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Peters Family and Parkview Church Provide \$100K Lead Gift Toward New Academic Center

TBC thanks God for the generosity of Parkview Church, which is led and was planted by TBC Alumni Pastor Greg Peters ('92) and his wife Denise Peters ('96). Parkview generously gave a \$100,000 lead gift to TBC for Project Expand.

On investing eternally with TBC, Greg mentioned *"At this point in my life I'm becoming more and more interested in legacy. I want to be a part of something that will live past my own lifetime. The College enables us to do that. Instead of sending out a pastor or a missionary, this organization enables us to send out pastors and missionaries 'plural!' "*

When asked if the College could make Parkview's gift public, Greg added *"If this gift inspires others, yes. That is really my hope. Maybe others (in our alumni network, donor base, and other places) will see this gift and become inspired to contribute. Maybe others weren't aware of the opportunity or ready at that moment to be part of the first gifts that came in, but my prayer is they will grow our gift and expand our reach! I know in our church I have often been inspired by the generosity of others in our congregation, and I really hope our church's generosity will now inspire many college givers who are willing to be part of this second wave of gifts that come in. This is all for the expansion of the kingdom, the advancement of the gospel and the glory of God - might we all live for those purposes."*

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Academic Building Progress

The new academic building is making fantastic progress! The transformation of this space has been fun to watch and we are beyond excited about all that this space will allow us to accomplish!

This past month we were honored to welcome families of graduates and alumni to campus for our 2022 Commencement ceremony. Our end-of-year celebrations included all of our annual traditions like the Student vs. Alumni/Faculty softball game and picnic, but it also included a beam signing ceremony!

Everyone was invited to tour the construction site and write prayers, messages, and scripture on the walls and beams of the new academic center. Among the participants were alumni, current students, faculty, staff, friends, and supporters of TBC including local businesses and entrepreneurs.





Alumni Spotlight

Joseph Williams ('17)

Joseph Williams is Deputy Chaplain of the Clay County Sheriff's Office and a 2017 graduate of TBC's Interdisciplinary program with a theology concentration. In this interview he shares with us his perspective as chaplain and how a biblical worldview positively impacts law enforcement.

As an adult learner, Mr. Williams transferred to TBC from Florida State because he wanted to be in ministry. It was important to him to be prepared for whatever trajectory that might take. In fact, looking back, he says this about the chaplaincy: *"It had never crossed my mind! But when it was offered to me, I thought, well, I need to pray about this! So, I might not pastor a church in a building, but in the chaplaincy role I sort of have a little church there – that's my ministry."*

Mr. Williams, what prompted you seek an emphasis on theology when earning your degree?

I knew ministry was in my life so coming here (TBC) was a necessity in my mind. You can be charismatic and spirit-filled (and that is definitely needed) but you have to be able to deliver it too. You must know the Bible. Going here for ministry was me saying "OK, God, there is a ministry that you're going to give me. I don't want to lead them astray."

From your perspective, how does a biblical worldview positively impact policing and law enforcement?

From a moral perspective it has a huge impact (provided, of course, that it is adhered to). When you begin to look at this job from a biblical perspective you are held responsible for your own actions. At the end of the day, you cannot say you didn't know or didn't understand such-and-such. The biblical view says, "This is what Christ did – you have to do the same." It is how you live your entire life.

How do you navigate differences of worldview, cultures, and backgrounds?

I have to be open-minded, but also be firm in what I believe. I have to respect the individual and what they believe. If I disrespect them, why would they have an interest in what I have to say? God can open doors anywhere. If you see me strong in what I believe and still respectful you might end up asking me "Why do you believe what you believe?". I am always learning. I've reached out to Rabbis, Imams, pastors... I want to know how to help my inmates and get them what they need.

You are chaplain to both inmates and officers – what are the differences in your approach to each?

The major difference is that when I'm approached by inmates, I have to look for sincerity. Because the minute I realize they are not sincere I have to change my approach. You must be intuitive. Some of them need a firm hand while others just need someone to talk to.

Can you describe the role that trust plays in law enforcement and as a chaplain?

Trust is a huge factor. If officers don't trust you they won't talk to you. And if you can't talk to them you won't know if there is an underlying issue they need help with. Sometimes it's just a matter of being patient. People do not always open up immediately. I go to briefings and constantly put myself out there, letting them know I'm available. Lately I have been getting more "Hey, chap, can I talk to you afterwards?". For me it does not matter if they are big or small questions – they took the time to come ask and that means I'm making some progress.

Do you have any closing advice to criminal justice students at TBC who may go into law enforcement?

Stay connected to God. That's the main thing. And if you're a member of a local church, stay there. You are going to need the pastor and the men and women in that church!

Stay tuned for exciting information about TBC's Criminal Justice program



Celebrating Dr. Valerie Riley Upon Her Retirement

Dr. Valerie Riley joined TBC's education department in 2002 following 25 years of experience in education and missions. Over the past two decades, her patience, compassion, and expertise have been essential in preparing over 290 TBC education graduates for success as Christian educators.

During her time at TBC, she has been instrumental in developing the Learning Accommodations Program which provides resources and assistance to make higher learning more accessible to all students.

Dr. Riley served on the TBC Library Committee, was highly involved in developing TBC's Special Education programs of study and served as TBC's Chair of Ed Policies for 10 years. She prioritized interaction with her students outside of class – often spending multiple hours every day helping students manage their workload and learn methods of study that complement their learning style.

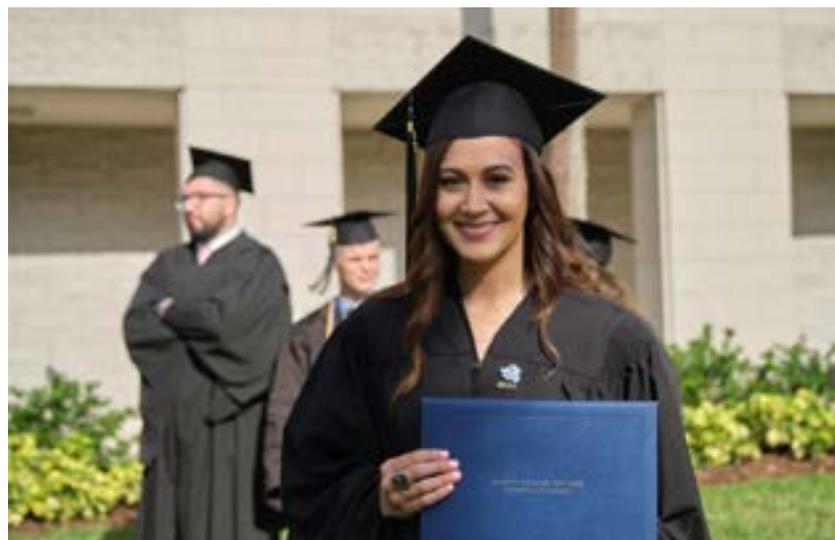
We are grateful for Dr. Riley's contributions to the advancement of TBC's Education department in general, and our Special Education program in particular.



**Congratulations to
Dr. Crawford**
on receiving the
Teaching Excellence Award!



**Congratulations to
Kimberly (Creel) Pierce**
(Class of '05)
**TBC's 2022 Alumnus
of the Year!**



Graduation at a Glance:

This May we celebrated the completion of 82 degrees!

- 17 Associate degrees
- 60 Bachelor's degrees
- 5 Master's degrees
- Student Preacher of the Year: Victor Reddish
- Honorary Degree Recipients:
 - Pastor Clark Boshier – Doctor of Divinity
 - Robert L. Riley (TBC alumnus '88) – Doctor of Divinity
 - Ed Perez – Doctor of Humane Letters

A Note From the Dean of Students

There are many contributors to the successes of TBC and among them are the TBC Student Body Officers. This student government group is elected by the student body, meets various qualifications based upon character, academics, and tenure, and is approved by the Dean of Students.

Student Body Officers are highly involved and responsible for dozens of events each year. Some of them are designed for the entire student body, others are segmented into areas of interest. All require a high level of planning and attention to detail.

Some of the big annual events include Homecoming and the Spring Banquet. But many other events are planned throughout the year as well: karaoke nights, bonfire nights, prayer walks, water wars, pumpkin carving, table game tournaments, and intramurals to name a few. And then there are the opening week activities and the end of year events!

This past year in particular we witnessed our Student Body Officers dig deep as they each wrestled with heavy personal burdens while leading their peers and working together as a team. We wish you could meet them each in person and hear their stories. For now, a photo and this short article will have to do the job.



Pictured above: 2021-22 Student Body Officers (at our themed spring banquet)
Carlin Poyner, Michael Davis, Jr.
Katie Goodin, Caden Reeves
Reece Johnson, Anna Wilkerson

Not pictured: 2022-23 Student Body Officers
Noah Combs, Noelle Wakefield
Dashonte Tidmore, Paul Samson
Juan Tejera, Rachel Uithoven

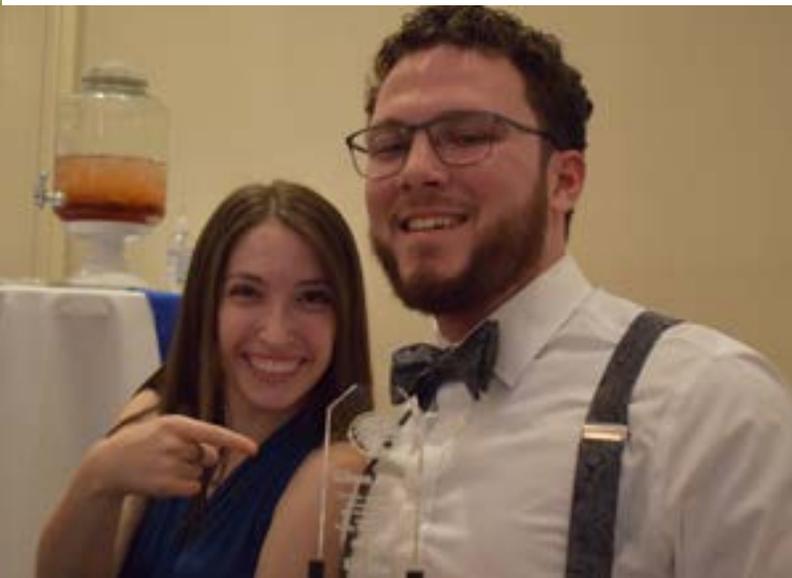
To our 2021-22 Student Body Officers:

Thank you for your dedication; it did not go unnoticed. You have shown a remarkable ability to accomplish your goals and #THRIVE amid crazy schedules and personal tragedy. You should be proud of the work you have done!

To our 2022-23 Student Body Officers:

You are in a highly influential position, and we know you have what it takes to fulfill your responsibilities! Know that we are praying for you!

Vaughn Brown
Dean of Students



Congratulations to Kyle Ryan, Recipient of the 2022 Gibson Award!

This award is one of the highest honors that a student of Trinity Baptist College can receive.

The qualifications for the Gibson Award involve Christian service at both the college and the student's local church, demonstration of a Christ-like attitude, and a good rapport with both students and faculty. The recipient of this award demonstrates the ideals and character that this college was founded upon and sets a model for other students to follow.
(Kyle is a senior from Parkview Church)



TBC Eagles Update

**From the Desk of the Athletics Director:
The 2021-2022 TBC Athletics campaign
proved to be the Year of the Women!**

Under the leadership of second-year head coach Greg Calder, our TBC women's soccer team battled through incredible adversity with togetherness and resiliency to win the 2021 NCCAA South Region Championship! This led to their first ever appearance at the national tournament for our women's soccer program in school history. Calder was also named Coach of the Year twice (South Region and TBC Athletics).

In the spring, our women's softball team made incredible strides and opened many eyes in the process. Coach Leah Bennett inspired her team to rise to the level of the competition and overcome. (Our program is one of the very few non-scholarship teams in all of NCCAA Softball. Most of our competition consists of NAIA and NCAA Div. II scholarship programs.) Our Lady Eagles responded with a historic run through the region tournament, pushing eventual champion Columbia International to the last out, to claim second place. This was good enough to earn an at-large bid to nationals in Kansas City. At Nationals we won our pool to advance to the Final Four, before eventually falling.

God continues to work in and through the lives of our student-athletes to impact our "great cloud of witnesses" for the Kingdom. We are grateful for all those who support our student-athletes... through prayer, financial giving or even showing up to the games!

For the coming year, we will challenge our student-athletes to not just chase rings, but to chase the King... Jesus Christ Himself. This #Kingchasing initiative will be conducted in partnership with the organization we compete under, the National Christian College Athletic Association. Several teams are already planning a missions trip during the summer of 2023! Pray for funds to come in and that the Gospel will go forth through our platform coaches and athletes.

Serving Christ Through Athletics,

John D. Jones



AD John D. Jones and President Mac Heavener welcomed UNF Head Men's Basketball Coach Matt Driscoll to campus to speak at the NCCAA South Region Basketball Awards Breakfast. Jones was recognized as Men's Basketball Coach of the Year.



STAY UP TO DATE WITH TBC PERSONNEL!

We are excited to welcome new individuals to our team and congratulate others who are moving into new roles for the coming academic year.



Issac Lawrence is our most recent addition to the TBC Admissions Team. As a military veteran and graduate of our Worship Arts program, Issac is a fantastic representative of TBC!



Autumn Brinkley (TBC grad '07) joins us from University Christian and has accepted the position of Dean of Women at TBC. Her extensive experience and passion for teaching, leading, and discipling young women will be a great asset to Student Life.



Jason Lynch joins the Student Life team from Westside Baptist Church. He has accepted the position of Dean of Men and we are excited to see God use his influence to guide a new generation of male students at TBC!



Welcome to **Matthew and Kristie Page!** Matt Page came to TBC in April and brings years of experience and biblical training with him. As Director of Recruiting, he leads our recruiting efforts and representatives as they reach new students who seek a higher education with a Christian worldview. His wife, Kristie, will join us in August as our Student Life office manager. She will help coordinate the many moving parts of our Student Life staff.



We welcome **Vaughn Brown** to a new role as Dean of Students and are looking forward to his leadership over the TBC student body. His 5 years of experience as Dean of Men recommend him to this position and give him excellent context for this new position. This transition also allows Dr. Jeremiah Stanley to focus his efforts on the office of VP of Student Affairs.



Toni Elkins is transferring into a new role as Director of Student Success and Career Placement. This new role will utilize her years of expertise to help current students succeed academically and graduates be better prepared for and locate employment. We are thankful for the many years she has dedicated to the success of our students and know she will continue to do so in her new role!



Tabitha Parson will be stepping down from her position as Student Life Office Manager to stay home with her daughter and manage their family farm. She has served the TBC student community for 10 years. Thank you for your faithfulness, Tabitha!

YOUR TURN, ALUMNI!

What is new in your life? Did you move recently? Keep us up to date by visiting tbc.edu/alumni or scan the QR code to the right!



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COLLEGE FOR A DAY

Join us September 9 or November 4 for College for a Day!

CFAD is a commitment-free way to experience what life is like at TBC. It includes:

- Campus tour
- Q&A sessions
- Classroom visits
- Chapel
- Student panel
- Lunch

Sign up and learn more by scanning the code to the right!

