteen years as head of Arlington Christian School in metropolitan Atlanta, **MIKE WEIMER** recently accepted the presidency of Jackson Christian School, a pre-K through 12 with over 1,000 students. Mike and his wife, Jeanette, live at 409 Shadow Ridge Drive, Jackson, TN 38305.

1978

SHERI KRETZSCHMAR returned in February from a two-month mission trip in Guatemala with Health Talents International. A registered nurse, Sherri also recently completed a masters degree in organizational leadership and change. Sheri lives at 135 Crossfield Ridge Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27127.

1981

CLAY and **CHERRY (ECHOLS-80) HART** celebrated their 25th anniversary on December 19, 2005. Having served as missionaries to South Africa for two decades, they now serve those preparing to receive or travel with short-term mission teams. The family lives at 101 Valley View Drive North, Colleyville, TX 76034.

TERRI (HOWE) HULL completed training as a captain for Mesaba Airlines/Northwest Airlink in August of 2005. Terri's husband, **BOB HULL (82)**, is the manager of Hull Bros. Inc. The couple has two daughters, Jessica and Kelly. They live at 1547 Union City Road, Fort Recovery, OH 45846.

1990

JEFF and **STEPHANIE (NICHOLS) LAWSON** recently moved to 21525 16th Drive SE, Bothell, WA 98021. Jeff is a QC Lab Supervisor for Natesth Pharmaceuticals.

1991

CHRIS WARD and his wife, Nora, recently moved to 10307 Venetia Real #209, Tampa, FL 33647. Chris is a senior loan officer for H&R Block Mortgage.

1993

AMY AVANT married **JASON RAGSDALE (96)** on August 27, 2005. The couple lives at 46726 Huling, Shelby Township, MI 48317.

1994

EMIKO FUJIWARA married Seiji Yamashita on April 22. Emiko is an executive assistant with McKinsey and Company, and Seiji is a lawyer. The family can be contacted at 6-31-7 Nagasaki, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 171-0051, Japan.

1997

After working with the Rochester Church of Christ since 1997, **PHILIP BRACKNEY** accepted a role as youth and family minister for the Farragut Church of Christ in Knoxville in 2005. Philip and his wife, April, have three children, Sarah, Sydney, and Landen. They live at 1105 Winding Way Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923.

1998

Philip Andrew joined Donald, Josiah, Samuel, and Abigail in the home of **BRIAN** and **CARRIE (PIER) ELLERBROCK** on April 13, 2005. Brian is a salesperson for Verhoff Machine and Weld, and Carrie is a homemaker. The family lives at 15855 Road B, Leipsic, OH 45856.

DEAN and **JENNIFER (CROMWELL) GEYER** are living at 3080 Petersville Road, Rogers City, MI 49779, where Jennifer accepted a position in 2001 as a physical therapist assistant. The couple has two daughters, Aubry and Zoe.

ROBERT and **KATY (GILLETTE) GLOVER** welcomed Mary-Carole on March 3, 2005. Katy also has been promoted to program manager for ReCellular, Inc. Robert is an IT professional with Connecting Point Consulting. They live at 6272 McIntosh, Brighton, MI 48116.

Eden joined Taryn in the home of **MONTY** and **LORA (CUTHBERTSON-96) MCCLELLAND** on November 16, 2005. Monty is employed by EDS, and Lora is a homemaker. The family lives at 668 Sheffield, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

1999

CHRIS WISE and his wife, Nancy, welcomed Reese Elizabeth on March 28. Chris recently accepted a position with Rochester College as Director of Youth Ministry Resources.

2001

DANNY and **AMY (PANGBORN) GALLAHAR** welcomed Hannah Marie on February 3. They live at 313 Fourth, Oscoda, MI 48750.

SHANE and **MELISSA (BRUCE-00) GRAY** welcomed Breanna Margaret on December 1, 2005. Shane is an executive assistant manager for Rent-A-Center, and Melissa is the senior staff accountant for U.S. Medical Management Services. The family lives at 744 Lake Crossing Court, Franklin, IN 46131.

ALICIA ROE married Clifford Russell on August 28, 2004. The couple lives at 4113 West Vail Lane, Gaylord, MI 49735.

HAYLEY (RICHARDS) WOODALL graduated from Southern College of Optometry on May 26 and is now specializing in pediatric optometry in a one-year residency with the college. Her husband, **JONATHAN WOODALL**, is the administrative minister of the Christian Student Center. The couple lives at 1106 Colonial Road, Memphis, TN 38117.

2002

RYAN and **MISTY (RINGLE) HOGGATT** welcomed Gracelynn Dorothea on October 5, 2005. Ryan is self employed as a digital artist, and Misty is an associate financial representative with Northwestern Mutual. They live at 2387 Panhandle Road, Delaware, OH 43015.

EDEN SWANSON married Josh Thompson on June 3. Eden is an assistant account executive with McCann Erickson, and Josh is a commercial carpenter. The couple lives at 1452 Roy Road, Oxford, MI 48371.

2004

JIM JACKS and his wife Mary welcomed Matthew Alexander on November 27, 2005. Jim completed his M.B.A. in July. The family resides at 7769 Ambassador Drive, Shelby Township, MI 48316.

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