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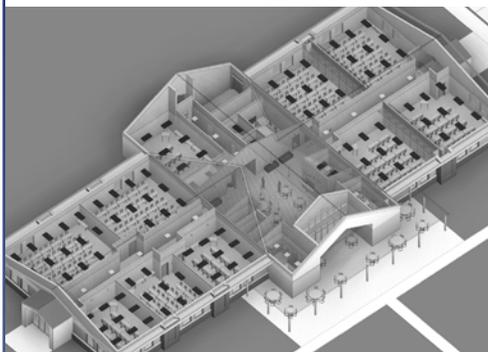
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PROJECT EXPAND



Breaking Ground for New Academic Building

On November 18, 2021, faculty, staff, and students were invited to attend the ground breaking ceremony for TBC's new academic building!

The new 16,000 sq ft. educational building will house classroom space, office space, a grab-and-go lunch station, and an expansive outdoor seating area.



Construction site land clearing has begun and building construction will be underway in January 2022; the anticipated completion is fall of 2022!

Mac D. Heavener, Jr., President and CEO of TBC and former founder and CEO of ERA Heavener Realty, and TBC Chancellor Tom Messer, together with current board members and key faculty and staff have committed to take the lead in raising the remaining balance of \$500,000 for the 3 million dollar building.



Will you pray for us as we step into this exciting season? We are asking God to grant us wisdom, uninterrupted construction, and safety throughout the work on this project.

Learn more about Project Expand at TBC. tbc.edu/Give or scan the QR code in the left hand column.



Alumni Spotlight Ryan Cosson ('06)

Thriving In Bi-vocational Ministry
B.S. in Secondary Education

Originally from Tallahassee, Florida, Ryan earned his Bachelor's in Secondary Education in '06. Immediately after graduation, Ryan began teaching high school math at TCA. He also coached track, football, and basketball.

Ryan is married to Janette (Bolan) and now have three children: Kendall, Parker and newborn Jase. They both have a heart for missions and have become close friends with missionary JJ Alderman ('05) in Togo, West Africa. Over the years Ryan has been to Togo five times, using his ministry and coaching experience to organize and oversee sports camps and youth trips.

Ryan is an entrepreneur at heart and is always looking for new ways to connect with people outside of traditional ministry settings. To that end, after several years in the classroom Ryan started a successful t-shirt business, Cosine Designs. Aside from enjoying the creative work itself, Ryan wanted to have a way to get involved with the city of Jacksonville; this gave him an opportunity to participate in vendor fairs and community events, and meet other entrepreneurs in the area.

At first, Cosine Designs was a side hustle that allowed him to pay off debt and support missions through giving. Within a couple of years, he was able to quit teaching and work the business full time.

"I stopped teaching because I started the business with a multi-faceted aim. 1) To become debt-free and have more margin for ministry 2) be able to spend more time with my family."

When they reached their goal of being debt-free (yes, including the house mortgage!) they started to explore next steps.

"We just asked ourselves, ok, what do we want to do now that we have this freedom?"

Rural life was part of the dream but they also wanted to stay connected to a strong community of believers. After a lot of prayer, planning, and a long list of goodbyes, Ryan and Janette relocated to North Carolina to support a small church in the Lake Norman area.

"Ultimately, what we wanted was to invest into a biblical community and help alongside someone else. That is when Chad Warner up in North Carolina came to mind. We had been friends for a long time and stayed connected after graduation... we started talking about ministry philosophies and it just so happened that his assistant moved on and they were looking for someone to help. So, I came up here as a bi-vocational assistant pastor. I knew they couldn't pay me, so I applied to the local high school... and I am now teaching math again - I'm still getting adjusted to the public school learning curve and all the red tape stuff... but I am definitely building a lot of relationships and making connections. Many times I teach more kids in a day than show up at church on Sunday. So that's been good."

The Cossons are putting down roots in their local ministry while remaining involved with international missions. In the near future they hope to organize trips from Terrell Baptist Church to visit Togo with the ultimate goal of fostering a missions mindset in their church community.

"This is a very rural community; we have a big agricultural program here and there are lots of young people. Everyone is super down to earth; it is a simple life... so for some of our people to leave the U.S. would just totally blow their minds."

Terrell Baptist Church is a family-oriented, rural ministry pastored by Chad Warner ('06), married to Melissa (Newsome, '05), both graduates of TBC. In his Ministry Coordinator/Assistant Pastor role, Ryan coordinates VBS, Sunday school, teaches classes, and fills in on the praise team playing guitar ("But only if necessary", he laughs.)

Ryan still owns and runs Cosine Designs, which has evolved from an Etsy-shop company run in his garage, to a full-on screen-printing and digital design company that fulfills hundreds of orders and now employs others. He uses his business as an opportunity to mentor young people, offering part time employment and flexible hours to college students while managing the company from NC. But he isn't done dreaming. Ryan has budding plans to start a manual labor business in NC so he can mentor young men locally as well, teaching them a trade while investing in their spiritual lives.

As Ryan and Janette continue to use each new endeavor to pour into missions and ministry, it is inspiring to witness how God uses their passions and talents to spread the gospel, both locally and internationally.



Student Life

TBC's theme for the 2021-22 academic year is "Thrive"!

Student leaders choose and develop the academic theme over the summer months. The theme is then woven into their team building and training sessions, serves as a prayer guide, and reminds us of the goals we have set and the specific ways we can support each other.

To thrive is "to grow vigorously". A thriving life is one that is spiritually, mentally, and physically sustainable. As Christ followers we thrive as we daily delight in God's grace and exhibit the same grace to others that God has demonstrated to us!



Color Wars

Color Wars have brought new excitement and energy to campus! The student body has been divided up into four teams – red, blue, yellow, and black. They compete throughout the semester, accumulating points through participation and high achievement.

So far this year they have enjoyed athletic competitions, pumpkin carving, scavenger hunts, gym nights, game nights, and dressing up and participating in hilarious Spirit Week challenges... such as getting faculty to jump into the pond! Basically, college students are still college students no matter what the decade!



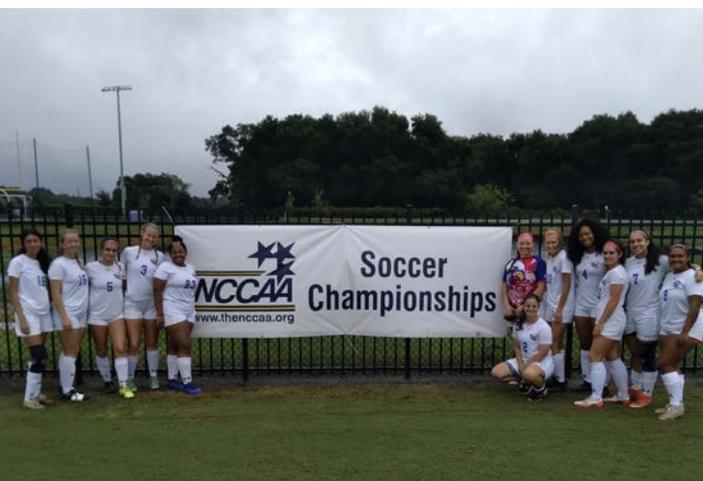


TBC Eagles Update

From the Desk of the Athletics Director:

The start of a new school year is always an exciting and busy time in the TBC Athletics department. All of the preparatory work and recruiting efforts from the spring and summer months finally come to fruition as our student-athletes return to campus in August and begin training.

Under the leadership of second-year head coaches Dan Robertson and Greg Calder, our TBC men's and women's soccer teams continued to compete at a high level. In fact both teams repeated the 2020 feat of making it to their respective NCCAA South Region championship games.



Men's Soccer defeated Pensacola Christian twice this year, including in the South Region semi-final to advance to the title game. The Eagles then went the distance against the top seed, Bob Jones University before falling 2-0. Head Coach **Dan Robertson** expressed his pleasure at what he saw his Eagles do on the field against the team ranked #1 most every week in the NCCAA Division 2 poll, including the final poll of the season. "We gave it our all," Coach Robertson said. "These guys went out and played their hearts out. I am proud of each one of them."

Meanwhile, 300 miles south, on an unusually cold and rainy day in Jacksonville, the Women's Soccer team made history. Playing with only 11 players, our Lady Eagles outlasted Toccoa Falls in a game that went into double overtime before TBC freshman **Rebekah Fountain** scored the golden goal! It is the first NCCAA South Region Championship in the seven year history of the women's soccer program. The student body turned out in force to welcome the newly crowned champions back to campus with an impromptu celebration in the Activities Center.



The following week, the team travelled to the National Tournament where they finished fourth in the nation. Coach **Greg Calder** was recognized as the South Region Coach of the Year and freshman **Madison Desilva** (15 goals) was the Region Player of the Year and made NCCAA 2nd team All American.

In our Baseball program, **Dylan Owens** earned one of the finest honors a student athlete can procure. On Tuesday, October 12, he was named to the 2021 American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team, presented by Diamond Sports. Considering that only nine men in the country -- one to represent each position on the field -- can make the team, Dylan's naming is unique and special.

Lastly, our basketball seasons are well underway, and the first pitch for baseball and softball will be thrown in late January. Stay up to date with Eagles Athletics, including game schedules and results, at TBCeagles.com or on twitter @TBCeagles. Or better yet... come out in person and cheer your Eagles on to victory!



Thank you for your continued support of Trinity Baptist College Athletics!

Serving Christ Through Athletics,
John D. Jones



Homecoming

Being able to host Homecoming felt like a return to routine at TBC! We enjoyed a great turnout with students and families joining us to cheer on the men's soccer team and enjoy a delicious catered BBQ dinner. Homecoming court included: Michael Davis, Naisier Guanipa, Ryan Heller, Lana Fletcher, MaraLyn Johnson, and Selena Perez, with Naisier Guanipa and Selena Perez being named Mr. and Miss TBC! Screech joined us on the sidelines, students hosted concessions, and we generally had a relaxing and fun evening under the stars... well... except that we couldn't see the stars due to floodlights. But you know what we mean!



Commendation Award

In addition to claiming the cup, graduates from these decades had the opportunity to nominate a professor of their choice for the TBC Commendation Award. This year, beloved history and literature professor Holly Bebernitz and Counseling and Criminal Justice professor Dr. Jim Buckner were nominated with this award. Thank you, Ms. Bebernitz and Dr. Buckner, for your dedication and commitment to integrity and excellence.



Eagle Cup Presentation

Congratulations to the 1990 and 2020 decades which won the TBC Eagle Cup this year! The 1990 decade claimed first place in total amount given and the 2020 decade claimed first place in participation rate. Thanks to Jonathan Milligan ('99) and Joshua Jackson('21) who hoisted the cup as representatives of their decade.





Academics Update

Dr. Beemer, Senior Vice President of TBC, will be joining the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) as their Compliance Vice President. We are happy that others have recognized his value and talent and are excited to see how God uses his gifts at TRACS. On the other hand, this means a loss for us as he will step down from his position at TBC. While we regret to see him go, we are honored that he invested over a decade with us, leading, shaping, and moving us forward with excellence as a college. He will be greatly missed on our campus – not only for his leadership skills but also for his engaging personality and genuine desire to serve.

During his years with us Dr. Beemer has greatly enhanced what TBC has to offer. Space limits us to share only a few highlights of his exceptional accomplishments:

- Instituted and grew TBCOnline to be a competitive and convenient option for students
- Introduced new programs including: Business, Criminal Justice, Humanities, and Interdisciplinary Studies completion program
- Revised and improved existing programs
- Completed self-studies for accreditation (this year we will complete the second self-study overseen by Dr. Beemer)



We welcome Patricia Youmans, Ph.D. (English) and Mr. Luke Collier (Communications) to TBC faculty! We are excited to have them on our campus as full-time professors starting this January. We are confident that our academics will be enhanced by their contributions and students will benefit greatly from their expertise.

Dr. Youmans brings to TBC more than 20 years of experience in education. In addition to teaching English, Language Arts, and writing at both the secondary and collegiate level, she also has been involved in ESL/ESOL programs for over a decade.

Mr. Luke Collier holds degrees in Performance Studies and Curriculum and Instruction in addition to several years of experience as a Speech Instructor and Academic Advisor. He will be teaching communications courses on our campus starting this spring.

Farewell note from Dr. Beemer:

The time has come for a change that will be significant for me and for TBC but which will result in progress for both. The Lord has moved me on to a new position with the start of 2022...

A ministry is never the result of one person and never rests on the work of one person. It is God's work and I'm confident that He will take care of His work. Seth Godin says it best, "Change is not a threat. It's an opportunity. Survival is not the goal. Transformative success is." My prayer for TBC is "transformative success" as you move forward through change to progress to what God has for you and this place.

I appreciate everyone's love and support through the years.

DR. MATTHEW A. BEEMER
Senior Vice President



Missions Emphasis Week

Planning for Missions Emphasis week started back in October! Tania from Converge joined us to organize preliminary meetings, discuss the theme, and plan other details. We are thankful to have close connections with many individuals in Converge who are passionate about equipping our students to take the gospel to others. Please pray for Missions Emphasis taking place on January 1- February 2, 2022!

Pastors' Lunch and Learn

This year we hosted two pastors events on our campus! These events focused on encouraging and challenging pastors as they navigate the current world scene and seek to meet the needs of their congregations. We also teamed up with pastor and alumnus Greg Peters to host alumni pastor retreats in north Georgia. We have been encouraged to hear from our alumni who are dedicated to gospel work!



Our Library Renovation is Complete!

The carpet has been replaced, new shelving installed, added many new titles and did some much-needed purging of outdated titles while we were at it! This huge project took many weeks and hundreds of man hours to complete. Many thanks to athletic teams, faculty, staff, and other individuals who volunteered their time to help!

Leadership Luncheons

As students navigate their college years, it is important that they hear from successful Christian leaders who exemplify Christian values in their families, workplaces, and communities. It was with great excitement that Trinity Baptist College introduced the 2021-22 Leadership Luncheon series. At these luncheons, Christian leaders from a variety of fields graciously spend an hour with a group of students and college staff to challenge, inspire, and share. Those in attendance are also able to ask questions and glean from these remarkable individuals. This semester we have hosted:

- Paul McCord (NFL Assistant Coach, Super Bowl XXXV Champion Baltimore Ravens and Jacksonville Jaguars)
- Skip Allcorn (Retired President, Co-Owner and Co-Founder of Coastal Construction Products)
- Commander [RET] Will Brown (Retired Naval Officer and Pastor)

