

ALUMNI newsletter

Upcoming Events

Clearing Site - August 2021

August 9-13

Student Leadership Training

August 13

New Student Orientation

August 16

First Day of Class

Homecoming – TBA

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We have BIG news!

It's official! TBC has obtained the necessary permits and will begin clearing the site for an academic building this fall! With plans to open in August 2022, this building will house classrooms, offices, a grab-and-go food station, a computer lab, and outdoor seating areas. This is a huge step toward growing the college and continuing to impact the world for future generations.

Stay tuned for updates – we will be sharing progress throughout the duration of the project. Between felling trees, leveling ground, and the myriad of other prep work tasks, we anticipate a fairly noisy fall!

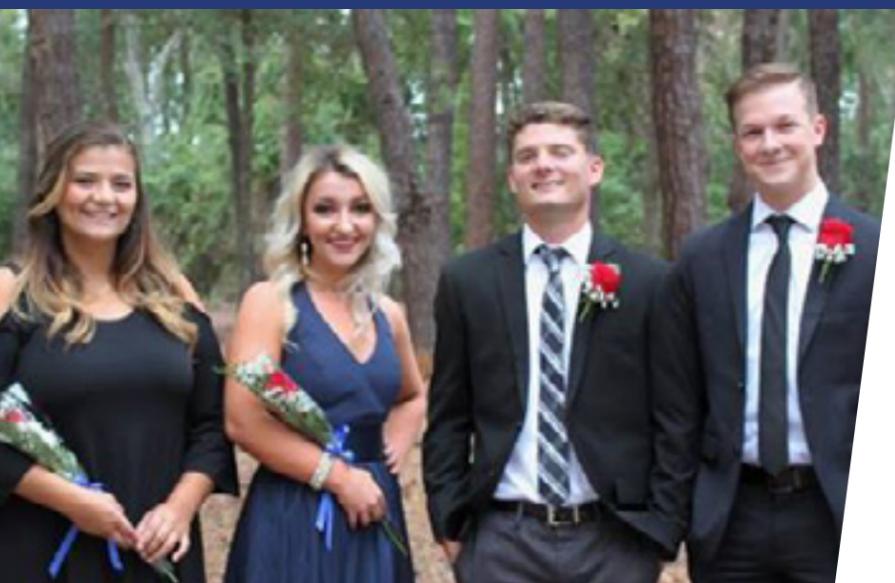
Thank you for your dedicated support both financially and through prayer. This progress has been anticipated for several years and we are thrilled to be able to move forward with the building!

Alumni have boosted the building funds through a successful Eagle Cup Campaign and we are humbled that o many of you have participated. (see campaign update on page 6)

Over the next few months we will roll out a capital campaign dedicated specifically to this development project. Will you join us as we improve our campus and make it possible to grow Trinity Baptist College?

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Homecoming 2021

We are thrilled to be able to plan for Homecoming this year and YOU are invited! Stay tuned – more information will be available soon!



(Walter Brown at far right, with his wife and parents)

Alumnus of the Year



Each year, Trinity Baptist College recognizes an alumnus who has displayed faithfulness to the Lord and His calling on their life, and represents the values held by Trinity Baptist College.

We were honored to count TBC's 2021 Alumnus of the Year in attendance at Commencement. Walter Brown is a 2016 alumnus earning the Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies with an Interdisciplinary Studies concentration. Originally from Loma Linda, CA, he grew up in a pastor's home and joined the military after high school. He served in the army for 8 years, including a deployment to Iraq in 2003.

Prior to attending TBC, he became a respiratory therapy equipment technician at Mayo Clinic and earned his Associates in Respiratory Therapy in 2013 from Concord Career College.

Following his graduation from TBC in 2016, he became the bi-vocational pastor of New St. James Missionary Baptist Church in St. Augustine, Florida. He served this community for 4 years until February of this year when he accepted a new appointment as pastor of First Titus Missionary Baptist Church here in Jacksonville, Florida.

This past year and a half he has been on the front lines of the COVID pandemic. Between his work at Mayo Clinic and his role as a pastor, he has faithfully supported the spiritual and physical needs of our communities during a time when fear and uncertainty were prevalent on a global scale. Both careers are rigorous in their demands even under normal circumstances. We are grateful for the many hours he has invested to tend to body and soul.



#PUSHforward

Did you know that only 4% of American colleges and universities were able to maintain in-person learning throughout the entire 2020-21 academic year? That is an astounding statistic, and we are humbled that TBC was in that 4%!

This academic year the student body leadership chose #PUSHforward as their theme. We feel this was particularly fitting and we are happy to report that we have, indeed, pushed forward! Our campus was blessed beyond what we could have hoped. With graduation behind us, we feel like we can take a deep breath and fully appreciate all that the Lord has brought us through since August. Thank you for praying with us!

Student Life and Events

Even though many of our routines were adjusted to accommodate social distancing, we were able to enjoy several traditional aspects of TBC student life.



The Super Bowl party was hosted outdoors on the big screen even though it ended up being a chilly night for Florida!



Students had fun at Spring Fling, an outdoor event which took the place of the annual formal.



Small groups met all over campus on Mondays. This gave our students the opportunity to step up and lead their peers.



This year during Missions Emphasis week, we hosted several Converge International representatives as well as TBC alumni who are now part of Converge. We were thrilled to see more than 20 students show interest in missions and take some steps to get involved even while in college.



From the Desk of the Athletic Director

This was the unforgettable year of COVID-19... mask wearing, temperature checking, testing, and constantly changing game schedules. But God was faithful and allowed our teams to compete, and complete their seasons. Here is a brief rundown of the Eagles Athletics Highlights for 2020-2021.

Under the leadership of first-year head coaches Dan Robertson and Greg Calder, our TBC men's and women's soccer teams both made it to their respective NCCAA South Region championship games.

Men's Basketball produced their second longest win streak in program history on their way to a top 10 national ranking (#7).

Women's Basketball won their second consecutive Bible College NIT championship and made it to the NCCAA National Tournament. They also achieved a ranking of 7th in the national poll.

Softball earned the program's first bid to the NCCAA National Tournament. We are also nearing completion of the new TBC softball field. We have started a "Back the Backstop" campaign to raise the funds needed to complete the project.

Baseball had one of their most successful seasons in program history, at one point winning 10 of 11 games.

Trinity Baptist College graduated 11 student-athletes during the 2021 May commencement.

Men's Soccer team captain Nick Lockridge was recognized on First Coast News as the recipient of the Folds of Honor scholarship!

Athletic Director John D. Jones and Volleyball/Softball Coach Leah Bennett were both honored as featured guest speakers at the NCCAA Pro-Am dinner. Both spoke of the work that God is doing in the lives of our TBC student-athletes through the platform of Athletics.

Lastly, TBC student-athletes collectively contributed hundreds of hours to Christian Service Projects and clinics, sharing God's love and message of hope with many people. Thank you for your continued support of TBC Eagles Athletics!

- A.D. John Jones



Three new online programs launched this year!

TBC specializes in a close-knit, in-person college experience. However, we recognize the importance of offering online programs for those who wish to earn their degree at TBC but are not able to attend in-person classes. This past year we launched three new online programs, with plans to expand again in the very near future. Pastoral Theology, Early Childhood Education, and Christian Counseling are now available fully online! Who do you know who needs to learn more about TBCOnline?

We are thrilled to celebrate alumni achievements!

Congratulations to several recently published alumni, including Jonathan Milligan ('99), Nancy [Patton] Wood ('18), and Steve Gant ('20).

Remembering

The past 18 months have been overwhelming in many ways. In this space we honor the memory of loved ones, friends, colleagues, and even livelihoods lost as a result of COVID. We acknowledge the heartache that has touched the extended TBC family and the burdens that weigh heavily on your shoulders. Please know that even as we celebrate the Class of '21 and move forward with hope, we feel the pain that is still fresh for many of us. We continue in prayer for you.

Ron DeSantis Visits Campus

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently visited campus. We are grateful for the role he played in making it possible to TBC to remain open and in-person this year.

(pictured left to right: TBC President Mac Heavener, Governor DeSantis, Chancellor Messer, TCA Head of School David Welling)





Admissions

Shout-out to our admissions team who have gone above and beyond this year! With so many restrictions in place, personal tours severely limited, and all public events canceled, the team had to pivot on a dime and re-think their strategy for getting prospective students through the admissions process.

In response, the team put together eight different Facebook LIVE events throughout the year which proved to be very effective. Each featured a different aspect of TBC life. Two were live tours of the campus with the Dean of Admissions, and the rest were discussion panels and Q&A sessions, each with its own theme.



Financial Aid



DID YOU KNOW?

TBC partners with SageScholars and Florida Bright Futures to benefit qualifying students. In addition to these, TBC offers various other institutional scholarships including a \$-for-\$ match of the Bright Futures Scholarship! You can find all the details at tbc.edu/admissions/financialaid.



Graduation at a glance

We were so thankful to host graduation this year! May 8, 2021, we celebrated the completion of 74 degrees in addition to several other awards and recognitions.

- 13 Associate degrees
- 54 Bachelor's degrees
- 7 Master's degrees

Student Preacher of the Year: Charles Michael Snow

Honorary Degree Recipients:

- Phylcia Perry, Doctor of Humane Letters
- Richard Lee Spain, Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters
- Scott Jeffery Ridout, Doctor of Divinity



Eagle Cup Challenge Update



The 1990s decade claimed first place in Amount Given while the 2020s finished in the lead for Participation Rate! The grand total of alumni and alumni-inspired gifts comes to \$60, 514.50

The success of the Eagle Gup Challenge has been entirely due to our alumni and we are humbled and thankful for your support.

Win a Gift Card!

We are updating our systems and we need your help! Quite a few of our alumni addresses are out of date. The first 5 alumni to share a pic of their newsletter on social with a reminder to fellow alums to update their contact info at tbc.edu/alumni wins a \$50 giftcard! IMPORTANT: you must tag us in your post or we won't see it! Here's what to do:

1. Post the picture
2. Tag a fellow alumnus
3. Tag Trinity Baptist College (@TBC_edu on Instagram, or @Trinity Baptist College on Facebook)

Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding the new building, the Eagle Cup challenge, want to nominate an alumnus for a spotlight, or just want to say hello, please email us at alumnirelations@tbc.edu or call 904-596-2307.